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CERTIFIED SHAREHOLDER REPORT OF REGISTERED
MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES
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Tri-Continental Corporation
(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

225 Franklin Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02110
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

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Minneapolis, MN 55474

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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (800) 345-6611

Date of fiscal year end: December 31

Date of reporting period: December 31, 2014

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Letter to Stockholders

Dear Stockholders,

We are pleased to present the annual stockholder report for Tri-Continental Corporation (the Fund). The report includes the Fund's investment results, a discussion with the Fund's portfolio managers, a portfolio of investments and financial statements as of December 31, 2014.

The Fund's Common Stock gained 11.09%, based on net asset value, and 11.11%, based on market price, for the 12 months ended December 31, 2014. During the same 12-month period, the S&P 500 Index returned 13.69% and the Fund's Blended Index returned 11.44%.

During 2014, the Fund paid four distributions, in accordance with its earned distribution policy, that aggregated to \$0.7505 per share of Common Stock of the Fund. Distributions are based upon amounts distributed by underlying portfolio companies owned by the Fund. The Fund has paid dividends on its common stock for 70 consecutive years.

On April 13, 2015, the Fund will hold its 85th Annual Meeting of Stockholders in Minneapolis, MN.

Information about the Fund, including daily pricing, current performance, Fund holdings, stockholder reports, the most current prospectus for the Fund, distributions and other information can be found at columbiamanagement.com under the Closed-End Funds tab.

On behalf of the Board, we would like to thank you for your continued support of Tri-Continental Corporation.

Best Regards,

William P. Carmichael

Chairman of the Board

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Performance Overview**Performance Summary**

- > Tri-Continental Corporation (the Fund) Common Stock gained 11.09%, based on net asset value, and 11.11%, based on market price, for the 12 months ended December 31, 2014.
- > During the same 12-month period, the S&P 500 Index returned 13.69%, and the Fund's Blended Index (described below) returned 11.44%.
- > Security selection helped the Fund's quantitative portfolio generate higher returns than the S&P 500 Index. Within the Fund's flexible capital and income segment, exposure to convertibles and to the high yield market was a drag on performance.

Average Annual Total Returns (%) (for period ended December 31, 2014)

| | Inception | 1 Year | 5 Years | 10 Years |
|-----------------|-----------|--------|---------|----------|
| Market Price | 01/05/29 | 11.11 | 16.66 | 6.14 |
| Net Asset Value | 01/05/29 | 11.09 | 15.95 | 5.78 |
| S&P 500 Index | | 13.69 | 15.45 | 7.67 |
| Blended Index | | 11.44 | 13.51 | 7.48 |

The performance information shown represents past performance and is not a guarantee of future results. The investment return and principal value of your investment will fluctuate so that your shares, when sold, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance information shown. You may obtain performance information current to the most recent month-end by visiting columbiamanagement.com.

Returns reflect changes in market price or net asset value, as applicable, and assume reinvestment of distributions. Returns do not reflect the deduction of taxes that investors may pay on distributions or the sale of shares.

The S&P 500 Index, an unmanaged index, measures the performance of 500 widely held, large-capitalization U.S. stocks and is frequently used as a general measure of market performance.

The Blended Index, a weighted custom composite established by the Investment Manager, consists of a 50% weighting in the S&P 500 Index, a 16.68% weighting in the Russell 1000 Value Index, a 16.66% weighting in the Barclays U.S. Corporate Investment Grade & High Yield Index and a 16.66% weighting in the Barclays U.S. Convertible Composite Index.

Indices are not available for investment, are not professionally managed and do not reflect sales charges, fees, brokerage commissions, taxes or other expenses of investing. Securities in the Fund may not match those in an index.

Price Per Share

| | December 31, 2014 | September 30, 2014 | June 30, 2014 | March 31, 2014 |
|----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Market price (\$) | 21.41 | 20.87 | 20.98 | 20.08 |
| Net asset value (\$) | 24.76 | 24.19 | 24.40 | 23.43 |

Distributions Paid Per Common Share^(a)

| Payable date | Per share amount (\$) |
|--------------------|-----------------------|
| March 25, 2014 | 0.1725 |
| June 24, 2014 | 0.1850 |
| September 23, 2014 | 0.1925 |

(a) Preferred Stockholders were paid dividends totaling \$2.50 per share.

The net asset value of the Fund's shares may not always correspond to the market price of such shares. Common stock of many closed-end funds frequently trade at a discount from their net asset value. The Fund is subject to stock market risk, which is the risk that stock prices overall will decline over short or long periods, adversely affecting the value of an investment in the Fund.

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Manager Discussion of Fund Performance

For the 12-month period that ended December 31, 2014, the Fund's Common Stock returned 11.09%, based on net asset value, and 11.11%, based on market price. The Fund underperformed the S&P 500 Index, which returned 13.69% for the same period. The Fund performed in line with its Blended Index, which returned 11.44%.

The Fund is divided into two approximately equal segments, each of which is managed with its own approach. The quantitative segment uses quantitative models to select stocks. The flexible capital and income segment invests across a company's investable capital structure, including stocks, bonds and convertible securities. Both segments delivered gains for the 12-month period. Security selection helped the Fund's quantitative portfolio generate higher returns than the S&P 500 Index. Convertibles and high yield securities within the flexible capital and income portfolio detracted from performance.

Stocks, High Quality Bonds Supported Results

Investors responded favorably to generally good economic news in 2014. However, concerns about increased global tensions, uncertainty about the Federal Reserve's (the Fed's) next move and sinking oil prices created periods of volatility for the riskiest sectors of both stock and bond markets. The Fed spent the year winding down its monthly bond purchases, ending its program of quantitative easing in October. Now, all eyes are on the Fed's next major policy statements for clues to the timing of its first hike in short-term interest rates since 2006. In this environment, interest rates were expected to rise in 2014. However, the yield on the 10-year U.S. Treasury, a bellwether for the bond market, declined, providing continued support to a rising U.S. stock market and boosting returns on long-term Treasury bonds. In general, higher quality segments of the fixed income markets outperformed.

Significant Performance Factors

The models that drive security selection within the Fund's quantitative segment focused on three factors: valuation—fundamental measures such as earnings and cash flow relative to market values; catalyst—price momentum, business momentum and short interest measures; and quality—quality of earnings and financial strength. In 2014, all three models performed well, with the Fund's valuation and quality measures contributing the most to relative performance. The stocks that we scored as most attractively valued performed better than those that we scored as least attractive and stocks that we identified as highest in quality outperformed those scored as lowest quality. The Fund's catalyst measures also helped performance, albeit not as much as the other two models, with stocks we scored as having attractive catalysts marginally outperforming those we found least compelling.

Within the Fund's flexible capital and income segment, bottom-up research led to a greater equities exposure, which aided performance as stocks generally outperformed bonds for the year. The Fund focused on credit and income-oriented convertibles, which underperformed older, more equity-sensitive names. Convertibles, however, made a modest contribution to return, outperforming most other income sectors. A preference for high-yield bonds over investment-grade bonds detracted from relative performance, which was a reversal from 2013.

Individual Contributors and Detractors

Within the Fund's quantitative segment, security selection drove performance while sector allocation was also a modest contributor to results. The Fund's modest

Portfolio Management

Brian Condon, CFA

David King, CFA

Yan Jin

Peter Albanese

Top Ten Holdings (%)
(at December 31, 2014)

| | |
|-----------------------------------|-----|
| Apple, Inc. | 2.7 |
| Microsoft Corp. | 2.0 |
| Cisco Systems, Inc. | 1.8 |
| Merck & Co., Inc. | 1.7 |
| JPMorgan Chase & Co. | 1.6 |
| Lockheed Martin Corp. | 1.5 |
| Philip Morris International, Inc. | 1.4 |
| Home Depot, Inc. (The) | 1.4 |
| Pfizer, Inc. | 1.3 |
| Oracle Corp. | 1.3 |

Percentages indicated are based upon total investments (excluding Money Market Funds).

For further detail about these holdings, please refer to the section entitled [Portfolio of Investments](#).

Fund holdings are as of the date given, are subject to change at any time, and are not recommendations to buy or sell any security.

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Manager Discussion of Fund Performance *(continued)***Portfolio Breakdown (%)**
(at December 31, 2014)

| | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| Common Stocks | 68.6 |
| Consumer Discretionary | 7.1 |
| Consumer Staples | 6.2 |
| Energy | 5.8 |
| Financials | 13.1 |
| Health Care | 8.2 |
| Industrials | 7.1 |
| Information Technology | 13.3 |
| Materials | 2.4 |
| Telecommunication Services | 2.3 |
| Utilities | 3.1 |
| Convertible Bonds | 8.2 |
| Convertible Preferred Stocks | 8.7 |
| Consumer Discretionary | 0.5 |
| Consumer Staples | 1.3 |
| Energy | 1.1 |
| Financials | 3.3 |
| Health Care | 0.2 |
| Industrials | 0.5 |
| Materials | 0.5 |
| Telecommunication Services | 0.2 |
| Utilities | 1.1 |
| Corporate Bonds & Notes | 13.0 |
| Money Market Funds | 1.2 |
| Preferred Debt | 0.3 |
| Total | 100.0 |

Percentages indicated are based upon total investments. The Fund's portfolio composition is subject to change.

Investment Risks

The net asset value of fund shares may not always correspond to the market price of such shares. Shares of many closed-end funds frequently trade at a discount from their net asset value. An investment in the Fund is subject to stock market risk, which is the risk that market prices for the Fund's common shares may decline over short or long periods, adversely affecting the value of an investment in the Fund. Securities selected for the Fund using quantitative methods may perform differently from the market as a whole and there can be no assurance that this methodology will enable it to achieve its objective. The Fund's portfolio investments are subject to market risk, which may affect a single issuer, sector of the economy, industry or the market as a whole. Fixed-income investments, including convertible securities, are subject to credit risk, interest rate risk, and prepayment and extension risk. These risks may be more pronounced for longer term securities and high-yield securities (junk bonds). In general, bond prices rise when interest rates fall and vice versa. Convertible securities are subject to both the risks of their security type prior to conversion as well as their security type after conversion. The Fund's use of leverage, including through its preferred stock, exposes it to greater risks due to unanticipated market movements, which may magnify losses and increase volatility of returns. See the Fund's prospectus for more information on these and other risks.

overweight in the information technology sector aided relative performance, while modest underweights in consumer discretionary and financials detracted from results. Security selection within the consumer staples, industrials and consumer discretionary sectors was generally favorable relative to the benchmark.

Among individual holdings, Southwest Airlines was one of the Fund's top performers in an industry that did well as lower oil prices reduced operating costs. Southwest also benefited from expiring regulations that previously prevented the airline from offering international flights, and an improving economy led to passenger growth, while expectations for capacity growth remained low. In the consumer staples sector, Kroger was a top performer. The grocery giant continued to gain market share and beat earnings estimates. Lower gasoline prices also had a positive impact on profit margins.

Security selection within the financials, health care and utilities sectors detracted somewhat from results. The year's most significant disappointment, Emerson Electric, lost ground on concerns of slowing global growth and geopolitical risks, which hurt electrical equipment companies overall. The Fund's timing led to a loss from Prudential Financial even though the stock was generally flat for the year. The Fund held Prudential Financial at the beginning of the year, decreased exposure in April and ultimately sold the position in June. The company struggled

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due to macroeconomic concerns, including expectations for the Federal Reserve's next moves, regulatory uncertainties and interest rate sensitivity. Prudential Financial typically benefits in an environment of rising interest rates, which were anticipated in 2014. Instead, interest rates moved lower throughout the year.

Within the quantitative segment, we use S&P 500 Index futures to equitize the segment's cash position. These derivatives had no material impact on performance.

Within the Fund's flexible capital and income segment, equities were the largest contributor to results, accounting for more than 90% of the segment's returns for the year. Within equities, information technology, financials, health care and utilities generated the best results. Among individual contributors, Apple shares soared early in the year as the company implemented a stock split, increased its dividend and augmented its share repurchase program. Later on, Apple benefited from a successful launch of new products and excitement over future innovation potential. The Fund also enjoyed significant gains from biotechnology giant Amgen. Investors responded favorably to a dividend increase, the company's robust product pipeline, increased earnings and favorable earnings guidance. Even though convertibles were a modest detractor from performance during the year, the Fund's financial convertibles, mostly real estate investment trusts (REITs) and health care, delivered solid gains. Individual convertibles that performed well included Health Care REIT and Greenbrier Companies, a freight car and ocean barge manufacturer. REITs, in general, did well, and low interest rates provided a tailwind for health-care oriented REITs, which historically have had greater sensitivity to interest rates. Within fixed income, industrials, health care and consumer staples were the strongest performing sectors for the segment. The bonds of Safeway and Rite Aid enjoyed double-digit gains.

The energy sector was the primary detractor from results across asset classes within the flexible capital and income segment, as oil prices plunged on concerns of too much supply for existing demand, slowing global growth and OPEC's late-November announcement that it planned to maintain current production levels. Most other commodities struggled as well. Among equities, energy was the worst performing sector, followed by materials. Ensc0 and Freeport-McMoRan were

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Manager Discussion of Fund Performance *(continued)*

bruised by double-digit losses. Within convertibles, energy and information technology detracted from returns. The convertibles of Energy XXI and Endeavor International lost significant ground. Goodrich Petroleum and Alpha Natural Resources bonds led the decline among fixed-income holdings, among which energy was also the weakest sector.

Portfolio Changes

During the year, the stock selection models in our quantitative segment led us to add a number of new positions to the portfolio, most notably Merck, 3M, Lockheed Martin and Capital One. We added to positions in Merck, Lockheed Martin and Capital One after our initial investments earlier in the year. Notable among the positions we eliminated were Boeing, Verizon Communications, Prudential Financial and Medtronic.

Within the flexible capital and income segment, the equity allocation was slightly above a one-third weighting and its bond allocation was slightly below a one-third weighting while the allocation to convertible securities was approximately neutral. There were no significant positioning changes during the period. Most notably, we eliminated Chevron and GlaxoSmithKline from the equity allocation, sold PPL Electric Utilities and MGM Resorts International convertibles and sold Stanley Black & Decker bonds.

Investment Approach

In the quantitative segment, our strategy is based on individual quantitative stock selection models. As a result, we do not rely on macroeconomic scenarios or market outlooks to make security selections. We do not try to predict when equities (as an asset class) will perform well or when they will perform poorly. Instead, we keep the Fund substantially invested at all times, with security selection driven by quantitative models.

Within the flexible capital and income segment, we believe that investors have focused on top-down comparisons of asset classes rather than bottom-up comparisons of specific securities. As long as this trend persists, we believe we have opportunities to exploit inefficiencies in the financial markets. Through individual security research, we seek to identify attractive income and growth opportunities, regardless of what asset class or corporate capital structure it comes from. The Fund maintains significant investment flexibility to own and potentially benefit from these attractive securities.

