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CERTIFIED SHAREHOLDER REPORT OF

REGISTERED MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES

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NEUBERGER BERMAN HIGH YIELD STRATEGIES FUND INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as specified in charter)

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Date of fiscal year end: October 31

Date of reporting period: April 30, 2016

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Item 1. Report to Stockholders.

Following is a copy of the semi-annual report transmitted to stockholders pursuant to Rule 30e-1 under the Act.

Neuberger Berman  
High Yield Strategies  
Fund Inc.



## **Semi-Annual Report**

**April 30, 2016**

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## President's Letter

Dear Stockholder,

I am pleased to present the semi-annual report for Neuberger Berman High Yield Strategies Fund Inc. for the six months ended April 30, 2016. The report includes a portfolio commentary, a listing of the Fund's investments and its unaudited financial statements for the reporting period.

The Fund seeks high total return (income plus capital appreciation). To pursue that objective, we have assembled a portfolio that consists primarily of high yield debt securities.

Thank you for your confidence in the Fund. We will do our best to continue earning your trust in the years to come.

Sincerely,

Robert Conti  
President and CEO  
Neuberger Berman High Yield Strategies Fund Inc.

## Neuberger Berman High Yield Strategies Fund Inc. Portfolio Commentary

Neuberger Berman High Yield Strategies Fund Inc. generated a 2.81% total return on a net asset value (NAV) basis for the six months ended April 30, 2016 and outperformed its benchmark, the BofA Merrill Lynch U.S. High Yield Master II Constrained Index, which provided a 2.27% return for the period. (Fund performance on a market price basis is provided in the table immediately following this letter.) The Fund's use of leverage (typically a performance enhancer in up markets and a detractor during market retreats) contributed to its performance during the reporting period.

Investor sentiment fluctuated during the reporting period given mixed global economic data, uncertainty regarding future U.S. Federal Reserve (Fed) monetary policy and several geopolitical issues. In a well-telegraphed move, the Fed raised interest rates in December 2015—the first such occurrence in nearly a decade. After a very weak start, the high yield debt market rallied sharply and generated a positive return during the period. The turnaround was partially driven by rising commodity prices and strong investor demand. Within the benchmark, securities rated CCC and lower (relatively low ratings) and securities rated BB (a higher rating) returned 1.59% and 3.13%, respectively.<sup>1</sup>

From a sector perspective, security selection within support/services, metals/mining and utilities, as well as an underweight to energy, contributed the most to performance. In contrast, security selection within energy, media/broadcast, and telecommunications detracted the most from performance.

In terms of the Fund's quality bias, security selection within B-rated securities was generally positive for performance. This was more than offset by the negative impact from the Fund's security selection within CCC-rated and BB-rated securities. Elsewhere, an overweight allocation to BBB-rated and higher-rated issues contributed to results.

We made several adjustments to the portfolio during the reporting period. We increased the Fund's allocation to BBB-rated bonds, further increasing our out-of-benchmark exposure. We reduced our allocation to CCC-rated bonds, moving to roughly a 1.5% underweight versus the benchmark. From a sector perspective, we slightly increased the Fund's allocation to higher quality metals/mining, utilities and gas distribution securities.

The Fund's use of derivatives, specifically interest rate swaps, detracted from performance during the reporting period.

We continue to be of the view that current valuations, excluding commodity-related sectors, are compensating investors for default risk. While growth in the U.S. moderated during the first quarter of 2016, we believe the domestic economy will continue to expand as the year progresses, albeit at a moderate pace. In our view, inflation should remain relatively benign and the Fed will likely take a very measured approach in terms of normalizing monetary policy. We believe commodity-related sectors are likely to drive the majority of the increase in U.S. high yield bond default rates in 2016-2017. Aside from these stressed sectors, we believe defaults in 2016-2017 will be well below historical averages should credit fundamentals remain reasonable.

Sincerely,

Thomas P. O'Reilly, Russ Covode, Daniel Doyle And Patrick Flynn  
Portfolio Co-Managers

The portfolio composition, industries and holdings of the Fund are subject to change without notice.

