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Franklin Limited Duration Income Trust

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

One Franklin Parkway, San Mateo, CA 94403-1906
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

Craig S. Tyle, One Franklin Parkway, San Mateo, CA 94403-1906

(Name and address of agent for service)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (650) 312-2000

Date of fiscal year end: 3/31

Date of reporting period: 9/30/15

Item 1. Reports to Stockholders.

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Semiannual Report

Franklin Limited Duration Income Trust

Dear Shareholder:

This semiannual report for Franklin Limited Duration Income Trust covers the six months ended September 30, 2015.

Your Fund's Goals and Main Investments

The Fund seeks to provide high, current income, with a secondary objective of capital appreciation to the extent it is possible and consistent with the Fund's primary objective, through a portfolio consisting primarily of high yield corporate bonds, floating rate corporate loans and mortgage- and other asset-backed securities.

Performance Overview

For the six months under review, the Fund had cumulative total returns of -4.84% based on net asset value and -7.51% based on market price. Net asset value decreased from \$13.87 per share on March 31, 2015, to \$12.84 at period-end, and the market price decreased from \$12.17 to \$10.90 over the same period. You can find the Fund's long-term performance data in the Performance Summary on page 6.

Performance data represent past performance, which does not guarantee future results. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate, and you may have a gain or loss when you sell your shares. Current performance may differ from figures shown.

Economic and Market Overview

U.S. economic growth was mixed during the six months under review. After a solid rebound in the second quarter, estimates indicated tepid third-quarter growth despite healthy consumer spending as businesses cut back on inventories, exports declined and governments reduced their spending. Manufacturing and service activities expanded during the six-month period, contributing to new jobs, and the unemployment rate declined from 5.5% in March to 5.1% at period-end.¹ Housing market data were generally encouraging as home sales and prices rose and mortgage rates edged up. Retail sales climbed for the six-month period as strong employment gains led to broad-based improvement, especially for auto and auto components sales. Inflation, as measured by the Consumer Price Index, rose for most of the period but declined toward period-end mainly due to a sharp drop in energy prices.

During the six-month period, the Federal Reserve (Fed) kept its target interest rate at 0%–0.25% while considering when an increase might be appropriate. During its July meeting, the Fed stated that although labor market and economic conditions had improved, committee members would like more confidence that inflation was moving toward their goal before raising the federal funds target rate. Furthermore, it regarded international developments, particularly moderating growth in China and other emerging markets and China's unexpected currency devaluation, as well as a strengthening U.S. dollar, as potential risks to U.S. economic growth. Although global financial markets anticipated an increase, in September the Fed kept interest rates unchanged and said it would continue to monitor developments abroad. The Fed also raised its forecast for 2015 U.S. economic growth and lowered its unemployment projections.

The 10-year Treasury yield, which moves inversely to price, began the period at 1.94% and rose to 2.50% in June, based partly on upbeat domestic and eurozone economic data as well as Greece's agreement with its international creditors. At period-end, the yield declined to 2.06% as investors sought less risky assets given concerns about the ongoing uncertainty over the Fed's timing for raising interest rates and China's moderating growth and its currency devaluation.

Investment Strategy

We invest in a diversified mix of fixed income securities, primarily high yield corporate bonds, senior secured floating rate corporate loans, and mortgage- and other asset-backed securities. Our top-down analysis of macroeconomic trends combined with a bottom-up fundamental analysis of market sectors, industries and issuers drives our investment process. We seek to maintain a limited duration, or interest rate sensitivity, to moderate the impact that fluctuating interest rates might

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1. Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The dollar value, number of shares or principal amount, and names of all portfolio holdings are listed in the Fund's Statement of Investments (SOI).

The SOI begins on page 9.

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*Total investments include long-term and short-term investments and exclude preferred stock issued by the Fund and other financial leverage.

**Includes collateralized loan obligations.

***Rounds to less than 0.1% of net assets.

have on the Fund's fixed income portfolio. Within the corporate bond and corporate loan sectors, we seek securities trading at reasonable valuations from issuers with characteristics such as strong market positions, stable cash flows, reasonable capital structures, supportive asset values, strong sponsorship and improving credit fundamentals. In the mortgage- and other asset-backed securities sector, we look to capture an attractive income stream and total return through our analysis of security prepayment assumptions, potential pricing inefficiencies and underlying collateral characteristics.

Manager's Discussion

Performance of the Fund's primary asset classes was mixed over the semiannual period under review, as varying sensitivity to interest rates and commodity exposure drove divergent returns. Given conflicting outlooks for the domestic versus global economies, and the uncertain overall economic picture, the Fed refrained from increasing rates at its September 2015 meeting. Partly due to the lack of a rate increase, the yield on 10-year Treasury notes declined toward period-end after rising sharply at the beginning of the period, ending slightly above where it began. Commodity prices, while exhibiting a fair degree of volatility, generally trended downward over the course of the period, highlighted by crude oil prices falling from more than \$60 per barrel in early June to a low of \$38 in August, before rebounding slightly to end the Fund's fiscal year at \$45.2

The factors discussed above had different impacts on the financial markets in general and on the Fund's asset classes in particular. The broader stock market, as measured by the Standard & Poor's[®] 500 Index, declined 6.18%.³ As mentioned above, Treasury yields were volatile but overall flat for the period. Mortgage-backed securities, as measured by the Barclays U.S. Mortgage-Backed Securities (MBS) Index, returned +0.55% as the slight increase in interest rates partly offset coupon income.³ High yield corporate bonds, as measured by the Credit Suisse (CS) High Yield Index, declined 4.88% as commodity price weakness weighed on the energy and metals and mining sectors.⁴ Leveraged loans, which have smaller commodity exposure than high yield corporates, declined 0.45%, as measured by the CS Leveraged Loan Index (LLI).⁴ Over the course of the period, we added to our

Dividend Distributions*

4/1/15–9/30/15

| Month | Dividend per Common Share (cents) |
|--------------|--------------------------------------|
| April | 6.20 |
| May | 6.20 |
| June | 6.20 |
| July | 6.20 |
| August | 6.20 |
| September | 6.20 |
| Total | 37.20 |

*The distribution amount is the sum of the dividend payments to shareholders for the period shown and includes only estimated tax-basis net investment income.

All Fund distributions will vary depending upon current market conditions, and past distributions are not indicative of future trends.

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2. Source: Bloomberg, L.P.

3. Source: Morningstar.

4. Source: Credit Suisse Group.

The indexes are unmanaged and include reinvestment of any income or distributions. One cannot invest directly in an index, and an index is not representative of the

Fund's portfolio.

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position in leveraged loans and reduced our position in high yield corporate bonds. We reduced our allocation to mortgage-backed securities, while adding to other asset-backed securities.

High Yield Corporate Bonds

Despite a relatively healthy U.S. economy, high yield corporate bonds were negatively affected by exposure to commodity industries. The drop in oil prices hit energy, the largest industry in the high yield universe, particularly hard. Other non-energy commodities hindered the high yield market when prices for iron ore, copper and other commodities fell as new supply came to market amid concerns about weakening demand from China. Worries about the high yield market's exposure to energy and other commodities led to periods of withdrawals from high yield mutual funds and exchange-traded funds. The redemptions added technical pressure to fundamental concerns and led to what we considered cheaper valuations for high yield corporate bonds. The yield spread above comparable Treasury yields increased from 5.4 percentage points to 7.0 as other sectors declined along with energy and metals.⁴ The average bond price declined from 98 to 90.⁴ Despite the pressures on commodity producers, we believed the broader economic and corporate credit picture remained fundamentally supportive for high yield credits. Although we remained positive on high yield corporate bonds, the overall price decline of the asset class reduced our allocation.

Floating Rate Corporate Loans

For the six months under review, the corporate loan asset class declined 0.45%, as measured by the CS LLI.⁴ During the period, sharply declining commodity prices and uncertainty around global economic growth contributed to periods of volatility in the credit markets, including the loan market. However, technical conditions generally managed to moderate losses over time, as collateralized loan obligation (CLO) issuance provided a source of demand, while activity in the primary market was relatively subdued.

Issuance in the primary market was relatively low during the period, amid market volatility and more restrained refinancing and leveraged buyout (LBO) activity. Although new volume related to mergers and acquisitions increased, many of the deals were related to strategic corporate buyers, rather than LBO transactions that would bring significant new supply to the market. Furthermore, U.S. federal agencies issued guidelines that sought to increase scrutiny on highly leveraged transactions, which helped discourage new LBOs.

Although investors expected new regulations regarding risk retention to possibly curtail new CLO volume, issuance of new vehicles resumed, as many new CLOs were able to structure their deals to seek compliance. However, CLOs continued to face challenging arbitrage conditions as more loans refi-nanced at tighter spreads and managers had difficulty sourcing collateral for new vehicles due to anemic new loan supply. Offsetting the demand from new CLOs were continued outflows from loan retail vehicles, which accelerated as credit market volatility increased.

The default rate by principal amount declined during the period after a large electrical utility default from the prior year was no longer included in the calculation. Although a handful of issuers, including oil and gas producers and coal producers, contributed to the default rate amid the ongoing impact of slower global growth and lower commodity prices, the default rate remained below historical averages.

Mortgage-Backed and Asset-Backed Securities

High-quality securitized sectors performed well during the period. Agency mortgage-backed securities (MBS) produced positive total returns and outperformed high yield corporate bonds and corporate loans.

In general, we believed agency MBS were trading at somewhat full valuations, as spreads continued to widen from their near historically low levels. The Fed continued to reinvest principal proceeds back into agency MBS, but as it moves closer to ceasing reinvestment in MBS, coupled with tight spreads, we expect higher MBS volatility. In our analysis, current low supply and the Fed's continued reinvestment provided a favorable environment, but without the Fed's participation, MBS would be more vulnerable to supply shocks. We felt demand from banks, mortgage real estate investment trusts, overseas investors and domestic money managers would need to rise to compensate for the Fed's reduced presence in the MBS sector. We believed prepayments could moderate with mortgage rates staying in the same range and underwriting standards remaining tight.

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During the period, our heaviest allocation was in 3.5% through 4.5% coupon securities. We decreased our exposure to 3.0% and 3.5% coupons and increased our allocation to 4.0% and 4.5% coupons, concentrating on specified pools. We continued to invest in bonds from higher quality securitized sectors as we found what we considered fundamentally sound bonds at attractive yields in these markets. We remained allocated to higher quality asset-backed securities and commercial MBS as these sectors delivered positive total returns and outperformed high yield corporate bonds and corporate loans.

Thank you for your continued participation in Franklin Limited Duration Income Trust. We look forward to serving your future investment needs.

Sincerely,

The foregoing information reflects our analysis, opinions and portfolio holdings as of September 30, 2015, the end of the reporting period. The way we implement our main investment strategies and the resulting portfolio holdings may change depending on factors such as market and economic conditions. These opinions may not be relied upon as investment advice or an offer for a particular security. The information is not a complete analysis of every aspect of any market, country, industry, security or the Fund. Statements of fact are from sources considered reliable, but the investment manager makes no representation or warranty as to their completeness or accuracy. Although historical performance is no guarantee of future results, these insights may help you understand our investment management philosophy.

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Performance Summary as of September 30, 2015

Your dividend income will vary depending on dividends or interest paid by securities in the Fund's portfolio, adjusted for operating expenses. Capital gain distributions are net profits realized from the sale of portfolio securities. Total return reflects reinvestment of the Fund's dividends and capital gain distributions, if any, and any unrealized gains or losses. Total returns do not reflect any sales charges paid at inception or brokerage commissions paid on secondary market purchases. The performance table does not reflect any taxes that a shareholder would pay on Fund dividends, capital gains distributions, if any, or any realized gains on the sale of Fund shares.

Share Prices

| Symbol: FTF | | 9/30/15 | | 3/31/15 | Change |
|-------------------------|----|---------|----|---------|----------|
| Net Asset Value (NAV) | \$ | 12.84 | \$ | 13.87 | -\$ 1.03 |
| Market Price (NYSE MKT) | \$ | 10.90 | \$ | 12.17 | -\$ 1.27 |

Distributions¹

(4/1/15–9/30/15)

Dividend Income

\$ 0.3720

Performance²

| | Cumulative Total Return ³ | | Average Annual Total Return ³ | |
|---------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| | Based on NAV ⁴ | Based on market price ⁵ | Based on NAV ⁴ | Based on market price ⁵ |
| 6-Month | -4.84 % | -7.51 % | -4.84 % | -7.51 % |
| 1-Year | -3.36 % | -5.79 % | -3.36 % | -5.79 % |
| 5-Year | +30.64 % + | 16.45 % + | 5.49 % + | 3.09 % |
| 10-Year | +83.48 % + | 79.10 % + | 6.26 % + | 6.00 % |

Performance data represent past performance, which does not guarantee future results. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate, and you may have a gain or loss when you sell your shares. Current performance may differ from figures shown.

All investments involve risks, including possible loss of principal. Interest rate movements and mortgage prepayments will affect the Fund's share price and yield. Bond prices generally move in the opposite direction of interest rates. As prices of bonds in a fund adjust to a rise in interest rates, the Fund's share price may decline. Investments in lower rated bonds include higher risk of default and loss of principal. The Fund is actively managed but there is no guarantee that the manager's investment decisions will produce the desired results.

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1. The distribution amount is the sum of the dividend payments to shareholders for the period shown and includes only estimated tax-basis net investment income.
2. Figures are for common shares. As of 9/30/15, the Fund had leverage in the amount of 34.19% of the Fund's total portfolio. The Fund employs leverage through the issuance of Auction Preferred Shares and purchase of Mortgage Dollar Rolls. The use of financial leverage creates an opportunity for increased income but, at the same time, creates special risks (including the likelihood of greater volatility of net asset value and market price of common shares). The cost of leverage rises and falls with changes in short-term interest rates. Such increases/decreases in the cost of the Fund's leverage may be offset by increased/decreased income from the Fund's floating rate investments.
3. Total return calculations represent the cumulative and average annual changes in value of an investment over the periods indicated. Six-month return has not been annualized.
4. Assumes reinvestment of distributions based on net asset value.
5. Assumes reinvestment of distributions based on the dividend reinvestment plan.

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Financial Highlights

| | Six Months Ended | | Year Ended March 31, | | | |
|---|-----------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| | September 30, 2015 (unaudited) | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 |
| Per common share operating performance | | | | | | |
| (for a common share outstanding throughout the period) | | | | | | |
| Net asset value, beginning of period | \$ 13.87 | \$ 14.36 | \$ 14.30 | \$ 13.82 | \$ 14.01 | \$ 13.48 |
| Income from investment operations: | | | | | | |
| Net investment income ^a | 0.37 | 0.73 | 0.80 | 0.90 | 0.92 | 0.98 |
| Net realized and unrealized gains (losses) | (1.00) | (0.33) | 0.20 | 0.62 | (0.04) | 0.65 |
| Dividends to preferred shareholders from net investment income | (0.03) | (0.06) | (0.06) | (0.05) | (0.05) | (0.05) |
| Total from investment operations | (0.66) | 0.34 | 0.94 | 1.47 | 0.83 | 1.58 |
| Less distributions to common shareholders from net investment income | (0.37) | (0.83) | (0.88) | (0.99) | (1.02) | (1.05) |
| Net asset value, end of period | \$ 12.84 | \$ 13.87 | \$ 14.36 | \$ 14.30 | \$ 13.82 | \$ 14.01 |
| Market value, end of period ^b | \$ 10.90 | \$ 12.17 | \$ 13.05 | \$ 14.82 | \$ 14.01 | \$ 13.14 |
| Total return (based on market value per share) ^c | (7.51)% | (0.35)% | (5.85)% | 13.41 % | 15.03 % | 6.25 % |
| Ratios to average net assets applicable to common shares^{d,e} | | | | | | |
| Expenses | 1.16% ^{f,g} | 1.14% ^{f,g} | 1.12% ^{f,g} | 1.13 % | 1.15 % | 1.14 % |
| Net investment income | 5.37 % | 5.14 % | 5.65 % | 6.44 % | 6.73 % | 7.15 % |

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Supplemental data

Net assets applicable to common shares, end of

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|----|----------|----|----------|----|----------|----|----------|----|----------|----|----------|
| period (000's) | \$ | 344,546 | \$ | 372,080 | \$ | 385,388 | \$ | 383,632 | \$ | 370,095 | \$ | 375,016 |
| Portfolio turnover rate | | 147.80 % | | 289.67 % | | 318.57 % | | 295.39 % | | 302.18 % | | 262.57 % |
| Portfolio turnover rate excluding mortgage | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| dollar rollsh | | 54.85 % | | 92.15 % | | 137.85 % | | 106.42 % | | 106.49 % | | 115.51 % |
| Asset coverage per preferred share | \$ | 73,115 | \$ | 76,665 | \$ | 78,686 | \$ | 79,157 | \$ | 77,796 | \$ | 76,096 |
| Liquidation preference per preferred share | \$ | 25,000 | \$ | 25,000 | \$ | 25,000 | \$ | 25,000 | \$ | 25,000 | \$ | 25,000 |

^aBased on average daily common shares outstanding.