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Portfolio of Investments

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(Percentages represent value of investments compared to net assets)

Common Stocks 68.2%

| Issuer | Shares | Value (\$) |
|--|---------------|--------------------|
| Consumer Discretionary 7.0% | | |
| Auto Components 0.5% | | |
| Delphi Automotive PLC | 112,200 | 8,159,184 |
| Automobiles 0.5% | | |
| General Motors Co. | 240,000 | 8,378,400 |
| Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure 0.5% | | |
| Wyndham Worldwide Corp. | 81,400 | 6,980,864 |
| Internet & Catalog Retail 0.2% | | |
| Expedia, Inc. | 42,800 | 3,653,408 |
| Media 2.3% | | |
| Cinemark Holdings, Inc. | 107,500 | 3,824,850 |
| Comcast Corp., Class A | 300,700 | 17,443,607 |
| DIRECTV ^(a) | 41,500 | 3,598,050 |
| Walt Disney Co. (The) | 108,800 | 10,247,872 |
| Total | | 35,114,379 |
| Specialty Retail 2.7% | | |
| Best Buy Co., Inc. | 293,200 | 11,428,936 |
| Home Depot, Inc. (The) | 200,100 | 21,004,497 |
| Lowe's Companies, Inc. | 75,200 | 5,173,760 |
| Staples, Inc. | 225,000 | 4,077,000 |
| Total | | 41,684,193 |
| Textiles, Apparel & Luxury Goods 0.3% | | |
| VF Corp. | 63,400 | 4,748,660 |
| Total Consumer Discretionary | | 108,719,088 |
| Consumer Staples 6.1% | | |
| Beverages 1.3% | | |
| Dr. Pepper Snapple Group, Inc. | 163,300 | 11,705,344 |
| PepsiCo, Inc. | 89,400 | 8,453,664 |
| Total | | 20,159,008 |
| Food & Staples Retailing 1.0% | | |
| Kroger Co. (The) | 253,100 | 16,251,551 |
| Food Products 1.5% | | |

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| Archer-Daniels-Midland Co. | 256,400 | 13,332,800 |
| Tyson Foods, Inc., Class A | 233,300 | 9,352,997 |
| Total | | 22,685,797 |
| Household Products 0.2% | | |
| Kimberly-Clark Corp. | 29,800 | 3,443,092 |
| Tobacco 2.1% | | |
| Altria Group, Inc. | 219,500 | 10,814,765 |
| Philip Morris International, Inc. | 270,400 | 22,024,080 |
| Total | | 32,838,845 |
| Total Consumer Staples | | 95,378,293 |

Common Stocks (continued)

| Issuer | Shares | Value (\$) |
|---|---------|-------------------|
| Energy 5.8% | | |
| Energy Equipment & Services 0.8% | | |
| National Oilwell Varco, Inc. | 184,900 | 12,116,497 |
| Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels 5.0% | | |
| BP PLC, ADR | 97,000 | 3,697,640 |
| California Resources Corp. ^(a) | 36,000 | 198,360 |
| Chevron Corp. ^(b) | 86,000 | 9,647,480 |
| ConocoPhillips | 243,000 | 16,781,580 |
| EOG Resources, Inc. | 31,700 | 2,918,619 |
| Exxon Mobil Corp. | 45,500 | 4,206,475 |
| Kinder Morgan, Inc. | 190,000 | 8,038,900 |
| Occidental Petroleum Corp. | 47,000 | 3,788,670 |
| ONEOK, Inc. | 160,000 | 7,966,400 |
| Phillips 66 | 85,800 | 6,151,860 |
| Valero Energy Corp. | 278,500 | 13,785,750 |
| Total | | 77,181,734 |
| Total Energy | | 89,298,231 |

Financials 13.0%

| | | |
|---------------------------------|---------|------------|
| Banks 4.3% | | |
| Bank of Montreal | 105,000 | 7,426,650 |
| Citigroup, Inc. | 356,500 | 19,290,215 |
| Cullen/Frost Bankers, Inc. | 110,000 | 7,770,400 |
| JPMorgan Chase & Co. | 382,900 | 23,961,882 |
| Wells Fargo & Co. | 145,000 | 7,948,900 |
| Total | | 66,398,047 |
| Capital Markets 1.8% | | |
| Ares Capital Corp. | 500,000 | 7,802,500 |
| BlackRock, Inc. | 11,900 | 4,254,964 |
| Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. (The) | 6,900 | 1,337,427 |
| Invesco Ltd. | 179,100 | 7,078,032 |
| T. Rowe Price Group, Inc. | 92,500 | 7,942,050 |
| Total | | 28,414,973 |
| Consumer Finance 1.4% | | |

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| Capital One Financial Corp. | 170,900 | 14,107,795 |
| Navient Corp. | 375,800 | 8,121,038 |
| Total | | 22,228,833 |
| Diversified Financial Services 0.4% | | |
| Moody's Corp. | 55,900 | 5,355,779 |
| Insurance 2.4% | | |
| ACE Ltd. | 21,100 | 2,423,968 |
| Aflac, Inc. | 130,000 | 7,941,700 |
| Aon PLC | 144,400 | 13,693,452 |
| Lincoln National Corp. | 111,200 | 6,412,904 |

The accompanying Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

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Common Stocks *(continued)*

| Issuer | Shares | Value (\$) |
|---|---------------|--------------------|
| MetLife, Inc. | 38,200 | 2,066,238 |
| Travelers Companies, Inc. (The) | 40,500 | 4,286,925 |
| Total | | 36,825,187 |
| Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) 2.7% | | |
| Colony Financial, Inc. | 160,000 | 3,811,200 |
| Host Hotels & Resorts, Inc. | 437,900 | 10,408,883 |
| National Health Investors, Inc. | 55,000 | 3,847,800 |
| Outfront Media, Inc. | 156,117 | 4,190,182 |
| Simon Property Group, Inc. | 66,900 | 12,183,159 |
| Starwood Property Trust, Inc. | 340,000 | 7,901,600 |
| Total | | 42,342,824 |
| Total Financials | | 201,565,643 |

Health Care 8.2%**Biotechnology 1.7%**

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|--|--------|------------|
| Amgen, Inc. | 35,000 | 5,575,150 |
| BioMarin Pharmaceutical, Inc. ^(a) | 17,600 | 1,591,040 |
| Celgene Corp. ^(a) | 61,200 | 6,845,832 |
| Gilead Sciences, Inc. ^(a) | 84,700 | 7,983,822 |
| Pharmacyclics, Inc. ^(a) | 10,800 | 1,320,408 |
| Vertex Pharmaceuticals, Inc. ^(a) | 33,100 | 3,932,280 |
| Total | | 27,248,532 |

Health Care Equipment & Supplies 1.3%

| | | |
|--------------------------|--------|------------|
| Becton Dickinson and Co. | 54,200 | 7,542,472 |
| CR Bard, Inc. | 74,100 | 12,346,542 |
| Total | | 19,889,014 |

Health Care Providers & Services 1.4%

| | | |
|-------------------------|---------|------------|
| AmerisourceBergen Corp. | 78,400 | 7,068,544 |
| Anthem, Inc. | 101,900 | 12,805,773 |
| Cardinal Health, Inc. | 15,100 | 1,219,023 |
| Total | | 21,093,340 |

Pharmaceuticals 3.8%

| | | |
|-------------------|---------|------------|
| AbbVie, Inc. | 188,500 | 12,335,440 |
| Merck & Co., Inc. | 459,200 | 26,077,968 |

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|--------------------------|---------|--------------------|
| Pfizer, Inc. | 657,309 | 20,475,175 |
| Total | | 58,888,583 |
| Total Health Care | | 127,119,469 |

Industrials 7.1%

Aerospace & Defense 3.2%

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------|------------|
| General Dynamics Corp. | 100,500 | 13,830,810 |
| L-3 Communications Holdings, Inc. | 12,200 | 1,539,762 |
| Lockheed Martin Corp. | 116,000 | 22,338,120 |

Common Stocks (continued)

| Issuer | Shares | Value (\$) |
|--------------|---------|------------|
| Raytheon Co. | 108,700 | 11,758,079 |

| | | |
|-------|--|------------|
| Total | | 49,466,771 |
|-------|--|------------|

Air Freight & Logistics 0.2%

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|--------|-----------|
| United Parcel Service, Inc., Class B | 31,300 | 3,479,621 |
|--------------------------------------|--------|-----------|

Airlines 0.8%

| | | |
|------------------------|---------|-----------|
| Delta Air Lines, Inc. | 116,400 | 5,725,716 |
| Southwest Airlines Co. | 158,600 | 6,711,952 |

| | | |
|-------|--|------------|
| Total | | 12,437,668 |
|-------|--|------------|

Electrical Equipment 0.6%

| | | |
|----------------------|---------|-----------|
| Emerson Electric Co. | 142,600 | 8,802,698 |
|----------------------|---------|-----------|

Industrial Conglomerates 1.6%

| | | |
|----------------------|---------|------------|
| 3M Co. | 102,400 | 16,826,368 |
| General Electric Co. | 305,000 | 7,707,350 |

| | | |
|-------|--|------------|
| Total | | 24,533,718 |
|-------|--|------------|

Machinery 0.1%

| | | |
|-------------------|--------|-----------|
| Caterpillar, Inc. | 18,600 | 1,702,458 |
|-------------------|--------|-----------|

Professional Services 0.1%

| | | |
|------------------------------|-------|-----------|
| Dun & Bradstreet Corp. (The) | 8,300 | 1,003,968 |
|------------------------------|-------|-----------|

Transportation Infrastructure 0.5%

| | | |
|----------------------------------|---------|-----------|
| Macquarie Infrastructure Co. LLC | 114,000 | 8,104,260 |
|----------------------------------|---------|-----------|

| | | |
|--------------------------|--|--------------------|
| Total Industrials | | 109,531,162 |
|--------------------------|--|--------------------|

Information Technology 13.3%

Communications Equipment 1.9%

| | | |
|---------------------|---------|------------|
| Cisco Systems, Inc. | 963,700 | 26,805,316 |
| QUALCOMM, Inc. | 30,200 | 2,244,766 |

| | | |
|-------|--|------------|
| Total | | 29,050,082 |
|-------|--|------------|

Internet Software & Services 0.8%

| | | |
|--|---------|-----------|
| Facebook, Inc., Class A ^(a) | 33,100 | 2,582,462 |
| VeriSign, Inc. ^(a) | 163,400 | 9,313,800 |

| | | |
|-------|--|------------|
| Total | | 11,896,262 |
|-------|--|------------|

IT Services 2.1%

| | | |
|---------------------------------|---------|------------|
| Automatic Data Processing, Inc. | 90,000 | 7,503,300 |
| MasterCard, Inc., Class A | 190,200 | 16,387,632 |

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|--|---------|------------|
| Visa, Inc., Class A | 34,600 | 9,072,120 |
| Total | | 32,963,052 |
| Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment 2.4% | | |
| Altera Corp. | 98,000 | 3,620,120 |
| Applied Materials, Inc. | 64,900 | 1,617,308 |
| Broadcom Corp., Class A | 120,000 | 5,199,600 |
| Cypress Semiconductor Corp. | 315,000 | 4,498,200 |
| Intel Corp. | 210,000 | 7,620,900 |
| Maxim Integrated Products, Inc. | 250,000 | 7,967,500 |
| Micron Technology, Inc. ^(a) | 135,500 | 4,743,855 |

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Common Stocks *(continued)*

| Issuer | Shares | Value (\$) |
|--|---------------|--------------------|
| NVIDIA Corp. | 117,100 | 2,347,855 |
| Total | | 37,615,338 |
| Software 3.4% | | |
| Electronic Arts, Inc. ^(a) | 63,900 | 3,004,258 |
| Microsoft Corp. | 644,800 | 29,950,960 |
| Oracle Corp. | 442,400 | 19,894,728 |
| Total | | 52,849,946 |
| Technology Hardware, Storage & Peripherals 2.7% | | |
| Apple, Inc. | 374,750 | 41,364,905 |
| Total Information Technology | | 205,739,585 |

Materials 2.4%**Chemicals 1.1%**

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|---------|------------|
| Dow Chemical Co. (The) | 170,000 | 7,753,700 |
| LyondellBasell Industries NV, Class A | 112,200 | 8,907,558 |
| Total | | 16,661,258 |

Containers & Packaging 0.3%

| | | |
|------------|--------|-----------|
| Ball Corp. | 63,300 | 4,315,161 |
|------------|--------|-----------|

Metals & Mining 0.1%

| | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Freeport-McMoRan, Inc. | 86,700 | 2,025,312 |
| Jaguar Mining, Inc. ^(a) | 1,173,564 | 333,342 |

| | | |
|-------|--|-----------|
| Total | | 2,358,654 |
|-------|--|-----------|

Paper & Forest Products 0.9%

| | | |
|-------------------------|---------|------------|
| International Paper Co. | 269,300 | 14,429,094 |
|-------------------------|---------|------------|

| | | |
|------------------------|--|-------------------|
| Total Materials | | 37,764,167 |
|------------------------|--|-------------------|

Telecommunication Services 2.3%**Diversified Telecommunication Services 2.3%**

| | | |
|------------------------------|---------|------------|
| AT&T, Inc. | 361,400 | 12,139,426 |
| CenturyLink, Inc. | 336,900 | 13,334,502 |
| Verizon Communications, Inc. | 205,000 | 9,589,900 |

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| | | |
|---|---------------|----------------------|
| Total | | 35,063,828 |
| Total Telecommunication Services | | 35,063,828 |
| Utilities 3.0% | | |
| Electric Utilities 0.9% | | |
| Entergy Corp. | 115,000 | 10,060,200 |
| NRG Yield, Inc. Class A | 82,500 | 3,889,050 |
| Total | | 13,949,250 |
| Independent Power and Renewable Electricity Producers 0.2% | | |
| AES Corp. (The) | 201,400 | 2,773,278 |
| Multi-Utilities 1.9% | | |
| Ameren Corp. | 180,000 | 8,303,400 |
| Dominion Resources, Inc. | 75,000 | 5,767,500 |
| Common Stocks (continued) | | |
| Issuer | Shares | Value (\$) |
| PG&E Corp. | 70,000 | 3,726,800 |
| Public Service Enterprise Group, Inc. | 302,300 | 12,518,243 |
| Total | | 30,315,943 |
| Total Utilities | | 47,038,471 |
| Total Common Stocks (Cost: \$888,234,663) | | 1,057,217,937 |
| Convertible Preferred Stocks 8.7% | | |
| Consumer Discretionary 0.5% | | |
| Automobiles 0.5% | | |
| Fiat Chrysler Automobiles NV 7.875%(a) | 75,000 | 8,062,500 |
| Total Consumer Discretionary | | 8,062,500 |
| Consumer Staples 1.3% | | |
| Food Products 1.3% | | |
| Bunge Ltd., 4.875% | 70,000 | 7,803,670 |
| Post Holdings, Inc., 3.750%(c) | 42,500 | 4,138,395 |
| Tyson Foods, Inc., 4.750% | 150,000 | 7,551,000 |
| Total | | 19,493,065 |
| Total Consumer Staples | | 19,493,065 |
| Energy 1.0% | | |
| Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels 1.0% | | |
| Chesapeake Energy Corp., 5.750%(c) | 10,500 | 10,749,375 |
| Energy XXI Ltd., 5.625% | 35,000 | 1,985,158 |
| Penn Virginia Corp., 6.000%(c) | 52,500 | 3,469,232 |
| Total | | 16,203,765 |
| Total Energy | | 16,203,765 |

Financials 3.3%

Banks 1.0%

| | | |
|-------------------------------|-------|-----------|
| Bank of America Corp., 7.250% | 6,700 | 7,791,899 |
| Wells Fargo & Co., 7.500% | 6,500 | 7,881,217 |

Total 15,673,116

Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) 2.3%

| | | |
|---|---------|-----------|
| Alexandria Real Estate Equities, Inc., 7.000% | 280,000 | 7,735,000 |
| Crown Castle International Corp. 4.500% | 77,500 | 7,981,725 |
| Health Care REIT, Inc., 6.500% | 115,000 | 7,572,750 |
| Weyerhaeuser Co., 6.375% | 130,000 | 7,501,000 |
| iStar Financial, Inc., 4.500% | 65,000 | 3,840,850 |

Total 34,631,325

Total Financials 50,304,441

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Convertible Preferred Stocks *(continued)*

| Issuer | Shares | Value (\$) |
|--|---------------|--------------------|
| Health Care 0.2% | | |
| Health Care Equipment & Supplies 0.2% | | |
| Alere, Inc., 3.000% | 12,000 | 3,780,000 |
| Total Health Care | | 3,780,000 |
| Industrials 0.5% | | |
| Aerospace & Defense 0.5% | | |
| United Technologies Corp., 7.500% | 130,000 | 7,972,900 |
| Total Industrials | | 7,972,900 |
| Materials 0.5% | | |
| Metals & Mining 0.5% | | |
| Alcoa, Inc., 5.375% | 150,000 | 7,567,500 |
| Total Materials | | 7,567,500 |
| Telecommunication Services 0.3% | | |
| Wireless Telecommunication Services 0.3% | | |
| T-Mobile USA, Inc. 5.500%(a) | 72,200 | 3,825,878 |
| Total Telecommunication Services | | 3,825,878 |
| Utilities 1.1% | | |
| Electric Utilities 0.5% | | |
| NextEra Energy, Inc., 5.599% | 117,500 | 8,261,249 |
| Multi-Utilities 0.6% | | |
| CenterPoint Energy, Inc., 3.943%(d) | 130,000 | 8,661,250 |
| Total Utilities | | 16,922,499 |
| Total Convertible Preferred Stocks (Cost: \$128,973,662) | | 134,132,548 |

Corporate Bonds & Notes 13.0%

| Issuer | Coupon Rate | Principal Amount (\$) | Value (\$) |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|
| Aerospace & Defense 0.3% | | | |

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| | | | |
|---|---------|-----------|-----------|
| ADS Tactical, Inc. Senior Secured ^(c) 04/01/18 | 11.000% | 4,200,000 | 4,079,250 |
|---|---------|-----------|-----------|

Banking 0.5%

| | | | |
|---|--------|-----------|-----------|
| Popular, Inc. Senior Unsecured 07/01/19 | 7.000% | 8,000,000 | 8,000,000 |
|---|--------|-----------|-----------|

Construction Machinery 0.5%

| | | | |
|--|--------|-----------|-----------|
| United Rentals North America, Inc. 11/15/24 | 5.750% | 7,600,000 | 7,828,000 |
|--|--------|-----------|-----------|

Corporate Bonds & Notes (continued)

| Issuer | Coupon Rate | Principal Amount (\$) | Value (\$) |
|--------|-------------|-----------------------|------------|
|--------|-------------|-----------------------|------------|

Consumer Cyclical Services 0.5%

| | | | |
|---|--------|-----------|-----------|
| ADT Corp. (The) Senior Unsecured 04/15/19 | 4.125% | 8,000,000 | 7,920,000 |
|---|--------|-----------|-----------|