The opinions expressed are those of the Fund's portfolio managers. The opinions are as of the date of this report and are subject to change without notice.

The value of securities owned by the Fund, as well as the market value of shares of the Fund's common stock, may decline in response to certain events, including those directly involving the issuers whose securities are owned by the Fund; conditions affecting the general economy; overall market changes; local, regional, national or global political, social or economic instability; regulatory or legislative developments; price, currency and interest rate fluctuations, including those resulting from changes in central bank policies; and changes in investor sentiment.

The performance of certain rated bonds within the benchmark, as noted above, represent issues that are rated <sup>1</sup>BB1/BB+ through BB3/BB and CCC+/Caa1 or lower, based on an average of Moody's, S&P and Fitch, as calculated by BofA Merrill Lynch.

**TICKER SYMBOL**

High Yield Strategies Fund

NHS

**PORTFOLIO BY MATURITY DISTRIBUTION**

(as a % of Total Investments\*)

Less than One Year	0.2%
One to less than Five Years	30.6
Five to less than Ten Years	60.8
Ten Years or Greater	8.4
Total	100.0%

\* Derivatives and/or Short-Term Investments, if any, are excluded from this chart.

**PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS<sup>1</sup>**

	Inception Date	Six Month Period Ended 04/30/2016	Average Annual Total Return Ended 04/30/2016			
			1 Year	5 Years	10 Years	Life of Fund
At NAV <sup>2</sup>	07/28/2003	2.81%	-3.54%	5.91%	8.96%	9.51%
At Market Price <sup>3</sup>	07/28/2003	6.36%	-4.81%	2.67%	8.09%	7.96%
Index						
BofA Merrill Lynch						
U.S. High Yield						
Master II						
Constrained Index <sup>4</sup>		2.27%	-1.30%	5.21%	7.23%	7.68%

Closed-end funds, unlike open-end funds, are not continually offered. Generally, there is an initial public offering and, once issued, shares of common stock of closed-end funds are sold in the secondary market on a stock exchange.

The performance data quoted represent past performance and do not indicate future results. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted. For more current performance data, please visit [www.nb.com/cef-performance](http://www.nb.com/cef-performance).

**The results shown in the table reflect the reinvestment of income dividends and other distributions, if any.** The results do not reflect the effect of taxes a stockholder would pay on Fund distributions or on the sale of shares of the Fund's common stock.

The investment return and market price will fluctuate and shares of the Fund's common stock may trade at prices above or below NAV. Shares of the Fund's common stock, when sold, may be worth more or less than their original cost.

Returns would have been lower if Neuberger Berman Investment Advisers LLC ("Management") had not waived certain expenses during certain of the periods shown. Please see the Notes to Financial Highlights for additional information regarding fee waivers.





## Endnotes

- 1 The performance information for periods prior to August 6, 2010 is that of Neuberger Berman High Yield Strategies Fund, a predecessor to the Fund.
- 2 Returns based on the NAV of the Fund.
- 3 Returns based on the market price of shares of the Fund's common stock on the NYSE MKT.
- 4 Please see "Description of Index" on page 5 for a description of the index.  
For more complete information on Neuberger Berman High Yield Strategies Fund Inc., call Neuberger Berman Investment Advisers LLC at (800) 877-9700, or visit our website at [www.nb.com](http://www.nb.com).

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## Description of Index

BofA Merrill  
Lynch U.S.  
High Yield  
Master II  
Constrained  
Index:

The index tracks the performance of U.S. dollar-denominated, below investment grade corporate debt publicly issued in the U.S. domestic market. In addition to meeting other criteria, qualifying securities must have a below investment grade rating (based on an average of Moody's, S&P and Fitch ratings), and have risk exposure to countries that are members of the FX-G10, Western Europe or territories of the U.S. and Western Europe. Securities in legal default are excluded from the index. Index constituents are capitalization-weighted, provided the total allocation to an individual issuer does not exceed 2%.