^bBased on the last sale on the NYSE MKT.

^cTotal return is not annualized for periods less than one year.

^dBased on income and expenses applicable to both common and preferred shares.

^eRatios are annualized for periods less than one year.

^fBenefit of expense reduction rounds to less than 0.01%.

^gBenefit of waiver and payments by affiliates rounds to less than 0.01%.

^hSee Note 1(e) regarding mortgage dollar rolls.

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Statement of Investments, September 30, 2015 (unaudited)

| | Country | Shares | Value |
|---|----------------|--------------------------|-----------|
| Common Stocks 0.0%† | | | |
| Materials 0.0%† | | | |
| aVerso Corp. | United States | 5,659 \$ | 679 |
| Transportation 0.0%† | | | |
| aCEVA Holdings LLC | United Kingdom | 112 | 67,284 |
| Total Common Stocks (Cost \$186,255) | | | 67,963 |
| Convertible Preferred Stocks 0.1% | | | |
| Transportation 0.1% | | | |
| aCEVA Holdings LLC, cvt. pfd., A-1 | United Kingdom | 6 | 4,950 |
| aCEVA Holdings LLC, cvt. pfd., A-2 | United Kingdom | 243 | 145,650 |
| Total Convertible Preferred Stocks (Cost \$369,948) | | | 150,600 |
| | | Principal Amount* | |
| Corporate Bonds 49.7% | | | |
| Automobiles & Components 1.0% | | | |
| Fiat Chrysler Automobiles NV, 4.50%, 4/15/20 | United Kingdom | 2,000,000 | 1,905,000 |
| The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., senior note, 6.50%, 3/01/21 | United States | 1,500,000 | 1,576,875 |
| | | | 3,481,875 |
| Banks 2.8% | | | |
| bBank of America Corp., junior sub. bond, M, 8.125% to 5/15/18, FRN thereafter, Perpetual | United States | 2,500,000 | 2,615,625 |
| CIT Group Inc., 4.25%, 8/15/17 | United States | 1,500,000 | 1,522,500 |
| senior note, 5.00%, 5/15/17 | United States | 500,000 | 512,188 |
| csenior note, 144A, 6.625%, 4/01/18 | United States | 500,000 | 530,000 |
| bCitigroup Inc., junior sub. bond, M, 6.30% to 5/15/24, FRN thereafter, Perpetual | United States | 1,300,000 | 1,252,420 |
| bJPMorgan Chase & Co., junior sub. bond, R, 6.00% to 8/01/23, FRN thereafter, Perpetual | United States | 1,500,000 | 1,480,312 |

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| V, 5.00% to 7/30/19, FRN thereafter, Perpetual | United States | 500,000 | 486,875 |
| Royal Bank of Scotland Group PLC, sub. note, 6.125%, 12/15/22 | United Kingdom | 1,000,000 | 1,083,750 |
| | | | 9,483,670 |
| Capital Goods 0.7% | | | |
| cBombardier Inc., senior bond, 144A, 7.50%, 3/15/25 | Canada | 2,000,000 | 1,510,000 |
| TransDigm Inc., c senior sub. bond, 144A, 6.50%, 5/15/25 | United States | 500,000 | 471,875 |
| senior sub. note, 6.00%, 7/15/22 | United States | 500,000 | 468,750 |
| | | | 2,450,625 |
| Commercial & Professional Services 0.2% | | | |
| cAnna Merger Sub Inc., senior note, 144A, 7.75%, 10/01/22 | United States | 700,000 | 659,750 |
| Consumer Durables & Apparel 1.5% | | | |
| KB Home, senior note, 4.75%, 5/15/19 | United States | 1,100,000 | 1,062,875 |
| 7.00%, 12/15/21 | United States | 1,100,000 | 1,108,250 |
| cTaylor Morrison Communities Inc./Monarch Communities Inc., senior note, 144A, 5.25%, 4/15/21 | United States | 800,000 | 800,000 |
| 5.875%, 4/15/23 | United States | 1,000,000 | 998,750 |
| Visant Corp., senior note, 10.00%, 10/01/17 | United States | 1,400,000 | 1,151,500 |
| | | | 5,121,375 |

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STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS (UNAUDITED)

| | Country | Principal Amount* | Value |
|--|---------------|-------------------|------------|
| Corporate Bonds (continued) | | | |
| Consumer Services 2.9% | | | |
| c1011778 BC ULC/New Red Finance Inc., secured note, second lien, 144A, 6.00%, 4/01/22 | Canada | 1,200,000 \$ | 1,221,000 |
| senior secured note, first lien, 144A, 4.625%, 1/15/22 | Canada | 600,000 | 588,120 |
| c24 Hour Holdings III LLC, senior note, 144A, 8.00%, 6/01/22 | United States | 1,000,000 | 775,000 |
| dCaesars Entertainment Operating Co. Inc., senior secured note, first lien, 11.25%, 6/01/17 | United States | 1,600,000 | 1,288,000 |
| clInternational Game Technology PLC, senior note, 144A, 5.625%, 2/15/20 | United States | 2,000,000 | 1,972,500 |
| cLandry's Inc., senior note, 144A, 9.375%, 5/01/20 | United States | 1,000,000 | 1,071,250 |
| MGM Resorts International, senior note, 8.625%, 2/01/19 | United States | 2,000,000 | 2,205,000 |
| cWynn Las Vegas LLC/Wynn Las Vegas Capital Corp., senior bond, 144A, 5.50%, 3/01/25 | United States | 300,000 | 258,375 |
| cWynn Macau Ltd., senior note, 144A, 5.25%, 10/15/21 | Macau | 800,000 | 698,000 |
| | | | 10,077,245 |
| Diversified Financials 2.2% | | | |
| AerCap Ireland Capital Ltd./AerCap Global Aviation Trust, senior note, 4.25%, 7/01/20 | Netherlands | 900,000 | 904,500 |
| 5.00%, 10/01/21 | Netherlands | 600,000 | 613,125 |
| Ally Financial Inc., senior note, 6.25%, 12/01/17 | United States | 1,500,000 | 1,578,750 |
| E*TRADE Financial Corp., senior note, 5.375%, 11/15/22 | United States | 400,000 | 425,000 |
| 4.625%, 9/15/23 | United States | 500,000 | 506,250 |
| Navient Corp., senior note, 8.45%, 6/15/18 | United States | 1,000,000 | 1,030,620 |
| 5.50%, 1/15/19 | United States | 1,100,000 | 1,025,063 |
| 5.00%, 10/26/20 | United States | 300,000 | 252,240 |
| 5.875%, 3/25/21 | United States | 200,000 | 168,625 |
| cOneMain Financial Holdings Inc., senior note, 144A, 7.25%, 12/15/21 | United States | 1,100,000 | 1,119,250 |
| | | | 7,623,423 |
| Energy 8.5% | | | |
| BreitBurn Energy Partners LP/BreitBurn Finance Corp., senior bond, 7.875%, 4/15/22 | United States | 1,500,000 | 543,750 |
| California Resources Corp., senior note, 5.50%, 9/15/21 | United States | 1,500,000 | 922,500 |

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| cCalumet Specialty Products Partners LP/Calumet Finance Co., senior note, 144A, 7.75%, 4/15/23 | United States | 1,000,000 | 923,120 |
| CGG SA, senior note, 6.875%, 1/15/22 | France | 1,200,000 | 673,500 |
| CHC Helicopter SA, senior secured note, first lien, 9.25%, 10/15/20 | Canada | 2,001,600 | 1,130,904 |
| Chesapeake Energy Corp., senior note, 6.625%, 8/15/20 | United States | 2,000,000 | 1,496,240 |
| 6.125%, 2/15/21 | United States | 1,000,000 | 701,875 |
| Clayton Williams Energy Inc., senior note, 7.75%, 4/01/19 | United States | 1,500,000 | 1,276,875 |
| Compressco Partners LP/Finance Corp., senior note, 7.25%, 8/15/22 | United States | 400,000 | 328,000 |
| CONSOL Energy Inc., senior note, 5.875%, 4/15/22 | United States | 1,100,000 | 745,250 |
| c144A, 8.00%, 4/01/23 | United States | 900,000 | 647,460 |
| cCrestwood Midstream Partners LP/Crestwood Midstream Finance Corp., senior note, 144A, 6.25%, 4/01/23 | United States | 1,500,000 | 1,297,500 |
| cDrill Rigs Holdings Inc., secured note, 144A, 6.50%, 10/01/17 | United States | 1,500,000 | 1,156,875 |
| Energy Transfer Equity LP, senior note, first lien, 7.50%, 10/15/20 | United States | 2,500,000 | 2,531,250 |

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STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS (UNAUDITED)

| | Country | Principal Amount* | Value |
|---|----------------|----------------------|-----------|
| Corporate Bonds (continued) | | | |
| Energy (continued) | | | |
| Energy XXI Gulf Coast Inc., senior note, 7.50%, 12/15/21 | United States | 600,000 \$ | 81,000 |
| senior note, 6.875%, 3/15/24 | United States | 300,000 | 51,750 |
| cSenior secured note, second lien, 144A, 11.00%, 3/15/20 | United States | 500,000 | 237,500 |
| cEnQuest PLC, senior note, 144A, 7.00%, 4/15/22 | United Kingdom | 1,000,000 | 625,000 |
| EPL Oil & Gas Inc., senior note, 8.25%, 2/15/18 | United States | 1,000,000 | 250,000 |
| cFerrellgas LP/Ferrellgas Finance Corp., senior note, 144A, 6.75%, 6/15/23 | United States | 1,100,000 | 1,006,500 |
| Halcon Resources Corp., senior note, 9.75%, 7/15/20 | United States | 100,000 | 34,500 |
| senior note, 8.875%, 5/15/21 | United States | 1,000,000 | 305,000 |
| cSenior secured note, third lien, 144A, 13.00%, 2/15/22 | United States | 650,000 | 420,062 |
| Linn Energy LLC/Finance Corp., senior note, 8.625%, 4/15/20 | United States | 1,500,000 | 408,750 |
| 7.75%, 2/01/21 | United States | 1,000,000 | 235,000 |
| Martin Midstream Partners LP/Martin Midstream Finance Corp., senior note, 7.25%, 2/15/21 | United States | 1,400,000 | 1,295,000 |
| Memorial Resource Development Corp., senior note, 5.875%, 7/01/22 | United States | 800,000 | 732,000 |
| Midstates Petroleum Co. Inc./LLC, senior note, 9.25%, 6/01/21 | United States | 800,000 | 164,000 |
| cMurray Energy Corp., secured note, second lien, 144A, 11.25%, 4/15/21 | United States | 800,000 | 424,000 |
| cOcean Rig UDW Inc., senior note, 144A, 7.25%, 4/01/19 | United States | 600,000 | 336,564 |
| cPeabody Energy Corp., second lien, 144A, 10.00%, 3/15/22 | United States | 2,500,000 | 953,125 |
| Penn Virginia Corp., senior note, 8.50%, 5/01/20 | United States | 300,000 | 77,250 |
| QEP Resources Inc., senior bond, 5.25%, 5/01/23 | United States | 1,000,000 | 841,000 |
| Regency Energy Partners LP/Regency Energy Finance Corp., senior note, 5.875%, 3/01/22 | United States | 200,000 | 205,273 |
| 5.00%, 10/01/22 | United States | 500,000 | 489,035 |
| Sabine Pass Liquefaction LLC, first lien, 5.625%, 2/01/21 | United States | 2,000,000 | 1,865,000 |
| Sanchez Energy Corp., senior note, 7.75%, 6/15/21 | United States | 1,000,000 | 745,000 |
| 6.125%, 1/15/23 | United States | 500,000 | 337,500 |
| cTriangle USA Petroleum Corp., senior note, 144A, 6.75%, 7/15/22 | United States | 1,000,000 | 425,000 |
| cUltra Petroleum Corp., senior bond, 144A, 6.125%, 10/01/24 | United States | 1,500,000 | 862,500 |

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| WPX Energy Inc., senior note, 7.50%, 8/01/20 | United States | 1,500,000 | 1,380,000 |
| | | | 29,162,408 |
| Food, Beverage & Tobacco 2.0% | | | |
| Constellation Brands Inc., senior note, 3.875%, 11/15/19 | United States | 900,000 | 920,250 |
| Cott Beverages Inc., senior note, 6.75%, 1/01/20 | United States | 700,000 | 721,000 |
| cDole Food Co. Inc., senior secured note, 144A, 7.25%, 5/01/19 | United States | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 |
| cJBS USA LLC/Finance Inc., senior note, 144A, 8.25%, 2/01/20 | United States | 2,000,000 | 2,095,000 |
| Post Holdings Inc., senior note, 7.375%, 2/15/22 | United States | 1,000,000 | 1,021,250 |
| c144A, 6.75%, 12/01/21 | United States | 600,000 | 601,500 |
| c144A, 6.00%, 12/15/22 | United States | 100,000 | 96,125 |
| c144A, 7.75%, 3/15/24 | United States | 300,000 | 308,250 |
| | | | 6,763,375 |
| Health Care Equipment & Services 3.6% | | | |
| Alere Inc., senior note, 7.25%, 7/01/18 | United States | 1,300,000 | 1,356,875 |
| senior sub. note, 6.50%, 6/15/20 | United States | 500,000 | 510,000 |

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| Corporate Bonds (continued) | | | |
| Health Care Equipment & Services (continued) | | | |
| CHS/Community Health Systems Inc., senior note, 8.00%, 11/15/19 | United States | 1,100,000 \$ | 1,147,437 |
| senior secured note, first lien, 5.125%, 8/15/18 | United States | 900,000 | 922,500 |
| DaVita HealthCare Partners Inc., senior bond, 5.125%, 7/15/24 | United States | 1,000,000 | 983,875 |
| HCA Inc., senior bond, 5.875%, 5/01/23 | United States | 1,500,000 | 1,560,000 |
| senior note, 7.50%, 2/15/22 | United States | 1,000,000 | 1,132,500 |
| senior secured bond, first lien, 5.875%, 3/15/22 | United States | 1,000,000 | 1,075,000 |
| senior secured note, first lien, 4.25%, 10/15/19 | United States | 200,000 | 202,250 |
| cHologic Inc., senior note, 144A, 5.25%, 7/15/22 | United States | 600,000 | 607,500 |
| cJaguar Holding Co. II/Pharmaceutical Product Development LLC, senior note, 144A, 6.375%, 8/01/23 | United States | 600,000 | 585,000 |
| Tenet Healthcare Corp., first lien, 6.00%, 10/01/20 | United States | 500,000 | 528,750 |
| senior note, 5.00%, 3/01/19 | United States | 500,000 | 485,625 |
| senior note, 5.50%, 3/01/19 | United States | 900,000 | 894,375 |
| c,esenior note, 144A, FRN, 3.837%, 6/15/20 | United States | 500,000 | 497,500 |
| | | | 12,489,187 |
| Materials 6.8% | | | |
| ArcelorMittal, senior note, 5.25%, 2/25/17 | Luxembourg | 3,000,000 | 2,983,125 |
| cArdagh Packaging Finance PLC, senior note, 144A, 9.125%, 10/15/20 | Luxembourg | 700,000 | 733,250 |
| cArdagh Packaging Finance PLC/Ardagh MP Holdings USA Inc., senior note, 144A, 6.25%, 1/31/19 | Luxembourg | 300,000 | 300,000 |
| senior note, 144A, 7.00%, 11/15/20 | Luxembourg | 88,235 | 88,676 |
| esenior secured note, 144A, FRN, 3.337%, 12/15/19 | Luxembourg | 700,000 | 675,500 |
| cBarmingo Finance Pty. Ltd., senior note, 144A, 9.00%, 6/01/18 | Australia | 1,000,000 | 790,000 |
| c,fBlue Cube Spinco Inc., senior bond, 144A, 10.00%, 10/15/25 | United States | 1,000,000 | 1,043,750 |
| cCemex SAB de CV, secured note, 144A, 5.875%, 3/25/19 | Mexico | 500,000 | 494,688 |
| cThe Chemours Co., senior note, 144A, 6.625%, 5/15/23 | United States | 2,000,000 | 1,350,000 |
| cEldorado Gold Corp., senior note, 144A, 6.125%, 12/15/20 | Canada | 1,500,000 | 1,320,000 |
| cFirst Quantum Minerals Ltd., senior note, 144A, 6.75%, 2/15/20 | Canada | 1,261,000 | 851,175 |

