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April 28, 2009

FLAHERTY \& CRUMRINE/CLAYMORE PREFERRED SECURITIES INCOME FUND

To the Shareholders of Flaherty \& Crumrine/Claymore Preferred Securities Income Fund:

The start of fiscal 2009 has been a mixed bag-overall performance was negative but signs of improvement began to appear late in the Fund's lst fiscal quarter ended February 28, 2009. During this period, the Fund's total return based on net asset value was $-12.2 \%$. The total return based on market price was $-8.0 \%$.

Since the middle of 2007, when the first signs of economic trouble appeared, financial markets throughout the world have experienced severe turmoil. The preferred market has been knocked around especially hard and, as a result, the performance of the Fund has suffered. In June 2007, the Fund's NAV was above $\$ 22$ per share. At the end of this past fiscal period it was $\$ 7.01$. In the summer of 2007, the Fund was paying a monthly dividend of $\$ 0.1275$ per share; it is now \$0.114. In addition to managing the Fund, we are shareholders and these numbers hurt.

The temptation to rip out the rear-view mirror and concentrate on the road ahead is reinforced by the view from both. We have just experienced the worst markets in the history of the Fund, and it's not possible to know if we have seen the bottom. But if the first step towards recovery is admitting there is a problem, the massive de-leveraging of our financial system is such an admission. While painful, this will result in a much healthier economy going forward.

In the meantime, however, there is a great deal of uncertainty and fear about how much bad debt is out there and about the government's plans for dealing with it. In the tumultuous days of late February, there were very real concerns about the viability of several large financial institutions. In addition, the hodge-podge of government programs introduced since September left many scratching their heads to find any real core strategy for recovery. Talk of nationalizing the banking system took on a life of its own, and prices of securities issued by most banks (debt, preferred and common stock) all seemed to be in freefall.


#### Abstract

On February 25 th, the U.S. Treasury released details of its Capital Assistance Program; two days later, Citicorp announced a preferred for common exchange program; and in early March, several large banks announced that they were profitable in January and February. These developments muted talk of bank nationalization and financial meltdown. (Please see the Fund's website for a more detailed discussion dated February 27, 2009.)


The events of late February, along with subsequent announcements by several banks that they expect to be profitable in the lst quarter, have enticed some investors back into the market. Equally important, efforts to kick start the economy appear to be taking hold and some degree of confidence has been restored. As discussed in the Quarterly Economic Update on the Fund's website, we expect the growth rate of the U.S. economy to once again be positive by the 4 th quarter of this year.

As one would expect, for several quarters, bank issues have been the worst performing segment of the preferred market, as well as of the Fund's portfolio. Fortunately, the Fund's exposure to the banking industry was much less than it might otherwise have been-bank issues comprise about $60 \%$ of the entire preferred universe, but only $36 \%(1)$ of the portfolio as of February 28, 2009.

Other than banks, the portfolio is invested in utilities 29\%, insurance 23\% and energy $7 \%$. These positions helped dampen the negative impact of the banks, but they too are trading at historically low levels. Whereas concerns about credit quality have been the key factor driving the bank market, prices in these other segments have been impacted more by a widespread desire (or need) to sell. Investors ranging from hedge funds to broker/dealer firms to closed-end funds like FFC have been caught in a
(1) The bank component of the entire universe is based on par value, while calculation for the Fund's portfolio is based on market value.
deleveraging cycle where falling prices force sales, and sales cause prices to fall further. This trend became readily evident during the latter part of last year. Only recently has it shown signs of abating.

There are indications the market for preferred stocks has begun to stabilize. The indiscriminate selling has slowed and buyers are returning. We've been encouraged to see more rational investor behavior. For example, most companies in the utility industry are financially healthy, but until recently, investors were acting like they were all marching up to death's door. The same can be said for most insurance companies. And, in our opinion, there are still many healthy banks in the U.S., yet the market had seemed to think a bank is a bank is a bank (apologies to Gertrude Stein). In recent weeks, sanity appears to be creeping back into the market and some are viewing these anomalies as opportunities.

