

PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS

August 31, 2026 (Unaudited)

Shares/\$ Par		Value
Preferred Stock & Hybrid Preferred Securities^s — 75.8%		
Banking — 33.0%		
\$ 8,720,000	American AgCredit Corporation, 8.746% to 06/15/31 then T5Y + 4.50%, Series A, 144A****	\$ 8,709,536 ^{*(1)(2)}
	Bank of America Corporation:	
\$ 1,855,000	6.125% to 04/27/27 then T5Y + 3.231%, Series TT	1,865,526 ^{*(1)(2)}
\$ 3,825,000	6.25% to 07/26/30 then T5Y + 2.351%, Series UU	3,832,329 ^{*(1)(2)}
67,600	Bank of New York Mellon Corporation, 6.15% to 03/20/30 then T5Y + 2.161%, Series K	1,702,168 ^{*(1)}
	Capital One Financial Corporation:	
78,800	5.00%, Series I	1,377,424 ^{*(1)(2)}
\$ 4,950,000	3.95% to 09/01/26 then T5Y + 3.157%, Series M	4,950,000 ^{*(1)}
	Citigroup, Inc.:	
108,400	6.25%, Series II	2,623,280 ^{*(1)}
\$ 1,950,000	4.15% to 11/15/26 then T5Y + 3.00%, Series Y	1,946,119 ^{*(1)}
\$ 3,385,000	6.625% to 02/15/31 then T5Y + 3.001%, Series HH	3,435,024 ^{*(1)}
\$ 3,800,000	6.75% to 02/15/30 then T5Y + 2.572%, Series EE	3,815,481 ^{*(1)(2)}
\$ 3,405,000	6.875% to 08/15/30 then T5Y + 2.89%, Series GG	3,452,473 ^{*(1)}
\$ 3,390,000	6.95% to 02/15/30 then T5Y + 2.726%, Series FF	3,432,239 ^{*(1)}
\$ 5,060,000	7.00% to 08/15/34 then T10Y + 2.757%, Series DD	5,204,123 ^{*(1)(2)}
\$ 5,350,000	7.125% to 08/15/29 then T5Y + 2.693%, Series CC	5,475,120 ^{*(1)(2)(3)}
\$ 6,900,000	7.375% to 05/15/28 then T5Y + 3.209%, Series Z	7,102,598 ^{*(1)(2)(3)}
\$ 6,425,000	7.625% to 11/15/28 then T5Y + 3.211%, Series AA	6,725,786 ^{*(1)(2)(3)}
	Citizens Financial Group, Inc.:	
154,400	7.375%, Series H	4,003,592 ^{*(1)}
142,000	6.50% to 10/06/30 then T5Y + 2.629%, Series I	3,523,020 ^{*(1)}
\$ 10,085,000	TSFR3M + 3.41861%, 7.17063% ⁽⁴⁾ , Series C	10,126,530 ^{*(1)(2)}
	CoBank ACB:	
\$ 2,498,000	6.25% to 10/01/26 then TSFR3M + 4.92161%, Series I, 144A****	2,504,245 ^{*(1)(2)}
\$ 3,305,000	6.75% to 07/01/31 then T5Y + 2.62%, Series N, 144A****	3,310,561 ^{*(1)(2)(3)}
\$ 2,275,000	7.125% to 01/01/30 then T5Y + 2.818%, Series M, 144A****	2,306,538 ^{*(1)}
	Compeer Financial ACA:	
\$ 1,775,000	7.875% to 02/15/31 then T5Y + 4.155%, Series C-1, 144A****	1,808,707 ^{*(1)}
\$ 1,150,000	8.476% to 08/15/31 then T5Y + 4.10%, Series B-1, 144A****	1,140,162 ^{*(1)}
201,500	ConnectOne Bancorp, Inc., 5.25% to 09/01/26 then T5Y + 4.42%, Series A	5,099,965 ^{*(1)}
165,000	Dime Commercial Bancshares, Inc., 5.50%, Series A	2,861,100 ^{*(1)}
\$ 2,745,000	Farm Credit Bank of Texas, 7.00% to 09/15/30 then T5Y + 3.01%, Series B-6, 144A****	2,793,861 ⁽¹⁾
	Fifth Third Bancorp:	
121,339	6.00%, Series A	2,702,220 ^{*(1)}
619,026	6.875% to 10/01/30 then T5Y + 3.125%, Series M	15,977,061 ^{*(1)(2)}
1,019,596	TSFR3M + 3.97161%, 7.70383% ⁽⁴⁾ , Series I	25,938,522 ^{*(1)(2)}

