

**PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS**

**August 31, 2024 (Unaudited)**

| Shares/\$ Par  |   | Value                           |
|--|---|---------------------------------|
| <b>Preferred Stock &amp; Hybrid Preferred Securities<sup>s</sup> — 74.0%</b> |   |                                 |
| <b>Banking — 33.3%</b>   |   |                                 |
| \$ 675,000   | American AgCredit Corporation, 5.25% to 06/15/26 then T5Y + 4.50%, Series A, 144A**** | \$ 654,750 <sup>*(1)(2)</sup>   |
| \$ 2,300,000   | Bank of America Corporation, 6.125% to 04/27/27 then T5Y + 3.231%, Series TT          | 2,328,860 <sup>*(1)(2)(3)</sup> |
| 23,546   | Cadence Bank, 5.50%, Series A   | 503,649 <sup>*(1)</sup>         |
| Capital One Financial Corporation:   |   |                                 |
| 17,820   | 5.00%, Series I   | 374,220 <sup>*(1)(2)</sup>      |
| \$ 1,180,000   | 3.95% to 09/01/26 then T5Y + 3.157%, Series M   | 1,096,067 <sup>*(1)(2)</sup>    |
| Citigroup, Inc.:   |   |                                 |
| \$ 600,000   | 3.875% to 02/18/26 then T5Y + 3.417%, Series X  | 578,052 <sup>*(1)(2)</sup>      |
| \$ 300,000   | 4.00% to 12/10/25 then T5Y + 3.597%, Series W   | 292,403 <sup>*(1)</sup>         |
| \$ 450,000   | 4.15% to 11/15/26 then T5Y + 3.00%, Series Y  | 426,235 <sup>*(1)</sup>         |
| \$ 450,000   | 4.70% to 01/30/25 then TSFR3M + 3.49561%, Series V                                    | 447,342 <sup>*(1)</sup>         |
| \$ 1,120,000   | 5.95% to 05/15/25 then TSFR3M + 4.16661%, Series P                                    | 1,120,789 <sup>*(1)(2)</sup>    |
| \$ 1,185,000   | 7.00% to 08/15/34 then T10Y + 2.757%, Series DD                                       | 1,241,371 <sup>*(1)</sup>       |
| \$ 1,250,000   | 7.125% to 08/15/29 then T5Y + 2.693%, Series CC                                       | 1,281,756 <sup>*(1)</sup>       |
| \$ 1,550,000   | 7.375% to 05/15/28 then T5Y + 3.209%, Series Z  | 1,626,996 <sup>*(1)(2)(3)</sup> |
| \$ 1,420,000   | 7.625% to 11/15/28 then T5Y + 3.211%, Series AA                                       | 1,509,121 <sup>*(1)(2)</sup>    |
| Citizens Financial Group, Inc.:  |   |                                 |
| 36,100   | 7.375%, Series H  | 954,484 <sup>*(1)</sup>         |
| \$ 2,325,000   | TSFR3M + 3.41861%, 8.73287% <sup>(4)</sup> , Series C                                 | 2,319,932 <sup>*(1)(2)</sup>    |
| CoBank ACB:  |   |                                 |
| 17,500   | 6.20% to 01/01/25 then TSFR3M + 4.00561%, Series H, 144A****                          | 1,756,563 <sup>*(1)(2)</sup>    |
| \$ 609,000   | 6.25% to 10/01/26 then TSFR3M + 4.92161%, Series I, 144A****                          | 607,942 <sup>*(1)(2)</sup>      |
| \$ 6,415,000   | Comerica, Inc., 5.625% to 10/01/25 then T5Y + 5.291%, Series A                        | 6,328,871 <sup>*(1)(2)(3)</sup> |
| \$ 285,000   | Compeer Financial ACA, 4.875% to 08/15/26 then T5Y + 4.10%, Series B-1, 144A****      | 274,313 <sup>*(1)</sup>         |
| 47,900   | ConnectOne Bancorp, Inc., 5.25% to 09/01/26 then T5Y + 4.42%, Series A                | 977,160 <sup>*(1)(2)</sup>      |
| 39,000   | Dime Community Bancshares, Inc., 5.50%, Series A                                      | 723,840 <sup>*(1)</sup>         |
| Fifth Third Bancorp:   |   |                                 |
| 64,064   | 6.00%, Series A   | 1,613,772 <sup>*(1)(2)</sup>    |
| 169,409  | TSFR3M + 3.97161%, 9.30317% <sup>(4)</sup> , Series I                                 | 4,343,647 <sup>*(1)(2)</sup>    |
| 19,620   | First Citizens BancShares, Inc., 5.375%, Series A                                     | 438,703 <sup>*(1)</sup>         |

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| First Horizon Corporation:   |                                 |
| 21,200 6.50%, Series E   | \$ 525,336 <sup>*(1)</sup>      |
| 3 FT Real Estate Securities Company, 9.50% 03/31/31, Series B, 144A <sup>****</sup>                            | 3,450,000                       |
| 875 First Horizon Bank, TSFR3M + 1.11161%, min 3.75%, 6.41624% <sup>(4)</sup> , Series A, 144A <sup>****</sup> | 608,125 <sup>*(1)</sup>         |
| 11,400 Fulton Financial Corporation, 5.125%, Series A  | 211,128 <sup>*(1)</sup>         |
| Goldman Sachs Group:   |                                 |
| \$ 300,000 4.95% to 02/10/25 then T5Y + 3.224%, Series R   | 298,333 <sup>*(1)</sup>         |
| \$ 830,000 7.379% to 08/10/29 then T5Y + 3.623%, Series Q  | 834,246 <sup>*(1)(2)</sup>      |
| \$ 405,000 7.50% to 02/10/29 then T5Y + 3.156%, Series W   | 432,343 <sup>*(1)</sup>         |
| \$ 1,590,000 7.50% to 05/10/29 then T5Y + 2.809%, Series X   | 1,672,030 <sup>*(1)(2)(3)</sup> |
| 42,600 Heartland Financial USA, Inc., 7.00% to 07/15/25 then T5Y + 6.675%, Series E                            | 1,078,206 <sup>*(1)(2)</sup>    |
| HSBC Holdings PLC:   |                                 |
| \$ 1,400,000 HSBC Capital Funding LP, 10.176% to 06/30/30 then 3ML + 4.98%, 144A <sup>****</sup>               | 1,744,750 <sup>(1)(2)(5)</sup>  |
| Huntington Bancshares, Inc.:   |                                 |
| \$ 405,000 4.45% to 10/15/27 then T7Y + 4.045%, Series G   | 385,748 <sup>*(1)</sup>         |
| \$ 1,175,000 5.625% to 07/15/30 then T10Y + 4.945%, Series F   | 1,169,203 <sup>*(1)(2)</sup>    |
| 43,600 6.875% to 04/15/28 then T5Y + 2.704%, Series J  | 1,105,260 <sup>*(1)(2)</sup>    |
| \$ 1,400,000 TSFR3M + 3.14161%, 8.44298% <sup>(4)</sup> , Series E   | 1,392,883 <sup>*(1)(2)</sup>    |
| JPMorgan Chase & Company:  |                                 |
| \$ 850,000 3.65% to 06/01/26 then T5Y + 2.85%, Series KK   | 818,809 <sup>*(1)(2)</sup>      |
| \$ 1,700,000 6.875% to 06/01/29 then T5Y + 2.737%, Series NN   | 1,806,020 <sup>*(1)(2)(3)</sup> |
| KeyCorp:   |                                 |
| 78,103 6.125% to 12/15/26 then TSFR3M + 4.15361%, Series E   | 1,929,144 <sup>*(1)(2)</sup>    |
| 36,400 6.20% to 12/15/27 then T5Y + 3.132%, Series H   | 883,064 <sup>*(1)(2)</sup>      |
| M&T Bank Corporation:  |                                 |
| \$ 725,000 3.50% to 09/01/26 then T5Y + 2.679%, Series I   | 630,474 <sup>*(1)(2)</sup>      |
| \$ 445,000 5.125% to 11/01/26 then TSFR3M + 3.78161%, Series F   | 433,943 <sup>*(1)</sup>         |
| 23,066 5.625% to 12/15/26 then TSFR3M + 4.28161%, Series H   | 584,031 <sup>*(1)(2)</sup>      |
| 21,000 Merchants Bancorp, 6.00% to 10/01/24 then 3ML + 4.569%, Series B  | 526,050 <sup>*(1)</sup>         |
| Morgan Stanley:  |                                 |
| 126,844 5.85%, Series K  | 3,143,194 <sup>*(1)(2)</sup>    |
| 19,000 6.625%, Series Q  | 508,250 <sup>*(1)</sup>         |
| 89,000 6.875%, Series F  | 2,252,590 <sup>*(1)(2)</sup>    |
| 35,823 7.125%, Series E  | 907,038 <sup>*(1)(2)</sup>      |
| \$ 540,000 TSFR3M + 3.42161%, 8.76083% <sup>(4)</sup> , Series N   | 553,850 <sup>*(1)(2)</sup>      |