The depressed prices of preferred securities have also attracted the interest of issuers themselves, and in the past few weeks several have launched formal tender offers or appear to be purchasing their securities in the open market. In this environment, a company's willingness to spend cash and purchase its own securities is a meaningful indication of just how cheap the securities have gotten.

Another small but important sign of improvement was the ability of one company to raise capital by issuing preferred. FPL Capital, a subsidiary of a large public utility, sold $\$ 375$ million of a new preferred security, and demand for the issue was strong. This was the first new preferred issue since last September! A vibrant new issue market would be a sure signal of the market's return to health, and while we're not there yet, we are encouraged by the response to this recent issue.

In light of ongoing weakness in the preferred market, the Fund has continued to reduce the amount of leverage it employs. As the value of the Fund's investment portfolio declined, the ratios of assets to liabilities using required measures fell and the Fund reduced leverage to maintain coverage ratios. During the last quarter, the Fund reduced its outstanding debt by $\$ 40$ million. One consequence of deleveraging over the past six months has been a reduction in the amount of income available for distribution to shareholders as dividends, and in December, the Fund reduced its dividend by $10.2 \%$. Leverage remains an important part of the Fund's strategy for producing high current income and we have provided a more complete description on the Fund's website in a Leverage Update dated April 20, 2009.

We are optimistic about the future. By no means are we out of the woods-there are many substantial challenges ahead. A wise friend used to counsel against betting on the end of the world, pointing out that it just doesn't happen that often (and if it does, there will be bigger issues to worry about!). Much of our optimism stems from just how far prices have fallen; the likelihood of more defaults is higher than in the past, but market prices imply widespread

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business failures, and we will take the other side of that bet.
    We hope you'll visit the Fund's website, www.fcclaymore.com. Our most
recent Economic Update breaks down the economic data in a useful and informative
way. The website also keeps shareholders up-to-date on various issues affecting
the Fund.
Sincerely,
/s/ Donald F. Crumrine /s/ Robert M. Ettinger
Donald F. Crumrine Robert M. Ettinger
Chairman of the Board President
April 20, 2009
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    Flaherty & Crumrine/Claymore Preferred Securities Income Fund Incorporated
                                    PORTFOLIO OVERVIEW
                                    FEBRUARY 28, 2009 (UNAUDITED)
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FUND STATISTICS ON 2/28/09

| Net Asset Value | $\$$ | 7.01 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Market Price | $\$$ | 6.55 |
| Discount | $6.56 \%$ |  |
| Yield on Market Price | $20.89 \%$ |  |
| Common Stock Shares Outstanding | $42,628,455$ |  |


| MOODY'S RATINGS | $\%$ OF NET ASSETS+ |
| :--- | :---: |
| ----- |  |
| AAA | $0.6 \%$ |
| AA | $5.8 \%$ |
| A | $19.4 \%$ |
| BBB | $51.6 \%$ |
| BB | $16.5 \%$ |
| Below "BB" | $0.9 \%$ |
| Not Rated | $2.1 \%$ |
|  | ---- |
| Below Investment Grade* | $14.2 \%$ |

* BELOW INVESTMENT GRADE BY BOTH MOODY'S AND S\&P.
(PIE CHART)
INDUSTRY CATEGORIES \% OF NET ASSETS+

| Financial Services | $1 \%$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Energy | $7 \%$ |
| Insurance | $23 \%$ |
| Utilities | $29 \%$ |
| Banking | $36 \%$ |
| Other | $4 \%$ |


| TOP 10 HOLDINGS BY ISSUER | $\%$ OF NET ASSETS+ |
| :--- | :---: |
| ---------- |  |
|  |  |
| Banco Santander | $5.8 \%$ |
| Liberty Mutual Group | $5.7 \%$ |
| Peco Energy | $4.0 \%$ |
| Axis Capital | $3.8 \%$ |
| Dominion Resources | $3.7 \%$ |
| Puget Energy | $3.6 \%$ |
| PNC Financial Services | $3.5 \%$ |
| Sovereign Bancorp | $3.5 \%$ |
| Wisconsin Energy | $3.2 \%$ |
| Astoria Financial | $3.1 \%$ |