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| 7.00%, 2/15/21 | Canada | 1,261,000 | 822,802 |
| cFMG Resources (August 2006) Pty. Ltd., senior secured note, 144A, 9.75%, 3/01/22 | Australia | 2,500,000 | 2,321,875 |
| cINVISTA Finance LLC, senior secured note, 144A, 4.25%, 10/15/19 | United States | 2,000,000 | 1,940,000 |
| Novelis Inc., senior note, 8.375%, 12/15/17 | Canada | 500,000 | 485,625 |
| cOwens-Brockway Glass Container Inc., senior note, 144A, 5.00%, 1/15/22 | United States | 900,000 | 858,375 |
| 5.875%, 8/15/23 | United States | 400,000 | 404,000 |
| cPlatform Specialty Products Corp., senior note, 144A, 6.50%, 2/01/22 | United States | 400,000 | 346,000 |
| cRain CII Carbon LLC/CII Carbon Corp., second lien, 144A, 8.25%, 1/15/21 | United States | 600,000 | 486,000 |
| Reynolds Group Issuer Inc./LLC/SA, senior note, 8.50%, 5/15/18 | United States | 1,000,000 | 1,009,375 |
| senior note, 9.00%, 4/15/19 | United States | 100,000 | 101,250 |
| senior note, 8.25%, 2/15/21 | United States | 1,000,000 | 1,002,500 |
| senior secured note, first lien, 7.125%, 4/15/19 | United States | 400,000 | 407,250 |
| cSealed Air Corp., senior bond, 144A, 5.125%, 12/01/24 | United States | 500,000 | 491,250 |
| 5.50%, 9/15/25 | United States | 600,000 | 610,500 |
| Steel Dynamics Inc., senior note, 5.125%, 10/01/21 | United States | 1,500,000 | 1,428,750 |

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| Corporate Bonds (continued) | | | |
| Materials (continued) | | | |
| Verso Paper Holdings LLC/Inc., senior secured note, first lien, 11.75%, 1/15/19 | United States | 270,000 \$ | 51,300 |
| | | | 23,397,016 |
| Media 4.8% | | | |
| Cablevision Systems Corp., senior note, 8.625%, 9/15/17 | United States | 1,000,000 | 1,045,000 |
| CCO Holdings LLC/CCO Holdings Capital Corp., senior bond, 5.25%, 9/30/22 | United States | 2,000,000 | 1,880,000 |
| c senior note, 144A, 5.125%, 5/01/23 | United States | 500,000 | 461,560 |
| Clear Channel Worldwide Holdings Inc., senior note, 6.50%, 11/15/22 | United States | 700,000 | 705,250 |
| senior sub. note, 7.625%, 3/15/20 | United States | 800,000 | 805,000 |
| CSC Holdings LLC, senior note, 6.75%, 11/15/21 | United States | 1,500,000 | 1,346,250 |
| 5.25%, 6/01/24 | United States | 500,000 | 395,625 |
| DISH DBS Corp., senior note, 7.125%, 2/01/16 | United States | 2,000,000 | 2,017,500 |
| Gannett Co. Inc., senior note, 5.125%, 10/15/19 | United States | 1,200,000 | 1,221,000 |
| 7/15/20 | United States | 500,000 | 510,000 |
| iHeartCommunications Inc., senior secured bond, first lien, 9.00%, 3/01/21 | United States | 1,900,000 | 1,591,250 |
| cRadio One Inc., senior sub. note, 144A, 9.25%, 2/15/20 | United States | 600,000 | 516,000 |
| cSirius XM Radio Inc., senior bond, 144A, 6.00%, 7/15/24 | United States | 1,000,000 | 1,007,500 |
| 5.375%, 4/15/25 | United States | 500,000 | 478,750 |
| cVirgin Media Secured Finance PLC, senior secured bond, first lien, 144A, 5.50%, 1/15/25 | United Kingdom | 1,100,000 | 1,073,187 |
| cWMG Acquisition Corp., senior note, 144A, 5.625%, 4/15/22 | United States | 1,500,000 | 1,458,750 |
| | | | 16,512,622 |
| Pharmaceuticals, Biotechnology & Life Sciences 1.7% | | | |
| cConcordia Healthcare Corp., senior note, 144A, 7.00%, 4/15/23 | Canada | 600,000 | 525,000 |
| cEndo Finance LLC/Endo Ltd./Endo Finco Inc., senior bond, 144A, 6.00%, 2/01/25 | United States | 700,000 | 686,875 |
| senior note, 144A, 6.00%, 7/15/23 | United States | 500,000 | 496,250 |

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| Grifols Worldwide Operations Ltd., senior note, 5.25%, 4/01/22 | United States | 600,000 | 597,000 |
| cHorizon Pharma Financing Inc., senior note, 144A, 6.625%, 5/01/23 | United States | 300,000 | 265,875 |
| cValeant Pharmaceuticals International Inc., senior note, 144A, 6.75%, 8/15/18 | United States | 700,000 | 713,563 |
| 5.375%, 3/15/20 | United States | 500,000 | 487,188 |
| 5.625%, 12/01/21 | United States | 500,000 | 476,250 |
| cVPI Escrow Corp., senior note, 144A, 6.375%, 10/15/20 | United States | 1,500,000 | 1,495,312 |
| | | | 5,743,313 |
| Real Estate 0.4% | | | |
| Equinix Inc., senior note, 4.875%, 4/01/20 | United States | 1,500,000 | 1,533,750 |
| Retailing 0.6% | | | |
| cArgos Merger Sub Inc., senior note, 144A, 7.125%, 3/15/23 | United States | 400,000 | 405,500 |
| cDollar Tree Inc., senior note, 144A, 5.25%, 3/01/20 | United States | 400,000 | 412,160 |
| cNetflix Inc., senior note, 144A, 5.50%, 2/15/22 | United States | 1,300,000 | 1,319,500 |
| | | | 2,137,160 |

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| | Country | Principal Amount* | Value |
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| Corporate Bonds (continued) | | | |
| Software & Services 2.0% | | | |
| cBMC Software Finance Inc., senior note, 144A, 8.125%, 7/15/21 | United States | 2,000,000 \$ | 1,623,750 |
| cFirst Data Corp., senior secured bond, second lien, 144A, 8.25%, 1/15/21 | United States | 3,000,000 | 3,123,750 |
| cInfor (U.S.) Inc., senior note, 144A, 6.50%, 5/15/22 | United States | 1,500,000 | 1,380,000 |
| Sterling International Inc., senior note, 11.00%, 10/01/19 | United States | 700,000 | 743,313 |
| | | | 6,870,813 |
| Technology Hardware & Equipment 0.5% | | | |
| cAlcatel-Lucent USA Inc., senior note, 144A, 6.75%, 11/15/20 | France | 609,000 | 641,734 |
| cBlackboard Inc., senior note, 144A, 7.75%, 11/15/19 | United States | 1,000,000 | 845,000 |
| cCommScope Inc., senior secured note, 144A, 4.375%, 6/15/20 | United States | 400,000 | 398,000 |
| | | | 1,884,734 |
| Telecommunication Services 4.2% | | | |
| CenturyLink Inc., senior bond, 6.75%, 12/01/23 | United States | 300,000 | 261,750 |
| c144A, 5.625%, 4/01/25 | United States | 1,400,000 | 1,125,250 |
| cDigicel Group Ltd., senior note, 144A, 8.25%, 9/30/20 | Bermuda | 1,200,000 | 1,112,250 |
| cDigicel Ltd., senior note, 144A, 6.00%, 4/15/21 | Bermuda | 700,000 | 637,000 |
| Intelsat Jackson Holdings SA, senior note, 7.25%, 4/01/19 | Luxembourg | 1,500,000 | 1,411,875 |
| 10/15/20 | Luxembourg | 1,000,000 | 921,250 |
| cMillicom International Cellular SA, senior note, 144A, 6.625%, 10/15/21 | Luxembourg | 1,500,000 | 1,479,375 |
| Sprint Communications Inc., senior note, 8.375%, 8/15/17 | United States | 500,000 | 499,745 |
| c144A, 9.00%, 11/15/18 | United States | 1,500,000 | 1,578,750 |
| c144A, 7.00%, 3/01/20 | United States | 600,000 | 603,000 |
| Sprint Corp., senior bond, 7.125%, 6/15/24 | United States | 300,000 | 231,630 |
| senior note, 7.25%, 9/15/21 | United States | 500,000 | 410,625 |
| T-Mobile USA Inc., senior note, 6.542%, 4/28/20 | United States | 900,000 | 916,875 |
| 6.125%, 1/15/22 | United States | 1,000,000 | 967,500 |
| cWind Acquisition Finance SA, senior note, 144A, 7.375%, 4/23/21 | Italy | 2,000,000 | 1,963,750 |

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| senior secured note, first lien, 144A, 4.75%, 7/15/20 | Italy | 500,000 | 495,000 |
| | | | 14,615,625 |

Transportation 1.2%

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| cFlorida East Coast Holdings Corp., secured note, first lien, 144A, 6.75%, 5/01/19 | United States | 1,000,000 | 982,500 |
| Hertz Corp., senior note, 6.75%, 4/15/19 | United States | 1,000,000 | 1,020,000 |
| 5.875%, 10/15/20 | United States | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 |
| cStena AB, senior bond, 144A, 7.00%, 2/01/24 | Sweden | 600,000 | 534,000 |
| cStena International SA, secured bond, 144A, 5.75%, 3/01/24 | Sweden | 700,000 | 652,400 |
| | | | 4,188,900 |

Utilities 2.1%

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| Calpine Corp., senior note, 5.375%, 1/15/23 | United States | 1,500,000 | 1,406,250 |
| cSenior secured bond, first lien, 144A, 7.875%, 1/15/23 | United States | 346,000 | 371,950 |
| cSenior secured note, first lien, 144A, 6.00%, 1/15/22 | United States | 100,000 | 104,125 |
| Dynegy Inc., senior note, 6.75%, 11/01/19 | United States | 2,000,000 | 2,015,000 |
| cInterGen NV, secured bond, 144A, 7.00%, 6/30/23 | Netherlands | 1,500,000 | 1,282,500 |

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| | Country | Principal Amount* | Value |
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| Corporate Bonds (continued) | | | |
| Utilities (continued) | | | |
| NGL Energy Partners LP/NGL Energy Finance Corp., senior note, 5.125%, 7/15/19 | United States | 200,000 \$ | 183,000 |
| NRG Yield Operating LLC, senior bond, 5.375%, 8/15/24 | United States | 700,000 | 617,750 |
| cPPL Energy Supply LLC, senior bond, 144A, 6.50%, 6/01/25 | United States | 400,000 | 344,500 |
| c,dTexas Competitive Electric Holdings Co. LLC/Texas Competitive Electric Holdings Finance Inc., senior secured note, first lien, 144A, 11.50%, 10/01/20 | United States | 2,000,000 | 780,000 |
| | | | 7,105,075 |
| Total Corporate Bonds (Cost \$191,817,832) | | | 171,301,941 |
| e,gSenior Floating Rate Interests 53.3% | | | |
| Automobiles & Components 0.6% | | | |
| TI Group Automotive Systems LLC, Initial U.S. Term Loan, 4.50%, 6/25/22 | United States | 1,985,000 | 1,951,916 |
| Capital Goods 5.8% | | | |
| Alfred Fueling Systems Inc. (Wayne Fueling), First Lien Initial Term Loan, 4.75%, 6/18/21 | United States | 987,500 | 982,563 |
| Allison Transmission Inc., Term B-3 Loans, 3.50%, 8/23/19 | United States | 1,773,823 | 1,777,149 |
| B/E Aerospace Inc., Term Loan, 4.00%, 12/16/21 | United States | 2,456,363 | 2,468,018 |
| Delos Finance S.A.R.L. (ILFC), Loans, 3.50%, 3/06/21 | Luxembourg | 2,500,000 | 2,500,260 |
| Doosan Infracore International and Doosan Holdings Europe, Tranche B Term Loan, 4.50%, 5/28/21 | United States | 1,467,341 | 1,472,231 |
| Fly Funding II S.A.R.L., Loans, 3.50%, 8/09/19 | Luxembourg | 588,784 | 582,708 |
| Navistar Inc., Tranche B Term Loans, 6.50%, 8/07/20 | United States | 3,334,755 | 3,259,723 |
| Onsite Rental Group Operations Pty. Ltd., Term B Loan, 5.50%, 7/30/21 | Australia | 1,980,000 | 1,871,100 |
| TransDigm Inc., Tranche C Term Loan, 3.75%, 2/28/20 | United States | 3,496,609 | 3,468,419 |
| Tranche D Term Loan, 3.75%, 6/04/21 | United States | 987,500 | 979,168 |
| Ventia Pty. Ltd., Term B Loans, 5.50%, 5/21/22 | Australia | 622,366 | 623,922 |
| | | | 19,985,261 |
| Commercial & Professional Services 0.9% | | | |
| Interactive Data Corp., Term Loan, 4.75%, 5/02/21 | United States | 2,962,500 | 2,960,278 |
| Consumer Durables & Apparel 0.1% | | | |
| Jarden Corp., | | | |

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| Tranche B1 Term Loan, 2.944%, 9/30/20 | United States | 291,570 | 292,572 |
| Tranche B2 Term Loan, 2.944%, 7/31/22 | United States | 121,797 | 121,950 |
| | | | 414,522 |
| Consumer Services 5.3% | | | |
| 24 Hour Fitness Worldwide Inc., Term Loan, 4.75%, 5/28/21 | United States | 1,975,000 | 1,866,375 |
| Aristocrat Technologies Inc., First Lien Initial Term Loan, 4.75%, 10/20/21 | United States | 1,400,000 | 1,403,597 |
| Caesars Entertainment Resort Properties LLC, Term B Loans, 7.00%, 10/11/20 | United States | 2,954,887 | 2,762,820 |
| Fitness International LLC, Term B Loan, 5.50%, 7/01/20 | United States | 1,975,000 | 1,891,062 |
| Hilton Worldwide Finance LLC, Initial Term Loan, 3.50%, 10/26/20 | United States | 2,731,579 | 2,732,718 |
| Scientific Games International Inc., Term B-1 Loan, 6.00%, 10/18/20 | United States | 2,949,962 | 2,919,725 |
| Seaworld Parks and Entertainment Inc., Term B-2 Loan, 3.00%, 5/14/20 | United States | 2,184,511 | 2,091,669 |
| TGI Friday's Inc., First Lien Initial Term Loan, 5.25%, 7/15/20 | United States | 522,772 | 525,059 |
| Tropicana Entertainment Inc., Term Loans, 4.00%, 11/27/20 | United States | 1,930,600 | 1,930,600 |
| | | | 18,123,625 |

