

Flaherty & Crumrine PREFERRED INCOME OPPORTUNITY FUND INC
Form N-30B-2
April 29, 2019
FLAHERTY & CRUMRINE PREFERRED INCOME OPPORTUNITY FUND

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

The Flaherty & Crumrine Portfolio Management Team

March 29, 2019

¹December 1, 2018 – February 28, 2019

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

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PORTFOLIO OVERVIEW

February 28, 2019 (Unaudited)

Fund Statistics

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

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

Security Ratings % of Net Assets††**

A	1.1	%
BBB	53.8	%
BB	31.1	%
Below “BB”	0.9	%
Not Rated***	9.9	%

Portfolio Rating Guidelines % of Net Assets††

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

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

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

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

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

Industry Categories* % of Net Assets††

Top 10 Holdings by Issuer % of Net Assets††

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

% of Net Assets*** ††**

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

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

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

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PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS**February 28, 2019 (Unaudited)****Shares/\$ Par Value****Preferred Stock &
Hybrid Preferred
Securities^s — 76.2%
Banking — 40.8%**

	Bank of America Corporation:		
\$ 2,100,000	5.875% to 03/15/28 then 3ML + 2.931%, Series FF	\$ 2,073,277	*(1)(4)
\$ 300,000	6.30% to 03/10/26 then 3ML + 4.553%, Series DD	327,009	*(4)
	Capital One Financial Corporation:		
2,020	6.00%, Series B	51,278	*(4)
12,400	6.00%, Series H	322,089	*(4)
7,000	6.20%, Series F	182,630	*(4)
24,333	6.70%, Series D	631,563	*(4)
	Citigroup, Inc.:		
\$ 250,000	5.875% to 03/27/20 then 3ML + 4.059%, Series O	252,864	*(4)
\$ 430,000	5.95% to 05/15/25 then 3ML + 3.905%, Series P	433,859	*(4)
115,370	6.875% to 11/15/23 then 3ML + 4.13%, Series K	3,103,453	*(1)(4)
74,694	7.125% to 09/30/23 then 3ML + 4.04%, Series J	2,042,575	*(1)(4)
	Citizens Financial Group, Inc.,		
35,000	6.35% to 04/06/24 then 3ML + 3.642%, Series D	910,525	*(1)(4)
\$ 900,000	6.375% to 04/06/24 then 3ML + 3.157%, Series C	893,452	*(4)
	CoBank ACB:		
13,500	6.125%, Series G, 144A****	1,367,550	*(4)
9,000	6.20% to 01/01/25 then 3ML + 3.744%, Series H, 144A****	932,850	*(4)
10,000	6.25% to 10/01/22 then 3ML + 4.557%, Series F, 144A****	1,035,000	*(1)(4)
\$ 415,000	6.25% to 10/01/26 then 3ML + 4.66%, Series I, 144A****	431,600	*(4)
232,307	Fifth Third Bancorp, 6.625% to 12/31/23 then 3ML + 3.71%, Series I	6,612,038	*(1)(4)
	First Horizon National Corporation:		
750	First Tennessee Bank, 3ML + 0.85%, min 3.75%, 3.75% ⁽⁵⁾ , 144A****	551,250	*(4)
1	FT Real Estate Securities Company, 9.50% 03/31/31, 144A****	1,293,750	
	Goldman Sachs Group:		