Flaherty & Crumrine Total Return Fund Incorporated  
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| 241,200       | New York Community Bancorp, Inc., 6.375% to 03/17/27 then 3ML + 3.821%, Series A . . . . . | \$ 4,896,360 <sup>*(1)</sup>    |
| 67,000        | Northpointe Bancshares, Inc., 8.25% to 12/30/25 then TSFR3M + 7.99%, Series A . . . . .    | 1,499,125 <sup>*(1)</sup>       |
|               | PNC Financial Services Group, Inc.:  |                                 |
| \$ 400,000    | 3.40% to 09/15/26 then T5Y + 2.595%, Series T . . . . .                                    | 353,576 <sup>*(1)</sup>         |
| \$ 3,280,000  | 6.00% to 05/15/27 then T5Y + 3.00%, Series U . . . . .                                     | 3,287,120 <sup>*(1)(2)(3)</sup> |
| \$ 760,000    | 6.20% to 09/15/27 then T5Y + 3.238%, Series V . . . . .                                    | 765,201 <sup>*(1)(2)(3)</sup>   |
| \$ 1,365,000  | 6.25% to 03/15/30 then T7Y + 2.808%, Series W . . . . .                                    | 1,361,970 <sup>*(1)(2)(3)</sup> |
|               | Regions Financial Corporation:   |                                 |
| 125,350       | 5.70% to 08/15/29 then TSFR3M + 3.40961%, Series C . . . . .                               | 2,980,823 <sup>*(1)(2)</sup>    |
| \$ 65,000     | 5.75% to 09/15/25 then T5Y + 5.426%, Series D . . . . .                                    | 64,833 <sup>*(1)</sup>          |
| 57,000        | 6.95% to 09/15/29 then T5Y + 2.771%, Series F . . . . .                                    | 1,452,360 <sup>*(1)</sup>       |
| \$ 1,000,000  | State Street Corporation, 6.70% to 03/15/29 then T5Y + 2.613%, Series I . . . . .          | 1,026,330 <sup>*(1)(2)</sup>    |
|               | Synchrony Financial:   |                                 |
| 55,500        | 5.625%, Series A . . . . .   | 1,090,575 <sup>*(1)(2)</sup>    |
| 63,300        | 8.25% to 05/15/29 then T5Y + 4.044%, Series B . . . . .                                    | 1,635,672 <sup>*(1)</sup>       |
| 122,848       | Synovus Financial Corporation, 8.417% to 07/01/29 then T5Y + 4.127%, Series E . . . . .    | 3,127,710 <sup>*(1)(2)</sup>    |
| 35,900        | Texas Capital Bancshares Inc., 5.75%, Series B . . . . .                                   | 741,335 <sup>*(1)(2)</sup>      |
|               | Truist Financial Corporation:  |                                 |
| \$ 870,000    | 4.95% to 12/01/25 then T5Y + 4.605%, Series P . . . . .                                    | 859,132 <sup>*(1)(2)</sup>      |
| \$ 585,000    | 5.10% to 09/01/30 then T10Y + 4.349%, Series Q . . . . .                                   | 570,741 <sup>*(1)(2)</sup>      |
|               | Valley National Bancorp:   |                                 |
| 8,300         | 8.25% to 09/30/29 then T5Y + 4.182%, Series C . . . . .                                    | 212,314 <sup>*(1)</sup>         |
| 38,203        | TSFR3M + 3.8396%, 9.17419% <sup>(4)</sup> , Series B . . . . .                             | 960,806 <sup>*(1)(2)</sup>      |
| 25,000        | Washington Federal, Inc., 4.875%, Series A . . . . .                                       | 434,500 <sup>*(1)(2)</sup>      |
| 13,416        | Webster Financial Corporation, 6.50%, Series G . . . . .                                   | 314,741 <sup>*(1)</sup>         |
|               | Wells Fargo & Company:   |                                 |
| 32,000        | 4.25%, Series DD . . . . .   | 624,320 <sup>*(1)(2)</sup>      |
| 36,638        | 4.70%, Series AA . . . . .   | 770,497 <sup>*(1)(2)</sup>      |
| 325           | 7.50%, Series L . . . . .  | 397,150 <sup>*(1)</sup>         |
| \$ 925,000    | 3.90% to 03/15/26 then T5Y + 3.453%, Series BB . . . . .                                   | 900,190 <sup>*(1)(2)</sup>      |
| \$ 1,470,000  | 6.85% to 09/15/29 then T5Y + 2.767%, Series FF . . . . .                                   | 1,512,521 <sup>*(1)</sup>       |
| \$ 2,400,000  | 7.625% to 09/15/28 then T5Y + 3.606%, Series EE . . . . .                                  | 2,585,522 <sup>*(1)(2)(3)</sup> |
| 49,000        | WesBanco, Inc., 6.75% to 11/15/25 then T5Y + 6.557%, Series A . . . . .                    | 1,212,750 <sup>*(1)(2)</sup>    |
| 25,300        | Western Alliance Bancorp, 4.25% to 09/30/26 then T5Y + 3.452%, Series A . . . . .          | 509,542 <sup>*(1)</sup>         |
| 48,000        | Wintrust Financial Corporation, 6.875% to 07/15/25 then T5Y + 6.507%, Series E . . . . .   | 1,200,000 <sup>*(1)(2)</sup>    |
| \$ 1,800,000  | Zions Bancorporation, TSFR3M + 4.70161%, 10.04083% <sup>(4)</sup> , Series J . . . . .     | 1,790,679 <sup>*(1)(2)</sup>    |
|               |  | 102,843,281                     |