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	First Citizens BancShares, Inc.:	
82,000	5.375%, Series A	\$ 1,622,780 ^{*(1)}
176,920	6.625% to 03/15/31 then T5Y + 2.83%, Series E	4,396,462 ^{*(1)}
\$ 5,025,000	7.00% to 12/15/30 then T5Y + 3.301%, Series D	5,077,722 ^{*(1)(2)(3)}
	First Horizon Corporation:	
87,500	6.50%, Series E	2,048,375 ^{*(1)}
127,800	6.75%, Series H	3,118,320 ^{*(1)}
9	FT Real Estate Securities Company, 9.50% 03/31/31, Series B, 144A****	10,246,500
3,730	First Horizon Bank, TSFR3M + 1.11161%, min 3.75%, 4.85931% ⁽⁴⁾ , Series A, 144A**** ..	2,890,750 ^{*(1)}
1,005,702	Flagstar Financial, 6.375% to 03/17/27 then TSFR3M + 4.0826%, Series A	24,136,848 ^{*(1)(2)}
47,330	Fulton Financial Corporation, 5.125%, Series A	841,527 ^{*(1)}
	Goldman Sachs Group:	
\$ 3,400,000	6.125% to 11/10/34 then T10Y + 2.40%, Series Y	3,365,595 ^{*(1)}
\$ 3,525,000	6.50% to 08/10/31 then T5Y + 2.175%, Series AA	3,509,965 ^{*(1)}
\$ 2,150,000	6.85% to 02/10/30 then T5Y + 2.461%, Series Z	2,204,842 ^{*(1)}
\$ 1,730,000	7.50% to 02/10/29 then T5Y + 3.156%, Series W	1,801,672 ^{*(1)}
\$ 6,790,000	7.50% to 05/10/29 then T5Y + 2.809%, Series X	7,038,636 ^{*(1)(2)(3)}
	Huntington Bancshares, Inc.:	
130,900	5.50%, Series L	2,509,353 ^{*(1)}
\$ 1,690,000	4.45% to 10/15/27 then T7Y + 4.045%, Series G	1,671,410 ^{*(1)}
\$ 1,545,000	5.625% to 07/15/30 then T10Y + 4.945%, Series F	1,547,912 ^{*(1)}
\$ 1,700,000	6.25% to 10/15/30 then T5Y + 2.653%, Series K	1,713,489 ^{*(1)}
186,800	6.875% to 04/15/28 then T5Y + 2.704%, Series J	4,707,360 ^{*(1)(2)}
	JPMorgan Chase & Company:	
\$ 4,775,000	6.10% to 07/01/31 then T5Y + 2.08%, Series PP	4,784,846 ^{*(1)(2)(3)}
\$ 6,300,000	6.875% to 06/01/29 then T5Y + 2.737%, Series NN	6,536,641 ^{*(1)(2)(3)}
	KeyCorp:	
\$ 1,175,000	5.00% to 09/15/26 then TSFR3M + 3.8676%, Series D	1,175,444 ^{*(1)}
456,653	6.125% to 12/15/26 then TSFR3M + 4.15361%, Series E	11,398,059 ^{*(1)(2)}
359,258	6.20% to 12/15/27 then T5Y + 3.132%, Series H	9,042,524 ^{*(1)(2)}
	M&T Bank Corporation:	
122,000	6.35%, Series K	2,957,280 ^{*(1)}
\$ 3,075,000	3.50% to 09/01/26 then T5Y + 2.679%, Series I	3,093,342 ^{*(1)}
89,600	5.625% to 12/15/26 then TSFR3M + 4.28161%, Series H	2,265,088 ^{*(1)}
	Morgan Stanley:	
393,532	5.85%, Series K	8,842,664 ^{*(1)(2)}
81,000	6.625%, Series Q	2,051,730 ^{*(1)}
519,272	6.875%, Series F	13,132,389 ^{*(1)(2)}
181,737	7.125%, Series E	4,627,024 ^{*(1)(2)}
\$ 2,600,000	TSFR3M + 3.42161%, 7.08596% ⁽⁴⁾ , Series N	2,628,098 ^{*(1)(2)(3)}
517,613	Pinnacle Financial Partners, Inc., 8.397% to 07/01/29 then T5Y + 4.127%, Series B ...	13,571,813 ^{*(1)(2)}

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	PNC Financial Services Group, Inc.:	
\$ 3,475,000	3.40% to 09/15/26 then T5Y + 2.595%, Series T	\$ 3,484,105 ^{*(1)}
\$ 15,180,000	6.00% to 05/15/27 then T5Y + 3.00%, Series U	15,234,162 ^{*(1)(2)(3)}
\$ 3,255,000	6.20% to 09/15/27 then T5Y + 3.238%, Series V	3,285,197 ^{*(1)(2)(3)}
\$ 5,833,000	6.25% to 03/15/30 then T7Y + 2.808%, Series W	5,929,169 ^{*(1)(2)(3)}
	Regions Financial Corporation:	
562,640	5.70% to 08/15/29 then TSFR3M + 3.40961%, Series C	13,784,680 ^{*(1)(2)}
243,000	6.95% to 09/15/29 then T5Y + 2.771%, Series F	6,186,780 ^{*(1)}
59,724	Santander Holdings USA, Inc., 6.50%, Series I	1,432,182 ^{*(1)}
\$ 4,250,000	State Street Corporation, 6.70% to 03/15/29 then T5Y + 2.613%, Series I	4,350,474 ^{*(1)(2)(3)}
	Synchrony Financial:	
233,000	5.625%, Series A	4,319,820 ^{*(1)(2)}
269,800	8.25% to 05/15/29 then T5Y + 4.044%, Series B	6,987,820 ^{*(1)(2)}
147,500	Texas Capital Bancshares Inc., 5.75%, Series B	3,035,550 ^{*(1)}
204,100	UMB Financial Corporation, 7.75% to 07/15/30 then T5Y + 3.743%, Series B	5,408,650 ^{*(1)(2)}
	Valley National Bancorp:	
35,600	8.25% to 09/30/29 then T5Y + 4.182%, Series C	918,124 ^{*(1)}
161,650	TSFR3M + 3.8396%, 7.57183% ⁽⁴⁾ , Series B	4,054,182 ^{*(1)(2)}
100,000	Washington Federal, Inc., 4.875%, Series A	1,671,000 ^{*(1)}
	Wells Fargo & Company:	
97,868	4.70%, Series AA	1,718,562 ^{*(1)}
1,353	7.50%, Series L	1,547,859 ^{*(1)}
\$ 4,225,000	6.125% to 06/15/31 then T5Y + 2.34%, Series GG	4,189,349 ^{*(1)(2)}
\$ 6,300,000	6.85% to 09/15/29 then T5Y + 2.767%, Series FF	6,505,355 ^{*(1)(2)(3)}
\$ 10,230,000	7.625% to 09/15/28 then T5Y + 3.606%, Series EE	10,655,007 ^{*(1)(2)(3)}
307,600	WesBanco, Inc., 7.375% to 10/01/30 then T5Y + 3.795%, Series B	7,926,852 ^{*(1)(2)}
106,500	Western Alliance Bancorp, 4.25% to 09/30/26 then T5Y + 3.452%, Series A	2,644,395 ^{*(1)}
141,720	Wintrust Financial Corporation, 7.875% to 07/15/30 then T5Y + 3.878%, Series F ..	3,711,647 ^{*(1)}
		<u>439,282,691</u>
	Financial Services — 3.3%	
	AerCap Holdings NV:	
\$ 2,370,000	6.50% to 01/31/31 then T5Y + 2.441%, 01/31/56, 144A****	2,387,270 ⁽⁵⁾
\$ 5,045,000	6.95% to 03/10/30 then T5Y + 2.72%, 03/10/55	5,183,036 ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾⁽⁵⁾
124,200	Affiliated Managers Group, Inc., 6.75% 03/30/64	2,762,208
	Ally Financial, Inc.:	
\$ 3,875,000	4.70% to 05/15/28 then T7Y + 3.481%, Series C	3,761,326 ^{*(1)}
\$ 4,790,000	7.10% to 08/15/31 then T5Y + 3.148%, Series D	4,847,413 ^{*(1)(2)}
	American Express Company:	
\$ 3,300,000	3.55% to 09/15/26 then T5Y + 2.854%, Series D	3,297,935 ^{*(1)(2)(3)}
\$ 3,425,000	6.45% to 09/15/31 then T5Y + 2.119%, Series E	3,450,948 ^{*(1)(2)}
64,400	Carlyle Finance LLC, 4.625% 05/15/61	1,029,756

