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# Annual Report

## November 30, 2018

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## FLAHERTY & CRUMRINE PREFERRED INCOME OPPORTUNITY FUND

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

Fiscal 2018 came to an end on November 30, 2018 and total returns for the year were dragged lower by a very weak fourth quarter. Total return<sup>1</sup> on net asset value (“NAV”) was -5.4% for the fourth fiscal quarter<sup>2</sup> and -5.1% for the full fiscal year. Total return on market price of Fund shares over the same periods was -6.9% and -2.2%, respectively.

The table below shows Fund NAV returns over various measurement periods. The table includes performance of two indices, Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate and S&P 500, as proxies for bond and stock markets, respectively. While neither is a benchmark for Fund performance, they provide context for returns on broad asset categories.

### TOTAL RETURN ON NET ASSET VALUE FOR PERIODS ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 2018 (Unaudited)

	Actual Returns			Average Annualized Returns			
	Three Months	Six Months	One Year	Three Years	Five Years	Ten Years	Life of Fund <sup>(1)</sup>
<b>Flaherty &amp; Crumrine Preferred Income Opportunity Fund</b> . . . . .	-5.4%	-3.2%	-5.1%	5.7%	7.7%	18.0%	8.9%
Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Index <sup>(2)</sup> . . . . .	-0.8%	-0.3%	-1.3%	1.3%	2.0%	3.7%	5.4%
S&P 500 Index <sup>(3)</sup> . . . . .	-4.4%	3.0%	6.3%	12.2%	11.1%	14.3%	9.5%

(1) Since inception on February 13, 1992.

(2) The Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Index is an unmanaged index considered representative of the U.S. investment grade, fixed-rate bond market.

(3) The S&P 500 is a capitalization-weighted index of 500 common stocks. The index is designed to measure performance of the broad domestic economy through changes in the aggregate market value of 500 stocks representing all major industries.

*Current performance may be lower or higher than the quoted past performance, which cannot guarantee future results. In addition, NAV performance will vary from market price performance, and you may have a taxable gain or loss when you sell your shares.*

Preferred securities held up reasonably well for the first three fiscal quarters. Investors continued to find attractive levels of income in preferreds and seemed to remain hopeful a strong U.S. economy would carry the day – which, by most measures, proved resilient. Returns in the early part of fiscal 2018 were slightly negative due to concerns about higher interest rates. On a relative basis, preferreds performed well during this period, outperforming most corporate-credit benchmarks due to modest spread tightening for preferreds.

While higher interest rates were a headwind to returns in the first two fiscal quarters, preferreds rebounded in the third quarter as interest rates moved sideways or lower, and preferred yields continued to look attractive – especially on an after-tax basis. By the fourth quarter, however, worries about future global and domestic economic growth were added to a growing list of market concerns, and almost all markets moved materially lower, including preferreds.

<sup>1</sup> Following the methodology required by the Securities and Exchange Commission, total return assumes dividend reinvestment.

<sup>2</sup> September 1, 2018 – November 30, 2018

U.S. bank preferreds were the most stable sector for the year, consistent with limited supply and continued good credit quality. Tax reform was a positive for bank earnings, and a healthy economy combined with modestly higher interest rates further supported the outlook. Foreign banks were more mixed, with weakness targeted at those with country-specific issues, including Brexit in the U.K., weak balance sheets for many German banks and ongoing political and economic concerns in Italy. While the economy, interest rates and consumer health will impact profitability, U.S. banks are expected to report record earnings heading into 2019. As of November 30, U.S. bank holdings were 39.9%, of the Fund's total net assets and foreign bank holdings were 16.1%.

The energy sector faced the strongest headwinds during the year, especially late-2018 as commodity prices moved sharply lower. Recall that rating agencies allow preferreds some equity credit when calculating financial ratios, so many non-financial issuers have an incentive to include preferreds in their capital structures. With energy common stock prices depressed, issuers avoided issuing common stock whenever possible. Instead, many companies issued preferred securities to fund capital expenditures, pushing down prices on outstanding securities. On a positive note, many energy issuers moved to simplify their corporate structures in 2018 – consolidating subsidiaries and eliminating rather high incentive distribution rights that were so common in older Master Limited Partnership (MLP) structures. Simplification is almost always good for preferred investors, and these changes also improve earnings outlooks moving forward. As of November 30, energy holdings were 7.7%, of the Fund's total net assets.

The fourth fiscal quarter stood out during the year as nearly all markets (equity, credit, commodities) were lower in price. Intermediate- and longer-term interest rates moved lower, well off their highs for the year, in a flight-to-quality trade versus other markets. Even though interest rates moved lower, prices of credit instruments traded down and spreads widened significantly. Fund flows (mutual funds, ETFs, etc.) were modestly negative for much of the year, but outflows accelerated in the last months of 2018.

This selloff seems to reflect an accumulation of factors that have been bubbling under the surface for much of the year. Top concerns include a global economic slowdown, widening tariffs and potential for escalating trade wars, the Federal Reserve tightening credit conditions, and most recently a federal government shutdown to end the year. Many of these concerns involve politics, which often are not aligned with investor goals and tend to heighten volatility. Investors are climbing a wall of worry and, more recently, choosing to wait it out by holding more cash.

While a full discussion is beyond the scope of this letter, it is worth mentioning that changes in market structure are also likely responsible for the magnitude of the selloff. Statistics abound showing the rising influence of robo-trading and index-based passive investment products that buy and sell based solely on flows – regardless of value. Liquidity is scarce in market selloffs, and we all pay a price as momentum trading requires lower and lower prices for trade execution. This trend is not new, but it is probably fair to say it has not been fully tested by a bear market or under tightening financial conditions.

Market corrections can be a difficult experience, but we remain optimistic about prospects for preferred securities. As you know, we take a long-term view of investing and our process is rooted in fundamental credit research – and there is much to like about preferred issuers' credit quality. Preferreds offer very competitive yields (higher by 1-2% in most cases compared to December 2017), and are even better when tax benefits are taken into account. Volatility likely will persist into 2019, but we believe long-term investors will be rewarded with attractive tax-advantaged income and, from current levels, potential for price appreciation.

We encourage you to read the discussion topics that follow, as we dig deeper into subjects of interest to shareholders. In addition, visit the Fund's website, [www.preferredincome.com](http://www.preferredincome.com), for timely and important information.

Sincerely,

The Flaherty & Crumrine Portfolio Management Team

December 31, 2018

## DISCUSSION TOPICS

(Unaudited)

### The Fund's Portfolio Results and Components of Total Return on NAV

The table below presents a breakdown of the components that comprise the Fund's total return on NAV over both the recent six months and the Fund's fiscal year. These components include: (a) the total return on the Fund's portfolio of securities; (b) the impact of utilizing leverage to enhance returns to shareholders; and (c) the Fund's operating expenses. When all of these components are added together, they comprise the total return on NAV.

#### Components of PFO's Total Return on NAV for Periods Ended November 30, 2018

	Six Months <sup>1</sup>	One Year
Total Return on Unleveraged Securities Portfolio (including principal change) . . . . .	-1.1%	-1.8%
Impact of Leverage (including leverage expense) . . . . .	-1.5%	-2.0%
Expenses (excluding leverage expense) . . . . .	(0.6)%	(1.3)%
<i>Total Return on NAV</i>	<b>-3.2%</b>	<b>-5.1%</b>

<sup>1</sup> Actual, not annualized

For the six months and one year periods ended November 30, 2018, the ICE BofAML 8% Constrained Core West Preferred & Jr Subordinated Securities Index<sup>SM</sup> (P8JC)<sup>1</sup> returned -2.1% and -3.0%, respectively. This index reflects the various segments of the preferred securities market constituting the Fund's primary focus. Since this index return excludes all expenses and the impact of leverage, it compares most directly to the top line in the Fund's performance table above (Total Return on Unleveraged Securities Portfolio).

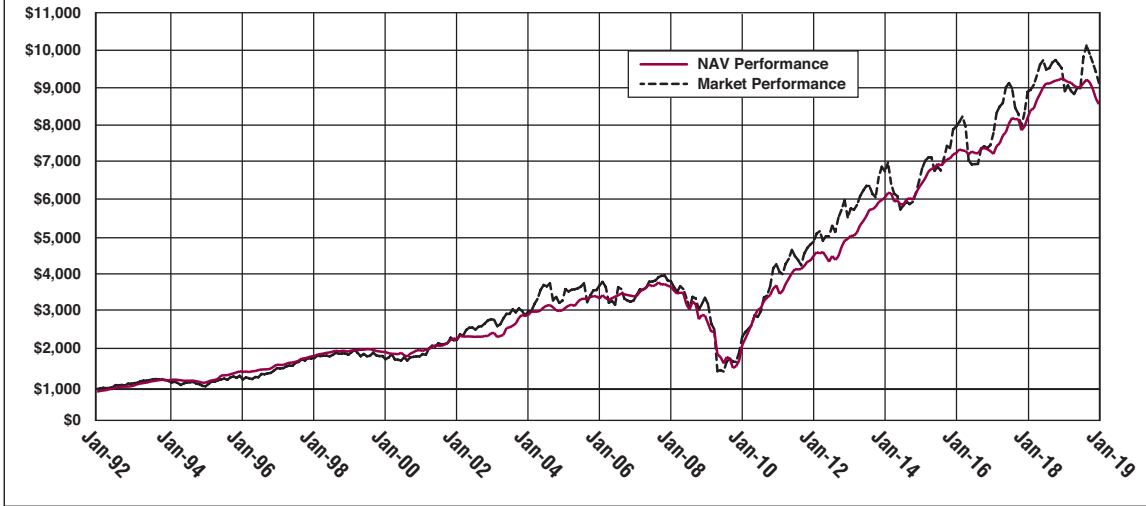
### Total Return on Market Price of Fund Shares

While our focus is primarily on managing the Fund's investment portfolio, a shareholder's actual return is comprised of the Fund's monthly dividend payments *plus* changes in the *market price* of Fund shares. During the twelve-month period ended November 30, 2018, total return on market price of Fund shares was -2.2%.

Historically, the preferred securities market has experienced price volatility consistent with those of other fixed-income securities. However, since mid-2007 it has become clear that preferred-security valuations can move dramatically when there is volatility in financial markets. This volatility can lead to swings in both the NAV and market price of Fund shares. The chart below contrasts the relative stability of the Fund's earlier period with the more recent volatility in both its NAV and market price. Many fixed-income asset classes experienced increased volatility over this period.

<sup>1</sup> The ICE BofAML 8% Constrained Core West Preferred & Jr Subordinated Securities Index (P8JC) includes U.S. dollar-denominated investment-grade or below investment-grade, fixed rate, floating rate or fixed-to-floating rate, retail or institutionally structured preferred securities of U.S. and foreign issuers with issuer concentration capped at 8%. All index returns include interest and dividend income, and, unlike the Fund's returns, are unmanaged and do not reflect any expenses.