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| <b>Financial Services — 4.5%</b>  |   |                                     |
| AerCap Holdings NV:               |   |                                     |
| \$ 3,510,000                      | 5.875% to 10/10/24 then T5Y + 4.535%, 10/10/79 .....  | \$ 3,507,690** <sup>(2)(3)(5)</sup> |
| \$ 1,180,000                      | 6.95% to 03/10/30 then T5Y + 2.72%, 03/10/55 .....  | 1,218,153 <sup>(5)</sup>            |
| 29,800                            | Affiliated Managers Group, Inc., 6.75% 03/30/64 .....   | 763,178                             |
| Ally Financial, Inc.:             |   |                                     |
| \$ 1,390,000                      | 4.70% to 05/15/26 then T5Y + 3.868%, Series B .....   | 1,267,590* <sup>(1)(2)(3)</sup>     |
| \$ 925,000                        | 4.70% to 05/15/28 then T7Y + 3.481%, Series C .....   | 772,416* <sup>(1)(2)</sup>          |
| \$ 775,000                        | American Express Company, 3.55% to 09/15/26 then T5Y + 2.854%, Series D ..                              | 727,361* <sup>(1)(2)</sup>          |
| 15,400                            | Carlyle Finance LLC, 4.625% 05/15/61 .....  | 304,150                             |
| \$ 880,000                        | Discover Financial Services, 6.125% to 09/23/25 then T5Y + 5.783%, Series D ..                          | 877,749* <sup>(1)(2)(3)</sup>       |
| General Motors Financial Company: |   |                                     |
| \$ 800,000                        | 5.70% to 09/30/30 then T5Y + 4.997%, Series C .....   | 770,025* <sup>(1)(2)</sup>          |
| \$ 285,000                        | 5.75% to 09/30/27 then 3ML + 3.598%, Series A .....   | 271,650* <sup>(1)(2)(3)</sup>       |
| \$ 1,000,000                      | 6.50% to 09/30/28 then 3ML + 3.436%, Series B .....   | 987,117* <sup>(1)(2)</sup>          |
| 21,000                            | Raymond James Financial, Inc., 6.375% to 07/01/26 then<br>TSFR3M + 4.34961%, Series B .....             | 532,245* <sup>(1)(2)</sup>          |
| Stifel Financial Corp.:           |   |                                     |
| 21,000                            | 4.50%, Series D .....   | 403,200* <sup>(1)</sup>             |
| 29,000                            | 6.25%, Series B .....   | 722,680* <sup>(1)(2)</sup>          |
| 27,380                            | TPG Operating Group II LP, 6.95% 03/15/64 .....   | 705,583 <sup>(2)</sup>              |
|                                   |   | <b>13,830,787</b>                   |
| <b>Insurance — 18.8%</b>          |   |                                     |
| \$ 2,150,000                      | American International Group, Inc., 8.175% to 05/15/38 then<br>3ML + 4.195%, 05/15/58, Series A-6 ..... | 2,377,098 <sup>(2)(3)</sup>         |
| 67,000                            | American National Group, Inc., 5.95% to 12/01/24 then T5Y + 4.322%, Series A ..                         | 1,646,190* <sup>(1)(2)</sup>        |
| 19,300                            | Assurant, Inc., 5.25% 01/15/61 .....  | 423,635                             |
| Athene Holding Ltd.:              |   |                                     |
| 28,800                            | 4.875%, Series D .....  | 552,960* <sup>(1)(2)</sup>          |
| 123,400                           | 6.35% to 06/30/29 then 3ML + 4.253%, Series A .....   | 3,066,490* <sup>(1)(2)</sup>        |
| 38,520                            | 7.25% to 03/30/29 then T5Y + 2.986%, 03/30/64 .....   | 973,786 <sup>(2)</sup>              |
| \$ 880,000                        | AXIS Specialty Finance LLC, 4.90% to 01/15/30 then T5Y + 3.186%, 01/15/40 ...                           | 830,814 <sup>(2)(5)</sup>           |
| Chubb Ltd.:                       |   |                                     |
| \$ 1,440,000                      | Ace Capital Trust II, 9.70% 04/01/30 .....  | 1,748,489 <sup>(2)</sup>            |
| 16,100                            | CNO Financial Group, Inc., 5.125% 11/25/60 .....  | 346,472                             |
| 224,200                           | Delphi Financial Group, TSFR3M + 3.45161%, 8.5697% <sup>(4)</sup> , 05/15/37 .....                      | 5,408,825 <sup>(2)(3)</sup>         |

