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Investment Company Act file number 811-21043

Pioneer High Income Trust  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

60 State Street, Boston, MA 02109  
(Address of principal executive offices) (ZIP code)

Dorothy E. Bourassa, Pioneer Investment Management, Inc.,  
60 State Street, Boston, MA 02109  
(Name and address of agent for service)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (617) 742-7825

Date of fiscal year end: March 31

Date of reporting period: April 1, 2008 through March 31, 2009

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ITEM 1. REPORTS TO SHAREOWNERS.

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President's Letter

Dear Shareowner,

Stock and bond markets around the globe have been experiencing one of their most tumultuous periods in history. Investors have witnessed volatility of a magnitude that many have never before seen. Distance often provides the best vantage point for perspective. Still, we believe that the benefits of basic investment principles that have stood the test of time -- even in the midst of market turmoil -- cannot be underestimated.

First, invest for the long term. The founder of Pioneer Investments, Philip L. Carret, began his investment career during the 1920s. One lesson he learned is that while great prosperity affords an advantageous time for selling stocks, extreme economic slumps can create opportunities for purchase. Indeed, many of our portfolio managers, who follow the value-conscious investing approach of our founder, are looking at recent market conditions as an opportunity to buy companies whose shares we believe have been unjustifiably beaten down by indiscriminate selling, but that we have identified as having strong prospects over time. While investors may be facing a sustained market downturn, we continue to believe that patience, along with staying invested in the market, are important considerations for long-term investors.

A second principle is to stay diversified across different types of investments. The global scope of the current market weakness poses challenges for this basic investment axiom. But the turbulence makes now a good time to reassess your portfolio and make sure that your investments continue to meet your needs. We believe you should work closely with your financial advisor to find the mix of stocks, bonds and money market assets that is best aligned to your particular risk tolerance and investment objective.

As the investment markets sort through the continuing crisis in the financial industry, we are staying focused on the fundamentals and risk management. With more than 80 years of experience behind us, we have learned how to navigate turbulent markets. At Pioneer Investments, risk management has always been a critical part of our culture -- not just during periods of extraordinary volatility. Our investment process is based on fundamental research, quantitative analysis and active portfolio management. This three-pillared process, which we apply to each of our portfolios, is supported by an integrated team approach and is designed to carefully balance risk and reward. While we

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see potential chances for making money in many corners of the market, it takes research and experience to separate solid investment opportunities from speculation.

We invite you to learn more about Pioneer and our time-tested approach to investing by consulting with your financial advisor or visiting us online at [www.pioneerinvestments.com](http://www.pioneerinvestments.com). Thank you for investing with Pioneer.

Respectfully,

/s/ Daniel K. Kingsbury

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Daniel K. Kingsbury  
President and CEO  
Pioneer Investment Management USA, Inc.

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High-yield corporate bond prices fell dramatically over the 12 months ended March 31, 2009, as a crisis in the credit markets spread into the financials sector and weakened the overall economy. In reaction, fixed-income investors fled to the highest-quality havens. In the following interview, Andrew Feltus, portfolio manager, discusses the factors that influenced the performance of Pioneer High Income Trust over the 12 months ended March 31, 2009. Mr. Feltus, a member of Pioneer's fixed income team, is responsible for the daily management of the Trust.

Q How did Pioneer High Income Trust perform during the 12 months ended March 31, 2009?

A Pioneer High Income Trust produced a total return of -37.61% at net asset value over the 12 months ended March 31, 2009. At market price, the Trust returned -27.74%. Shares of the Trust sold at a 13.5% premium to net asset value at the close of the period on March 31, 2009. During the same 12-month period, the Trust's benchmark, the Merrill Lynch High Yield Master II Index, returned -20.28%. On March 31, 2009, the Trust's 30-day SEC yield was 22.74%, and its current dividend yield, based on market close was 20.55%.

Q What was the investment environment like over the 12 months ended March 31, 2009?

A The Trust's fiscal year began in the spring of 2008 on a note of optimism, as investors believed that problems in the subprime mortgage market, which had led to the collapse of investment bank Bear Stearns, appeared to be under control. High-yield bonds produced positive returns in April and May of 2008, but the credit markets started deteriorating over the summer at the same time that declines in housing prices started accelerating. The Federal government was forced to come to the aid of mortgage institutions Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac in August 2008. One month later, investment bank Lehman Brothers filed for bankruptcy, setting off a chain reaction throughout the financial sector. This led to the restricted availability of credit, as banks and fixed-income investors attempted to avoid any credit risks. The Federal government then came to the aid of insurance giant American International Group (AIG) when it appeared unable to back up its commitments on derivative financial products. This combination of events sent corporate bond prices, especially high-yield bond prices, into a virtual free-fall. High-yield bonds suffered their worst monthly performance on record in October 2008, and their second-worst performance the following month. As business fundamentals deteriorated, valuations in the high-yield market reached extreme levels. Any companies that needed new financing were particularly hurt.

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By the end of 2008, however, signs of a break in the market began

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appearing. Investors took encouragement from the initiatives of the Federal Reserve Board (the "Fed") and the U.S. Treasury Department to improve the capital positions of major financial institutions and re-stimulate economic growth. High-yield bond prices modestly recovered and the sector produced positive returns in the first quarter of 2009, which was the final quarter of the Trust's fiscal year.

Notwithstanding the revival of high-yield performance in the final months of the Trust's fiscal year, valuations in the market remained at extreme levels at the end of the fiscal period on March 31, 2009, reflecting an assumed default rate in the sector of more than 18%, which would be higher than the default rates seen during the depths of the Great Depression. We viewed these depressed prices as an opportunity for investors, although it may take time for the U.S. and global economies to recover fully from current conditions.

Q What were the principal factors affecting the Trust's performance over the 12 months ended March 31, 2009?

A The Trust's return at net asset value trailed the benchmark Merrill Lynch High Yield Master II Index by a significant margin, principally because of the effects of the Trust's strategy to use leverage, or borrowed funds, to invest. This is a normal part of our investment strategy. We obtain financing by issuing auction rate preferred shares, which is a low-cost way of borrowing money. Leverage tends to exaggerate performance both when the market is producing positive returns and when it is producing negative returns. During the Trust's fiscal year, the use of leverage exacerbated the effects of the declining prices of high-yield bonds.

Because of the crisis in the credit markets, the market for auction rate preferred shares was frozen over the 12 months ended March 31, 2009. That made it difficult for investors holding auction rate preferred shares to sell their shares, and it increased the borrowing costs incurred by the Trust because of the terms outlined by the documents authorizing issuance of preferred shares. At the end of the fiscal year, the Trust's leverage ratio was 43.8%, an increase from the 29% level at the start of the 12-month period on April 1, 2008. While the amount of borrowed funds had not increased, the declining values of the bonds in the Trust's portfolio increased the proportion of leverage.

Q What were some of the investments that most affected the Trust's results during the 12 months ended March 31, 2009?

A Despite the market downturn, several of the Trust's investments did well. They included bonds issued by PNA Group, a metals distributor, which were bought back by the company when it was acquired by Reliance Steel &

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Aluminum. In addition, the Trust's investment in bank loans to Talecris Biotherapeutics, a health care company that processes blood supplies, rose in value when the company entered into a business agreement with another corporation. The Trust also profited because of the underlying value of assets held by two companies that defaulted on their bonds: VeraSun Energy and Charter Communications. While both VeraSun, a producer of ethanol-based fuels, and Charter, a cable communications corporation, defaulted on their bond payments, the Trust's position was protected.

Several other bond investments detracted from the Trust's results when the companies defaulted. Land Source, a joint venture involved in real estate development in California, fell victim to the depressed real estate market

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and filed for bankruptcy protection. Other defaulted bond holdings included securities issued by: Aleris International, an aluminum manufacturer and metals distributor; Trump Entertainment, a casino and resort operator in Atlantic City; and ARCO Chemical.

Q Did you make any adjustments in the Trust's investment strategy during the 12-month period ended March 31, 2009?

A While we retained the Trust's focus on high-yield corporate bonds, we made two notable changes in the Trust's portfolio composition during the fiscal year ended March 31, 2009. The first was to increase the Trust's exposure to the banking sector by buying preferred shares of major financial institutions. We were attracted by the yields offered by these securities, which were competitive to high-yield bonds, even though the preferred shares were rated higher and potentially offered greater protection for investors. We focused on some of the most important U.S. banks, with investments in companies such as Wells Fargo, PNC and Bank of America. We also increased the Trust's investments in non-government agency mortgages, which we thought were more attractive than many high-yield bonds.

At the end of the fiscal year on March 31, 2009, nearly 66% of the Trust's assets were invested in U.S. high-yield debt, and more than 18% of assets were invested in emerging market and international high-yield securities. Investments in U.S. investment-grade securities accounted for more than 10% of the Trust's assets, and just over 3% of assets were invested in convertible debt. The average credit rating of the Trust's holdings remained at B as of March 31, 2009.

Q What is your investment outlook?

A Although the high-yield market gained in the first three months of 2009, the market still was experiencing defaults at an annualized rate of between 10%-11%. However, current high-yield bond prices assume an even worse default rate, which we think provides an investment opportunity in advance

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of an improvement in the overall economy. Historically, the capital markets -- including the high-yield bond market -- begin moving in advance of an economic recovery.

The high-yield market already has produced solid performance in the first quarter of 2009, but we are not prepared to predict that the market's problems have ended. We do not anticipate a quick economic recovery, but we believe the Trust is well positioned for a market rebound when it occurs.

Please refer to the Schedule of Investments on pages 12-31 for a full listing of Trust securities.

Investments in high-yield or lower-rated securities are subject to greater-than-average risk. The Trust may invest in securities of issuers that are in default or that are in bankruptcy.

Investing in foreign and/or emerging markets securities involves risks relating to interest rates, currency exchange rates, economic, and political conditions.

When interest rates rise, the prices of fixed-income securities in the Trust will generally fall. Conversely, when interest rates fall the prices of fixed-income securities in the Trust will generally rise. Investments in the Trust are subject to possible loss due to the financial failure of underlying securities and their inability to meet their debt obligations.

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The Trust may invest up to 50% of its total assets in illiquid securities. Illiquid securities may be difficult to dispose of at a fair price at the times when the Trust believes it is desirable to do so and their market price is generally more volatile than that of more liquid securities. Illiquid securities are also more difficult to value and investment of the Trust's assets in illiquid securities may restrict the Trust's ability to take advantage of market opportunities.

The Trust may use leverage through the issuance of preferred shares. Leverage creates significant risks, including the risk that the Trust's income or capital appreciation will not be sufficient to cover the cost of leverage, which may adversely affect the return for the holders of common shares.

The Trust is required to maintain certain regulatory and rating agency asset coverage requirements in connection with its outstanding preferred shares. In order to maintain required asset coverage levels, the Trust may be required to alter the composition of its investment portfolio or take other actions, such as redeeming preferred shares with the proceeds from portfolio transactions, at what might be inopportune times in the market. Such actions could reduce the net earnings or returns to holders of the Trust's common shares over time.

Risks of investing in the Trust are discussed in greater detail in the Trust's registration statement on Form N-2 relating to its common shares.

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Portfolio Diversification

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(As a percentage of total investment portfolio)

[THE FOLLOWING DATA WAS REPRESENTED AS A PIE CHART IN THE PRINTED MATERIAL]

Corporate Bonds & Notes	74.7%
Temporary Cash Investments	9.3
Municipal Bonds	4.3
Convertible Bonds	3.2
Floating Rate Loan Interests	2.1
Asset Backed Securities	2.0
Sovereign Debt Obligations	1.7
Collateralized Mortgage Obligations	1.1
Municipal Collateralized Debt Obligations	0.6
Common Stock	0.4
Convertible Preferred Stock	0.4

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Fixed Rate Loan Interests	0.1
Warrants	0.1

### Portfolio Maturity

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 (As a percentage of long-term holdings)

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0-1 year	12.7%
1-3 years	26.5%
3-4 years	32.8%
4-6 years	20.4%
6-8 years	7.6%

### 10 Largest Holdings

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 (As a percentage of long-term holdings)\*

1.	Xerox Capital Trust I, 8.0%, 2/1/27	2.58%
2.	GATX Financial Corp., 8.875%, 6/1/09	2.45
3.	Cia Brasileira de Bebida, 10.5%, 12/15/11	2.05
4.	Cricket Communications, Inc., 9.375%, 11/1/14	1.89
5.	Kabel Deutschland GMBH, 10.75%, 7/1/14	1.53
6.	Hughes Network Systems LLC, 9.5%, 4/15/14	1.47
7.	Altra Industrial Motion, 9.0%, 12/1/11	1.39
8.	Waste Services, Inc., 9.5%, 4/15/14	1.35
9.	First Data Corp., 9.875%, 9/24/15	1.33
10.	VeraSun Energy Corp., 9.875%, 12/15/12	1.27

\* This list excludes temporary cash and derivative investments. The portfolio is actively managed, and current holdings may be different. The holdings listed should not be considered recommendations to buy or sell any security listed.

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### Prices and Distributions | 3/31/09

#### Market Value per Common Share

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3/31/09	3/31/08
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\$8.03	\$13.15
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#### Net Asset Value per Common Share

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3/31/09	3/31/08
\$7.07	\$13.41

Distributions per Common Share

	Net Investment Income	Short-Term Capital Gains	Long-Term Capital Gains
4/1/08-3/31/09	\$1.6500	\$ --	\$ --

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Performance Update | 3/31/09

Investment Returns

The mountain chart on the right shows the change in market value, plus reinvested dividends and distributions, of a \$10,000 investment made in common shares of Pioneer High Income Trust, compared to that of the Merrill Lynch High Yield Master II Index.

Cumulative Total Returns  
(As of March 31, 2009)

Period	Net Asset Value (NAV)	Market Price
Life-of-Trust (4/25/02)	15.27%	25.08%
5 Years	-17.55	-8.44
1 Year	-37.61	-27.74

Value of \$10,000 Investment

[THE FOLLOWING DATA WAS REPRESENTED AS A MOUNTAIN CHART IN THE PRINTED MATERIAL]

4/02	10000	10000
3/03	10409	10169

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	13981	12428
3/05	15759	13291
	17390	14252
3/07	20452	15903
	17308	15344
3/09	12507	12233

Call 1-800-225-6292 or visit [www.pioneerinvestments.com](http://www.pioneerinvestments.com) for the most recent month-end performance results. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted.

Performance data shown represents past performance. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Investment return and market price will fluctuate, and your shares may trade below net asset value ("NAV"), due to such factors as interest rate changes and the perceived credit quality of borrowers.

Total investment return does not reflect broker sales charges or commissions. All performance is for common shares of the Trust.

Closed-end funds, unlike open-end funds, are not continuously offered. There is a one-time public offering and, once issued, shares of closed-end funds are sold in the open market through a stock exchange and frequently trade at prices lower than their NAV. NAV per common shares is total assets less total liabilities, which includes preferred shares, divided by the number of common shares outstanding.

When NAV is lower than market price, dividends are assumed to be reinvested at the greater of NAV or 95% of the market price. When NAV is higher, dividends are assumed to be reinvested at prices obtained under the Trust's dividend reinvestment plan.

The performance table and graph do not reflect the deduction of fees and taxes that a shareowner would pay on Trust distributions or the sale of Trust shares.

Index comparison begins April 30, 2002. The Merrill Lynch High Yield Master II Index is a commonly accepted measure of the performance of high yield securities. Index returns are calculated monthly, assume reinvestment of dividends and, unlike Trust returns, do not reflect any fees, expenses or sales charges. The Index is not leveraged. You cannot invest directly in the Index.

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### Schedule of Investments | 3/31/09

Principal Amount USD (\$)	S&P/Moody's Ratings (unaudited)		Value
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		ASSET BACKED SECURITIES -- 3.6% of Net Assets	
		TRANSPORTATION -- 0.1%	
		Airlines -- 0.1%	
351,975	B/B1	Continental Airlines, Inc., Series B, 8.499%, 11/1/12	\$
		Total Transportation	\$
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		BANKS -- 0.8%	
		Thrifts & Mortgage Finance -- 0.8%	

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700,000 (a)	AA/Aa2	ACE Securities Corp., 0.972%, 4/25/35	\$
531,442 (a)	AA+/Aa1	ACE Securities Corp., 1.122%, 12/25/34	
280,000 (a)	AAA/Aaa	Bear Stearns Asset Backed Securities Trust, 0.972%, 1/25/47	
585,994 (a)	AAA/Ba2	Countrywide Asset-Backed Certificates, 0.702%, 7/25/36	
246,000 (a)	AAA/A2	FBR Securitization Trust, 0.872%, 10/25/35	
Total Banks			\$ 1,
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UTILITIES -- 2.7%			
Electric Utilities -- 1.1%			
2,300,000 (a)	NR/NR	Power Contract Financing III LLC, 0.995%, 2/5/10 (144A)	\$ 2,
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Multi-Utilities -- 1.6%			
4,107,344	NR/NR	Ormat Funding Corp., 8.25%, 12/30/20	\$ 3,
Total Utilities			\$ 5,
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TOTAL ASSET BACKED SECURITIES (Cost \$8,497,480)			\$ 7,
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COLLATERALIZED MORTGAGE BACKED SECURITIES -- 2.0% of Net Assets			
CONSUMER SERVICES -- 0.4%			
Restaurants -- 0.4%			
1,245,000	BB/Ba3	DB Master Finance LLC, 8.285%, 6/20/31 (144A)	\$
Total Consumer Services			\$
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BANKS -- 1.6%			
Thriffs & Mortgage Finance -- 1.6%			
720,000 (a)	AAA/Baa3	Carrington Mortgage Loan Trust, 0.622%, 10/25/36	\$
1,504,000 (a)	AAA/B3	Carrington Mortgage Loan Trust, 0.722%, 2/25/37	
421,679 (a)	AAA/Ba2	Countrywide Alternative Loan Trust, 0.852%, 10/25/35	
506,761 (a)	AAA/Baa3	Countrywide Alternative Loan Trust, 0.872%, 9/25/35	
735,498 (a)	AAA/B3	Countrywide Alternative Loan Trust, 0.882%, 1/25/36	
316,874 (a)	AAA/Ba1	Countrywide Home Loan Mortgage Pass Through Trust, 0.882%, 3/25/35	
186,991 (a)	AAA/B1	First Franklin Mortgage Loan Asset Backed Certificates, 0.712%, 3/25/36	
1,701,750 (a)	B/Ca	Luminent Mortgage Trust, 0.782%, 7/25/36	

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

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Principal Amount USD (\$)	S&P/Moody's Ratings (unaudited)		Value
435,170 (a)	AAA/Baa1	Thriffs & Mortgage Finance -- (continued) Structured Asset Mortgage Investments, Inc., 0.832%, 9/25/45	\$ 16
1,003,254 (a)	AAA/Aa1	WaMu Mortgage Pass Through Certificates, 0.752%, 4/25/45	40

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240,887 (a)	AAA/Baa1	WaMu Mortgage Pass Through Certificates, 1.002%, 7/25/45	5
Total Banks			\$ 2,99
TOTAL COLLATERALIZED MORTGAGE OBLIGATIONS (Cost \$6,422,165)			\$ 3,81
CORPORATE BONDS & NOTES -- 137.2% of Net Assets			
ENERGY -- 10.6%			
Oil & Gas Drilling -- 0.7%			
3,453,669	NR/NR	DDI Holding AS, 9.3%, 1/19/12 (144A)	\$ 1,43
Oil & Gas Equipment & Services -- 1.2%			
600,000 (a) (b)	NR/NR	DP Producer AS, 7.271%, 12/5/11 (144A)	\$
1,100,000	NR/NR	Nexus 1 Pte, Ltd., 10.5%, 3/7/12 (144A)	22
NOK 4,600,000	NR/NR	Petrojack AS, 11.0%, 4/19/10	10
400,000 (a)	NR/NR	PetroProd, Ltd., 7.354%, 1/12/12 (144A)	7
2,000,000	NR/NR	Sevan Marine ASA, 9.25%, 12/20/11 (144A)	1,20
3,500,000	NR/NR	Skeie Drilling & Production ASA, 11.25%, 3/8/13 (144A)	64
			\$ 2,24
Oil & Gas Exploration & Production -- 6.0%			
390,000	BB/B1	Denbury Resources, Inc., 9.75%, 3/1/16	\$ 37
1,750,000	BB-/B3	Hilcorp Energy I LP, 9.0%, 6/1/16 (144A)	1,29
2,500,000	NR/NR	Norse Energy Corp. ASA, 6.5%, 7/14/11 (144A)	1,25
NOK 3,000,000	NR/NR	Norse Energy Corp. ASA, 10.0%, 7/13/10	28
NOK 8,500,000	NR/NR	Norwegian Energy Co. AS, 11.0%, 7/13/10 (144A)	96
870,000	B/Caa2	Parallel Petroleum Corp., 10.25%, 8/1/14	49
945,000	B/B3	PetroHawk Energy Corp., 9.125%, 7/15/13	90
5,300,000	B-/Caa1	PetroQuest Energy, Inc., 10.375%, 5/15/12	3,25
3,260,000	CCC+/B3	Quicksilver Resources, Inc., 7.125%, 4/1/16	1,54
710,000 (a)	B-/B3	SandRidge Energy, Inc., 5.06%, 4/1/14	42
1,250,000 (c)	B-/B3	SandRidge Energy, Inc., 8.625%, 4/1/15	81
			\$ 11,62
Oil & Gas Refining & Marketing -- 2.6%			
4,075,000 (b)	C/C	Aventine Renewable Energy Holdings, Inc., 10.0%, 4/1/17	\$ 73
2,120,000 (b)	NR/NR	VeraSun Energy Corp., 9.375%, 6/1/17	10
4,280,000 (b)	NR/NR	VeraSun Energy Corp., 9.875%, 12/15/12	4,10
			\$ 4,94