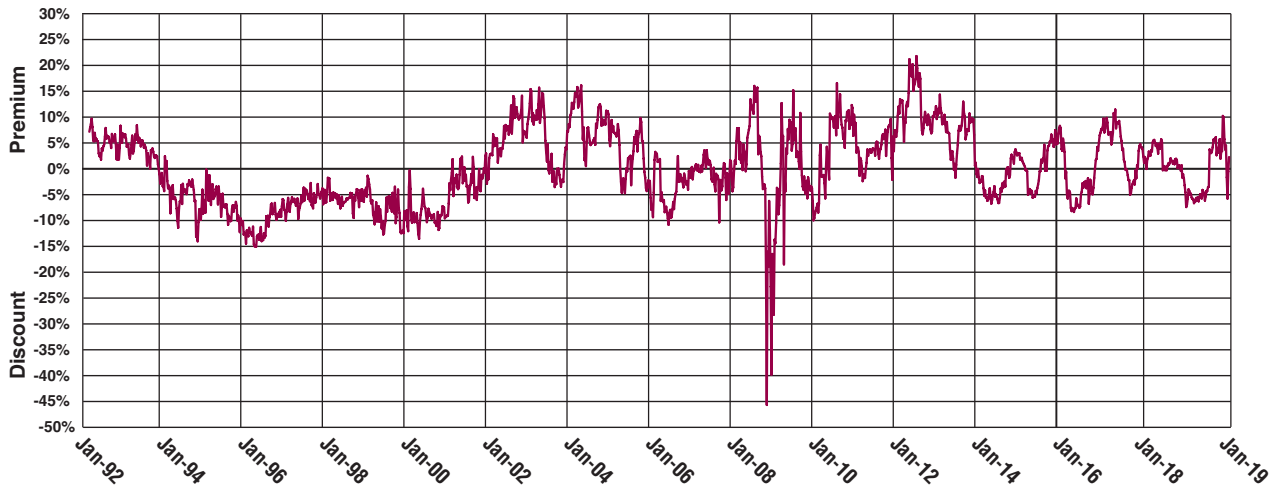
## Flaherty & Crumrine Preferred Income Opportunity Fund (PFO) NAV and Market Performance on a \$1,000 Investment Through 12/31/18



In a more perfect world, the market price of Fund shares and its NAV, as shown in the above chart, would track more closely. If so, any premium or discount (calculated as the difference between these two inputs and expressed as a percentage) would remain relatively close to zero. However, as can be seen in the chart below, this often has not been the case.

Although divergence between NAV and market price of a closed-end fund is generally driven by supply/demand imbalances affecting its market price, we can only speculate about why the relationship between the Fund's market price and NAV hasn't been closer.

## Flaherty & Crumrine Preferred Income Opportunity Fund (PFO) Premium/Discount of Market Price to NAV Through 12/31/18



Based on a closing price of \$10.53 on December 31<sup>st</sup> and assuming January 2019 monthly distribution of \$0.0625 does not change, the annualized yield on market price of Fund shares is 7.1%. Of course, there can be no guarantee that the Fund's dividend will not change based on market conditions.

## **U.S. Economic and Credit Outlook**

The U.S. economy in 2018 likely turned in its best annual performance since 2015, matching that year's inflation adjusted gross domestic product (real GDP) growth rate of 2.9%. That would be about 0.5% better than economists expected at the beginning of the year. On a Q4 over Q4 basis, real GDP should be up about 3.1% in 2018, which would be the fastest pace since 2005. Economists expect continued expansion of 2.7% in 2019 and 1.9% in 2020. We remain broadly in agreement with the 2019 forecast, but we think 2020 will be a little better.

Real GDP was paced by personal consumption expenditures (+2.6% average growth over the first three quarters of 2018), which benefitted from a strong labor market and lower personal income tax rates. Job growth averaged 220,000 jobs per month in 2018, average hourly earnings were up 3.2% and the unemployment rate touched 3.7%, its lowest level since 1969. Rising consumer demand and corporate tax reform drove a sizable jump in business investment (+7.5% three-quarter average), especially in the first half of the year. Federal government spending (+3.3%) also accelerated in 2018, though state and local government spending (+1.6%) was subdued. Residential investment (-2.8%) fell despite strong employment growth, however, as rising home prices, higher mortgage rates and new limits on deductibility of state and local taxes (including property taxes) combined to dampen demand for housing.

A growing economy and tighter labor market pushed inflation up modestly during the Fund's fiscal year. Excluding volatile food and energy prices, the consumer price index (CPI) was up 2.2% over 12 months ending in November 2018. The Federal Reserve's preferred inflation measure, the personal consumption expenditures deflator excluding food and energy was up 1.9% over the same period. Those are 0.3–0.5% higher than a year ago and are near the Fed's 2% target. Looking ahead, higher wages should put upward pressure on inflation, but lower commodity prices and somewhat slower economic growth push against that; we expect inflation will rise only modestly in 2019.

In response to strong growth and faster inflation, the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) raised the federal funds rate by 100 bp during the Fund's fiscal year and by an additional 25 bp in December 2018. Benchmark short-term rates rose even faster, with three-month LIBOR rising from 1.5% to 2.7% at the end of November 2017 and 2018, respectively; it finished the calendar year at 2.8%. Ten-year Treasury rates also moved up during most of the fiscal year, rising from 2.45% on November 30, 2017 to a high of 3.24% on November 8, 2018. Higher rates were a headwind to credit market performance for much of that period.

The Fed also trimmed reinvestment of maturing Treasury and mortgage-backed securities in its System Open Market Account (SOMA) to a maximum of \$50 billion runoff per month beginning in October. SOMA is currently around \$4.0 trillion, down about \$500 billion since portfolio runoff began in October 2017. While the SOMA reduction is small relative to the size of the Treasury and agency mortgage markets – and more importantly has had no discernable impact on bank lending volume – it coincides with rising Treasury issuance needed to finance a wider budget deficit. Investors have to make room for more low-risk assets, dampening demand for riskier assets. This shift came as signs of slower global economic growth began to proliferate, trade tensions widened, and political uncertainty increased. A selloff in equities that began in October spread to credit markets and pushed the ten-year Treasury yield down to 2.69% as of December 31, 2018. Volatility and risk aversion returned with a vengeance, and lower Treasury rates did little to buoy demand for preferreds or other credit instruments.

So how do we assess the economy and its implications for the preferred market today? We will start by noting that 2018 probably represents a high point for U.S. economic growth over the next several years. That's not a bad thing. With underlying labor force growth around 0.7%, 3% real GDP growth is not sustainable without productivity growth about 1% higher than the economy has been able to muster so far. We still hope business investment will boost productivity and sustainable growth, but a somewhat slower pace of growth in the meantime reduces inflation risk. In turn, that reduces risk that the Federal Reserve might tighten monetary policy too aggressively and bring forward a recession.

Although we still expect another Fed tightening or two in 2019, risk of an even more rapid pace of tightening than in 2018 – which was very much on investors' minds just a couple of months ago – is in the dustbin. And while U.S. growth is likely to slow, it still should be better than most years of this recovery. That should support household and corporate income and balance sheets while limiting prospects for sharply higher long-term interest rates.

Leverage at financial companies has continued to decline, and most of those companies have historically strong balance sheets and rising earnings. U.S. bank loan delinquencies and charge-offs are stable or falling from already-low levels, and loan-loss reserves are strong. We do not anticipate a recession over the next two years, but major U.S. banks appear to be well prepared if one arrives. Of course, individual companies will face challenges – especially among nonfinancial companies, where leverage has increased since the financial crisis – but we think credit fundamentals among preferred issuers remains solid. Although volatility is likely to remain elevated for a time, we think the macroeconomic and credit environments are favorable for preferred securities.

### **Monthly Distributions to Fund Shareholders**

During the Fund's fiscal year, the Federal Reserve raised the federal funds rate by 1.0%, and by an additional 0.25% in December 2018 – delivering exactly what they forecast the year prior. Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) members still project two more 25 bp rate increases in 2019, but this is fewer than they were projecting just months before – and importantly, the market is currently pricing in less than one full rate increase for the year.

In response, short-term interest rates have risen to reflect actual and expected increases in the Fed's target. The Fund's cost of leverage is linked to 1-month LIBOR. The average cost of leverage was 2.693% for fiscal 2018, and the most recent reset of its leverage rate on January 22, 2019 (actual resets occur monthly) was 3.303%.

One positive effect of market weakness in late-2018 is that yields on preferreds are much higher than they were a year prior – and that is supportive of the Fund's dividend moving forward by providing better reinvestment yields on redeemed securities. Changes in leverage cost and top-line portfolio income are incorporated into the Fund's dividend-setting process and are also a normal part of the way credit markets function. Interest rates are not static, and neither are credit spreads. Leverage is utilized in the Fund to increase income and returns to shareholders, and leverage continues to enhance distributable income, even though its cost has increased.

The Fund's monthly dividend was adjusted lower starting with the January 2019 distribution, reflecting the cumulative effect of these changes in top-line income and leverage cost. Future changes will continue to be data-dependent, but we are optimistic the current rate-rising cycle could be nearing a top – and portfolio income has certainly improved recently along with higher preferred yields. We believe the Fund's strategy of investing in preferred securities and using leverage in an efficient manner will continue to produce a competitive distribution rate for shareholders.



## **Federal Tax Advantages of 2018 Calendar Year Distributions**

In calendar year 2018, approximately 84.4% of distributions made by the Fund was eligible for treatment as qualified dividend income, or QDI. Depending on an individual's level of income, QDI can be taxed at a rate of 0%, 15% or 20%.

For an individual in the 32% marginal tax bracket, this means that the Fund's total distributions will only be taxed at a blended 17.7% rate versus the 32% rate which would apply to distributions by a fund investing in traditional corporate bonds. This tax advantage means that, all other things being equal, such an individual who held 100 shares of Common Stock of the Fund for the calendar year would have had to receive approximately \$91 in distributions from a fully-taxable bond fund to net the same after-tax amount as the \$80 in distributions paid by the Fund.

For detailed information about tax treatment of particular distributions received from the Fund, please see the Form 1099 you receive from either the Fund or your broker.

Corporate shareholders also receive a federal tax benefit from the 40.1% of distributions that were eligible for the inter-corporate dividends received deduction, or DRD.

It is important to remember that composition of the portfolio and income distributions can change from one year to the next, and that the QDI or DRD portions of 2019's distributions may not be the same (or even similar) to 2018.

**PORTFOLIO OVERVIEW**  
**November 30, 2018 (Unaudited)**

**Fund Statistics**

Net Asset Value	\$	10.54
Market Price	\$	10.94
Premium		3.80%
Yield on Market Price†		7.24%
Common Stock Shares Outstanding		12,546,484

† November 2018 dividend of \$0.066 per share, annualized, divided by Market Price.

**Security Ratings\*\* % of Net Assets††**

A	1.2%
BBB	53.2%
BB	33.3%
Below "BB"	0.9%
Not Rated***	9.5%

**Portfolio Rating Guidelines % of Net Assets††**

Security Rated Below Investment Grade By All****	29.5%
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.

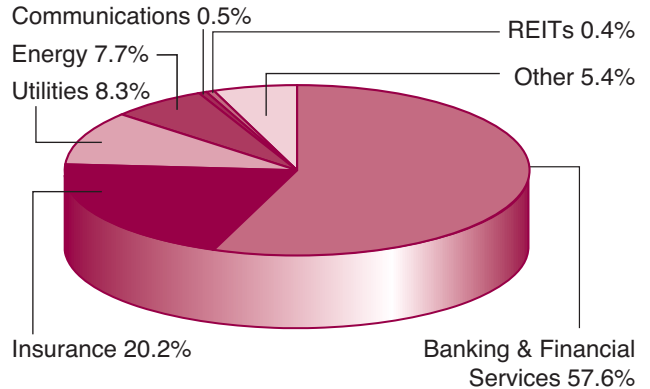
\*\*\* Excludes common stock and money market fund investments and net other assets and liabilities of 1.9%.

\*\*\*\* Security rating below investment grade by all of Moody's, Standard & Poor's, 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††**

MetLife Inc	4.3%
JPMorgan Chase & Co	4.3%
Morgan Stanley	3.8%
PNC Financial Services Group Inc	3.8%
Enbridge Energy Partners	3.2%
BNP Paribas	3.2%
Wells Fargo & Company	3.0%
Fifth Third Bancorp	3.0%
Liberty Mutual Group	2.8%
HSBC PLC	2.7%

**% of Net Assets\*\*\*\*\*††**

Holdings Generating Qualified Dividend Income (QDI) for Individuals	61%
Holdings Generating Income Eligible for the Corporate Dividends Received Deduction (DRD)	43%

\*\*\*\*\* 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. See accompanying notes to financial statements for tax characterization of 2018 distributions.