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|               | Enstar Group Ltd.:   |                                     |
| 61,000        | 7.00% to 09/01/28 then 3ML + 4.015%, Series D .....  | \$ 1,246,840** <sup>(1)(2)(5)</sup> |
| \$ 720,000    | Enstar Finance LLC, 5.50% to 01/15/27 then T5Y + 4.006%, 01/15/42 .....                              | 663,380 <sup>(2)(5)</sup>           |
| \$ 575,000    | Enstar Finance LLC, 5.75% to 09/01/25 then T5Y + 5.468%, 09/01/40 .....                              | 564,140 <sup>(2)(5)</sup>           |
| \$ 150,000    | Equitable Holdings, Inc., 4.95% to 12/15/25 then T5Y + 4.736%, Series B .....                        | 148,053 <sup>*(1)</sup>             |
| \$ 1,519,000  | Everest Reinsurance Holdings, TSFR3M + 2.6466%, 7.7647% <sup>(4)</sup> , 05/15/37 .....              | 1,475,549 <sup>(2)(3)</sup>         |
|               | Global Atlantic Fin Company:   |                                     |
| \$ 1,590,000  | 4.70% to 10/15/26 then T5Y + 3.796%, 10/15/51, 144A**** .....  | 1,494,715 <sup>(2)(3)</sup>         |
| \$ 730,000    | 7.95% to 10/15/29 then T5Y + 3.608%, 10/15/54, 144A**** .....  | 748,575                             |
| 15,800        | Jackson Financial, Inc., 8.00% to 03/30/28 then T5Y + 3.728%, Series A .....                         | 417,120 <sup>*(1)</sup>             |
| \$ 1,000,000  | Kuvare US Holdings, Inc., 7.00% to 05/01/26 then<br>T5Y + 6.541%, 02/17/51, Series A, 144A**** ..... | 1,005,000*                          |
|               | Liberty Mutual Group:  |                                     |
| \$ 6,351,000  | 7.80% 03/15/37, 144A**** .....   | 6,901,092 <sup>(2)(3)</sup>         |
| \$ 940,000    | 4.125% to 12/15/26 then T5Y + 3.315%, 12/15/51, 144A**** .....                                       | 882,581 <sup>(2)(3)</sup>           |
|               | Lincoln National Corporation:  |                                     |
| 21,200        | 9.00%, Series D .....  | 580,668 <sup>*(1)(2)</sup>          |
| \$ 530,000    | 9.25% to 03/01/28 then T5Y + 5.318%, Series C .....  | 579,820 <sup>*(1)(2)</sup>          |
|               | MetLife, Inc.:   |                                     |
| \$ 5,335,000  | 9.25% 04/08/38, 144A**** .....   | 6,284,001 <sup>(2)(3)</sup>         |
| \$ 3,640,000  | 10.75% 08/01/39 .....  | 5,017,882 <sup>(2)(3)</sup>         |
| \$ 577,000    | MetLife Capital Trust IV, 7.875% 12/15/37, 144A**** .....  | 633,836 <sup>(2)</sup>              |
|               | Prudential Financial, Inc.:  |                                     |
| \$ 1,065,000  | 6.00% to 09/01/32 then T5Y + 3.234%, 09/01/52 .....  | 1,094,055 <sup>(2)(3)</sup>         |
| \$ 400,000    | 6.75% to 03/01/33 then T5Y + 2.848%, 03/01/53 .....  | 425,618 <sup>(2)(3)</sup>           |
| 34,725        | Reinsurance Group of America, Inc., 7.125% to 10/15/27 then<br>T5Y + 3.456%, 10/15/52 .....          | 904,933 <sup>(2)</sup>              |
|               | SBL Holdings, Inc.:  |                                     |
| \$ 1,500,000  | 6.50% to 11/13/26 then T5Y + 5.62%, Series B, 144A**** .....   | 1,260,559 <sup>*(1)(2)(3)</sup>     |
| \$ 1,300,000  | 7.00% to 05/13/25 then T5Y + 5.58%, Series A, 144A**** .....   | 1,169,490 <sup>*(1)(2)(3)</sup>     |
|               | Unum Group:  |                                     |
| \$ 5,803,000  | Provident Financing Trust I, 7.405% 03/15/38 .....   | 6,194,539 <sup>(2)</sup>            |
| 33,000        | Voya Financial, Inc., 5.35% to 09/15/29 then T5Y + 3.21%, Series B .....                             | 849,750 <sup>*(1)(2)</sup>          |
|               |  | <u>57,916,955</u>                   |
|               | <b>Utilities — 9.3%</b>  |                                     |
| \$ 975,000    | AES Corporation, 7.60% to 01/15/30 then T5Y + 3.201%, 01/15/55 .....                                 | 1,005,091                           |
|               | Algonquin Power & Utilities Corporation:   |                                     |
| \$ 800,000    | 4.75% to 04/18/27 then T5Y + 3.249%, 01/18/82, Series 2022-B .....                                   | 744,429 <sup>(2)(3)(5)</sup>        |
| 104,510       | TSFR3M + 4.27161%, 9.60317% <sup>(4)</sup> , 07/01/79, Series 2019-A .....                           | 2,665,005 <sup>(2)(5)</sup>         |

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| \$ 1,235,000 American Electric Power Company, Inc., 6.95% to 12/15/34 then<br>T5Y + 2.675%, 12/15/54, Series B .....    | \$ 1,290,881 <sup>(2)</sup>     |
| \$ 950,000 CenterPoint Energy, Inc., 6.85% to 02/15/35 then T5Y + 2.946%, 02/15/55, Series B ..<br>Commonwealth Edison: | 956,040                         |
| \$ 944,000 COMED Financing III, 6.35% 03/15/33 .....  | 968,538 <sup>(2)(3)</sup>       |
| Dominion Energy, Inc.:  |                                 |
| \$ 650,000 4.35% to 04/15/27 then T5Y + 3.195%, Series C .....  | 624,444 <sup>*(1)(2)</sup>      |
| \$ 1,650,000 7.00% to 06/01/34 then T5Y + 2.511%, 06/01/54, Series B .....  | 1,759,286 <sup>(2)</sup>        |
| \$ 1,200,000 Duke Energy Corporation, 6.45% to 09/01/34 then T5Y + 2.588%, 09/01/54 ...<br>Edison International:        | 1,229,988                       |
| \$ 1,733,000 5.00% to 03/15/27 then T5Y + 3.901%, Series B .....  | 1,680,740 <sup>*(1)(2)(3)</sup> |
| \$ 560,000 5.375% to 03/15/26 then T5Y + 4.698%, Series A .....   | 550,024 <sup>*(1)</sup>         |
| Emera, Inc.:  |                                 |
| \$ 2,940,000 6.75% to 06/15/26 then 3ML + 5.44%, 06/15/76, Series 2016-A .....  | 2,960,668 <sup>(2)(5)</sup>     |
| \$ 1,475,000 EUSHI Finance, Inc., 7.625% to 12/15/29 then T5Y + 3.136%, 12/15/54 .....                                  | 1,532,383                       |
| \$ 1,350,000 Entergy Corporation, 7.125% to 12/01/29 then T5Y + 2.67%, 12/01/54 .....                                   | 1,378,040 <sup>(2)</sup>        |
| NextEra Energy:   |                                 |
| NextEra Energy Capital Holdings, Inc.:  |                                 |
| \$ 500,000 6.70% to 09/01/29 then T5Y + 2.364%, 09/01/54, Series Q .....  | 509,905                         |
| \$ 875,000 6.75% to 06/15/34 then T5Y + 2.457%, 06/15/54, Series R .....  | 917,089                         |
| \$ 740,000 NiSource, Inc., 6.95% to 11/30/29 then T5Y + 2.451%, 11/30/54 .....  | 751,582 <sup>(2)</sup>          |
| Sempra:   |                                 |
| \$ 1,000,000 4.125% to 04/01/27 then T5Y + 2.868%, 04/01/52 .....   | 935,283 <sup>(2)(3)</sup>       |
| \$ 1,400,000 4.875% to 10/15/25 then T5Y + 4.55%, Series C .....  | 1,374,986 <sup>*(1)(2)(3)</sup> |
| \$ 800,000 6.875% to 10/01/29 then T5Y + 2.789%, 10/01/54 .....   | 810,054 <sup>(2)</sup>          |
| Southern California Edison:   |                                 |
| 176 SCE Trust II, 5.10%, Series G .....   | 3,625 <sup>*(1)</sup>           |
| 44,140 SCE Trust V, 5.45% to 03/15/26 then TSFR3M + 4.05161%, Series K .....  | 1,088,934 <sup>*(1)(2)</sup>    |
| 43,600 SCE Trust VII, 7.50%, Series M .....   | 1,150,604 <sup>*(1)</sup>       |
| 28,900 SCE Trust VIII, 6.95%, Series N .....  | 754,001 <sup>*(1)</sup>         |
| \$ 832,000 Southern Company, 3.75% to 09/15/26 then T5Y + 2.915%, 09/15/51, Series 2021-A ..                            | 794,175 <sup>(2)</sup>          |
| \$ 185,000 Vistra Corporation, 7.00% to 12/15/26 then T5Y + 5.74%, Series B, 144A**** ..                                | 187,152 <sup>*(1)</sup>         |
|   | <b>28,622,947</b>               |
| <b>Energy — 4.0%</b>  |                                 |
| Enbridge, Inc.:   |                                 |
| \$ 1,500,000 6.00% to 01/15/27 then TSFR3M + 4.15161%, 01/15/77, Series 2016-A .....                                    | 1,468,371 <sup>(2)(3)(5)</sup>  |
| \$ 2,090,000 7.375% to 03/15/30 then T5Y + 3.122%, 03/15/55, Series A .....   | 2,145,168 <sup>(2)(5)</sup>     |
| \$ 1,000,000 8.50% to 01/15/34 then T5Y + 4.431%, 01/15/84, Series 2023-B .....   | 1,098,510 <sup>(5)</sup>        |