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	350,000 (a)	BB/Ba1	Oil & Gas Storage & Transportation -- 0.1% Enterprise Products Operating LLC, 8.375%, 8/1/66
			Total Energy
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			MATERIALS -- 14.9%
			Commodity Chemicals -- 3.0%
	4,750,000 (b)	C/C	Basell Finance Co., 8.1%, 3/15/27 (144A)
	1,680,000 (n)	C/C	Georgia Gulf Corp., 9.5%, 10/15/14 (144A)
	2,560,000 (b) (n)	C/C	Georgia Gulf Corp., 10.75%, 10/15/16
	3,000,000	CCC+/B3	Hexion U.S. Finance Corp., 9.75%, 11/15/14
	4,500,000	BBB-/Ba1	Methanex Corp., 8.75%, 8/15/12
EURO	540,000 (b)	NR/C	Nell AF S.a.r.l., 8.375%, 8/15/15 (144A)
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			Diversified Chemicals -- 0.1%
EURO	350,000	CC/Ca	Ineos Group Holdings Plc, 7.875%, 2/15/16 (144A)
	1,270,000	CC/Ca	Ineos Group Holdings Plc, 8.5%, 2/15/16 (144A)
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			Specialty Chemicals -- 0.1%
	2,240,000 (b)	NR/C	ARCO Chemical Co., 9.8%, 2/1/20
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			Construction Materials -- 1.9%
	4,500,000	B/B2	AGY Holding Corp., 11.0%, 11/15/14
	2,185,000 (n)	CCC+/B3	U.S. Concrete, Inc., 8.375%, 4/1/14
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			Metal & Glass Containers -- 0.7%
	2,500,000	B-/B3	AEP Industries, Inc., 7.875%, 3/15/13
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			Paper Packaging -- 3.5%
	2,795,000	CCC+/Caa1	Graham Packaging Co., 9.875%, 10/15/14
	5,540,000 (n)	B-/B3	Graphic Packaging International, Inc., 9.5%, 8/15/13
	2,150,000	B/NR	U.S. Corrugated, Inc., 10.0%, 6/1/13
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			Aluminum -- 0.2%
	1,200,000 (d)	NR/C	Asia Aluminum Holdings, Ltd., 8.0%, 12/23/11 (144A)
	705,000 (a) (c)	CCC/B3	Noranda Aluminum Acquisition Corp., 6.595%, 5/15/15
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			Diversified Metals & Mining -- 1.6%
	1,200,000	NR/NR	Blaze Recycling & Metals LLC, 10.875%, 7/15/12 (144A)
	2,890,000	B+/B1	FMG Finance Pty., Ltd., 10.625%, 9/1/16 (144A)
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Principal Amount USD (\$)	S&P/Moody's Ratings (unaudited)	
4,205,000	B-/Caa2	Steel -- 2.2%
2,400,000	BB+/Ba1	Algoma Acquisition Corp., 9.875%, 6/15/15 (144A) CSN Islands VIII Corp., 9.75%, 12/16/13 (144A)
1,645,000	CCC+/Caa1	Forest Products -- 0.3% Mandra Forestry Holdings, Ltd., 12.0%, 5/15/13 (144A)
5,450,000	B-/B3	Paper Products -- 1.3% Exopack Holding Corp., 11.25%, 2/1/14
		Total Materials
3,600,000	B-/NR	CAPITAL GOODS -- 10.2%
1,465,000	BB+/Ba3	Aerospace & Defense -- 1.9% Aeroflex, Inc., 11.75%, 2/15/15 BE Aerospace, Inc., 8.5%, 7/1/18
1,935,000	CC/Ca	Building Products -- 0.2% Industrias Unidas SA de CV, 11.5%, 11/15/16 (144A)
1,500,000 (d) (n)	CCC-/Caa2	Panolam Industries International, Inc., 10.75%, 10/1/13
4,790,000	B+/B1	Heavy Electrical Equipment -- 2.3% Altra Industrial Motion, Inc., 9.0%, 12/1/11
2,698,571 (c)	CCC-/NR	Industrial Conglomerates -- 0.7% American Achievement Group Holding Corp., 14.75%, 10/1/12
3,180,000 (b)	NR/NR	Indalex Holding Corp., 11.5%, 2/1/14
2,515,000	CCC+/B3	Park-Ohio Industries, Inc., 8.375%, 11/15/14
5,640,000 (n)	CCC/Caa2	Construction & Farm Machinery & Heavy Trucks -- 1.0%
570,000	BB-/B1	Accuride Corp., 8.5%, 2/1/15
3,250,000	B/Caa3	American Railcar Industries, Inc., 7.5%, 3/1/14
275,000	B-/Caa1	Commercial Vehicle Group, Inc., 8.0%, 7/1/13 Titan International, Inc., 8.0%, 1/15/12
2,440,000 (n)	B/NR	Industrial Machinery -- 1.5% Industrias Metalurgicas Pescarmona SA, 11.25%, 10/22/14 (144A)
3,870,000	B/Caa1	Mueller Water Products, Inc., 7.375%, 6/1/17

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Principal Amount USD (\$)	S&P/Moody's Ratings (unaudited)		
4,735,000	B-/B3	Trading Companies & Distributors -- 2.3%	
820,000	CCC/Caa1	Intcomex, Inc., 11.75%, 1/15/11	\$
3,370,000	B/B1	KAR Holdings, Inc., 10.0%, 5/1/15	
		Wesco Distribution, Inc., 7.5%, 10/15/17	
		Total Capital Goods	\$
4,835,000	B+/B2	COMMERCIAL & PROFESSIONAL SERVICES -- 9.3%	
		Commercial Printing -- 1.4%	
		Sheridan Acquisition Corp., 10.25%, 8/15/11	\$
2,180,000 (b) (n)	NR/NR	Environmental & Facilities Services -- 2.7%	
720,000	BB-/Ba2	Aleris International, Inc., 10.0%, 12/15/16	\$
1,275,000 (a)	NR/NR	Clean Harbors, Inc., 11.25%, 7/15/12	
		Ohio Air Quality Development Authority Revenue, 10.36%, 6/8/22 (144A)	
5,800,000 (n)	B-/Caa1	Waste Services, Inc., 9.5%, 4/15/14	
11,830,000	BB+/Baa3	Office Services & Supplies -- 4.3%	
		Xerox Capital Trust I, 8.0%, 2/1/27	\$
4,450 (e)	NR/B3	Diversified Support Services -- 0.9%	
200,000 (n)	BB-/B2	MSX International, Ltd., UK, 12.5%, 4/1/12 (144A)	\$
		United Rentals North America, Inc., 6.5%, 2/15/12	
		Total Commercial & Professional Services	\$
2,000,000	CCC+/Caa1	TRANSPORTATION -- 1.1%	
EURO 1,545,000	CCC/Caa2	Air Freight & Logistics -- 0.5%	
		CEVA Group Plc, 10.0%, 9/1/14 (144A)	\$
		CEVA Group Plc, 10.0%, 12/1/16 (144A)	
1,250,000	B+/B2	Railroads -- 0.6%	
		Kansas City Southern de Mexico, 9.375%, 5/1/12	\$

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		Total Transportation	\$
		AUTOMOBILES & COMPONENTS -- 5.9%	
		Auto Parts & Equipment -- 5.9%	
1,250,000 (n)	CCC+/Caa2	Allison Transmission, Inc., 11.0%, 11/1/15 (144A)	\$
2,605,000 (c) (n)	CCC+/Caa2	Allison Transmission, Inc., 11.25%, 11/1/15 (144A)	
5,965,000	C/Caa3	Cooper-Standard Automotive, Inc., 8.375%, 12/15/14	
3,975,000	B/B3	Hawk Corp., 8.75%, 11/1/14	
4,535,000	CCC/Caa2	Lear Corp., 8.75%, 12/1/16	
1,500,000 (f)	CCC+/Caa2	Stanadyne Corp., 0.0%, 2/15/15	

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Principal Amount USD (\$)	S&P/Moody's Ratings (unaudited)		
		Auto Parts & Equipment -- (continued)	
4,690,000	B-/B3	Stanadyne Corp., 10.0%, 8/15/14	
4,235,000 (n)	CCC/Caa2	Tenneco Automotive, Inc., 8.625%, 11/15/14	
		Total Automobiles & Components	
		CONSUMER DURABLES & APPAREL -- 3.4%	
		Homebuilding -- 1.0%	
3,060,000	B+/B1	Meritage Homes Corp., 6.25%, 3/15/15	
		Housewares & Specialities -- 2.0%	
1,435,000 (n)	B/B3	Jarden Corp., 7.5%, 5/1/17	
3,690,000 (n)	B-/B3	Yankee Acquisition Corp., 8.5%, 2/15/15	
1,500,000 (n)	CCC+/Caa1	Yankee Acquisition Corp., 9.75%, 2/15/17	
		Textiles -- 0.4%	
1,000,000	B/Ba3	Invista, 9.25%, 5/1/12 (144A)	
		Total Consumer Durables & Apparel	
		CONSUMER SERVICES -- 3.9%	
		Casinos & Gaming -- 2.4%	
1,650,000	NR/Caa3	Buffalo Thunder Development Authority, 9.375%, 12/15/14 (144A)	
2,050,000	CC/Ca	Fontainebleau Las Vegas Holdings LLC, 11.0%, 6/15/15 (144A)	
630,000	B/B3	Galaxy Entertainment Finance Co., Ltd., 9.875%, 12/15/12 (144A)	
4,500,000	CCC/Caa1	Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, 10.2%, 2/15/14 (144A)	
530,000	B+/B2	Mashantucket Western Pequot Tribe, 8.5%, 11/15/15 (144A)	
1,585,000	B+/B2	Pokagon Gaming Authority, 10.375%, 6/15/14 (144A)	
1,895,000	B/B3	Shingle Springs Tribal Gaming Authority, 9.375%, 6/15/15 (144A)	

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2,450,000 (b) NR/NR Trump Entertainment Resorts, Inc., 8.5%, 6/1/15

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5,745,000	NR/NR	Hotels, Resorts & Cruise Lines -- 1.2% Pegasus Solutions, Inc., 10.5%, 4/15/15 (144A)
890,000	B/B3	Leisure Facilities -- 0.3% FireKeepers Development Authority, 13.875%, 5/1/15 (144A)
2,000,000 (a) (b) (g)	NR/NR	HRP Myrtle Beach Operations LLC, 7.383%, 4/1/12 (144A)

Total Consumer Services

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Principal Amount USD (\$)	S&P/Moody's Ratings (unaudited)		Value
3,195,000 (f)	B-/B3	MEDIA -- 13.0% Advertising -- 1.5% Visant Holding Corp., 10.25%, 12/1/13	\$ 2
3,200,000 (b) (n)	NR/Ca	Broadcasting -- 11.1% CCH I Holdings LLC, 11.0%, 10/1/15 (144A)	\$
1,500,000 (b) (n)	NR/Caa2	CCH II Holdings LLC, 10.25%, 9/15/10	1
5,290,000	B/B1	Hughes Network Systems LLC, 9.5%, 4/15/14	4
2,200,000 (f)	BB-/B1	Inmarsat Finance II Plc, 10.375%, 11/15/12	2
2,000,000 (c)	CCC+/Caa2	Intelsat Bermuda, Ltd., 11.5%, 2/4/17 (144A)	
2,500,000 (n)	BB-/B3	Intelsat Corp., 9.25%, 6/15/16 (144A)	2
2,500,000 (n)	CCC+/Caa2	Intelsat Jackson Holdings, Ltd., 11.5%, 6/15/16 (144A)	2
1,000,000	BB-/B3	Intelsat Subsidiary Holdings Co., Ltd., 8.5%, 1/15/13 (144A)	
EURO 3,750,000	B/B2	Kabel Deutschland GMBH, 10.75%, 7/1/14	4
535,000	B-/Caa1	Telesat Canada, 11.0%, 11/1/15 (144A)	
800,000	B-/Caa1	Telesat Canada, 12.5%, 11/1/17 (144A)	
3,865,000 (c)	CCC/Caa2	Univision Communications, 9.75%, 3/15/15 (144A)	
			\$ 21
1,400,000 (n)	CCC+/Caa2	Publishing -- 0.4% TL Acquisitions, Inc., 10.5%, 1/15/15 (144A)	\$
		Total Media	\$ 25
		RETAILING -- 3.5% Internet Retailing -- 1.3%	

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3,740,000	BB-/Ba3	Ticketmaster, 10.75%, 7/28/16 (144A)	\$ 2
4,615,000 (n)	B-/Caa1	Specialty Stores -- 2.1% Sally Holdings LLC, 10.5%, 11/15/16	\$ 4
450,000	CCC-/Caa1	Automotive Retailing -- 0.1% Sonic Automotive, Inc., 8.625%, 8/15/13	\$
		Total Retailing	\$ 6
5,885,000	BBB/Baa1	FOOD, BEVERAGE & TOBACCO -- 7.3% Brewers -- 3.4% Cia Brasileira de Bebida, 10.5%, 12/15/11	\$ 6
3,300,000	B-/B3	Agricultural Products -- 1.7% American Rock Salt Co., LLC, 9.5%, 3/15/14	\$ 3
775,000	B+/Ba3	Packaged Foods & Meats -- 0.8% Bertin, Ltd., 10.25%, 10/5/16 (144A)	\$
500,000	B+/B1	Marfrig Overseas, Ltd., 9.625%, 11/16/16 (144A)	
2,410,000 (n)	B/NR	Minerva Overseas, Ltd., 9.5%, 2/1/17 (144A)	\$ 1

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Principal Amount USD (\$)	S&P/Moody's Ratings (unaudited)		
1,365,000	B+/B2	Tobacco -- 1.4% Alliance One International, Inc., 8.5%, 5/15/12	
1,675,000	B+/B2	Alliance One International, Inc., 11.0%, 5/15/12	
		Total Food, Beverage & Tobacco	
1,740,000 (n)	CCC+/Caa1	HOUSEHOLD & PERSONAL PRODUCTS -- 0.7% Household Products -- 0.7% Central Garden & Pet Co., 9.125%, 2/1/13	
		Total Household & Personal Products	
2,875,000	CCC+/Caa3	HEALTH CARE EQUIPMENT & SERVICES -- 11.1% Health Care Equipment & Services -- 1.1% Accellent, Inc., 10.5%, 12/1/13	
3,255,000 (c)	B-/B3	Health Care Supplies -- 1.4% Biomet, Inc., 10.375%, 10/15/17	
4,055,000	B-/B2	Health Care Services -- 2.7% Rural/Metro Corp., 9.875%, 3/15/15	
3,725,000	CCC+/Caa1	Surgical Care Affiliates, Inc., 10.0%, 7/15/17 (144A)	

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1,105,000	B/B1	Health Care Facilities -- 4.1%
3,800,000	CCC+/Caa1	AMR Holding Co., Inc. 10.0%, 2/15/15
535,000	B-/Caa1	Hanger Orthopedic Group, Inc., 10.25%, 6/1/14
3,145,000 (c)	BB-/B2	HCA, Inc., 6.25%, 2/15/13
110,000 (n)	BB-/B2	HCA, Inc., 9.625%, 11/15/16
		HCA, Inc., 9.875%, 2/15/17 (144A)
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4,400,000	B-/Caa1	Managed Health Care -- 1.8%
		Multiplan, Inc., 10.375%, 4/15/16 (144A)
		Total Health Care Equipment & Services
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		PHARMACEUTICALS & BIOTECHNOLOGY & LIFE SCIENCES -- 4.2%
3,817,000	B/B3	Biotechnology -- 1.9%
		Warner Chilcott Corp., 8.75%, 2/1/15
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2,070,000 (n)	C/C	Pharmaceuticals -- 2.3%
2,000,000	B/B2	Angiotech Pharmaceuticals, Inc., 7.75%, 4/1/14
3,000,000	CCC+/Caa1	Phibro Animal Health Corp., 10.0%, 8/1/13 (144A)
		Phibro Animal Health Corp., 13.0%, 8/1/14 (144A)
		Total Pharmaceuticals & Biotechnology & Life Sciences

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Principal Amount USD (\$)	S&P/Moody's Ratings (unaudited)		
400,000 (a)	NR/Ba1	BANKS -- 0.7%	
		Diversified Banks -- 0.1%	
		Banco Macro SA, 10.75%, 6/7/12	\$
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1,225,000 (a) (h)	BBB/A3	Regional Banks -- 0.6%	\$
750,000 (a) (n)	A/A3	PNC Financial Services Group, Inc., 8.25%	
		Wells Fargo Capital XV, 9.75%, 9/26/44	
		Total Banks	\$
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7,950,000	BBB+/Baa1	DIVERSIFIED FINANCIALS -- 8.5%	
		Other Diversified Financial Services -- 4.1%	
		GATX Financial Corp., 8.875%, 6/1/09	\$

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			Specialized Finance -- 1.3%	
3,770,000	B-/Caa1		ACE Cash Express, Inc., 10.25%, 10/1/14 (144A)	\$
640,000	CCC+/Caa1		iPayment, Inc., 9.75%, 5/15/14	
9,000,000	CCC+/Caa1		NCO Group, Inc., 11.875%, 11/15/14	\$
			Consumer Finance -- 2.8%	
3,000,000 (a)	CCC+/NR		Ford Motor Credit Co., LLC, 5.544%, 4/15/09	\$
3,000,000 (n)	CCC+/Caa1		Ford Motor Credit Co., LLC, 7.875%, 6/15/10	\$
			Investment Banking & Brokerage -- 0.3%	
1,325,000 (a) (h)	BBB/A3		Goldman Sachs Capital II, 5.793%	\$
			Total Diversified Financials	\$
			INSURANCE -- 6.4%	
			Insurance Brokers -- 2.2%	
2,640,000	CCC/Caa1		Alliant Holdings I, Inc., 11.0%, 5/1/15 (144A)	\$
3,855,000	CCC+/Caa1		HUB International Holdings, Inc., 10.25%, 6/15/15 (144A)	
900,000 (a)	CCC/B3		U.S.I. Holdings Corp., 5.113%, 11/15/14 (144A)	
885,000	CCC/Caa1		U.S.I. Holdings Corp., 9.75%, 5/15/15 (144A)	\$
			Multi-Line Insurance -- 0.8%	
3,075,000 (a)	BB/Baa3		Liberty Mutual Group, Inc., 10.75%, 6/15/58 (144A)	\$
			Property & Casualty Insurance -- 2.4%	
5,300,000	BBB-/Baa3		Allmerica Financial Corp., 7.625%, 10/15/25	\$
375,000 (a)	BB+/NR		Blue Fin, Ltd., 5.811%, 4/10/12 (144A)	
2,300,000 (a) (n)	BBB-/Caa2		MBIA Insurance Co., 14.0%, 1/15/33 (144A)	\$

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		Reinsurance -- 1.0%
EURO 275,000 (a)	B-/NR	Atlas Reinsurance Plc, 13.178%, 1/10/11 (144A)
250,000 (a)	B+/NR	Residential Reinsurance, Ltd., 2006, 11.261%, 6/5/09 (144A)
850,000 (a)	B/NR	Residential Reinsurance, Ltd., 2008, 12.761%, 6/6/11 (144A)
500,000 (a)	NR/NR	Successor II, Ltd., 26.277%, 4/6/10 (144A)

