

BLACKROCK DEBT STRATEGIES FUND, INC.

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Saba Capital Management, L.P.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
BLACKROCK DEBT STRATEGIES FUND, INC. [DSU]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
405 LEXINGTON AVENUE, 58TH FLOOR
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
10/17/2016

____ Director
____ Officer (give title below)
 10% Owner
____ Other (specify below)

NEW YORK, NY 10174

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	10/17/2016		P	103,600 A \$ 3.61	25,860,421	I	See footnotes 1 and 2 (1) (2)

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. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Reporting Transaction (Instr. 6)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Saba Capital Management, L.P. 405 LEXINGTON AVENUE 58TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10174		X		
Weinstein Boaz 405 LEXINGTON AVENUE 58TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10174		X		

Signatures

Muqu Karim 10/19/2016

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Boaz Weinstein 10/19/2016

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

William Manzollilo 10/19/2016

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) The securities reported herein are held by (i) Saba Capital Master Fund, Ltd., a Cayman Islands exempted company (ii) Saba II AIV, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership, (iii) Saba Capital Leveraged Master Fund, Ltd., a Cayman Islands exempted company, (iv) Saba Capital Series LLC Series 1, a Delaware series limited liability company, (v) Saba Capital CEF Opportunities 1 Ltd., a Cayman Islands exempted

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company, (vi) Saba Capital CEF Opportunities 2, Ltd., a Cayman Islands exempted company. Collectively, the "Saba Funds".

- (2) Mr. Boaz R. Weinstein ("Mr. Weinstein") serves as the managing member of Saba Capital Management GP, LLC, the general partner of Saba Capital Management, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ("Saba Capital"). Saba Capital serves as the investment manager of the Saba Funds. Each Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities reported herein except to the extent of his or its pecuniary interest therein.

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