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| Shares/\$ Par |   | Value                                |
|---------------|---|--------------------------------------|
|               | <b>Energy Transfer LP:</b>  |                                      |
| \$ 2,426,000  | 7.125% to 05/15/30 then T5Y + 5.306%, Series G .....  | \$ 2,432,482 <sup>(1)(2)(3)</sup>    |
| \$ 1,100,000  | 8.00% to 05/15/29 then T5Y + 4.02%, 05/15/54 .....  | 1,171,036 <sup>(2)(3)</sup>          |
| \$ 1,000,000  | Enterprise Products Operating L.P., 5.25% to 08/16/27 then<br>TSFR3M + 3.29461%, 08/16/77, Series E .....         | 977,410 <sup>(2)(3)</sup>            |
| \$ 685,000    | South Bow Canadian Infrastructure Holdings Ltd., 7.50% to 03/01/35 then<br>T5Y + 3.667%, 03/01/55, 144A**** ..... | 706,184 <sup>(5)</sup>               |
| \$ 2,250,000  | Transcanada Pipelines, Ltd.:<br>5.50% to 09/15/29 then TSFR3M + 4.41561%, 09/15/79 .....                          | 2,118,878 <sup>(2)(5)</sup>          |
| \$ 300,000    | 5.875% to 08/15/26 then 3ML + 4.64%, 08/15/76, Series 2016-A .....  | 295,822 <sup>(2)(3)(5)</sup>         |
|               |   | <u>12,413,861</u>                    |
|               | <b>Communication — 0.5%</b>   |                                      |
| \$ 1,860,000  | Paramount Global, 6.375% to 03/30/27 then T5Y + 3.999%, 03/30/62 .....  | 1,702,002 <sup>(2)(3)</sup>          |
|               |   | <u>1,702,002</u>                     |
|               | <b>Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT) — 1.5%</b>   |                                      |
| 4,540         | Annaly Capital Management, Inc., TSFR3M + 5.25461%, 10.57921% <sup>(4)</sup> , Series F ...                       | 114,726 <sup>(1)</sup>               |
|               | Arbor Realty Trust, Inc.:   |                                      |
| 9,792         | 6.375%, Series D .....  | 175,179 <sup>(1)</sup>               |
| 67,100        | 6.25% to 10/30/26 then TSFR3M + 5.44%, Series F .....   | 1,242,692 <sup>(1)(2)</sup>          |
| 95,536        | KKR Real Estate Finance Trust, Inc., 6.50%, Series A .....  | 1,914,541 <sup>(1)(2)</sup>          |
| 30,000        | New York Mortgage Trust, Inc., 6.875% to 10/15/26 then TSFR3M + 6.13%, Series F ..                                | 620,100 <sup>(1)</sup>               |
| 28,200        | TPG RE Finance Trust, Inc., 6.25%, Series C .....   | 523,110 <sup>(1)</sup>               |
|               |   | <u>4,590,348</u>                     |
|               | <b>Miscellaneous Industries — 2.1%</b>  |                                      |
| 47,920        | Apollo Global Management, Inc., 7.625% to 12/15/28 then T5Y + 3.226%, 09/15/53 ..                                 | 1,264,609 <sup>(2)</sup>             |
| \$ 440,000    | Apollo Management Holdings LP, 4.95% to 12/17/24 then<br>T5Y + 3.266%, 01/14/50, 144A**** .....                   | 438,900                              |
|               | Land O' Lakes, Inc.:  |                                      |
| \$ 1,500,000  | 7.00%, Series C, 144A**** .....   | 1,190,174 <sup>*(1)(2)</sup>         |
| \$ 4,350,000  | 7.25%, Series B, 144A**** .....   | 3,619,500 <sup>*(1)(2)</sup>         |
|               |   | <u>6,513,183</u>                     |
|               | <b>Total Preferred Stock &amp; Hybrid Preferred Securities</b>  |                                      |
|               | (Cost \$233,757,485) .....  | <u>228,433,364</u>                   |
|               | <b>Contingent Capital Securities<sup>†</sup> — 21.5%</b>  |                                      |
|               | <b>Banking — 21.5%</b>  |                                      |
| \$ 2,000,000  | Australia & New Zealand Banking Group Ltd., 6.75% to 06/15/26 then<br>SW5 + 5.168%, 144A**** .....                | 2,041,788 <sup>***(1)(2)(3)(5)</sup> |