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Total Insurance		
		REAL ESTATE -- 1.2%
		Real Estate Operating Companies -- 1.2%
225,000 (a)	B-/NR	Alto Palermo SA, 11.0%, 6/11/12 (144A)
5,000,000	B+/B1	Forest City Enterprises, Inc., 7.625%, 6/1/15
Total Real Estate		
		SOFTWARE & SERVICES -- 3.8%
		IT Consulting & Other Services -- 0.9%
2,790,000	CCC+/Caa1	Activant Solutions, Inc., 9.5%, 5/1/16
		Data Processing & Outsourced Services -- 2.2%
7,365,000 (n)	B-/B3	First Data Corp., 9.875%, 9/24/15
		Application Software -- 0.7%
810,000	CCC+/Caa2	Open Solutions, Inc., 9.75%, 2/1/15 (144A)
1,870,000	B-/Caa1	Vangent, Inc., 9.625%, 2/15/15
Total Software & Services		
		TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES -- 11.5%
		Integrated Telecommunication Services -- 6.5%
4,295,000	CCC+/B3	Broadview Networks Holdings, Inc., 11.375%, 9/1/12
1,500,000	NR/B1	Digicel, Ltd., 9.25%, 9/1/12 (144A)
4,070,000	B-/B2	GC Impsat Holdings I Plc, 9.875%, 2/15/17 (144A)
3,000,000	B/B3	GCI, Inc., 7.25%, 2/15/14
3,865,000 (n)	CCC+/Caa1	PAETEC Holding Corp., 9.5%, 7/15/15
691,000 (n)	NR/Baa3	Tele Norte Leste Participacoes SA, 8.0%, 12/18/13
		Wireless Telecommunication Services -- 5.0%
1,380,000	CCC/Caa2	Cell C Property, Ltd., 11.0%, 7/1/15 (144A)
6,400,000	B-/B3	Cricket Communications, Inc., 9.375%, 11/1/14
2,500,000 (a) (n)	CCC/Caa3	Hellas Telecommunications Luxembourg II, 6.844%, 1/15/15 (144A)
540,000	B/B3	MetroPCS Wireless, Inc., 9.25%, 11/1/14 (144A)
3,020,000	B-/B2	True Move Co., Ltd., 10.75%, 12/16/13 (144A)
Total Telecommunication Services		

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		UTILITIES -- 6.0%
1,500,000	NR/NR	Electric Utilities -- 2.3%
2,220,000 (h)	NR/B3	Mirant JPSCO. Finance, Ltd., 11.0%, 7/6/16 (144A)
		Rede Empresas de Energia Electrica SA, 11.125%, (144A)
4,345,000 (n)	CCC/Caa1	Texas Computer Electric Hold LLC, 10.25%, 11/1/15
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1,325,000	BB-/Ba2	Multi-Utilities -- 0.6%
		PNM Resources, Inc., 9.25%, 5/15/15
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1,750,000 (n)	BB/Ba2	Independent Power Producers & Energy Traders -- 3.1%
3,200,000	NR/NR	Aes Chivor SA ESP, 9.75%, 12/30/14 (144A)
2,800,000	BB-/Ba3	Biofuel Energy ASA, 10.0%, 6/7/12
		Intergen NV, 9.0%, 6/30/17 (144A)
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Total Utilities		
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TOTAL CORPORATE BONDS & NOTES (Cost \$431,913,686)		
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CONVERTIBLE BONDS & NOTES -- 5.9% of Net Assets		
ENERGY -- 2.0%		
Oil & Gas Drilling -- 1.6%		
2,265,000 (f)	NR/NR	Hercules Offshore, Inc., 3.375%, 6/1/38 (144A)
1,600,000	BBB+/Baa2	Transocean, Ltd., 1.5%, 12/15/37
1,175,000	BBB+/Baa2	Transocean, Ltd., 1.625%, 12/15/37
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1,340,000	BB/Ba3	Oil & Gas Exploration & Production -- 0.4%
		Chesapeake Energy Corp., 2.5%, 5/15/37
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Total Energy		
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TRANSPORTATION -- 0.6%		
Marine -- 0.6%		
2,595,000	B-/Caa1	Horizon Lines, Inc., 4.25%, 8/15/12
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Total Transportation		
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HEALTH CARE EQUIPMENT & SERVICES -- 1.6%		
Health Care Services -- 0.4%		
1,210,000	B+/B3	Omnicare, Inc., 3.25%, 12/15/35
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Health Care Facilities -- 1.2%		
1,985,000	B/B1	LifePoint Hospitals, Inc., 3.25%, 8/15/25
1,070,000	B/NR	LifePoint Hospitals, Inc., 3.5%, 5/15/14
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Total Health Care Equipment & Services		
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2,580,000 (b)	NR/NR	TECHNOLOGY HARDWARE & EQUIPMENT -- 0.5% Communications Equipment -- 0.2% Nortel Networks Corp., 2.125%, 4/15/14
325,000	BB-/NR	Electronic Equipment & Instruments -- 0.1% L-1 Identity Solutions, Inc., 3.75%, 5/15/27
360,000	BB-/NR	Electronic Manufacturing Services -- 0.2% Flextronics International, Ltd., 1.0%, 8/1/10
		Total Technology Hardware & Equipment
3,025,000 (n)	CCC+/Caal	TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES -- 1.2% Alternative Carriers -- 1.2% Time Warner Telecom, Inc., 2.375%, 4/1/26
		Total Telecommunication Services
		TOTAL CONVERTIBLE BONDS & NOTES (Cost \$13,209,067)
1,650,000	BBB+/Baa2	MUNICIPAL BONDS -- 7.8% of Net Assets Indiana -- 2.9% East Chicago Industrial Pollution Control Revenue, 7.0%, 1/1/14
4,250,000	BBB+/NR	Indiana Development Finance Authority Revenue, 5.75%, 10/1/11
4,525,000	B/B3	New Jersey -- 1.4% New Jersey Economic Development Authority Revenue, 7.0%, 11/15/30
3,475,000	BB-/Ba1	New York -- 1.1% New York City Industrial Development Agency Revenue, 7.625%, 12/1/32
6,300,000	NR/NR	North Carolina -- 2.4% Charlotte Special Facilities Refunding Revenue, 5.6%, 7/1/27
2,000,000	NR/NR	Charlotte Special Facilities Refunding Revenue, 7.75%, 2/1/28
		TOTAL MUNICIPAL BONDS (Cost \$16,368,872)
3,300,000 (a) (g)	NR/NR	MUNICIPAL COLLATERALIZED DEBT OBLIGATION -- 1.1% of Net Assets Non-Profit Preferred Funding Trust I, 12.0%,

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TOTAL MUNICIPAL COLLATERALIZED DEBT OBLIGATION  
(Cost \$3,293,400)

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		SOVEREIGN DEBT OBLIGATIONS -- 3.1% of Net Assets
		Brazil -- 1.7%
ITL 4,600,000,000 (f)	BBB-/Baa3	Banco Nacional de Desenvolvimento Bndes, 8.0%, 4/28/10
		Ecuador -- 0.3%
2,015,000 (b) (f)	NR/Ca	Federal Republic of Ecuador, 10.0%, 8/15/30 (144A)
		Russia -- 1.1%
2,227,200 (f)	BBB/Baa1	Russia Government International Bond, 7.5%, 3/31/30
		TOTAL SOVEREIGN DEBT OBLIGATIONS (Cost \$5,299,118)
		FLOATING RATE LOAN INTERESTS -- 3.8% of Net Assets
		ENERGY -- 0.1%
593,383	B/B3	Oil & Gas Exploration & Production -- 0.1%
		Venoco, Inc., Second Lien Term Loan, 6.25%, 5/8/14
		Total Energy
		MATERIALS -- 0.7%
2,259,750	NR/B1	Steel -- 0.7%
		Niagara Corp., Term Loan, 5.518%, 6/30/14
		Total Materials
		CAPITAL GOODS -- 0.7%
172,620	NR/B1	Building Products -- 0.7%
		Custom Building Products, Inc., First Lien Term Loan 4.485% -- 5.0% , 10/29/11
2,250,000	BB-/Ba3	Custom Building Products, Inc., Second Lien Term Loan, 10.75%, 4/29/12
		Total Capital Goods
		COMERCIAL & PROFESSIONAL SERVICES -- 0.1%
397,920	BB-/B2	Diversified Support Services -- 0.1%
		Rental Service Corp., Second Lien Initial Term Loan 4.02% - 7.71%, 11/30/13

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Principal Amount USD (\$)	S&P/Moody's Ratings (unaudited)	
		Total Commercial & Professional Services
2,600,000 (b) (g)	BB/Ba3	CONSUMER DURABLES & APPAREL -- 0.0% Homebuilding -- 0.0% LandSource Communities Development LLC, Second Lien Facility Loan, 8.75%, 2/27/14
		Total Consumer Durables & Apparel
2,500,000	BB-/Caal	CONSUMER SERVICES -- 0.3% Casinos & Gaming -- 0.3% Gateway Casinos & Entertainment, Inc., Advance Second Lien Term Loan, 6.935%, 3/31/15
		Total Consumer Services
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		HOUSEHOLD & PERSONAL PRODUCTS -- 0.1% Household Products -- 0.1% Central Garden & Pet Co., Tranche B Term Loan, 2.03%, 9/30/12
142,840	NR/NR	Total Household & Personal Products
		HEALTH CARE EQUIPMENT & SERVICES -- 0.7% Health Care Equipment & Services -- 0.7% Talecris Biotherapeutics Holdings Corp., First Lien Loan, 5.50% - 5.64%, 12/6/13
1,481,061	NR/B2	Total Health Care Equipment & Services
		DIVERSIFIED FINANCIALS -- 0.7% Other Diversified Financial Services -- 0.7% Louis Topco, Ltd., Term Loan, 9.561% - 11.536%, 6/1/17
EURO 2,492,640 (c)	NR/NR	Total Diversified Financials
		INSURANCE -- 0.4% Multi-Line Insurance -- 0.4% AmWins Group, Inc., Initial Term Loan, 3.79% - 4.70%, 6/8/13
246,859	B-/B2	AmWins Group, Inc., Second Lien Initial Term Loan, 6.79%, 6/9/14
2,250,000	B-/B2	Total Insurance
TOTAL FLOATING RATE LOAN INTERESTS		

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(Cost \$17,680,978)

1,029,850 (n)	CCC/Caa3	FIXED RATE LOAN INTERESTS -- 0.3% of Net Assets SEMICONDUCTORS & SEMICONDUCTOR EQUIPMENT -- 0.3% Semiconductor Equipment -- 0.3% Freescale Semiconductor, Inc., Incremental Term Loan 12.50%, 12/15/14
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TOTAL FIXED RATE LOAN INTERESTS  
(Cost \$2,440,308)

Shares

96,367 (j) (n)		COMMON STOCKS -- 0.7% of Net Assets TRANSPORTATION -- 0.3% Airlines -- 0.3% Delta Airlines, Inc.  Total Transportation
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Schedule of Investments | 3/31/09 (continued)

Shares		Value
17,818	PHARMACEUTICALS & BIOTECHNOLOGY & LIFE SCIENCES -- 0.4% Pharmaceuticals -- 0.4% Teva Pharmaceutical Industries, Ltd. (A.D.R.)	\$ 802,701
	Total Pharmaceuticals & Biotechnology & Life Sciences	\$ 802,701
	TOTAL COMMON STOCKS (Cost \$2,886,220)	\$ 1,345,247
5,100	CONVERTIBLE PREFERRED STOCK -- 0.8% of Net Assets MATERIALS -- 0.2% Diversified Metals & Mining -- 0.2% Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold, Inc., 6.75%	\$ 329,307
	Total Materials	\$ 329,307
2,755	DIVERSIFIED FINANCIALS -- 0.6% Other Diversified Financial Services -- 0.6% Bank of America Corp., 7.25%	\$ 1,169,498
	Total Other Diversified Financial Services	\$ 1,169,498
	TOTAL CONVERTIBLE PREFERRED STOCK (Cost \$2,383,713)	\$ 1,498,805
	WARRANTS -- 0.2% of Net Assets ENERGY -- 0.2%	

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2,500,000 (j)	Oil & Gas Exploration & Production -- 0.2%		
	Norse Energy Corp., ASA -- CW11, Expires 7/14/11	\$	385,066
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	Total Energy	\$	385,066
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	MATERIALS -- 0.0%		
	Forest Products -- 0.0%		
1,645 (j)	Mandra Forestry Holdings, Ltd. -- CW13, Expires 5/15/13 (144A)	\$	--
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	Total Materials	\$	--
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	UTILITIES -- 0.0%		
	Independent Power Producer & Energy Traders -- 0.0%		
150,592 (j)	Biofuel Energy ASA, Expires 6/7/12	\$	--
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	Total Utilities	\$	--
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	TOTAL WARRANTS		
	(Cost \$523,408)	\$	385,066

Principal  
Amount

USD (\$)

	TEMPORARY CASH INVESTMENTS -- 17.1% of Net Assets		
	Securities Lending Collateral -- 17.1% (k)		
	Certificates of Deposit:		
811,142	Abbey National Plc, 1.58%, 8/13/09	\$	811,142
811,112	Bank of Nova Scotia, 1.58%, 5/5/09		811,112
1,297,173	Bank of Scotland NY, 1.45%, 6/5/09		1,297,173

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Principal  
Amount

USD (\$)

Value

	Certificates of Deposit -- (continued)		
1,460,056	Barclays Bank, 1.13%, 5/27/09	\$	1,460,056
1,460,056	DnB NOR Bank ASA NY, 1.5%, 6/5/09		1,460,056
1,486,013	Intesa SanPaolo S.p.A., 1.03%, 5/22/09		1,486,013
94,082	Nordea NY, 0.52%, 4/9/09		94,082
1,216,713	Royal Bank of Canada NY, 1.44%, 8/7/09		1,216,713
1,460,056	Svenska Bank NY, 1.73%, 7/8/09		1,460,056
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		\$	10,096,403
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	Commercial Paper:		
1,593,083	American Honda Finance Corp., 1.29%, 7/14/09	\$	1,593,083
1,622,285	CBA, 1.31%, 7/16/09		1,622,285
811,142	CME Group, Inc., 1.44%, 8/6/09		811,142
1,622,285	HSBC Bank, Inc., 1.64%, 8/14/09		1,622,285
405,571	IBM, 1.47%, 9/25/09		405,571
1,460,056	MetLife Global Funding, 1.71%, 6/12/09		1,460,056

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1,622,285	Monumental Global Funding, Ltd., 1.64%, 8/17/09	1,622,285
1,460,056	New York Life Global, 1.37%, 9/4/09	1,460,056
1,622,284	Societe Generale, 1.75%, 9/4/09	1,622,284
1,622,284	U.S. Bank NA, 1.35%, 8/24/09	1,622,284
1,378,942	Westpac Banking Corp., 0.94%, 6/1/09	1,378,942
		\$ 15,220,273
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	Tri-party Repurchase Agreements:	
1,349,887	Barclays Capital Markets, 0.2%, 4/1/09	\$ 1,349,887
4,866,854	Deutsche Bank, 0.21%, 4/1/09	4,866,854
		\$ 6,216,741
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Shares		
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	Money Market Mutual Fund:	
1,622,285	JPMorgan U.S. Government Money Market Fund	\$ 1,622,285
	Total Securities Lending Collateral	\$ 33,155,702
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	TOTAL TEMPORARY CASH INVESTMENTS (Cost \$33,155,702)	\$ 33,155,702
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	TOTAL INVESTMENTS IN SECURITIES -- 183.6% (Cost \$544,074,117) (1) (m)	\$ 356,241,959
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	OTHER ASSETS AND LIABILITIES -- (5.8)%	\$ (11,171,114)
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	PREFERRED SHARES AT REDEMPTION VALUE, INCLUDING DIVIDENDS PAYABLE -- (77.8)%	\$ (151,013,928)
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	NET ASSETS APPLICABLE TO COMMON SHAREOWNERS -- 100.0%	\$ 194,056,917
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Schedule of Investments | 3/31/09 (continued)

NR Security not rated by S&P or Moody's.

(144A) Security is exempt from registration under Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933. Such securities may be resold normally to qualified institutional buyers in a transaction exempt from registration. At March 31, 2009, the value of these securities amounted to \$83,424,356 or 43.0% of total net assets applicable to common shareowners.

(a) Floating rate note. The rate shown is the coupon rate at March 31, 2009.

(b) Security is in default and is non-income producing.

(c) Payment-in Kind (PIK) security which may pay interest in additional principal amount.

(d) On March 31, 2009, the security was not in default but defaulted after the year end.

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- (e) Security is priced as a unit.
- (f) Debt obligation initially issued at one coupon which converts to a higher coupon at a specific date. The rate shown is the rate at March 31, 2009.
- (g) Indicates a security that has been deemed illiquid. The aggregate cost of illiquid securities is \$7,925,329. The aggregate value \$2,214,052 represents 1.1% of total net assets applicable to common shareowners.
- (h) Security is a perpetual bond and has no definite maturity date.
- (i) Floating rate loan interests in which the Trust invests generally pay interest at rates that are periodically redetermined by reference to a base lending rate plus a premium. These base lending rates are generally (i) the lending rate offered by one or more major European banks, such as LIBOR (London InterBank Offered Rate), (ii) the prime rate offered by one or more major United States banks, (iii) the certificate of deposit (iv) other base lending rates used by commercial lenders. The interest rate shown is the rate accruing at March 31, 2009.
- (j) Non-income producing.
- (k) Securities lending collateral is managed by Credit Suisse, New York Branch.
- (l) At March 31, 2009, the net unrealized loss on investments based on cost for federal income tax purposes of \$545,147,847 was as follows:

Aggregate gross unrealized gain for all investments in which there is an excess of value over tax cost	\$ 6,602,440
Aggregate gross unrealized loss for all investments in which there is an excess of tax cost over value	(195,508,328)
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Net unrealized loss	\$ (188,905,888)
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For financial reporting purposes net unrealized loss was \$187,832,158 and cost of investments aggregated \$544,074,117

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- (m) Distribution of investments by country of issue, as a percentage of total holdings, is as follows (unaudited):

United States	80.3%
Brazil	2.5
Norway	2.3
United Kingdom	2.1
Canada	1.9
Cayman Islands	1.4
Germany	1.4
Bermuda	1.3
Netherlands	1.0

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Italy	0.9
Australia	0.7
Mexico	0.6
Russia	0.6
Colombia	0.5
Thailand	0.4
Jamaica	0.4
South Africa	0.3
Argentina	0.3
Virgin Islands	0.3
Israel	0.2
Ecuador	0.2
Singapore	0.2
Luxembourg	0.1
Ireland	0.1
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	100.0%
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Schedule of Investments | 3/31/09 (continued)

(n) At March 31, 2009, the following securities were out on loan:

Principal Amount USD (\$)	Description	Market Value
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5,583,000	Accuride Corp., 8.5%, 2/1/15	\$1,186,387
500,000	Aes Chivor SA ESP, 9.75%, 12/30/14 (144A)	470,000
2,137,000	Aleris International, Inc., 10.0%, 12/15/16	1,496
50,000	Allison Transmission, Inc., 11.0%, 11/1/15 (144A)	23,750
2,192,000	Allison Transmission, Inc., 11.25%, 11/1/15 (144A)	832,960
2,048,000	Angiotech Pharmaceuticals, Inc., 7.75%, 4/1/14	583,680
1,951,000	CCH I Holdings LLC, 11.0%, 10/1/15 (144A)	209,732
1,485,000	CCH II Holdings LLC, 10.25%, 9/15/10	1,321,650
1,722,000	Central Garden & Pet Co., 9.125%, 2/1/13	1,360,380
5,496,000	First Data Corp., 9.875%, 9/24/15	3,215,160
2,970,000	Ford Motor Credit Co., LLC, 7.875%, 6/15/10	2,454,423
152,000	Freescale Semiconductor, Inc., Incremental Term Loan, 12.50%, 12/15/14	79,230
710,000	Georgia Gulf Corp., 9.5%, 10/15/14 (144A)	118,925
490,000	Georgia Gulf Corp., 10.75%, 10/15/16	34,300
1,665,000	Graphic Packaging International, Inc., 9.5%, 8/15/13	1,190,475
65,000	HCA, Inc., 9.875%, 2/15/17 (144A)	61,425
1,700,000	Hellas Telecommunications Luxembourg II, 6.844%, 1/15/15 (144A)	280,500
1,500,000	Industrias Metalurgicas Pescarmona SA, 11.25%, 10/22/14 (144A)	600,000
300,000	Intelsat Corp., 9.25%, 6/15/16 (144A)	277,500
2,019,000	Intelsat Jackson Holdings, Ltd., 11.5%, 6/15/16 (144A)	1,877,670
1,420,000	Jarden Corp., 7.5%, 5/1/17	1,143,100
1,803,000	MBIA Insurance Co., 14.0% 1/15/33 (144A)	558,930
2,000,000	Minerva Overseas, Ltd., 9.5%, 2/1/17 (144A)	780,000
1,918,000	PAETEC Holding Corp., 9.5%, 7/15/15	1,342,600
1,485,000	Panolam Industries International, Inc., 10.75%, 10/1/13	193,050

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4,508,800	Sally Holdings LLC, 10.5%, 11/15/16	3,945,200
65,000	TL Acquisitions, Inc., 10.5%, 1/15/15 (144A)	33,313
105,000	Tele Norte Leste Participacoes SA, 8.0%, 12/18/13	105,000
1,105,000	Tenneco Automotive, Inc., 8.625%, 11/15/14	204,425
4,300,000	Texas Computer Electric Hold LLC, 10.25%, 11/1/15	2,150,000
1,000	Time Warner Telecom, Inc., 2.375%, 4/1/26	744
1,393,000	U.S. Concrete, Inc., 8.375%, 4/1/14	557,200
190,000	United Rentals North America, Inc., 6.5%, 2/15/12	152,000
70,000	Waste Services, Inc., 9.5%, 4/15/14	52,675
495,000	Wells Fargo Capital XV, 9.75%, 9/26/44	361,350
3,200,000	Yankee Acquisition Corp., 8.5%, 2/15/15	1,760,000
1,485,000	Yankee Acquisition Corp., 9.75%, 2/15/17	712,800

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Shares	Description	Market Value
95,000	Delta Airlines, Inc.	\$ 534,850
		\$30,766,880

Note: Principal amounts are denominated in U.S. dollars unless otherwise denoted.