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\$ 4,320,000	Charles Schwab Corporation, 6.10% to 06/01/31 then T5Y + 2.25%, Series L	\$ 4,263,555 ^{*(1)(2)}
	General Motors Financial Company:	
\$ 3,375,000	5.70% to 09/30/30 then T5Y + 4.997%, Series C	3,368,292 ^{*(1)(2)}
\$ 4,400,000	6.50% to 09/30/28 then 3ML + 3.436%, Series B	4,418,616 ^{*(1)(2)}
122,000	Stifel Financial Corp., 6.25%, Series B	2,719,380 ^{*(1)(2)}
116,533	TPG Operating Group II LP, 6.95% 03/15/64	2,628,984 ⁽²⁾
		<u>44,118,719</u>
Insurance — 18.1%		
\$ 9,020,000	American International Group, Inc., 8.175% to 05/15/38 then 3ML + 4.195%, 05/15/58, Series A-6	9,791,661 ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾
\$ 3,075,000	American National Group, Inc., 7.00% to 12/01/30 then T5Y + 3.183%, 12/01/55 . .	2,939,634
56,500	Arch Capital Group, Ltd., 5.45%, Series F	1,070,675 ^{** (1)(5)}
65,962	Aspen Insurance Holdings Ltd., 5.625%	1,228,212 ^{** (1)(5)}
75,058	Assurant, Inc., 5.25% 01/15/61	1,381,818
	Athene Holding Ltd.:	
114,400	4.875%, Series D	1,859,000 ^{*(1)(2)}
552,800	6.35% to 06/30/29 then 3ML + 4.253%, Series A	13,167,696 ^{*(1)(2)}
164,520	7.25% to 03/30/29 then T5Y + 2.986%, 03/30/64	4,086,677 ⁽²⁾
36,301	Axis Capital Holdings Ltd., 5.50%, Series E	667,212 ^{** (1)(2)(5)}
67,400	CNO Financial Group, Inc., 5.125% 11/25/60	1,093,902
	Corebridge Financial, Inc.:	
\$ 3,410,000	6.375% to 09/15/34 then T5Y + 2.646%, 09/15/54, 144A****	3,388,469 ⁽²⁾
\$ 2,375,000	6.875% to 12/01/30 then T5Y + 3.181%, Series A	2,464,412 ^{*(1)}
\$ 2,620,000	CVS Health Corporation, 7.00% to 03/10/30 then T5Y + 2.886%, 03/10/55, Series A . .	2,706,154
805,950	Delphi Financial Group, TSFR3M + 3.45161%, 7.19225% ⁽⁴⁾ , 05/15/37	20,168,899 ⁽²⁾
	Enstar Group Ltd.:	
254,000	7.00% to 09/01/28 then TSFR3M + 4.27661%, Series D	5,753,100 ^{** (1)(2)(5)}
\$ 2,400,000	7.50% to 04/01/35 then T5Y + 3.186%, 04/01/45, 144A****	2,496,346 ⁽⁵⁾
\$ 2,680,000	Equitable Holdings, Inc., 6.70% to 03/28/35 then T5Y + 2.39%, 03/28/55	2,714,666
\$ 7,310,000	Everest Reinsurance Holdings, TSFR3M + 2.6466%, 6.38725% ⁽⁴⁾ , 05/15/37	6,980,158 ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾
101,900	F&G Annuities & Life, Inc., 7.30% 01/15/65	2,136,843
\$ 2,475,000	Fortegra Group, Inc., 9.25% to 11/15/34 then T5Y + 8.72%, 11/15/64, 144A**** . .	2,434,237
	Global Atlantic Fin Company:	
\$ 4,090,000	7.25% to 03/01/31 then T5Y + 3.55%, 03/01/56, 144A****	3,950,465
\$ 3,000,000	7.95% to 10/15/29 then T5Y + 3.608%, 10/15/54, 144A****	2,997,622
\$ 2,720,000	Humana, Inc., 6.625% to 09/15/31 then T5Y + 2.891%, 09/15/56	2,698,152
67,900	Jackson Financial, Inc., 8.00% to 03/30/28 then T5Y + 3.728%, Series A	1,747,746 ^{*(1)}
\$ 6,200,000	Kuvare US Holdings, Inc., 10.469% to 05/01/31 then T5Y + 6.541%, 02/17/51, Series A, 144A****	6,215,438 [*]
\$ 24,634,000	Liberty Mutual Group, 7.80% 03/15/37, 144A****	26,825,596 ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾