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| Shares/\$ Par   | Value                               |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria SA:   |                                     |
| \$ 3,000,000 6.125% to 11/16/27 then SW5 + 3.87% .....                                    | \$ 2,867,414** <sup>(1)(2)(5)</sup> |
| \$ 1,000,000 6.50% to 03/05/25 then T5Y + 5.192%, Series 9 .....                          | 999,541** <sup>(1)(2)(5)</sup>      |
| \$ 1,800,000 9.375% to 09/19/29 then T5Y + 5.099%, Series 12 .....                        | 1,970,620** <sup>(1)(5)</sup>       |
| Banco Mercantil del Norte SA:   |                                     |
| \$ 800,000 6.625% to 01/24/32 then T10Y + 5.034%, 144A**** .....                          | 738,960** <sup>(1)(2)(3)(5)</sup>   |
| \$ 1,077,000 7.50% to 06/27/29 then T10Y + 5.47%, 144A**** .....                          | 1,088,959** <sup>(1)(2)(5)</sup>    |
| \$ 710,000 7.625% to 01/10/28 then T10Y + 5.353%, 144A**** .....                          | 719,319** <sup>(1)(2)(5)</sup>      |
| Banco Santander SA:   |                                     |
| \$ 6,200,000 4.75% to 05/12/27 then T5Y + 3.753%, 144A**** .....                          | 5,818,570** <sup>(1)(2)(3)(5)</sup> |
| \$ 1,000,000 8.00% to 08/01/34 then T5Y + 3.911% .....                                    | 1,032,895** <sup>(1)(5)</sup>       |
| \$ 1,400,000 9.625% to 11/21/33 then T5Y + 5.298%, 144A**** .....                         | 1,626,724** <sup>(1)(5)</sup>       |
| Bank of Montreal:   |                                     |
| \$ 490,000 7.30% to 11/26/34 then T5Y + 3.01%, 11/26/84, Series 5 .....                   | 503,588** <sup>(5)</sup>            |
| \$ 940,000 7.70% to 05/26/29 then T5Y + 3.452%, 05/26/84, Series 4 .....                  | 986,315** <sup>(5)</sup>            |
| \$ 1,050,000 Bank of Nova Scotia, 8.00% to 01/27/29 then T5Y + 4.017%, 01/27/84, Series 5 | 1,116,184** <sup>(2)(5)</sup>       |
| Barclays Bank PLC:  |                                     |
| \$ 475,000 4.375% to 09/15/28 then T5Y + 3.41% .....                                      | 421,082** <sup>(1)(5)</sup>         |
| \$ 1,720,000 6.125% to 06/15/26 then T5Y + 5.867% .....                                   | 1,710,834** <sup>(1)(2)(3)(5)</sup> |
| \$ 485,000 8.00% to 09/15/29 then T5Y + 5.431% .....                                      | 507,143** <sup>(1)(5)</sup>         |
| \$ 785,000 9.625% to 06/15/30 then SOFR5Y + 5.775% .....                                  | 866,107** <sup>(1)(5)</sup>         |
| \$ 670,000 BBVA Bancomer SA, 5.875% to 09/13/29 then T5Y + 4.308%, 09/13/34, 144A**** ..  | 650,429 <sup>(2)(3)(5)</sup>        |
| BNP Paribas:  |                                     |
| \$ 475,000 4.625% to 02/25/31 then T5Y + 3.34%, 144A**** .....                            | 407,620** <sup>(1)(5)</sup>         |
| \$ 7,830,000 7.375% to 08/19/25 then SW5 + 5.15%, 144A**** .....                          | 7,908,488** <sup>(1)(2)(5)</sup>    |
| \$ 970,000 7.75% to 08/16/29 then T5Y + 4.899%, 144A**** .....                            | 1,010,197** <sup>(1)(2)(5)</sup>    |
| \$ 511,000 8.50% to 08/14/28 then T5Y + 4.354%, 144A**** .....                            | 542,768** <sup>(1)(5)</sup>         |
| \$ 560,000 9.25% to 11/17/27 then T5Y + 4.969%, 144A**** .....                            | 608,333** <sup>(1)(2)(5)</sup>      |
| \$ 480,000 Credit Agricole SA, 4.75% to 09/23/29 then T5Y + 3.237%, 144A**** .....        | 440,645** <sup>(1)(5)</sup>         |
| \$ 400,000 Deutsche Bank AG, 6.00% to 04/30/26 then T5Y + 4.524% .....                    | 384,957** <sup>(1)(5)</sup>         |
| HSBC Holdings PLC:  |                                     |
| \$ 500,000 6.00% to 05/22/27 then SW5 + 3.746% .....                                      | 500,003** <sup>(1)(2)(3)(5)</sup>   |
| \$ 4,265,000 6.50% to 03/23/28 then SW5 + 3.606% .....                                    | 4,298,531** <sup>(1)(2)(3)(5)</sup> |
| \$ 775,000 ING Groep NV, 3.875% to 11/16/27 then T5Y + 2.862% .....                       | 681,608** <sup>(1)(2)(5)</sup>      |
| Lloyds Banking Group PLC:   |                                     |
| \$ 2,750,000 7.50% to 09/27/25 then SW5 + 4.496% .....                                    | 2,777,063** <sup>(1)(2)(3)(5)</sup> |
| \$ 1,800,000 8.00% to 03/27/30 then T5Y + 3.913% .....                                    | 1,908,677** <sup>(1)(2)(3)(5)</sup> |
| \$ 730,000 Macquarie Bank Ltd., 6.125% to 03/08/27 then SW5 + 3.703%, 144A**** .....      | 728,584** <sup>(1)(2)(5)</sup>      |



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| Shares/\$ Par |  | Value                               |
|---------------|--|-------------------------------------|
|               | NatWest Group PLC:   |                                     |
| \$ 425,000    | 4.60% to 12/28/31 then T5Y + 3.10% .....   | \$ 356,075** <sup>(1)(5)</sup>      |
| \$ 285,000    | 8.125% to 05/10/34 then T5Y + 3.752% .....   | 302,634** <sup>(1)(5)</sup>         |
| \$ 940,000    | Royal Bank of Canada, 7.50% to 05/02/29 then T5Y + 2.887%, 05/02/84, Series 4 ...          | 977,259** <sup>(2)(5)</sup>         |
|               | Societe Generale SA:   |                                     |
| \$ 1,000,000  | 4.75% to 05/26/26 then T5Y + 3.931%, 144A**** .....  | 925,553** <sup>(1)(2)(5)</sup>      |
| \$ 1,000,000  | 5.375% to 11/18/30 then T5Y + 4.514%, 144A**** .....                                       | 839,601** <sup>(1)(2)(5)</sup>      |
| \$ 6,000,000  | 6.75% to 04/06/28 then SW5 + 3.929%, 144A**** .....  | 5,583,714** <sup>(1)(2)(3)(5)</sup> |
| \$ 4,240,000  | 9.375% to 05/22/28 then T5Y + 5.385%, 144A**** .....                                       | 4,418,873** <sup>(1)(2)(3)(5)</sup> |
|               | Standard Chartered PLC:  |                                     |
| \$ 450,000    | 4.75% to 07/14/31 then T5Y + 3.805%, 144A**** .....  | 385,798** <sup>(1)(5)</sup>         |
| \$ 2,420,000  | 7.75% to 02/15/28 then T5Y + 4.976%, 144A**** .....  | 2,513,763** <sup>(1)(2)(3)(5)</sup> |
| \$ 490,000    | Toronto-Dominion Bank, 7.25% to 07/31/29 then T5Y + 2.977%, 07/31/84, Series 4 . .         | 502,293** <sup>(5)</sup>            |
|               | UBS Group AG:  |                                     |
| \$ 675,000    | 4.375% to 02/10/31 then T5Y + 3.313%, 144A**** .....                                       | 579,408** <sup>(1)(2)(3)(5)</sup>   |
| \$ 850,000    | 4.875% to 02/12/27 then T5Y + 3.404%, 144A**** .....                                       | 812,661** <sup>(1)(2)(5)</sup>      |
| \$ 210,000    | 9.25% to 11/13/33 then T5Y + 4.758%, 144A**** .....  | 243,032** <sup>(1)(5)</sup>         |
|               |  | <u>66,304,610</u>                   |
|               | <b>Total Contingent Capital Securities</b>   |                                     |
|               | (Cost \$66,735,804) .....  | <u>66,304,610</u>                   |
|               | <b>Corporate Debt Securities<sup>§</sup> — 1.9%</b>  |                                     |
|               | <b>Banking — 0.3%</b>  |                                     |
| 19,600        | Dime Community Bancshares, Inc., 9.00% to 07/15/29 then<br>TSFR3M + 4.951%, 07/15/34 ..... | 512,540                             |
| 10,900        | Zions Bancorporation, TSFR3M + 4.15161%, 9.49083% <sup>(4)</sup> , 09/15/28, Sub Notes ... | 278,168                             |
|               |  | <u>790,708</u>                      |
|               | <b>Insurance — 1.3%</b>  |                                     |
| \$ 3,000,000  | Liberty Mutual Insurance, 7.697% 10/15/97, 144A**** .....                                  | 3,562,883 <sup>(2)(3)</sup>         |
| \$ 500,000    | Universal Insurance Holdings, Inc., 5.625% 11/30/26 .....                                  | 486,375                             |
|               |  | <u>4,049,258</u>                    |
|               | <b>Communication — 0.3%</b>  |                                     |
|               | Qwest Corporation:   |                                     |
| 29,941        | 6.50% 09/01/56 .....   | 420,671                             |
| 41,820        | 6.75% 06/15/57 .....   | 611,408                             |
|               |  | <u>1,032,079</u>                    |
|               | <b>Total Corporate Debt Securities</b>   |                                     |
|               | (Cost \$5,709,122) .....   | <u>5,872,045</u>                    |