EURO Euro  
 ITL Italian Lira  
 NOK Norwegian Krone

### Glossary of Terms:

(A.D.R.) American Depositary Receipt

Purchases and sales of securities (excluding temporary cash investments) for the year ended March 31, 2009, aggregated \$90,687,207 and \$81,313,620, respectively.

Various inputs are used in determining the value of the Trust's investments. These inputs are summarized in the three broad levels listed below. Highest priority is given to Level 1 inputs and lowest priority is given to Level 3.

- 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 Trust's own assumptions in determining fair value of investments)

The following is a summary of the inputs used as of March 31, 2009, in valuing the Trust's investments:

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Valuation Inputs	Investments in Securities	Other Financial Instruments*
Level 1 -- Quoted Prices	\$ 1,730,313	\$650,306
Level 2 -- Other Significant Observable Inputs	354,511,646	--
Level 3 -- Significant Unobservable Inputs	--	--
Total	\$356,241,959	\$650,306

\* Other financial instruments include foreign exchange contracts.

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities | 3/31/09

ASSETS:

Investments in securities, at value (including securities loaned of \$30,766,880) (cost \$544,074,117)	\$356,241,959
Cash	5,390,682
Foreign currencies, at value (cost \$5,785,008)	5,827,644
Receivables --	
Investment securities sold	150,649
Paydowns	3,789
Dividends, interest and foreign tax reclaim	12,958,292
Reinvestment of distributions	236,712
Forward foreign currency portfolio hedge contracts -- net	650,306
Prepaid expenses	29,646
Total assets	\$381,489,679

LIABILITIES:

Payables --	
Investment securities purchased	\$ 2,943,418
Upon return of securities loaned	33,155,702
Due to affiliates	186,285
Accrued expenses	133,429
Total liabilities	\$ 36,418,834

PREFERRED SHARES AT REDEMPTION VALUE:

\$25,000 liquidation value per share applicable to 6,040 shares, including dividends payable of \$13,928	\$151,013,928
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NET ASSETS APPLICABLE TO COMMON SHAREOWNERS:

Paid-in capital	\$390,639,911
Undistributed net investment income	11,128,396
Accumulated net realized loss on investments	(20,560,750)
Net unrealized loss on investments	(187,832,158)
Net unrealized gain on forward foreign currency contracts and other assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies	681,518
Net assets applicable to common shareowners	\$194,056,917

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NET ASSET VALUE PER SHARE:

No par value (unlimited number of shares authorized)

Based on \$194,056,917/27,463,925 common shares \$ 7.07

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Statement of Operations

For the Year Ended 3/31/09

INVESTMENT INCOME:

Interest	\$	52,773,099
Dividends		137,741
Income from securities loaned, net		560,012

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Total investment income		\$ 53,470,8
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EXPENSES:

Management fees	\$	2,661,283
Administrative fees		115,790
Transfer agent fees and expenses		68,304
Auction agent fees		404,406
Custodian fees		80,311
Registration fees		24,703
Professional fees		175,142
Printing expense		49,193
Trustees' fees		17,370
Pricing fee		25,061
Miscellaneous		38,403

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Total expenses		\$ 3,659,9
Less fees paid indirectly		

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Net expenses		\$ 3,659,9
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Net investment income		\$ 49,810,8
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REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS) ON INVESTMENTS AND FOREIGN CURRENCY TRANSACTIONS:

Net realized loss from:

Investments	\$	(14,638,569)
Forward foreign currency contracts and other assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies		(117,353) <span style="float: right;">\$ (14,755,9</span>

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Change in net unrealized gain (loss) from:

Investments	\$	(162,258,190)
Forward foreign currency contracts and other assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies		2,336,172 <span style="float: right;">\$ (159,922,0</span>

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Net loss on investments and foreign currency transactions		\$ (174,677,9
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DISTRIBUTIONS TO PREFERRED SHAREOWNERS FROM NET INVESTMENT INCOME:

\$ (3,569,5

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Net decrease in net assets applicable to common  
shareowners resulting from operations \$(128,436,6

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### Statement of Changes in Net Assets

For the Years Ended 3/31/09 and 3/31/08, respectively

	Year Ended 3/31/09	Year Ended 3/31/08
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FROM OPERATIONS:		
Net investment income	\$ 49,810,893	\$ 51,707,
Net realized loss on investments and foreign currency transactions	(14,755,922)	(2,517,
Change in net unrealized gain (loss) on investments and foreign currency transactions	(159,922,018)	(71,561,
Dividends and distributions to preferred shareowners from:		
Net investment income	(3,569,595)	(6,061,
Net realized gains	--	(1,860,
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Net decrease in net assets applicable to common shareowners resulting from operations	\$(128,436,642)	\$(30,294,
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DIVIDENDS AND DISTRIBUTIONS TO COMMON SHAREOWNERS:		
Net investment income (\$1.65 and \$1.65 per share, respectively)	\$ (45,076,053)	\$(44,810,
Net realized capital gains (\$0.00 and \$0.45 per share, respectively)	--	(12,222,
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Total distributions to common shareowners	\$ (45,076,053)	\$(57,032,
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FROM TRUST SHARE TRANSACTIONS:		
Reinvestment of distributions	\$ 2,370,884	\$ 2,081,
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Net increase in net assets applicable to common shareowners resulting from Trust share transactions	\$ 2,370,884	\$ 2,081,
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Net decrease in net assets applicable to common shareowners	\$(171,141,811)	\$(85,245,
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NET ASSETS APPLICABLE TO COMMON SHAREOWNERS:		
Beginning of year	365,198,728	450,444,
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End of year	\$ 194,056,917	\$365,198,
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Undistributed net investment income	\$ 11,128,396	\$ 10,542,
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### Financial Highlights

	Year Ended 3/31/09	Year Ended 3/31/08	Year Ended 3/31/07
<b>Per Common Share Operating Performance</b>			
Net asset value, beginning of period	\$ 13.41	\$ 16.63	\$16.13
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Increase (decrease) from investment operations:(a)			
Net investment income	\$ 1.82	\$ 1.90	\$ 1.88
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments and foreign currency transactions	(6.38)	(2.73)	0.64
Dividends and distributions to preferred shareowners from:			
Net investment income	(0.13)	(0.22)	(0.27)
Net realized gains	--	(0.07)	(0.01)
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Net increase (decrease) from investment operations	\$ (4.69)	\$ (1.12)	\$ 2.24
Dividends and distributions to common shareowners from:			
Net investment income	(1.65)	(1.65)	(1.65)
Net realized gains	--	(0.45)	(0.09)
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Net increase (decrease) in net asset value	\$ (6.34)	\$ (3.22)	\$ 0.50
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Net asset value, end of period(c)	\$ 7.07	\$ 13.41	\$16.63
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Market value, end of period(c)	\$ 8.03	\$ 13.15	\$17.84
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Total return at market value(d)	(27.74)%	(15.37)%	17.61%
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Ratios to average net assets of common shareowners			
Net expenses(e)	1.25%	1.02%	1.01%
Net investment income before preferred share dividends	17.03%	12.36%	11.57%
Preferred share dividends	1.22%	1.45%	1.67%
Net investment income available to common shareowners	15.81%	10.91%	9.90%

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### Financial Highlights (continued)

	Year Ended 3/31/09	Year Ended 3/31/08	Year Ended 3/31/07
Portfolio turnover	19%	15%	
Net assets of common shareowners, end of period (in thousands)	\$194,057	\$365,199	\$365,199
Preferred shares outstanding (in thousands)	\$151,000	\$151,000	\$151,000
Asset coverage per preferred share, end of period	\$ 57,131	\$ 85,481	\$ 85,481
Average market value per preferred share(f)	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
Liquidation value, including dividends payable, per preferred share	\$ 25,002	\$ 25,018	\$ 25,018
Ratios to average net assets of common shareowners before waivers and reimbursement of expenses			

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Net expenses (e)	1.25%	1.02%
Net investment income before preferred share dividends	17.03%	12.36%
Preferred share dividends	1.22%	1.45%
Net investment income available to common shareowners	15.81%	10.91%

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- (a) The per common share data presented above is based upon the average common shares outstanding for the periods presented.
- (b) Amount is less than \$0.01 per common share.
- (c) Net asset value and market value are published in Barron's on Saturday, The Wall Street Journal on Monday and The New York Times on Monday and Saturday.
- (d) Total investment return is calculated assuming a purchase of common shares at the current market value on the first day and a sale at the current market value on the last day of the periods reported. Dividends and distributions, if any, are assumed for purposes of this calculation to be reinvested at prices obtained under the Trust's dividend reinvestment plan. Total investment return does not reflect brokerage commissions. Past performance is not a guarantee of future results.
- (e) Expense ratios do not reflect the effect of dividend payments to preferred shareowners.
- (f) Market value is redemption value without an active market.

The information above represents the audited operating performance data for a share of common stock outstanding, total investment return, ratios to average net assets of common shareowners and other supplemental data for the periods indicated. This information has been determined based upon financial information provided in the financial statements and market value data for the Trust's common shares.

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

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### 1. Organization and Significant Accounting Policies

Pioneer High Income Trust (the "Trust") was organized as a Delaware statutory trust on January 30, 2002. Prior to commencing operations on April 26, 2002, the Trust had no operations other than matters relating to its organization and registration as a diversified, closed-end management investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended. The investment objective of the Trust is to seek a high level of current income and the Trust may seek capital appreciation to the extent that it is consistent with its investment objective.

The Trust's investments in certain foreign markets or countries with limited developing markets may subject the Trust to a greater degree of risk than in a developed market. These risks include disruptive political or economic conditions and the possible imposition of adverse governmental laws or currency exchange restrictions.

Information regarding the Trust's principal risks is contained in the Trust's original offering prospectus, with additional information included in the Trust's Shareowner reports from time to time. Please refer to those documents when considering the Trust's risks. At times, the Trust's investments may represent industries or industry sectors that are interrelated or have common risks, making it more susceptible to any economic, political, or regulatory developments or other risks affecting those industries or sectors. Under normal market conditions, the Trust invests at least 80% of its assets in below investment grade (high-yield) debt securities, loans and preferred stocks.

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Because the Trust's investments will be concentrated in the high-yield securities, it will be subject to risks of such securities. Below investment grade securities are commonly referred to as "junk bonds" and are considered speculative with respect to the issuer's capacity to pay interest and repay principal.

The Trust's financial statements have been prepared in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles that require the management of the Trust to, among other things, make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of income, expenses and gains and losses on investments during the reporting year. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

The following is a summary of significant accounting policies followed by the Trust in the preparation of its financial statements, which are consistent with those policies generally accepted in the investment company industry:

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### A. Security Valuation

Security transactions are recorded as of trade date. Investments in loan interests are valued in accordance with guidelines established by the Board of Trustees at the mean between the last available bid and asked prices from one or more brokers or dealers as obtained from Loan Pricing Corporation. For the limited number of Loan Interests for which no reliable price quotes are available, such investments will be valued by Loan Pricing Corporation through the use of pricing matrices to determine valuations.

Fixed-income securities are valued at prices supplied by independent pricing services, which consider such factors as Treasury spreads, yields, maturities and ratings. Valuations may be supplemented by values obtained from dealers and other sources, as required. Equity securities are valued at the last sale price on the principal exchanges where they are traded. Securities or Loan Interests for which market price and/or quotations are not readily available are valued using fair value methods pursuant to procedure adopted by the Board of Trustees ("board determined"). Trading in foreign securities is substantially completed each day at various times prior to the close of the NYSE. The values of such securities used in computing the net asset value of the Trust's shares are determined as of such times. The Trust may also use the fair value methods to value a security, including a non-U.S. security, when the closing market price on the primary exchange where the security is traded no longer accurately reflects the value of the security as of the close of the NYSE. As of March 31, 2009, the Trust had no securities that were board determined. Temporary cash investments are valued at amortized cost which approximates market value.

Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date, except that certain dividends from foreign securities where the ex-dividend date may have passed are recorded as soon as the Trust becomes aware of the ex-dividend data in the exercise of reasonable diligence. Discounts and premiums on debt securities are accreted or amortized, respectively, daily, on an effective yield to maturity basis and are included in interest income. Premiums and discounts related to certain mortgage-backed securities are amortized or accreted in proportion to the monthly paydowns. Interest income, including income on interest bearing cash accounts, is recorded on an accrual basis.

Gains and losses on sales of investments are calculated on the identified cost method for both financial reporting and federal income tax purposes.

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### B. Foreign Currency Translation

The books and records of the Trust are maintained in U.S. dollars. Amounts denominated in foreign currencies are translated into U.S. dollars using current exchange rates.

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Net realized gains and losses on foreign currency transactions, if any, represent, among other things, the net realized gains and losses on foreign currency contracts, disposition of foreign currencies and the difference between the amount of income accrued and the U.S. dollars actually received. Further, the effects of changes in foreign currency exchange rates on investments are not segregated in the Statement of Operations from the effects of changes in market prices of those securities but are included with the net realized and unrealized gain or loss on investments.

### C. Forward Foreign Currency Contracts

The Trust may enter into forward foreign currency contracts ("contracts") for the purchase or sale of a specific foreign currency at a fixed price on a future date as a hedge or cross-hedge against either specific investment transactions ("settlement hedges") or portfolio positions ("portfolio hedges"). All contracts are marked to market daily at the applicable exchange rates, and any resulting unrealized gains or losses are recorded in the Trust's financial statements. The Trust records realized gains and losses at the time a portfolio hedge is offset by entry into a closing transaction or extinguished by delivery of the currency. Risks may arise upon entering into these contracts from the potential inability of counterparties to meet the terms of the contracts and from unanticipated movements in the value of foreign currencies relative to the U.S. dollar (see Note 5).

### D. Federal Income Taxes

It is the Trust's policy to comply with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code applicable to regulated investment companies and to distribute all of its taxable income and net realized capital gains, if any, to its shareowners. Therefore, no federal income tax provision is required. Tax years for the prior three fiscal years remain subject to examination by tax authorities.

The amounts and characterizations of distributions to shareowners for financial reporting purposes are determined in accordance with federal income tax rules. Therefore, the sources of the Trust's distributions may be shown in the accompanying financial statements as either from or in excess of net investment income or net realized gain (loss) on investment and foreign currency transactions, or from paid-in capital, depending on the type of book/tax differences that may exist.

At March 31, 2009, the Trust reclassified \$579,649 to decrease undistributed net investment income and decrease net realized loss on investments to reflect permanent book/tax differences. The reclassification has no impact on the net asset value of the Trust and presents the Trust's capital accounts on a tax basis.

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At March 31, 2009, the Trust had a net capital loss carryforward of \$9,456,629 which will expire in 2017 if not utilized.

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The Trust has elected to defer approximately \$10,658,839 of capital losses recognized between November 1, 2008 and March 31, 2009 to its fiscal year ending March 31, 2010.

The tax character of distributions paid to common and preferred shareowners during the years ended March 31, 2009 and March 31, 2008 were as follows:

	2009	2008
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Distributions paid from:		
Ordinary Income	\$48,645,648	\$52,250,498
Net long-term capital gains	--	12,704,289
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Total taxable distribution	\$48,645,648	\$64,954,787
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The following shows components of distributable earnings (losses) on a federal income tax basis at March 31, 2009.

	2009
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Distributable earnings:	
Undistributed ordinary income	\$ 12,670,479
Capital loss carryforward	(9,456,629)
Post-October loss deferred	(10,658,839)
Dividends payable	(13,928)
Unrealized depreciation	(189,124,077)
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Total	\$ (196,582,994)
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The difference between book-basis and tax-basis unrealized depreciation is primarily attributable to the tax deferral of losses on straddles and wash sales, the realization for tax purposes of unrealized gains on certain foreign currency contracts, the difference between book and tax amortization methods for premiums and discounts on fixed income securities, the accrual of income on securities in default, and other book/tax temporary differences.

### E. Repurchase Agreements

With respect to repurchase agreements entered into by the Trust, the value of the underlying securities ("collateral"), including accrued interest, is required to be at least equal to or in excess of the value of the repurchase agreement. The collateral for all repurchase agreements is held in safekeeping in the customer-only account of the Trust's custodian or subcustodians. The Trust's investment adviser, Pioneer Investment Management, Inc. ("PIM"), is responsible for determining that the value of the collateral remains at least equal to the repurchase price.

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### F. Securities Lending

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The Trust lends securities in its portfolio to certain broker-dealers or other institutional investors. When entering into a securities loan transaction, the Trust typically receives cash collateral from the borrower equal to at least the value of the securities loaned, which is invested in temporary cash investments. Credit Suisse, New York Branch, as the Trust's security lending agent, manages the Trust's securities lending collateral. The income earned on the investment of collateral is shared with the borrower and the lending agent in payment of any rebate due to the borrower with respect to the securities loan, and in compensation for the lending agent's services to the Trust. The Trust also continues to receive interest or payments in lieu of dividends on the securities loaned. Gain or loss on the value of the loaned securities that may occur during the term of the loan will be for the account of the Trust. The amount of the collateral is required to be adjusted daily to reflect any price fluctuation in the value of the loaned securities. The Trust has the right, under the lending agreement, to terminate the loan and recover the securities from the borrower with prior notice. The Trust will be required to return the cash collateral to the borrower and could suffer a loss if the value of the collateral, as invested, has declined.

### G. Automatic Dividend Reinvestment Plan

All common shareowners automatically participate in the Automatic Dividend Reinvestment Plan (the "Plan"), under which participants receive all dividends and capital gain distributions (collectively, "dividends") in full and fractional common shares of the Trust in lieu of cash. Shareowners may elect not to participate in the Plan. Shareowners not participating in the Plan receive all dividends and capital gain distributions in cash. Participation in the Plan is completely voluntary and may be terminated or resumed at any time without penalty by notifying American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, the agent for shareowners in administering the Plan (the "Plan Agent"), in writing prior to any dividend record date; otherwise such termination or resumption will be effective with respect to any subsequently declared dividend or other distribution.