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| Senior Floating Rate Interests (continued) | | | |
| Diversified Financials 0.6% | | | |
| Guggenheim Partners Investment Management Holdings LLC, Initial Term Loan, 4.25%, 7/22/20 | United States | 1,974,811 \$ | 1,978,103 |
| Energy 1.9% | | | |
| Foresight Energy LLC, Term Loans, 5.50%, 8/21/20 | United States | 1,997,373 | 1,837,583 |
| Obsidian Natural Gas Trust, Term Loan, 7.00%, 11/02/15 | United States | 57,301 | 57,229 |
| OSG Bulk Ships Inc., Initial Term Loan, 5.25%, 8/05/19 | United States | 2,054,000 | 2,036,028 |
| Peabody Energy Corp., Term Loan, 4.25%, 9/24/20 | United States | 3,063,700 | 2,193,098 |
| dSamson Investment Co., Second Lien Tranche I Term Loan, 6.25%, 9/25/18 | United States | 2,000,000 | 295,000 |
| | | | 6,418,938 |
| Food, Beverage & Tobacco 0.7% | | | |
| AdvancePierre Foods Inc., Loans (Second Lien), 9.50%, 10/10/17 | United States | 840,000 | 843,675 |
| fPost Holdings Inc., Series A Incremental Term Loan, 3.75%, 6/02/21 | United States | 1,668,041 | 1,670,382 |
| | | | 2,514,057 |
| Health Care Equipment & Services 4.4% | | | |
| Amsurg Corp., Initial Term Loan, 3.50%, 7/16/21 | United States | 2,962,500 | 2,968,043 |
| Community Health Systems Inc., 2019 Term G Loan, 3.75%, 12/31/19 | United States | 3,880,682 | 3,883,107 |
| Connolly LLC, Initial Term Loan, 4.50%, 5/14/21 | United States | 1,975,000 | 1,974,384 |
| DaVita HealthCare Partners Inc., Tranche B Term Loan, 3.50%, 6/24/21 | United States | 2,882,709 | 2,886,817 |
| U.S. Renal Care Inc., Tranche B-2 Term Loan, 4.25%, 7/03/19 | United States | 3,424,899 | 3,422,758 |
| | | | 15,135,109 |
| Household & Personal Products 0.9% | | | |
| Spectrum Brands Inc., Initial Term Loans, 3.75% - 5.25%, 6/23/22 | United States | 935,576 | 940,036 |
| Sun Products Corp., Tranche B Term Loan, 5.50%, 3/23/20 | United States | 2,442,545 | 2,308,205 |
| | | | 3,248,241 |
| Materials 7.3% | | | |
| Axalta Coating Systems U.S. Holdings Inc., 2014 Specified Refinancing Term, 3.75%, 2/01/20 | United States | 1,814,030 | 1,804,708 |
| fBerry Plastics Corp., Term F Loans, 5.25%, 10/01/22 | United States | 557,541 | 557,392 |
| The Chemours Co. LLC, Tranche B Term Loan, 3.75%, 5/12/22 | United States | 3,071,548 | 2,682,484 |
| Coveris Holdings SA, Term B-1 Loans, 4.50%, 5/08/19 | Luxembourg | 1,576,562 | 1,579,518 |
| FMG America Finance Inc. (Fortescue Metals Group), Loans, 3.75%, 6/30/19 | Australia | 4,417,092 | 3,633,058 |

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| fIneos U.S. Finance LLC, 2018 Dollar Term Loan, 5.00%, 5/04/18 | United States | 1,651,217 | 1,609,111 |
| Novelis Inc., Initial Term Loan, 4.00%, 6/02/22 | Canada | 2,041,375 | 2,018,622 |
| OCI Beaumont LLC, Term B-3 Loan, 5.50%, 8/20/19 | United States | 1,811,151 | 1,838,318 |
| Oxbow Carbon LLC, Tranche B Term Loan, 4.25%, 7/19/19 | United States | 3,097,890 | 3,029,479 |
| Reynolds Group Holdings Inc., U.S. Term Loan, 4.50%, 12/01/18 | United States | 2,432,304 | 2,436,864 |
| Solenis International LP and Solenis Holdings 3 LLC, First Lien Term Loan, 4.25%, 7/31/21 | United States | 811,800 | 801,653 |
| Tronox Pigments (Netherlands) BV, New Term Loan, 4.25%, 3/19/20 | Netherlands | 3,610,463 | 3,161,661 |
| | | | 25,152,868 |

Media 5.4%

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| Charter Communications Operating LLC, Term H Loan, 3.25%, 8/24/21 | United States | 786,778 | 784,647 |
| fCSC Holdings Inc. (Cablevision), Initial Term Loans, 3.25%, 10/09/22 | United States | 838,694 | 834,051 |
| Cumulus Media Holdings Inc., Term Loans, 4.25%, 12/23/20 | United States | 3,318,480 | 2,895,374 |
| Gray Television Inc., Initial Term Loan, 3.75%, 6/13/21 | United States | 2,646,830 | 2,643,797 |
| Media General Inc., Term B Loan, 4.00%, 7/31/20 | United States | 1,849,940 | 1,839,246 |
| Regal Cinemas Corp., Term Loan, 3.75%, 4/01/22 | United States | 3,056,719 | 3,065,442 |
| Sinclair Television Group Inc., Incremental Term Loan B-1, 3.50%, 7/31/21 | United States | 2,031,507 | 2,021,350 |

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| Senior Floating Rate Interests (continued) | | | |
| Media (continued) | | | |
| UPC Financing Partnership, Facility AH, 3.25%, 6/30/21 | Netherlands | 2,003,077 \$ | 1,975,356 |
| Virgin Media Bristol LLC, F Facility, 3.50%, 6/30/23 | United States | 2,622,815 | 2,589,093 |
| | | | 18,648,356 |
| Pharmaceuticals, Biotechnology & Life Sciences 2.7% | | | |
| Akorn Inc., Loans, 5.50%, 4/16/21 | United States | 762,300 | 761,029 |
| fEndo Luxembourg Finance Co. I S.A.R.L. and Endo LLC, 2015 Incremental Term B Loans, 5.25%, 9/25/22 | United States | 1,652,222 | 1,650,028 |
| Grifols Worldwide Operations USA Inc., US Tranche B Term Loan, 3.194%, 2/27/21 | United States | 1,989,899 | 1,992,593 |
| Valeant Pharmaceuticals International Inc., Series C-2 Tranche B Term Loan, 3.75%, 12/11/19 | United States | 1,109,775 | 1,094,793 |
| Series D-2 Tranche B Term Loan, 3.50%, 2/13/19 | United States | 1,642,257 | 1,618,137 |
| Series F-1 Tranche B Term Loan, 4.00%, 4/01/22 | United States | 2,373,952 | 2,352,563 |
| | | | 9,469,143 |
| Retailing 3.8% | | | |
| Ascena Retail Group Inc., Tranche B Term Loan, 5.25%, 8/21/22 | United States | 4,000,000 | 3,863,332 |
| Dollar Tree Inc., Term B-1 Loans, 3.50%, 3/09/22 | United States | 3,069,297 | 3,075,997 |
| Evergreen AcqCo. 1 LP (Savers), Term Loan, 5.00%, 7/09/19 | United States | 2,852,105 | 2,467,071 |
| The Men's Wearhouse Inc., Tranche B Term Loan, 4.50%, 6/18/21 | United States | 1,884,545 | 1,888,068 |
| fPetSmart Inc., Term Loans, 7.50%, 3/10/22 | United States | 1,987,887 | 1,987,681 |
| | | | 13,282,149 |
| Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment 1.2% | | | |
| Avago Technologies Cayman Ltd., Term Loans, 3.75%, 5/06/21 | United States | 2,575,550 | 2,576,921 |
| M/A-COM Technology Solutions Holdings Inc., Initial Term Loan, 4.50%, 5/07/21 | United States | 1,649,125 | 1,658,442 |
| | | | 4,235,363 |
| Software & Services 2.2% | | | |
| BMC Software Finance Inc., Initial U.S. Term Loans, 5.00%, 9/10/20 | United States | 2,864,664 | 2,609,531 |
| MoneyGram International Inc., Term Loan, 4.25%, 3/27/20 | United States | 4,101,956 | 3,876,349 |
| Sungard Availability Services Capital Inc., Tranche B Term Loan, 6.00%, 3/29/19 | United States | 1,235,756 | 1,059,661 |
| | | | 7,545,541 |

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Technology Hardware & Equipment 2.9%

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| CIENA Corp., Term Loan, 3.75%, 7/15/19 | United States | 2,958,701 | 2,958,701 |
| CommScope Inc., Tranche 5 Term Loan, 3.75%, 12/29/22 | United States | 2,047,265 | 2,046,945 |
| Dell International LLC, Term B-2 Loan, 4.00%, 4/29/20 | United States | 2,039,735 | 2,036,416 |
| Term Loan C, 3.75%, 10/29/18 | United States | 1,939,918 | 1,938,186 |
| Oberthur Technologies of America Corp., Tranche B-2 Term Loan, 4.50%, 10/18/19 | United States | 982,500 | 980,862 |
| | | | 9,961,110 |

Telecommunication Services 2.0%

| | | | |
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| Intelsat Jackson Holdings SA, Tranche B-2 Term Loan, 3.75%, 6/30/19 | Luxembourg | 3,410,931 | 3,333,332 |
| Telesat Canada/Telesat LLC, U.S. Term B-2 Loan, 3.50%, 3/28/19 | Canada | 1,464,889 | 1,457,869 |
| fZayo Group LLC, 2021 Term Loans, 3.75%, 5/06/21 | United States | 1,994,913 | 1,985,936 |
| | | | 6,777,137 |

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| Senior Floating Rate Interests (continued) | | | |
| Transportation 3.2% | | | |
| Air Canada, Term Loan, 4.00%, 9/26/19 | Canada | 1,462,320 | \$ 1,466,433 |
| fFlying Fortress Inc. (ILFC), New Loan, 3.50%, 4/30/20 | United States | 1,629,859 | 1,629,095 |
| Hertz Corp., Credit Linked Deposit, 3.75%, 3/11/18 | United States | 1,000,000 | 991,250 |
| Tranche B-1 Term Loan, 3.75%, 3/11/18 | United States | 992,347 | 990,610 |
| Tranche B-2 Term Loan, 3.00%, 3/11/18 | United States | 994,898 | 982,773 |
| Navios Maritime Partners LP, Initial Term Loan, 5.25%, 6/27/18 | Marshall Islands | 1,886,092 | 1,885,503 |
| U.S. Airways Inc., Tranche B1 Term Loan, 3.50%, 5/23/19 | United States | 2,969,697 | 2,961,035 |
| | | | 10,906,699 |
| Utilities 1.4% | | | |
| Alinta Energy Finance Pty. Ltd., Delayed Draw Term Commitments, 6.375%, 8/13/18 | Australia | 124,320 | 124,456 |
| Term B Loans, 6.375%, 8/13/19 | Australia | 1,870,596 | 1,872,642 |
| Calpine Corp., Term Loan (B5), 3.50%, 5/27/22 | United States | 2,604,672 | 2,570,486 |
| Term Loans (B3), 4.00%, 10/09/19 | United States | 329,800 | 329,686 |
| | | | 4,897,270 |
| Total Senior Floating Rate Interests (Cost \$189,820,516) | | | 183,605,686 |
| Foreign Government and Agency Securities 1.7% | | | |
| Government of Malaysia, 3.197%, 10/15/15 | Malaysia | 1,980,000 MYR | 450,283 |
| senior note, 3.172%, 7/15/16 | Malaysia | 1,100,000 MYR | 250,157 |
| senior note, 4.012%, 9/15/17 | Malaysia | 4,000,000 MYR | 920,105 |
| Government of Mexico, 7.75%, 12/14/17 | Mexico | 320,000 ^h MXN | 2,036,160 |
| Government of Poland, 5.00%, 4/25/16 | Poland | 125,000 PLN | 33,508 |
| 4.75%, 10/25/16 | Poland | 2,100,000 PLN | 570,254 |
| Strip, 1/25/16 | Poland | 310,000 PLN | 81,176 |
| Korea Treasury Bond, senior note, 2.75%, 12/10/15 | South Korea | 899,200,000 KRW | 760,533 |
| 3.00%, 12/10/16 | South Korea | 1,000,000,000 KRW | 858,347 |
| Total Foreign Government and Agency Securities | | | |

| | | | |
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| (Cost \$6,472,705) | | | 5,960,523 |
| Asset-Backed Securities and Commercial | | | |
| Mortgage-Backed Securities 14.5% | | | |
| Banks 7.1% | | | |
| Banc of America Commercial Mortgage Trust, 2006-4, AJ, 5.695%, 7/10/46 | United States | 1,610,000 | 1,640,171 |
| eBear Stearns Adjustable Rate Mortgage Trust, 2004-4, A6, FRN, 2.714%, 6/25/34 | United States | 887,554 | 893,166 |
| Bear Stearns Commercial Mortgage Securities Inc., e2006-PW11, AJ, FRN, 5.552%, 3/11/39 | United States | 1,750,000 | 1,769,390 |
| e2006-PW12, AJ, FRN, 5.753%, 9/11/38 | United States | 1,500,000 | 1,518,632 |
| 2006-PW13, AJ, 5.611%, 9/11/41 | United States | 1,820,000 | 1,838,231 |
| Citigroup Commercial Mortgage Trust, 2006-C5, AJ, 5.482%, 10/15/49 | United States | 894,000 | 881,064 |
| e2007-C6, AM, FRN, 5.711%, 6/10/17 | United States | 1,520,000 | 1,595,568 |
| 2015-GC27, A5, 3.137%, 2/10/48 | United States | 1,520,000 | 1,521,350 |
| eCitigroup/Deutsche Bank Commercial Mortgage Trust, 2006-CD3, AJ, FRN, 5.688%, 10/15/48 | United States | 1,300,000 | 1,057,264 |

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| Asset-Backed Securities and Commercial | | | |
| Mortgage-Backed Securities (continued) | | | |
| Banks (continued) | | | |
| CSAIL Commercial Mortgage Trust, 2015-C1, A4, 3.505%, 4/15/50 | United States | 1,410,000 \$ | 1,466,250 |
| Greenwich Capital Commercial Funding Corp., e2006-GG7, AJ, FRN, 5.819%, 7/10/38 | United States | 1,590,000 | 1,578,119 |
| 2007-GG9, AM, 5.475%, 3/10/39 | United States | 1,430,000 | 1,482,319 |
| JP Morgan Chase Commercial Mortgage Securities Trust, 2006-CB17, AM, 5.464%, 12/12/43 | United States | 380,000 | 385,784 |
| e2006-LDP7, AJ, FRN, 6.10%, 4/15/45 | United States | 1,827,000 | 1,774,620 |
| JPMBB Commercial Mortgage Securities Trust, 2015 C-28, A4, 3.227%, 10/15/48 | United States | 1,410,000 | 1,425,428 |
| eMerrill Lynch Mortgage Investors Trust, 2003-OPT1, B2, FRN, 4.319%, 7/25/34 | United States | 33,301 | 16,151 |
| 2005-A6, 2A3, FRN, 0.574%, 8/25/35 | United States | 489,581 | 446,818 |
| eMerrill Lynch Mortgage Trust, 2005-CK11, AJ, FRN, 5.46%, 11/12/37 | United States | 1,000,280 | 999,891 |
| eMorgan Stanley ABS Capital I Inc. Trust, 2003-NC10, B1, FRN, 5.144%, 10/25/33 | United States | 350,442 | 261,092 |
| eMorgan Stanley Capital I Trust, 2006-HQ8, AJ, FRN, 5.495%, 3/12/44 | United States | 110,000 | 110,530 |
| 2007-IQ16, AMA, FRN, 6.273%, 12/12/49 | United States | 645,000 | 689,054 |
| Wells Fargo Commercial Mortgage Trust, 2014-LC16, A4, 3.548%, 8/15/50 | United States | 550,000 | 573,201 |
| Wells Fargo Mortgage Backed Securities Trust, e2004-W, A9, FRN, 2.641%, 11/25/34 | United States | 400,556 | 408,773 |
| 2007-3, 3A1, 5.50%, 4/25/37 | United States | 171,319 | 174,751 |
| | | | 24,507,617 |
| Diversified Financials 7.4% | | | |
| c,eARES CLO XII Ltd., 2007-12A, B, 144A, FRN, 1.329%, 11/25/20 | United States | 530,000 | 523,746 |
| eArgent Securities Inc., 2003-W5, M4, FRN, 5.819%, 10/25/33 | United States | 462,363 | 461,570 |
| c,eAtrium CDO Corp., 10A, C, 144A, FRN, 2.889%, 7/16/25 | United States | 920,000 | 903,771 |
| c,eAtrium XI, 11A, C, 144A, FRN, 3.494%, 10/23/25 | Cayman Islands | 910,000 | 909,545 |
| c,eBCAP LLC Trust, 2009-RR1, 2A2, 144A, FRN, 2.685%, 5/26/35 | United States | 1,600,000 | 1,544,784 |
| c,eCatamaran CLO Ltd., 2013-1A, C, 144A, FRN, 2.895%, 1/27/25 | Cayman Islands | 750,000 | 726,787 |
| c,eCent CDO Ltd., 2007-15A, A2B, 144A, FRN, 0.673%, 3/11/21 | United States | 457,000 | 435,558 |