Please note that the index does not take into account any fees and expenses or any tax consequences of investing in the individual securities that it tracks and that individuals cannot invest directly in any index. Data about the performance of this index are prepared or obtained by Management and include reinvestment of all income dividends and other distributions, if any. The Fund may invest in securities not included in the above described index and generally does not invest in all securities included in the index.

Schedule of Investments High Yield Strategies Fund Inc.  
(Unaudited) 4/30/16

**PRINCIPAL AMOUNT****VALUE†****Bank Loan Obligations<sup>u</sup> (11.8%)****Aerospace & Defense (0.4%)**

\$ 188,086	Transdigm Inc., First Lien Term Loan D, 3.75%, due 6/4/21	\$ 186,910
710,175	Transdigm Inc., Term Loan E1, 3.50%, due 5/16/22	702,057
		<b>888,967</b>

**Air Transport (0.1%)**

365,000	American Airlines Inc., First Lien Term Loan B1, 3.50%, due 10/10/21	<b>362,584</b>
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**All Telecom (0.3%)**

208,405	Syniverse Technologies, First Lien Term Loan, 4.00%, due 4/23/19	166,724 <sup>cc</sup>
165,000	Syniverse Technologies, First Lien Term Loan, 4.00%, due 4/23/19	132,000
467,516	Zayo Group, First Lien Term Loan B1, 3.75%, due 5/6/21	467,263
		<b>765,987</b>

**Business Equipment & Services (1.4%)**

188,090	Advantage Sales and Marketing, First Lien Term Loan, 4.25%, due 7/23/21	186,328
2,110,000	Advantage Sales and Marketing, Second Lien Term Loan, 7.50%, due 7/25/22	1,983,400
150,000	Equinix Inc., First Lien Term Loan B, 4.00%, due 1/6/23	150,375
1,100,116	Presidio, First Lien Term Loan, 5.25%, due 2/2/22	1,091,315
		<b>3,411,418</b>

**Cable & Satellite Television (0.5%)**

1,115,000	Charter Communications Operating LLC, First Lien Term Loan I, 3.50%, due 1/24/23	<b>1,119,382</b>
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**Conglomerates (0.2%)**

492,902	Spectrum Brands, Inc., First Lien Term Loan, 3.50%, due 6/23/22	<b>494,381</b>
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**Containers & Glass Products (0.3%)**

190,000	Berry Plastics, First Lien Term Loan E, 3.75%, due 1/6/21	190,059
543,613	Berry Plastics, First Lien Term Loan F, 4.00%, due 10/3/22	544,395
		<b>734,454</b>

**Cosmetics - Toiletries (0.1%)**

300,634	Prestige Brands, Inc., First Lien Term Loan B3, 3.52%, due 9/3/21	<b>301,200</b>
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**Electronics - Electrical (1.4%)**

1,923,000	Avago Technologies, First Lien Term Loan B1, 4.25%, due 2/1/23	1,923,346
273,625	CommScope, First Lien Term Loan B1, 3.83%, due 12/29/22	273,967
1,117,200	NXP Funding, First Lien Term Loan B1, 3.75%, due 12/7/20	1,119,993
		<b>3,317,306</b>

**Financial Intermediaries (1.2%)**

1,095,000	First Data Corporation, First Lien Term Loan B, 4.19%, due 7/8/22	1,095,274
430,000	MGM Growth Properties, First Lien Term Loan B, 4.00%, due 4/1/23	432,240
1,501,913	Walter Investment Mgmt, First Lien Term Loan, 4.75%, due 12/18/20	1,315,585
		<b>2,843,099</b>

**Food Products (0.1%)**

300,000	NBTY, Inc., First Lien Term Loan B, 5.00%, due 4/14/23	<b>300,813</b>
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See Notes to Schedule of Investments 6

## Schedule of Investments High Yield Strategies Fund Inc.

(Unaudited) (cont'd)

## PRINCIPAL AMOUNT

## VALUE

**Food Service (0.1%)**

\$	290,462	Manitowoc Foodservice, First Lien Term Loan B, 5.75%, due 3/3/23	\$ 293,549
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**Health Care (0.3%)**