Diversified Manufacturing 1.0%

| | | | |
|--|--------|-----------|-----------|
| Gardner Denver, Inc. Senior Unsecured ^(c) 08/15/21 | 6.875% | 8,400,000 | 8,064,000 |
| Hamilton Sundstrand Corp. Senior Unsecured ^(c) 12/15/20 | 7.750% | 8,350,000 | 7,890,750 |

| | | | |
|-------|--|--|------------|
| Total | | | 15,954,750 |
|-------|--|--|------------|

Electric 0.5%

| | | | |
|--|--------|-----------|-----------|
| AES Corp. (The) Senior Unsecured 07/01/21 | 7.375% | 2,300,000 | 2,599,000 |
| 03/15/24 | 5.500% | 1,199,000 | 1,216,745 |
| DPL, Inc. Senior Unsecured ^(c) 10/01/19 | 6.750% | 4,000,000 | 4,040,000 |

| | | | |
|-------|--|--|-----------|
| Total | | | 7,855,745 |
|-------|--|--|-----------|

Food and Beverage 0.5%

| | | | |
|--|--------|-----------|-----------|
| Post Holdings, Inc. ^(c) 12/01/21 | 6.750% | 7,957,000 | 7,718,290 |
|--|--------|-----------|-----------|

Health Care 1.1%

| | | | |
|--|--------|-----------|-----------|
| Kindred Escrow Corp. II Senior Secured ^(c) 01/15/20 | 8.000% | 8,000,000 | 8,500,000 |
| Omnicare, Inc. Senior Unsecured 12/01/22 | 4.750% | 7,673,000 | 7,768,913 |
| 12/01/24 | 5.000% | 327,000 | 335,175 |

| | | | |
|-------|--|--|------------|
| Total | | | 16,604,088 |
|-------|--|--|------------|

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Home Construction 0.5%

| | | | |
|--|--------|-----------|-----------|
| Taylor Morrison Communities, Inc./Monarch, Inc. ^(c) | | | |
| 04/15/21 | 5.250% | 8,200,000 | 8,077,000 |

Independent Energy 1.2%

| | | | |
|----------------------------------|--------|-----------|------------|
| Goodrich Petroleum Corp. | | | |
| 03/15/19 | 8.875% | 7,599,000 | 3,723,510 |
| Parsley Energy LLC/Finance Corp. | | | |
| Senior Unsecured ^(c) | | | |
| 02/15/22 | 7.500% | 8,446,000 | 8,002,585 |
| Stone Energy Corp. | | | |
| 11/15/22 | 7.500% | 7,400,000 | 6,364,000 |
| Total | | | 18,090,095 |

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Corporate Bonds & Notes *(continued)*

| Issuer | Coupon Rate | Principal Amount (\$) | Value (\$) |
|---|--------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|
| Leisure 0.5% | | | |
| Live Nation Entertainment, Inc. ^(c) 06/15/22 | 5.375% | 7,998,000 | 7,998,000 |
| Media and Entertainment 0.5% | | | |
| AMC Networks, Inc. 12/15/22 | 4.750% | 8,000,000 | 7,760,000 |
| Metals 0.7% | | | |
| Alpha Natural Resources, Inc. 04/15/18 | 9.750% | 5,200,000 | 2,340,000 |
| United States Steel Corp. Senior Unsecured 04/01/21 | 6.875% | 7,550,000 | 7,738,750 |
| Total | | | 10,078,750 |
| Midstream 0.5% | | | |
| Blue Racer Midstream LLC/Finance Corp. ^(c) 11/15/22 | 6.125% | 7,950,000 | 7,671,750 |
| Other Industry 0.5% | | | |
| MasTec, Inc. 03/15/23 | 4.875% | 7,900,000 | 7,426,000 |
| Pharmaceuticals 0.3% | | | |
| Salix Pharmaceuticals Ltd. ^(c) 01/15/21 | 6.000% | 4,380,000 | 4,467,600 |
| Retailers 0.5% | | | |
| Rite Aid Corp. Senior Unsecured 02/15/27 | 7.700% | 6,982,000 | 7,610,380 |
| Supermarkets 0.5% | | | |
| Safeway, Inc. Senior Unsecured 02/01/31 | 7.250% | 8,112,000 | 8,114,766 |
| Technology 1.0% | | | |

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| | | | |
|--|--------|-----------|------------|
| Equinix, Inc. Senior Unsecured 01/01/25 | 5.750% | 8,000,000 | 8,070,000 |
| Micron Technology, Inc. Senior Unsecured ^(c) 02/01/25 | 5.500% | 8,000,000 | 8,080,000 |
| Total | | | 16,150,000 |

Transportation Services 0.4%

| | | | |
|--|--------|-----------|-----------|
| XPO Logistics, Inc. Senior Unsecured ^(c) 09/01/19 | 7.875% | 5,608,000 | 5,860,360 |
|--|--------|-----------|-----------|

Corporate Bonds & Notes (continued)

| Issuer | Coupon Rate | Principal Amount (\$) | Value (\$) |
|---|-------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Wirelines 1.0% | | | |
| Frontier Communications Corp. Senior Unsecured 01/15/25 | 6.875% | 8,030,000 | 8,030,000 |
| Level 3 Escrow II, Inc. ^(c) 08/15/22 | 5.375% | 8,000,000 | 8,040,000 |
| Total | | | 16,070,000 |
| Total Corporate Bonds & Notes (Cost: \$210,444,454) | | | 201,334,824 |

Convertible Bonds 8.2%

Automotive 1.0%

| | | | |
|--|--------|-----------|------------|
| Navistar International Corp. Senior Subordinated Notes 10/15/18 | 4.500% | 1,530,000 | 1,466,887 |
| Navistar International Corp. ^(c) Senior Subordinated Notes 04/15/19 | 4.750% | 9,959,000 | 9,523,294 |
| Wabash National Corp. Senior Unsecured 05/01/18 | 3.375% | 3,500,000 | 4,387,775 |
| Total | | | 15,377,956 |

Brokerage/Asset Managers/Exchanges 0.3%

| | | | |
|---|--------|-----------|-----------|
| Walter Investment Management Corp. Senior Subordinated Notes 11/01/19 | 4.500% | 4,900,000 | 3,699,500 |
|---|--------|-----------|-----------|

Finance Companies 0.2%

| | | | |
|---|--------|-----------|-----------|
| Air Lease Corp. Senior Unsecured 12/01/18 | 3.875% | 2,700,000 | 3,688,875 |
|---|--------|-----------|-----------|

Health Care 0.5%

| | | | |
|---|--------|-----------|-----------|
| Omnicare, Inc. 12/15/35 | 3.250% | 3,400,000 | 3,933,375 |
| Teleflex, Inc. Senior Subordinated Notes | | | |

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| | | | |
|----------|--------|-----------|-----------|
| 08/01/17 | 3.875% | 2,070,000 | 3,883,838 |
| Total | | | 7,817,213 |

Independent Energy 0.2%

| | | | |
|--|--------|-----------|-----------|
| American Energy-Permian Basin LLC PIK ^(c) | | | |
| 05/01/22 | 8.000% | 3,900,000 | 3,315,000 |
| Endeavour International Corp. ^(e) | | | |
| 07/15/16 | 5.500% | 4,400,000 | 154,000 |
| Total | | | 3,469,000 |

Metals 0.1%

| | | | |
|-------------------------------|--------|-----------|-----------|
| Alpha Natural Resources, Inc. | | | |
| 12/15/20 | 4.875% | 5,080,000 | 1,873,250 |

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Convertible Bonds *(continued)*

| Issuer | Coupon Rate | Principal Amount (\$) | Value (\$) |
|--|--------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|
| Oil Field Services 0.2% | | | |
| Cobalt International Energy, Inc. Senior Unsecured 12/01/19 | 2.625% | 5,700,000 | 3,532,290 |
| Other Financial Institutions 0.5% | | | |
| Forest City Enterprises, Inc. Senior Unsecured 08/15/20 | 3.625% | 7,298,000 | 7,763,248 |
| Other Industry 0.3% | | | |
| General Cable Corp. Subordinated Notes ^(d) 11/15/29 | 4.500% | 6,543,000 | 4,723,228 |
| Other REIT 0.9% | | | |
| Blackstone Mortgage Trust, Inc. Senior Unsecured 12/01/18 | 5.250% | 5,750,000 | 6,082,350 |
| RWT Holdings, Inc. ^(c) 11/15/19 | 5.625% | 4,100,000 | 4,146,125 |
| Starwood Waypoint Residential Trust Senior Unsecured ^(c) 10/15/17 | 4.500% | 3,900,000 | 4,029,051 |
| Total | | | 14,257,526 |
| Pharmaceuticals 0.7% | | | |
| ARIAD Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Senior Unsecured ^(c) 06/15/19 | 3.625% | 4,100,000 | 4,141,205 |
| Aegerion Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Senior Unsecured ^(c) 08/15/19 | 2.000% | 4,700,000 | 3,778,800 |
| Dendreon Corp. Senior Unsecured ^(e) 01/15/16 | 2.875% | 3,275,000 | 2,025,587 |
| Total | | | 9,945,592 |
| Property & Casualty 0.4% | | | |
| MGIC Investment Corp. ^(c) 04/01/63 | 9.000% | 4,700,000 | 5,998,375 |

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Refining 0.2%

| | | | |
|---|--------|-----------|-----------|
| Clean Energy Fuels Corp. Senior Unsecured ^(c) 10/01/18 | 5.250% | 4,950,000 | 3,457,238 |
|---|--------|-----------|-----------|

Retailers 0.3%

| | | | |
|---|--------|-----------|-----------|
| HeartWare International, Inc. Senior Unsecured 12/15/17 | 3.500% | 3,500,000 | 3,738,438 |
|---|--------|-----------|-----------|

Convertible Bonds (continued)

| Issuer | Coupon Rate | Principal Amount (\$) | Value (\$) |
|--|-------------|-----------------------|------------|
| Technology 1.9% | | | |
| Ciena Corp. Senior Unsecured ^(c) 10/15/18 | 3.750% | 6,300,000 | 7,733,817 |
| Cornerstone OnDemand, Inc. Senior Unsecured 07/01/18 | 1.500% | 4,200,000 | 4,105,500 |
| Mentor Graphics Corp. Subordinated Notes 04/01/31 | 4.000% | 6,500,000 | 7,783,750 |
| TiVo, Inc. Senior Unsecured ^(c) 03/15/16 | 4.000% | 3,100,000 | 3,687,062 |
| j2 Global, Inc. Senior Unsecured 06/15/29 | 3.250% | 5,800,000 | 6,387,250 |
| Total | | | 29,697,379 |

Tobacco 0.5%

| | | | |
|--|--------|-----------|-----------|
| Vector Group Ltd. Senior Unsecured 04/15/20 | 1.750% | 3,400,000 | 3,618,518 |
| Vector Group Ltd. ^(d) Senior Unsecured 01/15/19 | 2.500% | 2,824,000 | 3,969,132 |
| Total | | | 7,587,650 |

Total Convertible Bonds

(Cost: \$131,012,494) **126,626,758**

Preferred Debt 0.3%

Banking 0.3%

| | | | |
|--|--------|---------|-----------|
| Synovus Financial Corp. ^(d) 12/31/49 | 6.880% | 150,000 | 4,290,000 |
|--|--------|---------|-----------|

Total Preferred Debt

(Cost: \$3,823,450) **4,290,000**

Money Market Funds 1.2%

| | Shares | Value (\$) |
|---|------------|------------|
| Columbia Short-Term Cash Fund, 0.115% ^{(f)(g)} | 6,039,186 | 6,039,186 |
| JPMorgan Prime Money Market Fund, 0.010% ^(f) | 12,362,442 | 12,362,442 |

| | |
|---|----------------------|
| Total Money Market Funds (Cost: \$18,401,628) | 18,401,628 |
| Total Investments (Cost: \$1,380,890,351) | 1,542,003,695 |
| Other Assets & Liabilities, Net | 6,918,257 |
| Net Assets | 1,548,921,952 |

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Investments in Derivatives**Futures Contracts Outstanding at December 31, 2014**

At December 31, 2014, securities totaling \$501,445 were pledged as collateral to cover initial margin requirements on open futures contracts.

Long Futures Contracts Outstanding

| Contract Description | Number of Contracts | Trading Currency | Notional Market Value (\$) | Expiration Date | Unrealized | |
|----------------------|---------------------|------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------------------|
| | | | | | Appreciation (\$) | Unrealized Depreciation (\$) |
| S&P 500 | 12 | USD | 6,157,200 | 03/2015 | 24,846 | |

Notes to Portfolio of Investments

- (a) Non-income producing.
- (b) This security, or a portion of this security, has been pledged as collateral in connection with open futures contracts. These values are denoted within the Investments in Derivatives section of the Portfolio of Investments.
- (c) Security exempt from registration pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933. This security may be resold in transactions exempt from registration, normally to qualified institutional buyers. At December 31, 2014, the value of these securities amounted to \$166,656,554 or 10.76% of net assets.
- (d) Variable rate security.
- (e) Represents securities that have defaulted on payment of interest. The Fund has stopped accruing interest on these securities. At December 31, 2014, the value of these securities amounted to \$2,179,587, which represents 0.14% of net assets.
- (f) The rate shown is the seven-day current annualized yield at December 31, 2014.
- (g) As defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, an affiliated company is one in which the Fund owns 5% or more of the company's outstanding voting securities, or a company which is under common ownership or control with the Fund. Holdings and transactions in these affiliated companies during the year ended December 31, 2014, are as follows:

| Issuer | Beginning | Purchase | Proceeds | Ending | Dividends | Value (\$) |
|-------------------------------|-----------|------------|-----------------|-----------|-------------------------|------------|
| | Cost (\$) | Cost (\$) | From Sales (\$) | Cost (\$) | Affiliated Issuers (\$) | |
| Columbia Short-Term Cash Fund | 4,586,660 | 75,759,819 | (74,307,293) | 6,039,186 | 4,290 | 6,039,186 |

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ADR American Depositary Receipt

PIK Payment-in-Kind

Currency Legend

USD US Dollar

Fair Value Measurements

Generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) require disclosure regarding the inputs and valuation techniques used to measure fair value and any changes in valuation inputs or techniques. In addition, investments shall be disclosed by major category.

The Fund categorizes its fair value measurements according to a three-level hierarchy that maximizes the use of observable inputs and minimizes the use of unobservable inputs by prioritizing that the most observable input be used when available. Observable inputs are those that market participants would use in pricing an investment based on market data obtained from sources independent of the reporting entity. Unobservable inputs are those that reflect the Fund's assumptions about the information market participants would use in pricing an investment. An investment's level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is deemed significant to the asset or liability's fair value measurement. The input levels are not necessarily an indication of the risk or liquidity associated with investments at that level. For example, certain U.S. government securities are generally high quality and liquid, however, they are reflected as Level 2 because the inputs used to determine fair value may not always be quoted prices in an active market.

Fair value inputs are summarized in the three broad levels listed below:

- > Level 1 Valuations based on quoted prices for investments in active markets that the Fund has the ability to access at the measurement date (including NAV for open-end mutual funds). Valuation adjustments are not applied to Level 1 investments.

- > Level 2 Valuations based on other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar securities, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risks, etc.).

- > Level 3 Valuations based on significant unobservable inputs (including the Fund's own assumptions and judgment in determining the fair value of investments).

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Fair Value Measurements *(continued)*

Inputs that are used in determining fair value of an investment may include price information, credit data, volatility statistics, and other factors. These inputs can be either observable or unobservable. The availability of observable inputs can vary between investments, and is affected by various factors such as the type of investment, and the volume and level of activity for that investment or similar investments in the marketplace. The inputs will be considered by the Investment Manager, along with any other relevant factors in the calculation of an investment's fair value. The Fund uses prices and inputs that are current as of the measurement date, which may include periods of market dislocations. During these periods, the availability of prices and inputs may be reduced for many investments. This condition could cause an investment to be reclassified between the various levels within the hierarchy.

Foreign equity securities actively traded in markets where there is a significant delay in the local close relative to the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) are classified as Level 2. The values of these securities may include an adjustment to reflect the impact of significant market movements following the close of local trading, as described in Note 2 to the financial statements—Security Valuation.

Investments falling into the Level 3 category are primarily supported by quoted prices from brokers and dealers participating in the market for those investments. However, these may be classified as Level 3 investments due to lack of market transparency and corroboration to support these quoted prices. Additionally, valuation models may be used as the pricing source for any remaining investments classified as Level 3. These models may rely on one or more significant unobservable inputs and/or significant assumptions by the Investment Manager. Inputs used in valuations may include, but are not limited to, financial statement analysis, capital account balances, discount rates and estimated cash flows, and comparable company data.

Under the direction of the Fund's Board of Trustees (the Board), the Investment Manager's Valuation Committee (the Committee) is responsible for overseeing the valuation procedures approved by the Board. The Committee consists of voting and non-voting members from various groups within the Investment Manager's organization, including operations and accounting, trading and investments, compliance, risk management and legal.