Holdings Generating Qualified Dividend Income (QDI) for Individuals Holdings Generating Income Eligible for the Corporate Dividend Received Deduction (DRD)
** 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
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PREFERRED SECURITIES - 90.0%
                        BANKING - 35.5%
$19,000,000 Astoria Capital Trust I, 9.75% 11/01/29, Series B
            Banco Santander:
    1,658,290 6.50% Pfd
        777,097 6.80% Pfd.
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Bank of America Corporation:
    143,920 Adj. Rate Pfd., Series G
    172,000 Adj. Rate Pfd., Series 5
    400,000
    87,400
$35,000,000
$35,100,000
    30,000
$13,685,000
    385,662
    105,000
        3,200
$27,416,000
28,800
    6.25% Pfd
    8.625% Pfd., Series 8
    Capital One Capital III, 7.686% 08/15/36
    CBG Florida REIT Corporation, 7.114%, 144A****
    CIT Group, Inc.:
        5.189% Pfd., Series B
        6.10% 03/15/67
        6.35% Pfd., Series A
        Cobank, ACB, 7.00% Pfd., 144A****
        Colonial Capital Trust IV, 7.875% Pfd. 10/01/33
    Comerica Capital Trust II, 6.576% 02/20/37
    FBOP Corporation, Adj. Rate Pfd., 144A****
$ 2,635,000 First Midwest Capital Trust I, 6.95% 12/01/33, Series B
    7,850 First Republic Preferred Capital Corporation, 10.50% Pfd., 144A****
    4,000 First Tennessee Bank, Adj. Rate Pfd., 144A****
$ 1,950,000 First Tennessee Capital I, 8.07% 01/06/27, Series A
    6 FT Real Estate Securities Company, 9.50% Pfd., 144A****
    Goldman Sachs:
    157,450
    3,600
    STRIPES Custodial Receipts, Pvt
    HSBC USA, Inc.:
    264,000 Adj. Rate Pfd., Series G
    632,000 Adj. Rate Pfd., Series D
    1,700 Keycorp Capital V, 5.875% Pfd., Series A
    617,000 Keycorp Capital IX, 6.75% Pfd. 12/15/66
$38,000,000 Lloyds Banking Group PLC, 6.657%, 144A****
    Merrill Lynch:
    Fixed Income Pass-Through 2007-A, Cl. B, Adj. Rate Pfd., 144A****
    4,000 Series II STRIPES Custodial Receipts, Pvt
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PREFERRED SECURITIES - (CONTINUED)
    BANKING - (CONTINUED)
$13,825,000 National City Preferred Capital Trust I, 12.00%
    295,000 PFGI Capital Corporation, 7.75% Pfd
    164,520 PNC Financial Services, 9.875% Pfd., Series F
$ 5,000,000 Regions Financing Trust II, 6.625% 05/15/47
    1,210,325 Sovereign Bancorp, 7.30% Pfd., Series C
    170,500 Sovereign Capital Trust V, 7.75% Pfd. 05/22/36
            4,962 Sovereign REIT, 12.00% Pfd., Series A, 144A****
            U.S. Bancorp, Auction Pass-Through Trust, Cl. B:
            Series 2006-5, Variable Rate Pfd., 144A****
            Series 2006-6, Variable Rate Pfd., 144A****
        Union Planters Preferred Funding, 7.75% Pfd., Series 144A****
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    1,369,600 Wachovia Preferred Funding, 7.25% Pfd., Series A
        Washington Mutual:
$2,100,000 Preferred Funding IV, 9.75%, 144A***** ......