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\$ 2,000,000	5.00% to 11/10/22 then 3ML + 2.874%, Series P	1,842,950	*(1)(4)
\$ 195,000	5.70% to 05/10/19 then 3ML + 3.884%, Series L	195,244	*(4)
50,000	6.375% to 05/10/24 then 3ML + 3.55%, Series K	1,340,000	*(1)(4)
	HSBC Holdings PLC:		
\$ 800,000	HSBC Capital Funding LP, 10.176% to 06/30/30 then 3ML + 4.98%, 144A****	1,173,776	(1)(2)(4)
	Huntington Bancshares, Inc.:		
99,000	6.25%, Series D	2,560,140	*(1)(4)
\$ 950,000	5.70% to 04/15/23 then 3ML + 2.88%, Series E	915,168	*(1)(4)
	JPMorgan Chase & Company:		
54,650	6.70%, Series T	1,366,250	*(4)
\$ 2,689,000	3ML + 3.47%, 6.2205% ⁽⁵⁾ , Series I	2,705,739	*(1)(4)
\$ 300,000	6.00% to 08/01/23 then 3ML + 3.30%, Series R	309,250	*(4)
\$ 4,167,000	6.75% to 02/01/24 then 3ML + 3.78%, Series S	4,584,804	*(1)(4)
84,000	KeyCorp, 6.125% to 12/15/26 then 3ML + 3.892%, Series E	2,247,319	*(1)(4)
\$ 1,550,000	Lloyds TSB Bank PLC, 12.00% to 12/16/24 then 3ML + 11.756%, 144A****	1,880,847	(2)(4)

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PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (Continued)**February 28, 2019 (Unaudited)****Shares/\$ Par Value****Preferred Stock &
Hybrid Preferred
Securities — (Continued)****Banking — (Continued)**

\$ 2,240,000	M&T Bank Corporation, 6.45% to 02/15/24 then 3ML + 3.61%, Series E	\$ 2,387,470	*(1)(4)
40,220	MB Financial, Inc., 6.00%, Series C	1,012,337	*(1)(4)
	Morgan Stanley:		
82,600	5.85% to 04/15/27 then 3ML + 3.491%, Series K	2,094,736	*(1)(4)
148,000	6.875% to 01/15/24 then 3ML + 3.94%, Series F	4,022,640	*(1)(4)
77,200	7.125% to 10/15/23 then 3ML + 4.32%, Series E	2,168,162	*(1)(4)
162,500	New York Community Bancorp, Inc., 6.375% to 03/17/27 then 3ML + 3.821%, Series A	4,082,000	*(1)(4)
16,600	People's United Financial, Inc., 5.625% to 12/15/26 then 3ML + 4.02%, Series A	394,665	*(4)
	PNC Financial Services Group, Inc.:		
287,667	6.125% to 05/01/22 then 3ML + 4.067%, Series P	7,649,785	*(1)(4)
\$ 395,000	6.75% to 08/01/21 then 3ML + 3.678%, Series O	421,773	*(1)(4)
\$ 1,775,000	Rabobank Nederland, 11.00% to 06/30/19 then 3ML + 10.868%, 144A*****	1,821,594	(1)(2)(4)
35,000	Regions Financial Corporation, 6.375% to 09/15/24 then 3ML + 3.536%, Series B	941,937	*(4)
	Sovereign Bancorp:		
2,600	Sovereign REIT, 12.00%, Series A, 144A*****	2,916,147	(4)
	State Street Corporation:		
83,700	5.90% to 03/15/24 then 3ML + 3.108%, Series D	2,187,709	*(1)(4)
\$ 250,000	5.625% to 12/15/23 then 3ML + 2.539%, Series H	249,584	*(4)
20,517	Sterling Bancorp, 6.50%, Series A	562,474	*(4)
10,000	Texas Capital Bancshares Inc., 6.50%, Series A	254,850	*(4)
24,460	US Bancorp, 6.50% to 01/15/22 then 3ML + 4.468%, Series F	672,772	*(1)(4)
28,000	Valley National Bancorp, 5.50% to 09/30/22 then 3ML + 3.578%, Series B	699,440	*(4)
	Wells Fargo & Company:		
15,000	5.625%, Series Y	379,800	*(4)