The Committee meets at least monthly to review and approve valuation matters, which may include a description of specific valuation determinations, data regarding pricing information received from approved pricing vendors and brokers and the results of Board-approved valuation control policies and procedures (the Policies). The Policies address, among other things, instances when market quotations are or are not readily available, including recommendations of third party pricing vendors and a determination of appropriate pricing methodologies; events that require specific valuation determinations and assessment of fair value techniques; securities with a potential for stale pricing, including those that are illiquid, restricted, or in default; and the effectiveness of third party pricing vendors, including periodic reviews of vendors. The Committee meets more frequently, as needed, to discuss additional valuation matters, which may include the need to review back-testing results, review time-sensitive information or approve related valuation actions. The Committee reports to the Board, with members of the Committee meeting with the Board at each of its regularly scheduled meetings to discuss valuation matters and actions during the period, similar to those described earlier.

For investments categorized as Level 3, the Committee monitors information similar to that described above, which may include: (i) data specific to the issuer or comparable issuers, (ii) general market or specific sector news and (iii) quoted prices and specific or similar security transactions. The Committee considers this data and any changes from prior periods in order to assess the reasonableness of observable and unobservable inputs, any assumptions or internal models used to value those securities and changes in fair value. This data is also used to corroborate, when available, information received from approved pricing vendors and brokers. Various factors impact the frequency of monitoring this information (which may occur as often as daily). However, the Committee may determine that changes to inputs, assumptions and models are not required as a result of the monitoring procedures performed.

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Portfolio of Investments *(continued)*

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Fair Value Measurements *(continued)*

The following table is a summary of the inputs used to value the Fund's investments at December 31, 2014:

| Description | Level 1 | | | Level 2 | Level 3 | Total (\$) |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|---------|---------|---------------|
| | Quoted Prices in Active | | | | | |
| | Markets for Identical | Other Significant | Significant | | | |
| | Assets (\$) | Observable Inputs (\$) | Unobservable Inputs (\$) | | | |
| Equity Securities | | | | | | |
| Common Stocks | | | | | | |
| Consumer Discretionary | 108,719,088 | | | | | 108,719,088 |
| Consumer Staples | 95,378,293 | | | | | 95,378,293 |
| Energy | 89,298,231 | | | | | 89,298,231 |
| Financials | 201,565,643 | | | | | 201,565,643 |
| Health Care | 127,119,469 | | | | | 127,119,469 |
| Industrials | 109,531,162 | | | | | 109,531,162 |
| Information Technology | 205,739,585 | | | | | 205,739,585 |
| Materials | 37,430,825 | 333,342 | | | | 37,764,167 |
| Telecommunication Services | 35,063,828 | | | | | 35,063,828 |
| Utilities | 47,038,471 | | | | | 47,038,471 |
| Convertible Preferred Stocks | | | | | | |
| Consumer Discretionary | 8,062,500 | | | | | 8,062,500 |
| Consumer Staples | 7,551,000 | 11,942,065 | | | | 19,493,065 |
| Energy | | 16,203,765 | | | | 16,203,765 |
| Financials | 38,728,591 | 11,575,850 | | | | 50,304,441 |
| Health Care | 3,780,000 | | | | | 3,780,000 |
| Industrials | 7,972,900 | | | | | 7,972,900 |
| Materials | 7,567,500 | | | | | 7,567,500 |
| Telecommunication Services | 3,825,878 | | | | | 3,825,878 |
| Utilities | | 16,922,499 | | | | 16,922,499 |
| Total Equity Securities | 1,134,372,964 | 56,977,521 | | | | 1,191,350,485 |
| Bonds | | | | | | |

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|---------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Corporate Bonds & Notes | | 201,334,824 | 201,334,824 |
| Convertible Bonds | | 126,626,758 | 126,626,758 |
| Preferred Debt | 4,290,000 | | 4,290,000 |
| Total Bonds | 4,290,000 | 327,961,582 | 332,251,582 |
| | | | |
| Mutual Funds | | | |
| Money Market Funds | 18,401,628 | | 18,401,628 |
| Total Mutual Funds | 18,401,628 | | 18,401,628 |
| | | | |
| Investments in Securities | 1,157,064,592 | 384,939,103 | 1,542,003,695 |
| Derivatives | | | |
| Assets | | | |
| Futures Contracts | 24,846 | | 24,846 |
| Total | 1,157,089,438 | 384,939,103 | 1,542,028,541 |

See the Portfolio of Investments for all investment classifications not indicated in the table.

The Fund's assets assigned to the Level 2 input category are generally valued using the market approach, in which a security's value is determined through reference to prices and information from market transactions for similar or identical assets. These assets include certain foreign securities for which a third party statistical pricing service may be employed for purposes of fair market valuation. The model utilized by such third party statistical pricing service takes into account a security's correlation to available market data including, but not limited to, intraday index, ADR, and ETF movements.

There were no transfers of financial assets between levels during the period.

Derivative instruments are valued at unrealized appreciation (depreciation).

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities

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Assets

| | |
|--|-----------------|
| Investments, at value | |
| Unaffiliated issuers (identified cost \$1,374,851,165) | \$1,535,964,509 |
| Affiliated issuers (identified cost \$6,039,186) | 6,039,186 |
| Total investments (identified cost \$1,380,890,351) | 1,542,003,695 |
| Receivable for: | |
| Investments sold | 9,271,404 |
| Common Stock | 18,137 |
| Dividends | 2,362,039 |
| Interest | 4,304,058 |
| Variation margin | 12,893 |
| Prepaid expenses | 85,462 |
| Other assets | 43,681 |
| Total assets | 1,558,101,369 |

Liabilities

| | |
|---|------------------------|
| Payable for: | |
| Investments purchased | 7,565,893 |
| Common Stock payable | 547,797 |
| Preferred Stock dividends | 470,463 |
| Variation margin | 85,050 |
| Investment management fees | 15,193 |
| Stockholder servicing and transfer agent fees | 5,070 |
| Administration fees | 2,345 |
| Compensation of board members | 71,911 |
| Stockholders meeting fees | 1,102 |
| Other expenses | 414,593 |
| Total liabilities | 9,179,417 |
| Net assets | 1,548,921,952 |
| Preferred stock | 37,637,000 |
| Net assets for Common Stock | \$1,511,284,952 |
| Net asset value per share of outstanding Common Stock | \$24.76 |
| Market price per share of Common Stock | \$21.41 |

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Statement of Capital Stock and Surplus

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Capital Stock

\$2.50 Cumulative Preferred Stock, \$50 par value, assets coverage per share \$2,058

| | | |
|-------------------------------|---------|--------------|
| Shares issued and outstanding | 752,740 | \$37,637,000 |
|-------------------------------|---------|--------------|

Common Stock, \$0.50 par value:

| | | |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Shares issued and outstanding | 61,038,489 | 30,519,245 |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------|

Surplus

| | | |
|-----------------|--|---------------|
| Capital surplus | | 1,606,317,087 |
|-----------------|--|---------------|

| | | |
|--|--|-----------|
| Excess of distributions over net investment income | | (364,539) |
|--|--|-----------|

| | | |
|-------------------------------|--|---------------|
| Accumulated net realized loss | | (286,325,031) |
|-------------------------------|--|---------------|

Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on:

| | | |
|----------------------------------|--|-------------|
| Investments unaffiliated issuers | | 161,113,344 |
|----------------------------------|--|-------------|

| | | |
|-------------------|--|--------|
| Futures contracts | | 24,846 |
|-------------------|--|--------|

| | | |
|-------------------|--|------------------------|
| Net assets | | \$1,548,921,952 |
|-------------------|--|------------------------|

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Statement of Operations

Year Ended December 31, 2014

Net investment income

Income:

| | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| Dividends unaffiliated issuers | \$34,399,245 |
| Dividends affiliated issuers | 4,290 |
| Interest | 17,585,836 |
| Foreign taxes withheld | (44,311) |
| Total income | 51,945,060 |

Expenses:

| | |
|---|-------------------|
| Investment management fees | 5,368,533 |
| Stockholder servicing and transfer agent fees | 391,621 |
| Administration fees | 831,131 |
| Compensation of board members | 58,553 |
| Stockholders meeting fees | 73,964 |
| Custodian fees | 20,089 |
| Printing and postage fees | 65,353 |
| Professional fees | 67,489 |
| Other | 294,828 |
| Total expenses | 7,171,561 |
| Net investment income^(a) | 44,773,499 |

Realized and unrealized gain (loss) net

Net realized gain (loss) on:

| | |
|---|----------------------|
| Investments | 178,974,665 |
| Foreign currency translations | 160 |
| Futures contracts | 278,915 |
| Net realized gain | 179,253,740 |
| Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on: | |
| Investments | (77,903,000) |
| Futures contracts | (83,788) |
| Net change in unrealized depreciation | (77,986,788) |
| Net realized and unrealized gain | 101,266,952 |
| Net increase in net assets resulting from operations | \$146,040,451 |

(a) Net investment income for Common Stock is \$42,891,649, which is net of Preferred Stock dividends of \$1,881,850.

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Statement of Changes in Net Assets

| | Year Ended December 31, 2014 | Year Ended December 31, 2013 |
|--|---|---|
| Operations | | |
| Net investment income | \$44,773,499 | \$43,026,975 |
| Net realized gain | 179,253,740 | 138,948,724 |
| Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) | (77,986,788) | 131,421,550 |
| Net increase in net assets resulting from operations | 146,040,451 | 313,397,249 |
| Distributions to Stockholders | | |
| Net investment income | | |
| Preferred Stock | (1,881,850) | (1,881,850) |
| Common Stock | (46,034,377) | (42,214,926) |
| Total Distributions to Stockholders | (47,916,227) | (44,096,776) |
| Decrease in net assets from capital stock activity | (22,572,792) | (16,852,169) |
| Total increase in net assets | 75,551,432 | 252,448,304 |
| Net assets at beginning of year | 1,473,370,520 | 1,220,922,216 |
| Net assets at end of year | \$1,548,921,952 | \$1,473,370,520 |
| Undistributed (excess of distributions over) net investment income | \$(364,539) | \$676,386 |

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Statement of Changes in Net Assets *(continued)*

| | Year Ended December 31, 2014 | | Year Ended December 31, 2013 | |
|--|---------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| | Shares | Dollars (\$) | Shares | Dollars (\$) |
| Capital stock activity | | | | |
| Common Stock issued at market price in distributions | 650,551 | 13,424,167 | 698,558 | 12,700,935 |
| Common Stock issued for investment plan purchases | 130,468 | 2,696,661 | 94,934 | 1,723,896 |
| Common Stock purchased from investment plan participants | (992,890) | (20,411,667) | (1,118,982) | (20,483,855) |
| Common Stock purchased in the open market | (885,692) | (18,281,953) | (591,396) | (10,793,145) |
| Total net decrease | (1,097,563) | (22,572,792) | (916,886) | (16,852,169) |

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Financial Highlights

Per share operating performance data is designed to allow investors to trace the operating performance, on a per Common Stock share basis, from the beginning net asset value to the ending net asset value, so that investors can understand what effect the individual items have on their investment, assuming it was held throughout the period. Generally, the per share amounts are derived by converting the actual dollar amounts incurred for each item, as disclosed in the financial statements, to their equivalent per Common Stock share amounts, using average Common Stock shares outstanding during the period.

Total return measures the Fund's performance assuming that investors purchased shares of the Fund at the market price or net asset value as of the beginning of the period, invested all distributions paid, as provided for in the Fund's Prospectus and Automatic Dividend Investment and Cash Purchase Plan, and then sold their shares at the closing market price or net asset value per share on the last day of the period. The computations do not reflect any sales charges or transaction costs on your investment or taxes investors may incur on distributions or on the sale of shares of the Fund, and are not annualized for periods of less than one year.

The portfolio turnover rate is calculated without regard to purchase and sales transactions of short-term instruments and certain derivatives, if any, and are not annualized for periods of less than one year. If such transactions were included, the Fund's portfolio turnover may be higher.

The ratios of expenses and net investment income to average net assets for Common Stock for the periods presented do not reflect the effect of dividends paid to Preferred Stockholders.

| | Year Ended December 31, | | | | |
|--|-------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 |
| Per share data | | | | | |
| Net asset value, beginning of period | \$23.11 | \$18.77 | \$16.77 | \$15.96 | \$13.73 |
| Income from investment operations | | | | | |
| Net investment income | 0.73 | 0.69 | 0.63 | 0.33 | 0.30 |
| Net realized and unrealized gain | 1.70 | 4.36 | 2.00 | 0.79 | 2.28 |
| Total from investment operations | 2.43 | 5.05 | 2.63 | 1.12 | 2.58 |
| Less distributions to Stockholders from: | | | | | |
| Net investment income | | | | | |
| Preferred Stock | (0.03) | (0.03) | (0.03) | (0.03) | (0.03) |
| Common Stock | (0.75) | (0.68) | (0.60) | (0.28) | (0.25) |
| Total distributions to Stockholders | (0.78) | (0.71) | (0.63) | (0.31) | (0.28) |
| Capital stock transactions at market price | | | | | (0.07) |
| Net asset value, end of period | \$24.76 | \$23.11 | \$18.77 | \$16.77 | \$15.96 |
| Adjusted net asset value, end of period ^(a) | \$24.68 | \$23.04 | \$18.71 | \$16.72 | \$15.90 |
| Market price, end of period | \$21.41 | \$19.98 | \$16.00 | \$14.23 | \$13.76 |
| Total return | | | | | |
| Based upon net asset value | 11.09% | 27.76% | 16.24% | 7.15% | 18.58% |

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| | | | | | |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Based upon market price | 11.11% | 29.58% | 16.77% | 5.46% | 21.85% |
| Ratios to average net assets^(b) | | | | | |
| Expenses to average net assets for Common Stock | 0.49% | 0.50% | 0.52% | 0.59% | 0.60% |
| Net investment income to average net assets for Common Stock | 2.91% | 3.12% | 3.28% | 1.80% | 1.84% |
| Supplemental data | | | | | |
| Net assets, end of period (000s): | | | | | |
| Common Stock | \$1,511,285 | \$1,435,734 | \$1,183,285 | \$1,078,160 | \$1,061,251 |
| Preferred Stock | 37,637 | 37,637 | 37,637 | 37,637 | 37,637 |
| Total net assets | \$1,548,922 | \$1,473,371 | \$1,220,922 | \$1,115,797 | \$1,098,888 |
| Portfolio turnover | 76% | 62% | 68% | 97% | 86% |

Notes to Financial Highlights

(a) Assumes the exercise of outstanding warrants.

(b) In addition to the fees and expenses that the Fund bears directly, the Fund indirectly bears a pro rata share of the fees and expenses of any other funds in which it invests. Such indirect expenses are not included in the Fund's reported expense ratios.

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Note 1. Organization

Tri-Continental Corporation (the Fund) is a diversified fund. The Fund is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the 1940 Act), as a closed-end management investment company.

The Fund has 1 million authorized shares of preferred capital stock (Preferred Stock) and 159 million authorized shares of common stock (Common Stock). The issued and outstanding Common Stock trades primarily on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) under the symbol TY .

Tri-Continental Corporation's Preferred Stock is entitled to two votes and the Common Stock is entitled to one vote per share at all meetings of Stockholders. In the event of a default in payments of dividends on the Preferred Stock equivalent to six quarterly dividends, the Preferred Stockholders are entitled, voting separately as a class to the exclusion of Common Stockholders, to elect two additional directors, such right to continue until all arrearages have been paid and current Preferred Stock dividends are provided for. Generally, the vote of Preferred Stockholders is required to approve certain actions adversely affecting their rights.

Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation

The Fund is an investment company that applies the accounting and reporting guidance in the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification Topic 946, *Financial Services - Investment Companies* (ASC 946). The financial statements are prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) which requires management to make certain 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 and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

The following is a summary of significant accounting policies followed by the Fund in the preparation of its financial statements.

Security Valuation

All equity securities are valued at the close of business of the NYSE. Equity securities are valued at the last quoted sales price on the principal exchange or market on which they trade, except for securities traded on the NASDAQ Stock Market, which are valued at the NASDAQ official close price.

Unlisted securities or listed securities for which there were no sales during the day are valued at the mean of the latest quoted bid and ask prices on such exchanges or markets.

Debt securities generally are valued by pricing services approved by the Board of Directors (the Board) based upon market transactions for normal, institutional-size trading units of similar securities. The services may use various pricing techniques that take into account, as applicable, factors such as yield, quality, coupon rate, maturity, type of issue, trading characteristics and other data, as well as broker quotes. Debt securities for which quotations are readily available may also be valued based upon an over-the-counter or exchange bid quotation.