	190,560	dj Orthopedics LLC, First Lien Term Loan B1, 4.25%, due 6/8/20	185,081
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	29,792	Pharmaceutical Product Development, Inc., First Lien Term Loan B, due 8/18/22	29,724
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	265,255	Pharmaceutical Product Development, Inc., First Lien Term Loan B, 4.25%, due 8/18/22	264,648
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	329,175	Team Health, Inc., First Lien Term Loan B, 4.50%, due 11/23/22	331,232
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			<b>810,685</b>
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**Leisure Goods - Activities - Movies (0.4%)**

	1,043,827	Match Group Inc., First Lien Term Loan B, 5.50%, due 11/16/22	1,048,608
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**Lodging & Casinos (2.7%)**

	1,040,000	Cowlitz Tribal Gaming, First Lien Term Loan B, 11.50%, due 12/6/21	972,400
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	1,759,000	Four Seasons Holdings Inc., Second Lien Term Loan, 6.25%, due 12/27/20	1,746,916
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	310,000	Hilton Worldwide, First Lien Term Loan, 3.50%, due 10/26/20	311,023
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	3,014,965	Mohegan Tribal Gaming, First Lien Term Loan, 5.50%, due 6/15/18	2,994,855
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	357,300	MTR Gaming Group, First Lien Term Loan B, 4.25%, due 7/25/22	356,407
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	172,668	Twin Rivers Casino, First Lien Term Loan B, 5.25%, due 7/10/20	172,938
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			<b>6,554,539</b>
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**Radio & Television (0.2%)**

	308,446	Sinclair Broadcasting, First Lien Term Loan B1, 3.50%, due 7/30/21	307,546
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	93,994	Univision Communications Inc., First Lien Term Loan, 4.00%, due 3/1/20	93,720
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	94,002	Univision Communications Inc., First Lien Term Loan C4, 4.00%, due 3/1/20	93,850
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			<b>495,116</b>
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**Retailers (except food & drug) (0.7%)**

	308,821	JC Penney Co., First Lien Term Loan, 6.00%, due 5/22/18	309,302
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	214,452	Neiman Marcus Group Inc., First Lien Term Loan B, 4.25%, due 10/25/20	204,064
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	1,113,750	PetSmart Inc., First Lien Term Loan B1, 4.25%, due 3/11/22	1,109,997
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			<b>1,623,363</b>
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**Steel (0.9%)**

	2,274,822	FMG Resources, First Lien Term Loan, 4.25%, due 6/30/19	2,140,539
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**Utilities (0.5%)**

	208,947	Calpine Corp., First Lien Term Loan B5, 3.50%, due 5/27/22	207,604
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583,538	Calpine Corp., First Lien Term Loan B6, 4.00%, due 1/15/23	583,176
308,414	Dynegy Holdings Inc., First Lien Term Loan B2, 4.00%, due 4/23/20	307,128
<b>Total Bank Loan Obligations (Cost \$28,499,738)</b>		<b>1,097,908</b>
		<b>28,603,898</b>

**Corporate Debt Securities (134.8%)**

**Advertising (2.2%)**

1,485,000	Clear Channel Worldwide Holdings, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, Ser. B, 7.63%, due 3/15/20	1,376,417
495,000	Clear Channel Worldwide Holdings, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, Ser. A, 6.50%, due 11/15/22	480,150
1,150,000	Clear Channel Worldwide Holdings, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, Ser. B, 6.50%, due 11/15/22	1,155,750
175,000	Lamar Media Corp., Guaranteed Notes, 5.75%, due 2/1/26	185,062
2,100,000	Nielsen Finance LLC, Guaranteed Notes, 5.00%, due 4/15/22	2,142,000
		<b>5,339,379</b>

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## Schedule of Investments High Yield Strategies Fund Inc.