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

**PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS****November 30, 2018**

<u>Shares/\$ Par</u>	<u>Value</u>	
<b>Preferred Securities<sup>s</sup> — 93.8%</b>		
<b>Banking — 53.9%</b>		
\$ 1,817,000	Australia & New Zealand Banking Group Ltd., 6.75% to 06/15/26 then ISDA5 + 5.168%, 144A****	\$ 1,817,000**(1)(2)(3)
\$ 2,200,000	Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria SA, 6.125% to 11/16/27 then SW5 + 3.87%	1,853,500**(1)(2)(3)
\$ 490,000	Banco Mercantil del Norte SA, 7.625% to 01/06/28 then T10Y + 5.353%, 144A****	461,825**(2)(3)
Bank of America Corporation:		
\$ 2,100,000	5.875% to 03/15/28 then 3ML + 2.931%, Series FF	2,008,125*(1)
\$ 300,000	6.30% to 03/10/26 then 3ML + 4.553%, Series DD	313,500*
Barclays Bank PLC:		
\$ 930,000	7.75% to 09/15/23 then SW5 + 4.842%	868,043**(2)(3)
\$ 2,848,000	7.875% to 03/15/22 then SW5 + 6.772%, 144A****	2,842,660**(2)(3)
BNP Paribas:		
\$ 380,000	7.00% to 08/16/28 then SW5 + 3.98%, 144A****	367,160**(2)(3)
\$ 4,661,000	7.375% to 08/19/25 then SW5 + 5.15%, 144A****	4,661,000**(1)(2)(3)
\$ 1,500,000	7.625% to 03/30/21 then SW5 + 6.314%, 144A****	1,541,250**(1)(2)(3)
Capital One Financial Corporation:		
2,020	6.00%, Series B	50,207*
12,400	6.00%, Series H	309,690*
7,000	6.20%, Series F	175,140*
24,333	6.70%, Series D	618,788*
Citigroup, Inc.:		
\$ 430,000	5.95% to 05/15/25 then 3ML + 3.905%, Series P	413,337*
115,370	6.875% to 11/15/23 then 3ML + 4.13%, Series K	3,004,408*(1)
74,694	7.125% to 09/30/23 then 3ML + 4.04%, Series J	2,003,069*(1)
\$ 900,000	Citizens Financial Group, Inc., 6.375% to 04/06/24 then 3ML + 3.157%, Series C	877,752*
CoBank ACB:		
13,500	6.125%, Series G, 144A****	1,356,750*
9,000	6.20% to 01/01/25 then 3ML + 3.744%, Series H, 144A****	945,000*
10,000	6.25% to 10/01/22 then 3ML + 4.557%, Series F, 144A****	1,032,500*(1)
\$ 415,000	6.25% to 10/01/26 then 3ML + 4.66%, Series I, 144A****	431,600*
\$ 4,500,000	Colonial BancGroup, 7.114%, 144A****	450(4)(5)††
\$ 270,000	Credit Agricole SA, 7.875% to 01/23/24 then SW5 + 4.898%, 144A****	273,199**(2)(3)
232,807	Fifth Third Bancorp, 6.625% to 12/31/23 then 3ML + 3.71%, Series I	6,174,088*(1)
First Horizon National Corporation:		
750	First Tennessee Bank, 3ML + 0.85%, min 3.75%, 3.75% <sup>(6)</sup> , 144A****	581,328*
1	FT Real Estate Securities Company, 9.50% 03/31/31, 144A****	1,290,625

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

Flaherty & Crumrine Preferred Income Opportunity Fund Incorporated  
**PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (Continued)**  
**November 30, 2018**

Shares/\$ Par	Value
<b>Preferred Securities – (Continued)</b>	
<b>Banking – (Continued)</b>	
Goldman Sachs Group:	
\$ 2,000,000	5.00% to 11/10/22 then 3ML + 2.874%, Series P ..... \$ 1,765,000 <sup>*(1)</sup>
\$ 195,000	5.70% to 05/10/19 then 3ML + 3.884%, Series L ..... 195,222*
50,000	6.375% to 05/10/24 then 3ML + 3.55%, Series K ..... 1,265,000 <sup>*(1)</sup>
HSBC Holdings PLC:	
\$ 325,000	6.00% to 05/22/27 then ISDA5 + 3.746% ..... 296,562 <sup>** (2) (3)</sup>
\$ 3,430,000	6.50% to 03/23/28 then ISDA5 + 3.606% ..... 3,153,473 <sup>** (1) (2) (3)</sup>
\$ 937,000	6.875% to 06/01/21 then ISDA5 + 5.514% ..... 961,596 <sup>** (2) (3)</sup>
\$ 800,000	HSBC Capital Funding LP, 10.176% to 06/30/30 then 3ML + 4.98%, 144A <sup>****</sup> .. 1,157,000 <sup>(1) (2)</sup>
Huntington Bancshares, Inc.:	
99,000	6.25%, Series D ..... 2,498,750 <sup>*(1)</sup>
\$ 950,000	5.70% to 04/15/23 then 3ML + 2.88%, Series E ..... 906,656 <sup>*(1)</sup>
JPMorgan Chase & Company:	
54,650	6.70%, Series T ..... 1,384,831 <sup>*(1)</sup>
\$ 2,689,000	3ML + 3.47%, 5.9904% <sup>(6)</sup> , Series I ..... 2,702,445 <sup>*(1)</sup>
\$ 300,000	6.00% to 08/01/23 then 3ML + 3.30%, Series R ..... 302,250*
\$ 4,167,000	6.75% to 02/01/24 then 3ML + 3.78%, Series S ..... 4,412,853 <sup>*(1)</sup>
84,000	KeyCorp, 6.125% to 12/15/26 then 3ML + 3.892%, Series E ..... 2,127,191 <sup>*(1)</sup>
\$ 1,550,000	Lloyds TSB Bank PLC, 12.00% to 12/16/24 then 3ML + 11.756%, 144A <sup>****</sup> ..... 1,830,362 <sup>(2)</sup>
\$ 2,240,000	M&T Bank Corporation, 6.45% to 02/15/24 then 3ML + 3.61%, Series E ..... 2,352,000 <sup>*(1)</sup>
\$ 500,000	Macquarie Bank Ltd., 6.125% to 03/08/27 then SW5 + 3.703%, 144A <sup>****</sup> ..... 435,625 <sup>** (2) (3)</sup>
40,220	MB Financial, Inc., 6.00%, Series C ..... 972,922 <sup>*(1)</sup>
Morgan Stanley:	
82,600	5.85% to 04/15/27 then 3ML + 3.491%, Series K ..... 2,035,429 <sup>*(1)</sup>
148,000	6.875% to 01/15/24 then 3ML + 3.94%, Series F ..... 3,862,800 <sup>*(1)</sup>
77,200	7.125% to 10/15/23 then 3ML + 4.32%, Series E ..... 2,065,872 <sup>*(1)</sup>
162,500	New York Community Bancorp, Inc., 6.375% to 03/17/27 then 3ML + 3.821%, Series A ..... 3,953,625 <sup>*(1)</sup>
PNC Financial Services Group, Inc.:	
287,667	6.125% to 05/01/22 then 3ML + 4.067%, Series P ..... 7,480,061 <sup>*(1)</sup>
\$ 395,000	6.75% to 08/01/21 then 3ML + 3.678%, Series O ..... 414,256 <sup>*(1)</sup>
\$ 1,775,000	Rabobank Nederland, 11.00% to 06/30/19 then 3ML + 10.868%, 144A <sup>****</sup> ..... 1,852,656 <sup>(1) (2)</sup>
35,000	Regions Financial Corporation, 6.375% to 09/15/24 then 3ML + 3.536%, Series B .. 885,269*
Societe Generale SA:	
\$ 300,000	6.75% to 04/06/28 then SW5 + 3.929%, 144A <sup>****</sup> ..... 258,756 <sup>** (2) (3)</sup>
\$ 3,800,000	7.375% to 09/13/21 then SW5 + 6.238%, 144A <sup>****</sup> ..... 3,752,500 <sup>** (1) (2) (3)</sup>
Sovereign Bancorp:	
2,600	Sovereign REIT, 12.00%, Series A, 144A <sup>****</sup> ..... 2,905,500

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**PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (Continued)**

November 30, 2018

<u>Shares/\$ Par</u>		<u>Value</u>
<b>Preferred Securities – (Continued)</b>		
<b>Banking – (Continued)</b>		
	Standard Chartered PLC:	
\$ 1,600,000	7.50% to 04/02/22 then SW5 + 6.301%, 144A****	\$ 1,606,000**(1)(2)(3)
\$ 2,500,000	7.75% to 04/02/23 then SW5 + 5.723%, 144A****	2,481,250**(1)(2)(3)
	State Street Corporation:	
83,700	5.90% to 03/15/24 then 3ML + 3.108%, Series D	2,127,478*(1)
\$ 250,000	5.625% to 12/15/23 then 3ML + 2.539%, Series H	245,938*
20,517	Sterling Bancorp, 6.50%, Series A	533,545*
10,000	Texas Capital Bancshares Inc., 6.50%, Series A	250,150*
29,460	US Bancorp, 6.50% to 01/15/22 then 3ML + 4.468%, Series F	779,364*(1)
28,000	Valley National Bancorp, 5.50% to 09/30/22 then 3ML + 3.578%, Series B	669,200*
	Wells Fargo & Company:	
15,000	5.625%, Series Y	364,575*
225	7.50%, Series L	284,332*
56,200	5.85% to 09/15/23 then 3ML + 3.09%, Series Q	1,396,587*(1)
\$ 2,075,000	5.875% to 06/15/25 then 3ML + 3.99%, Series U	2,116,023*(1)
\$ 1,139,000	3ML + 3.77%, 6.1041% <sup>(6)</sup> , Series K	1,143,271*
34,400	6.625% to 03/15/24 then 3ML + 3.69%, Series R	898,184*(1)
\$ 1,100,000	Westpac Banking Corporation, 5.00% to 09/21/27 then ISDA5 + 2.888%	931,895**(2)(3)
\$ 1,210,000	Zions Bancorporation, 7.20% to 09/15/23 then 3ML + 4.44%, Series J	1,281,087*(1)
		<u>111,567,335</u>
<b>Financial Services – 1.6%</b>		
\$ 410,000	AerCap Global Aviation Trust, 6.50% to 06/15/25 then 3ML + 4.30%, 06/15/45, 144A****	419,225 <sup>(2)</sup>
	Credit Suisse Group AG:	
\$ 700,000	7.25% to 09/12/25 then SW5 + 4.332%, 144A****	666,750**(2)(3)
\$ 800,000	7.50% to 07/17/23 then SW5 + 4.60%, 144A****	789,000**(2)(3)
\$ 444,000	E*TRADE Financial Corporation, 5.30% to 03/15/23 then 3ML + 3.16%, Series B... General Motors Financial Company,	415,140*
\$ 420,000	5.75% to 09/30/27 then 3ML + 3.598%, Series A	350,440*
\$ 725,000	6.50% to 09/30/28 then 3ML + 3.436%, Series B	636,188*
		<u>3,276,743</u>
<b>Insurance – 19.0%</b>		
73,000	Allstate Corporation, 6.625%, Series E	1,850,550*(1)
\$ 275,000	Aon Corporation, 8.205% 01/01/27	322,438 <sup>(1)</sup>
	Arch Capital Group, Ltd.:	
11,000	5.25%, Series E	233,412**(2)
9,900	5.45%, Series F	214,830**(2)
\$ 1,453,000	AXA SA, 6.379% to 12/14/36 then 3ML + 2.256%, 144A****	1,467,530**(1)(2)