Foreign equity securities are valued based on quotations from the principal market in which such securities are traded. If any foreign security prices are not readily available as a result of limited share activity, the securities are valued at the mean of the latest quoted bid and ask prices on such exchanges or markets. Foreign currency exchange rates are generally determined at 4:00 p.m. Eastern (U.S.) time. Many securities markets and exchanges outside the U.S. close prior to the close of the NYSE; therefore, the closing prices for securities in such markets or on such

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exchanges may not fully reflect events that occur after such close but before the close of the NYSE. In those situations, foreign securities will be fair valued pursuant to a policy adopted by the Board, including, if available, utilizing a third party pricing service to determine these fair values. The third party pricing service takes into account multiple factors, including, but not limited to, movements in the U.S. securities markets, certain depository receipts, futures contracts and foreign exchange rates that have occurred subsequent to the close of the foreign exchange or market, to determine a good faith estimate that reasonably reflects the current market conditions as of the close of the NYSE. The fair value of a security is likely to be different from the quoted or published price, if available.

Investments in open-end investment companies, including money market funds, are valued at their net asset value.

Short-term securities within 60 days to maturity are valued at amortized cost, which approximates market value. Short-term securities maturing in more than 60 days from the valuation date are valued at the market price or approximate market value based on current interest rates.

Futures and options on futures contracts are valued based upon the settlement price established each day by the board of trade or exchange on which they are traded.

Investments for which market quotations are not readily available, or that have quotations which management

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believes are not reliable, are valued at fair value as determined in good faith under procedures established by and under the general supervision of the Board. If a security or class of securities (such as foreign securities) is valued at fair value, such value is likely to be different from the quoted or published price for the security.

The determination of fair value often requires significant judgment. To determine fair value, management may use assumptions including but not limited to future cash flows and estimated risk premiums. Multiple inputs from various sources may be used to determine fair value.

Foreign Currency Transactions and Translations

The values of all assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are generally translated into U.S. dollars at exchange rates determined at the close of the NYSE. Net realized and unrealized gains (losses) on foreign currency transactions and translations include gains (losses) arising from the fluctuation in exchange rates between trade and settlement dates on securities transactions, gains (losses) arising from the disposition of foreign currency and currency gains (losses) between the accrual and payment dates on dividends, interest income and foreign withholding taxes.

For financial statement purposes, the Fund does not distinguish that portion of gains (losses) on investments which is due to changes in foreign exchange rates from that which is due to changes in market prices of the investments. Such fluctuations are included with the net realized and unrealized gains (losses) on investments in the Statement of Operations.

Derivative Instruments

The Fund invests in certain derivative instruments, as detailed below, to meet its investment objectives. Derivatives are instruments whose values depend on, or are derived from, in whole or in part, the value of one or more other assets, such as securities, currencies, commodities or indices. Derivative instruments may be used to increase investment flexibility (including to maintain cash reserves while maintaining exposure to certain other assets), for risk management (hedging) purposes, to facilitate trading, to reduce transaction costs and to pursue higher investment returns. The Fund may also use derivative instruments to mitigate certain investment risks, such as foreign currency exchange rate risk, interest rate risk and credit risk. Derivatives may involve various risks, including the potential inability of the counterparty to fulfill its obligation under the terms of the contract, the potential for an illiquid secondary market (making it difficult for the Fund to sell, including at favorable prices) and the potential for market movements which may expose the Fund to gains or losses in excess of the amount shown in the Statement of Assets and

Liabilities. The notional amounts of derivative instruments, if applicable, are not recorded in the financial statements.

A derivative instrument may suffer a marked-to-market loss if the value of the contract decreases due to an unfavorable change in the market rates or values of the underlying instrument. Losses can also occur if the counterparty does not perform under the contract. The Fund's risk of loss from counterparty credit risk on over-the-counter derivatives is generally limited to the aggregate unrealized gain netted against any collateral held by the Fund and the amount of any variation margin held by the counterparty. With exchange-traded or centrally cleared derivatives, there is reduced counterparty credit risk to the Fund since the exchange's clearinghouse, as counterparty to such instruments, guarantees against a possible default. The clearinghouse stands between the buyer and the seller of the contract; therefore, the counterparty credit risk is failure of the clearinghouse. However, credit risk still exists in exchange-traded or centrally cleared derivatives with respect to initial and variation margin that is held in a broker's customer account. While brokers are required to segregate customer margin from their own assets, in the event that a broker becomes insolvent or goes into bankruptcy and at that time there is a shortfall in the aggregate amount of margin held by the broker for all its clients, U.S. bankruptcy laws will typically allocate that shortfall on a pro-rata basis across all the broker's customers (including the Fund), potentially resulting in losses to the Fund.

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In order to better define its contractual rights and to secure rights that will help the Fund mitigate its counterparty risk, the Fund may enter into an International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc. Master Agreement (ISDA Master Agreement) or similar agreement with its derivative contract counterparties. An ISDA Master Agreement is an agreement between the Fund and a counterparty that governs over-the-counter derivatives and forward foreign currency exchange contracts and typically contains, among other things, collateral posting terms and netting provisions in the event of a default and/or termination event. Under an ISDA Master Agreement, the Fund may, under certain circumstances, offset with the counterparty certain derivative instrument's payables and/or receivables with collateral held and/or posted and create one single net payment. The provisions of the ISDA Master Agreement typically permit a single net payment in the event of default (close-out netting) including the bankruptcy or insolvency of the counterparty. Note, however, that bankruptcy or insolvency laws of a particular jurisdiction may impose restrictions on or prohibitions against the right of offset in bankruptcy, insolvency or other events.

Collateral (margin) requirements differ by type of derivative. Margin requirements are established by the exchange or clearinghouse for exchange-traded and centrally cleared

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derivatives. Brokers can ask for margin in excess of the minimum in certain circumstances. Collateral terms are contract specific for over-the-counter derivatives. For over-the-counter derivatives traded under an ISDA Master Agreement, the collateral requirements are typically calculated by netting the marked-to-market amount for each transaction under such agreement and comparing that amount to the value of any variation margin currently pledged by the Fund and/or the counterparty. Generally, the amount of collateral due from or to a party has to exceed a minimum transfer amount threshold (e.g., \$500,000) before a transfer has to be made. To the extent amounts due to the Fund from its counterparties are not fully collateralized, contractually or otherwise, the Fund bears the risk of loss from counterparty nonperformance. The Fund attempts to mitigate counterparty risk by only entering into agreements with counterparties that it believes have the financial resources to honor their obligations and by monitoring the financial stability of those counterparties.

Certain ISDA Master Agreements allow counterparties to over-the-counter derivatives to terminate derivative contracts prior to maturity in the event the Fund's net assets decline by a stated percentage over a specified time period or if the Fund fails to meet the terms of the ISDA Master Agreement, which would cause the Fund to accelerate payment of any net liability owed to the counterparty. The Fund also has termination rights if the counterparty fails to meet the terms of the ISDA Master Agreement. In addition to considering counterparty credit risk, the Fund would consider terminating the derivative contracts based on whether termination would result in a net liability owed from the counterparty.

For financial reporting purposes, the Fund does not offset derivative assets and derivative liabilities that are subject to netting arrangements in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

Futures Contracts

Futures contracts are exchange traded and represent commitments for the future purchase or sale of an asset at a specified price on a specified date. The Fund bought and sold futures contracts to maintain appropriate equity market exposure while keeping sufficient cash to accommodate daily redemptions. These instruments may be used for other purposes in future periods. Upon entering into futures contracts, the Fund bears risks that it may not achieve the anticipated benefits of the futures contracts and may realize a loss. Additional risks include counterparty credit risk, the possibility of an illiquid market, and that a change in the value of the contract or option may not correlate with changes in the value of the underlying asset.

Upon entering into a futures contract, the Fund pledges cash or securities with the broker in an amount sufficient to meet the initial margin requirement. The initial margin deposit must be maintained at an established level over the life of the contract. Cash deposited as initial margin is recorded in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities as margin deposits. Securities deposited as initial margin are designated in the Portfolio of Investments. Subsequent payments (variation margin) are made or received by the Fund each day. The variation margin payments are equal to the daily change in the contract value and are recorded as variation margin receivable or payable and are offset in unrealized gains or losses. The Fund recognizes a realized gain or loss when the contract is closed or expires. Futures contracts involve, to varying degrees, risk of loss in excess of the variation margin disclosed in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

Effects of Derivative Transactions in the Financial Statements

The following tables are intended to provide additional information about the effect of derivatives on the financial statements of the Fund, including: the fair value of derivatives by risk category and the location of those fair values in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities; and the impact of derivative transactions over the period in the Statement of Operations, including realized gains or losses and unrealized gains or losses. The derivative schedules following the Portfolio of Investments present additional information regarding derivative instruments outstanding at the end of the period, if any.

The following table is a summary of the fair value of derivative instruments (not considered to be hedging instruments for accounting disclosure purposes) at December 31, 2014:

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Asset Derivatives

**Risk Exposure
Category**
Equity risk

Statement of Capital Stock and Surplus

Net assets unrealized appreciation on futures contracts

Fair Value (\$)
24,846*

* Includes cumulative appreciation (depreciation) as reported in the tables following the Portfolio of Investments. Only the current day's variation margin is reported in receivables or payables in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

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The following table indicates the effect of derivative instruments (not considered to be hedging instruments for accounting disclosure purposes) in the Statement of Operations for the year ended December 31, 2014:

Amount of Realized Gain (Loss) on Derivatives Recognized in Income

| Risk Exposure Category | Futures Contracts (\$) |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Equity risk | 278,915 |

Change in Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation) on Derivatives Recognized in Income

| Risk Exposure Category | Futures Contracts (\$) |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Equity risk | (83,788) |

The following table is a summary of the average outstanding volume by derivative instrument for the year ended December 31, 2014:

| Derivative Instrument | Average notional amounts(\$)* |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Futures contracts Long | 5,995,169 |

* Based on the ending quarterly outstanding amounts for the year ended December 31, 2014.

Security Transactions

Security transactions are accounted for on the trade date. Cost is determined and gains (losses) are based upon the specific identification method for both financial statement and federal income tax purposes.

Income Recognition

Corporate actions and dividend income are generally recorded net of any non-reclaimable tax withholdings, on the ex-dividend date or upon receipt of ex-dividend notification in the case of certain foreign securities.

Interest income is recorded on an accrual basis. Market premiums and discounts, including original issue discounts, are amortized and accreted, respectively, over the expected life of the security on all debt securities, unless otherwise noted.

The Fund may place a debt security on non-accrual status and reduce related interest income when it becomes probable that the interest will not be collected and the amount of uncollectible interest can be reasonably estimated. A defaulted debt security is removed from non-accrual status when the issuer resumes interest payments or when collectability of interest is reasonably assured.

Federal Income Tax Status

The Fund intends to qualify each year as a regulated investment company under Subchapter M of the Internal

Revenue Code, as amended, and will distribute substantially all of its taxable income (including net short-term capital gains), if any, for its tax year, and as such will not be subject to federal income taxes. In addition, the Fund intends to distribute in each calendar year substantially all of its net investment income, capital gains and certain other amounts, if any, such that the Fund should not be subject to federal excise tax. Therefore, no federal income or excise tax provision is recorded.

Foreign Taxes

The Fund may be subject to foreign taxes on income, gains on investments or currency repatriation, a portion of which may be recoverable. The Fund will accrue such taxes and recoveries, as applicable, based upon its current interpretation of tax rules and regulations that exist in the markets in which it invests.

Realized gains in certain countries may be subject to foreign taxes at the Fund level, based on statutory rates. The Fund accrues for such foreign taxes on realized and unrealized gains at the appropriate rate for each jurisdiction, as applicable. The amount, if any, is disclosed as a liability on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

Dividends to Stockholders

The Fund has an earned distribution policy. Under this policy, the Fund intends to make quarterly distributions to holders of Common Stock that are approximately equal to net investment income, less dividends payable on the Fund's Preferred Stock. Capital gains, when available, are distributed to Common Stockholders along with the last income distribution of the calendar year.

Dividends and other distributions to Stockholders are recorded on ex-dividend dates.

Guarantees and Indemnifications

Under the Fund's organizational documents and, in some cases, by contract, its officers and trustees are indemnified against certain liabilities arising out of the performance of their duties to the Trust or its funds. In addition, certain of the Fund's contracts with its service providers contain general indemnification clauses. The Fund's maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown since the amount of any future claims that may be made against the Fund cannot be determined, and the Fund has no historical basis for predicting the likelihood of any such claims.

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Note 3. Fees and Compensation Paid to Affiliates**Investment Management Fees**

Under an Investment Management Services Agreement, Columbia Management Investment Advisers, LLC (the Investment Manager), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Ameriprise Financial, Inc. (Ameriprise Financial), determines which securities will be purchased, held or sold. The investment management fee is an annual fee that is equal to 0.355% of the Fund's average daily net assets.

Administration Fees

Under an Administrative Services Agreement, the Investment Manager also serves as the Fund Administrator. The Fund pays the Fund Administrator an annual fee for administration and accounting services equal to a percentage of the Fund's average daily net assets that declines from 0.06% to 0.03% as the Fund's net assets increase. The effective administration fee rate for the year ended December 31, 2014 was 0.06% of the Fund's average daily net assets.

Other Expenses

Other expenses are for, among other things, miscellaneous expenses of the Fund or the Board, including payments to a company providing limited administrative services to the Fund and the Board. That company's expenses include boardroom and office expense, employee compensation, employee health and retirement benefits, and certain other expenses. For the year ended December 31, 2014, other expenses paid by the Fund to this company were \$3,446.

Compensation of Board Members

Board members are compensated for their services to the Fund as disclosed in the Statement of Operations. Under a Deferred Compensation Plan (the Plan), the Board members who are not interested persons of the Fund, as defined under the 1940 Act, may elect to defer payment of up to 100% of their compensation. Deferred amounts are treated as though equivalent dollar amounts had been invested in shares of certain funds managed by the Investment Manager. The Fund's liability for these amounts is adjusted for market value changes and remains in the Fund until distributed in accordance with the Plan.

Stockholder Servicing Fees

Under a Stockholder Service Agent Agreement, Columbia Management Investment Services Corp. (the Stockholder Servicing Agent), an affiliate of the Investment Manager and a wholly-owned subsidiary of Ameriprise Financial, maintains Fund Stockholder accounts and records and provides Fund

Stockholder services. Under the Agreement, the Fund pays the Stockholder Servicing Agent a monthly stockholder servicing and transfer agent fee based on the number of common stock open accounts. The Stockholder Servicing Agent is also entitled to reimbursement for out-of-pocket fees.

For the year ended December 31, 2014, the Fund's effective stockholder servicing and transfer agent fee rate as a percentage of common stock average net assets was 0.03%.

The Fund and certain other associated investment companies (together, the Guarantors) have severally, but not jointly, guaranteed the performance and observance of all the terms and conditions of a lease entered into by Seligman Data Corp. (SDC), including the payment of rent by SDC (the Guaranty). The lease and the Guaranty expire in January 2019. At December 31, 2014, the Fund's total potential future obligation over the life of the Guaranty is \$555,992. The liability remaining at December 31, 2014 for non-recurring charges associated with the lease amounted to \$329,333 and is included within payable for other expenses in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. SDC is owned by six associated investment companies, including the Fund. The Fund's ownership interest in SDC at December 31, 2014 is included within other

assets in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities at a cost of \$43,681.

Note 4. Federal Tax Information

The timing and character of income and capital gain distributions are determined in accordance with income tax regulations, which may differ from GAAP because of temporary or permanent book to tax differences.

At December 31, 2014, these differences are primarily due to differing treatment for capital loss carryforwards, principal and/or interest from fixed income securities, deferral/reversal of wash sale losses, Trustees' deferred compensation, distributions, foreign currency transactions, derivative investments and amortization/accretion on certain convertible securities. To the extent these differences are permanent, reclassifications are made among the components of the Fund's net assets in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. Temporary differences do not require reclassifications. In the Statement of Assets and Liabilities the following reclassifications were made:

| | |
|---|-------------|
| Excess of distributions over net investment income | \$2,101,803 |
| Accumulated net realized loss | (2,102,203) |
| Paid-in capital | 400 |
| Net investment income (loss) and net realized gains (losses), as disclosed in the Statement of Operations, and net assets were not affected by this reclassification. | |

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The tax character of distributions paid during the years indicated was as follows:

| | Year Ended December 31, 2014 (\$) | Year Ended December 31, 2013 (\$) |
|---|--|--|
| Ordinary income | 47,916,227 | 44,096,776 |
| Short-term capital gain distributions, if any, are considered ordinary income distributions for tax purposes. | | |

At December 31, 2014, the components of distributable earnings on a tax basis were as follows:

| | |
|-------------------------------|---------------|
| Undistributed ordinary income | \$4,736,085 |
| Capital loss carryforwards | (285,296,096) |
| Net unrealized appreciation | 155,661,230 |

At December 31, 2014, the cost of investments for federal income tax purposes was \$1,386,342,465 and the aggregate gross unrealized appreciation and depreciation based on that cost was:

| | |
|-----------------------------|---------------|
| Unrealized appreciation | \$200,128,507 |
| Unrealized depreciation | (44,467,277) |
| Net unrealized appreciation | 155,661,230 |

The following capital loss carryforwards, determined at December 31, 2014, may be available to reduce taxable income arising from future net realized gains on investments, if any, to the extent permitted by the Internal Revenue Code:

| Year of Expiration | Amount (\$) |
|---------------------------|--------------------|
| 2017 | 285,296,096 |

For the year ended December 31, 2014, \$178,997,304 of capital loss carryforward was utilized.