(Unaudited) (cont'd)

PRINCIPAL AMOUNT		VALUE†
<b>Aerospace &amp; Defense (0.4%)</b>		
\$ 715,000	Bombardier, Inc., Senior Unsecured Notes, 6.00%, due 10/15/22	\$ 608,108 <sub>n</sub>
180,000	TransDigm, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 7.50%, due 7/15/21	188,190
180,000	TransDigm, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 6.00%, due 7/15/22	182,196
		<b>978,494</b>
<b>Auto Parts &amp; Equipment (0.7%)</b>		
320,000	Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., Guaranteed Notes, 6.50%, due 3/1/21	337,000
1,360,000	ZF N.A. Capital, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 4.00%, due 4/29/20	1,414,400 <sub>n</sub>
		<b>1,751,400</b>
<b>Banking (5.0%)</b>		
270,000	Ally Financial, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 5.50%, due 2/15/17	275,738
1,125,000	Ally Financial, Inc., Senior Unsecured Notes, 3.60%, due 5/21/18	1,130,625
2,915,000	Ally Financial, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 8.00%, due 3/15/20	3,304,881 <sub>00</sub>
1,018,000	Ally Financial, Inc., Senior Unsecured Notes, 8.00%, due 11/1/31	1,226,690
3,655,000	CIT Group, Inc., Senior Unsecured Notes, 5.00%, due 5/15/17	3,730,384
1,830,000	CIT Group, Inc., Senior Unsecured Notes, 6.63%, due 4/1/18	1,928,363 <sub>n</sub>
525,000	CIT Group, Inc., Senior Unsecured Notes, 5.00%, due 8/15/22	549,938
		<b>12,146,619</b>
<b>Beverage (0.6%)</b>		
1,065,000	Constellation Brands, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 4.25%, due 5/1/23	1,112,925
345,000	Constellation Brands, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 4.75%, due 11/15/24	365,700
		<b>1,478,625</b>
<b>Building &amp; Construction (3.2%)</b>		
490,000	CalAtlantic Group, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 8.38%, due 1/15/21	579,734
570,000	CalAtlantic Group, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 5.38%, due 10/1/22	587,214
1,775,000	D.R. Horton, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 5.75%, due 8/15/23	1,943,625
1,970,000	Lennar Corp., Guaranteed Notes, 4.75%, due 11/15/22	1,999,550
180,000	Meritage Homes Corp., Guaranteed Notes, 6.00%, due 6/1/25	183,600
480,000	Pulte Homes, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 6.00%, due 2/15/35	465,600
210,000	PulteGroup, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 4.25%, due 3/1/21	213,675
1,085,000	Taylor Morrison Communities, Inc./Monarch Communities, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 5.25%, due 4/15/21	1,082,287 <sub>n</sub>
305,000	Taylor Morrison Communities, Inc./Monarch Communities, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 5.63%, due 3/1/24	297,375 <sub>n</sub>
195,000	Toll Brothers Finance Corp., Guaranteed Notes, 4.00%, due 12/31/18	201,825
130,000	Toll Brothers Finance Corp., Guaranteed Notes, 4.38%, due 4/15/23	130,000



		<b>7,684,485</b>
<b>Building Materials (2.3%)</b>		
250,000	Allegion PLC, Guaranteed Notes, 5.88%, due 9/15/23	265,000
1,325,000	HD Supply, Inc., Senior Secured Notes, 5.25%, due 12/15/21	1,391,250 <sub>n</sub>
435,000	HD Supply, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 5.75%, due 4/15/24	456,206 <sub>n</sub>
545,000	Masco Corp., Senior Unsecured Notes, 5.95%, due 3/15/22	611,081
400,000	USG Corp., Senior Unsecured Notes, 6.30%, due 11/15/16	411,200
1,990,000	USG Corp., Senior Unsecured Notes, 9.75%, due 1/15/18	2,233,775 <sub>a</sub>
320,000	USG Corp., Guaranteed Notes, 5.50%, due 3/1/25	338,800 <sub>n</sub>
		<b>5,707,312</b>

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Schedule of Investments High Yield Strategies Fund Inc.  
(Unaudited) (cont'd)