$11,067,000 Webster Capital Trust IV, 7.65% 06/15/37
    FINANCIAL SERVICES - 0.8%
$ 7,000,000 Gulf Stream-Compass 2005 Composite Notes, 144A****
    Lehman Brothers Holdings, Inc.:
    34,000 5.67% Pfd., Series D
    471,500
    20,000
$10,000,000
    INSURANCE - 19.6%
    AON :
$19,400,000
    Capital Trust A, 8.205% 01/01/27
    89,200 Corts-Capital, 8.205% Pfd
    49,400 Saturns-2003-3, 8.00% Pfd., Series AON Corp.
    Arch Capital Group Ltd.:
    113,350 7.875% Pfd., Series B
    90,721
    8.00% Pfd., Series A
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PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)
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PREFERRED SECURITIES - (CONTINUED)
    INSURANCE - (CONTINUED)
    Axis Capital Holdings:
    207,900 7.25% Pfd., Series A
    281,505 7.50% Pfd., Series B
    37,000 Corts Provident Financing Trust I, 8.50% Pfd
    558,000 Delphi Financial Group, 7.376% Pfd. 05/15/37
$18,041,000 Everest Re Holdings, 6.60% 05/15/37
$ 6,650,000 Great West Life & Annuity Insurance, 7.153% 05/16/46, 144A****
    Liberty Mutual Group:
$26,200,000 7.80% 03/15/37, 144A****
$7,600,000 10.75% 06/15/58, 144A****
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$ 5,000,000 PartnerRe Finance II, 6.44% 12/01/66
    Renaissancere Holdings Ltd.:
    120,300 6.08% Pfd., Series C
    311,300 6.60% Pfd., Series D
    407,200 Scottish Re Group Ltd., 7.25% Pfd.
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$ 7,425,000 USF&G Capital, 8.312% 07/01/46, 144A****
$13,000,000 USF&G Capital I, 8.50% 12/15/45, 144A****
    400,000 XL Capital, Ltd., 6.102% Pfd., Series C
$ 6,400,000 ZFS Finance USA Trust V, 6.50% 05/09/37, 144A****
    UTILITIES - 27.4%
    10,000 Baltimore Gas & Electric Company, 6.70% Pfd., Series 1993
    328,179 Calenergy Capital Trust III, 6.50% Pfd. 09/01/27
    35,000 Central Maine Power, 5.25% Pfd., Pvt.
$17,645,000 COMED Financing III, 6.35% 03/15/33
$15,675,000 Dominion Resources Capital Trust I, 7.83% 12/01/27
$11,000,000 Dominion Resources, Inc., 7.50%
    131,000 Entergy Arkansas, Inc., 6.45% Pfd.
    96,484 FPC Capital I, 7.10% Pfd., Series A
    130,140 Georgia Power Company, 6.50% Pfd., Series 07-A
    119,805 Indianapolis Power & Light Company, 5.65% Pfd.
$ 2,386,000 PECO Energy Capital Trust III, 7.38% 04/06/28, Series D
$27,000,000 PECO Energy Capital Trust IV, 5.75% 06/15/33
$35,000,000 Puget Sound Energy, Inc., 6.974% 06/01/67
    118,000 Southern California Edison, 6.00% Pfd., Series C
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PREFERRED SECURITIES - (CONTINUED)
    UTILITIES - (CONTINUED)
$12,950,000 Southern Union Company, 7.20% 11/01/66
$ 4,200,000 Union Electric Company, 7.69% 12/15/36, Series A
$28,125,000 Wisconsin Energy Corporation, 6.25% 05/15/67
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    ENERGY - 5.3\%
    \$24,360,000 Enbridge Energy Partners LP, 8.05\% 10/01/37
$\$ 22,000,000$ Enterprise Products Partners, 7.034\% 01/15/68