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| Shares/\$ Par   | Value   |
|---|---|
| <b>Money Market Fund — 1.7%</b>   |   |
| BlackRock Liquidity Funds:  |   |
| 5,201,791 T-Fund, Institutional Class .....                             | \$ 5,201,791                                    |
| <b>Total Money Market Fund</b>  |   |
| (Cost \$5,201,791) .....  | <u>5,201,791</u>                                |
| <b>Total Investments (Cost \$311,404,202<sup>***</sup>) .....</b>       | <b>99.1% 305,811,810</b>                        |
| <b>Other Assets and Liabilities, excluding Loan Payable (net) .....</b> | <b>0.9% <u>2,766,325</u></b>                    |
| <b>Total Managed Assets .....</b>                                       | <b>100.0%<sup>‡</sup> \$ <u>308,578,135</u></b> |
| <b>Loan Principal Balance .....</b>                                     | <b><u>(118,500,000)</u></b>                     |
| <b>Net Assets Available To Common Stock .....</b>                       | <b>\$ <u><u>190,078,135</u></u></b>             |

§ Date shown is maturity date unless referencing the end of the fixed-rate period of a fixed-to-floating rate security.

\* Securities eligible for the Dividends Received Deduction and distributing Qualified Dividend Income.

\*\* Securities distributing Qualified Dividend Income only.

\*\*\* Aggregate cost of securities held.

\*\*\*\* Securities exempt from registration under Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933. These securities may be resold in transactions exempt from registration to qualified institutional buyers. At August 31, 2024, these securities amounted to \$79,814,872 or 25.9% of total managed assets.

(1) Perpetual security with no stated maturity date.

(2) All or a portion of this security is pledged as collateral for the Fund's loan. The total value of such securities was \$228,119,510 at August 31, 2024.

(3) All or a portion of this security has been rehypothecated. The total value of such securities was \$95,320,429 at August 31, 2024.

(4) Represents the rate in effect as of the reporting date.

(5) Foreign Issuer.

† A Contingent Capital Security is a hybrid security with contractual loss-absorption characteristics.

‡ The percentage shown for each investment category is the total value of that category as a percentage of total managed assets.

**ABBREVIATIONS:**

3ML — 3-Month Intercontinental Exchange (ICE) London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) USD A/360

SOF5Y — 5-year USD ICE Secured Overnight Financing Rate (SOFR) Swap

SW5 — 5-year USD Swap Semiannual 30/360

T5Y — Federal Reserve H.15 5-Yr Constant Maturity Treasury Semiannual yield

T7Y — Federal Reserve H.15 7-Yr Constant Maturity Treasury Semiannual yield

T10Y — Federal Reserve H.15 10-Yr Constant Maturity Treasury Semiannual yield

TSFR3M — Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc. (CME) Term SOFR 3-Month

The administrator of U.S. dollar LIBOR, ICE, ceased publication of daily U.S. dollar LIBOR panels after June 30, 2023. For securities where (i) issuers have announced replacement reference rates or (ii) the Adjustable Interest Rate (LIBOR) Act of 2022 was determined by the Adviser to apply, the new reference rate (usually Term SOFR) has been listed as the benchmark. The spread over that benchmark includes any tenor spread adjustment applicable upon benchmark transition. For all other securities, the original reference rate and spread continue to be listed.

**FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS<sup>(1)</sup>**

**For the period December 1, 2023 through August 31, 2024 (Unaudited)  
For a Common Stock share outstanding throughout the period**

**PER SHARE OPERATING PERFORMANCE:**

Net asset value, beginning of period ..... \$ 16.32

**INVESTMENT OPERATIONS:**

Net investment income ..... 0.75  
 Net realized and unrealized gain/(loss) on investments ..... 1.89  
 Total from investment operations ..... 2.64

**DISTRIBUTIONS TO COMMON STOCK SHAREHOLDERS:**

From net investment income ..... (0.78)  
 Total distributions to Common Stock Shareholders ..... (0.78)

Net asset value, end of period ..... \$ 18.18  
 Market value, end of period ..... \$ 16.76  
 Common Stock shares outstanding, end of period ..... 10,456,821

**RATIOS TO AVERAGE NET ASSETS AVAILABLE TO COMMON STOCK SHAREHOLDERS:**

Net investment income† ..... 5.76%\*  
 Operating expenses including interest expense ..... 5.58%\*  
 Operating expenses excluding interest expense ..... 1.46%\*

**SUPPLEMENTAL DATA:††**

Portfolio turnover rate ..... 16%\*\*  
 Total managed assets, end of period (in 000's) ..... \$ 308,578  
 Ratio of operating expenses including interest expense to  
 average total managed assets ..... 3.38%\*  
 Ratio of operating expenses excluding interest expense to  
 average total managed assets ..... 0.89%\*

<sup>(1)</sup> These tables summarize the nine months ended August 31, 2024 and should be read in conjunction with the Fund's audited financial statements, including notes to the financial statements, in its Annual Report dated November 30, 2023.

\* Annualized.

\*\* Not annualized.

† The net investment income ratios reflect income net of operating expenses, including interest expense.

†† Information presented under heading Supplemental Data includes loan principal balance.

**FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS (Continued)**

**Per Share of Common Stock (Unaudited)**

|                         | Total<br>Dividends<br>Paid | Net<br>Asset<br>Value | NYSE<br>Closing<br>Price | Dividend<br>Reinvestment<br>Price <sup>(1)</sup> |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|--|
| December 29, 2023 ..... | \$0.0835                   | \$16.99               | \$14.55                  | \$14.63  |
| January 31, 2024 .....  | 0.0835                     | 17.31                 | 15.14                    | 15.14  |
| February 29, 2024 ..... | 0.0856                     | 17.35                 | 15.09                    | 15.16  |
| March 28, 2024 .....    | 0.0856                     | 17.60                 | 15.46                    | 15.39  |
| April 30, 2024 .....    | 0.0856                     | 17.16                 | 14.74                    | 14.79  |
| May 31, 2024 .....      | 0.0897                     | 17.58                 | 15.35                    | 15.46  |
| June 28, 2024 .....     | 0.0897                     | 17.57                 | 15.54                    | 15.38  |
| July 31, 2024 .....     | 0.0897                     | 17.83                 | 15.91                    | 15.94  |
| August 30, 2024 .....   | 0.0913                     | 18.18                 | 16.76                    | 16.76  |

<sup>(1)</sup> Whenever the net asset value per share of the Fund's Common Stock is less than or equal to the market price per share on the reinvestment date, new shares issued will be valued at the higher of net asset value or 95% of the then current market price. Otherwise, the reinvestment shares of Common Stock will be purchased in the open market.