**PRINCIPAL AMOUNT****VALUE†****Cable & Satellite Television (10.5%)**

\$ 2,000,000	Altice Luxembourg SA, Guaranteed Notes, 7.75%, due 5/15/22	\$ 1,995,000
235,000	Altice Luxembourg SA, Guaranteed Notes, 7.63%, due 2/15/25	227,069
1,080,000	Altice US Finance I Corp., Senior Secured Notes, 5.50%, due 5/15/26	1,090,800
500,000	CCO Holdings LLC/CCO Holdings Capital Corp., Guaranteed Notes, 6.63%, due 1/31/22	531,250
705,000	CCO Holdings LLC/CCO Holdings Capital Corp., Guaranteed Notes, 5.25%, due 9/30/22	727,912
215,000	CCO Holdings LLC/CCO Holdings Capital Corp., Guaranteed Notes, 5.13%, due 5/1/23	219,300
590,000	CCO Holdings LLC/CCO Holdings Capital Corp., Guaranteed Notes, 5.38%, due 5/1/25	604,013
30,000	CCO Holdings LLC/CCO Holdings Capital Corp., Guaranteed Notes, 5.50%, due 5/1/26	30,600
2,060,000	CCO Holdings LLC/CCO Holdings Capital Corp., Guaranteed Notes, 5.88%, due 5/1/27	2,111,500
310,000	CCOH Safari LLC, Senior Unsecured Notes, 5.75%, due 2/15/26	320,075
1,202,000	Cequel Communications Holdings I LLC/Cequel Capital Corp., Senior Unsecured Notes, 6.38%, due 9/15/20	1,233,552
1,389,000	Cequel Communications Holdings I LLC/Cequel Capital Corp., Senior Unsecured Notes, 5.13%, due 12/15/21	1,309,132
615,000	CSC Holdings LLC, Senior Unsecured Notes, 7.63%, due 7/15/18	665,737
1,145,000	DISH DBS Corp., Guaranteed Notes, 6.75%, due 6/1/21	1,179,590
2,135,000	DISH DBS Corp., Guaranteed Notes, 5.88%, due 11/15/24	2,004,231
1,960,000	Neptune Finco Corp., Senior Unsecured Notes, 10.88%, due 10/15/25	2,180,500
345,000	Numericable-SFR SA, Senior Secured Notes, 4.88%, due 5/15/19	357,869
2,410,000	Numericable-SFR SA, Senior Secured Notes, 6.00%, due 5/15/22	2,413,133
510,000	Numericable-SFR SA, Senior Secured Notes, 6.25%, due 5/15/24	493,425
1,165,000	Numericable-SFR SA, Senior Secured Notes, 7.38%, due 5/1/26	1,182,475
255,000	Unitymedia Hessen GmbH & Co. KG/Unitymedia NRW GmbH, Senior Secured Notes, 5.00%, due 1/15/25	256,275
355,000	UPCB Finance IV Ltd., Senior Secured Notes, 5.38%, due 1/15/25	361,213
1,340,000	Virgin Media Finance PLC, Guaranteed Notes, 6.00%, due 10/15/24	1,366,800
616,500	Virgin Media Secured Finance PLC, Senior Secured Notes, 5.38%, due 4/15/21	644,243
530,000	Virgin Media Secured Finance PLC, Senior Secured Notes, 5.50%, due 8/15/26	533,975
1,360,000	WideOpenWest Finance LLC/WideOpenWest Capital Corp., Guaranteed Notes, 10.25%, due 7/15/19	1,363,400
		<b>25,403,069</b>

**Chemicals (1.8%)**

305,000	Huntsman Int'l LLC, Guaranteed Notes, 4.88%, due 11/15/20	307,287
775,000	Momentive Performance Materials, Inc., Senior Secured Notes, 8.88%, due 10/15/20	78
775,000	Momentive Performance Materials, Inc., Senior Secured Notes, 3.88%, due 10/24/21	592,875
1,100,000	NOVA Chemicals Corp., Senior Unsecured Notes, 5.00%, due 5/1/25	1,078,000
2,190,000	PQ Corp., Secured Notes, 8.75%, due 11/1/18	2,280,337
		<b>4,258,577</b>