Whenever the Trust declares a dividend on common shares payable in cash, participants in the Plan will receive the equivalent in common shares acquired by the Plan Agent either (i) through receipt of additional unissued but authorized common shares from the Trust or (ii) by purchase of outstanding common shares on the New York Stock Exchange or elsewhere. If, on the payment date for any dividend, the net asset value per common share is equal to or less than the market price per share plus estimated brokerage trading fees ("market premium"), the Plan Agent will invest the dividend amount in newly issued common shares. The number of newly issued common shares to be credited to each account will be determined by dividing

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the dollar amount of the dividend by the net asset value per common share on the date the shares are issued, provided that the maximum discount from the then current market price per share on the date of issuance does not exceed 5%. If, on the payment date for any dividend, the net asset value per common share is greater than the market value ("market discount"), the Plan Agent will invest the dividend amount in common shares acquired in open-market purchases. There are no brokerage charges with respect to newly issued common shares. However, each participant will pay a pro rata share of brokerage trading fees incurred with respect to the Plan Agent's open-market purchases. Participating in the Plan does not relieve shareowners from any federal, state or local taxes which may be due on dividends paid in any taxable year. Shareowners holding Plan shares in a brokerage account may not be able to transfer the shares to another broker and continue to participate in the

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Plan.

### 2. Management Agreement

PIM, a wholly owned indirect subsidiary of UniCredit S.p.A. ("UniCredit") manages the Trust's portfolio. Management fees payable under the Trust's Advisory Agreement with PIM are calculated daily at the annual rate of 0.60% of the Trust's average daily managed assets. "Managed assets" is the average daily value of the Trust's total assets minus the sum of the Trust's liabilities, which liabilities exclude debt related to leverage, short-term debt and the aggregate liquidation preference of any outstanding preferred shares. For the year ended March 31, 2009, the net management fee was equivalent to 0.60% of the Trust's average daily managed assets, which was equivalent to 0.91% of the Trust's average daily net assets attributable to the common shareowners.

In addition, under PIM's management and administration agreements, certain other services and costs are paid by PIM and reimbursed by the Trust. At March 31, 2009, \$186,285 was payable to PIM related to management costs, administrative costs and certain other services and is included in "Due to affiliates" on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

PIM has retained Princeton Administrators, LLC ("Princeton") to provide certain administrative and accounting services to the Trust on its behalf. PIM pays Princeton a monthly fee at an annual rate of 0.07% of the average daily value of the Trust's managed assets up to \$500 million and 0.03% for average daily managed assets in excess of \$500 million, subject to a minimum monthly fee of \$10,000. Princeton receives no compensation directly from the Trust.

### 3. Transfer Agents

Pioneer Investment Management Shareholder Services, Inc. ("PIMSS"), a wholly owned indirect subsidiary of UniCredit, through a sub-transfer agency agreement with American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, provides substantially all transfer agent and shareowner services related to the Trust's common

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shares at negotiated rates. Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas ("Deutsche Bank") is the transfer agent, registrar, dividend paying agent and auction agent with respect to the Trust's Auction Market Preferred Shares ("AMPS"). The Trust pays Deutsche Bank an annual fee, as is agreed to from time to time by the Trust and Deutsche Bank, for providing such services.

### 4. Expense Offset Arrangements

The Trust 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 Trust's custodian expenses. For the year ended March 31, 2009, the Trust expenses were reduced by \$7 under such arrangement.

### 5. Forward Foreign Currency Contracts

The Trust may enter into contracts that obligate the Trust to deliver currencies at specified future dates. At the maturity of a contract, the Trust must make or take delivery of the foreign currency. Alternatively, prior to the settlement date of a portfolio hedge, the Trust may close out such contracts by entering into an offsetting hedge contract.

Open portfolio hedges at March 31, 2009, were as follows:

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Currency	Net Contracts to (Deliver)	In Exchange For US\$	Settlement Date	US\$ Value	Net Unrealized Gain
EURO	(3,700,000)	\$ (5,680,610)	6/11/09	\$ (4,912,961)	\$ 767,649
EURO	(2,550,000)	(3,274,552)	2/4/10	(3,391,895)	(117,343)
Total					\$ 650,306

As of March 31, 2009, the Trust had no outstanding forward currency settlement hedges.

6. Trust Shares

There are an unlimited number of common shares of beneficial interest authorized.

Transactions in common shares of beneficial interest for the years ended March 31, 2009 and March 31, 2008 were as follows:

	2009	2008
Shares outstanding at beginning of year	27,227,442	27,093,609
Reinvestment of distributions	236,483	133,833
Shares outstanding at end of year	27,463,925	27,227,442

The Trust may classify or reclassify any unissued common shares of beneficial interest into one or more series of preferred shares of beneficial interest. As of

March 31, 2009, there were 6,040 AMPS as follows: Series M7-2,020, Series W28-2,020 and Series TH7-2,000.

Dividends on Series M7 and Series TH7 are cumulative at a rate which is reset every seven days based on the results of an auction. Dividends on Series W28 are also cumulative at a rate reset every 28 days based on the results of an auction. An auction fails if there are more AMPS offered for sale than there are buyers. When an auction fails, the dividend rate for the period will be the maximum rate on the auction dates described in the prospectus for the AMPS. Preferred shareowners will not be able to sell their AMPS at an auction if the auction fails. Since February 2008, the Trust's auctions related to the AMPS have failed. The maximum rate for the 7-Day Series is 150% of the 7 day commercial paper rate. The maximum rate for the 28 day Series is 150% of the 30 day commercial paper rate. AMPS dividend rates ranged from 0.105% to 5.312% during the year ended March 31, 2009.

The Trust may not declare dividends or make other distributions on its common shares or purchase any such shares if, at the time of the declaration, distribution or purchase, the Trust does not comply with the asset coverage

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ratios described in the prospectus for the AMPS.

The AMPS are redeemable at the option of the Trust, in whole or in part, on any dividend payment date at \$25,000 per share plus any accumulated or unpaid dividends, whether or not declared. The AMPS are also subject to mandatory redemption at \$25,000 per share plus any accumulated or unpaid dividends, whether or not declared, if certain requirements relating to the composition of the assets and liabilities of the Trust as set forth in the Statement of Preference are not satisfied.

The holders of AMPS have voting rights equal to the holders of the Trust's common shares (one vote per share) and will vote together with holders of the common shares as a single class. However, holders of AMPS are also entitled to elect two of the Trust's Trustees. In addition, the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, requires that along with approval by shareowners that might otherwise be required, the approval of the holders of a majority of any outstanding preferred shares, voting separately as a class, would be required to (a) adopt any plan of reorganization that would adversely affect the preferred shares and (b) take any action requiring a vote of security holders, including, among other things, changes in the Trust's subclassification as a closed-end management investment company or changes in its fundamental investment restrictions.

### 7. New Pronouncements

In March 2008, Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 161, Disclosures about Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities ("SFAS 161"), was issued and is effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2008. SFAS

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161 requires enhanced disclosures about an entity's derivative and hedging activities. Management is currently evaluating the impact the adoption of SFAS 161 will have on the Trust's financial statement disclosures.

### 8. Subsequent Events

Subsequent to March 31, 2009, the Board of Trustees of the Trust declared a dividend from undistributed net investment income of \$0.1375 per common share payable April 30, 2009, to common shareowners of record on April 15, 2009.

Subsequent to March 31, 2009, dividends declared and paid on preferred shares totaled \$40,255 in aggregate for the three outstanding preferred share series through May 15, 2009.

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Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Board of Trustees and the Shareowners of  
Pioneer High Income Trust:

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We have audited the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities of Pioneer High Income Trust (the "Trust"), including the schedule of investments, as of March 31, 2009, and the related statement of operations for the year then ended, the statements of changes in net assets for each of the two years in the period then ended, and the financial highlights for each of the five years in the period then ended. These financial statements and financial highlights are the responsibility of the Trust's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements and financial highlights based on our

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audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements and financial highlights are free of material misstatement. We were not engaged to perform an audit of the Trust's internal control over financial reporting. Our audits included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Trust's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements and financial highlights, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. Our procedures included confirmation of securities owned as of March 31, 2009, by correspondence with the custodian, selling or agent banks and brokers or by other appropriate auditing procedures where replies from brokers were not received. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements and financial highlights referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Pioneer High Income Trust at March 31, 2009, the results of its operations for the year then ended, the changes in its net assets for each of the two years in the period then ended, and the financial highlights for each of the five years in the period then ended, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

/s/Ernst & Young LLP

Boston, Massachusetts  
May 21, 2009

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### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (unaudited)

During the period, there have been no material changes in the Trust's investment objective or fundamental policies that have not been approved by the shareowners. There have been no changes in the Trust's charter or By-Laws that would delay or prevent a change in control of the Trust which have not been approved by the shareowners. During the period, there have been no changes in the principal risk factors associated with investment in the Trust. Day-to-day management of the Trust's portfolio is the responsibility of Andrew Feltus. Mr. Feltus is supported by the fixed income team. Members of this team manage other Pioneer funds investing primarily in fixed income securities. The portfolio manager and the team also may draw upon the research and investment management expertise of the global research team, which provides fundamental research on companies and includes members from Pioneer's affiliate, Pioneer Investment Management Limited. Mr. Feltus, a Senior vice president, joined Pioneer in 1994 and has been an investment professional for more than 10 years.

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 23(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 that the Trust may purchase, from time to time, its common shares in the open market.

### CEO CERTIFICATION DISCLOSURE (unaudited)

The Trust's Chief Executive Officer has submitted to the New York Stock Exchange the annual CEO certification as required by Section 303A.12(a) of the

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NYSE Listed Company Manual. In addition, the Trust has filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission the certification of its Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer required by Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act.

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### Results of Shareholder Meeting (unaudited)

On September 22, 2008, Pioneer High Income Trust held its annual meeting of shareowners to elect Class III Trustees. All Class III Trustees were elected. Here are the detailed results of the votes.

#### Proposal 1 -- To elect Class III Trustees

Nominee	For	Withheld
Benjamin M. Friedman	24,782,417	474,099
Margaret B.W. Graham	24,789,468	467,048
Daniel K. Kingsbury	24,795,778	460,738

### IMPORTANT TAX INFORMATION (unaudited)

The following information is provided with respect to the ordinary income distributions paid by Pioneer High Income Trust during the fiscal year ended March 31, 2009:

Interest-Related Dividends for Non-U.S. Residents	78.56%*
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 \* Represents the portion of the taxable ordinary income dividends eligible for tax exemption from U.S. withholding tax for nonresident aliens and foreign corporations.

Additionally, the following summarizes the per share long-term capital gain distribution paid to preferred shareowners during the year:

	Payable Date	Long-Term Capital Gain
Series W	4/17/2008	\$9.56

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### Approval of Investment Advisory Agreement (unaudited)

Pioneer Investment Management, Inc. (PIM) serves as the Trust's investment adviser pursuant to an investment advisory agreement between PIM and the Trust. The Trustees of the Trust, as required by law, determine annually whether to

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continue the investment advisory agreement for the Trust.

The contract renewal process began in March 2008 as the Trustees of the Trust agreed on, among other things, an overall approach and timeline for the process. In July, the Trustees approved the format of the contract renewal materials and submitted their formal request to PIM to furnish information necessary to evaluate the terms of the investment advisory agreement. The contract renewal materials were provided to the Trustees in August. After reviewing and discussing the materials, the Trustees submitted a request for additional information to PIM in September, and materials were provided in response to this request later that month. Meetings of the Independent Trustees of the Trust were held in September and October to review and discuss the contract renewal materials.

At a meeting held on November 11, 2008, based on their evaluation of the information provided by PIM, the Trustees of the Trust, including the independent Trustees voting separately, unanimously approved the continuation of the investment advisory agreement for another year. In considering the continuation of the investment advisory agreement, the Trustees considered various factors that they determined were relevant, including the factors described below. The Trustees did not identify any single factor as the controlling factor in determining to approve the continuation of the investment advisory agreement.

### Nature, Extent and Quality of Services

The Trustees considered the nature, extent and quality of the services that had provided by PIM to the Trust, taking into account the investment objective and strategy of the Trust and the information related to the Trust provided to the Trustees at each quarterly meeting. The Trustees reviewed the terms of the investment advisory agreement. The Trustees also reviewed PIM's investment approach for the Trust and its research process. The Trustees considered the resources of PIM and the personnel of PIM who provide investment management services to the Trust. They also considered PIM's compliance and legal resources and personnel.

The Trustees also considered that, as administrator, PIM is responsible for the administration of the Trust's business and other affairs. It was noted that PIM supervises and monitors the performance of the Trust's service providers and provides the Trust with personnel (including officers) as are necessary for the Trust's operations. The Trustees considered the fees paid to PIM for the provision of such services.

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Based on these considerations, the Trustees concluded that the nature, extent and quality of services that had provided by PIM to the Trust were satisfactory and consistent with the terms of the investment advisory agreement.

### Performance of the Trust

The Trustees considered the performance results of the Trust over various time periods. They reviewed information comparing the Trust's performance with the average performance of its peer group of funds as classified by Morningstar, Inc. (Morningstar), an independent provider of investment company data, and with the performance of the Trust's benchmark index. The Trustees considered that the Trust's annualized total return was in the third quintile of its Morningstar category for the one year period ended June 30, 2008 and in the first quintile of its Morningstar category for the three and five year periods ending June 30, 2008. (In all quintile rankings referred to throughout this disclosure, first quintile is most favorable to the Trust's shareowners. Thus,

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highest relative performance would be first quintile and lowest relative expenses would also be first quintile.) The Trustees noted that the yield (gross of expenses) to the Trust's common shareowners for the twelve months ended June 30, 2008 exceeded the yield of the Trust's benchmark index for the same period. The Trustees concluded that the investment performance of the Trust was satisfactory.

### Management Fee and Expenses

The Trustees considered information on the fees and expenses of the Trust in comparison to the management fees and the expense ratios of a peer group of funds selected on the basis of criteria determined by the independent Trustees for this purpose using data provided by Strategic Insight Mutual Trust Research and Consulting, LLC (Strategic Insight), an independent third party.

The Trustees considered that the Trust's management fee for the twelve months ended June 30, 2008 was in the second quintile relative to the management fees paid by other funds in its Strategic Insight peer group for the comparable period. The Trustees also considered that the Trust's expense ratio for the twelve months ended June 30, 2008 was in the first quintile relative to its Strategic Insight peer group for the comparable period. It was noted that PIM did not currently manage any separate accounts with an investment objective and strategies that were similar to the Trust.

The Trustees concluded that the management fee payable by the Trust to PIM was reasonable in relation to the nature and quality of the services provided by PIM. The Trustees also concluded that the Trust's expense ratio was reasonable, taking into account the quality of services provided by PIM and the investment performance of the Trust.

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### Profitability

The Trustees considered information provided by PIM regarding the profitability of PIM with respect to the advisory services provided by PIM to the Trust, including the methodology used by PIM in allocating certain of its costs to the management of the Trust. The Trustees also considered PIM's profit margin in connection with the overall operation of the Trust. They further reviewed the financial results realized by PIM and its affiliates from non-fund businesses. The Trustees considered PIM's profit margins with respect to the Trust in comparison to the limited industry data available and noted that the profitability of any adviser was affected by numerous factors, including its organizational structure and method for allocating expenses. The Trustees recognized that PIM should be entitled to earn a reasonable level of profit for the services provided to the Trust. The Trustees concluded that PIM's profitability with respect to the management of the Trust was not unreasonable.

### Economies of Scale

The Trustees considered the extent to which PIM may realize economies of scale or other efficiencies in managing and supporting the Trust. Since the Trust is a closed-end fund and its size is relatively stable at an asset level that was anticipated when the management fee was initially set, the Trustees concluded that economies of scale were not a relevant consideration.

### Other Benefits

The Trustees also considered the character and amount of fees paid by the Trust, other than under the investment advisory agreement, for services provided by PIM and its affiliates. The Trustees further considered the

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revenues and profitability of PIM's businesses other than the fund business. The Trustees concluded that the receipt of these benefits was reasonable in the context of the overall relationship between PIM and the Trust.

### Conclusion

After consideration of the factors described above as well as other factors, the Trustees, including all of the independent Trustees, concluded that the investment advisory agreement between PIM and the Trust, including the fees payable thereunder, was fair and reasonable and voted to approve the proposed continuation of the investment advisory agreement for the Trust.

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### Trustees, Officers and Service Providers

#### Investment Adviser

Pioneer Investment Management, Inc.

#### Custodian

Brown Brothers Harriman & Co.

#### Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

Ernst & Young LLP

#### Legal Counsel

Bingham McCutchen LLP

#### Transfer Agent

Pioneer Investment Management Shareholder Services, Inc.

#### Shareowner Services and Sub-Transfer Agent

American Stock Transfer & Trust Company

#### Preferred Share Auction/Transfer Agent and Registrar

Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas

#### Sub-Administrator

Princeton Administrators, LLC

Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures of the Trust are available without charge, upon request, by calling our toll free number (1-800-225-6292). Information regarding how the Trust voted proxies relating to portfolio securities during the most recent 12-month period ended June 30 is publicly available to shareowners at [www.pioneerinvestments.com](http://www.pioneerinvestments.com). This information is also available on the Securities and Exchange Commission's web site at <http://www.sec.gov>.

### Trustees and Officers

The Board of Trustees provides broad supervision over the Trust's affairs. The officers of the Trust are responsible for the Trust's operations. The Trustees and officers are listed below, together with their principal occupations during the past five years. Trustees who are interested persons of the Trust within the meaning of the 1940 Act are referred to as Interested Trustees. Trustees who are not interested persons of the Trust are referred to as Independent Trustees. Each of the Trustees serves as a Trustee of each of the 76 U.S. registered investment portfolios for which Pioneer serves as investment adviser (the "Pioneer Funds"). The address for all Trustees and all officers of the Trust is 60 State Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02109

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### Interested Trustees

Name and Age	Position Held with the Trust	Length of Service and Term of Office
John F. Cogan, Jr. (82)*	Chairman of the Board, Trustee and President	Class II Trustee since 2002. Term expires in 2010. Elected by Preferred Shares only.
Daniel K. Kingsbury (50)*	Trustee and Executive Vice President	Class III Trustee since 2007. Term expires in 2011.

Name and Age	Principal Occupation During Past Five Years
John F. Cogan, Jr. (82)*	Deputy Chairman and a Director of Pioneer Global Asset Management S.p.A. ("PGAM"); Non-Executive Chairman and a Director of Pioneer Investment Management USA Inc. ("PIM-USA"); Chairman and a Director of Pioneer; Chairman and Director of Pioneer Institutional Asset Management, Inc. (since 2006); Director of Pioneer Alternative Investment Management Limited (Dublin); President and a Director of Pioneer Alternative Investment Management (Bermuda) Limited and affiliated funds; Director of PIONGLOBAL Real Estate Investment Fund (Russia) (until June 2006); Director of Nano-C, Inc. (since 2003); Director of Cole Management Inc. (since 2004); Director of Fiduciary Counseling, Inc.; President and Director of Pioneer Funds Distributor, Inc. ("PFD") (until May 2006); President of all of the Pioneer Funds; and Of Counsel, Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP
Daniel K. Kingsbury (50)*	Director, CEO and President of Pioneer Investment Management USA Inc. (since February 2007); Director and President of Pioneer Investment Management, Inc. and Pioneer Institutional Asset Management, Inc. (since February 2007); Executive Vice President of all of the Pioneer Funds (since March 2007); Director of Pioneer Global Asset Management S.p.A. (since April 2007); Head of New Markets Division, Pioneer Global Asset Management S.p.A. (2000 - 2007)

\* Mr. Cogan and Mr. Kingsbury are Interested Trustees because they are officers or directors of adviser and certain of its affiliates.

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### Independent Trustees

Position Held	Length of Service
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Name and Age	with the Trust	and Term of Office
David R. Bock (65)	Trustee	Class II Trustee since 2005. Term expires in 2010.
Mary K. Bush (60)	Trustee	Class I Trustee since 2002. Term expires in 2009.

Name and Age	Principal Occupation During Past Five Years	Other Directorships Held by
David R. Bock (65)	Managing Partner, Federal City Capital Advisors (boutique merchant bank) (1997 - 2004 and 2008 - present); and Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, I-trax, Inc. (publicly traded health care services company) (2004 - 2007)	Director of Community (private housing) Director of Mortgage Trust mortgage Director of (private consult
Mary K. Bush (60)	President, Bush International, LLC (international financial advisory firm)	Director of International, cover F (credit electronic Director of Co. (en Director of (airline Director of International security intelligence and Members, ernors, Institu

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Name and Age	Position Held with the Trust	Length of Service and Term of Office
Benjamin M. Friedman (64)	Trustee	Class III Trustee since 2008. Term expires in 2011.
Margaret B.W. Graham (61)	Trustee	Class III Trustee since 2002. Term expires in 2011.