TOTAL PREFERRED SECURITIES
(Cost \$952,990,996)

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                                    FINANCIAL SERVICES - 0.1%
$ 4,726,012 Lehman Brothers, Guaranteed Note, Variable Rate, 12/16/16, 144A****
    INSURANCE - 3.1%
$26,546,000 Liberty Mutual Insurance, 7.697% 10/15/97, 144A****
$ 1,000,000 UnumProvident Corporation, 7.25% 03/15/28, Senior Notes
    UTILITIES - 1.6%
    Southern Union Company:
$ 5,300,000 7.60% 02/01/24, Senior Notes
$ 6,047,000 8.25% 11/15/29, Senior Notes
    ENERGY - 1.2%
$ 8,500,000 Noble Energy, Inc., 7.25% 08/01/97
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PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)
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CORPORATE DEBT SECURITIES - (CONTINUED)
    REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST (REIT) - 0.4%
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$\$ 3,500,000$ Realty Income Corporation, 5.875\% 03/15/35
MISCELLANEOUS INDUSTRIES - 0.6\%
16,500 Corp-Backed Trust Certificates, 7.00\% 11/15/28, Series Sprint
Pulte Homes, Inc.:
58,240 7.375\% 06/01/46
$\$ 3,550,000 \quad 7.875 \% 06 / 15 / 32$
TOTAL CORPORATE DEBT SECURITIES
(Cost \$61,734,903)
MONEY MARKET FUND - $0.6 \%$
3,491,513 BlackRock Provident Institutional, T-Fund
TOTAL MONEY MARKET FUND
(Cost \$3,491,513)

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\text { PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED) }
$$ FEBRUARY 28, 2009 (UNAUDITED)



| * | 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 144 A of the Securities Act of 1933. These securities may be resold in transactions exempt from registration to qualified institutional buyers. At February 28, 2009, these securities amounted to $\$ 101,049,851$ or $18.7 \%$ of net assets before the loan and AMPS. These securities have been determined to be liquid under the guidelines established by the Board of Directors. |
| (1) | All or a portion of this security is pledged as collateral for the Fund's loan. The total value of such securities was $\$ 384,847,080$ at February 28 , 2009 . |
| (2) | Foreign Issuer. |
| + | Non-income producing. |
| ++ | The issuer has filed for bankruptcy protection. As a result, the Fund may not be able to recover the principal invested and also does not expect to receive income on this security going forward. |
| +++ | The percentage shown for each investment category is the total value of that category as a percentage of total net assets before the loan and AMPS. |

ABBREVIATIONS:

CABCO - Corporate Asset-Backed Corporation
CORTS - Corporate-Backed Trust Securities
PFD. - Preferred Securities
PVT. - Private Placement Securities

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SATURNS - Structured Asset Trust Unit Repackagings
STRIPES - Structured Residual Interest Preferred Enhanced Securities
RACERS - Restructured Asset Certificates with Enhanced Returns
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Flaherty \& Crumrine/Claymore Preferred Securities Income Fund Incorporated
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE TO COMMON STOCK(1)
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE TO COMMON STOCK(1)
FOR THE PERIOD FROM DECEMBER 1, 2008 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2009 (UNAUDITED)

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FOR THE PERIOD FROM DECEMBER 1, 2008 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2009 (UNAUDITED)
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|  | VALUE |
| :---: | :---: |
| OPERATIONS: |  |
| Net investment income | \$ 14,766,742 |
| Net realized gain/(loss) on investments sold during the period | $(14,261,892)$ |
| Change in net unrealized appreciation/depreciation of investments | $(42,026,561)$ |
| Distributions to AMPS* Shareholders from net investment income, including changes in accumulated undeclared distributions .......... | $(681,522)$ |
| NET DECREASE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS | $(42,203,233)$ |
| DISTRIBUTIONS: |  |
| Dividends paid from net investment income to Common Stock Shareholders (2) | $(14,572,836)$ |
| TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS TO COMMON STOCK SHAREHOLDERS | $(14,572,836)$ |
| FUND SHARE TRANSACTIONS: |  |
| Increase from shares issued under the Dividend Reinvestment and Cash Purchase Plan | 217,364 |
| NET INCREASE IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE TO COMMON STOCK RESULTING FROM |  |
| FUND SHARE TRANSACTIONS | 217,364 |
| NET DECREASE IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE TO COMMON STOCK |  |
| FOR THE PERIOD | \$ ( $56,558,705$ ) |
| NET ASSETS AVAILABLE TO COMMON STOCK: |  |
| Beginning of period | \$355, 369,723 |
| Net decrease in net assets during the period | $(56,558,705)$ |
| End of period | \$298,811, 018 |