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Flaherty & Crumrine Preferred Income Opportunity Fund Incorporated  
**PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (Continued)**  
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<u>Shares/\$ Par</u>		<u>Value</u>
<b>Preferred Securities – (Continued)</b>		
<b>Insurance – (Continued)</b>		
19,750	Axis Capital Holdings Ltd., 5.50%, Series E . . . . .	\$ 436,278 <sup>**</sup> (2)
	Chubb Ltd.:	
\$ 1,200,000	Ace Capital Trust II, 9.70% 04/01/30 . . . . .	1,623,120 <sup>(1)(2)</sup>
127,700	Delphi Financial Group, 3ML + 3.19%, 5.8061% <sup>(6)</sup> 05/15/37 . . . . .	2,905,175 <sup>(1)</sup>
42,000	Enstar Group Ltd., 7.00% to 09/01/28 then 3ML + 4.015%, Series D . . . . .	1,046,942 <sup>**</sup> (1)(2)
\$ 1,031,000	Everest Reinsurance Holdings, 3ML + 2.385%, 5.0011% <sup>(6)</sup> 05/15/37 . . . . .	982,028 <sup>(1)</sup>
10,000	Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc., 7.875% to 04/15/22 then 3ML + 5.596%, 04/15/42 . . . . .	275,837
\$ 3,054,000	Liberty Mutual Group, 7.80% 03/15/37, 144A <sup>****</sup> . . . . .	3,428,115 <sup>(1)</sup>
	MetLife, Inc.:	
\$ 3,350,000	9.25% 04/08/38, 144A <sup>****</sup> . . . . .	4,363,375 <sup>(1)</sup>
\$ 2,704,000	10.75% 08/01/39 . . . . .	4,035,720 <sup>(1)</sup>
\$ 350,000	MetLife Capital Trust IV, 7.875% 12/15/37, 144A <sup>****</sup> . . . . .	412,825 <sup>(1)</sup>
	PartnerRe Ltd.:	
23,350	5.875%, Series I . . . . .	566,238 <sup>**</sup> (1)(2)
5,300	6.50%, Series G . . . . .	134,143 <sup>**</sup> (2)
78,200	7.25%, Series H . . . . .	2,030,072 <sup>**</sup> (1)(2)
\$ 241,000	Prudential Financial, Inc., 5.625% to 06/15/23 then 3ML + 3.92%, 06/15/43 . . . . .	242,205
\$ 3,634,000	QBE Insurance Group Ltd., 7.50% to 11/24/23 then SW10 + 6.03%, 11/24/43, 144A <sup>****</sup> . . . . .	3,924,720 <sup>(1)(2)(3)</sup>
17,000	RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd., 5.75%, Series F . . . . .	391,743 <sup>**</sup> (2)
	Unum Group:	
\$ 3,250,000	Provident Financing Trust I, 7.405% 03/15/38 . . . . .	3,428,750 <sup>(1)</sup>
24,000	W.R. Berkley Corporation, 5.75% 06/01/56 . . . . .	541,740
	XL Group Limited:	
\$ 1,400,000	Catlin Insurance Company Ltd., 3ML + 2.975%, 5.4246% <sup>(6)</sup> , 144A <sup>****</sup> . . . . .	1,338,750 <sup>(1)(2)</sup>
\$ 3,318,000	XL Capital Ltd., 3ML + 2.4575%, 4.8938% <sup>(6)</sup> , Series E . . . . .	3,131,363 <sup>(1)(2)</sup>
		<u>39,327,899</u>
<b>Utilities – 8.3%</b>		
\$ 620,000	CenterPoint Energy, Inc., 6.125% to 09/01/23 then 3ML + 3.27%, Series A . . . . .	622,325 <sup>(1)</sup>
	Commonwealth Edison:	
\$ 2,512,000	COMED Financing III, 6.35% 03/15/33 . . . . .	2,618,760 <sup>(1)</sup>
136,000	Dominion Energy, Inc., 5.25% 07/30/76, Series A . . . . .	2,966,514 <sup>(1)</sup>
	DTE Energy Company:	
7,000	5.375% 06/01/76, Series B . . . . .	156,388
13,000	6.00% 12/15/76, Series F . . . . .	328,803
\$ 2,030,000	Emera, Inc., 6.75% to 06/15/26 then 3ML + 5.44%, 06/15/76, Series 2016A . . . . .	2,081,765 <sup>(1)(2)</sup>
650	Georgia Power Company, 5.00% 10/01/77, Series 2017A . . . . .	13,803

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**PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (Continued)**

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<u>Shares/\$ Par</u>		<u>Value</u>
<b>Preferred Securities – (Continued)</b>		
<b>Utilities – (Continued)</b>		
24,000	Indianapolis Power & Light Company, 5.65% . . . . .	\$ 2,459,069 <sup>(1)</sup>
77,100	Integrys Energy Group, Inc., 6.00% to 08/01/23 then 3ML + 3.22%, 08/01/73 . . . . .	1,930,970 <sup>(1)</sup>
	NextEra Energy:	
\$ 293,000	NextEra Energy Capital Holdings, Inc., 3ML + 2.125%, 4.4591% <sup>(6)</sup> 06/15/67, Series C . . . . .	251,980 <sup>(1)</sup>
	NiSource, Inc.:	
\$ 300,000	5.65% to 06/15/23 then T5Y + 2.843%, Series A, 144A**** . . . . .	287,250*
28,000	6.50% to 03/15/24 then T5Y + 3.632%, Series B . . . . .	695,800*
	PECO Energy:	
\$ 1,500,000	PECO Energy Capital Trust III, 7.38% 04/06/28, Series D . . . . .	1,658,921 <sup>(1)</sup>
	PPL Corp:	
26,800	PPL Capital Funding, Inc., 5.90% 04/30/73, Series B . . . . .	663,970 <sup>(1)</sup>
	Southern California Edison:	
20,000	SCE Trust V, 5.45% to 03/15/26 then 3ML + 3.79%, Series K . . . . .	440,500*
		<u>17,176,818</u>
<b>Energy – 6.9%</b>		
	DCP Midstream LP:	
\$ 1,060,000	7.375% to 12/15/22 then 3ML + 5.148%, Series A . . . . .	977,188 <sup>(1)</sup>
3,800	7.875% to 06/15/23 then 3ML + 4.919%, Series B . . . . .	85,785
\$ 1,030,000	Enbridge Inc., 6.00% to 01/15/27 then 3ML + 3.89%, 01/15/77 . . . . .	919,195 <sup>(1)(2)</sup>
\$ 6,595,000	Enbridge Energy Partners LP, 3ML + 3.7975%, 6.1935% <sup>(6)</sup> 10/01/37 . . . . .	6,636,091 <sup>(1)</sup>
	Energy Transfer Partners LP:	
115,480	7.375% to 05/15/23 then 3ML + 4.53%, Series C . . . . .	2,604,363 <sup>(1)</sup>
1,400	7.625% to 08/15/23 then 3ML + 4.738%, Series D . . . . .	32,242
\$ 500,000	Enterprise Products Operating L.P., 5.25% to 08/16/27 then 3ML + 3.033%, 08/16/77, Series E . . . . .	426,554
31,500	NuStar Logistics LP, 3ML + 6.734%, 9.1703% <sup>(6)</sup> 01/15/43 . . . . .	789,705
	Transcanada Pipelines, Ltd.:	
\$ 1,000,000	5.30% to 03/15/27 then 3ML + 3.208%, 03/15/77, Series 2017-A . . . . .	887,875 <sup>(1)(2)</sup>
\$ 1,000,000	5.875% to 08/15/26 then 3ML + 4.64%, 08/15/76, Series 2016-A . . . . .	947,500 <sup>(1)(2)</sup>
		<u>14,306,498</u>
<b>Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT) – 0.4%</b>		
3,110	Annaly Capital Management, Inc., 6.95% to 09/30/22 then 3ML + 4.993%, Series F . . .	77,470
	National Retail Properties, Inc.:	
5,500	5.20%, Series F . . . . .	117,040
23,962	5.70%, Series E . . . . .	552,707 <sup>(1)</sup>
6,918	PS Business Parks, Inc., 5.20%, Series W . . . . .	144,479
		<u>891,696</u>

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Flaherty & Crumrine Preferred Income Opportunity Fund Incorporated  
**PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (Continued)**  
November 30, 2018

Shares/\$ Par	Value
<b>Preferred Securities – (Continued)</b>	
<b>Miscellaneous Industries – 3.7%</b>	
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	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**** ..... \$ 425,000 <sup>(2)</sup>
\$ 392,000	General Electric Company, 5.00% to 01/21/21 then 3ML + 3.33%, Series D ..... 312,130 <sup>(1)</sup>
	Land O' Lakes, Inc.:
\$ 240,000	7.25%, Series B, 144A**** ..... 241,800*
\$ 3,630,000	8.00%, Series A, 144A**** ..... 3,920,400 <sup>(1)</sup>
30,400	Ocean Spray Cranberries, Inc., 6.25%, 144A**** ..... 2,705,600*
	7,604,930
	<b>Total Preferred Securities</b>
	(Cost \$196,417,726) ..... 194,151,919
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<b>Corporate Debt Securities<sup>s</sup> – 4.3%</b>	
<b>Banking – 2.1%</b>	
\$ 550,000	Regions Financial Corporation, 7.375% 12/10/37, Sub Notes ..... 692,536 <sup>(1)</sup>
123,450	Texas Capital Bancshares Inc., 6.50% 09/21/42, Sub Notes ..... 3,118,347 <sup>(1)</sup>
18,000	Zions Bancorporation, 6.95% to 09/15/23 then 3ML + 3.89%, 09/15/28, Sub Notes ... 511,859
	4,322,742
	<b>Financial Services – 0.0%</b>
1,000	B. Riley Financial, Inc., 7.50% 05/31/27 ..... 24,733
	24,733
	<b>Insurance – 1.2%</b>
\$ 1,850,000	Liberty Mutual Insurance, 7.697% 10/15/97, 144A**** ..... 2,406,155 <sup>(1)</sup>
	2,406,155
	<b>Energy – 0.5%</b>
\$ 904,000	Energy Transfer Partners LP, 8.25% 11/15/29 ..... 1,077,253 <sup>(1)</sup>
	1,077,253
	<b>Communication – 0.5%</b>
	Qwest Corporation:
19,728	6.50% 09/01/56 ..... 412,808
24,920	6.75% 06/15/57 ..... 549,827
	962,635
	<b>Total Corporate Debt Securities</b>
	(Cost \$7,908,477) ..... 8,793,518

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**PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (Continued)**

November 30, 2018

<u>Shares/\$ Par</u>	<u>Value</u>
<b>Common Stock — 0.2%</b>	
<b>Energy — 0.2%</b>	
27,067 Kinder Morgan, Inc. ....	\$ 462,034*
	462,034
<b>Total Common Stock</b> (Cost \$731,057)	462,034
<b>Money Market Fund — 1.1%</b>	
2,309,925 BlackRock Liquidity Funds: T-Fund, Institutional Class .....	2,309,925
<b>Total Money Market Fund</b> (Cost \$2,309,925)	2,309,925
<b>Total Investments</b> (Cost \$207,367,185***) .....	99.4% 205,717,396
<b>Other Assets And Liabilities</b> (Net) .....	0.6% 1,212,783
<b>Total Managed Assets</b> .....	100.0%‡ \$ 206,930,179
<b>Loan Principal Balance</b> .....	(74,700,000)
<b>Total Net Assets Available To Common Stock</b> .....	\$ 132,230,179

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- § Date shown is maturity date unless referencing the end of the fixed-rate period of a fixed-to-floating rate security. Securities without a date or with only a fixed-to-floating reset date are perpetual securities (i.e., have no stated maturity date).
- \* Securities eligible for the Dividends Received Deduction and distributing Qualified Dividend Income (unaudited).
- \*\* Securities distributing Qualified Dividend Income only (unaudited).
- \*\*\* 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 November 30, 2018, these securities amounted to \$60,678,491 or 29.3% 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 \$139,904,151 at November 30, 2018.
- (2) Foreign Issuer.
- (3) Contingent Capital Security, a hybrid security with contractual loss-absorption characteristics; see Note 9 in the Notes to Financial Statements. The total value of such securities was \$33,943,765 or 16.4% of total managed assets at November 30, 2018.
- (4) Level 3, illiquid security (designation is unaudited; see Note 2: Significant Accounting Policies).
- (5) Valued at fair value as determined in good faith by or under the direction of the Board of Directors as of November 30, 2018.
- (6) Represents the rate in effect as of the reporting date.
- †† The issuer has filed for bankruptcy protection. As a result, the Fund may not be able to recover the principal invested and also does not expect to receive income on this security going forward.
- ‡ The percentage shown for each investment category is the total value of that category as a percentage of total managed assets.