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Thomas J. Perna (58)	Trustee	Class I Trustee since 2006. Term expires in 2009.
Marguerite A. Piret (60)	Trustee	Class I Trustee since 2002. Term expires in 2009. Elected by Preferred Shares only.
Stephen K. West (80)	Trustee	Class II Trustee since 2002. Term expires in 2010.

Name and Age	Principal Occupation During Past Five Years
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Benjamin M. Friedman (64)	Professor, Harvard University
Margaret B.W. Graham (61)	Founding Director, Vice President and Corporate Secretary, The Winthrop Group, Inc. (consulting firm); and Desautels Faculty of Management, McGill University
Thomas J. Perna (58)	Chief Executive Officer, Quadriserv, Inc. (technology products for securities lending industry) (2008 - present); Private investor (2004 - 2008); and Senior Executive Vice President, The Bank of New York (financial and securities services) (1986 - 2004)
Marguerite A. Piret (60)	President and Chief Executive Officer, Newbury, Piret & Company, Inc. (investment banking firm)
Stephen K. West (80)	Senior Counsel, Sullivan & Cromwell LLP (law firm)

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### Trust Officers

Name and Age	Position Held with the Trust	Length of Service and Term of Office
Dorothy E. Bourassa (61)	Secretary	Since 2002. Serves at the discretion of the Board
Christopher J. Kelley (44)	Assistant Secretary	Since 2003. Serves at the discretion of the

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### Board

Mark E. Bradley (49)	Treasurer	Since 2008. Serves at the discretion of the Board
Luis I. Presutti (43)	Assistant Treasurer	Since 2002. Serves at the discretion of the Board
Gary Sullivan (50)	Assistant Treasurer	Since 2002. Serves at the discretion of the Board
David F. Johnson (29)	Assistant Treasurer	Since 2009. Serves at the discretion of the Board

### Trust Officers

Name and Age	Principal Occupation During Past Five Years
Dorothy E. Bourassa (61)	Secretary of PIM-USA; Senior Vice President - Legal of Pioneer; Secretary/Clerk of most of PIM-USA's subsidiaries; and Secretary of all of the Pioneer Funds since September 2003 (Assistant Secretary from November 2000 to September 2003)
Christopher J. Kelley (44)	Associate General Counsel of Pioneer since January 2008 and Assistant Secretary of all of the Pioneer Funds since September 2003; Vice President and Senior Counsel of Pioneer from July 2002 to December 2007
Mark E. Bradley (49)	Vice President - Fund Accounting, Administration and Controllershship Services of Pioneer; and Treasurer of all of the Pioneer Funds since March 2008; Deputy Treasurer of Pioneer from March 2004 to February 2008; Assistant Treasurer of all of the Pioneer Funds from March 2004 to February 2008; and Treasurer and Senior Vice President, CDC IXIS Asset Management Services from 2002 to 2003
Luis I. Presutti (43)	Assistant Vice President - Fund Accounting, Administration and Controllershship Services of Pioneer; and Assistant Treasurer of all of the Pioneer Funds
Gary Sullivan (50)	Fund Accounting Manager - Fund Accounting, Administration and Controllershship Services of Pioneer; and Assistant Treasurer of all of the Pioneer Funds
David F. Johnson (29)	Fund Administration Manager - Fund Accounting, Administration and Controllershship Services since November 2008 and Assistant Treasurer of all of the Pioneer Funds since January 2009; Client Service Manager - Institutional Investor Services at State Street Bank from March 2003 to March 2007

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Name and Age	Position Held with the Trust	Length of Service and Term of Office	Principal Occupation During Past
Teri W. Anderholm (49)	Chief Compliance Officer	Since 2007. Serves at the discretion of the Board	Chief Compliance Officer of Pioneer since December 2006 and of all the Pioneer since January 2007; Vice President, Compliance Officer, MFS Investment Management (August 2005 to December 2006); Fidelity Investments (February 2005); Independent Consultant (February 2005)

The outstanding capital stock of PFD, Pioneer and Pioneer Investment Management Shareholder Services, is wholly owned by UniCredit S.p.A. ("UniCredit"), one of the largest banking groups in Italy. Pioneer Investment Management, an investment adviser, provides investment management and financial services to mutual funds, institutional and

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How to Contact Pioneer

We are pleased to offer a variety of convenient ways for you to contact us for assistance or information.

You can call American Stock Transfer & Trust Company (AST) for:

Account Information

1-800-710-0935

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Or write to AST:

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For

General inquiries, lost dividend checks,  
change of address, lost stock certificates,  
stock transfer

Write to

American Stock  
Transfer & Trust  
Operations Center  
6201 15th Ave.  
Brooklyn, NY 11219

Dividend reinvestment plan (DRIP)

American Stock  
Transfer & Trust  
Wall Street Station  
P.O. Box 922  
New York, NY 10269-0560

Website

www.amstock.com

For additional information, please contact your investment advisor or visit our web site [www.pioneerinvestments.com](http://www.pioneerinvestments.com).

The Trust files a complete statement of investments with the Securities and Exchange Commission for the first and third quarters for each fiscal year on Form N-Q. Shareowners may view the filed Form N-Q by visiting the Commission's web site at <http://www.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 1-800-SEC-0330.

The Trust's Chief Executive Officer is required by the New York Stock Exchange's Listing Standards to file annually with the Exchange a certification that he is not aware of any violation by the Trust of the Exchange's Corporate Governance Standards applicable to the Trust. The Trust has filed such certification.

### ITEM 2. CODE OF ETHICS.

(a) Disclose whether, as of the end of the period covered by the report, the registrant has adopted a code of ethics that applies to the registrant's principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer or controller, or persons performing similar functions, regardless of whether these individuals are employed by the registrant or a third party. If the registrant has not adopted such a code of ethics, explain why it has not done so.

The registrant has adopted, as of the end of the period covered by this report, a code of ethics that applies to the registrant's principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer and controller.

(b) For purposes of this Item, the term "code of ethics" means written standards that are reasonably designed to deter wrongdoing and to promote:

(1) Honest and ethical conduct, including the ethical handling of actual or apparent conflicts of interest between personal and professional relationships;

(2) Full, fair, accurate, timely, and understandable disclosure in reports and documents that a registrant files with, or submits to, the Commission and in other public communications made by the registrant;

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(3) Compliance with applicable governmental laws, rules, and regulations;

(4) The prompt internal reporting of violations of the code to an appropriate person or persons identified in the code; and

(5) Accountability for adherence to the code.

(c) The registrant must briefly describe the nature of any amendment, during the period covered by the report, to a provision of its code of ethics that applies to the registrant's principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer or controller, or persons performing similar functions, regardless of whether these individuals are employed by the registrant or a third party, and that relates to any element of the code of ethics definition enumerated in paragraph (b) of this Item. The registrant must file a copy of any such amendment as an exhibit pursuant to Item 10(a), unless the registrant has elected to satisfy paragraph (f) of this Item by posting its code of ethics on its website pursuant to paragraph (f)(2) of this Item, or by undertaking to provide its code of ethics to any person without charge, upon request, pursuant to paragraph (f)(3) of this Item.

The registrant has made no amendments to the code of ethics during the period covered by this report.

(d) If the registrant has, during the period covered by the report, granted a waiver, including an implicit waiver, from a provision of the code of ethics to the registrant's principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer or controller, or persons performing similar functions, regardless of whether these individuals are employed by the registrant or a third party, that relates to one or more of the items set forth in paragraph (b) of this Item, the registrant must briefly describe the nature of the waiver, the name of the person to whom the waiver was granted, and the date of the waiver.

Not applicable.

(e) If the registrant intends to satisfy the disclosure requirement under paragraph (c) or (d) of this Item regarding an amendment to, or a waiver from, a provision of its code of ethics that applies to the registrant's principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer or controller, or persons performing similar functions and that relates to any element of the code of ethics definition enumerated in paragraph (b) of this Item by posting such information on its Internet website, disclose the registrant's Internet address and such intention.

Not applicable.

(f) The registrant must:

(1) File with the Commission, pursuant to Item 10(a), a copy of its code of ethics that applies to the registrant's principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer or controller, or persons performing similar functions, as an exhibit to its annual report on this Form N-CSR;

(2) Post the text of such code of ethics on its Internet website and disclose, in its most recent report on this Form N-CSR, its Internet address and the fact that it has posted such code of ethics on its Internet website; or

(3) Undertake in its most recent report on this Form N-CSR to provide to

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any person without charge, upon request, a copy of such code of ethics and explain the manner in which such request may be made.  
See Item 10(2)

### ITEM 3. AUDIT COMMITTEE FINANCIAL EXPERT.

- (a) (1) Disclose that the registrant's board of trustees has determined that the registrant either:
- (i) Has at least one audit committee financial expert serving on its audit committee; or
  - (ii) Does not have an audit committee financial expert serving on its audit committee.

The registrant's Board of Trustees has determined that the registrant has at least one audit committee financial expert.

(2) If the registrant provides the disclosure required by paragraph (a)(1)(i) of this Item, it must disclose the name of the audit committee financial expert and whether that person is "independent." In order to be considered "independent" for purposes of this Item, a member of an audit committee may not, other than in his or her capacity as a member of the audit committee, the board of trustees, or any other board committee:

- (i) Accept directly or indirectly any consulting, advisory, or other compensatory fee from the issuer; or
- (ii) Be an "interested person" of the investment company as defined in Section 2(a)(19) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 80a-2(a)(19)).

Ms. Marguerite A. Piret, an independent trustee, is such an audit committee financial expert.

(3) If the registrant provides the disclosure required by paragraph (a)(1)(ii) of this Item, it must explain why it does not have an audit committee financial expert.

Not applicable.

### ITEM 4. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT FEES AND SERVICES.

(a) Disclose, under the caption AUDIT FEES, the aggregate fees billed for each of the last two fiscal years for professional services rendered by the principal accountant for the audit of the registrant's annual financial statements or services that are normally provided by the accountant in connection with statutory and regulatory filings or engagements for those fiscal years.

#### Audit Fees

Fees for audit services provided to the Trust, including fees associated with the filings to update its Form N-2 and issuance of comfort letters, totaled approximately \$41,300 in 2009 and \$38,545 in 2008.

(b) Disclose, under the caption AUDIT-RELATED FEES, the aggregate fees billed in each of the last two fiscal years for assurance and related services by the principal accountant that are reasonably related to the performance of the audit of the registrant's financial statements and are not reported under paragraph (a) of this Item. Registrants shall describe the nature of the services comprising the fees disclosed under this category.

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### Audit-Related Fees and Other Fees

Audit related fees for the Trust's audit related services totaled approximately \$9,652 and \$9,285 in 2009 and 2008, respectively.

(c) Disclose, under the caption TAX FEES, the aggregate fees billed in each of the last two fiscal years for professional services rendered by the principal accountant for tax compliance, tax advice, and tax planning. Registrants shall describe the nature of the services comprising the fees disclosed under this category.

### Tax Fees

Fees for tax compliance services, primarily for tax returns, totaled approximately \$8,290 and \$7,820 for 2009 and 2008, respectively.

(d) Disclose, under the caption ALL OTHER FEES, the aggregate fees billed in each of the last two fiscal years for products and services provided by the principal accountant, other than the services reported in paragraphs (a) through (c) of this Item. Registrants shall describe the nature of the services comprising the fees disclosed under this category.

N/A

(e) (1) Disclose the audit committee's pre-approval policies and procedures described in paragraph (c) (7) of Rule 2-01 of Regulation S-X.

### PIONEER FUNDS

#### APPROVAL OF AUDIT, AUDIT-RELATED, TAX AND OTHER SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR

#### SECTION I - POLICY PURPOSE AND APPLICABILITY

The Pioneer Funds recognize the importance of maintaining the independence of their outside auditors. Maintaining independence is a shared responsibility involving Pioneer Investment Management, Inc ("PIM"), the audit committee and the independent auditors.

The Funds recognize that a Fund's independent auditors: 1) possess knowledge of the Funds, 2) are able to incorporate certain services into the scope of the audit, thereby avoiding redundant work, cost and disruption of Fund personnel and processes, and 3) have expertise that has value to the Funds. As a result, there are situations where it is desirable to use the Fund's independent auditors for services in addition to the annual audit and where the potential for conflicts of interests are minimal. Consequently, this policy, which is intended to comply with Rule 210.2-01(C) (7), sets forth guidelines and procedures to be followed by the Funds when retaining the independent audit firm to perform audit, audit-related tax and other services under those circumstances, while also maintaining independence.

Approval of a service in accordance with this policy for a Fund shall also constitute approval for any other Fund whose pre-approval is required pursuant to Rule 210.2-01(c) (7) (ii).

In addition to the procedures set forth in this policy, any non-audit services that may be provided consistently with Rule 210.2-01 may be approved by the Audit Committee itself and any pre-approval that may be waived in accordance with Rule 210.2-01(c) (7) (i) (C) is hereby waived.

Selection of a Fund's independent auditors and their compensation shall be

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determined by the Audit Committee and shall not be subject to this policy.

SECTION II - POLICY

SERVICE CATEGORY	SERVICE CATEGORY DESCRIPTION	SPECIFIC PRE-APPROVED SERVICE SUBCATEGORIES
I. AUDIT SERVICES	Services that are directly related to performing the independent audit of the Funds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Accounting research assistance</li> <li>o SEC consultation, registration statements, and reporting</li> <li>o Tax accrual related matters</li> <li>o Implementation of new accounting standards</li> <li>o Compliance letters (e.g. rating agency letters)</li> <li>o Regulatory reviews and assistance regarding financial matters</li> <li>o Semi-annual reviews (if requested)</li> <li>o Comfort letters for closed end offerings</li> </ul>
II. AUDIT-RELATED SERVICES	Services which are not prohibited under Rule 210.2-01(C)(4) (the "Rule") and are related extensions of the audit services support the audit, or use the knowledge/expertise gained from the audit procedures as a foundation to complete the project. In most cases, if the Audit-Related Services are not performed by the Audit firm, the scope of the Audit Services would likely increase. The Services are typically well-defined and governed by accounting professional standards (AICPA, SEC, etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o AICPA attest and agreed-upon procedures</li> <li>o Technology control assessments</li> <li>o Financial reporting control assessments</li> <li>o Enterprise security architecture assessment</li> </ul>

AUDIT COMMITTEE APPROVAL POLICY

AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORTING POLICY

o "One-time" pre-approval for the audit period for all pre-approved specific service subcategories. Approval of the independent auditors as auditors for a Fund shall constitute pre approval for these services.

o A summary of all such services and related fees reported at each regularly scheduled Audit Committee meeting.

o "One-time" pre-approval

o A summary of all such

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for the fund fiscal year within a specified dollar limit for all pre-approved specific service subcategories

services and related fees (including comparison to specified dollar limits) reported quarterly.

- o Specific approval is needed to exceed the pre-approved dollar limit for these services (see general Audit Committee approval policy below for details on obtaining specific approvals)
- o Specific approval is needed to use the Fund's auditors for Audit-Related Services not denoted as "pre-approved", or to add a specific service subcategory as "pre-approved"

SECTION III - POLICY DETAIL, CONTINUED

SERVICE CATEGORY	SERVICE CATEGORY DESCRIPTION	SPECIFIC PRE-APPROVED SERVICE SUBCATEGORIES
III. TAX SERVICES	Services which are not prohibited by the Rule, if an officer of the Fund determines that using the Fund's auditor to provide these services creates significant synergy in the form of efficiency, minimized disruption, or the ability to maintain a desired level of confidentiality.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Tax planning and support</li> <li>o Tax controversy assistance</li> <li>o Tax compliance, tax returns, excise tax returns and support</li> <li>o Tax opinions</li> </ul>

AUDIT COMMITTEE APPROVAL POLICY	AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORTING POLICY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o "One-time" pre-approval for the fund fiscal year within a specified dollar limit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o A summary of all such services and related fees (including comparison to specified dollar limits) reported quarterly.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Specific approval is needed to exceed the pre-approved dollar limits for</li> </ul>	

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these services (see general Audit Committee approval policy below for details on obtaining specific approvals)

- o Specific approval is needed to use the Fund's auditors for tax services not denoted as pre-approved, or to add a specific service subcategory as "pre-approved"

SECTION III - POLICY DETAIL, CONTINUED

SERVICE CATEGORY	SERVICE CATEGORY DESCRIPTION	SPECIFIC PRE-APPROVED SERVICE SUBCATEGORIES
IV. OTHER SERVICES A. SYNERGISTIC, UNIQUE QUALIFICATIONS	Services which are not prohibited by the Rule, if an officer of the Fund determines that using the Fund's auditor to provide these services creates significant synergy in the form of efficiency, minimized disruption, the ability to maintain a desired level of confidentiality, or where the Fund's auditors possess unique or superior qualifications to provide these services, resulting in superior value and results for the Fund.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Business Risk Management support</li> <li>o Other control and regulatory compliance projects</li> </ul>

AUDIT COMMITTEE APPROVAL POLICY	AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORTING POLICY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o "One-time" pre-approval for the fund fiscal year within a specified dollar limit</li> <li>o Specific approval is needed to exceed the pre-approved dollar limits for these services (see general Audit Committee approval policy below for details on obtaining specific approvals)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o A summary of all such services and related fees (including comparison to specified dollar limits) reported quarterly.</li> </ul>

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- o Specific approval is needed to use the Fund's auditors for "Synergistic" or "Unique Qualifications" Other Services not denoted as pre-approved to the left, or to add a specific service subcategory as "pre-approved"

SECTION III - POLICY DETAIL, CONTINUED

SERVICE CATEGORY	SERVICE CATEGORY DESCRIPTION	SPECIFIC PROHIBITED SERVICE SUBCATEGORIES
PROHIBITED SERVICES	Services which result in the auditors losing independence status under the Rule.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Bookkeeping or other services related to the accounting records or financial statements of the audit client*</li> <li>2. Financial information systems design and implementation*</li> <li>3. Appraisal or valuation services, fairness* opinions, or contribution-in-kind reports</li> <li>4. Actuarial services (i.e., setting actuarial reserves versus actuarial audit work)*</li> <li>5. Internal audit outsourcing services*</li> <li>6. Management functions or human resources</li> <li>7. Broker or dealer, investment advisor, or investment banking services</li> <li>8. Legal services and expert services unrelated to the audit</li> <li>9. Any other service that the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board determines, by regulation, is impermissible</li> </ol>

AUDIT COMMITTEE APPROVAL POLICY	AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORTING POLICY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o These services are not to be performed with the exception of the(*) services that may be permitted if they would not be subject to audit procedures at the audit client (as defined in rule 2-01(f)(4)) level the firm providing the service.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o A summary of all services and related fees reported at each regularly scheduled Audit Committee meeting will serve as continual confirmation that has not provided any restricted services.</li> </ul>

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### GENERAL AUDIT COMMITTEE APPROVAL POLICY:

- o For all projects, the officers of the Funds and the Fund's auditors will each make an assessment to determine that any proposed projects will not impair independence.
  - o Potential services will be classified into the four non-restricted service categories and the "Approval of Audit, Audit-Related, Tax and Other Services" Policy above will be applied. Any services outside the specific pre-approved service subcategories set forth above must be specifically approved by the Audit Committee.
  - o At least quarterly, the Audit Committee shall review a report summarizing the services by service category, including fees, provided by the Audit firm as set forth in the above policy.
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(2) Disclose the percentage of services described in each of paragraphs (b) through (d) of this Item that were approved by the audit committee pursuant to paragraph (c) (7) (i) (C) of Rule 2-01 of Regulation S-X.

### Non-Audit Services

Beginning with non-audit service contracts entered into on or after May 6, 2003, the effective date of the new SEC pre-approval rules, the Trust's audit committee is required to pre-approve services to affiliates defined by SEC rules to the extent that the services are determined to have a direct impact on the operations or financial reporting of the Trust. For the years ended March 31, 2009 and 2008, there were no services provided to an affiliate that required the Trust's audit committee pre-approval.

(f) If greater than 50 percent, disclose the percentage of hours expended on the principal accountant's engagement to audit the registrant's financial statements for the most recent fiscal year that were attributed to work performed by persons other than the principal accountant's full-time, permanent employees.