**Consumer - Commercial Lease Financing (5.9%)**

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1,790,000	AerCap Ireland Capital Ltd./AerCap Global Aviation Trust, Guaranteed Notes, 2.75%, due 5/15/17	1,790,000
1,150,000	AerCap Ireland Capital Ltd./AerCap Global Aviation Trust, Guaranteed Notes, 4.50%, due 5/15/21	1,187,375
705,000	Aircastle Ltd., Senior Unsecured Notes, 6.25%, due 12/1/19	773,737
740,000	Aircastle Ltd., Senior Unsecured Notes, 5.13%, due 3/15/21	782,550
340,000	Aircastle Ltd., Senior Unsecured Notes, 5.50%, due 2/15/22	361,675
430,000	Aircastle Ltd., Senior Unsecured Notes, 5.00%, due 4/1/23	437,809
1,910,000	Int'l Lease Finance Corp., Senior Unsecured Notes, 8.88%, due 9/1/17	2,058,025
295,000	Int'l Lease Finance Corp., Senior Unsecured Notes, 6.25%, due 5/15/19	320,075
1,340,000	Int'l Lease Finance Corp., Senior Unsecured Notes, 8.63%, due 1/15/22	1,621,400
155,000	Int'l Lease Finance Corp., Senior Unsecured Notes, 5.88%, due 8/15/22	170,113
631,000	Navient Corp., Senior Unsecured Medium-Term Notes, 6.13%, due 3/25/24	565,060
345,000	Navient Corp., Senior Unsecured Medium-Term Notes, 5.50%, due 1/15/19	341,550

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## PRINCIPAL AMOUNT

VALUE†

\$ 3,215,000	Navient Corp., Senior Unsecured Medium-Term Notes, 4.88%, due 6/17/19	\$ 3,079,970
885,000	Navient Corp., Senior Unsecured Notes, 5.88%, due 3/25/21	845,175
		<b>14,334,514</b>

## Department Stores (0.1%)

205,000	Neiman Marcus Group Ltd. LLC, Guaranteed Notes, 8.00%, due 10/15/21	178,350 <sub>n</sub>
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## Discount Stores (0.5%)

1,135,000	Dollar Tree, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 5.75%, due 3/1/23	1,210,194 <sub>n</sub>
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## Electric - Generation (3.5%)

655,000	Calpine Corp., Senior Secured Notes, 6.00%, due 1/15/22	691,844 <sub>n</sub>
1,390,000	Calpine Corp., Senior Unsecured Notes, 5.38%, due 1/15/23	1,402,162
475,000	Dynegy, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 6.75%, due 11/1/19	480,938
390,000	Dynegy, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 5.88%, due 6/1/23	352,950
300,000	Dynegy, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 7.63%, due 11/1/24	293,250
230,000	NRG Energy, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 8.25%, due 9/1/20	238,050
2,600,000	NRG Energy, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 7.88%, due 5/15/21	2,702,960
1,715,000	NRG Energy, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 6.25%, due 7/15/22	1,681,249
580,000	NRG Energy, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 6.63%, due 3/15/23	569,850
		<b>8,413,253</b>

## Electric - Integrated (1.5%)

2,120,000	RJS Power Holdings LLC, Senior Unsecured Notes, 4.63%, due 7/15/19	1,971,600 <sub>n</sub>
1,405,000	Talen Energy Supply LLC, Senior Unsecured Notes, 4.60%, due 12/15/21	1,095,900
585,000	Talen Energy Supply LLC, Senior Unsecured Notes, 6.50%, due 6/1/25	519,234
		<b>3,586,734</b>