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225	7.50%, Series L	289,495	*(4)
56,200	5.85% to 09/15/23 then 3ML + 3.09%, Series Q	1,423,670	*(1)(4)
\$ 2,075,000	5.875% to 06/15/25 then 3ML + 3.99%, Series U	2,196,450	*(1)(4)
\$ 1,139,000	3ML + 3.77%, 6.5582% ⁽⁵⁾ , Series K	1,148,966	*(4)
34,400	6.625% to 03/15/24 then 3ML + 3.69%, Series R	946,000	*(1)(4)
\$ 1,210,000	Zions Bancorporation, 7.20% to 09/15/23 then 3ML + 4.44%, Series J	1,259,410	*(1)(4)
		86,753,965	
Financial Services — 1.1%			
\$ 419,000	AerCap Global Aviation Trust, 6.50% to 06/15/25 then 3ML + 4.30%, 06/15/45, 144A****	419,000	(2)
\$ 444,000	E*TRADE Financial Corporation, 5.30% to 03/15/23 then 3ML + 3.16%, Series B	412,181	*(4)
	General Motors Financial Company:		
\$ 420,000	5.75% to 09/30/27 then 3ML + 3.598%, Series A	368,455	*(4)
\$ 725,000	6.50% to 09/30/28 then 3ML + 3.436%, Series B	659,007	*(4)
20,000	Stifel Financial Corp., 6.25%, Series B	504,000	*(4)
		2,362,643	

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PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (Continued)**February 28, 2019 (Unaudited)****Shares/\$ Par Value****Preferred Stock &
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Securities — (Continued)****Insurance — 18.2%**

73,000	Allstate Corporation, 6.625%, Series E	\$ 1,852,010	*(1)(4)
\$ 1,500,000	American International Group, Inc., 8.175% to 05/15/38 then 3ML + 4.195%, 05/15/58	1,742,212	
\$ 275,000	Aon Corporation, 8.205% 01/01/27	322,017	(1)
	Arch Capital Group, Ltd.:		
11,000	5.25%, Series E	251,283	** (2)(4)
9,900	5.45%, Series F	229,185	** (2)(4)
\$ 1,453,000	AXA SA, 6.379% to 12/14/36 then 3ML + 2.256%, 144A****	1,552,894	** (1)(2)(4)
19,750	Axis Capital Holdings Ltd., 5.50%, Series E	469,063	** (2)(4)
	Chubb Ltd.:		
\$ 1,200,000	Ace Capital Trust II, 9.70% 04/01/30	1,621,164	(1)
129,700	Delphi Financial Group, 3ML + 3.19%, 5.8738% ⁽⁵⁾ 05/15/37	2,999,313	(1)
42,000	Enstar Group Ltd., 7.00% to 09/01/28 then 3ML + 4.015%, Series D	1,044,225	** (1)(2)(4)
\$ 1,031,000	Everest Reinsurance Holdings, 3ML + 2.385%, 5.0688% ⁽⁵⁾ 05/15/37	898,460	(1)
10,000	Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc., 7.875% to 04/15/22 then 3ML + 5.596%, 04/15/42	285,950	
\$ 3,054,000	Liberty Mutual Group, 7.80% 03/15/37, 144A****	3,485,973	(1)
	MetLife, Inc.:		
\$ 3,350,000	9.25% 04/08/38, 144A****	4,445,551	(1)
\$ 2,704,000	10.75% 08/01/39	4,034,449	(1)
\$ 350,000	MetLife Capital Trust IV, 7.875% 12/15/37, 144A****	426,494	(1)
	PartnerRe Ltd.:		
23,350	5.875%, Series I	596,126	** (1)(2)(4)
5,300	6.50%, Series G	138,171	** (2)(4)
78,200	7.25%, Series H	2,096,542	** (1)(2)(4)
\$ 241,000	Prudential Financial, Inc., 5.625% to 06/15/23 then 3ML + 3.92%, 06/15/43	250,393	

