

FLAHERTY & CRUMRINE TOTAL RETURN FUND INC  
 Form 5  
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**FORM 5**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
 Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**ETTINGER ROBERT M**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**FLAHERTY & CRUMRINE  
 TOTAL RETURN FUND INC  
 [FLC]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 Affiliated Person of Adviser

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)  
 11/30/2015

301 E COLORADO BLVD STE 720  
 (Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting (check applicable line)

PASADENA, CA 91101

Form Filed by One Reporting Person  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|--|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock                    | 11/30/2015                           | Â  | J <sup>(1)</sup>               | 0 A \$0   | 44,893.668<br><sup>(2)</sup>   | D  | Â                                 |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

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| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Price of Underlying Security (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
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## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |         |       | Title                        | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |                              |                            |
| ETTINGER ROBERT M<br>301 E COLORADO BLVD STE 720<br>PASADENA, CA 91101 | ^             | ^         | ^       |       | Affiliated Person of Adviser |                            |

## Signatures

/s/Robert M. Ettinger  
02/17/2016

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person                      Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
  - \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Due to his ownership of 16.6% of Flaherty & Crumrine Incorporated, Mr. Ettinger also has an indirect interest in the 4,198 shares of common stock held by Flaherty & Crumrine Incorporated.
  - (2) Due to his ownership of 16.6% of Flaherty & Crumrine Incorporated, Mr. Ettinger also has an indirect interest in the 4,198 shares of common stock held by Flaherty & Crumrine Incorporated.

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