* Auction Market Preferred Stock.
(1) These tables summarize the three months ended February 28, 2009 and should be read in conjunction with the Fund's audited financial statements, including footnotes, in its Annual Report dated November 30, 2008.
(2) May include income earned, but not paid out, in prior fiscal year.
Flaherty \& Crumrine/Claymore Preferred Securities Income Fund IncorporatedFINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS (1)FOR THE PERIOD FROM DECEMBER 1, 2008 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2009 (UNAUDITED)FOR A COMMON STOCK SHARE OUTSTANDING THROUGHOUT THE PERIOD.

(1) These tables summarize the three months ended February 28, 2009 and should be read in conjunction with the Fund's audited financial statements, including footnotes, in its Annual Report dated November 30, 2008.
(2) Does not include distributions to AMPS Shareholders.
* Auction Market Preferred Stock.
** Annualized.
*** Not annualized.
$+\quad$ The net investment income ratios reflect income net of operating expenses, including interest expense, and payments to AMPS Shareholders.
++ Information presented under heading Supplemental Data includes AMPS and loan principal balance.

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FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS (CONTINUED)
PER SHARE OF COMMON STOCK (UNAUDITED)
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|  | ```TOTAL DIVIDENDS PAID``` | NET ASSET VALUE | $\begin{gathered} \text { NYSE } \\ \text { CLOSING PRICE } \end{gathered}$ | DIVIDEND REINVESTMENT PRICE (1) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| December 31, 2008 | \$0.1140 | \$8.85 | \$7.75 | \$8.40 |
| January 30, 2009 | 0.1140 | 8.13 | 8.18 | 8.13 |
| February 27, 2009 | 0.1140 | 7.01 | 6.55 | 6.09 |


#### Abstract

(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, 2009 the aggregate cost of securities for federal income tax purposes was $\$ 1,020,843,238$, the aggregate gross unrealized appreciation for all securities in which there is an excess of value over tax cost was $\$ 5,090,951$ and the aggregate gross unrealized depreciation for all securities in which there is an excess of tax cost over value was $\$ 499,095,447$.

## 2. ADDITIONAL ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 157 "FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS" ("SEAS 157")

In September 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 157 "Fair Value Measurements" ("SFAS 157") effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007. This standard clarifies the definition of fair value for financial reporting, establishes a framework for measuring fair value and requires additional disclosures about the use of fair value measurements. The Fund has adopted SFAS 157 as of December 1, 2007. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under SFAS 157 are described below:

- Level 1 - quoted prices in active markets for identical securities

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        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. A
summary of the inputs used to value the Fund's net assets as of February 28,
2009 is as follows:
VALUATION INPUTS
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|}
\hline & OTHER FINANCIAL \\
\hline & INSTRUMENTS \\
\hline INVESTMENTS & (UNREALIZED \\
\hline IN SECURITIES & APPRECIATION/ \\
\hline (MARKET VALUE) & DEPRECIATION) * \\
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* Other financial instruments are derivative instruments not reflected in the Portfolio of Investments, such as futures, forwards and swaps which are valued at the unrealized appreciation/depreciation on the investment. As of February 28, 2009 the Fund does not have any other financial instruments.
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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED) (CONTINUED)

Following is a reconciliation of Level 3 investments for which significant unobservable inputs were used to determine fair value:

|  | INVESTMENTS IN SECURITIES (MARKET VALUE) | OTHER FINANCIAL <br> INSTRUMENTS <br> (UNREALIZED <br> APPRECIATION/ <br> DEPRECIATION) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| BALANCE AS OF 11/30/08 | \$ 6,983,076 | \$-- |
| Accrued discounts/premiums | - - | -- |
| Realized gain/(loss) | -- | -- |
| Change in unrealized appreciation/(depreciation) | $(2,483,930)$ | -- |
| Net purchases/(sales) | -- | -- |
| Transfers in and/or out of Level 3 | $(3,487,857)$ | -- |

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BALANCE AS OF 2/28/09
$ 1,011,289
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