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| c,eCent CLO LP, 2013-17A, D, 144A, FRN, 3.297%, 1/30/25 | United States | 392,157 | 391,118 |
| eChase Funding Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, 2004-2, 2A2, FRN, 0.694%, 2/25/35 | United States | 493,412 | 442,722 |
| c,eCIFC Funding Ltd., 2007-3A, A1J, 144A, FRN, 0.695%, 7/26/21 | United States | 640,000 | 626,291 |
| c,eColumbusNova CLO Ltd., 2007-2A, A2, 144A, FRN, 1.289%, 10/15/21 | United States | 310,000 | 304,913 |
| c,eCT CDO IV Ltd., 2006-4A, A1, 144A, FRN, 0.526%, 10/20/43 | United States | 460,248 | 459,355 |
| c,eCumberland Park CDO Ltd., 2015-2A, B, 144A, FRN, 2.372%, 7/20/26 | Cayman Islands | 1,230,000 | 1,226,285 |
| c,eCumberland Park CLO Ltd., 2015-2A, C, 144A, FRN, 3.122%, 7/20/26 | United States | 190,000 | 187,581 |
| c,eEaton Vance CDO Ltd., 2014-1A, A, 144A, FRN, 1.739%, 7/15/26 | Cayman Islands | 1,000,000 | 993,940 |
| B, 144A, FRN, 2.339%, 7/15/26 | United States | 400,000 | 393,988 |
| C, 144A, FRN, 3.289%, 7/15/26 | United States | 170,000 | 168,275 |
| eFHLMC Structured Agency Credit Risk Debt Notes, 2014-DN1, M2, FRN, 2.394%, 2/25/24 | United States | 2,300,000 | 2,318,376 |
| 2014-DN4, M2, FRN, 2.594%, 10/25/24 | United States | 2,400,000 | 2,419,300 |
| 2014-HQ2, M2, FRN, 2.394%, 9/25/24 | United States | 900,000 | 894,784 |
| 2015-DN1, M2, FRN, 2.594%, 1/25/25 | United States | 2,300,000 | 2,329,225 |
| 2015-HQ1, M2, FRN, 2.394%, 3/25/25 | United States | 900,000 | 900,792 |

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| Asset-Backed Securities and Commercial | | | |
| Mortgage-Backed Securities (continued) | | | |
| Diversified Financials (continued) | | | |
| eImpac Secured Assets Trust, 2007-2, FRN, 0.444%, 4/25/37 | United States | 465,145 | \$ 432,488 |
| c,eInvitation Homes Trust, 2015-SFR1, A, 144A, FRN, 1.657%, 3/17/32 | United States | 882,897 | 879,661 |
| eMortgageIT Trust, 2004-1, A2, FRN, 1.094%, 11/25/34 | United States | 547,442 | 526,979 |
| eOpteum Mortgage Acceptance Corp. Trust, 2005-4, 1APT, FRN, 0.504%, 11/25/35 | United States | 809,707 | 766,654 |
| e,iOption One Mortgage Loan Trust, 2003-6, M5, FRN, 5.144%, 11/25/33 | United States | 193,598 | 119,453 |
| eStructured Asset Investment Loan Trust, 2003-BC2, M3, FRN, 5.069%, 4/25/33 | United States | 13,987 | 7,202 |
| eStructured Asset Securities Corp., 2005-2XS, 2A2, FRN, 1.697%, 2/25/35 | United States | 497,522 | 481,116 |
| e,jTalisman 6 Finance, Reg S, FRN, 0.161%, 10/22/16 | Germany | 20,417 EUR | 22,561 |
| eThornburg Mortgage Securities Trust, 2005-1, A3, FRN, 2.236%, 4/25/45 | United States | 1,130,962 | 1,123,743 |
| c,eVoya CLO Ltd., 2013-1A, B, 144A, FRN, 3.189%, 4/15/24 | Cayman Islands | 180,000 | 179,134 |
| 2013-2A, B, 144A, FRN, 2.975%, 4/25/25 | United States | 1,000,000 | 982,440 |
| c,eWestchester CLO Ltd., 2007-1A, A1A, 144A, FRN, 0.525%, 8/01/22 | United States | 349,553 | 345,386 |
| | | | 25,429,523 |
| Total Asset-Backed Securities and Commercial | | | |
| Mortgage-Backed Securities (Cost \$49,731,455) | | | 49,937,140 |
| Mortgage-Backed Securities 29.3% | | | |
| eFederal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. (FHLMC) | | | |
| Adjustable Rate 0.1% | | | |
| FHLMC, 2.702%, 5/01/34 | United States | 273,142 | 288,499 |
| Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. (FHLMC) Fixed Rate 4.4% | | | |
| FHLMC Gold 15 Year, 5.00%, 12/01/23 | United States | 959,757 | 1,035,837 |
| FHLMC Gold 15 Year, 5.50%, 7/01/19 | United States | 22,886 | 24,315 |
| fFHLMC Gold 30 Year, 3.50%, 10/01/45 | United States | 2,000,000 | 2,082,031 |
| fFHLMC Gold 30 Year, 4.00%, 10/01/45 | United States | 9,000,000 | 9,582,891 |
| FHLMC Gold 30 Year, 6.00%, 7/01/28 - 11/01/36 | United States | 1,022,086 | 1,160,187 |
| FHLMC Gold 30 Year, 6.50%, 8/01/27 - 3/01/38 | United States | 561,277 | 643,812 |
| FHLMC Gold 30 Year, 7.00%, 9/01/27 | United States | 155,342 | 176,788 |
| FHLMC Gold 30 Year, 8.00%, 1/01/31 | United States | 21,343 | 22,778 |

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| FHLMC Gold 30 Year, 8.50%, 7/01/31 | United States | 469,380 | 573,169 |
| | | | 15,301,808 |
| eFederal National Mortgage Association (FNMA) | | | |
| Adjustable Rate 0.2% | | | |
| FNMA, 1.79% - 1.975%, 6/01/32 - 7/01/34 | United States | 725,221 | 769,872 |
| Federal National Mortgage Association (FNMA) Fixed Rate 20.6% | | | |
| FNMA 15 Year, 3.00%, 8/01/27 | United States | 18,983 | 19,866 |
| fFNMA 15 Year, 3.50%, 1/01/26 - 10/01/30 | United States | 495,614 | 523,765 |
| FNMA 15 Year, 5.50%, 7/01/20 | United States | 387,535 | 412,264 |
| FNMA 15 Year, 6.00%, 6/01/17 | United States | 4 | 4 |
| FNMA 15 Year, 6.50%, 7/01/20 | United States | 2,538 | 2,616 |
| fFNMA 30 Year, 3.50%, 10/01/45 | United States | 14,900,000 | 15,549,552 |
| fFNMA 30 Year, 4.00%, 10/01/45 | United States | 27,115,000 | 28,930,434 |
| fFNMA 30 Year, 4.50%, 10/01/45 | United States | 19,550,000 | 21,199,532 |
| FNMA 30 Year, 5.00%, 5/01/38 - 7/01/39 | United States | 799,424 | 881,133 |
| FNMA 30 Year, 5.50%, 6/01/37 | United States | 825,622 | 921,839 |
| FNMA 30 Year, 6.00%, 4/01/33 - 6/01/38 | United States | 1,619,258 | 1,836,622 |

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| Mortgage-Backed Securities (continued) | | | |
| Federal National Mortgage Association (FNMA) Fixed Rate | | | |
| (continued) | | | |
| FNMA 30 Year, 6.50%, 8/01/32 | United States | 204,186 \$ | 238,251 |
| FNMA 30 Year, 7.00%, 9/01/18 | United States | 34,589 | 36,347 |
| FNMA 30 Year, 8.00%, 10/01/29 | United States | 78,037 | 87,477 |
| FNMA 30 Year, 8.50%, 8/01/26 | United States | 181,572 | 197,477 |
| | | | 70,837,179 |
| Government National Mortgage Association (GNMA) | | | |
| Fixed Rate 4.0% | | | |
| GNMA I SF 30 Year, 6.50%, 6/15/31 - 12/15/33 | United States | 502,165 | 577,665 |
| fGNMA II SF 30 Year, 3.50%, 10/01/45 | United States | 12,400,000 | 12,996,240 |
| GNMA II SF 30 Year, 7.00%, 1/20/24 - 1/20/29 | United States | 59,902 | 68,654 |
| GNMA II SF 30 Year, 8.00%, 1/20/28 - 10/20/31 | United States | 150,450 | 185,803 |
| | | | 13,828,362 |
| | | | 101,025,720 |
| Total Mortgage-Backed Securities (Cost \$100,052,276) | | | |
| Municipal Bonds 1.0% | | | |
| Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District Wastewater System Revenue, Series B, 4.00%, 5/01/19 | United States | 1,000,000 | 1,113,220 |
| New York Thruway Authority General Junior Indebtedness Obligations Revenue, Series A, 5.00%, 5/01/19 | United States | 1,000,000 | 1,128,730 |
| Triborough Bridge and Tunnel Authority Revenues, Refunding, Sub Series D-1, 2.885%, 11/15/19 | United States | 1,000,000 | 1,041,910 |
| | | | 3,283,860 |
| Total Municipal Bonds (Cost \$3,181,130) | | | |
| | | Shares | |
| Litigation Trusts (Cost \$—) 0.0% | | | |
| Materials 0.0% | | | |
| a,kNewPage Corp., Litigation Trust | United States | 1,500,000 | — |
| Total Investments before Short Term Investments | | | |
| (Cost \$541,632,117) | | | |
| | | | 515,333,433 |
| Short Term Investments (Cost \$14,160,175) 4.1% | | | |
| Money Market Funds 4.1% | | | |

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| a,Institutional Fiduciary Trust Money Market Portfolio | United States | 14,160,175 | 14,160,175 |
| Total Investments (Cost \$555,792,292) 153.7% | | | 529,493,608 |
| Preferred Shares (26.1)% | | | (90,000,000) |
| Other Assets, less Liabilities (27.6)% | | | (94,947,200) |
| Net Assets 100.0% | | \$ | 344,546,408 |

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[‡]Rounds to less than 0.1% of net assets.

*The principal amount is stated in U.S. dollars unless otherwise indicated.

^aNon-income producing.

^bPerpetual security with no stated maturity date.

^cSecurity was purchased pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933 and may be sold in transactions exempt from registration only to qualified institutional buyers or in a public offering registered under the Securities Act of 1933. These securities have been deemed liquid under guidelines approved by the Trust's Board of Trustees.

At September 30, 2015, the aggregate value of these securities was \$90,228,154, representing 26.19% of net assets.

^dSee Note 8 regarding defaulted securities.

^eThe coupon rate shown represents the rate at period end.

^fA portion or all of the security purchased on a delayed delivery or to-be-announced (TBA) basis. See Note 1(c).

^gSee Note 1(f) regarding senior floating rate interests.

^hPrincipal amount is stated in 100 Mexican Peso Units.

ⁱThe bond pays interest and/or principal based upon the issuer's ability to pay, which may be less than the stated interest rate or principal paydown.

^jSecurity was purchased pursuant to Regulation S under the Securities Act of 1933, which exempts from registration securities offered and sold outside of the United States.

Such a security cannot be sold in the United States without either an effective registration statement filed pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, or pursuant to an exemption

from registration. This security has been deemed liquid under guidelines approved by the Trust's Board of Trustees. At September 30, 2015, the value of this security was

\$22,561, representing less than 0.01% of net assets.

^kSecurity has been deemed illiquid because it may not be able to be sold within seven days.

^lSee Note 4(c) regarding investments in Institutional Fiduciary Trust Money Market Portfolio.

At September 30 2015, the Fund had the following forward exchange contracts outstanding. See Note 1(d).

Forward Exchange Contracts

| Currency | Counterparty | Quantity | Contract Amount | Settlement Type | Settlement Date | Unrealized Appreciation | Unrealized Depreciation |
|--|--------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| OTC Forward Exchange Contracts | | | | | | | |
| Euro | JPHQ | Sell 105,568 | \$ 118,391 | | 10/22/15 | \$ 358 | — |
| Japanese Yen | DBAB | Sell 718,475,000 | 5,871,549 | | 12/17/15 | — | (130,120) |
| Japanese Yen | JPHQ | Sell 180,180,000 | 1,471,554 | | 12/17/15 | — | (33,552) |
| Japanese Yen | DBAB | Sell 300,710,000 | 2,454,606 | | 1/14/16 | — | (59,427) |
| Euro | DBAB | Sell 470,359 | 526,256 | | 2/22/16 | 1,096 | (2,077) |
| Japanese Yen | DBAB | Sell 817,693,750 | 6,790,435 | | 2/22/16 | — | (51,495) |
| Japanese Yen | HSBC | Sell 60,710,000 | 500,041 | | 2/22/16 | 63 | (8,004) |
| Japanese Yen | JPHQ | Sell 154,670,000 | 1,277,615 | | 2/22/16 | 205 | (16,769) |
| Totals Forward Exchange Contracts unrealized appreciation (depreciation) | | | | | | \$ 1,722 | \$ (301,444) |
| Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) | | | | | | \$ | (299,722) |

^aMay be comprised of multiple contracts with the same counterparty, currency and settlement date.