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	Lincoln National Corporation:	
90,600	9.00%, Series D	\$ 2,382,780 ^{*(1)}
\$ 2,680,000	6.80% to 07/15/36 then T5Y + 2.40%, 07/15/56	2,664,170
\$ 2,265,000	9.25% to 03/01/28 then T5Y + 5.318%, Series C	2,383,231 ^{*(1)}
	MetLife, Inc.:	
\$ 18,250,000	9.25% 04/08/38, 144A****	21,157,736 ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾
\$ 15,807,000	10.75% 08/01/39	20,264,100 ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾
\$ 2,250,000	MetLife Capital Trust IV, 7.875% 12/15/37, 144A****	2,445,396 ⁽²⁾
204,400	PartnerRe Ltd., 4.875%, Series J	3,168,200 ^{**(1)(5)}
\$ 1,720,000	Prudential Financial, Inc., 6.75% to 03/01/33 then T5Y + 2.848%, 03/01/53	1,790,781
	Reinsurance Group of America, Inc.:	
\$ 1,840,000	6.375% to 09/15/36 then T5Y + 2.344%, 09/15/56	1,792,582
\$ 1,290,000	6.65% to 09/15/35 then T5Y + 2.392%, 09/15/55	1,287,508
224,459	7.125% to 10/15/27 then T5Y + 3.456%, 10/15/52	5,759,618 ⁽²⁾
125,310	RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd., 4.20%, Series G	1,844,563 ^{**(1)(2)(5)}
	SBL Holdings, Inc.:	
\$ 6,300,000	6.50% to 11/13/26 then T5Y + 5.62%, Series B, 144A****	5,725,934 ^{*(1)(2)(3)}
\$ 5,450,000	9.508% to 05/13/30 then T5Y + 5.58%, Series A, 144A****	5,146,861 ^{*(1)(2)}
	Unum Group:	
\$ 26,660,000	Provident Financing Trust I, 7.405% 03/15/38	27,435,103 ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾
108,373	Voya Financial, Inc., 5.35% to 09/15/29 then T5Y + 3.21%, Series B	2,540,263 ^{*(1)(2)}
		<u>240,753,616</u>
	Utilities — 12.1%	
\$ 4,190,000	AES Corporation, 7.60% to 01/15/30 then T5Y + 3.201%, 01/15/55	4,286,261 ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾
	Algonquin Power & Utilities Corporation:	
\$ 5,750,000	4.75% to 04/18/27 then T5Y + 3.249%, 01/18/82, Series 2022-B	5,715,251 ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾⁽⁵⁾
360,410	TSFR3M + 4.27161%, 7.99704% ⁽⁴⁾ , 07/01/79, Series 2019-A	9,493,199 ⁽²⁾⁽⁵⁾
\$ 2,845,000	AltaGas Ltd., 7.20% to 10/15/34 then T5Y + 3.573%, 10/15/54, 144A****	2,944,419 ⁽⁵⁾
	American Electric Power Company, Inc.:	
\$ 6,010,000	3.875% to 02/15/27 then T5Y + 2.675%, 02/15/62	5,994,078 ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾
\$ 2,805,000	6.05% to 03/15/36 then T5Y + 1.94%, 03/15/56, Series D	2,729,953
\$ 5,285,000	6.95% to 12/15/34 then T5Y + 2.675%, 12/15/54, Series B	5,553,552 ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾
\$ 4,070,000	CenterPoint Energy, Inc., 6.85% to 02/15/35 then T5Y + 2.946%, 02/15/55, Series B	4,226,915 ⁽²⁾
\$ 2,030,000	CMS Energy Corporation, 6.50% to 06/01/35 then T5Y + 1.961%, 06/01/55	2,050,284
	Commonwealth Edison:	
\$ 6,328,000	COMED Financing III, 6.35% 03/15/33	6,379,926 ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾
	Dominion Energy, Inc.:	
\$ 500,000	4.35% to 04/15/27 then T5Y + 3.195%, Series C	499,010 ^{*(1)}
\$ 4,565,000	6.625% to 05/15/35 then T5Y + 2.207%, 05/15/55, Series C	4,598,179 ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾
\$ 7,045,000	7.00% to 06/01/34 then T5Y + 2.511%, 06/01/54, Series B	7,331,147 ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾
136,100	DTE Energy Company, 6.25% 10/01/85, Series H	3,147,993
\$ 5,140,000	Duke Energy Corporation, 6.45% to 09/01/34 then T5Y + 2.588%, 09/01/54	5,260,327 ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾

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\$ 7,744,000	Edison International, 5.00% to 03/15/27 then T5Y + 3.901%, Series B	\$ 7,646,843 ^{*(1)(2)(3)}
	Emera, Inc.:	
\$ 2,045,000	Emera US Finance LLC, 6.85% to 10/01/36 then T5Y + 2.648%, 10/01/56, Series B ..	2,052,718
\$ 6,275,000	EUSHI Finance, Inc., 7.625% to 12/15/29 then T5Y + 3.136%, 12/15/54	6,500,937 ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾
	Entergy Corporation:	
\$ 2,795,000	6.10% to 06/15/36 then T5Y + 2.013%, 06/15/56, Series 2025B	2,741,030
\$ 2,695,000	6.50% to 12/15/33 then T5Y + 2.03%, 12/15/58	2,685,661
\$ 5,780,000	7.125% to 12/01/29 then T5Y + 2.67%, 12/01/54	5,945,921 ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾
\$ 3,520,000	Evergy, Inc., 6.65% to 06/01/30 then T5Y + 2.558%, 06/01/55	3,554,668 ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾
\$ 1,570,000	Eversource Energy, 6.35% to 08/15/36 then T5Y + 2.325%, 08/15/56, Series B ...	1,566,519
\$ 2,030,000	Exelon Corporation, 6.50% to 03/15/35 then T5Y + 1.975%, 03/15/55	2,047,109
	NextEra Energy:	
	NextEra Energy Capital Holdings, Inc.:	
\$ 1,400,000	6.375% to 08/15/30 then T5Y + 2.053%, 08/15/55, Series S	1,408,523 ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾
\$ 2,138,000	6.70% to 09/01/29 then T5Y + 2.364%, 09/01/54, Series Q	2,180,315
\$ 3,000,000	6.75% to 06/15/34 then T5Y + 2.457%, 06/15/54, Series R	3,079,050 ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾
\$ 717,000	TSFR3M + 2.38661%, 6.05096% ⁽⁴⁾ , 06/15/67, Series C	647,413 ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾
	NiSource, Inc.:	
\$ 1,710,000	6.375% to 03/31/35 then T5Y + 2.527%, 03/31/55	1,724,552
\$ 3,150,000	6.95% to 11/30/29 then T5Y + 2.451%, 11/30/54	3,239,060 ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾
\$ 3,255,000	Northwest Natural Holding Company, 7.00% to 09/15/35 then	
	T5Y + 2.701%, 09/15/55	3,301,612 ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾
\$ 3,500,000	PacifiCorp, 7.125% to 08/15/31 then T5Y + 3.292%, 08/15/56	3,462,178
	PECO Energy:	
\$ 2,386,000	PECO Energy Capital Trust III, 7.38% 04/06/28, Series D	2,465,909 ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾
\$ 4,300,000	Puget Energy, Inc., 7.25% to 09/15/36 then T5Y + 2.848%, 09/15/56, Series B.	4,312,578
	Sempra:	
\$ 6,000,000	4.125% to 04/01/27 then T5Y + 2.868%, 04/01/52	5,957,038 ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾
\$ 3,410,000	6.40% to 10/01/34 then T5Y + 2.632%, 10/01/54	3,373,568 ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾
\$ 3,425,000	6.875% to 10/01/29 then T5Y + 2.789%, 10/01/54	3,484,097 ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾
	Southern California Edison:	
185,800	SCE Trust VII, 7.50%, Series M	4,399,744 ^{*(1)}
123,400	SCE Trust VIII, 6.95%, Series N	2,767,862 ^{*(1)}
\$ 2,860,000	Spire, Inc., 6.45% to 06/01/36 then T5Y + 2.327%, 06/01/56, Series B	2,855,486
\$ 2,850,000	TXNM Energy, Inc., 7.00% to 07/31/31 then T5Y + 3.254%, 07/31/56, 144A**** ..	2,889,262
\$ 820,000	Vistra Corporation, 7.00% to 12/15/26 then T5Y + 5.74%, Series B, 144A****	824,485 ^{*(1)}
135,600	Xcel Energy, Inc., 6.25% 10/15/85	3,044,220
		<u>160,368,852</u>
	Energy — 3.8%	
	Enbridge, Inc.:	
\$ 8,920,000	7.375% to 03/15/30 then T5Y + 3.122%, 03/15/55, Series A	9,322,042 ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾⁽⁵⁾
\$ 4,210,000	8.50% to 01/15/34 then T5Y + 4.431%, 01/15/84, Series 2023-B	4,750,859 ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾⁽⁵⁾

PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (Continued)

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Shares/\$ Par		Value
	Energy Transfer LP:	
\$ 2,640,000	6.75% to 02/15/36 then T5Y + 2.475%, 02/15/56, Series B	\$ 2,636,738
\$ 7,067,000	7.125% to 05/15/30 then T5Y + 5.306%, Series G	7,273,060 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽³⁾
\$ 4,700,000	8.00% to 05/15/29 then T5Y + 4.02%, 05/15/54	4,928,365 ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾
\$ 6,800,000	Phillips 66 Company, 6.20% to 03/15/36 then T5Y + 2.166%, 03/15/56, Series B ..	6,720,197 ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾
\$ 2,915,000	South Bow Canadian Infrastructure Holdings Ltd., 7.50% to 03/01/35 then T5Y + 3.667%, 03/01/55	3,060,339 ⁽⁵⁾
\$ 2,620,000	Sunoco LP, 7.875% to 09/18/30 then T5Y + 4.23%, Series A, 144A****	2,703,154 ⁽¹⁾
	Transcanada Pipelines, Ltd.:	
\$ 6,290,000	5.50% to 09/15/29 then TSFR3M + 4.41561%, 09/15/79	6,216,697 ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾⁽⁵⁾
\$ 2,380,000	6.375% to 10/17/36 then T5Y + 2.117%, 10/17/56, Series 2026-B	2,375,689 ⁽⁵⁾
		<u>49,987,140</u>
	Communication — 1.6%	
\$ 4,000,000	Bell Canada, 7.00% to 09/15/35 then T5Y + 2.363%, 09/15/55, Series B	4,043,344 ⁽²⁾⁽⁵⁾
\$ 2,365,000	British Telecommunications PLC, 4.875% to 11/23/31 then T5Y + 3.493%, 11/23/81, 144A****	2,266,708 ⁽⁵⁾
\$ 7,900,000	Paramount Global, 6.375% to 03/30/27 then T5Y + 3.999%, 03/30/62	6,487,902 ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾
\$ 3,020,000	Rogers Communications, Inc., 7.125% to 04/15/35 then T5Y + 2.62%, 04/15/55 ..	3,041,882 ⁽⁵⁾
\$ 2,460,000	TELUS Corporation, 7.00% to 10/15/35 then T5Y + 2.709%, 10/15/55, Series B ..	2,442,097 ⁽⁵⁾
\$ 3,285,000	Verizon Communications, Inc., 6.75% to 02/15/37 then T5Y + 2.297%, 02/15/57 ..	3,277,182 ⁽²⁾
		<u>21,559,115</u>
	Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT) — 1.6%	
130,000	Adamas Trust, Inc., 6.875% to 10/15/26 then TSFR3M + 6.13%, Series F	3,240,900 ⁽¹⁾
19,210	Annaly Capital Management, Inc., TSFR3M + 5.25461%, 8.98683% ⁽⁴⁾ , Series F	498,307 ⁽¹⁾
	Arbor Realty Trust, Inc.:	
58,799	6.375%, Series D	918,440 ⁽¹⁾
315,025	6.25% to 10/30/26 then TSFR3M + 5.44%, Series F	7,125,866 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾
412,300	KKR Real Estate Finance Trust, Inc., 6.50%, Series A	7,532,721 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾
120,700	TPG RE Finance Trust, Inc., 6.25%, Series C	2,232,950 ⁽¹⁾
		<u>21,549,184</u>
	Miscellaneous Industries — 2.3%	
198,060	Apollo Global Management, Inc., 7.625% to 12/15/28 then T5Y + 3.226%, 09/15/53 ..	5,080,239 ⁽²⁾
\$ 4,170,000	FMC Corporation, 8.45% to 11/01/30 then T5Y + 4.366%, 11/01/55	3,084,472 ⁽²⁾
	Land O' Lakes, Inc.:	
\$ 6,800,000	7.00%, Series C, 144A****	6,052,000 ^{*(1)(2)}
\$ 7,900,000	7.25%, Series B, 144A****	7,268,000 ^{*(1)(2)}
\$ 9,500,000	8.00%, Series A, 144A****	9,500,000 ^{*(1)(2)(3)}
		<u>30,984,711</u>
	Total Preferred Stock & Hybrid Preferred Securities	
	(Cost \$1,025,835,219)	<u>1,008,604,028</u>

PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (Continued)**August 31, 2026 (Unaudited)**

Shares/\$ Par		Value
Contingent Capital Securities[†] — 21.0%		
Banking — 21.0%		
Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria SA:		
\$ 12,800,000	6.125% to 11/16/27 then SW5 + 3.87%	\$ 12,825,037 ^{**(1)(2)(5)}
\$ 3,000,000	7.125% to 05/08/33 then T5Y + 2.985%, Series 16	3,014,016 ^{**(1)(5)}
\$ 8,600,000	9.375% to 09/19/29 then T5Y + 5.099%, Series 12	9,320,026 ^{**(1)(2)(5)}
Banco Mercantil del Norte SA:		
\$ 3,400,000	6.625% to 01/24/32 then T10Y + 5.034%, 144A****	3,264,155 ^{**(1)(5)}
\$ 1,688,000	7.50% to 06/27/29 then T10Y + 5.47%, 144A****	1,701,292 ^{**(1)(5)}
\$ 2,970,000	7.625% to 01/10/28 then T10Y + 5.353%, 144A****	2,993,579 ^{**(1)(5)}
\$ 3,659,000	8.45% to 06/24/36 then T5Y + 4.009%, 144A****	3,668,148 ^{**(1)(5)}
\$ 4,113,000	8.75% to 05/20/35 then T10Y + 4.299%, 144A****	4,259,698 ^{**(1)(5)}
Banco Santander SA:		
\$ 10,400,000	7.25% to 06/03/36 then T5Y + 2.837%	10,474,787 ^{**(1)(2)(5)}
\$ 6,200,000	8.00% to 08/01/34 then T5Y + 3.911%	6,626,774 ^{**(1)(2)(3)(5)}
\$ 6,600,000	9.625% to 11/21/33 then T5Y + 5.298%, 144A****	7,685,528 ^{**(1)(2)(3)(5)}
Bank of Montreal:		
\$ 600,000	6.875% to 11/26/30 then T5Y + 2.976%, 11/26/85, Series 6	604,603 ^{**(5)}
\$ 2,085,000	7.30% to 11/26/34 then T5Y + 3.01%, 11/26/84, Series 5	2,154,374 ^{**(5)}
\$ 4,010,000	7.70% to 05/26/29 then T5Y + 3.452%, 05/26/84, Series 4	4,191,545 ^{**(2)(3)(5)}
Bank of Nova Scotia:		
\$ 3,450,000	6.875% to 10/27/35 then T5Y + 2.734%, 10/27/85, Series 7	3,424,823 ^{**(2)(5)}
\$ 3,205,000	7.35% to 04/27/30 then T5Y + 2.903%, 04/27/85, Series 6	3,302,903 ^{**(2)(3)(5)}
\$ 4,450,000	8.00% to 01/27/29 then T5Y + 4.017%, 01/27/84, Series 5	4,690,630 ^{**(2)(3)(5)}
Barclays Bank PLC:		
\$ 1,975,000	4.375% to 09/15/28 then T5Y + 3.41%	1,930,799 ^{**(1)(5)}
\$ 3,310,000	7.625% to 09/15/35 then SOFR5Y + 3.686%	3,436,638 ^{**(1)(5)}
\$ 2,070,000	8.00% to 09/15/29 then T5Y + 5.431%	2,169,153 ^{**(1)(5)}
\$ 3,350,000	9.625% to 06/15/30 then SOFR5Y + 5.775%	3,703,760 ^{**(1)(5)}
\$ 2,800,000	BBVA Bancomer SA, 5.875% to 09/13/29 then T5Y + 4.308%, 09/13/34, 144A**** ..	2,754,362 ⁽²⁾⁽⁵⁾
BNP Paribas:		
\$ 2,050,000	4.625% to 02/25/31 then T5Y + 3.34%, 144A****	1,870,901 ^{**(1)(5)}
\$ 4,045,000	7.20% to 04/17/36 then T5Y + 2.942%, 144A****	3,995,294 ^{**(1)(2)(5)}
\$ 4,170,000	7.375% to 09/10/34 then T5Y + 3.535%, 144A****	4,259,593 ^{**(1)(2)(5)}
\$ 18,400,000	7.45% to 06/27/35 then T5Y + 3.134%, Series 1, 144A****	18,669,394 ^{**(1)(2)(3)(5)}
\$ 4,135,000	7.75% to 08/16/29 then T5Y + 4.899%, 144A****	4,324,424 ^{**(1)(2)(5)}
\$ 1,859,000	8.50% to 08/14/28 then T5Y + 4.354%, 144A****	1,953,882 ^{**(1)(5)}
\$ 2,340,000	9.25% to 11/17/27 then T5Y + 4.969%, 144A****	2,448,316 ^{**(1)(5)}
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce:		
\$ 2,925,000	6.95% to 01/28/30 then T5Y + 2.833%, 01/28/85, Series 5	2,959,550 ^{**(2)(3)(5)}
\$ 3,470,000	7.00% to 10/28/30 then T5Y + 3.00%, 10/28/85, Series 7	3,526,276 ^{**(2)(5)}