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17,000	RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd., 5.75%, Series F Unum Group:	417,180	** (2)(4)
\$ 4,172,000	Provident Financing Trust I, 7.405% 03/15/38	4,347,349	(1)
24,000	W.R. Berkley Corporation, 5.75% 06/01/56 XL Group Limited:	604,997	
\$ 1,400,000	Catlin Insurance Company Ltd., 3ML + 2.975%, 5.736% ⁽⁵⁾ , 144A *****	1,349,565	(1)(2)(4)
\$ 3,318,000	XL Capital Ltd., 3ML + 2.4575%, 5.2448% ⁽⁵⁾ , Series E	3,127,215	(1)(2)(4)
		38,587,781	
Utilities — 8.3%			
\$ 620,000	CenterPoint Energy, Inc., 6.125% to 09/01/23 then 3ML + 3.27%, Series A Commonwealth Edison:	630,332	* (1)(4)
\$ 2,512,000	COMED Financing III, 6.35% 03/15/33	2,607,720	(1)
133,100	Dominion Energy, Inc., 5.25% 07/30/76, Series A	3,311,861	(1)

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Hybrid Preferred
Securities — (Continued)****Utilities — (Continued)**

	DTE Energy Company:		
7,000	5.375% 06/01/76, Series B	\$ 179,725	
13,000	6.00% 12/15/76, Series F	348,465	
\$ 2,030,000	Emera, Inc., 6.75% to 06/15/26 then 3ML + 5.44%, 06/15/76, Series 2016A	2,104,044	(1)(2)
650	Georgia Power Company, 5.00% 10/01/77, Series 2017A	16,305	
24,000	Indianapolis Power & Light Company, 5.65%	2,418,000	*(1)(4)
77,100	Integrus Energy Group, Inc., 6.00% to 08/01/23 then 3ML + 3.22%, 08/01/73	1,949,474	(1)
	NextEra Energy:		
\$ 293,000	NextEra Energy Capital Holdings, Inc., 3ML + 2.125%, 4.9132% ⁽⁵⁾ 06/15/67, Series C	255,344	(1)
	NiSource, Inc.:		
\$ 300,000	5.65% to 06/15/23 then T5Y + 2.843%, Series A, 144A****	289,751	*(4)
28,000	6.50% to 03/15/24 then T5Y + 3.632%, Series B	747,950	*(1)(4)
	PECO Energy:		
\$ 1,500,000	PECO Energy Capital Trust III, 7.38% 04/06/28, Series D	1,622,089	(1)
	PPL Corp:		
26,800	PPL Capital Funding, Inc., 5.90% 04/30/73, Series B	672,412	(1)
	Southern California Edison:		
20,000	SCE Trust V, 5.45% to 03/15/26 then 3ML + 3.79%, Series K	465,300	*(4)
		17,618,772	

Energy — 3.8%

	DCP Midstream LP:		
\$ 1,060,000	7.375% to 12/15/22 then 3ML + 5.148%, Series A	1,021,337	(1)(4)
3,800	7.875% to 06/15/23 then 3ML + 4.919%, Series B	92,169	(4)
\$ 1,030,000	Enbridge, Inc., 6.00% to 01/15/27 then 3ML + 3.89%, 01/15/77	1,010,873	(1)(2)
	Energy Transfer Partners LP:		

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115,480	7.375% to 05/15/23 then 3ML + 4.53%, Series C	2,784,119	(1)(4)
1,400	7.625% to 08/15/23 then 3ML + 4.738%, Series D	34,300	(4)
\$ 500,000	Enterprise Products Operating L.P., 5.25% to 08/16/27 then 3ML + 3.033%, 08/16/77, Series E	459,234	
31,500	NuStar Logistics LP, 3ML + 6.734%, 9.5213% ⁽⁵⁾ 01/15/43 Transcanada Pipelines, Ltd.:	790,335	(1)
\$ 1,000,000	5.30% to 03/15/27 then 3ML + 3.208%, 03/15/77, Series 2017-A	931,475	(1)(2)
\$ 1,000,000	5.875% to 08/15/26 then 3ML + 4.64%, 08/15/76, Series 2016-A	996,475	(1)(2)
		8,120,317	

Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT) — 0.5%

3,110	Annaly Capital Management, Inc., 6.95% to 09/30/22 then 3ML + 4.993%, Series F National Retail Properties, Inc.:	78,123	(4)
5,500	5.20%, Series F	124,850	(4)
23,962	5.70%, Series E	596,055	(1)(4)
6,918	PS Business Parks, Inc., 5.20%, Series W	160,048	(4)
		959,076	

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Hybrid Preferred
Securities — (Continued)****Miscellaneous
Industries — 3.5%**

	BHP Billiton Limited:		
\$ 400,000	BHP Billiton Finance U.S.A., Ltd., 6.75% to 10/19/25 then SW5 + 5.093%, 10/19/75, 144A****	\$ 439,370	(2)
\$ 392,000	General Electric Company, 5.00% to 01/21/21 then 3ML + 3.33%, Series D	370,038	*(1)(4)
	Land O' Lakes, Inc.:		
\$ 240,000	7.25%, Series B, 144A****	238,200	*(4)
\$ 3,630,000	8.00%, Series A, 144A****	3,775,200	*(1)(4)
30,400	Ocean Spray Cranberries, Inc., 6.25%, 144A****	2,644,800	*(4)
		7,467,608	
	Total Preferred Stock & Hybrid Preferred Securities (Cost \$155,529,712)	161,870,162	

Contingent Capital Securities⁽³⁾ — 16.7%**Banking — 14.1%**

\$ 1,817,000	Australia & New Zealand Banking Group Ltd., 6.75% to 06/15/26 then ISDA5 + 5.168%, 144A****	1,910,521	** (1)(2)(4)
\$ 2,200,000	Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria SA, 6.125% to 11/16/27 then SW5 + 3.87%	1,984,884	** (1)(2)(4)
\$ 490,000	Banco Mercantil del Norte SA, 7.625% to 01/06/28 then T10Y + 5.353%, 144A****	482,650	** (2)(4)
	Barclays Bank PLC:		
\$ 930,000	7.75% to 09/15/23 then SW5 + 4.842%	928,452	** (2)(4)
\$ 2,848,000	7.875% to 03/15/22 then SW5 + 6.772%, 144A****	2,993,994	** (2)(4)
	BNP Paribas:		
\$ 380,000	7.00% to 08/16/28 then SW5 + 3.98%, 144A****	380,560	** (2)(4)
\$ 4,661,000	7.375% to 08/19/25 then SW5 + 5.15%, 144A****	4,916,330	** (1)(2)(4)

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\$ 1,500,000	7.625% to 03/30/21 then SW5 + 6.314%, 144A****	1,581,502	** (1)(2)(4)
\$ 270,000	Credit Agricole SA, 7.875% to 01/23/24 then SW5 + 4.898%, 144A****	290,432	** (2)(4)
	HSBC Holdings PLC:		
\$ 325,000	6.00% to 05/22/27 then ISDA5 + 3.746%	316,948	** (2)(4)
\$ 3,430,000	6.50% to 03/23/28 then ISDA5 + 3.606%	3,379,750	** (1)(2)(4)
\$ 937,000	6.875% to 06/01/21 then ISDA5 + 5.514%	973,983	** (2)(4)
\$ 500,000	Macquarie Bank Ltd., 6.125% to 03/08/27 then SW5 + 3.703%, 144A****	455,485	** (2)(4)
	Societe Generale SA:		
\$ 300,000	6.75% to 04/06/28 then SW5 + 3.929%, 144A****	272,166	** (2)(4)
\$ 3,800,000	7.375% to 09/13/21 then SW5 + 6.238%, 144A****	3,942,500	** (1)(2)(4)
	Standard Chartered PLC:		
\$ 1,600,000	7.50% to 04/02/22 then SW5 + 6.301%, 144A****	1,676,000	** (1)(2)(4)
\$ 2,500,000	7.75% to 04/02/23 then SW5 + 5.723%, 144A****	2,622,437	** (1)(2)(4)
\$ 1,100,000	Westpac Banking Corporation, 5.00% to 09/21/27 then ISDA5 + 2.888%	970,964	** (2)(4)
		30,079,558	