**ABBREVIATIONS:**

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

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

**November 30, 2018**

**ASSETS:**

Investments, at value (Cost \$207,367,185) .....	\$ 205,717,396
Dividends and interest receivable .....	2,167,681
Prepaid expenses .....	48,274
Total Assets .....	<u>207,933,351</u>

**LIABILITIES:**

Loan Payable .....	\$ 74,700,000
Payable for investment securities purchased .....	700,000
Dividends payable to Common Stock Shareholders .....	77,821
Investment advisory fees payable .....	96,495
Administration, Transfer Agent and Custodian fees payable .....	28,705
Professional fees payable .....	73,173
Accrued expenses and other payables .....	26,978
Total Liabilities .....	<u>75,703,172</u>

**NET ASSETS AVAILABLE TO COMMON STOCK** ..... \$ 132,230,179

**NET ASSETS AVAILABLE TO COMMON STOCK** consist of:

Total distributable earnings (loss) .....	\$ (8,437,144)
Par value of Common Stock .....	125,465
Paid-in capital in excess of par value of Common Stock .....	140,541,858
Total Net Assets Available to Common Stock .....	<u><u>\$ 132,230,179</u></u>

**NET ASSET VALUE PER SHARE OF COMMON STOCK:**

Common Stock (12,546,484 shares outstanding) .....	<u><u>\$ 10.54</u></u>
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**STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS**  
**For the Year Ended November 30, 2018**

**INVESTMENT INCOME:**

Dividends† .....	\$ 5,875,842
Interest .....	7,163,094
Total Investment Income .....	13,038,936

**EXPENSES:**

Investment advisory fees .....	\$1,212,993
Interest expenses .....	2,039,756
Administrator’s fees .....	212,409
Professional fees .....	115,935
Insurance expenses .....	45,979
Transfer Agent fees .....	30,201
Directors’ fees .....	55,773
Custodian fees .....	26,956
Compliance fees .....	35,261
Other .....	95,518
Total Expenses .....	3,870,781

<b>NET INVESTMENT INCOME</b> .....	<b>9,168,155</b>
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**REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN/(LOSS) ON INVESTMENTS**

Net realized loss on investments sold during the year .....	(1,247,315)
Capital gains distributions from investments held during the year .....	10
Change in unrealized appreciation/(depreciation) of investments .....	(15,494,716)

<b>NET REALIZED AND UNREALIZED LOSS ON INVESTMENTS</b> .....	<b>(16,742,021)</b>
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**NET DECREASE IN NET ASSETS TO COMMON STOCK**

<b>RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS</b> .....	<b>\$ (7,573,866)</b>
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† For Federal income tax purposes, a significant portion of this amount may not qualify for the inter-corporate dividends received deduction (“DRD”) or as qualified dividend income (“QDI”) for individuals.

## STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE TO COMMON STOCK

	<u>Year Ended November 30, 2018</u>	<u>Year Ended November 30, 2017</u>
<b>OPERATIONS:</b>		
Net investment income . . . . .	\$ 9,168,155	\$ 9,744,099
Net realized gain/(loss) on investments sold during the year . . . . .	(1,247,305)	1,823,432
Change in net unrealized appreciation/(depreciation) of investments. . .	(15,494,716)	11,075,296
<b>Net increase/(decrease) in net assets resulting from operations</b>	<b>(7,573,866)</b>	<b>22,642,827</b>
<b>DISTRIBUTIONS:</b>		
Dividends paid from distributable earnings to Common Stock Shareholders <sup>(1)</sup> . . . . .	(9,994,234)	(10,938,645)
<b>Total Distributions</b>	<b>(9,994,234)</b>	<b>(10,938,645)</b>
<b>FUND SHARE TRANSACTIONS:</b>		
Increase from shares issued under the Dividend Reinvestment and Cash Purchase Plan . . . . .	392,759	919,801
<b>Net increase in net assets available to Common Stock resulting from Fund share transactions</b>	<b>392,759</b>	<b>919,801</b>
<b>NET INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE TO COMMON STOCK FOR THE YEAR . . . . .</b>	<b>\$ (17,175,341)</b>	<b>\$ 12,623,983</b>
<b>NET ASSETS AVAILABLE TO COMMON STOCK:</b>		
Beginning of year . . . . .	\$ 149,405,520	\$ 136,781,537
Net increase/(decrease) in net assets during the year . . . . .	(17,175,341)	12,623,983
End of year <sup>(2)</sup> . . . . .	<u>\$ 132,230,179</u>	<u>\$ 149,405,520</u>

<sup>(1)</sup> May include income earned, but not paid out, in prior fiscal year.

<sup>(2)</sup> Net assets - end of year includes undistributed net investment income of \$660,556 in 2017.

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the Year Ended November 30, 2018

**INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN CASH****CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:**

Net decrease in net assets resulting from operations .....	\$ (7,573,866)
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**ADJUSTMENTS TO RECONCILE NET DECREASE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS TO NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES:**

Purchase of investment securities .....	(24,216,538)
Proceeds from disposition of investment securities .....	23,552,278
Net sales of short-term investment securities .....	95,608
Cash received from litigation claim .....	4,292
Capital gains distributions from investments .....	10
Decrease in dividends and interest receivable .....	41,000
Decrease in receivable for investments sold .....	279,173
Increase in prepaid expenses .....	(27,490)
Net amortization/(accretion) of premium/(discount) .....	530,366
Increase in payable for investments purchased .....	183,980
Decrease in payables to related parties .....	(5,629)
Decrease in accrued expenses and other liabilities .....	(3,746)
Change in net unrealized (appreciation)/depreciation of investments .....	15,494,716
Net realized loss from investments sold .....	1,247,305
Net cash provided by operating activities .....	9,601,459

**CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:**

Dividend paid (net of reinvestment of dividends and change in dividends payable) to common stock shareholders from distributable earnings .....	(9,601,459)
Net cash used in financing activities .....	(9,601,459)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash .....	—

**CASH:**

Beginning of the year .....	\$ —
End of the year .....	\$ —

**SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION:**

Interest paid during the year .....	\$ 2,035,523
Reinvestment of dividends .....	392,759
Increase of dividends payable to common stock shareholders .....	16

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

## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

For a Common Stock share outstanding throughout each year

Contained below is per share operating performance data, total investment returns, ratios to average net assets and other supplemental data. This information has been derived from information provided in the financial statements and market price data for the Fund's shares.

	Year Ended November 30,				
	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
<b>PER SHARE OPERATING PERFORMANCE:</b>					
Net asset value, beginning of year	\$ 11.94	\$ 11.00	\$ 11.18	\$ 11.58	\$ 10.76
<b>INVESTMENT OPERATIONS:</b>					
Net investment income	0.73	0.78	0.88	0.90	0.92
Net realized and unrealized gain/(loss) on investments	(1.33)	1.04	(0.18)	(0.42)	0.85
Total from investment operations	(0.60)	1.82	0.70	0.48	1.77
<b>DISTRIBUTIONS TO COMMON STOCK SHAREHOLDERS:</b>					
From net investment income	(0.80)	(0.88)	(0.88)	(0.88)	(0.95)
Total distributions to Common Stock Shareholders	(0.80)	(0.88)	(0.88)	(0.88)	(0.95)
Net asset value, end of year	\$ 10.54	\$ 11.94	\$ 11.00	\$ 11.18	\$ 11.58
Market value, end of year	\$ 10.94	\$ 12.02	\$ 10.72	\$ 10.82	\$ 11.72
Total investment return based on net asset value*	(5.12)%	16.95%	6.35%	4.45%	17.31%
Total investment return based on market value*	(2.18)%	20.81%	7.09%	(0.12)%	26.24%
<b>RATIOS TO AVERAGE NET ASSETS AVAILABLE TO COMMON STOCK SHAREHOLDERS:</b>					
Total net assets, end of year (in 000's)	\$ 132,230	\$ 149,406	\$ 136,782	\$ 138,362	\$ 142,737
Operating expenses including interest expense <sup>(1)</sup>	2.71%	2.32%	2.10%	1.87%	1.85%
Operating expenses excluding interest expense	1.28%	1.32%	1.38%	1.35%	1.34%
Net investment income†	6.42%	6.67%	7.86%	7.86%	8.16%
<b>SUPPLEMENTAL DATA: ††</b>					
Portfolio turnover rate	11%	18%	16%	10%	28%
Total managed assets, end of year (in 000's)	\$ 206,930	\$ 224,106	\$ 208,782	\$ 210,362	\$ 212,937
Ratio of operating expenses including interest expense <sup>(1)</sup> to average total managed assets	1.78%	1.55%	1.39%	1.24%	1.23%
Ratio of operating expenses excluding interest expense to average total managed assets	0.84%	0.88%	0.91%	0.90%	0.89%

\* Assumes reinvestment of distributions at the price obtained by the Fund's Dividend Reinvestment and Cash Purchase Plan.

† The net investment income ratios reflect income net of operating expenses, including interest expense.

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

<sup>(1)</sup> See Note 8.

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

	<u>Total Dividends Paid</u>	<u>Net Asset Value</u>	<u>NYSE Closing Price</u>	<u>Dividend Reinvestment Price<sup>(1)</sup></u>
December 29, 2017 .....	\$ 0.0690	\$ 11.93	\$ 11.81	\$ 11.78
January 31, 2018 .....	0.0690	11.80	10.98	11.02
February 28, 2018 .....	0.0660	11.67	11.11	11.09
March 29, 2018 .....	0.0660	11.58	10.86	10.83
April 30, 2018 .....	0.0660	11.41	10.69	10.76
May 31, 2018 .....	0.0660	11.29	10.83	10.84
June 29, 2018 .....	0.0660	11.23	10.75	10.79
July 31, 2018 .....	0.0660	11.30	11.68	11.30
August 31, 2018 .....	0.0660	11.35	11.97	11.37
September 28, 2018 .....	0.0660	11.20	11.64	11.20
October 31, 2018 .....	0.0660	10.92	11.30	10.92
November 30, 2018 .....	0.0660	10.54	10.94	10.54

<sup>(1)</sup> 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.

**Senior Securities**

	<u>11/30/2018</u>	<u>11/30/2017</u>	<u>11/30/2016</u>	<u>11/30/2015</u>	<u>11/30/2014</u>
Total Debt Outstanding, End of Period (000s) <sup>(1)</sup> . . .	\$ 74,700	\$ 74,700	\$ 72,000	\$ 72,000	\$ 70,200
Asset Coverage per \$1,000 of Debt <sup>(2)</sup> .....	2,770	3,000	2,900	2,922	3,033

<sup>(1)</sup> See Note 8.

<sup>(2)</sup> Calculated by subtracting the Fund's total liabilities (excluding the loan) from the Fund's total assets and dividing that amount by the loan outstanding in 000's.



## **NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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### **1. Organization**

Flaherty & Crumrine Preferred Income Opportunity Fund Incorporated (the “Fund”) was incorporated as a Maryland corporation on December 10, 1991, and commenced operations on February 13, 1992 as a diversified, closed-end management investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “1940 Act”). The Fund’s investment objective is to provide its common shareholders with high current income consistent with the preservation of capital.