Management of the Fund has concluded that there are no significant uncertain tax positions in the Fund that would require recognition in the financial statements. However, management's conclusion may be subject to review and adjustment at a later date based on factors including, but not limited to, new tax laws, regulations, and administrative interpretations (including relevant court decisions). Generally, the Fund's federal tax returns for the prior three fiscal years remain subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service.

Note 5. Portfolio Information

The cost of purchases and proceeds from sales of securities, excluding short-term obligations and certain derivatives, if any, aggregated to \$1,133,294,860 and \$1,165,069,888, respectively, for the year ended December 31, 2014. The

amount of purchase and sale activity impacts the portfolio turnover rate reported in the Financial Highlights.

Note 6. Capital Stock Transactions

Under the Fund's Charter, dividends on Common Stock cannot be declared unless net assets, after deducting the amount of such dividends and all unpaid dividends declared on Preferred Stock, equal at least \$100 per share of Preferred Stock outstanding. The Preferred Stock is subject to redemption at the Fund's option at any time on 30 days' notice at \$55 per share (or a total of \$41,400,700 for the shares outstanding) plus accrued dividends, and entitled in liquidation to \$50 per share plus dividends accrued or in arrears, as the case may be.

Automatic Dividend and Cash Purchase Plan

The Fund, in connection with its Automatic Dividend Investment and Cash Purchase Plan (the Plan) and other Stockholder plans, acquires and issues shares of its own Common Stock, as needed, to satisfy Plan requirements. A total of 130,468 shares were issued to Plan participants during the period for proceeds of \$2,696,661, a weighted average discount of 14.9% from the net asset value of those shares. In addition, a total of 650,551 shares were issued at market price in distributions during the period for proceeds of \$13,424,167, a weighted average discount of 15.0% from the net asset value of those shares.

For Stockholder accounts established after June 1, 2007, unless the Stockholder Servicing Agent is otherwise instructed by the Stockholder, distributions on the Common Stock are paid in book shares of Common Stock which are entered in the Stockholder's account as book credits. Each Stockholder may also elect to receive distributions 75% in shares and 25% in cash, 50% in shares and 50% in cash, or 100% in cash. Any such election must be received by the Stockholder Servicing Agent by the record date for a distribution. If the Stockholder holds shares of Common Stock through a financial intermediary (such as a broker), the Stockholder should contact the financial intermediary to discuss reinvestment and distribution options. Elections received after a record date for a distribution will be effective in respect of the next distribution. Shares issued to the Stockholder in respect of distributions will be at a price equal to the lower of: (i) the closing sale price of the Common Stock on the NYSE on the ex-dividend date or (ii) the greater of net asset value per share of Common Stock and 95% of the closing price of the Common Stock on the NYSE on the ex-dividend date. The issuance of Common Stock at less than net asset value per share will dilute the net asset value of all Common Stock outstanding at that time.

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For the year ended December 31, 2014, the Fund purchased 885,692 shares of its Common Stock in the open market at an aggregate cost of \$18,281,953, which represented a weighted average discount of 14.0% from the net asset value of those acquired shares. For the year ended December 31, 2014, the Fund purchased 992,890 shares of its Common Stock from Plan participants at a cost of \$20,411,667, which represented a weighted average discount of 14.3% from the net asset value of those acquired shares. Shares of Common Stock repurchased to satisfy Plan requirements or in the open market are retired and no longer outstanding.

Under the Fund's stock repurchase program for 2014, the amount of the Fund's outstanding Common Stock that the Fund may repurchase from Stockholders and in the open market is 5%, provided that, with respect to shares purchased in the open market, the discount must be greater than 10%. The intent of the stock repurchase program is, among other things, to moderate the growth in the number of shares outstanding, increase the NAV of the Fund's outstanding shares, reduce the dilutive impact on stockholders who do not take capital gain distributions in additional shares and increase the liquidity of the Fund's Common Stock in the marketplace.

Warrants

At December 31, 2014, the Fund reserved 197,100 shares of Common Stock for issuance upon exercise of 8,148 Warrants, each of which entitled the holder to purchase 24.19 shares of Common Stock at \$0.93 per share.

Assuming the exercise of all Warrants outstanding at December 31, 2014, net assets would have increased by \$183,303 and the net asset value of the Common Stock would have been \$24.68 per share. The number of Warrants exercised during the year ended December 31, 2014 was zero.

Note 7. Affiliated Money Market Fund

The Fund invests in Columbia Short-Term Cash Fund, an affiliated money market fund established for the exclusive use by the Fund and other affiliated funds. The income earned by the Fund from such investments is included as Dividends - affiliated issuers in the Statement of Operations. As an investing fund, the Fund indirectly bears its proportionate share of the expenses of Columbia Short-Term Cash Fund.

Note 8. Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. Equity-Linked Notes

The Fund previously held investments in two equity-linked notes (notes) for which Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. (Lehman Brothers) was the counterparty. The notes (with an aggregate principal amount of \$29.7 million) defaulted as of

their respective maturity dates, September 14, 2008 and October 2, 2008. Lehman Brothers filed a Chapter 11 bankruptcy petition on September 15, 2008. Based on the bankruptcy proceedings and information provided by the bankruptcy court, the Fund recognized realized losses of \$26.8 million and recorded receivables aggregating \$2.9 million, representing the estimated recoverable balance. During the year ended December 31, 2014, the Fund received approximately \$3.4 million from the bankruptcy proceedings. In aggregate, the Fund received \$9.7 million and does not expect any further receipts.

Note 9. Significant Risks**Large-Capitalization Risk**

Stocks of large-capitalization companies have at times experienced periods of volatility and negative performance. During such periods, the value of the stocks may decline and the Fund's performance may be negatively affected.

Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk that the value of debt securities in the Fund's portfolio may decline because the issuer may default and fail to pay interest or repay principal when due. Rating agencies assign credit ratings to debt securities to indicate their credit risk. Lower rated or unrated debt

securities held by the Fund may present increased credit risk as compared to higher-rated debt securities.

Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk of losses attributable to changes in interest rates. In general, if prevailing interest rates rise, the values of debt securities tend to fall, and if interest rates fall, the values of debt securities tend to rise. Actions by governments and central banking authorities can result in increases in interest rates. Increasing interest rates may negatively affect the value of debt securities held by the Fund, resulting in a negative impact on the Fund's performance and net asset value per share. In general, the longer the maturity or duration of a debt security, the greater its sensitivity to changes in interest rates.

Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the risk associated with a lack of marketability of investments which may make it difficult to sell the investment at a desirable time or price. Changing regulatory, market or other conditions or environments (for example, the interest rate or credit environments) may adversely affect the liquidity of the Fund's investments. The Fund may have to accept a lower selling price for the holding, sell other investments, or forego another, more appealing

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investment opportunity. Generally, the less liquid the market at the time the Fund sells a portfolio investment, the greater the risk of loss or decline of value to the Fund.

Note 10. Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated the events and transactions that have occurred through the date the financial statements were issued and noted no items requiring adjustment of the financial statements or additional disclosure.

Note 11. Information Regarding Pending and Settled Legal Proceedings

In December 2005, without admitting or denying the allegations, American Express Financial Corporation (AEFC, which is now known as Ameriprise Financial, Inc. (Ameriprise Financial)) entered into settlement agreements with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and Minnesota Department of Commerce (MDOC) related to market timing activities. As a result, AEFC was censured and ordered to cease and desist from committing or causing any violations of certain provisions of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, the Investment Company Act of 1940, and various Minnesota laws. AEFC agreed to pay disgorgement of \$10 million and civil money penalties of \$7 million. AEFC also agreed to retain an independent distribution consultant to assist in developing a plan for distribution of all disgorgement and civil penalties ordered by the SEC in accordance with various undertakings detailed at www.sec.gov/litigation/admin/ia-2451.pdf. Ameriprise Financial and its affiliates have cooperated with the SEC and the MDOC in these legal proceedings, and have made regular reports to the Funds' Boards of Directors.

Ameriprise Financial and certain of its affiliates have historically been involved in a number of legal, arbitration and regulatory proceedings, including routine litigation, class actions, and governmental actions, concerning matters arising in connection with the conduct of their business activities. Ameriprise Financial believes that the Funds are not currently the subject of, and that neither Ameriprise Financial nor any of its affiliates are the subject of, any pending legal, arbitration or regulatory proceedings that are likely to have a material adverse effect on the Funds or the ability of Ameriprise Financial or its affiliates to perform under their contracts with the Funds. Ameriprise Financial is required to make quarterly (10-Q), annual (10-K) and, as necessary, 8-K filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission on legal and regulatory matters that relate to Ameriprise Financial and its affiliates. Copies of these filings may be obtained by accessing the SEC website at www.sec.gov.

There can be no assurance that these matters, or the adverse publicity associated with them, will not result in increased fund redemptions, reduced sale of fund shares or other adverse consequences to the Funds. Further, although we believe proceedings are not likely to have a material adverse effect on the Funds or the ability of Ameriprise Financial or its affiliates to perform under their contracts with the Funds, these proceedings are subject to uncertainties and, as such, we are unable to estimate the possible loss or range of loss that may result. An adverse outcome in one or more of these proceedings could result in adverse judgments, settlements, fines, penalties or other relief that could have a material adverse effect on the consolidated financial condition or results of operations of Ameriprise Financial.

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Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Board of Directors and Stockholders of

Tri-Continental Corporation

In our opinion, the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities, including the portfolio of investments, and the related statements of operations and of changes in net assets and the financial highlights present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Tri-Continental Corporation (the Fund) at December 31, 2014, 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 three years in the period then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. These financial statements and financial highlights (hereafter referred to as financial statements) are the responsibility of the Fund's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits of these financial statements 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 are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits, which included confirmation of securities at December 31, 2014 by correspondence with the custodian, brokers and transfer agent, and the application of alternative auditing procedures where such confirmations had not been received, provide a reasonable basis for our opinion. The financial highlights of the Fund for the periods ended on or prior to December 31, 2011 were audited by another independent registered public accounting firm whose report dated February 22, 2012 expressed an unqualified opinion on those highlights.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Minneapolis, Minnesota

February 23, 2015

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Federal Income Tax Information

(Unaudited)

The Fund hereby designates the following tax attributes for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014.

Tax Designations

| | |
|------------------------------|--------|
| Qualified Dividend Income | 65.22% |
| Dividends Received Deduction | 61.58% |

Qualified Dividend Income. For taxable, non-corporate shareholders, the percentage of ordinary income dividends paid during the fiscal year that represents qualified dividend income subject to reduced tax rates.

Dividends Received Deduction. The percentage of ordinary income dividends paid during the fiscal year that qualifies for the corporate dividends received deduction.

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Directors and Officers

Stockholders elect the Board that oversees the Fund's operations. The Board appoints officers who are responsible for day-to-day business decisions based on policies set by the Board. The following table provides basic biographical information about the Fund's Board members, including their principal occupations during the past five years, although specific titles for individuals may have varied over the period. Under current Board policy, members may serve through the end of the calendar year in which he or she reaches the mandatory retirement age established by the Board or the fifteenth anniversary of the first Board meeting they attended as a member of the Board.

Independent Trustees

| Name, Address, Year of Birth | Position Held With Fund and Length of Service | Principal Occupation During Past Five Years | Number of Funds in the Fund Family Overseen by Board Member | Other Present or Past Directorships/ Trusteeships (Within Past 5 Years) |
|---|--|---|--|---|
| Kathleen Blatz 901 S. Marquette Ave. Minneapolis, MN 55402 1954 | Board member since November 2008 | Attorney; specializing in arbitration and mediation; Chief Justice, Minnesota Supreme Court, 1998-2006; Associate Justice, Minnesota Supreme Court, 1996-1998; Fourth Judicial District Court Judge, Hennepin County, 1994-1996; Attorney in private practice and public service, 1984-1993; State Representative, Minnesota House of Representatives, 1979-1993, which included service on the Tax and Financial Institutions and Insurance Committees | 132 | Trustee, BlueCross BlueShield of Minnesota (Chair of the Business Development Committee) since 2009; Chair of the Robina Foundation since August 2013 |
| Pamela G. Carlton 901 S. Marquette Ave. Minneapolis, MN 55402 1954 | Board member since November 2008 | President, Springboard- Partners in Cross Cultural Leadership (consulting company) since 2003; Managing Director of US Equity Research, JP Morgan Chase, 1999-2003; Director of US Equity Research, Chase Asset Management, 1996- 1999; Co-Director Latin America Research, 1993-1996, COO Global Research, 1992-1996, Co-Director of US Research, 1991-1992, Investment Banker, Morgan Stanley, 1982-1991 | 132 | None |
| William P. Carmichael 901 S. Marquette Ave. Minneapolis, MN 55402 1943 | Board member and Chair of the Board since January 2014 | Retired; Co-founder, The Succession Fund (provides exit strategies to owners of privately held companies) 1998-2007; Adjunct Professor of Finance, Kelley School of Business, Indiana University, 1993-2007; Senior Vice President, Sara Lee Corporation, 1991-1993; Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Beatrice Foods Company, 1984-1990; Vice President, Esmark, Inc, 1973-1984.; Associate, Price Waterhouse, 1968-1972 | 132 | Director, Cobra Electronics Corporation (electronic equipment manufacturer), 1994-August 2014; The Finish Line (athletic shoes and apparel) since July 2003; Director, International Textile Corp. since 2012; former Director, McMoRan Exploration Company (oil and gas exploration and development) 2010-2013; former Trustee, BofA Funds Series Trust (11 funds) 2009-2011; Director, Spectrum Brands, Inc. (consumer products), 2002-2009; Director, Simmons Company (bedding), 2004-2010 |
| Patricia M. Flynn 901 S. Marquette Ave. | Board member since November 2008 | Trustee Professor of Economics and Management, Bentley University since 1976 (also teaches and conducts research on corporate governance); Dean, McCallum Graduate School of Business, Bentley University, | 132 | None |

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Catherine James Paglia

901 S. Marquette Ave.

Minneapolis, MN 55402

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Board member since
November 2008

Director, Enterprise Asset Management, Inc. (private real estate and asset management company) since September 1998; Managing Director and Partner, Interlaken Capital, Inc., 1989-1997; Managing Director, Morgan Stanley, 1982-1989; Vice President, Investment Banking, 1980-1982, Associate, Investment Banking, 1976-1980, Dean Witter Reynolds, Inc.

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Director, Valmont Industries, Inc. (irrigation systems manufacturer) since 2012; Trustee, Carleton College (on the Investment Committee); Trustee, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace (on the Investment

Committee)

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Directors and Officers (continued)**Independent Trustees** (continued)

| Name, Address, Year of Birth | Position Held With Fund and Length of Service | Principal Occupation During Past Five Years | Number of Funds in the Fund Family Overseen by Board Member | Other Present or Past Directorships/ Trusteeships (Within Past 5 Years) |
|--|--|---|--|---|
| Leroy C. Richie 901 S. Marquette Ave. Minneapolis, MN 55402 1941 | Board member since 2000 | Counsel, Lewis & Munday, P.C. (law firm) since 2004; Vice President and General Counsel, Automotive Legal Affairs, Chrysler Corporation, 1993-1997 | 132 | Lead Outside Director, Digital Ally, Inc. (digital imaging) since September 2005; Director, Infinity, Inc. (oil and gas exploration and production) since 1994; Director, OGE Energy Corp. (energy and energy services) since November 2007 |
| Alison Taunton-Rigby 901 S. Marquette Ave. Minneapolis, MN 55402 1944 | Board member since November 2008 | Managing Director, Forester Biotech (consulting) since 2001; Chief Executive Officer and Director, RiboNovix, Inc., (biotechnology) 2003-2010; President and Chief Executive Officer of CMT Inc., 2001-2003; Aquila Biopharmaceuticals Inc., 1996-2000; Cambridge Biotech Corporation, 1995-1996, Mitotix Inc., 1993-1994 | 132 | Director, Healthways, Inc. (health and well-being solutions) since 2005; Director, ICI Mutual Insurance Company, RRG since 2011; Director, Abt Associates (government contractor) since 2001; Director, Boston Children's Hospital since 2002 |

Interested Trustee Affiliated with Investment Manager*

| Name, Address, Year of Birth | Position Held With Funds and Length of Service | Principal Occupation During Past Five Years | Number of Funds in the Fund Family Overseen by Board Member | Other Present or Past Directorships/ Trusteeships (Within Past 5 Years) |
|--|--|---|--|--|
| William F. Truscott 53600 Ameriprise Financial Center Minneapolis, MN 55474 1960 | Board member since 11/01 for RiverSource Funds and since 6/11 for Nations Funds; Senior Vice President since 2002 for RiverSource Funds and since 5/10 for Nations Funds | Chairman of the Board and President, Columbia Management Investment Advisers, LLC since May 2010 and February 2012, respectively (previously President and Chief Investment Officer, 2001-April 2010); Chief Executive Officer, Global Asset Management, Ameriprise Financial, Inc. since September 2012 (previously Chief Executive Officer, U.S. Asset Management & President, Annuities, May 2010-September 2012 and President U.S. Asset Management and Chief Investment Officer, 2005-April 2010); Director and Chief Executive Officer, Columbia Management Investment Distributors, Inc. since May 2010 and February 2012, respectively (previously Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer, 2006-April 2010); Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer, RiverSource Distributors, Inc. since 2006; Director, Threadneedle Asset Management Holdings, SARL since 2014; President and Chief Executive Officer, Ameriprise Certificate Company, 2006-August 2012. | 191 | Former Director, Ameriprise Certificate Company, 2006-January 2013 |

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* Interested person (as defined under the 1940 Act) by reason of being an officer, director, security holder and/or employee of the Investment Manager or Ameriprise Financial.