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PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (Continued)**February 28, 2019 (Unaudited)****Shares/\$ Par Value****Contingent Capital****Securities — (Continued)****Financial Services —****0.7%**

Credit Suisse Group AG:

\$ 700,000	7.25% to 09/12/25 then SW5 + 4.332%, 144A****	\$ 701,032	** (2)(4)
\$ 800,000	7.50% to 07/17/23 then SW5 + 4.60%, 144A****	821,668	** (2)(4)
		1,522,700	

Insurance — 1.9%

\$ 3,634,000	QBE Insurance Group Ltd., 7.50% to 11/24/23 then SW10 + 6.03%, 11/24/43, 144A****	3,943,708	(1)(2)
		3,943,708	

Total Contingent Capital Securities

(Cost \$35,337,732)

35,545,966

Corporate Debt Securities^s — 3.9%**Banking — 1.8%**

123,450	Texas Capital Bancshares Inc., 6.50% 09/21/42, Sub Notes	3,199,824	(1)
18,000	Zions Bancorporation, 6.95% to 09/15/23 then 3ML + 3.89%, 09/15/28, Sub Notes	526,540	
		3,726,364	

Financial Services — 0.0%

1,000	B. Riley Financial, Inc., 7.50% 05/31/27	24,765	
		24,765	

Insurance — 1.1%

\$ 1,850,000	Liberty Mutual Insurance, 7.697% 10/15/97, 144A****	2,379,566	(1)
		2,379,566	

Energy — 0.5%

\$ 904,000	Energy Transfer Partners LP, 8.25% 11/15/29	1,091,786	(1)
		1,091,786	

Communication — 0.5%

	Qwest Corporation:	
19,728	6.50% 09/01/56	449,897
24,920	6.75% 06/15/57	596,428
		1,046,325
	Total Corporate Debt Securities	
	(Cost \$7,359,680)	8,268,806

Common Stock — 0.2%

Energy — 0.2%

27,067	Kinder Morgan, Inc.	518,604	*
		518,604	
	Total Common Stock		
	(Cost \$731,057)	518,604	

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PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (Continued)

February 28, 2019 (Unaudited)

Shares/\$ Par Value

Money Market Fund —

2.1%

BlackRock Liquidity Funds:

4,514,875 T-Fund, Institutional Class \$ 4,514,875

Total Money Market Fund 4,514,875
(Cost \$4,514,875)

Total Investments (Cost \$203,473,056***) 99.1 % 210,718,413

Other Assets And Liabilities (Net) 0.9 % 1,831,358

Total Managed Assets 100.0 %[‡] 212,549,771

Loan Principal Balance (74,700,000)

Total Net Assets Available To Common Stock \$ 137,849,771

[§]Date shown is maturity date unless referencing the end of the fixed-rate period of a fixed-to-floating rate security.

*Securities eligible for the Dividends Received Deduction and distributing Qualified Dividend Income.

**Securities distributing Qualified Dividend Income only.

***Aggregate cost of securities held.

****Securities exempt from registration under Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933. These securities may be resold in transactions exempt from registration to qualified institutional buyers. At February 28, 2019, these securities amounted to \$61,841,713 or 29.1% of total managed assets.

(1)All or a portion of this security is pledged as collateral for the Fund's loan. The total value of such securities was \$140,103,807 at February 28, 2019.

(2)Foreign Issuer.

(3)A Contingent Capital Security is a hybrid security with contractual loss-absorption characteristics.

(4)Perpetual security with no stated maturity date.

⁽⁵⁾Represents the rate in effect as of the reporting date.

‡The percentage shown for each investment category is the total value of that category as a percentage of total managed assets.