### **2. Significant Accounting Policies**

The following is a summary of significant accounting policies consistently followed by the Fund in the preparation of its financial statements. The preparation of the financial statements is in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (“U.S. GAAP”) 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 during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

*Portfolio valuation:* The net asset value of the Fund’s Common Stock is determined by the Fund’s Administrator no less frequently than on the last business day of each week and month in accordance with the policies and procedures approved by the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of the Fund. It is determined by dividing the value of the Fund’s net assets available to Common Stock by the number of shares of Common Stock outstanding. The value of the Fund’s net assets available to Common Stock is deemed to equal the value of the Fund’s total assets less (i) the Fund’s liabilities and (ii) the aggregate liquidation value of any outstanding preferred stock.

The Fund’s preferred and debt securities are valued on the basis of current market quotations provided by independent pricing services or dealers approved by the Board of the Fund. Each quotation is based on the mean of the bid and asked prices of a security. In determining the value of a particular preferred or debt security, a pricing service or dealer may use information with respect to transactions in such investments, quotations, market transactions in comparable investments, various relationships observed in the market between investments, and/or calculated yield measures based on valuation technology commonly employed in the market for such investments. Common stocks that are traded on stock exchanges are valued at the last sale price or official close price on the exchange, as of the close of business on the day the securities are being valued or, lacking any sales, at the last available mean price. Futures contracts and option contracts on futures contracts are valued on the basis of the settlement price for such contracts on the primary exchange on which they trade. Investments in over-the-counter derivative instruments, such as interest rate swaps and options thereon (“swaptions”), are valued using prices supplied by a pricing service, or if such prices are unavailable, prices provided by a single broker or dealer that is not the counterparty or, if no such prices are available, at a price at which the counterparty to the contract would repurchase the instrument or terminate the contract. Investments for which market quotations are not readily available or for which management determines that the prices are not reflective of current market conditions are valued at fair value as determined in good faith by or under the direction of the Board of the Fund, including reference to valuations of other securities which are comparable in quality, maturity and type.

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Investments in money market instruments and all debt and preferred securities which mature in 60 days or less are valued at amortized cost, provided such amount approximates market value. Investments in money market funds are valued at the net asset value of such funds.

*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.

A summary of the inputs used to value the Fund's investments as of November 30, 2018 is as follows:

	<u>Total Value at November 30, 2018</u>	<u>Level 1 Quoted Price</u>	<u>Level 2 Significant Observable Inputs</u>	<u>Level 3 Significant Unobservable Inputs</u>
Preferred Securities				
Banking	\$ 111,567,335	\$ 95,041,262	\$ 16,525,623	\$ 450
Financial Services	3,276,743	2,857,518	419,225	—
Insurance	39,327,899	21,246,023	18,081,876	—
Utilities	17,176,818	8,509,098	8,667,720	—
Energy	14,306,498	7,670,407	6,636,091	—
Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT)	891,696	891,696	—	—
Miscellaneous Industries	7,604,930	737,130	6,867,800	—
Corporate Debt Securities				
Banking	4,322,742	3,630,206	692,536	—
Financial Services	24,733	24,733	—	—
Insurance	2,406,155	—	2,406,155	—
Energy	1,077,253	—	1,077,253	—
Communication	962,635	962,635	—	—
Common Stock				
Energy	462,034	462,034	—	—
Money Market Fund	2,309,925	2,309,925	—	—
Total Investments	<u>\$ 205,717,396</u>	<u>\$ 144,342,667</u>	<u>\$ 61,374,279</u>	<u>\$ 450</u>

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During the reporting period, securities with an aggregate market value of \$1,338,750 were transferred into Level 1 from Level 2. The securities were transferred due to an increase in the quantity and quality of information related to trading activity or broker quotes for these securities. During the period, securities with an aggregate market value of \$2,813,825 were transferred into Level 2 from Level 1. The securities were transferred due to a decrease in the quantity and quality of the information related to trading activity or broker quotes for these securities. 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 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.

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.

*Securities transactions and investment income:* Securities transactions are recorded as of the trade date. Realized gains and losses from securities sold are recorded on the specific identified cost basis. Dividend income is recorded on ex-dividend dates. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. The Fund also amortizes premiums and accretes discounts on fixed income securities using the effective yield method.

*Options:* Purchases of options are recorded as an investment, the value of which is marked-to-market at each valuation date. When the Fund enters into a closing sale transaction, the Fund will record a gain or loss depending on the difference between the purchase and sale price.

When the Fund writes an option, an amount equal to the premium received by the Fund is recorded as a liability, the value of which is marked-to-market at each valuation date. When a written option expires, the Fund realizes a gain equal to the amount of the premium originally received. When the Fund enters into a closing purchase transaction, the Fund realizes a gain (or loss if the cost of the closing purchase transaction exceeds the premium received when the option was written) without regard to any unrealized gain or loss on the underlying security, and the liability related to such option is eliminated. When a call option is exercised, the Fund realizes a gain or loss from the sale of the underlying security and the proceeds from such sale are increased by the amount of the premium originally received. When a put option is exercised, the amount of the premium originally received will reduce the cost of the security which the Fund purchased upon exercise.

*Repurchase agreements:* The Fund may engage in repurchase agreement transactions. The Adviser reviews and approves the eligibility of the banks and dealers with which the Fund may enter into repurchase agreement transactions. The value of the collateral underlying such transactions must be at least equal at all times to the total amount of the repurchase obligations, including interest. The Fund maintains possession of the collateral through its custodian and, in the event of counterparty default, the Fund has the right to use the collateral to offset losses incurred. There is the possibility of loss to the Fund in the event the Fund is delayed or prevented from exercising its rights to dispose of the collateral securities.

*Federal income taxes:* The Fund intends to continue to qualify as a regulated investment company by complying with the requirements under subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), applicable to regulated investment companies and intends to distribute substantially all of its taxable net investment income to its shareholders. Therefore, no federal income tax provision is required.

Management has analyzed the Fund's tax positions taken on federal income tax returns for all open tax years (November 30, 2018, 2017 and 2016), and has concluded that no provision for federal income tax is required in the Fund's financial statements. The Fund's major tax jurisdictions are federal and the State of California. The Fund's federal and state income and federal excise tax returns for tax years for which the applicable statutes of limitations have not expired are subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service and state departments of revenue.

*Dividends and distributions to shareholders:* The Fund expects to declare dividends on a monthly basis to holders of Common Stock ("Shareholders"). Distributions to Shareholders are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Any net realized short-term capital gains will be distributed to Shareholders at least annually. Any net realized long-term capital gains may be distributed to Shareholders at least annually or may be retained by the Fund as determined by the Fund's Board. Capital gains retained by the Fund are subject to tax at the capital gains corporate tax rate. Subject to the Fund qualifying as a regulated investment company, any taxes paid by the Fund on such net realized long-term capital gains may be used by the Fund's Shareholders as a credit against their own tax liabilities. The Fund may pay distributions in excess of the Fund's net investment company taxable income and this excess would be a tax-free return of capital distributed from the Fund's assets.

Income and capital gain distributions are determined and characterized in accordance with income tax regulations which may differ from U.S. GAAP. These differences are primarily due to (1) differing treatments of income and gains on various investment securities held by the Fund, including timing differences, (2) the attribution of expenses against certain components of taxable investment income, and (3) federal regulations requiring proportionate allocation of income and gains to all classes of shareholders.

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Distributions from net realized gains for book purposes may include short-term capital gains, which are included as ordinary income for tax purposes, and may exclude amortization of premium and discount on certain fixed income securities, which are not reflected in ordinary income for tax purposes. The tax character of distributions paid during 2018 and 2017 was as follows:

	<u>Distributions paid in fiscal year 2018</u>		<u>Distributions paid in fiscal year 2017</u>	
	<u>Ordinary Income</u>	<u>Long-Term Capital Gains</u>	<u>Ordinary Income</u>	<u>Long-Term Capital Gains</u>
Common Stock	\$9,994,234	\$0	\$10,938,645	\$0

As of November 30, 2018, the components of distributable earnings (i.e., ordinary income and capital gain/loss) available to Shareholders, on a tax basis, were as follows:

<u>Capital (Loss) Carryforward</u>	<u>Undistributed Ordinary Income</u>	<u>Undistributed Long-Term Gain</u>	<u>Net Unrealized Appreciation/(Depreciation)</u>
\$(6,149,528)	\$151,088	\$0	\$(2,909,423)

The composition of the Fund's accumulated realized capital losses is indicated below. These losses may be carried forward and offset against future capital gains.

<u>No Expiration Short Term</u>	<u>No Expiration Long Term</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$356,916	\$5,792,612	\$6,149,528

*Reclassification of accounts:* During the year ended November 30, 2018, reclassifications were made in the Fund's capital accounts to report these balances on a tax basis, excluding temporary differences, as of November 30, 2018. Additional adjustments may be required in subsequent reporting periods. These reclassifications have no impact on the net asset value of the Fund. The calculation of net investment income per share in the financial highlights excludes these adjustments. Below are the reclassifications:

<u>Paid-in Capital</u>	<u>Undistributed Net Investment Income</u>	<u>Accumulated Net Realized Gain on Investments</u>
\$(21,049)	\$535,678	\$(514,629)

*Excise tax:* The Code imposes a 4% nondeductible excise tax on the Fund to the extent the Fund does not distribute by the end of any calendar year at least (1) 98% of the sum of its net investment income for that year and 98.2% of its capital gains (both long-term and short-term) for its fiscal year and (2) certain undistributed amounts from previous years. The Fund is subject to a payment of an estimated \$14,000 of federal excise taxes attributed to calendar year 2018. The Fund paid \$24,588 of federal excise taxes attributable to calendar year 2017 in March 2018.

*New Accounting Standards:* In November 2016, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Accounting Standards Update, Statement of Cash Flows (Topic 230): Restricted Cash, which requires entities to include the total of cash, cash equivalents, restricted cash and restricted cash equivalents in the beginning and ended cash balances in the statement of cash flows. The guidance applies retrospectively and is effective

for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2017, and interim periods within fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2017. Management is currently evaluating the impact of this guidance to the Funds' presentation in the statement of cash flows.

In August 2018, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued an Accounting Standards Update, ASU 2018-13, which changes certain fair value measurement disclosure requirements. The ASU includes additions and modifications to disclosures for Level 3 fair value measurements. The ASU 2018-13 is effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those fiscal years, beginning after December 15, 2019. At this time, management is evaluating the implications of these changes on the financial statements.

### **3. Derivative Instruments**

The Fund intends to use derivatives primarily to economically hedge against risks in the portfolio, namely interest rate risk and credit risk. Historically, the Fund has used options on Treasury futures contracts for the purpose of economically hedging against a significant increase in long-term interest rates. When the strategy has been employed, the Fund would purchase put options on Treasury futures contracts that would increase in value if long-term interest rates increased significantly, offsetting some of the related decline in portfolio asset values. The Fund has also purchased and written call options on Treasury futures contracts to supplement the put option strategy and also to reduce the overall cost of the interest rate hedge (by earning premiums from the net sale of call options).

The Fund has the authority to use other derivatives for hedging or to increase expected return, but has not employed any of these derivatives to-date and does not anticipate broad use of these derivatives in the near future (although this may change without advance notice). Other approved derivatives strategies include: buying and selling credit default swaps, interest rate swaps and options thereon (swaptions), and options on securities. Accounting policies for specific derivatives, including the location of these items in the financial statements, are included in Note 2 as appropriate. No assurance can be given that such use of derivatives will achieve their desired purposes or, in the case of hedging, will result in an overall reduction of risk to the Fund.

*Options on Financial Futures Contracts:* When an interest rate hedging strategy is employed, the Fund intends to use options on financial futures contracts in much the same way as described above. The risk associated with purchasing options, and therefore the maximum loss the Fund would incur, is limited to the purchase price originally paid. The risk in writing a call option is that the Fund may forego the opportunity for profit if the market price of the underlying security increases and the option is exercised. The risk in writing a put option is that the Fund may incur a loss if the market price of the underlying security decreases and the option is exercised.