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Shares/\$ Par		Value
\$ 2,970,000	Credit Agricole SA, 7.125% to 09/23/35 then SOFR5Y + 3.584%, 144A****	\$ 3,001,283 ^{**(1)(2)(5)}
	HSBC Holdings PLC:	
\$ 2,100,000	6.00% to 05/22/27 then SW5 + 3.746%	2,114,410 ^{**(1)(2)(5)}
\$ 20,770,000	6.50% to 03/23/28 then SW5 + 3.606%	21,031,141 ^{**(1)(2)(3)(5)}
\$ 2,100,000	6.75% to 05/18/33 then T5Y + 2.513%	2,084,784 ^{**(1)(5)}
\$ 2,900,000	6.95% to 09/11/34 then T5Y + 3.191%	2,969,861 ^{**(1)(2)(3)(5)}
\$ 4,010,000	7.00% to 03/24/36 then T5Y + 2.798%	4,042,457 ^{**(1)(2)(5)}
\$ 2,750,000	7.05% to 12/05/30 then T5Y + 2.987%	2,814,639 ^{**(1)(2)(3)(5)}
	ING Groep NV:	
\$ 3,050,000	3.875% to 11/16/27 then T5Y + 2.862%	3,006,614 ^{**(1)(5)}
\$ 3,000,000	7.50% to 11/16/28 then T5Y + 3.711%	3,078,084 ^{**(1)(5)}
	Lloyds Banking Group PLC:	
\$ 2,965,000	6.625% to 09/27/35 then T5Y + 2.681%	2,919,254 ^{**(1)(5)}
\$ 10,350,000	8.00% to 03/27/30 then T5Y + 3.913%	10,989,961 ^{**(1)(2)(3)(5)}
	NatWest Group PLC:	
\$ 1,700,000	4.60% to 12/28/31 then T5Y + 3.10%, --	1,569,539 ^{**(1)(5)}
\$ 1,215,000	8.125% to 05/10/34 then T5Y + 3.752%	1,326,815 ^{**(1)(5)}
	Royal Bank of Canada:	
\$ 5,850,000	6.35% to 11/24/34 then T5Y + 2.257%, 11/24/84, Series 5	5,585,214 ^{**(2)(3)(5)}
\$ 3,995,000	6.50% to 11/24/35 then T5Y + 2.462%, 11/24/85, Series 7	3,859,114 ^{**(2)(5)}
\$ 2,500,000	6.75% to 08/24/30 then T5Y + 2.815%, 08/24/85, Series 6	2,531,395 ^{**(5)}
\$ 4,016,000	7.50% to 05/02/29 then T5Y + 2.887%, 05/02/84, Series 4	4,155,070 ^{**(2)(3)(5)}
	Societe Generale SA:	
\$ 4,150,000	5.375% to 11/18/30 then T5Y + 4.514%, 144A****	3,944,308 ^{**(1)(2)(3)(5)}
\$ 17,750,000	6.75% to 04/06/28 then SW5 + 3.929%, 144A****	17,923,453 ^{**(1)(2)(5)}
\$ 15,640,000	9.375% to 05/22/28 then T5Y + 5.385%, 144A****	16,327,487 ^{**(1)(2)(3)(5)}
	Standard Chartered PLC:	
\$ 1,900,000	4.75% to 07/14/31 then T5Y + 3.805%, 144A****	1,775,878 ^{**(1)(5)}
\$ 10,355,000	7.75% to 02/15/28 then T5Y + 4.976%, 144A****	10,623,070 ^{**(1)(2)(3)(5)}
\$ 2,085,000	Toronto-Dominion Bank, 7.25% to 07/31/29 then T5Y + 2.977%, 07/31/84, Series 4	2,143,699 ^{**(5)}
	UBS Group AG:	
\$ 2,800,000	4.375% to 02/10/31 then T5Y + 3.313%, 144A****	2,554,787 ^{**(1)(5)}
\$ 3,340,000	7.00% to 07/08/36 then SOFR5Y + 3.321%, 144A****	3,342,090 ^{**(1)(2)(5)}
\$ 890,000	9.25% to 11/13/33 then T5Y + 4.758%, 144A****	1,016,858 ^{**(1)(5)}
		<u>278,935,525</u>
Total Contingent Capital Securities		
(Cost \$273,252,080)		<u>278,935,525</u>

PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (Continued)

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Shares/\$ Par	Value
Corporate Debt Securities^s — 1.7%	
Banking — 0.2%	
83,600 Dime Commercial Bancshares, Inc., 9.00% to 07/15/29 then TSFR3M + 4.951%, 07/15/34	\$ 2,236,309
	<u>2,236,309</u>
Insurance — 1.1%	
\$ 13,500,000 Liberty Mutual Insurance, 7.697% 10/15/97, 144A****	14,764,362 ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾
	<u>14,764,362</u>
Communication — 0.4%	
Qwest Corporation:	
\$ 3,193,225 6.50% 09/01/51	2,439,624
155,921 6.75% 06/15/52	2,691,196
	<u>5,130,820</u>
Total Corporate Debt Securities	
(Cost \$20,817,424)	<u>22,131,491</u>
Money Market Fund — 0.5%	
BlackRock Liquidity Funds:	
6,031,156 T-Fund, Institutional Class, 3.58%	6,031,156
Total Money Market Fund	
(Cost \$6,031,156)	<u>6,031,156</u>
Total Investments (Cost \$1,325,935,879***)	98.9% 1,315,702,200
Other Assets and Liabilities, excluding Loan Payable (net)	1.1% 14,418,629
Total Managed Assets	100.0% [†] \$1,330,120,829
Loan Principal Balance	(502,000,000)
Net Assets Available To Common Stock	<u>\$ 828,120,829</u>

PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (Continued)

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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 eligible for the Dividends Received Deduction and distributing Qualified Dividend Income.
- ** Securities distributing Qualified Dividend Income only.
- *** Aggregate cost of securities held.
- **** Securities exempt from registration under Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933. These securities may be resold in transactions exempt from registration to qualified institutional buyers. At August 31, 2026, these securities amounted to \$294,452,400 or 22.1% of total managed assets.
- ⁽¹⁾ Perpetual security with no stated maturity date.
- ⁽²⁾ All or a portion of this security is pledged as collateral for the Fund's loan. The total value of such securities was \$857,521,004 at August 31, 2026.
- ⁽³⁾ All or a portion of this security has been rehypothecated. The total value of such securities was \$482,059,257 at August 31, 2026.
- ⁽⁴⁾ Represents the rate in effect as of the reporting date.
- ⁽⁵⁾ Foreign Issuer.
- † A Contingent Capital Security is a hybrid security with contractual loss-absorption characteristics.
- ‡ The percentage shown for each investment category is the total value of that category as a percentage of total managed assets.