The Statement of Additional Information has additional information about the Fund's Board members and is available, without charge, upon request by calling 800.345.6611; contacting your financial intermediary; or visiting columbiamanagement.com.

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The Board has appointed officers who are responsible for day-to-day business decisions based on policies it has established. The officers serve at the pleasure of the Board. In addition to Mr. Truscott, who is Senior Vice President, the Fund's other officers are:

Fund Officers

| Name, | Position and Year | First Appointed to | Position for any | Fund in the | Columbia Funds | Complex or a | Predecessor Thereof | Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years |
|---|---|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|--|
| Christopher O. Petersen 5228 Ameriprise Financial Center Minneapolis, MN 55474 Born 1970 | President and Principal Executive Officer (2015) | | | | | | | Vice President and Lead Chief Counsel, Ameriprise Financial, Inc. since January 2015 (previously, Vice President and Chief Counsel January 2010-December 2014; and Vice President and Group Counsel or Lead Counsel 2004-January 2010); officer of Columbia Funds and affiliated funds since 2007. |
| Michael G. Clarke 225 Franklin Street Boston, MA 02110 Born 1970 | Treasurer (2011) and Chief Financial Officer (2009) | | | | | | | Vice President Mutual Fund Administration, Columbia Management Investment Advisers, LLC, since May 2010; Managing Director of Fund Administration, Columbia Management Advisers, LLC, September 2004-April 2010; senior officer of Columbia Funds and affiliated funds since 2002. |
| Paul B. Goucher 100 Park Avenue New York, NY 10017 Born 1969 | Senior Vice President (2011), Chief Legal Officer (2015) and Assistant Secretary (2008) | | | | | | | Vice President and Lead Chief Counsel, Ameriprise Financial, Inc. since November 2008 and January 2013, respectively (previously Chief Counsel, January 2010-January 2013 and Group Counsel, November 2008-January 2010). |
| Thomas P. McGuire 225 Franklin Street Boston, MA 02110 Born 1968 | Senior Vice President and Chief Compliance Officer (2012) | | | | | | | Vice President Asset Management Compliance, Ameriprise Financial, Inc., since May 2010; Chief Compliance Officer, Ameriprise Certificate Company since September 2010; Compliance Executive, Bank of America, 2005-April 2010. |
| Colin Moore 225 Franklin Street Boston, MA 02110 Born 1972 | Senior Vice President (2010) | | | | | | | Executive Vice President and Global Chief Investment Officer, Ameriprise Financial, Inc., since July 2013; Director and Global Chief Investment Officer, Columbia Management Investment Advisers, LLC since May 2010; Manager, Managing Director and Chief Investment Officer, Columbia Management Advisers, LLC, 2007-April 2010. |

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| <p>Born 1958 Michael E. DeFao 225 Franklin Street Boston, MA 02110</p> | <p>Vice President (2011) and Assistant Secretary (2010)</p> | <p>Vice President and Chief Counsel, Ameriprise Financial, Inc. since May 2010; Associate General Counsel, Bank of America, 2005-April 2010.</p> |
| <p>Born 1968 Joseph F. DiMaria 225 Franklin Street Boston, MA 02110</p> | <p>Vice President (2011), Assistant Treasurer (2012) and Chief Accounting Officer (2008)</p> | <p>Vice President Mutual Fund Treasurer, Columbia Management Investment Advisers, LLC since May 2010; Director of Fund Administration, Columbia Management Advisors, LLC, 2006-April 2010.</p> |
| <p>Born 1968 Amy Johnson 5228 Ameriprise Financial Center Minneapolis, MN 55474</p> | <p>Vice President (2006)</p> | <p>Managing Director and Chief Operating Officer, Columbia Management Investment Advisers, LLC since May 2010 (previously Chief Administrative Officer, 2009-April 2010, and Vice President Asset Management and Trust Company Services, 2006-2009).</p> |
| <p>Born 1965 Lyn Kephart-Strong 5228 Ameriprise Financial Center Minneapolis, MN 55474</p> | <p>Vice President (2015)</p> | <p>President, Columbia Management Investment Services Corp. since October 2014; Vice President & Resolution Officer, Ameriprise Trust Company since August 2009; President, RiverSource Service Corporation 2004-2010.</p> |
| <p>Born 1960 Ryan C. Larrenaga 225 Franklin Street Boston, MA 02110</p> | <p>Vice President and Secretary (2015)</p> | <p>Vice President and Group Counsel, Ameriprise Financial, Inc. since August 2011 (previously, Counsel from May 2010 to August 2011); Assistant General Counsel, Bank of America, 2005-April 2010; officer of Columbia Funds and affiliated funds since 2005.</p> |
| <p>Born 1970</p> | | |

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Important Information About This Report

The Fund mails one stockholder report to each stockholder address. If you would like more than one report, please call stockholder services at 800.345.6611 and additional reports will be sent to you.

The policy of the Board is to vote the proxies of the companies in which the Fund holds investments consistent with the procedures as stated in the Statement of Additional Information (SAI). You may obtain a copy of the SAI without charge by calling 800.345.6611; contacting your financial intermediary; visiting columbiamanagement.com; or searching the website of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) at sec.gov. Information regarding how the Fund voted proxies relating to portfolio securities is filed with the SEC by August 31 for the most recent 12-month period ending June 30 of that year, and is available without charge by visiting columbiamanagement.com; or searching the website of the SEC at sec.gov.

The Fund files a complete schedule of portfolio holdings with the SEC for the first and third quarters of each fiscal year on Form N-Q. Each fund's Form N-Q is available on the SEC's website at sec.gov and may be reviewed and copied at the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington, D.C. Information on the operation of the Public Reference Room may be obtained by calling 800.SEC.0330. Each fund's complete schedule of portfolio holdings, as filed on Form N-Q, can also be obtained without charge, upon request, by calling 800.345.6611.

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You should consider the investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses of the Fund carefully before investing. A prospectus containing information about the Fund (including its investment objectives, risks, charges, expenses and other information about the Fund) may be obtained by contacting your financial advisor or Columbia Management Investment Services Corp. at 800.345.6611. The prospectus should be read carefully before investing in the Fund. Tri-Continental is managed by Columbia Management Investment Advisers, LLC. This material is distributed by Columbia Management Investment Distributors, Inc., member FINRA.

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Table of Contents**Item 2. Code of Ethics.**

- (a) 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.
- (b) During the period covered by this report, there were not any amendments to a provision of the code of ethics adopted in 2(a) above.
- (c) During the period covered by this report, there were no waivers, including any implicit waivers, from a provision of the code of ethics described in 2(a) above that relates to one or more of the items set forth in paragraph (b) of this item's instructions.

Item 3. Audit Committee Financial Expert.

The registrant's Board of Trustees has determined that Pamela G. Carlton and Alison Taunton-Rigby, each of whom are members of the registrant's Board of Trustees and Audit Committee, each qualify as an audit committee financial expert. Ms. Carlton and Ms. Taunton-Rigby are each independent trustees, as defined in paragraph (a)(2) of this item's instructions.

Item 4. Principal Accountant Fees and Services.

Fee information below is disclosed for the one series of the registrant whose report to stockholders is included in this annual filing.

(a) *Audit Fees.* Aggregate Audit Fees billed by the principal accountant for professional services rendered during the fiscal years ended December 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013 are approximately as follows:

| 2014 | 2013 |
|----------|----------|
| \$37,000 | \$37,000 |

Audit Fees include amounts related to 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.

(b) *Audit-Related Fees.* Aggregate Audit-Related Fees billed to the registrant by the principal accountant for professional services rendered during the fiscal years ended December 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013 are approximately as follows:

| 2014 | 2013 |
|-------|-------|
| \$400 | \$400 |

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Audit-Related Fees include amounts 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 in Audit Fees above. In both fiscal years 2014 and 2013, Audit-Related Fees consist of agreed-upon procedures performed for semi-annual shareholder reports.

During the fiscal years ended December 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, there were no Audit-Related Fees billed by the registrant's principal accountant 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 an engagement that related directly to the operations and financial reporting of the registrant.

(c) *Tax Fees.* Aggregate Tax Fees billed by the principal accountant to the registrant for professional services rendered during the fiscal years ended December 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013 are approximately as follows:

| 2014 | 2013 |
|---------|---------|
| \$3,700 | \$5,800 |

Tax Fees include amounts for the review of annual tax returns, the review of required shareholder distribution calculations and typically include amounts for professional services by the principal accountant for tax compliance, tax advice and tax planning.

During the fiscal years ended December 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, there were no Tax Fees billed by the registrant's principal accountant 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 an engagement that related directly to the operations and financial reporting of the registrant.

(d) *All Other Fees.* Aggregate All Other Fees billed by the principal accountant to the registrant for professional services rendered during the fiscal years ended December 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013 are approximately as follows:

| 2014 | 2013 |
|------|------|
| \$0 | \$0 |

All Other Fees include amounts for products and services provided by the principal accountant, other than the services reported in paragraphs (a) through (c) above.

Aggregate All Other Fees billed by the registrant's principal accountant 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

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any entity controlling, controlled by, or under common control with the adviser that provides ongoing services to the registrant for an engagement that related directly to the operations and financial reporting of the registrant during the fiscal years ended December 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013 are approximately as follows:

| 2014 | 2013 |
|-----------|-----------|
| \$325,000 | \$135,000 |

In both fiscal years 2014 and 2013, All Other Fees primarily consist of fees billed for internal control examinations of the registrant's transfer agent and investment advisor.

(e)(1) Audit Committee Pre-Approval Policies and Procedures

The registrant's Audit Committee is required to pre-approve the engagement of the registrant's independent auditors to provide audit and non-audit services to the registrant and non-audit services to its investment adviser (excluding any sub-adviser whose role is primarily portfolio management and is sub-contracted or overseen by another investment adviser (the Adviser) or any entity controlling, controlled by or under common control with the Adviser that provides ongoing services to the Fund (a Control Affiliate) if the engagement relates directly to the operations and financial reporting of the registrant.

The Audit Committee has adopted a Policy for Engagement of Independent Auditors for Audit and Non-Audit Services (the Policy). The Policy sets forth the understanding of the Audit Committee regarding the engagement of the registrant's independent accountants to provide (i) audit and permissible audit-related, tax and other services to the registrant (Fund Services); (ii) non-audit services to the registrant's Adviser and any Control Affiliates, that relates directly to the operations and financial reporting of a Fund (Fund-related Adviser Services); and (iii) certain other audit and non-audit services to the registrant's Adviser and its Control Affiliates. A service will require specific pre-approval by the Audit Committee if it is to be provided by the Fund's independent auditor; provided, however, that pre-approval of non-audit services to the Fund, the Adviser or Control Affiliates may be waived if certain de minimis requirements set forth in the SEC's rules are met.

Under the Policy, the Audit Committee may delegate pre-approval authority to any pre-designated member or members who are independent board members. The member(s) to whom such authority is delegated must report, for informational purposes only, any pre-approval decisions to the Audit Committee at its next regular meeting. The Audit Committee's responsibilities with respect to the pre-approval of services performed by the independent auditor may not be delegated to management.

On an annual basis, at a regularly scheduled Audit Committee meeting, the Fund's Treasurer or other Fund officer shall submit to the Audit Committee a schedule of the types of Fund Services and Fund-related Adviser Services that are subject to specific pre-approval. This schedule will provide a description of each type of service that is subject to specific pre-approval, along with total projected fees for each service. The pre-

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approval will generally cover a one-year period. The Audit Committee will review and approve the types of services and the projected fees for the next one-year period and may add to, or subtract from, the list of pre-approved services from time to time, based on subsequent determinations. This specific approval acknowledges that the Audit Committee is in agreement with the specific types of services that the independent auditor will be permitted to perform and the projected fees for each service.

The Fund's Treasurer or other Fund officer shall report to the Audit Committee at each of its regular meetings regarding all Fund Services or Fund-related Adviser Services provided since the last such report was rendered, including a description of the services, by category, with forecasted fees for the annual reporting period, proposed changes requiring specific pre-approval and a description of services provided by the independent auditor, by category, with actual fees during the current reporting period.

(e)(2) 100% of the services performed for items (b) through (d) above during 2014 and 2013 were pre-approved by the registrant's Audit Committee.

(f) Not applicable.

(g) 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 the fiscal years ended December 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013 are approximately as follows:

| 2014 | 2013 |
|-----------|-----------|
| \$329,100 | \$141,200 |

(h) The registrant's Audit Committee of the Board of Directors has considered whether the provision of non-audit services that were rendered to the registrant's 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 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.

Item 5. Audit Committee of Listed Registrants.

- (a) 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)). Pamela G. Carlton, Alison Taunton-Rigby and Patricia M. Flynn are each independent trustees and collectively constitute the entire Audit Committee.

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(b) Not applicable.

Item 6. Investments

(a) The registrant's Schedule I Investments in securities of unaffiliated issuers (as set forth in 17 CFR 210.12-12) is included in Item 1 of this Form N-CSR.

(b) Not applicable.

Item 7. Disclosure of Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures for Closed-End Management Investment Companies.

Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures

General Guidelines, Policies and Procedures

The following description of the Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures apply to the closed-end management companies in the Columbia Family of Funds that are governed by the same Board of Directors (the Funds).

The Funds uphold a long tradition of supporting sound and principled corporate governance. In furtherance thereof, the Funds' Board of Directors (the Board), which consist of a majority of independent Board members, determine policies and votes proxies. The Funds' Investment Manager and Administrator, Columbia Management Investment Advisers, LLC (Columbia Management), provides support to the Board in connection with the proxy voting process.

General Guidelines

The Board supports proxy proposals that it believes are tied to the interests of shareholders and votes against proxy proposals that appear to entrench management. For example:

Election of Directors

The Board generally votes in favor of proposals for an independent chairman or, if the chairman is not independent, in favor of a lead independent director.

The Board generally supports annual election of all directors and proposals to eliminate classes of directors.

In a routine election of directors, the Board will generally vote with the recommendations of the company's nominating committee because the Board believes that nominating committees of independent directors are in the best position to know what qualifications are required of directors to form an effective board. However, the Board will generally vote against a nominee who has been assigned to the audit, compensation, or nominating committee if the nominee is not independent of management based on established criteria. The Board will

generally also withhold support for any director who fails to attend 75% of meetings or has other activities

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that appear to interfere with his or her ability to commit sufficient attention to the company and, in general, will vote against nominees who are determined to have exhibited poor governance such as involvement in options backdating, financial restatements or material weaknesses in control, approving egregious compensation or have consistently disregarded the interests of shareholders.

The Board generally supports proposals requiring director nominees to receive a majority of affirmative votes cast in order to be elected to the board, and in the absence of majority voting, generally will support cumulative voting.

Votes in a contested election of directors are evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

Defense Mechanisms

The Board generally supports proposals eliminating provisions requiring supermajority approval of certain actions. The Board generally supports proposals to opt out of control share acquisition statutes and proposals restricting a company's ability to make greenmail payments. The Board reviews management proposals submitting shareholder rights plans (poison pills) to shareholders on a case-by-case basis.

Auditors

The Board values the independence of auditors based on established criteria. The Board supports a reasonable review of matters that may raise concerns regarding an auditor's service that may cause the Board to vote against a company's recommendation for auditor, including, for example, auditor involvement in significant financial restatements, options backdating, conflicts of interest, material weaknesses in control or situations where independence has been compromised.

Management Compensation Issues

The Board expects company management to give thoughtful consideration to providing competitive compensation and incentives, which are reflective of company performance, and are incentives directly tied to the interest of shareholders. The Board generally votes for plans if they are reasonable and consistent with industry and country standards and against plans that it believes dilute shareholder value substantially.