The Fund did not use any derivatives during the fiscal years ended November 30, 2018 and November 30, 2017.

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#### **4. Investment Advisory Fee, Administration Fee, Transfer Agent Fee, Custodian Fee, Directors' Fees and Chief Compliance Officer Fee**

Flaherty & Crumrine Incorporated (the "Adviser") serves as the Fund's investment adviser. The Fund pays the Adviser a monthly fee at an annual rate of 0.625% of the Fund's average monthly total managed assets up to \$100 million and 0.50% of the Fund's average monthly total managed assets of \$100 million or more.

For purposes of calculating the fees payable to the Adviser, Administrator and Custodian, the Fund's total managed assets means the total assets of the Fund (including any assets attributable to the Fund's preferred stock that may be outstanding or otherwise attributable to the use of leverage) minus the sum of accrued liabilities (other than debt, if any, representing financial leverage). For purposes of determining total managed assets, the liquidation preference of any outstanding preferred shares issued by the Fund is not treated as a liability.

The Bank of New York Mellon ("BNY Mellon") serves as the Fund's administrator (the "Administrator"). As Administrator, BNY Mellon calculates the net asset value of the Fund's shares attributable to Common Stock and generally assists in all aspects of the Fund's administration and operation. As compensation for BNY Mellon's services as Administrator, the Fund pays BNY Mellon a monthly fee at an annual rate of 0.10% of the first \$200 million of the Fund's average weekly total managed assets, 0.04% of the next \$300 million of the Fund's average weekly total managed assets, 0.03% of the next \$500 million of the Fund's average weekly total managed assets and 0.02% of the Fund's average weekly total managed assets above \$1 billion.

BNY Mellon Investment Servicing (US) Inc. ("BNYIS") (c/o, Computershare) serves as the Fund's Common Stock dividend-paying agent and registrar (the "Transfer Agent"). As compensation for BNYIS' services as Transfer Agent, the Fund pays BNYIS a monthly fee in the amount of \$1,500, plus certain out of pocket expenses.

The Bank of New York Mellon (the "Custodian") serves as the Fund's Custodian. As compensation for the Custodian's services as custodian, the Fund pays the Custodian a monthly fee at the annual rate of 0.01% of the first \$200 million of the Fund's average weekly total managed assets, 0.008% of the next \$300 million of the Fund's average weekly total managed assets, 0.006% of the next \$500 million of the Fund's average weekly total managed assets, and 0.005% of the Fund's average weekly total managed assets above \$1 billion.

The Fund pays each Director who is not a director, officer or employee of the Adviser a fee of \$9,000 per annum, plus \$750 for each in-person meeting of the Board or Audit Committee, \$500 for each in-person meeting of the Nominating and Governance Committee attended, and \$250 for each telephone meeting attended. The Audit Committee Chair receives an additional annual fee of \$3,000. The Fund also reimburses all Directors for travel and out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with such meetings.

The Fund pays the Adviser a fee of \$35,000 per annum for Chief Compliance Officer services and reimburses out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with providing services in this role.

#### **5. Purchases and Sales of Securities**

For the year ended November 30, 2018, the cost of purchases and proceeds from sales of securities, excluding short-term investments, aggregated \$24,216,538 and 23,552,278, respectively.

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At November 30, 2018, the aggregate cost of securities for federal income tax purposes was \$208,626,819, the aggregate gross unrealized appreciation for all securities in which there was an excess of value over tax cost was \$7,797,942 and the aggregate gross unrealized depreciation for all securities in which there was an excess of tax cost over value was \$10,707,365.

**6. Common Stock**

At November 30, 2018, 240,000,000 shares of \$0.01 par value Common Stock were authorized.

Common Stock transactions were as follows:

	Year Ended 11/30/18		Year Ended 11/30/17	
	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount
Shares issued under the Dividend Reinvestment and Cash Purchase Plan . . . . .	34,653	\$392,759	78,559	\$919,801

**7. Preferred Stock**

The Fund’s Articles of Incorporation authorize the issuance of up to 10,000,000 shares of \$0.01 par value preferred stock. The Fund does not currently have any issued and outstanding shares of preferred stock.

**8. Committed Financing Agreement**

The Fund has entered into a committed financing agreement with BNP Paribas Prime Brokerage International, LTD. (“Financing Agreement”) that allows the Fund to borrow on a secured basis, which the Fund uses in the normal course of business as financial leverage. Such leveraging tends to magnify both the risks and opportunities to Shareholders. The Financing Agreement has been amended from time to time to allow for changes in the committed amount. As of November 30, 2018, the committed amount, and amount borrowed, under the Financing Agreement was \$74.7 million.

Effective September 1, 2017, the lender charges an annualized rate of one-month LIBOR (reset monthly) plus 0.80% on the drawn (borrowed) balance. For the previous 9 months of fiscal year 2017, the lender charged an annualized rate of three-month LIBOR (reset quarterly) plus 0.90% on the drawn balance. The lender’s charges on the undrawn (committed) balance remain unchanged at an annualized rate of 0.65%. For the year ended November 30, 2018, the daily weighted average annualized interest rate on the drawn balance was 2.693% and the average daily loan balance was \$74,700,000. LIBOR rates may vary in a manner unrelated to the income received on the Fund’s assets, which could have either a beneficial or detrimental impact on net investment income and gains available to Shareholders.

The Fund is required to meet certain asset coverage requirements under the Financing Agreement and under the 1940 Act. In accordance with the asset coverage requirements, at least two-thirds of the Fund’s assets are expected to be pledged as collateral assuming the full committed amount is drawn. Securities pledged as collateral are identified in the portfolio of investments. If the Fund fails to meet these requirements,



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or maintain other financial covenants required under the Financing Agreement, the Fund may be required to repay immediately, in part or in full, the amount borrowed under the Financing Agreement. Additionally, failure to meet the foregoing requirements or covenants could restrict the Fund's ability to pay dividends to Shareholders and could necessitate sales of portfolio securities at inopportune times. The Financing Agreement has no stated maturity, but may be terminated by either party without cause with 180 days' advance notice.

Under the terms of the Financing Agreement, the lender has the ability to borrow a portion of the securities pledged as collateral against the loan ("Rehypothesized Securities"), subject to certain limits. In connection with any Rehypothesized Securities, the Fund receives a fee from the lender equal to the greater of (x) 0.05% of the value of the Rehypothesized Securities and (y) 70% of net securities lending income. The Fund may recall any Rehypothesized Security at any time and the lender is required to return the security in a timely fashion. In the event the lender does not return the security, the Fund will have the right to, among other things, apply and set off an amount equal to 100% of the then-current fair market value of such Rehypothesized Securities against any loan amounts owed to the lender under the Financing Agreement. Rehypothesized Securities are marked-to-market daily and adjusted as necessary so the value of all Rehypothesized Securities does not exceed 100% of the loan amount under the Financing Agreement. The Fund will continue to earn and receive all dividends, interest, and other distributions on Rehypothesized Securities. Rehypothesized Securities are identified in the Portfolio of Investments, and fees earned from rehypothecation are included in the Statement of Operations. The Fund had no Rehypothesized Securities at November 30, 2018 and at November 30, 2017 and had no rehypothecation income in fiscal years 2018 and 2017.

### **9. Portfolio Investments, Concentration and Investment Quality**

The Fund seeks to provide its common shareholders with high current income consistent with the preservation of capital by investing primarily in a diversified portfolio of preferred securities. Under normal market conditions, at least 80% of the Fund's net assets, plus any borrowings for investment purposes, will be invested in preferred securities. For purposes of this 80% policy, preferred securities include preferred stock, preference shares and "hybrid" preferred securities that meet certain criteria. A hybrid security will be considered a preferred security under the Fund's 80% policy if (a) it allows the issuer to defer payments for a minimum period of eighteen months without triggering an event of default and (b) it is a junior and fully subordinated liability of an issuer or its ultimate guarantor. Hybrid securities that do not meet these criteria will be considered debt securities for purposes of the Fund's investment policies. Examples of hybrid securities that can meet the Fund's definition of preferred securities include trust preferred securities, capital securities, and contingent capital securities. The Fund reserves the right to invest in other preferred securities that may be developed in the future and are consistent with the Fund's investment policies.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund may invest up to 15% of its total assets in common stocks and up to 20% of its total assets in debt securities. Some preferred and debt securities are convertible into the common stock of the associated issuer. To the extent that such securities, because of their terms and market conditions, trade in close relationship to the underlying common stock of the issuer, they will be subject to the limit of 15% of total assets that applies to common stocks and will not be considered preferred or debt, as applicable. Otherwise, such convertible securities will be treated by the Fund in the same manner as non-convertible securities.

Some preferred and debt securities include “loss absorption” provisions that make the securities more like equity. These securities are generally referred to as contingent capital securities or “CoCos.” As with other hybrid securities, the Fund treats CoCos as preferred securities when they meet the deferral and subordination criteria described above. In one type of CoCo, the security has loss absorption characteristics whereby the liquidation value of the security may be written down to below original principal amount (even to zero) under certain circumstances. Such securities may, but are not required to, provide for circumstances under which liquidation value may be adjusted back up, such as an improvement in capitalization and/or earnings. Another type of CoCo provides for mandatory conversion of the security into common shares of the issuer under certain circumstances. An automatic write-down or conversion event can be triggered by a reduction in the capital level of the issuer, by regulatory actions or by other factors. CoCos which are subject to an automatic write-down (i.e., automatic write-down of the original principal amount, potentially to zero, and cancellation of the securities) under certain circumstances could result in the Fund losing a portion or all of its investment in such securities. If a CoCo provides for mandatory conversion of the security into common shares of the issuer, and the circumstances requiring mandatory conversion occur, the Fund could experience a reduced income rate, potentially to zero, as a result of the issuer’s common shares not paying a dividend. Moreover, upon conversion into common stock, the Fund’s interest in the issuer would be subordinate to the issuer’s other security classes and would no longer be senior to common stock and, therefore, conversion would worsen the Fund’s standing in a bankruptcy proceeding.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund invests at least 25% of its total assets in the financial services sector. For purposes of the financial services sector concentration policy, a company is within the financial services sector if it derives at least 50% of its revenue from providing financial services. The Fund’s portfolio may therefore be subject to greater risk and market fluctuation than a portfolio of securities representing a broader range of investment alternatives.

At the time of purchase, at least 85% of the Fund’s total assets will be either (a) rated investment grade by any one of Moody’s, S&P or Fitch or (b) issued by companies with issuer or senior unsecured debt ratings that are investment grade by any one of Moody’s, S&P or Fitch. In addition, for purposes of this 85% policy, the Fund may include unrated securities that the Fund’s investment adviser deems to be comparable in quality to rated issues in which the Fund is authorized to invest.

The Fund may invest up to 30% of its total assets in the securities of companies organized or having their principal place of business outside the United States. All foreign securities held by the Fund will be denominated in U.S. dollars.

The Fund may employ certain investment techniques in accordance with its fundamental and non-fundamental investment policies. These may include the use of when-issued and delayed delivery transactions. Securities purchased or sold on a when-issued or delayed delivery basis may be settled within 45 days after the date of the transaction. The Fund may also enter into transactions, in accordance with its investment policies, involving short sales of securities and purchases of securities on margin. Such transactions may expose the Fund to credit and market valuation risk greater than that associated with regular trade settlement procedures.

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)**

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**10. Subsequent Events**

Management has evaluated the impact of all subsequent events on the Fund through the date the financial statements were issued, and has determined that there were no subsequent events requiring recognition or disclosure in the financial statements.

# REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Shareholders and Board of Directors for  
Flaherty & Crumrine Preferred Income Opportunity Fund Incorporated:

## *Opinion on the Financial Statements*

We have audited the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities of Flaherty & Crumrine Preferred Income Opportunity Fund Incorporated (the Fund), including the portfolio of investments, as of November 30, 2018, the related statements of operations and cash flows for the year then ended, the statements of changes in net assets available to common stock for each of the years in the two-year period then ended, and the related notes (collectively, the financial statements) and the financial highlights for each of the years in the five-year period then ended. In our opinion, the financial statements and financial highlights present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Fund as of November 30, 2018, the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended, the changes in its net assets available to common stock for each of the years in the two-year period then ended, and the financial highlights for each of the years in the five-year period then ended, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

## *Basis for Opinion*

These financial statements and financial highlights are the responsibility of the Fund's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements and financial highlights based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB) and are required to be independent with respect to the Fund in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements and financial highlights are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements and financial highlights, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements and financial highlights. Such procedures also included confirmation of securities owned as of November 30, 2018, by correspondence with the custodian and brokers. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements and financial highlights. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

**KPMG LLP**

We have served as the auditor of one or more Flaherty & Crumrine Incorporated investment companies since 2001.

Boston, Massachusetts  
January 22, 2019

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Unaudited)**

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### **Dividend Reinvestment and Cash Purchase Plan**

Under the Fund's Dividend Reinvestment and Cash Purchase Plan (the "Plan"), a Shareholder whose Common Stock is registered in his or her own name will have all distributions reinvested automatically by BNY Mellon as agent under the Plan, unless the Shareholder elects to receive cash. Registered Shareholders may elect to receive cash by contacting BNY Mellon at the number provided below. If shares are registered in the name of a broker-dealer or other nominee (that is, in "street name") and the broker or nominee participates in the Plan, distributions may be reinvested by the broker or nominee in additional shares under the Plan, unless the Shareholder elects to receive distributions in cash. Shareholders may elect to receive cash by contacting their broker or nominee. A Shareholder who holds Common Stock registered in the name of a broker or other nominee may not be able to transfer the Common Stock to another broker or nominee and continue to participate in the Plan. Investors who own Common Stock registered in street name should consult their broker or nominee for details regarding reinvestment.

The number of shares of Common Stock distributed to participants in the Plan in lieu of a cash dividend is determined in the following manner. Whenever the market price per share of the Fund's Common Stock is equal to or exceeds the net asset value per share on the valuation date, participants in the Plan will be issued new shares valued at the higher of net asset value or 95% of the then current market value. Otherwise, BNY Mellon will buy shares of the Fund's Common Stock in the open market, on the New York Stock Exchange or elsewhere, on or shortly after the payment date of the dividend or distribution and continuing until the ex-dividend date of the Fund's next distribution to holders of the Common Stock or until it has expended for such purchases all of the cash that would otherwise be payable to the participants. The number of purchased shares that will then be credited to the participants' accounts will be based on the average per share purchase price of the shares so purchased, including brokerage commissions. If BNY Mellon commences purchases in the open market and the then current market price of the shares (plus any estimated brokerage commissions) subsequently exceeds their net asset value most recently determined before the completion of the purchases, BNY Mellon will attempt to terminate purchases in the open market and cause the Fund to issue the remaining dividend or distribution in shares. In this case, the number of shares received by the participant will be based on the weighted average of prices paid for shares purchased in the open market and the price at which the Fund issues the remaining shares. These remaining shares will be issued by the Fund at the higher of net asset value or 95% of the then current market value.

Plan participants are not subject to any charge for reinvesting dividends or capital gains distributions. Each Plan participant will, however, bear a proportionate share of brokerage commissions incurred with respect to BNY Mellon's open market purchases in connection with the reinvestment of dividends or capital gains distributions. For the year ended November 30, 2018, \$1,411 in brokerage commissions were incurred.

The automatic reinvestment of dividends and capital gains distributions will not relieve Plan participants of any income tax that may be payable on the dividends or capital gains distributions. A participant in the Plan will be treated for Federal income tax purposes as having received, on the dividend payment date, a dividend or distribution in an amount equal to the cash that the participant could have received instead of shares.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Unaudited) (Continued)**

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In addition to acquiring shares of Common Stock through the reinvestment of cash dividends and distributions, a shareholder may invest any further amounts from \$100 to \$3,000 semi-annually at the then current market price in shares purchased through the Plan. Such semi-annual investments are subject to any brokerage commission charges incurred by BNY Mellon under the Plan.

A shareholder whose Common Stock is registered in his or her own name may terminate participation in the Plan at any time by notifying BNY Mellon in writing, by completing the form on the back of the Plan account statement and forwarding it to BNY Mellon, or by calling BNY Mellon, directly. A termination will be effective immediately if notice is received by BNY Mellon not less than 10 days before any dividend or distribution record date. Otherwise, the termination will be effective, and only with respect to any subsequent dividends or distributions, on the first day after the dividend or distribution has been credited to the participant's account in additional shares of the Fund. Upon termination and according to a participant's instructions, BNY Mellon will either (a) issue certificates for the whole shares credited to the shareholder's Plan account and a check representing any fractional shares or (b) sell the shares in the market. Shareholders who hold Common Stock registered in the name of a broker or other nominee should consult their broker or nominee to terminate participation.

The Plan is described in more detail in the Fund's Plan brochure. Information concerning the Plan may be obtained from BNY Mellon at 1-866-351-7446.

**Proxy Voting Policies and Proxy Voting Record on Form N-PX**

The Fund files Form N-PX with its complete proxy voting record for the twelve months ended June 30<sup>th</sup> no later than August 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. The Fund filed its latest Form N-PX with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") on August 7, 2018. This filing, as well as the Fund's proxy voting policies and procedures, are available (i) without charge, upon request, by calling the Fund's Transfer Agent at 1-866-351-7446 and (ii) on the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). In addition, the Fund's proxy voting policies and procedures are available on the Fund's website at [www.preferredincome.com](http://www.preferredincome.com).

**Portfolio Schedule on Form N-Q**

The Fund files a complete schedule of portfolio holdings with the SEC for the first and third fiscal quarters on Form N-Q, the latest of which was filed for the quarter ended August 31, 2018. The Fund's Form N-Q is available on the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). Form N-Q is being rescinded. Once Form N-Q is rescinded, disclosure of the Fund's complete holdings will be required to be made monthly on Form N-PORT, with every third month made available to the public by the Commission 60 days after the end of the Fund's fiscal quarter.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Unaudited) (Continued)**

**Supplementary Tax Information**

Distributions to Common Stock Shareholders are characterized as follows for purposes of federal income taxes (as a percentage of total distributions). Individual Shareholders will receive a Form 1099-DIV in 2019 with information about the tax character of distributions they received in calendar year 2018.

	<u>Individual Shareholder</u>		<u>Corporate Shareholder</u>	
	<u>QDI</u>	<u>Ordinary Income</u>	<u>DRD</u>	<u>Ordinary Income</u>
Fiscal Year 2018	84.21%	15.79%	39.99%	60.01%
Calendar Year 2018	84.43%	15.57%	40.09%	59.91%

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Unaudited) (Continued)**

**Information about Fund Directors and Officers**

The business and affairs of the Fund are managed under the direction of the Fund's Board of Directors. Information pertaining to the Directors and officers of the Fund is set forth below.

<u>Name, Address, and Age</u>	<u>Current Position(s) Held with Fund</u>	<u>Term of Office and Length of Time Served*</u>	<u>Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years</u>	<u>Number of Funds In Fund Complex Overseen by Director**</u>	<u>Other Public Company Board Memberships During Past Five Years</u>
<b>NON-INTERESTED DIRECTORS:</b>					
<b>Morgan Gust</b> 301 E. Colorado Boulevard Suite 720 Pasadena, CA 91101 Age: 71	Lead Director and Nominating and Governance Committee Chair	Class III Director since inception	Majority owner and Executive Manager of various entities engaged in commercial farming, agriculture and real estate.	5	CoBiz, Financial, Inc. (financial services) through September 2015.
<b>David Gale</b> 301 E. Colorado Boulevard Suite 720 Pasadena, CA 91101 Age: 69	Director	Class I Director since 1997	President of Delta Dividend Group, Inc. (investments).	5	Emmis Communications through 2012.
<b>Karen H. Hogan</b> 301 E. Colorado Boulevard Suite 720 Pasadena, CA 91101 Age: 57	Director and Audit Committee Chair	Class II Director since October 2016; Class III Director from 2005-October 2016	Board Member, IKAR, a non-profit organization; Active Committee Member and Volunteer to several non-profit organizations.	5	None

\* The Fund's Board of Directors is divided into three classes, each class having a term of three years. Each year the term of office of one class expires and the successor or successors elected to such class serve for a three year term. The three year term for each class expires as follows:

**Class I Director** – three year term expires at the Fund's 2021 Annual Meeting of Shareholders; director may continue in office until his successor is duly elected and qualifies.

**Class II Directors** – three year term expires at the Fund's 2019 Annual Meeting of Shareholders; directors may continue in office until their successors are duly elected and qualify.

**Class III Director** – three year term expires at the Fund's 2020 Annual Meeting of Shareholders; director may continue in office until his successor is duly elected and qualifies.

\*\* Each Director also serves as a Director for Flaherty & Crumrine Preferred Income Fund, Flaherty & Crumrine Preferred Securities Income Fund, Flaherty & Crumrine Total Return Fund and Flaherty & Crumrine Dynamic Preferred and Income Fund.



**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Unaudited) (Continued)**

<u>Name, Address, and Age</u>	<u>Current Position(s) Held with Fund</u>	<u>Term of Office and Length of Time Served*</u>	<u>Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years</u>	<u>Number of Funds In Fund Complex Overseen By Director**</u>	<u>Other Public Company Board Memberships During Past Five Years</u>
<b>INTERESTED DIRECTOR and OFFICER:</b>					
<b>R. Eric Chadwick†</b> 301 E. Colorado Boulevard Suite 720 Pasadena, CA 91101 Age: 43	Director, Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer and President	Class II Director since 2016	Portfolio Manager of Flaherty & Crumrine; President of Flaherty & Crumrine since 2014; Vice President of Flaherty & Crumrine until September 2014.	5	None

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† "Interested person" of the Fund as defined in the 1940 Act. Mr. Chadwick is considered an "interested person" because of his affiliation with Flaherty & Crumrine Incorporated, which acts as the Fund's investment adviser.

Flaherty & Crumrine Preferred Income Opportunity Fund Incorporated

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<u>Name, Address, and Age</u>	<u>Current Position(s) Held with Fund</u>	<u>Term of Office and Length of Time Served*</u>	<u>Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years</u>
<b>OFFICERS:</b>			
<b>Chad C. Conwell</b> 301 E. Colorado Boulevard Suite 720 Pasadena, CA 91101 Age: 46	Chief Compliance Officer, Vice President and Secretary	Since 2005	Executive Vice President of Flaherty & Crumrine since September 2014; Chief Compliance Officer and Chief Legal Officer of Flaherty & Crumrine; Vice President of Flaherty & Crumrine until September 2014
<b>Bradford S. Stone</b> 47 Maple Street Suite 403 Summit, NJ 07901 Age: 59	Chief Financial Officer, Vice President and Treasurer	Since 2003	Portfolio Manager of Flaherty & Crumrine; Executive Vice President of Flaherty & Crumrine since September 2014; Vice President of Flaherty & Crumrine until September 2014
<b>Roger Ko</b> 301 E. Colorado Boulevard Suite 720 Pasadena, CA 91101 Age: 44	Assistant Treasurer	Since 2014	Trader of Flaherty & Crumrine
<b>Laurie C. Lodolo</b> 301 E. Colorado Boulevard Suite 720 Pasadena, CA 91101 Age: 55	Assistant Compliance Officer, Assistant Treasurer and Assistant Secretary	Since 2004	Assistant Compliance Officer and Secretary of Flaherty & Crumrine
<b>Linda M. Puchalski</b> 301 E. Colorado Boulevard Suite 720 Pasadena, CA 91101 Age: 62	Assistant Treasurer	Since 2010	Administrator of Flaherty & Crumrine

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\* Each officer serves until his or her successor is elected and qualifies or until his or her earlier resignation or removal.