**NOTES TO PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (Unaudited)****1. Aggregate Information for Federal Income Tax Purposes**

At August 31, 2024, the aggregate cost of securities for federal income tax purposes was \$316,155,905 the aggregate gross unrealized appreciation for all securities in which there was an excess of value over tax cost was \$6,666,426 and the aggregate gross unrealized depreciation for all securities in which there was an excess of tax cost over value was \$17,010,521.

**2. Additional Accounting Standards**

*Portfolio Valuation:* Rule 2a-5 under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"), establishes requirements for determining fair value in good faith for purposes of the 1940 Act. Rule 2a-5 permits fund boards to designate a Valuation Designee to perform fair value determinations, subject to board oversight and certain other conditions. Rule 2a-5 also defines when market quotations are "readily available" for purposes of Section 2(a)(41) of the 1940 Act, which requires a fund to fair value a security when market quotations are not readily available.

The net asset value of the Fund's Common Stock is calculated by the Fund's Administrator no less frequently than on the last business day of each week and month in accordance with the policies and procedures adopted by the Adviser, as the Valuation Designee of the Board of Directors (the "Board") of the Fund. Net asset value is calculated by dividing the value of the Fund's net assets available to Common Stock by the number of shares of Common Stock outstanding. The value of the Fund's net assets available to Common Stock is deemed to equal the value of the Fund's total assets less (i) the Fund's liabilities and (ii) the aggregate liquidation value of any outstanding preferred stock.

The Fund's preferred and debt securities are valued on the basis of current market quotations provided by independent pricing services or dealers approved by the Valuation Designee. In determining the evaluated mean value of a particular preferred or debt security, a pricing service or dealer may use information with respect to transactions in such investments, quotations (based on the mean of bid and asked price), market transactions in comparable investments, various relationships observed in the market between investments, and/or calculated yield measures based on valuation technology commonly employed in the market for such investments. Common stocks that are traded on stock exchanges are valued at the last sale price or official close price on the exchange, as of the close of business on the day the securities are being valued or, lacking any sales, at the last available mean price. Futures contracts and option contracts on futures contracts are valued on the basis of the settlement price for such contracts on the primary exchange on which they trade. Investments in over-the-counter derivative instruments, such as interest rate swaps and options thereon ("swaptions"), are valued using prices supplied by a pricing service, or if such prices are unavailable, prices provided by a single broker or dealer that is not the counterparty or, if no such prices are available, at a price at which the counterparty to the contract would repurchase the instrument or terminate the contract. Investments for which market quotations are not readily available or for which the Valuation Designee determines that the prices are not reflective of current market conditions are valued at fair value as determined in good faith by the Valuation Designee, including reference to valuations of other securities which are comparable in quality, maturity and type.

Investments in money market instruments and all debt and preferred securities which mature in 60 days or less are valued at amortized cost, provided such amount approximates market value. Investments in money market funds are valued at the net asset value of such funds.

## NOTES TO PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (Unaudited) (Continued)

*Fair Value Measurements:* The Fund has analyzed all existing investments to determine the significance and character of all inputs to their fair value determination. The levels of fair value inputs used to measure the Fund's investments are characterized into a fair value hierarchy. Where inputs for an asset or liability fall into more than one level in the fair value hierarchy, the investment is classified in its entirety based on the lowest level input that is significant to that investment's valuation. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described below:

- Level 1 – quoted prices in active markets for identical securities
- Level 2 – other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar securities, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, etc.)
- Level 3 – significant unobservable inputs (including the Fund's own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments)

The inputs or methodology used for valuing securities are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities. Transfers in and out of levels are recognized at market value at the end of the period.

A summary of the inputs used to value the Fund's investments as of August 31, 2024 is as follows:

|  | Total<br>Value at<br>August 31, 2024 | Level 1<br>Quoted<br>Price | Level 2<br>Significant<br>Observable<br>Inputs | Level 3<br>Significant<br>Unobservable<br>Inputs |
|--|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|--|--|
| <b>Preferred Stock &amp; Hybrid Preferred Securities</b> |                                      |                            |  |  |
| Banking .....  | \$ 102,843,281                       | \$ 46,144,221              | \$ 56,699,060                                  | \$ —   |
| Financial Services .....                                 | 13,830,787                           | 3,431,036                  | 10,399,751                                     | —  |
| Insurance .....  | 57,916,955                           | 11,008,844                 | 46,908,111                                     | —  |
| Utilities .....  | 28,622,947                           | 5,662,169                  | 22,960,778                                     | —  |
| Energy .....   | 12,413,861                           | —                          | 12,413,861                                     | —  |
| Communication .....                                      | 1,702,002                            | —                          | 1,702,002                                      | —  |
| Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT) .....                | 4,590,348                            | 4,590,348                  | —  | —  |
| Miscellaneous Industries .....                           | 6,513,183                            | 1,264,609                  | 5,248,574                                      | —  |
| <b>Contingent Capital Securities</b>                     |                                      |                            |  |  |
| Banking .....  | 66,304,610                           | —                          | 66,304,610                                     | —  |
| <b>Corporate Debt Securities</b>                         |                                      |                            |  |  |
| Banking .....  | 790,708                              | 790,708                    | —  | —  |
| Insurance .....  | 4,049,258                            | —                          | 4,049,258                                      | —  |
| Communication .....                                      | 1,032,079                            | 1,032,079                  | —  | —  |
| <b>Money Market Fund</b> .....                           | 5,201,791                            | 5,201,791                  | —  | —  |
| <b>Total Investments</b> .....                           | <u>\$ 305,811,810</u>                | <u>\$ 79,125,805</u>       | <u>\$ 226,686,005</u>                          | <u>\$ —</u>                                      |

During the reporting period, there were no transfers into or out of Level 3.

**NOTES TO PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (Unaudited) (Continued)**

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The fair values of the Fund's investments are generally based on market information and quotes received from brokers or independent pricing services that are unaffiliated with the Adviser. To assess the continuing appropriateness of security valuations, the Adviser regularly compares current prices to prior prices, prices across comparable securities, actual sale prices for securities in the Fund's portfolio, and market information obtained by the Adviser as a function of being an active market participant.

Securities with quotes that are based on actual trades or actionable bids and offers with a sufficient level of activity on or near the measurement date are classified as Level 1. Securities that are priced using quotes derived from implied values, indicative bids and offers, or a limited number of actual trades—or the same information for securities that are similar in many respects to those being valued—are classified as Level 2. If market information is not available for securities being valued, or materially-comparable securities, then those securities are classified as Level 3. In considering market information, the Valuation Designee evaluates changes in liquidity, willingness of a broker to execute at the quoted price, the depth and consistency of prices from pricing services, and the existence of observable trades in the market.