The Board generally favors minimum holding periods of stock obtained by senior management pursuant to equity compensation plans and will vote against compensation plans for executives that it deems excessive.

Social and Environmental Policy Issues

In general, proposals relating to social and environmental policies issues will be reviewed and, if the matter may bear on the long-term value creation or sustainability of the company, the Fund will cast a vote on the proposal. Otherwise, the Funds will generally abstain from voting.

Additional details can be found in the Funds' Proxy Voting Guidelines.

Policy and Procedures

The policy of the Board is to vote all proxies of the companies in which a Fund holds investments. Because of the volume and complexity of the proxy voting process, including inherent inefficiencies in the process that are outside the control of the Board or the Proxy Team (defined below), not all proxies may be voted. The Board has implemented policies and procedures that have been reasonably designed to vote proxies and to address any conflicts between interests of a Fund's shareholders and those of

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Columbia Management or other affiliated persons. In exercising its proxy voting responsibilities, the Board may rely upon the research or recommendations of one or more third party service providers.

The administration of the proxy voting process is handled by the Columbia Management Proxy Administration Team (Proxy Team). In exercising its responsibilities, the Proxy Team may rely upon the research or recommendations of one or more third party service providers. The Proxy Team assists the Board in identifying situations where its guidelines do not clearly require a vote in a particular manner and assists in researching matters and making voting recommendations. The Proxy Team may recommend that a proxy be voted in a manner contrary to the Board's guidelines. In making recommendations to the Board about voting on a proposal, the Proxy Team relies on Columbia Management investment personnel (or the investment personnel of a Fund's subadviser(s)) and information obtained from independent research firms. The Proxy Team makes the recommendation in writing. The Board Chair or other Board members who are independent from the Investment Manager will consider the recommendation and decide how to vote the proxy proposal or establish a protocol for voting the proposal.

On an annual basis, or more frequently as determined necessary, the Board reviews recommendations to revise the existing guidelines or add new guidelines. Recommendations are based on, among other things, industry trends and the frequency that similar proposals appear on company ballots.

The Board considers management's recommendations as set out in the company's proxy statement. In each instance in which a Fund votes against management's recommendation (except when withholding votes from a nominated director or proposals on foreign company ballots), the Board generally sends a letter to senior management of the company explaining the basis for its vote. This permits both the company's management and the Board to have an opportunity to gain better insight into issues presented by the proxy proposal(s).

Voting in Countries Outside the United States (Non-U.S. Countries)

Voting proxies for companies not domiciled in the United States may involve greater effort and cost due to the variety of regulatory schemes and corporate practices. For example, certain non-U.S. countries require trading of securities to be blocked prior to a vote, which means that the securities to be voted may not be traded within a specified number of days before the shareholder meeting. The Board typically will not vote securities in non-U.S. countries that require securities to be blocked as the need for liquidity of the securities in the Funds will typically outweigh the benefit of voting. There may be additional costs associated with voting in non-U.S. countries such that the Board may determine that the cost of voting outweighs the potential benefit.

Securities on Loan

The Funds from time to time engage in lending securities held in certain funds to third parties in order to generate additional income. The Board will generally refrain from recalling securities on loan based upon its determination that the costs and lost revenue to the Funds, combined with the administrative effects of recalling the securities, generally outweigh the benefit of voting the proxy. While in general, neither the Board nor Columbia Management assesses the economic impact and benefits of voting loaned securities on a case-by-case basis, situations may arise where the Board requests that loaned securities be recalled in order to vote a proxy. However, the Board has established a guideline to direct Columbia Management to endeavor to recall a loaned security if (i) a proposal relating to a merger or acquisition, a material restructuring or reorganization, a proxy contest or a shareholder rights plan is expected to be on the ballot or (ii) the prior year's evaluation of the issuer's pay-for-performance practices has raised concerns, based

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upon its determination that, in these situations, the benefits of voting such proxies generally outweigh the costs or lost revenue to the Funds, or any potential adverse administrative effects to the Funds, of not recalling such securities.

Investment in Affiliated Funds

Certain Funds may invest in shares of other funds managed by Columbia Management (referred to in this context as underlying funds) and may own substantial portions of these underlying funds. In general, the proxy policy of the Funds is to ensure that direct public shareholders of underlying funds control the outcome of any shareholder vote. To help manage this potential conflict of interest, the policy of the Funds is to vote proxies of the underlying funds in the same proportion as the vote of the direct public shareholders; provided, however, that if there are no direct public shareholders of an underlying fund or if direct public shareholders represent only a minority interest in an underlying fund, the Fund may cast votes in accordance with instructions from the independent members of the Board.

Obtain a Proxy Voting Record

Each year the Trust files its proxy voting records with the SEC and makes them available by August 31 for the 12-month period ending June 30 of that year. The records can be obtained without charge through columbiamanagement.com or searching the website of the SEC at www.sec.gov.

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

| Portfolio Manager | Title | Role with the Corporation | Managed the Corporation Since |
|--------------------------|---|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Brian Condon, CFA | Portfolio Manager and Head of Quantitative Strategies | Co-Portfolio Manager | 2010 |
| Peter Albanese | Senior Portfolio Manager | Co-Portfolio Manager | August 2014 |
| Yan Jin | Senior Portfolio Manager | Co-Portfolio Manager | 2012 |
| David King, CFA | Senior Portfolio Manager | Co-Portfolio Manager | 2011 |

Mr. Condon joined the Investment Manager in May 2010 when it acquired the long-term asset management business of Columbia Management Group, where he was a portfolio manager since 1999. Mr. Condon began his investment career in 1993 and earned a B.A. from Bryant University and an M.S. in finance from Bentley University.

Mr. Albanese joined the Investment Manager in August 2014. Prior to joining the Investment Manager, Mr. Albanese was a Managing Director and Senior Portfolio Manager at Robeco Investment Management. Mr. Albanese began his investment career in 1991 and earned a B.S. from Stony Brook University and an M.B.A. from the Stern School of Business at New York University.

Mr. Jin joined the Investment Manager in May 2010 when it acquired the long-term asset management business of Columbia Management Group, where he worked as an investment professional since 2002. Mr. Jin began his investment career in 1998 and earned a M.A. in economics from North Carolina State University.

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Mr. King joined the Investment Manager in May 2010 when it acquired the long-term asset management business of Columbia Management Group, where he worked as an investment professional since March 2010. Previously, Mr. King was employed by Putnam Investments from 1983 to 2008, where he was a senior portfolio manager. Mr. King began his investment career in 1983 and earned a B.S. from the University of New Hampshire and an M.B.A. from Harvard Business School.

Other Accounts Managed by the Portfolio Managers:

| Fund | Portfolio Manager | Other Accounts Managed | | Performance Based Accounts | Ownership of Fund Shares |
|---|-------------------|----------------------------|---|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| | | Number and type of account | Approximate Total Net Assets (excluding the fund) | | |
| <i>For fiscal period ending December 31</i> | | | | | |
| Tri-Continental Corporation | Brian Condon | 12 RICs | \$ 9.44billion | None | \$100,001-\$500,000 |
| | | 2 PIVs | \$ 147.29 million | | |
| | | 24 other accounts | \$ 5.02 billion | | |
| | David King | 6 RICs | \$ 2.05 billion | None | Over \$1 million |
| | | 6 other accounts | \$ 19.44 million | | |
| | Yan Jin | 6 RICs | \$ 2.05 billion | None | \$50,001-\$100,000 |
| | | 4 other accounts | \$ 1.34 million | | |
| | Peter Albanese | 6 RICs | \$ 9.35 billion | None | None |
| | | 2 PIVs | \$ 147.29 million | | |
| 18 other accounts | | \$ 4.86 billion | | | |

Potential Conflicts of Interest:

Like other investment professionals with multiple clients, a Fund's portfolio manager(s) may face certain potential conflicts of interest in connection with managing both the Fund and other accounts at the same time. The Investment Manager and the Funds have adopted compliance policies and procedures that attempt to address certain of the potential conflicts that portfolio managers face in this regard. Certain of these conflicts of interest are summarized below.

The management of accounts with different advisory fee rates and/or fee structures, including accounts that pay advisory fees based on account performance (performance fee accounts), may raise potential conflicts of interest for a portfolio manager by creating an incentive to favor higher fee accounts.

Potential conflicts of interest also may arise when a portfolio manager has personal investments in other accounts that may create an incentive to favor those accounts. As a general matter and subject to the Investment Manager's Code of

Ethics and certain limited exceptions, the Investment Manager's investment professionals do not have the opportunity to invest in client accounts, other than the funds.

A portfolio manager who is responsible for managing multiple funds and/or accounts may devote unequal time and attention to the management of those Funds and/or accounts. The effects of this potential conflict may be more pronounced where Funds and/or accounts managed by a particular portfolio manager have different investment strategies.

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A portfolio manager may be able to select or influence the selection of the broker/dealers that are used to execute securities transactions for the Funds. A portfolio manager's decision as to the selection of broker/dealers could produce disproportionate costs and benefits among the Funds and the other accounts the portfolio manager manages.

A potential conflict of interest may arise when a portfolio manager buys or sells the same securities for a Fund and other accounts. On occasions when a portfolio manager considers the purchase or sale of a security to be in the best interests of a Fund as well as other accounts, the Investment Manager's trading desk may, to the extent consistent with applicable laws and regulations, aggregate the securities to be sold or bought in order to obtain the best execution and lower brokerage commissions, if any. Aggregation of trades may create the potential for unfairness to a Fund or another account if a portfolio manager favors one account over another in allocating the securities bought or sold. In addition, although the Investment Manager has entered into a personnel sharing arrangement with Threadneedle, the Investment Manager and Threadneedle maintain separate trading operations for their clients. By maintaining separate trading operations in this manner, the Funds may forego certain opportunities including the aggregation of trades across certain accounts managed by Threadneedle. This could result in the Funds competing in the market with one or more accounts managed by Threadneedle for similar trades. In addition, it is possible that the separate trading desks of the Investment Manager and Threadneedle may be on opposite sides of a trade execution for a Fund at the same time.

Cross trades, in which a portfolio manager sells a particular security held by a Fund to another account (potentially saving transaction costs for both accounts), could involve a potential conflict of interest if, for example, a portfolio manager is permitted to sell a security from one account to another account at a higher price than an independent third party would pay. The Investment Manager and the Funds have adopted compliance procedures that provide that any transactions between a Fund and another account managed by the Investment Manager are to be made at a current market price, consistent with applicable laws and regulations.

Another potential conflict of interest may arise based on the different investment objectives and strategies of a Fund and other accounts managed by its portfolio manager(s). Depending on another account's objectives and other factors, a portfolio manager may give advice to and make decisions for a Fund that may differ from advice given, or the timing or nature of decisions made, with respect to another account. A portfolio manager's investment decisions are the product of many factors in addition to basic suitability for the particular account involved. Thus, a portfolio manager may buy or sell a particular security for certain accounts, and not for a Fund, even though it could have been bought or sold for the Fund at the same time. A portfolio manager also may buy a particular security for one or more accounts when one or more other accounts are selling the security (including short sales). There may be circumstances when a portfolio manager's purchases or sales of portfolio securities for one or more accounts may have an adverse effect on other accounts, including the Funds.

A Fund's portfolio manager(s) also may have other potential conflicts of interest in managing the Fund, and the description above is not a complete description of every conflict that could exist in managing the Fund and other accounts. Many of the potential

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conflicts of interest to which the Investment Manager's portfolio managers are subject are essentially the same or similar to the potential conflicts of interest related to the Investment Management activities of the Investment Manager and its affiliates.

Structure of Compensation:

Direct compensation is typically comprised of a base salary, and an annual incentive award that is paid either in the form of a cash bonus if the size of the award is under a specified threshold, or, if the size of the award is over a specified threshold, the award is paid in a combination of a cash bonus, an equity incentive award, and deferred compensation. Equity incentive awards are made in the form of Ameriprise Financial restricted stock, or for more senior employees both Ameriprise Financial restricted stock and stock options. The investment return credited on deferred compensation is based on the performance of specified Columbia Mutual funds, in most cases including the mutual funds the portfolio manager manages.

Base salary is typically determined based on market data relevant to the employee's position, as well as other factors including internal equity. Base salaries are reviewed annually, and increases are typically given as promotional increases, internal equity adjustments, or market adjustments.

Annual incentive awards are variable and are based on (1) an evaluation of the employee's investment performance and (2) the results of a peer and/or management review of the employee, which takes into account skills and attributes such as team participation, investment process, communication, and professionalism. Scorecards are used to measure performance of Mutual Funds and other accounts managed by the employee versus benchmarks and peer groups. Performance versus benchmark and peer group is generally weighted for the rolling one, three, and five year periods. One year performance is weighted 10%, three year performance is weighted 60%, and five year performance is weighted 30%. Relative asset size is a key determinant for fund weighting on a scorecard. Typically, weighting would be proportional to actual assets. Consideration may also be given to performance in managing client assets in sectors and industries assigned to the employee as part of his/her investment team responsibilities, where applicable. For leaders who also have group management responsibilities, another factor in their evaluation is an assessment of the group's overall investment performance.

Equity incentive awards are designed to align participants' interests with those of the shareholders of Ameriprise Financial. Equity incentive awards vest over multiple years, so they help retain employees.

Deferred compensation awards are designed to align participants' interests with the investors in the mutual funds and other accounts they manage. The value of the deferral account is based on the performance of Columbia mutual funds. Employees have the option of selecting from various Columbia mutual funds for their mutual fund deferral account, however portfolio managers must allocate a minimum of 25% of their incentive awarded through the deferral program to the Columbia mutual fund(s) they manage. Mutual fund deferrals vest over multiple years, so they help retain employees.

In addition to the annual incentive award described above, top performing portfolio managers may also receive additional equity awards with extended vesting terms.

Exceptions to this general approach to bonuses exist for certain teams and individuals.

Funding for the bonus pool is determined by management and depends on, among other factors,

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the levels of compensation generally in the investment management industry taking into account investment performance (based on market compensation data) and both Ameriprise Financial and Columbia Management profitability for the year, which is largely determined by assets under management.

For all employees the benefit programs generally are the same, and are competitive within the Financial Services Industry. Employees participate in a wide variety of plans, including options in Medical, Dental, Vision, Health Care and Dependent Spending Accounts, Life Insurance, Long Term Disability Insurance, 401(k), and a cash balance pension plan.

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

| Period | Total Number of Shares Purchased | Average Price Paid Per Share | Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs(1) | Maximum Number of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs(1) |
|----------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|---|---|
| 07-01-14 to 07-31-14 | 173,023 | \$ 21.12 | 173,023 | 1,999,992 |
| 08-01-14 to 08-31-14 | 169,229 | \$ 21.02 | 169,229 | 1,830,763 |
| 09-01-14 to 09-30-14 | 91,946 | \$ 21.23 | 91,946 | 1,738,817 |
| 10-01-14 to 10-31-14 | 136,192 | \$ 20.36 | 136,192 | 1,602,625 |
| 11-01-14 to 11-30-14 | 186,200 | \$ 21.44 | 186,200 | 1,416,425 |
| 12-01-14 to 12-31-14 | 188,203 | \$ 21.33 | 188,203 | 1,228,222 |

- (1) The registrant has a stock repurchase program. For 2014, the registrant was authorized to repurchase up to 5% of its outstanding Common Stock directly from stockholders and in the open market, provided that, with respect to shares repurchased in the open market the excess of the net asset value of a share of Common Stock over its market price (the discount) is greater than 10%.

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

There were no material changes to the procedures by which shareholders may recommend nominees to the registrant's board of directors.

Item 11. Controls and Procedures.

- (a) The registrant's principal executive officer and principal financial officers, based on their evaluation of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures as of a date within 90 days of the filing of this report, have concluded that such controls and procedures are adequately designed to ensure that material information

required to be disclosed by the registrant in Form N-CSR is accumulated and communicated to the registrant's management, including the principal executive officer and principal financial officer, or persons performing similar functions, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

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- (b) There was no change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's second fiscal quarter of the period covered by this report that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Item 12. Exhibits.

(a)(1) Code of ethics required to be disclosed under Item 2 of Form N-CSR attached hereto as Exhibit 99.CODE ETH.

(a)(2) Certifications pursuant to Rule 30a-2(a) under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (17 CFR 270.30a-2(a)) attached hereto as Exhibit 99.CERT.

(a)(3) None.

(b) Certification pursuant to Rule 30a-2(b) under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (17 CFR 270.30a-2(b)) attached hereto as Exhibit 99.906CERT.

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SIGNATURES

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) Tri-Continental Corporation

By (Signature and Title) /s/ Christopher O. Petersen
Christopher O. Petersen, President and Principal Executive Officer

Date February 23, 2015

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/ Christopher O. Petersen
Christopher O. Petersen, President and Principal Executive Officer

Date February 23, 2015

By (Signature and Title) /s/ Michael G. Clarke
Michael G. Clarke, Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer

Date February 23, 2015