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See Abbreviations on page
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Statement of Assets and Liabilities

September 30, 2015 (unaudited)

Assets:

Investments in securities:

| | |
|---|----------------|
| Cost - Unaffiliated issuers | \$ 541,632,117 |
| Cost - Sweep Money Fund (Note 4c) | 14,160,175 |
| Total cost of investments | \$ 555,792,292 |
| Value - Unaffiliated issuers | \$ 515,333,433 |
| Value - Sweep Money Fund (Note 4c) | 14,160,175 |
| Total value of investments | 529,493,608 |
| Cash | 714,896 |
| Foreign currency, at value (cost \$504,448) | 507,169 |

Receivables:

| | |
|---|-------------|
| Investment securities sold | 1,610,734 |
| Interest | 4,708,199 |
| Due from brokers | 250,000 |
| Unrealized appreciation on OTC forward exchange contracts | 1,722 |
| Total assets | 537,286,328 |

Liabilities:

Payables:

| | |
|---|-------------|
| Investment securities purchased | 100,302,716 |
| Management fees | 304,894 |
| Distributions to common shareholders | 1,663,810 |
| Distributions to preferred shareholders | 5,703 |
| Trustees' fees and expenses | 1,533 |
| Unrealized depreciation on OTC forward exchange contracts | 301,444 |
| Accrued expenses and other liabilities | 159,820 |
| Total liabilities | 102,739,920 |

Preferred shares at redemption value [\$25,000 liquidation preference per share (3,600 shares outstanding)] (Note 3) 90,000,000

Net assets applicable to common shares \$ 344,546,408

Net assets applicable to common shares consist of:

| | |
|--|----------------|
| Paid-in capital | \$ 381,377,452 |
| Distributions in excess of net investment income | (761,409) |
| Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) | (26,599,848) |
| Accumulated net realized gain (loss) | (9,469,787) |

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| | | |
|--|----|-------------|
| Net assets applicable to common shares | \$ | 344,546,408 |
| Common shares outstanding | | 26,835,650 |
| Net asset value per common share | \$ | 12.84 |

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for the six months ended September 30, 2015 (unaudited)

| | | |
|---|----|--------------|
| Investment income: | | |
| Interest | \$ | 11,927,902 |
| Expenses: | | |
| Management fees (Note 4a) | | 1,910,129 |
| Transfer agent fees | | 35,842 |
| Custodian fees (Note 5) | | 3,929 |
| Reports to shareholders | | 19,417 |
| Registration and filing fees | | 12,396 |
| Professional fees | | 54,301 |
| Trustees' fees and expenses | | 11,790 |
| Auction agent fees and expenses | | 22,461 |
| Other | | 46,907 |
| Total expenses | | 2,117,172 |
| Expense reductions (Note 5) | | (99) |
| Expenses waived/paid by affiliates (Note 4c) | | (6,899) |
| Net expenses | | 2,110,174 |
| Net investment income | | 9,817,728 |
| Realized and unrealized gains (losses): | | |
| Net realized gain (loss) from: | | |
| Investments | | (1,928,737) |
| Foreign currency transactions | | 941,859 |
| Net realized gain (loss) | | (986,878) |
| Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on: | | |
| Investments | | (24,614,452) |
| Translation of other assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies | | (1,022,480) |
| Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) | | (25,636,932) |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) | | (26,623,810) |
| Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations | | (16,806,082) |
| Distributions to preferred shareholders from net investment income | | (744,678) |
| Net increase (decrease) in net assets applicable to common shares resulting from operations | \$ | (17,550,760) |

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Statements of Changes in Net Assets

| | Six Months Ended | | Year Ended |
|--|---------------------------|----|-------------------|
| | September 30, 2015 | | March 31, |
| | (unaudited) | | 2015 |
| Increase (decrease) in net assets: | | | |
| Operations: | | | |
| Net investment income | \$ 9,817,728 | \$ | 19,540,354 |
| Net realized gain (loss) | (986,878) | | 7,507,838 |
| Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) | (25,636,932) | | (16,698,840) |
| Distributions to preferred shareholders from net investment income | (744,678) | | (1,491,134) |
| Net increase (decrease) in net assets applicable to common shares resulting from operations | (17,550,760) | | 8,858,218 |
| Distributions to common shareholders from net investment income | (9,982,861) | | (22,166,247) |
| Net increase (decrease) in net assets | (27,533,621) | | (13,308,029) |
| Net assets applicable to common shares: | | | |
| Beginning of period | 372,080,029 | | 385,388,058 |
| End of period | \$ 344,546,408 | \$ | 372,080,029 |
| Undistributed net investment income (distributions in excess of net investment income) included in net assets: | | | |
| End of period | \$ (761,409) | \$ | 148,402 |

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Notes to Financial Statements (unaudited)

1. Organization and Significant Accounting Policies

Franklin Limited Duration Income Trust (Fund) is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (1940 Act) as a closed-end management investment company and applies the specialized accounting and reporting guidance in U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (U.S. GAAP).

The following summarizes the Fund's significant accounting policies.

a. Financial Instrument Valuation

The Fund's investments in financial instruments are carried at fair value daily. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date. The Fund calculates the net asset value (NAV) per share as of 4 p.m. Eastern time each day the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) is open for trading. Under compliance policies and procedures approved by the Fund's Board of Trustees (the Board), the Fund's administrator has responsibility for oversight of valuation, including leading the cross-functional Valuation and Liquidity Oversight Committee (VLOC). The VLOC provides administration and oversight of the Fund's valuation policies and procedures, which are approved annually by the Board. Among other things, these procedures allow the Fund to utilize independent pricing services, quotations from securities and financial instrument dealers, and other market sources to determine fair value.

Equity securities listed on an exchange or on the NASDAQ National Market System are valued at the last quoted sale price or the official closing price of the day, respectively. Foreign equity securities are valued as of the close of trading on the foreign stock exchange on which the security is primarily traded or as of the NYSE close, whichever is earlier. The value is then converted into its U.S. dollar equivalent at the foreign exchange rate in effect at the NYSE close on the day that the value of the security is determined. Over-the-counter (OTC) securities are valued within the range of the most recent quoted bid and ask prices. Securities that trade in multiple markets or on multiple exchanges are valued according to the broadest and most representative market. Certain equity securities are valued based upon fundamental characteristics or relationships to similar securities.

Debt securities generally trade in the OTC market rather than on a securities exchange. The Fund's pricing services use multiple valuation techniques to determine fair value. In instances where sufficient market activity exists, the pricing services may utilize a market-based approach through which quotes from market makers are used to determine fair value. In instances where sufficient market activity may not exist or is limited, the pricing services also utilize proprietary valuation models which may consider market characteristics such as benchmark yield curves, credit spreads, estimated default rates, anticipated market interest rate volatility, coupon rates, anticipated timing of principal repayments, underlying collateral, and other unique security features in order to estimate the relevant cash flows, which are then discounted to calculate the fair value. Securities denominated in a foreign currency are converted into their U.S. dollar equivalent at the foreign exchange rate in effect at the NYSE close on the date that the values of the foreign debt securities are determined.

Investments in open-end mutual funds are valued at the closing NAV.

Certain derivative financial instruments (derivatives) trade in the OTC market. The Fund's pricing services use various techniques including industry standard option pricing models and proprietary discounted cash flow models to determine the fair value of those instruments. The Fund's net benefit or obligation under the derivative contract, as measured by the fair value of the contract, is included in net assets.

The Fund has procedures to determine the fair value of financial instruments for which market prices are not reliable or readily available. Under these procedures, the VLOC convenes on a regular basis to review such financial instruments and considers a number of factors, including significant unobservable valuation inputs, when arriving at fair value. The VLOC primarily employs a market-based approach which may use related or comparable assets or liabilities, recent transactions, market multiples, book values, and other relevant information for the investment to determine the fair value of the investment. An income-based valuation approach may also be used in which the anticipated future cash flows of the investment are discounted to calculate fair value. Discounts may also be applied due to the nature or duration of any restrictions on the disposition of the investments. Due to the inherent uncertainty of valuations of such investments, the fair values may differ significantly from the values that would have been used had

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1. Organization and Significant Accounting

Policies (continued)

a. Financial Instrument Valuation (continued)

an active market existed. The VLOC employs various methods for calibrating these valuation approaches including a regular review of key inputs and assumptions, transactional back-testing or disposition analysis, and reviews of any related market activity.

Trading in securities on foreign securities stock exchanges and OTC markets may be completed before the daily NYSE close. In addition, trading in certain foreign markets may not take place on every NYSE business day. Occasionally, events occur between the time at which trading in a foreign security is completed and the close of the NYSE that might call into question the reliability of the value of a portfolio security held by the Fund. As a result, differences may arise between the value of the Fund's portfolio securities as determined at the foreign market close and the latest indications of value at the close of the NYSE. In order to minimize the potential for these differences, the VLOC monitors price movements following the close of trading in foreign stock markets through a series of country specific market proxies (such as baskets of American Depositary Receipts, futures contracts and exchange traded funds). These price movements are measured against established trigger thresholds for each specific market proxy to assist in determining if an event has occurred that may call into question the reliability of the values of the foreign securities held by the Fund. If such an event occurs, the securities may be valued using fair value procedures, which may include the use of independent pricing services.

When the last day of the reporting period is a non-business day, certain foreign markets may be open on those days that the NYSE is closed, which could result in differences between the value of the Fund's portfolio securities on the last business day and the last calendar day of the reporting period. Any significant security valuation changes due to an open foreign market are adjusted and reflected by the Fund for financial reporting purposes.

b. Foreign Currency Translation

Portfolio securities and other assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into U.S. dollars based on the exchange rate of such currencies against U.S. dollars on the date of valuation. The Fund may enter into foreign currency exchange contracts to facilitate transactions denominated in a foreign currency. Purchases and sales of securities, income and expense items denominated in foreign currencies are translated into U.S. dollars at the exchange rate in effect on the transaction date. Portfolio securities and assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies contain risks that those currencies will decline in value relative to the U.S. dollar. Occasionally, events may impact the availability or reliability of foreign exchange rates used to convert the U.S. dollar equivalent value. If such an event occurs, the foreign exchange rate will be valued at fair value using procedures established and approved by the Board.

The Fund does not separately report the effect of changes in foreign exchange rates from changes in market prices on securities held. Such changes are included in net realized and unrealized gain or loss from investments in the Statement of Operations.

Realized foreign exchange gains or losses arise from sales of foreign currencies, currency gains or losses realized between the trade and settlement dates on securities transactions and the difference between the recorded amounts of dividends, interest, and foreign withholding taxes and the U.S. dollar equivalent of the amounts actually received or paid. Net unrealized foreign exchange gains and losses arise from changes in foreign exchange rates on foreign denominated assets and liabilities other than investments in securities held at the end of the reporting period.

c. Securities Purchased on a Delayed Delivery and TBA Basis

The Fund purchases securities on a delayed delivery and to-be-announced (TBA) basis, with payment and delivery scheduled for a future date. These transactions are subject to market fluctuations and are subject to the risk that the value at delivery may be more or less than the trade date purchase price. Although the Fund will generally purchase these securities with the intention of holding the securities, it may sell the securities before the settlement date. Sufficient assets have been segregated for these securities and collateral has been pledged and/or received for open TBA trades.

d. Derivative Financial Instruments

The Fund invested in derivatives in order to manage risk or gain exposure to various other investments or markets. Derivatives are financial contracts based on an underlying or notional amount, require no initial investment or an initial net investment that is smaller than would normally be required to have a similar response to changes in market factors, and require or permit net settlement. Derivatives contain various risks including the potential inability of the counterparty to fulfill their obligations under the terms of the contract, the potential for an illiquid secondary market, and/or the potential

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for market movements which expose the Fund to gains or losses in excess of the amounts shown in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. Realized gain and loss and unrealized appreciation and depreciation on these contracts for the period are included in the Statement of Operations.

Derivative counterparty credit risk is managed through a formal evaluation of the creditworthiness of all potential counterparties. The Fund attempts to reduce its exposure to counterparty credit risk on OTC derivatives, whenever possible, by entering into International Swaps and Derivatives Association (ISDA) master agreements with certain counterparties. These agreements contain various provisions, including but not limited to collateral requirements, events of default, or early termination. Termination events applicable to the counterparty include certain deteriorations in the credit quality of the counterparty. Termination events applicable to the Fund include failure of the Fund to maintain certain net asset levels and/or limit the decline in net assets over various periods of time. In the event of default or early termination, the ISDA master agreement gives the non-defaulting party the right to net and close-out all transactions traded, whether or not arising under the ISDA agreement, to one net amount payable by one counterparty to the other. However, absent an event of default or early termination, OTC derivative assets and liabilities are presented gross and not offset in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. Early termination by the counterparty may result in an immediate payment by the Fund of any net liability owed to that counterparty under the ISDA agreement. At September 30, 2015, the Fund had OTC derivatives in a net liability position of \$299,722 and the aggregate value of collateral pledged for such contracts was \$250,000.

Collateral requirements differ by type of derivative. Collateral terms are contract specific for OTC derivatives. For OTC derivatives traded under an ISDA master agreement, posting of collateral is required by either the Fund or the applicable counterparty if the total net exposure of all OTC derivatives with the applicable counterparty exceeds the minimum transfer amount, which typically ranges from \$100,000 to \$250,000, and can vary depending on the counterparty and the type of the agreement. Generally, collateral is determined at the close of Fund business each day and any additional collateral required due to changes in derivative values may be delivered by the Fund or the counterparty within a few business days. Collateral pledged and/or received by the Fund, if any, is held in segregated accounts with the Fund's custodian/counterparty broker and can be in the form of cash and/or securities. Unrestricted cash may be invested according to the Fund's investment objectives.

The Fund entered into OTC forward exchange contracts primarily to manage and/or gain exposure to certain foreign currencies. A forward exchange contract is an agreement between the Fund and a counterparty to buy or sell a foreign currency at a specific exchange rate on a future date.

See Note 9 regarding other derivative information.

e. Mortgage Dollar Rolls

The Fund enters into mortgage dollar rolls, typically on a TBA basis. Mortgage dollar rolls are agreements between the Fund and a financial institution to simultaneously sell and repurchase mortgage-backed securities at a future date. Gains or losses are realized on the initial sale, and the difference between the repurchase price and the sale price is recorded as an unrealized gain or loss to the Fund upon entering into the mortgage dollar roll. In addition, the Fund may invest the cash proceeds that are received from the initial sale. During the period between the sale and repurchase, the Fund is not entitled to principal and interest paid on the mortgage backed securities. The risks of mortgage dollar roll transactions include the potential inability of the counterparty to fulfill its obligations.

The Fund is investing in mortgage dollar rolls as an alternate form of leverage. As a result, the mortgage dollar rolls are considered indebtedness or a senior security for purposes of the asset coverage requirements under the 1940 Act.

f. Senior Floating Rate Interests

The Fund invests in senior secured corporate loans that pay interest at rates which are periodically reset by reference to a base lending rate plus a spread. These base lending rates are generally the prime rate offered by a designated U.S. bank or the London InterBank Offered Rate (LIBOR). Senior secured corporate loans often require prepayment of principal from excess cash flows or at the discretion of the borrower. As a result, actual maturity may be substantially less than the stated maturity. Senior secured corporate loans in which the Fund invests are generally readily marketable, but may be subject to certain restrictions on resale.

g. Income and Deferred Taxes

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It is the Fund's policy to qualify as a regulated investment company under the Internal Revenue Code. The Fund intends to distribute to shareholders substantially all of its taxable income and net realized gains to relieve it from federal income and excise taxes. As a result, no provision for U.S. federal income taxes is required.

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1. Organization and Significant Accounting

Policies (continued)

g. Income and Deferred Taxes (continued)

The Fund may be subject to foreign taxation related to income received, capital gains on the sale of securities and certain foreign currency transactions in the foreign jurisdictions in which it invests. Foreign taxes, if any, are recorded based on the tax regulations and rates that exist in the foreign markets in which the Fund invests. When a capital gain tax is determined to apply, the Fund records an estimated deferred tax liability in an amount that would be payable if the securities were disposed of on the valuation date.

The Fund recognizes the tax benefits of uncertain tax positions only when the position is “more likely than not” to be sustained upon examination by the tax authorities based on the technical merits of the tax position. As of September 30, 2015, and for all open tax years, the Fund has determined that no liability for unrecognized tax benefits is required in the Fund’s financial statements related to uncertain tax positions taken on a tax return (or expected to be taken on future tax returns). Open tax years are those that remain subject to examination and are based on each tax jurisdiction’s statute of limitation.

h. Security Transactions, Investment Income, Expenses and Distributions

Security transactions are accounted for on trade date. Realized gains and losses on security transactions are determined on a specific identification basis. Interest income and estimated expenses are accrued daily. Amortization of premium and accretion of discount on debt securities are included in interest income. Paydown gains and losses are recorded as an adjustment to interest income. Facility fees are recognized as income over the expected term of the loan. Distributions to shareholders are recorded on the ex-dividend date and are determined according to income tax regulations (tax basis). Distributable earnings determined on a tax basis may differ from earnings recorded in accordance with U.S. GAAP. These differences may be permanent or temporary. Permanent differences are reclassified among capital accounts to reflect their tax character. These reclassifications have no impact on net assets or the results of operations. Temporary differences are not reclassified, as they may reverse in subsequent periods.

i. Accounting Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the amounts of income and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

j. Guarantees and Indemnifications

Under the Trust’s organizational documents, its officers and trustees are indemnified by the Trust against certain liabilities arising out of the performance of their duties to the Trust. Additionally, in the normal course of business, the Fund, enters into contracts with service providers that contain general indemnification clauses. The Trust’s maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown as this would involve future claims that may be made against the Fund that have not yet occurred. Currently, the Trust expects the risk of loss to be remote.

2. Shares of Beneficial Interest

At September 30, 2015, there were an unlimited number of shares authorized (without par value).

During the period ended September 30, 2015, there were no shares issued; all reinvested distributions were satisfied with previously issued shares purchased in the open market.