N/A

(g) Disclose the aggregate non-audit fees billed by the registrant's accountant for services rendered to the registrant, and rendered to the registrant's investment adviser (not including any sub-adviser whose role is primarily portfolio management and is subcontracted with or overseen by another investment adviser), and any entity controlling, controlled by, or under common control with the adviser that provides ongoing services to the registrant for each of the last two fiscal years of the registrant.

The aggregate non-audit fees for the Trust and affiliates, as previously defined, totaled approximately \$17,492 in 2009 and \$17,105 in 2008.

(h) Disclose whether the registrant's audit committee of the board of trustees has considered whether the provision of non-audit services that were rendered to the registrant's investment adviser (not including any subadviser whose role is primarily portfolio management and is subcontracted with or overseen by another investment adviser), and any entity controlling, controlled by, or under common control with the investment adviser that provides ongoing services to the registrant that were not pre-approved pursuant to paragraph (c) (7) (ii) of Rule 2-01 of Regulation S-X is compatible with maintaining the principal accountant's independence.

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The Fund's audit committee of the Board of Trustees has considered whether the provision of non-audit services that were rendered to the Affiliates (as defined) that were not pre-approved pursuant to paragraph (c)(7)(ii) of Rule 2-01 of Regulation S-X is compatible with maintaining the principal accountant's independence.

### Item 5. Audit Committee of Listed Registrants

(a) If the registrant is a listed issuer as defined in Rule 10A-3 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.10A-3), state whether or not the registrant has a separately-designated standing audit committee established in accordance with Section 3(a)(58)(A) of the Exchange Act (15 U.S.C. 78c(a)(58)(A)). If the registrant has such a committee, however designated, identify each committee member. If the entire board of directors is acting as the registrants audit committee as specified in Section 3(a)(58)(B) of the Exchange Act (15 U.S.C. 78c(a)(58)(B)), so state.

The registrant has a separately-designated standing audit committee established in accordance with Section 3(a)(58)(A) of the Exchange Act (15 U.S.C. 78c(a)(58)(A)).

(b) If applicable, provide the disclosure required by Rule 10A-3(d) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.10A-3(d)) regarding an exemption from the listing standards for audit committees.

N/A

### Item 6. Schedule of Investments.

File Schedule I Investments in securities of unaffiliated issuers as of the close of the reporting period as set forth in 210.12-12 of Regulation S-X [17 CFR 210.12-12], unless the schedule is included as part of the report to shareholders filed under Item 1 of this Form.

Included in Item 1

### ITEM 7. DISCLOSURE OF PROXY VOTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR CLOSED-END MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES.

A closed-end management investment company that is filing an annual report on this Form N-CSR must, unless it invests exclusively in non-voting securities, describe the policies and procedures that it uses to determine how to vote proxies relating to portfolio securities, including the procedures that the company uses when a vote presents a conflict between the interests of its shareholders, on the one hand, and those of the company's investment adviser; principal underwriter; or any affiliated person (as defined in Section 2(a)(3) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-2(a)(3)) and the rules thereunder) of the company, its investment adviser, or its principal underwriter, on the other. Include any policies and procedures of the company's investment adviser, or any other third party, that the company uses, or that are used on the company's behalf, to determine how to vote proxies relating to portfolio securities.

Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures of  
Pioneer Investment Management, Inc.

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### Overview

Pioneer Investment Management, Inc. ("Pioneer") is a fiduciary that owes each of its client's duties of care and loyalty with respect to all services undertaken on the client's behalf, including proxy voting. When Pioneer has been delegated proxy-voting authority for a client, the duty of care requires Pioneer to monitor corporate events and to vote the proxies. To satisfy its duty of loyalty, Pioneer must place its client's interests ahead of its own and must cast proxy votes in a manner consistent with the best interest of its clients. Pioneer will vote all proxies presented in a timely manner.

The Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures are designed to complement Pioneer's investment policies and procedures regarding its general responsibility to monitor the performance and/or corporate events of companies that are issuers of securities held in accounts managed by Pioneer. Pioneer's Proxy Voting Policies summarize Pioneer's position on a number of issues solicited by companies held by Pioneer's clients. The policies are guidelines that provide a general indication on how Pioneer would vote but do not include all potential voting scenarios.

Pioneer's Proxy Voting Procedures detail monitoring of voting, exception votes, and review of conflicts of interest and ensure that case-by-case votes are handled within the context of the overall guidelines (i.e. best interest of client). The overriding goal is that all proxies for US and non-US companies that are received promptly will be voted in accordance with Pioneer's policies or specific client instructions. All shares in a company held by Pioneer-managed accounts will be voted alike, unless a client has given us specific voting instructions on an issue or has not delegated authority to us or the Proxy Voting Oversight Group determines that the circumstances justify a different approach.

Pioneer does not delegate the authority to vote proxies relating to its clients to any of its affiliates, which include other subsidiaries of UniCredito.

Any questions about these policies and procedures should be directed to the Proxy Coordinator.

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### Proxy Voting Procedures

#### Proxy Voting Service

Pioneer has engaged an independent proxy voting service to assist in the voting of proxies. The proxy voting service works with custodians to ensure that all proxy materials are received by the custodians and are processed in a timely fashion. To the extent applicable, the proxy voting service votes all proxies in accordance with the proxy voting policies established by Pioneer. The proxy voting service will refer proxy questions to the Proxy Coordinator (described below) for instructions under circumstances where: (1) the application of the proxy voting guidelines is unclear; (2) a particular proxy question is not covered by the guidelines; or (3) the guidelines call for specific instructions on a case-by-case basis. The proxy voting service is also requested to call to the Proxy Coordinator's attention specific proxy questions that, while governed by a guideline, appear to involve unusual or controversial issues. Pioneer reserves the right to attend a meeting in person and may do so when it determines that the company or the matters to be voted on at the meeting are strategically important to its clients.

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### Proxy Coordinator

Pioneer's Director of Investment Operations (the "Proxy Coordinator") coordinates the voting, procedures and reporting of proxies on behalf of Pioneer's clients. The Proxy Coordinator will deal directly with the proxy voting service and, in the case of proxy questions referred by the proxy voting service, will solicit voting recommendations and instructions from the Director of Portfolio Management US or, to the extent applicable, investment sub-advisers. The Proxy Coordinator is responsible for ensuring that these questions and referrals are responded to in a timely fashion and for transmitting appropriate voting instructions to the proxy voting service. The Proxy Coordinator is responsible for verifying with the Compliance Department whether Pioneer's voting power is subject to any limitations or guidelines issued by the client (or in the case of an employee benefit plan, the plan's trustee or other fiduciaries).

### Referral Items

From time to time, the proxy voting service will refer proxy questions to the Proxy Coordinator that are described by Pioneer's policy as to be voted on a case-by-case basis, that are not covered by Pioneer's guidelines or where Pioneer's guidelines may be unclear with respect to the matter to be voted on. Under such certain circumstances, the Proxy Coordinator will seek a written voting recommendation from the Director of Portfolio Management US. Any such recommendation will include: (i) the manner in which the proxies should be voted; (ii) the rationale underlying any such decision; and (iii) the disclosure of any contacts or communications made between Pioneer and any outside parties concerning the proxy proposal prior to the time that the voting instructions are provided. In addition, the Proxy Coordinator will ask the Compliance Department to review the question for any actual or apparent conflicts of interest as described below under "Conflicts of

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Interest." The Compliance Department will provide a "Conflicts of Interest Report," applying the criteria set forth below under "Conflicts of Interest," to the Proxy Coordinator summarizing the results of its review. In the absence of a conflict of interest, the Proxy Coordinator will vote in accordance with the recommendation of the Director of Portfolio Management US.

If the matter presents a conflict of interest for Pioneer, then the Proxy Coordinator will refer the matter to the Proxy Voting Oversight Group for a decision. In general, when a conflict of interest is present, Pioneer will vote according to the recommendation of the Director of Portfolio Management US where such recommendation would go against Pioneer's interest or where the conflict is deemed to be immaterial. Pioneer will vote according to the recommendation of its proxy voting service when the conflict is deemed to be material and the Pioneer's internal vote recommendation would favor Pioneer's interest, unless a client specifically requests Pioneer to do otherwise. When making the final determination as to how to vote a proxy, the Proxy Voting Oversight Group will review the report from the Director of Portfolio Management US and the Conflicts of Interest Report issued by the Compliance Department.

### Conflicts of Interest

A conflict of interest occurs when Pioneer's interests interfere, or appear to interfere with the interests of Pioneer's clients. Occasionally, Pioneer may have a conflict that can affect how its votes proxies. The conflict may be actual or perceived and may exist when the matter to be voted on concerns:

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- o An affiliate of Pioneer, such as another company belonging to the UniCredito Italiano S.p.A. banking group (a "UniCredito Affiliate");
- o An issuer of a security for which Pioneer acts as a sponsor, advisor, manager, custodian, distributor, underwriter, broker, or other similar capacity (including those securities specifically declared by PGAM to present a conflict of interest for Pioneer);
- o An issuer of a security for which UniCredito has informed Pioneer that a UniCredito Affiliate acts as a sponsor, advisor, manager, custodian, distributor, underwriter, broker, or other similar capacity; or
- o A person with whom Pioneer (or any of its affiliates) has an existing, material contract or business relationship that was not entered into in the ordinary course of Pioneer's business.
- o Pioneer will abstain from voting with respect to companies directly or indirectly owned by UniCredito Italiano Group, unless otherwise directed by a client. In addition, Pioneer will inform PGAM Global Compliance and the PGAM Independent Directors before exercising such rights.

Any associate involved in the proxy voting process with knowledge of any apparent or actual conflict of interest must disclose such conflict to the Proxy Coordinator and the Compliance Department. The Compliance Department will review each item referred to Pioneer to determine whether an actual or potential conflict of interest with Pioneer exists in connection with the proposal(s) to be voted upon. The review will be conducted by comparing the apparent parties affected by the proxy proposal being

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voted upon against the Compliance Department's internal list of interested persons and, for any matches found, evaluating the anticipated magnitude and possible probability of any conflict of interest being present. For each referral item, the determination regarding the presence or absence of any actual or potential conflict of interest will be documented in a Conflicts of Interest Report to the Proxy Coordinator.

### Securities Lending

In conjunction with industry standards Proxies are not available to be voted when the shares are out on loan through either Pioneer's lending program or a client's managed security lending program. However, Pioneer will reserve the right to recall lent securities so that they may be voted according to the Pioneer's instructions. If a portfolio manager would like to vote a block of previously lent shares, the Proxy Coordinator will work with the portfolio manager and Investment Operations to recall the security, to the extent possible, to facilitate the vote on the entire block of shares.

### Share-Blocking

"Share-blocking" is a market practice whereby shares are sent to a custodian (which may be different than the account custodian) for record keeping and voting at the general meeting. The shares are unavailable for sale or delivery until the end of the blocking period (typically the day after general meeting date).

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Pioneer will vote in those countries with "share-blocking." In the event a manager would like to sell a security with "share-blocking", the Proxy Coordinator will work with the Portfolio Manager and Investment Operations Department to recall the shares (as allowable within the market time-frame and practices) and/or communicate with executing brokerage firm. A list of countries with "share-blocking" is available from the Investment Operations Department upon request.

### Record Keeping

The Proxy Coordinator shall ensure that Pioneer's proxy voting service:

- o Retains a copy of the proxy statement received (unless the proxy statement is available from the SEC's Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis, and Retrieval (EDGAR) system);
- o Retains a record of the vote cast;
- o Prepares Form N-PX for filing on behalf of each client that is a registered investment company; and
- o Is able to promptly provide Pioneer with a copy of the voting record upon its request.

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The Proxy Coordinator shall ensure that for those votes that may require additional documentation (i.e. conflicts of interest, exception votes and case-by-case votes) the following records are maintained:

- o A record memorializing the basis for each referral vote cast;
- o A copy of any document created by Pioneer that was material in making the decision on how to vote the subject proxy; and
- o A copy of any conflict notice, conflict consent or any other written communication (including emails or other electronic communications) to or from the client (or in the case of an employee benefit plan, the plan's trustee or other fiduciaries) regarding the subject proxy vote cast by, or the vote recommendation of, Pioneer.
- o Pioneer shall maintain the above records in the client's file for a period not less than ten (10) years.

### Disclosure

Pioneer shall take reasonable measures to inform its clients of the process or procedures clients must follow to obtain information regarding how Pioneer voted with respect to assets held in their accounts. In addition, Pioneer shall describe to clients its proxy voting policies and procedures and will furnish a copy of its proxy voting policies and procedures upon request. This information may be provided to clients through Pioneer's Form ADV (Part II) disclosure, by separate notice to the client, or through Pioneer's website.

### Proxy Voting Oversight Group

The members of the Proxy Voting Oversight Group are Pioneer's: Director of Portfolio Management US, Head of Investment Operations, and Director of Compliance. Other members of Pioneer will be invited to attend meetings and otherwise participate as necessary. The Head of Investment Operations will chair the Proxy Voting Oversight Group.

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The Proxy Voting Oversight Group is responsible for developing, evaluating, and changing (when necessary) Pioneer's Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures. The group meets at least annually to evaluate and review these policies and procedures and the services of its third-party proxy voting service. In addition, the Proxy Voting Oversight Group will meet as necessary to vote on referral items and address other business as necessary.

### Amendments

Pioneer may not amend its Proxy Voting Policies And Procedures without the prior approval of the Proxy Voting Oversight Group and its corporate parent, Pioneer Global Asset Management S.p.A

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### Proxy Voting Policies

Pioneer's sole concern in voting proxies is the economic effect of the proposal on the value of portfolio holdings, considering both the short- and long-term impact. In many instances, Pioneer believes that supporting the company's strategy and voting "for" management's proposals builds portfolio value. In other cases, however, proposals set forth by management may have a negative effect on that value, while some shareholder proposals may hold the best prospects for enhancing it. Pioneer monitors developments in the proxy-voting arena and will revise this policy as needed.

All proxies that are received promptly will be voted in accordance with the specific policies listed below. All shares in a company held by Pioneer-managed accounts will be voted alike, unless a client has given us specific voting instructions on an issue or has not delegated authority to us. Proxy voting issues will be reviewed by Pioneer's Proxy Voting Oversight Group, which consists of the Director of Portfolio Management US, the Director of Investment Operations (the Proxy Coordinator), and the Director of Compliance.

Pioneer has established Proxy Voting Procedures for identifying and reviewing conflicts of interest that may arise in the voting of proxies.

Clients may request, at any time, a report on proxy votes for securities held in their portfolios and Pioneer is happy to discuss our proxy votes with company management. Pioneer retains a proxy voting service to provide research on proxy issues and to process proxy votes.

### Administrative

While administrative items appear infrequently in U.S. issuer proxies, they are quite common in non-U.S. proxies.

We will generally support these and similar management proposals:

- o Corporate name change.
- o A change of corporate headquarters.
- o Stock exchange listing.
- o Establishment of time and place of annual meeting.
- o Adjournment or postponement of annual meeting.
- o Acceptance/approval of financial statements.
- o Approval of dividend payments, dividend reinvestment plans and other

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dividend-related proposals.

- o Approval of minutes and other formalities.

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- o Authorization of the transferring of reserves and allocation of income.
- o Amendments to authorized signatories.
- o Approval of accounting method changes or change in fiscal year-end.
- o Acceptance of labor agreements.
- o Appointment of internal auditors.

Pioneer will vote on a case-by-case basis on other routine business; however, Pioneer will oppose any routine business proposal if insufficient information is presented in advance to allow Pioneer to judge the merit of the proposal. Pioneer has also instructed its proxy voting service to inform Pioneer of its analysis of any administrative items inconsistent, in its view, with supporting the value of Pioneer portfolio holdings so that Pioneer may consider and vote on those items on a case-by-case basis.

### Auditors

We normally vote for proposals to:

- o Ratify the auditors. We will consider a vote against if we are concerned about the auditors' independence or their past work for the company. Specifically, we will oppose the ratification of auditors and withhold votes from audit committee members if non-audit fees paid by the company to the auditing firm exceed the sum of audit fees plus audit-related fees plus permissible tax fees according to the disclosure categories proposed by the Securities and Exchange Commission.
- o Restore shareholder rights to ratify the auditors.

We will normally oppose proposals that require companies to:

- o Seek bids from other auditors.
- o Rotate auditing firms, except where the rotation is statutorily required or where rotation would demonstrably strengthen financial disclosure.
- o Indemnify auditors.
- o Prohibit auditors from engaging in non-audit services for the company.

### Board of Directors

On issues related to the board of directors, Pioneer normally supports management. We will, however, consider a vote against management in instances where corporate performance has been very poor or where the board appears to lack independence.

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### General Board Issues

Pioneer will vote for:

- o Audit, compensation and nominating committees composed of independent directors exclusively.
- o Indemnification for directors for actions taken in good faith in accordance with the business judgment rule. We will vote against proposals for broader indemnification.
- o Changes in board size that appear to have a legitimate business purpose and are not primarily for anti-takeover reasons.
- o Election of an honorary director.

We will vote against:

- o Minimum stock ownership by directors.
- o Term limits for directors. Companies benefit from experienced directors, and shareholder control is better achieved through annual votes.
- o Requirements for union or special interest representation on the board.
- o Requirements to provide two candidates for each board seat.

We will vote on a case-by case basis on these issues:

- o Separate chairman and CEO positions. We will consider voting with shareholders on these issues in cases of poor corporate performance.

### Elections of Directors

In uncontested elections of directors we will vote against:

- o Individual directors with absenteeism above 25% without valid reason. We support proposals that require disclosure of director attendance.
- o Insider directors and affiliated outsiders who sit on the audit, compensation, stock option or nominating committees. For the purposes of our policy, we accept the definition of affiliated directors provided by our proxy voting service.

We will also vote against:

- o Directors who have failed to act on a takeover offer where the majority of shareholders have tendered their shares.
- o Directors who appear to lack independence or are associated with very poor corporate performance.

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We will vote on a case-by case basis on these issues:

- o Re-election of directors who have implemented or renewed a dead-hand or modified dead-hand poison pill (a "dead-hand poison pill" is a shareholder rights plan that may be altered only by

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incumbent or "dead " directors. These plans prevent a potential acquirer from disabling a poison pill by obtaining control of the board through a proxy vote).

- o Contested election of directors.
- o Prior to phase-in required by SEC, we would consider supporting election of a majority of independent directors in cases of poor performance.
- o Mandatory retirement policies.
- o Directors who have ignored a shareholder proposal that has been approved by shareholders for two consecutive years.

### Takeover-Related Measures

Pioneer is generally opposed to proposals that may discourage takeover attempts. We believe that the potential for a takeover helps ensure that corporate performance remains high.

Pioneer will vote for:

- o Cumulative voting.
- o Increase ability for shareholders to call special meetings.
- o Increase ability for shareholders to act by written consent.
- o Restrictions on the ability to make greenmail payments.
- o Submitting rights plans to shareholder vote.
- o Rescinding shareholder rights plans ("poison pills").
- o Opting out of the following state takeover statutes:
  - o Control share acquisition statutes, which deny large holders voting rights on holdings over a specified threshold.
  - o Control share cash-out provisions, which require large holders to acquire shares from other holders.
  - o Freeze-out provisions, which impose a waiting period on large holders before they can attempt to gain control.
  - o Stakeholder laws, which permit directors to consider interests of non-shareholder constituencies.
- o Disgorgement provisions, which require acquirers to disgorge profits on purchases made before gaining control.
- o Fair price provisions.
- o Authorization of shareholder rights plans.
- o Labor protection provisions.
- o Mandatory classified boards.

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We will vote on a case-by-case basis on the following issues:

- o Fair price provisions. We will vote against provisions requiring supermajority votes to approve takeovers. We will also consider voting against proposals that require a supermajority vote to repeal or amend the provision. Finally, we will consider the mechanism used to determine the fair price; we are generally opposed to complicated formulas or requirements to pay a premium.
- o Opting out of state takeover statutes regarding fair price provisions. We will use the criteria used for fair price provisions in general to determine our vote on this issue.
- o Proposals that allow shareholders to nominate directors.

We will vote against:

- o Classified boards, except in the case of closed-end mutual funds.
- o Limiting shareholder ability to remove or appoint directors. We will support proposals to restore shareholder authority in this area. We will review on a case-by-case basis proposals that authorize the board to make interim appointments.
- o Classes of shares with unequal voting rights.
- o Supermajority vote requirements.
- o Severance packages ("golden" and "tin" parachutes). We will support proposals to put these packages to shareholder vote.
- o Reimbursement of dissident proxy solicitation expenses. While we ordinarily support measures that encourage takeover bids, we believe that management should have full control over corporate funds.
- o Extension of advance notice requirements for shareholder proposals.
- o Granting board authority normally retained by shareholders (e.g., amend charter, set board size).
- o Shareholder rights plans ("poison pills"). These plans generally allow shareholders to buy additional shares at a below-market price in the event of a change in control and may deter some bids.