ABBREVIATIONS:

- 3ML** — 3-Month Intercontinental Exchange (ICE) London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) USD A/360
- SOF5Y** — 5-year USD ICE Secured Overnight Financing Rate (SOFR) Swap
- SW5** — 5-year USD Swap Semiannual 30/360
- T5Y** — Federal Reserve H.15 5-Yr Constant Maturity Treasury Semiannual yield
- T7Y** — Federal Reserve H.15 7-Yr Constant Maturity Treasury Semiannual yield
- T10Y** — Federal Reserve H.15 10-Yr Constant Maturity Treasury Semiannual yield
- TSFR3M** — Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc. (CME) Term SOFR 3-Month

The administrator of U.S. dollar LIBOR, ICE, ceased publication of daily U.S. dollar LIBOR panels after June 30, 2023. For securities where (i) issuers have announced replacement reference rates or (ii) the Adjustable Interest Rate (LIBOR) Act of 2022 was determined by the Adviser to apply, the new reference rate (usually Term SOFR) has been listed as the benchmark. The spread over that benchmark includes any tenor spread adjustment applicable upon benchmark transition. For all other securities, the original reference rate and spread continue to be listed.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS⁽¹⁾

For the period December 1, 2025 through August 31, 2026 (Unaudited)

For a Common Stock share outstanding throughout the period

PER SHARE OPERATING PERFORMANCE:

Net asset value, beginning of period	\$ 17.63
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INVESTMENT OPERATIONS:

Net investment income	0.94
Net realized and unrealized gain/(loss) on investments	(0.43)
Total from investment operations	0.51

DISTRIBUTIONS TO COMMON STOCK SHAREHOLDERS:

From net investment income	(0.95)
Total distributions to Common Stock Shareholders	(0.95)

Net asset value, end of period	\$ 17.19
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Market value, end of period	\$ 15.92
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Common Stock shares outstanding, end of period	48,177,896
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RATIOS TO AVERAGE NET ASSETS AVAILABLE TO COMMON STOCK SHAREHOLDERS:

Net investment income†	7.19%*
Operating expenses including interest expense	3.67%*
Operating expenses excluding interest expense	0.91%*

SUPPLEMENTAL DATA:††

Portfolio turnover rate	8%**
Total managed assets, end of period (in 000's)	\$ 1,330,121
Ratio of operating expenses including interest expense to average total managed assets	2.30%*
Ratio of operating expenses excluding interest expense to average total managed assets	0.57%*

⁽¹⁾ These tables summarize the nine months ended August 31, 2026 and should be read in conjunction with the Fund's audited financial statements, including notes to the financial statements, in its Annual Report dated November 30, 2025.

* Annualized.

** Not annualized.

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

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

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

	Total Dividends Paid	Net Asset Value	NYSE Closing Price	Dividend Reinvestment Price ⁽¹⁾
December 31, 2025	\$0.1345	\$17.65	\$16.51	\$16.59
January 30, 2026	0.1005	17.69	16.70	16.74
February 27, 2026	0.1005	17.66	16.57	16.57
March 31, 2026	0.1005	17.02	15.49	15.67
April 30, 2026	0.1005	17.43	16.30	16.28
May 29, 2026	0.1025	17.42	16.09	16.02
June 30, 2026	0.1025	17.36	16.28	16.28
July 31, 2026	0.1025	17.19	16.13	16.16
August 31, 2026	0.1046	17.19	15.92	15.87

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

NOTES TO PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (Unaudited)

1. Aggregate Information for Federal Income Tax Purposes

At August 31, 2026, the aggregate cost of securities for federal income tax purposes was \$1,332,926,949, the aggregate gross unrealized appreciation for all securities in which there was an excess of value over tax cost was \$27,654,391 and the aggregate gross unrealized depreciation for all securities in which there was an excess of tax cost over value was \$44,879,140.

2. Additional Accounting Standards

Portfolio Valuation: Rule 2a-5 under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"), establishes requirements for determining fair value in good faith for purposes of the 1940 Act. Rule 2a-5 permits fund boards to designate a Valuation Designee to perform fair value determinations, subject to board oversight and certain other conditions. Rule 2a-5 also defines when market quotations are "readily available" for purposes of Section 2(a)(41) of the 1940 Act, which requires a fund to fair value a security when market quotations are not readily available.

The net asset value of the Fund's Common Stock is calculated 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 adopted by the Adviser, as the Valuation Designee of the Board of Directors (the "Board") of the Fund. Net asset value is calculated 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 Valuation Designee. In determining the evaluated mean value of a particular preferred or debt security, a pricing service or dealer may use information with respect to transactions in such investments, quotations (based on the mean of bid and asked price), 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 the Valuation Designee determines that the prices are not reflective of current market conditions are valued at fair value as determined in good faith by the Valuation Designee, including reference to valuations of other securities which are comparable in quality, maturity and type.

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.

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NOTES TO PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (Unaudited) (Continued)

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 August 31, 2026 is as follows:

	Total Value at August 31, 2026	Level 1 Quoted Price	Level 2 Significant Observable Inputs	Level 3 Significant Unobservable Inputs
Preferred Stock & Hybrid Preferred Securities				
Banking	\$ 439,282,691	\$ 242,426,051	\$ 196,856,640	\$ —
Financial Services	44,118,719	9,140,328	34,978,391	—
Insurance	240,753,616	46,720,105	194,033,511	—
Utilities	160,368,852	22,853,018	137,515,834	—
Energy	49,987,140	—	49,987,140	—
Communication	21,559,115	—	21,559,115	—
Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT)	21,549,184	21,549,184	—	—
Miscellaneous Industries	30,984,711	5,080,239	25,904,472	—
Contingent Capital Securities				
Banking	278,935,525	—	278,935,525	—
Corporate Debt Securities				
Banking	2,236,309	2,236,309	—	—
Insurance	14,764,362	—	14,764,362	—
Communication	5,130,820	2,691,196	2,439,624	—
Money Market Fund	6,031,156	6,031,156	—	—
Total Investments	\$ 1,315,702,200	\$ 358,727,586	\$ 956,974,614	\$ —

NOTES TO PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (Unaudited) (Continued)

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 unaffiliated with the Adviser. To assess the continuing appropriateness of security valuations, 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, the Valuation Designee 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.