3. Auction Rate Preferred Shares

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The Fund has outstanding 1,200 Preferred Shares Series M, 1,200 Preferred Shares Series W and 1,200 Preferred Shares Series F, each with a \$25,000 liquidation preference totaling \$90,000,000. Preferred Shares are senior to common shares and the Fund will not declare or pay any dividend on the common shares unless the Fund has declared or paid full cumulative dividends on the Preferred Shares through the most recent dividend date. Dividends to preferred shareholders are cumulative and are declared weekly, at rates established through an auction process. The weekly auctions for Series M, W and F have all failed during the period ended September 30, 2015; consequently, the dividend rate paid on the Preferred Shares has moved to the maximum rate as defined in the prospectus. During the period ended September 30, 2015, the dividends on Preferred Shares ranged from 1.641% to 1.665%.

The Fund is required to maintain, on a weekly basis, a specified discounted value of its portfolio in compliance with guidelines established by Fitch Ratings and Moody's Investor Services Inc., and is required to maintain asset coverage for the Preferred Shares of at least 200%.

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The Preferred Shares are redeemable by the Fund at any time and are subject to mandatory redemption if the asset coverage or discounted value requirements are not met. During the period ended September 30, 2015, all requirements were met.

4. Transactions with Affiliates

Franklin Resources, Inc. is the holding company for various subsidiaries that together are referred to as Franklin Templeton Investments. Certain officers and trustees of the Fund are also officers, and/or directors of the following subsidiaries:

| Subsidiary | Affiliation |
|--|------------------------|
| Franklin Advisers, Inc. (Advisers) | Investment manager |
| Franklin Templeton Services, LLC (FT Services) | Administrative manager |

a. Management Fees

The Fund pays an investment management fee to Advisers of 0.70% per year of the average daily managed assets. Managed assets are defined as the Fund's gross asset value minus the sum of accrued liabilities, other than the liquidation value of the Preferred Shares and other financial leverage.

b. Administrative Fees

Under an agreement with Advisers, FT Services provides administrative services to the Fund. The fee is paid by Advisers based on the Fund's average daily managed assets, and is not an additional expense of the Fund.

c. Investment in Institutional Fiduciary Trust Money Market Portfolio

The Fund invests in Institutional Fiduciary Trust Money Market Portfolio (Sweep Money Fund), an affiliated open-end management investment company. Management fees paid by the Fund are waived on assets invested in the Sweep Money Fund, as noted in the Statement of Operations, in an amount not to exceed the management and administrative fees paid directly or indirectly by the Sweep Money Fund. Prior to April 1, 2013, the waiver was accounted for as a reduction to management fees.

5. Expense Offset Arrangement

The Fund has entered into an arrangement with its custodian whereby credits realized as a result of uninvested cash balances are used to reduce a portion of the Fund's custodian expenses. During the period ended September 30, 2015, the custodian fees were reduced as noted in the Statement of Operations.

6. Income Taxes

For tax purposes, capital losses may be carried over to offset future capital gains. Capital loss carryforwards with no expiration, if any, must be fully utilized before those losses with expiration dates.

At March 31, 2015, the Fund had capital loss carryforwards of \$8,480,888 expiring in 2018.

At September 30, 2015, the cost of investments and net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) for income tax purposes were as follows:

| | | |
|---------------------|----|-------------|
| Cost of investments | \$ | 556,340,684 |
|---------------------|----|-------------|

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| | | |
|--|----|---------------|
| Unrealized appreciation | \$ | 4,489,560 |
| Unrealized depreciation | | (31,336,636) |
| Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) | \$ | (26,847,076) |

Differences between income and/or capital gains as determined on a book basis and a tax basis are primarily due to differing treatments of foreign currency transactions, mortgage dollar rolls, paydown losses and bond discounts and premiums.

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7. Investment Transactions

Purchases and sales of investments (excluding short term securities) for the period ended September 30, 2015, aggregated \$797,616,224 and \$794,784,409, respectively.

8. Credit Risk and Defaulted Securities

At September 30, 2015, the Fund had 72.16% of its portfolio invested in high yield, senior secured floating rate notes, or other securities rated below investment grade. These securities may be more sensitive to economic conditions causing greater price volatility and are potentially subject to a greater risk of loss due to default than higher rated securities.

The Fund held defaulted securities and/or other securities for which the income has been deemed uncollectible. At September 30, 2015, the aggregate value of these securities was \$2,363,000, representing 0.69% of the Fund's net assets. The Fund discontinues accruing income on securities for which income has been deemed uncollectible and provides an estimate for losses on interest receivable. The securities have been identified in the accompanying Statement of Investments.

9. Other Derivative Information

At September 30, 2015, the Fund's investments in derivative contracts are reflected in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities as follows:

| | Asset Derivatives | | Liability Derivatives |
|-----------------------------|--|-------------------|--|
| Derivative Contracts | | | |
| Not Accounted for as | Statement of Assets and | | Statement of Assets and |
| Hedging Instruments | Liabilities Location | Fair Value | Liabilities Location |
| | | | Fair Value |
| Foreign exchange contracts | Unrealized appreciation on OTC forward exchange contracts | \$ 1,722 | Unrealized depreciation on OTC forward exchange contracts |
| | | | \$301,444 |

For the period ended September 30, 2015, the effect of derivative contracts in the Fund's Statement of Operations was as follows:

| | | Net | Net Change |
|-----------------------------|---|-----------------------|--|
| Derivative Contracts | | Realized | in Unrealized |
| Not Accounted for as | Statement of | Gain (Loss) | Appreciation |
| Hedging Instruments | Operations Location | for the Period | for the Period |
| Foreign exchange contracts | Net realized gain (loss) from: Foreign currency transactions | \$ 953,550 a | Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on: Translation of other assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies |
| | | | \$ (1,038,701)a |

aForward exchange contracts are included in net realized gain (loss) from foreign currency transactions and net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on translation of other assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies in the Statement of Operations.

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For the period ended September 30, 2015, the average month end fair value of derivatives represented 0.16% of average month end net assets. The average month end number of open derivative contracts for the period was 18.

See Note 1(d) regarding derivative financial instruments.

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10. Fair Value Measurements

The Fund follows a fair value hierarchy that distinguishes between market data obtained from independent sources (observable inputs) and the Fund's own market assumptions (unobservable inputs). These inputs are used in determining the value of the Fund's financial instruments and are summarized in the following fair value hierarchy:

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

The input levels are not necessarily an indication of the risk or liquidity associated with financial instruments at that level.

For movements between the levels within the fair value hierarchy, the Fund has adopted a policy of recognizing the transfers as of the date of the underlying event which caused the movement.

A summary of inputs used as of September 30, 2015, in valuing the Fund's assets and liabilities carried at fair value, is as follows:

| | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Total |
|---|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Assets: | | | | |
| Investments in Securities: | | | | |
| Equity Investments: ^a | | | | |
| Transportation | \$ — | \$ — | \$ 217,884 | \$ 217,884 |
| All Other Equity Investments ^b | 679 | — | — | 679 |
| Corporate Bonds | — | 171,301,941 | — | 171,301,941 |
| Senior Floating Rate Interests | — | 183,605,686 | — | 183,605,686 |
| Foreign Government and Agency Securities | — | 5,960,523 | — | 5,960,523 |
| Asset-Backed Securities and Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities | | | | |
| Securities | — | 49,937,140 | — | 49,937,140 |
| Mortgage-Backed Securities | — | 101,025,720 | — | 101,025,720 |
| Municipal Bonds | — | 3,283,860 | — | 3,283,860 |
| Litigation Trusts | — | — | — ^c | — |
| Short Term Investments | 14,160,175 | — | — | 14,160,175 |
| Total Investments in Securities | \$ 14,160,854 | \$ 515,114,870 | \$ 217,884 | \$ 529,493,608 |
| Other Financial Instruments | | | | |
| Forward Exchange Contracts | \$ — | \$ 1,722 | \$ — | \$ 1,722 |
| Liabilities: | | | | |
| Other Financial Instruments | | | | |
| Forward Exchange Contracts | \$ — | \$ 301,444 | \$ — | \$ 301,444 |

^aIncludes common and convertible preferred stocks.

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bFor detailed categories, see the accompanying Statement of Investments.

cIncludes securities determined to have no value at September 30, 2015.

A reconciliation of assets in which Level 3 inputs are used in determining fair value is presented when there are significant Level 3 financial instruments at the end of the period.

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11. Subsequent Events

The Fund has evaluated subsequent events through the issuance of the financial statements and determined that no events have occurred that require disclosure.

Abbreviations

Counterparty

DBAB Deutsche Bank AG
HSBC HSBC Bank USA, N.A.
JPHQ JP Morgan Chase & Co.

Currency

EUR Euro
KRW South Korean Won
MXN Mexican Peso
MYR Malaysian Ringgit
PLN Polish Zloty

Selected Portfolio

CDO Collateralized Debt Obligation
CLO Collateralized Loan Obligation
FRN Floating Rate Note
SF Single Family

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Annual Meeting of Shareholders

September 17, 2015

At an Annual Meeting of Shareholders of the Fund held on September 17, 2015, shareholders elected the following persons as Trustees of the Fund to hold office for a three year term, set to expire at the 2018 Annual Meeting of Shareholders. These terms continue, however, until their successors are duly elected and qualified or until a Trustee's resignation, retirement, death or removal, whichever is earlier.

The results of the voting are as follows:

| Trustees | Common & | % of | Withheld or | % of |
|-------------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|---------|
| | Preferred | Outstanding | | % of |
| | Shares For | Shares | Abstain | Shares |
| J. Michael Luttig | 21,028,798.00 | 78.35 % | 2,899,372.00 | 10.80 % |
| Frank A. Olson | 20,998,585.00 | 78.24 % | 2,929,585.00 | 10.92 % |

| Trustee | Preferred | % of | Withheld or | % of |
|--------------------|------------|---------|-------------|--------|
| | Shares For | Shares | | % of |
| | Shares For | Shares | Abstain | Shares |
| Gregory E. Johnson | 2,572.00 | 71.44 % | 43.00 | 1.19 % |

Note: Harris J. Ashton, Mary Choksi, Edith E. Holiday, Rupert H. Johnson, Larry D. Thompson and John B. Wilson are Trustees of the Fund who are currently serving and whose terms of office continued after the meeting.

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Dividend Reinvestment Plan

The Fund's Dividend Reinvestment Plan (Plan) offers you a prompt and simple way to reinvest dividends and capital gain distributions (Distributions) in shares of the Fund. American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC (Plan Agent), P.O. Box 922, Wall Street Station, New York, NY 10269-0560, acts as your Plan Agent in administering the Plan. The Agent will open an account for you under the Plan in the same name as your outstanding shares are registered.

You are automatically enrolled in the Plan unless you elect to receive Distributions in cash. If you own shares in your own name, you should notify the Agent, in writing, if you wish to receive Distributions in cash.

If the Fund declares a Distribution, you, as a participant in the Plan, will automatically receive an equivalent amount of shares of the Fund purchased on your behalf by the Agent.

If on the payment date for a Distribution, the net asset value per share is equal to or less than the market price per share plus estimated brokerage commissions, the Agent shall receive newly issued shares, including fractions, from the Fund for your account. The number of additional shares to be credited shall be determined by dividing the dollar amount of the Distribution by the greater of the net asset value per share on the payment date, or 95% of the then current market price per share.

If the net asset value per share exceeds the market price plus estimated brokerage commissions on the payment date for a Distribution, the Agent (or a broker-dealer selected by the Agent) shall try, for a purchase period of 30 days, to apply the amount of such Distribution on your shares (less your pro rata share of brokerage commissions incurred) to purchase shares on the open market. The weighted average price (including brokerage commissions) of all shares it purchases shall be your allocated price per share. If, before the Agent has completed its purchases, the market price plus estimated brokerage commissions exceeds the net asset value of the shares as of the payment date, the purchase price the Agent paid may exceed the net asset value of the shares, resulting in the acquisition of fewer shares than if such Distribution had been paid in shares issued by the Fund. Participants should note that they will not be able to instruct the Agent to purchase shares at a specific time or at a specific price. The Agent may make open-market purchases on any securities exchange where shares are traded, in the over-the-counter market or in negotiated transactions, and may be on such terms as to price, delivery and otherwise as the Agent shall determine.

The market price of shares on a particular date shall be the last sales price on NYSE MKT, or, if there is no sale on the exchange on that date, then the mean between the closing bid and asked quotations on the exchange on such date. The net asset value per share on a particular date shall be the amount most recently calculated by or on behalf of the Fund as required by law.

The Agent shall at all times act in good faith and agree to use its best efforts within reasonable limits to ensure the accuracy of all services performed under this agreement and to comply with applicable law, but assumes no responsibility and shall not be liable for loss or damage due to errors unless such error is caused by the Agent's negligence, bad faith, or willful misconduct or that of its employees. Your uninvested funds held by the Agent will not bear interest. The Agent shall have no responsibility for the value of shares acquired. For the purpose of cash investments, the Agent may commingle your funds with those of other participants in the same Fund.

There is no direct charge to participants for reinvesting Distributions, since the Agent's fees are paid by the Fund. However, when shares are purchased in the open market, each participant will pay a pro rata portion of any brokerage commissions incurred. If you elect by notice to the Agent to have it sell part or all of your shares and remit the proceeds, the Agent will deduct brokerage commissions from the proceeds.

The automatic reinvestment of Distributions does not relieve you of any taxes that may be payable on Distributions. In connection with the reinvestment of Distributions, shareholders generally will be treated as having received a Distribution equal to the cash Distribution that would have been paid.

The Agent will forward to you any proxy solicitation material and will vote any shares so held for you first in accordance with the instructions set forth on proxies you return to the Fund, and then with respect to any proxies you do not return to the Fund in the same portion as the Agent votes proxies the participants return to the Fund.

As long as you participate in the Plan, the Agent will hold the shares it has acquired for you in safekeeping, in its name or in

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the name of its nominee. This convenience provides added protection against loss, theft or inadvertent destruction of certificates. However, you may request that a certificate representing your Plan shares be issued to you. Upon your written request, the Agent will deliver to you, without charge, a certificate or certificates for the full shares. The Agent will send you a confirmation of each acquisition made for your account as soon as practicable, but not later than 60 days after the acquisition date. Although from time to time you may have an undivided fractional interest in a share of the Fund, no certificates for a fractional share will be issued. Distributions on fractional shares will be credited to your account. If you terminate your account under the Plan, the Agent will adjust for any such undivided fractional interest in cash at the market value of shares at the time of termination.

You may withdraw from the Plan at any time, without penalty, by notifying the Agent in writing at the address above or by telephone at (800) 416-5585. Such termination will be effective with respect to a Distribution if the Agent receives your notice prior to the Distribution record date. The Agent or the Fund may terminate the Plan upon notice to you in writing mailed at least 30 days prior to any record date for the payment of any Distribution. Upon any termination, the Agent will issue, without charge, stock certificates for all full shares you own and will convert any fractional shares you hold at the time of termination to cash at current market price and send you a check for the proceeds.

The Fund or the Agent may amend the Plan. You will receive written notice at least 30 days before the effective date of any amendment.

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Shareholder Information

Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures

The Fund's investment manager has established Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures (Policies) that the Fund uses to determine how to vote proxies relating to portfolio securities. Shareholders may view the Fund's complete Policies online at franklintempleton.com. Alternatively, shareholders may request copies of the Policies free of charge by calling the Proxy Group collect at (954) 527-7678 or by sending a written request to: Franklin Templeton Companies, LLC, 300 S.E. 2nd Street, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301, Attention: Proxy Group. Copies of the Fund's proxy voting records are also made available online at franklintempleton.com and posted on the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission's website at sec.gov and reflect the most recent 12-month period ended June 30.

Quarterly Statement of Investments

The Fund files a complete statement of investments with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission for the first and third quarters for each fiscal year on Form N-Q. Shareholders may view the filed Form N-Q by visiting the Commission's website at sec.gov. The filed form may also be viewed and copied at the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. Information regarding the operations of the Public Reference Room may be obtained by calling (800) SEC-0330.

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Item 2. Code of Ethics.

(a) The Registrant has adopted a code of ethics that applies to its principal executive officers and principal financial and accounting officer.

(c) N/A

(d) N/A

(f) Pursuant to Item 12(a)(1), the Registrant is attaching as an exhibit a copy of its code of ethics that applies to its principal executive officers and principal financial and accounting officer.