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### Capital Structure

Managements need considerable flexibility in determining the company's financial structure, and Pioneer normally supports managements' proposals in this area. We will, however, reject proposals that impose high barriers to potential takeovers.

Pioneer will vote for:

- o Changes in par value.
- o Reverse splits, if accompanied by a reduction in number of shares.
- o Share repurchase programs, if all shareholders may participate on equal terms.

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- o Bond issuance.
- o Increases in "ordinary" preferred stock.
- o Proposals to have blank-check common stock placements (other than shares issued in the normal course of business) submitted for shareholder approval.
- o Cancellation of company treasury shares.

We will vote on a case-by-case basis on the following issues:

- o Reverse splits not accompanied by a reduction in number of shares, considering the risk of delisting.
- o Increase in authorized common stock. We will make a determination considering, among other factors:
  - o Number of shares currently available for issuance;
  - o Size of requested increase (we would normally approve increases of up to 100% of current authorization);
  - o Proposed use of the additional shares; and
  - o Potential consequences of a failure to increase the number of shares outstanding (e.g., delisting or bankruptcy).
- o Blank-check preferred. We will normally oppose issuance of a new class of blank-check preferred, but may approve an increase in a class already outstanding if the company has demonstrated that it uses this flexibility appropriately.
- o Proposals to submit private placements to shareholder vote.
- o Other financing plans.

We will vote against preemptive rights that we believe limit a company's financing flexibility.

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### Compensation

Pioneer supports compensation plans that link pay to shareholder returns and believes that management has the best understanding of the level of compensation needed to attract and retain qualified people. At the same time, stock-related compensation plans have a significant economic impact and a direct effect on the balance sheet. Therefore, while we do not want to micromanage a company's compensation programs, we will place limits on the potential dilution these plans may impose.

Pioneer will vote for:

- o 401(k) benefit plans.
- o Employee stock ownership plans (ESOPs), as long as shares allocated to ESOPs are less than 5% of outstanding shares. Larger blocks of stock in ESOPs can serve as a takeover defense. We will support proposals to submit ESOPs to shareholder vote.

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- o Various issues related to the Omnibus Budget and Reconciliation Act of 1993 (OBRA), including:
  - o Amendments to performance plans to conform with OBRA;
  - o Caps on annual grants or amendments of administrative features;
  - o Adding performance goals; and
  - o Cash or cash-and-stock bonus plans.
    - o Establish a process to link pay, including stock-option grants, to performance, leaving specifics of implementation to the company.
    - o Require that option repricings be submitted to shareholders.
    - o Require the expensing of stock-option awards.
    - o Require reporting of executive retirement benefits (deferred compensation, split-dollar life insurance, SERPs, and pension benefits).
  - o Employee stock purchase plans where the purchase price is equal to at least 85% of the market price, where the offering period is no greater than 27 months and where potential dilution (as defined below) is no greater than 10%.

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We will vote on a case-by-case basis on the following issues:

- o Executive and director stock-related compensation plans. We will consider the following factors when reviewing these plans:
  - o The program must be of a reasonable size. We will approve plans where the combined employee and director plans together would generate less than 15% dilution. We will reject plans with 15% or more potential dilution.  
  
Dilution =  $(A + B + C) / (A + B + C + D)$ , where  
  
A = Shares reserved for plan/amendment,  
B = Shares available under continuing plans,  
C = Shares granted but unexercised and  
D = Shares outstanding.
- o The plan must not:
  - o Explicitly permit unlimited option repricing authority or that have repriced in the past without shareholder approval.
  - o Be a self-replenishing "evergreen" plan, plans that grant discount options and tax offset payments.
- o We are generally in favor of proposals that increase participation beyond executives.
- o We generally support proposals asking companies to adopt rigorous

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vesting provisions for stock option plans such as those that vest incrementally over, at least, a three- or four-year period with a pro rata portion of the shares becoming exercisable on an annual basis following grant date.

- o We generally support proposals asking companies to disclose their window period policies for stock transactions. Window period policies ensure that employees do not exercise options based on insider information contemporaneous with quarterly earnings releases and other material corporate announcements.
- o We generally support proposals asking companies to adopt stock holding periods for their executives.
  - o All other employee stock purchase plans.
  - o All other compensation-related proposals, including deferred compensation plans, employment agreements, loan guarantee programs and retirement plans.
  - o All other proposals regarding stock compensation plans, including extending the life of a plan, changing vesting restrictions, repricing options, lengthening exercise periods or accelerating distribution of awards and pyramiding and cashless exercise programs.

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We will vote against:

- o Pensions for non-employee directors. We believe these retirement plans reduce director objectivity.
- o Elimination of stock option plans.

We will vote on a case-by case basis on these issues:

- o Limits on executive and director pay.
- o Stock in lieu of cash compensation for directors.

Corporate Governance

Pioneer will vote for:

- o Confidential Voting.
- o Equal access provisions, which allow shareholders to contribute their opinion to proxy materials.
- o Proposals requiring directors to disclose their ownership of shares in the company.

We will vote on a case-by-case basis on the following issues:

- o Change in the state of incorporation. We will support reincorporations supported by valid business reasons. We will oppose those that appear to be solely for the purpose of strengthening takeover defenses.
- o Bundled proposals. We will evaluate the overall impact of the proposal.

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- o Adopting or amending the charter, bylaws or articles of association.
- o Shareholder appraisal rights, which allow shareholders to demand judicial review of an acquisition price.

We will vote against:

- o Shareholder advisory committees. While management should solicit shareholder input, we prefer to leave the method of doing so to management's discretion.
- o Limitations on stock ownership or voting rights.
- o Reduction in share ownership disclosure guidelines.

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### Mergers and Restructurings

Pioneer will vote on the following and similar issues on a case-by-case basis:

- o Mergers and acquisitions.
- o Corporate restructurings, including spin-offs, liquidations, asset sales, joint ventures, conversions to holding company and conversions to self-managed REIT structure.
- o Debt restructurings.
- o Conversion of securities.
- o Issuance of shares to facilitate a merger.
- o Private placements, warrants, convertible debentures.
- o Proposals requiring management to inform shareholders of merger opportunities.

We will normally vote against shareholder proposals requiring that the company be put up for sale.

### Mutual Funds

Many of our portfolios may invest in shares of closed-end mutual funds or exchange-traded funds. The non-corporate structure of these investments raises several unique proxy voting issues.

Pioneer will vote for:

- o Establishment of new classes or series of shares.
- o Establishment of a master-feeder structure.

Pioneer will vote on a case-by-case on:

- o Changes in investment policy. We will normally support changes that do not affect the investment objective or overall risk level of the fund. We will examine more fundamental changes on a case-by-case basis.
- o Approval of new or amended advisory contracts.

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- o Changes from closed-end to open-end format.
- o Authorization for, or increase in, preferred shares.
- o Disposition of assets, termination, liquidation, or mergers.
- o Classified boards of closed-end mutual funds, but will typically support such proposals.

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### Social Issues

Pioneer will abstain on stockholder proposals calling for greater disclosure of corporate activities with regard to social issues. "Social Issues" may generally be described as shareholder proposals for a company to:

- o Conduct studies regarding certain issues of public concern and interest;
- o Study the feasibility of the company taking certain actions with regard to such issues; or
- o Take specific action, including ceasing certain behavior and adopting company standards and principles, in relation to issues of public concern and interest.

We believe these issues are important and should receive management attention.

Pioneer will vote against proposals calling for substantial changes in the company's business or activities. We will also normally vote against proposals with regard to contributions, believing that management should control the routine disbursement of funds.

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### Item 8. Portfolio Managers of Closed-End Management Investment Companies.

(a) If the registrant is a closed-end management investment company that is filing an annual report on this Form N-CSR, provide the following information:

(1) State the name, title, and length of service of the person or persons employed by or associated with the registrant or an investment adviser of the registrant who are primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the registrant's portfolio (Portfolio Manager). Also state each Portfolio Manager's business experience during the past 5 years.

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#### PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

#### Additional Information About the Portfolio Managers

Other Accounts Managed by the Portfolio Managers. The table below indicates, for

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each portfolio manager of the fund, information about the accounts other than the fund over which the portfolio manager has day-to-day investment responsibility. All information on the number of accounts and total assets in the table is as of March 31, 2008. For purposes of the table, "Other Pooled Investment Vehicles" may include investment partnerships, undertakings for collective investments in transferable securities ("UCITS") and other non-U.S. investment funds and group trusts, and "Other Accounts" may include separate accounts for institutions or individuals, insurance company general or separate accounts, pension funds and other similar institutional accounts but generally do not include the portfolio manager's personal investment accounts or those which the manager may be deemed to own beneficially under the code of ethics. Certain funds and other accounts managed by the portfolio manager may have substantially similar investment strategies.

Name of Portfolio Manager	Type of Account	Number of Accounts Managed	Total Assets Managed	Number of Accounts Managed for which Advisory Fee is Performance-Base
Andrew Feltus	Other Registered Investment Companies	7	\$3,594,931,000	N/A
	Other Pooled Investment Vehicles	4	\$412,717,000	N/A
	Other Accounts	3	#340,360,000	N/A

Potential Conflicts of Interest. When a portfolio manager is responsible for the management of more than one account, the potential arises for the portfolio manager to favor one account over another. The principal types of potential conflicts of interest that may arise are discussed below. For the reasons outlined below, Pioneer does not believe that any material conflicts are likely to arise out of a portfolio manager's responsibility for the management of the fund as well as one or more other accounts. Although Pioneer has adopted procedures that it believes are reasonably designed to detect and prevent violations of the federal securities laws and to mitigate the potential for conflicts of interest to affect its portfolio management decisions, there can be no assurance that all conflicts will be identified or that all procedures will be effective in mitigating the potential for such risks. Generally, the risks of such conflicts of interest are increased to the extent that a portfolio manager has a financial incentive to favor one account over another. Pioneer has structured its compensation arrangements in a manner that is intended to limit such potential for conflicts of interest. See "Compensation of Portfolio Managers" below.

- o A portfolio manager could favor one account over another in allocating new investment opportunities that have limited supply, such as initial public offerings and private placements. If, for example, an initial public offering that was expected to appreciate in value significantly shortly after the offering was allocated to a single account, that account may be expected to have better investment performance than other accounts that did

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not receive an allocation of the initial public offering. Generally, investments for which there is limited availability are allocated based upon a range of factors including available cash and consistency with the accounts' investment objectives and policies. This allocation methodology necessarily involves some subjective elements but is intended over time to treat each client in an equitable and fair manner. Generally, the investment opportunity is allocated among participating accounts on a pro rata basis. Although Pioneer believes that its practices are reasonably designed to treat each client in an equitable and fair manner, there may be instances where a fund may not participate, or may participate to a lesser degree than other clients, in the allocation of an investment opportunity.

- o A portfolio manager could favor one account over another in the order in which trades for the accounts are placed. If a portfolio manager determines to purchase a security for more than one account in an aggregate amount that may influence the market price of the security, accounts that purchased or sold the security first may receive a more favorable price than accounts that made subsequent transactions. The less liquid the market for the security or the greater the percentage that the proposed aggregate purchases or sales represent of average daily trading volume, the greater the potential for accounts that make subsequent purchases or sales to receive a less favorable price. When a portfolio manager intends to trade the same security on the same day for more than one account, the trades typically are "bunched," which means that the trades for the individual accounts are aggregated and each account receives the same price. There are some types of accounts as to which bunching may not be possible for contractual reasons (such as directed brokerage arrangements). Circumstances may also arise where the trader believes that bunching the orders may not result in the best possible price. Where those accounts or circumstances are involved, Pioneer will place the order in a manner intended to result in as favorable a price as possible for such client.
- o A portfolio manager could favor an account if the portfolio manager's compensation is tied to the performance of that account to a greater degree than other accounts managed by the portfolio manager. If, for example, the portfolio manager receives a bonus based upon the performance of certain accounts relative to a benchmark while other accounts are disregarded for this purpose, the portfolio manager will have a financial incentive to seek to have the accounts that determine the portfolio manager's bonus achieve the best possible performance to the possible detriment of other accounts. Similarly, if Pioneer receives a performance-based advisory fee, the portfolio manager may favor that account, whether or not the performance of that account directly determines the portfolio manager's compensation.
- o A portfolio manager could favor an account if the portfolio manager has a beneficial interest in the account, in order to benefit a large client or to compensate a client that had poor returns. For example, if the portfolio manager held an interest in an investment partnership that was one of the accounts managed by the portfolio manager, the portfolio manager would have an economic incentive to favor the account in which the portfolio manager held an interest.
- o If the different accounts have materially and potentially conflicting investment objectives or strategies, a conflict of interest could arise. For example, if a portfolio manager purchases a security for one account and sells the same security for another account, such trading pattern may disadvantage either the account that is long or short. In making portfolio manager assignments, Pioneer seeks to avoid such potentially conflicting situations. However, where a portfolio manager is responsible for accounts with differing investment objectives and policies, it is possible that the portfolio manager will conclude that it is in the best interest of one account to sell a portfolio security while another account continues to

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hold or increase the holding in such security.

Compensation of Portfolio Managers. Pioneer has adopted a system of compensation for portfolio managers that seeks to align the financial interests of the portfolio managers with those of shareholders of the accounts (including Pioneer funds) the portfolio managers manage, as well as with the financial performance of Pioneer. The compensation program for all Pioneer portfolio managers includes a base salary (determined by the rank and tenure of the employee) and an annual bonus program, as well as customary benefits that are offered generally to all full-time employees. Base compensation is fixed and normally reevaluated on an annual basis. Pioneer seeks to set base compensation at market rates, taking into account the experience and responsibilities of the portfolio manager. The bonus plan is intended to provide a competitive level of annual bonus compensation that is tied to the portfolio manager achieving superior investment performance and align the interests of the investment professional with those of shareholders, as well as with the financial performance of Pioneer. Any bonus under the plan is completely discretionary, with a maximum annual bonus that may be in excess of base salary. The annual bonus is based upon a combination of the following factors:

- o Quantitative Investment Performance. The quantitative investment performance calculation is based on pre-tax investment performance of all of the accounts managed by the portfolio manager (which includes the fund and any other accounts managed by the portfolio manager) over a one-year period (20% weighting) and four-year period (80% weighting), measured for periods ending on December 31. The accounts, which include the fund, are ranked against a group of mutual funds with similar investment objectives and investment focus (60%) and a broad-based securities market index measuring the performance of the same type of securities in which the accounts invest (40%), which, in the case of the fund, is the Merrill Lynch High Yield Master II Index. As a result of these two benchmarks, the performance of the portfolio manager for compensation purposes is measured against the criteria that are relevant to the portfolio manager's competitive universe.
- o Qualitative Performance. The qualitative performance component with respect to all of the accounts managed by the portfolio manager includes objectives, such as effectiveness in the areas of teamwork, leadership, communications and marketing, that are mutually established and evaluated by each portfolio manager and management.
- o Pioneer Results and Business Line Results. Pioneer's financial performance, as well as the investment performance of its investment management group, affect a portfolio manager's actual bonus by a leverage factor of plus or minus (+/-) a predetermined percentage.

The quantitative and qualitative performance components comprise 80% and 20%, respectively, of the overall bonus calculation (on a pre-adjustment basis). A portion of the annual bonus is deferred for a specified period and may be invested in one or more Pioneer funds.

Certain portfolio managers may participate in other programs designed to reward and retain key contributors. Senior executives or other key employees may be granted performance units based on the stock price performance of UniCredit and the financial performance of Pioneer Global Asset Management S.p.A., which are affiliates of Pioneer. Portfolio managers also may participate in a deferred compensation program, whereby deferred amounts are invested in one or more Pioneer funds.

Share Ownership by Portfolio Manager. The following table indicates as of March 31, 2009 the value, within the indicated range, of shares beneficially owned by

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the portfolio manager of the fund.

Name of Portfolio Manager	Beneficial Ownership of the Fund*
Andrew Feltus	C

\*Key to Dollar Ranges

- A. None
- B. \$1 - \$10,000
- C. \$10,001 - \$50,000
- D. \$50,001 - \$100,000
- E. \$100,001 - \$500,000
- F. \$500,001 - \$1,000,000
- G. Over \$1,000,000

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

(a) If the registrant is a closed-end management investment company, in the following tabular format, provide the information specified in paragraph (b) of this Item with respect to any purchase made by or on behalf of the registrant or any affiliated purchaser, as defined in Rule 10b-18(a)(3) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.10b-18(a)(3)), of shares or other units of any class of the registrants equity securities that is registered by the registrant pursuant to Section 12 of the Exchange Act (15 U.S.C. 781). Instruction to paragraph (a). Disclose all purchases covered by this Item, including purchases that do not satisfy the conditions of the safe harbor of Rule 10b-18 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.10b-18), made in the period covered by the report. Provide disclosures covering repurchases made on a monthly basis. For example, if the reporting period began on January 16 and ended on July 15, the chart would show repurchases for the months from January 16 through February 15, February 16 through March 15, March 16 through April 15, April 16 through May 15, May 16 through June 15, and June 16 through July 15.

During the period covered by this report, there were no purchases made by or on behalf of the registrant or any affiliated purchaser as defined in Rule 10b-18(a)(3) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the Exchange Act), of shares of the registrants equity securities that are registered by the registrant pursuant to Section 12 of the Exchange Act.

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

Describe any material changes to the procedures by which shareholders may recommend nominees to the registrants board of directors, where those changes were implemented after the registrant last provided disclosure in response to the requirements of Item 7(d)(2)(ii)(G) of Schedule 14A (17 CFR 240.14a-101), or this Item.

There have been no material changes to the procedures by which the shareholders may recommend nominees to the registrants board of

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directors since the registrant last provided disclosure in response to the requirements of Item 7(d)(2)(ii)(G) of Schedule 14(A) in its definitive proxy statement, or this Item.

### ITEM 11. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES.

(a) Disclose the conclusions of the registrant's principal executive officer or officers and principal financial officer or officers, or persons performing similar functions, about the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 30a-2(c) under the Act (17 CFR 270.30a-2(c))) based on their evaluation of these controls and procedures as of a date within 90 days of the filing date of the report that includes the disclosure required by this paragraph.

The registrant's principal executive officer and principal financial officer have concluded that the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures are effective based on their evaluation of these controls and procedures as of a date within 90 days of the filing date of this report.

(b) Disclose whether or not there were significant changes in the registrant's internal controls or in other factors that could significantly affect these controls subsequent to the date of their evaluation, including any corrective actions with regard to significant deficiencies and material weaknesses.

There were no significant changes in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the second fiscal quarter of the period covered by this report that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

The registrant's principal executive officer and principal financial officer, however, voluntarily are reporting the following information:

In August of 2006 the registrant's investment adviser enhanced its internal procedures for reporting performance information required to be included in prospectuses. Those enhancements involved additional internal controls over the appropriateness of performance data generated for this purpose. Such enhancements were made following an internal review which identified prospectuses relating to certain classes of shares of a limited number of registrants where, inadvertently, performance information not reflecting the deduction of applicable sales charges was included. Those prospectuses were revised, and the revised prospectuses were distributed to shareholders.

### ITEM 12. EXHIBITS.

File the exhibits listed below as part of this Form. Letter or number the exhibits in the sequence indicated.

(a) Any code of ethics, or amendment thereto, that is the subject of the

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disclosure required by Item 2, to the extent that the registrant intends to satisfy the Item 2 requirements through filing of an exhibit.

(b) A separate certification for each principal executive officer and principal financial officer of the registrant as required by Rule 30a-2 under the Act (17 CFR 270.30a-2).

Filed herewith.

### SIGNATURES

[See General Instruction F]

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.

(Registrant) Pioneer High Income Trust

By (Signature and Title)\* /s/ John F. Cogan, Jr.  
John F. Cogan, Jr, President

Date May 29, 2009

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 (Signature and Title)\* /s/ John F. Cogan, Jr.  
John F. Cogan, Jr., President

Date May 29, 2009

By (Signature and Title)\* /s/ Mark Bradley  
Mark Bradley, Treasurer

Date May 29, 2009

\* Print the name and title of each signing officer under his or her signature.