ABBREVIATIONS:

3ML—3-Month ICE LIBOR USD A/360

ISDA5—5-year USD ICE Swap Semiannual 30/360

SW5—5-year USD Swap Semiannual 30/360

SW10—10-year USD Swap Semiannual 30/360

T5Y—Federal Reserve H.15 5-Yr Constant Maturity Treasury Semiannual yield

T10Y—Federal Reserve H.15 10-Yr Constant Maturity Treasury Semiannual yield

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Flaherty & Crumrine Preferred Income Opportunity Fund Incorporated

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE TO COMMON STOCK⁽¹⁾

For the period from December 1, 2018 through February 28, 2019 (Unaudited)

Value	
OPERATIONS:	
Net investment income	\$ 131,683
Net realized gain/(loss) on investments sold during the period	(3,239,597)
Change in net unrealized appreciation/(depreciation) of investments	8,895,146
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations	7,787,232
DISTRIBUTIONS:	
Dividends paid from distributable earnings to	(2,199,182)

Common
Stock
Shareholders⁽²⁾

Total
Distributions (2,399,182)

**FUND
SHARE
TRANSACTIONS:**

Increase
from
shares
issued
under
the 231,542
Dividend

Reinvestment
and
Cash
Purchase
Plan

**Net
increase
in
net
assets
available
to 231,542
Common
Stock
resulting
from
Fund
share
transactions**

**NET
INCREASE
IN
NET
ASSETS
AVAILABLE
TO \$ 5,619,592
COMMON
STOCK
FOR
THE
period**

**NET
ASSETS
AVAILABLE
TO
COMMON
STOCK:**

Beginning
of \$ 132,230,179
period

Net
increase
in
net
assets 5,619,592
during
the
period

End
of \$ 137,849,771
period

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

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

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Flaherty & Crumrine Preferred Income Opportunity Fund Incorporated

Financial Highlights⁽¹⁾

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

**PER
SHARE
OPERATING
PERFORMANCE:**

Net
asset
value
beginning \$ 10.54
of
period

**INVESTMENT
OPERATIONS:**

Net
investment income 0.17

Net
realized
and
unrealized gain/(loss) 0.45
on
investments

Total
from investment operations 0.62

**DISTRIBUTIONS
TO
COMMON
STOCK
SHAREHOLDERS:**

From
net investment income (0.19)
(0.19)

Total
distributions
to
Common
Stock
Shareholders
Net
asset
value,
end \$ 10.97
of
period
Market
value,
end \$ 11.08
of
period
Common
Stock
shares
outstanding,
end
of
period

12,568,413

**RATIOS TO
AVERAGE NET
ASSETS AVAILABLE
TO COMMON
STOCK
SHAREHOLDERS:**

Net investment income†	6.48	%*
Operating expenses including interest expense	3.30	%*
Operating expenses excluding interest expense	4.45	%*

**SUPPLEMENTAL
DATA:**

††	2	%**
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Portfolio
turnover
rate
Total
managed
assets,
end \$ 212,550
of
period
(in
000's)

Ratio
of
operating
expenses
including
interest 2.11 %*
expense
to
average
total
managed
assets

Ratio
of
operating
expenses
excluding
interest 0.93 %*
expense
to
average
total
managed
assets

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

*Annualized.

**Not annualized.

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

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

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Flaherty & Crumrine Preferred Income Opportunity Fund Incorporated

Financial Highlights (Continued)**Per Share of Common Stock (Unaudited)**

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

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

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Notes to Financial Statements (Unaudited)

1. Aggregate Information for Federal Income Tax Purposes

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

2. Additional Accounting Standards

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

Level 1 – quoted prices in active markets for identical securities

Level 2 – other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar securities, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, etc.)

Level 3 – significant unobservable inputs (including the Fund's own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments)

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

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Notes to Financial Statements (Unaudited) (Continued)

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

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

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

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

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Notes to Financial Statements (Unaudited) (Continued)

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

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Quarterly
Report

February 28, 2019

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