Item 3. Audit Committee Financial Expert.

(a)(1) The Registrant has an audit committee financial expert serving on its audit committee.

(2) The audit committee financial expert is John B. Wilson and he is "independent" as defined under the relevant Securities and Exchange Commission Rules and Releases.

Item 4. Principal Accountant Fees and Services. N/A

Item 5. Audit Committee of Listed Registrants.

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Members of the Audit Committee are: Mary C. Choksi, Michael Luttig, Larry D. Thompson and John B. Wilson.

Item 6. Schedule of Investments.

N/A

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

The board of trustees of the Fund has delegated the authority to vote proxies related to the portfolio securities held by the Fund to the Fund's investment manager Franklin Advisers, Inc. in accordance with the Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures (Policies) adopted by the investment manager.

The investment manager has delegated its administrative duties with respect to the voting of proxies for equity securities to the Proxy Group within Franklin Templeton Companies, LLC (Proxy Group), an affiliate and wholly owned subsidiary of Franklin Resources, Inc. All proxies received by the Proxy Group will be voted based upon the investment manager's instructions and/or policies. The investment manager votes proxies solely in the best interests of the Fund and its shareholders.

To assist it in analyzing proxies, the investment manager subscribes to Institutional Shareholder Services, Inc. (ISS), an unaffiliated third-party corporate governance research service that provides in-depth analyses of shareholder meeting agendas, vote recommendations, vote execution services, ballot reconciliation services, recordkeeping and vote disclosure services. In addition, the investment manager subscribes to Glass, Lewis & Co., LLC (Glass Lewis), an unaffiliated third-party analytical research firm, to receive analyses and vote recommendations on the shareholder meetings of publicly held U.S. companies, as well as a limited subscription to its international research. Also, the investment manager has a supplemental subscription to Egan Jones Proxy Services (Egan Jones), an unaffiliated third party proxy advisory firm, to receive analyses and vote recommendations. Although analyses provided by ISS, Glass Lewis, Egan Jones, or another independent third party proxy service provider (each a "Proxy Service") are thoroughly reviewed and considered in making a final voting decision, the investment manager does not consider recommendations from a Proxy Service or any third party to be determinative of the investment manager's ultimate decision. Rather, the investment manager exercises its independent judgment in making voting decisions. As a matter of policy, the officers, directors/trustees and employees of the investment manager and the Proxy Group will not be influenced

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by outside sources whose interests conflict with the interests of the Fund and its shareholders. Efforts are made to resolve all conflicts in the best interests of the investment manager's clients. Material conflicts of interest are identified by the Proxy Group based upon analyses of client, distributor, broker-dealer and vendor lists, information periodically gathered from directors and officers, and information derived from other sources, including public filings. In situations where a material conflict of interest is identified, the Proxy Group may vote consistent with the voting recommendation of a Proxy Service; or send the proxy directly to the Fund's board or a committee of the board with the investment manager's recommendation regarding the vote for approval.

Where a material conflict of interest has been identified, but the items on which the investment manager's vote recommendations differ from a Proxy Service and relate specifically to (1) shareholder proposals regarding social or environmental issues, (2) "Other Business" without describing the matters that might be considered, or (3) items the investment manager wishes to vote in opposition to the recommendations of an issuer's management, the Proxy Group may defer to the vote recommendations of the investment manager rather than sending the proxy directly to the Fund's board or a board committee for approval.

To avoid certain potential conflicts of interest, the investment manager will employ echo voting, if possible, in the following instances: (1) when the Fund invests in an underlying fund in reliance on any one of Sections 12(d) (1) (E), (F), or (G) of the 1940 Act, the rules thereunder, or pursuant to a SEC exemptive order thereunder; (2) when the Fund invests uninvested cash in affiliated money market funds pursuant to the rules under the 1940 Act or any exemptive orders thereunder ("cash sweep arrangement"); or (3) when required pursuant to the Fund's governing documents or applicable law. Echo voting means that the investment manager will vote the shares in the same proportion as the vote of all of the other holders of the underlying fund's shares.

The recommendation of management on any issue is a factor that the investment manager considers in determining how proxies should be voted. However, the investment manager does not consider recommendations from management to be determinative of the investment manager's ultimate decision. As a matter of practice, the votes with respect to most issues are cast in accordance with the position of the company's management. Each issue, however, is considered on its own merits, and the investment manager will not support the position of the company's management in any situation where it deems that the ratification of management's position would adversely affect the investment merits of owning that company's shares.

Investment manager's proxy voting policies and principles The investment manager has adopted general proxy voting guidelines, which are summarized below. These guidelines are not an exhaustive list of all the issues that may arise and the investment manager cannot anticipate all future situations. In all cases, each proxy and proposal will be considered based on the relevant facts and circumstances on a case-by-case basis.

Board of directors. The investment manager supports an independent, diverse board of directors, and prefers that key committees such as audit, nominating, and compensation committees be comprised of independent directors. The investment manager will generally vote against management efforts to classify a board and will generally support proposals to declassify the board of directors. The investment manager will consider withholding votes from directors who have attended less than 75% of meetings without a valid reason. While generally in favor of separating Chairman and CEO positions, the investment manager will review this issue as well as proposals to restore or provide for cumulative voting on a case-by-case basis, taking into consideration factors such as the company's corporate governance guidelines or provisions and performance. The investment manager generally will support non-binding shareholder proposals to require a majority vote standard for the election of directors; however, if these proposals are binding, the investment manager will give careful review on a case-by-case basis of the potential ramifications of such implementation.

In the event of a contested election, the investment manager will review a number of factors in making a decision including management's track record, the company's financial performance, qualifications of candidates on both slates, and the strategic plan of the dissidents.

Ratification of auditors of portfolio companies. The investment manager will closely scrutinize the independence, role and performance of auditors. On a case-by-case basis, the investment manager will examine proposals relating to non-audit relationships and non-audit fees. The investment manager will also consider, on a case-by-case basis, proposals to rotate auditors, and will vote against the ratification of auditors when there is clear and compelling evidence of a lack of independence, accounting irregularities or negligence. The investment manager may also consider whether the ratification of auditors has been approved by an appropriate audit committee that meets applicable composition and independence requirements.

Management and director compensation. A company's equity-based compensation plan should be in alignment with the shareholders' long-term interests. The investment manager believes that executive compensation should be directly linked to the performance of the company. The investment manager evaluates plans on a case-by-case basis by considering several factors to determine whether the plan is fair and reasonable, including the ISS quantitative model utilized to assess such plans and/or the Glass Lewis evaluation of the plans. The investment manager will generally oppose plans that have the potential to be excessively dilutive, and will almost always oppose plans that are structured to allow the repricing of underwater options, or plans that have an

automatic share replenishment "evergreen" feature. The investment manager will generally support employee stock option plans in which the purchase price is at least 85% of fair market value, and when potential dilution is 10% or less.

Severance compensation arrangements will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis, although the investment manager will generally oppose "golden parachutes" that are considered to be excessive. The investment manager will normally support proposals that require a percentage of directors' compensation to be in the form of common stock, as it aligns their interests with those of shareholders.

The investment manager will review non-binding say-on-pay proposals on a case-by-case basis, and will generally vote in favor of such proposals unless compensation is misaligned with performance and/or shareholders' interests, the company has not provided reasonably clear disclosure regarding its compensation practices, or there are concerns with the company's remuneration practices.

Anti-takeover mechanisms and related issues. The investment manager generally opposes anti-takeover measures since they tend to reduce shareholder rights. However, as with all proxy issues, the investment manager conducts an independent review of each anti-takeover proposal. On occasion, the investment manager may vote with management when the research analyst has concluded that the proposal is not onerous and would not harm the Fund or its shareholders' interests. The investment manager generally supports proposals that require shareholder rights' plans ("poison pills") to be subject to a shareholder vote and will closely evaluate such plans on a case-by-case basis to determine whether or not they warrant support. In addition, the investment manager will generally vote against any proposal to issue stock that has unequal or subordinate voting rights. The investment manager generally opposes any supermajority voting requirements as well as the payment of "greenmail." The investment manager generally supports "fair price" provisions and confidential voting. The investment manager will review a company's proposal to reincorporate to a different state or country on a case-by-case basis taking into consideration financial benefits such as tax treatment as well as comparing corporate governance provisions and general business laws that may result from the change in domicile.

Changes to capital structure. The investment manager realizes that a company's financing decisions have a significant impact on its shareholders, particularly when they involve the issuance of additional shares of common or preferred stock or the assumption of additional debt. The investment manager will review, on a case-by-case basis, proposals by companies to increase authorized shares and the purpose for the increase. The investment manager will generally not vote in favor of dual-class capital structures to increase the number of authorized shares where that class of stock would have superior voting rights. The investment manager will generally vote in favor of the issuance of preferred stock in cases where the company specifies the voting, dividend, conversion and other rights of such stock and the terms of the preferred stock issuance are deemed reasonable. The investment manager will review proposals seeking preemptive rights on a case-by-case basis.

Mergers and corporate restructuring. Mergers and acquisitions will be subject to careful review by the research analyst to determine whether they would be beneficial to shareholders. The investment manager will analyze various economic and strategic factors in making the final decision on a merger or

acquisition. Corporate restructuring proposals are also subject to a thorough examination on a case-by-case basis.

Environmental and social issues. The investment manager considers environmental and social issues alongside traditional financial measures to provide a more comprehensive view of the value, risk and return potential of an investment. Companies may face significant financial, legal and reputational risks resulting from poor environmental and social practices, or negligent oversight of environmental or social issues. Franklin Templeton's "Responsible Investment Principles and Policies" describes the investment manager's approach to consideration of environmental, social and governance issues within the investment manager's processes and ownership practices.

In the investment manager's experience, those companies that are managed well are often effective in dealing with the relevant environmental and social issues that pertain to their business. As such, the investment manager will generally give management discretion with regard to environmental and social issues. However, in cases where management and the board have not demonstrated adequate efforts to mitigate material environmental or social risks, have engaged in inappropriate or illegal conduct, or have failed to adequately address current or emergent risks that threaten shareholder value, the investment manager may choose to support well-crafted shareholder proposals that serve to promote or protect shareholder value. This may include seeking appropriate disclosure regarding material environmental and social issues. The investment manager will review shareholder proposals on a case-by-case basis and may support those that serve to enhance value or mitigate risk, are drafted appropriately, and do not disrupt the course of business or require a disproportionate or inappropriate use of company resources.

The investment manager will consider supporting a shareholder proposal seeking disclosure and greater board oversight of lobbying and corporate political contributions if the investment manager believes that there is evidence of inadequate oversight by the company's board, if the company's current disclosure is significantly deficient, or if the disclosure is notably lacking in comparison to the company's peers.

Governance matters. The investment manager generally supports the right of shareholders to call special meetings and act by written consent. However, the investment manager will review such shareholder proposals on a case-by-case basis in an effort to ensure that such proposals do not disrupt the course of business or require a disproportionate or inappropriate use of company resources. The investment manager will consider on a case-by-case basis any well-drafted and reasonable proposals for proxy access considering such factors as the size of the company, ownership thresholds and holding periods, responsiveness of management, intentions of the shareholder proponent, company performance, and shareholder base.

Global corporate governance. Many of the tenets discussed above are applied to the investment manager's proxy voting decisions for international investments. However, the investment manager must be flexible in these worldwide markets. Principles of good corporate governance may vary by country, given the constraints of a country's laws and acceptable practices in the markets. As a result, it is on occasion difficult to apply a consistent set of governance practices to all issuers. As experienced money managers, the investment manager's analysts are skilled in understanding the complexities of the regions in which they specialize and are trained to analyze proxy issues germane to their regions.

The investment manager will generally attempt to process every proxy it receives for all domestic and foreign securities. However, there may be situations in which the investment manager may be unable to vote a proxy, or may choose not to vote a proxy, such as where: (i) a proxy ballot was not received from the custodian bank; (ii) a meeting notice was received too late;

(iii) there are fees imposed upon the exercise of a vote and it is determined that such fees outweigh the benefit of voting; (iv) there are legal encumbrances to voting, including blocking restrictions in certain markets that preclude the ability to dispose of a security if the investment manager votes a proxy or where the investment manager is prohibited from voting by applicable law or other regulatory or market requirements, including but not limited to, effective Powers of Attorney; (v) the investment manager held shares on the record date but has sold them prior to the meeting date; (vi) a proxy voting service is not offered by the custodian in the market; (vii) the investment manager believes it is not in the best interest of the Fund or its shareholders to vote the proxy for any other reason not enumerated herein; or (viii) a security is subject to a securities lending or similar program that has transferred legal title to the security to another person.

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In some foreign jurisdictions, even if the investment manager uses reasonable efforts to vote a proxy on behalf of the Fund, such vote or proxy may be rejected because of (a) operational or procedural issues experienced by one or more third parties involved in voting proxies in such jurisdictions; (b) changes in the process or agenda for the meeting by the issuer for which the investment manager does not have sufficient notice; or (c) the exercise by the issuer of its discretion to reject the vote of the investment manager. In addition, despite the best efforts of the Proxy Group and its agents, there may be situations where the investment manager's votes are not received, or properly tabulated, by an issuer or the issuer's agent.

The investment manager or its affiliates may, on behalf of one or more of the proprietary registered investment companies advised by the investment manager or its affiliates, determine to use its best efforts to recall any security on loan where the investment manager or its affiliates (a) learn of a vote on a material event that may affect a security on loan and (b) determine that it is in the best interests of such proprietary registered investment companies to recall the security for voting purposes.

Shareholders may view the complete Policies online at franklintempleton.com. Alternatively, shareholders may request copies of the Policies free of charge by calling the Proxy Group collect at (954) 527-7678 or by sending a written request to: Franklin Templeton Companies, LLC, 300 S.E. 2nd Street, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301-1923, Attention: Proxy Group. Copies of the Fund's proxy voting records are available online at franklintempleton.com and posted on the SEC website at www.sec.gov. The proxy voting records are updated each year by August 31 to reflect the most recent 12-month period ended June 30.

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

Item 9. Purchases of Equity Securities by Closed-End Management Investment Company and Affiliated Purchasers. N/A

Item 10. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.

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There have been no changes to the procedures by which shareholders may recommend nominees to the Registrant's Board of Trustees that would require disclosure herein.

Item 11. Controls and Procedures.

(a) Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures. The Registrant maintains disclosure controls and procedures that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in the Registrant's filings under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940 is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the periods specified in the rules and forms of the Securities and Exchange Commission. Such information is accumulated and communicated to the Registrant's management, including its principal executive officer and principal financial officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. The Registrant's management, including the principal executive officer and the principal financial officer, recognizes that any set of controls and procedures, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable assurance of achieving the desired control objectives.

Within 90 days prior to the filing date of this Shareholder Report on Form N-CSR, the Registrant had carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of the Registrant's management, including the Registrant's principal executive officer and the Registrant's principal financial officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Registrant's disclosure controls and procedures. Based on such evaluation, the Registrant's principal executive officer and principal financial officer concluded that the Registrant's disclosure controls and procedures are effective.

(b) Changes in Internal Controls. There have been no changes in the Registrant's internal controls or in other factors that could materially affect the internal controls over financial reporting subsequent to the date of their evaluation in connection with the preparation of this Shareholder Report on Form N-CSR.

Item 12. Exhibits.

(a) (1) Code of Ethics

(a) (2) Certifications pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 of Laura F. Ferguson, Chief Executive Officer - Finance and Administration, and Gaston Gardey, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Accounting Officer

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(b) Certifications pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 of Laura F. Ferguson, Chief Executive Officer - Finance and Administration, and Gaston Gardey, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Accounting Officer

SIGNATURES

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

Franklin Limited Duration Income Trust

By /s/ Laura F. Fergerson

Laura F. Fergerson

Chief Executive Officer -

Finance and Administration

Date November 25, 2015

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

By /s/ Laura F. Fergerson

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Laura F. Fergerson

Chief Executive Officer -

Finance and Administration

Date November 25, 2015

By /s/ Gaston Gardey

Gaston Gardey

Chief Financial Officer and

Chief Accounting Officer

Date November 25, 2015