## Electronics (2.1%)

1,130,000	Amkor Technology, Inc., Senior Unsecured Notes, 6.38%, due 10/1/22	1,076,325
220,000	Flextronics Int'l Ltd., Guaranteed Notes, 4.63%, due 2/15/20	229,651
865,000	Flextronics Int'l Ltd., Guaranteed Notes, 5.00%, due 2/15/23	888,788
1,575,000	Freescale Semiconductor, Inc., Senior Secured Notes, 6.00%, due 1/15/22	1,669,500 <sub>n</sub>
270,000	Micron Technology, Inc., Senior Unsecured Notes, 5.25%, due 8/1/23	218,163 <sub>n</sub>
270,000	Micron Technology, Inc., Senior Unsecured Notes, 5.25%, due 1/15/24	216,675 <sub>n</sub>
420,000	Sensata Technologies UK Financing Co. PLC, Guaranteed Notes, 6.25%, due 2/15/26	444,150 <sub>n</sub>
390,000	Zebra Technologies Corp., Senior Unsecured Notes, 7.25%, due 10/15/22	422,214
		<b>5,165,466</b>

**Energy - Exploration & Production (9.8%)**

355,000	Antero Resources Corp., Guaranteed Notes, 5.38%, due 11/1/21	343,463
1,040,000	Antero Resources Corp., Guaranteed Notes, 5.13%, due 12/1/22	998,400
970,000	Antero Resources Corp., Guaranteed Notes, 5.63%, due 6/1/23	940,900
400,000	Chesapeake Energy Corp., Guaranteed Notes, 6.50%, due 8/15/17	342,000
290,000	Chesapeake Energy Corp., Guaranteed Notes, 6.63%, due 8/15/20	177,625
290,000	Chesapeake Energy Corp., Guaranteed Notes, 6.88%, due 11/15/20	176,900
710,000	Chesapeake Energy Corp., Guaranteed Notes, 6.13%, due 2/15/21	420,675
1,055,000	Chesapeake Energy Corp., Guaranteed Notes, 5.38%, due 6/15/21	601,350
262,000	Chesapeake Energy Corp., Secured Notes, 8.00%, due 12/15/22	178,160 <sup>n</sup>
595,000	Chesapeake Energy Corp., Guaranteed Notes, 5.75%, due 3/15/23	333,200
1,545,000	Concho Resources, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 5.50%, due 4/1/23	1,552,725
920,000	Continental Resources, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 4.50%, due 4/15/23	821,680
590,000	Continental Resources, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 3.80%, due 6/1/24	502,975

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**PRINCIPAL AMOUNT**
**VALUE†**

\$ 775,000	Encana Corp., Senior Unsecured Notes, 3.90%, due 11/15/21	\$ 709,125
1,240,000	Encana Corp., Senior Unsecured Notes, 6.50%, due 8/15/34	1,143,218
430,000	Encana Corp., Senior Unsecured Notes, 6.63%, due 8/15/37	391,300
500,000	Encana Corp., Senior Unsecured Notes, 6.50%, due 2/1/38	447,500
1,701,000	EP Energy LLC/Everest Acquisition Finance, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 9.38%, due 5/1/20	1,108,848
2,125,000	EP Energy LLC/Everest Acquisition Finance, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 6.38%, due 6/15/23	1,184,687
1,430,000	Newfield Exploration Co., Senior Unsecured Notes, 5.75%, due 1/30/22	1,453,237
195,000	Newfield Exploration Co., Senior Unsecured Notes, 5.63%, due 7/1/24	198,108
960,000	Newfield Exploration Co., Senior Unsecured Notes, 5.38%, due 1/1/26	950,400
830,000	Oasis Petroleum, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 6.50%, due 11/1/21	759,450
900,000	Oasis Petroleum, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 6.88%, due 3/15/22	803,250
1,105,000	Range Resources Corp., Guaranteed Notes, 5.00%, due 8/15/22	1,031,794
2,610,000	Range Resources Corp., Guaranteed Notes, 5.00%, due 3/15/23	2,407,725
685,000	Range Resources Corp., Guaranteed Notes, 4.88%, due 5/15/25	634,481
295,000	SM Energy Co., Senior Unsecured Notes, 6.50%, due 11/15/21	274,350
195,000	SM Energy Co., Senior Unsecured Notes, 6.13%, due 11/15/22	176,475
155,000	SM Energy Co., Senior Unsecured Notes, 6.50%, due 1/1/23	141,825
430,000	SM Energy Co., Senior Unsecured Notes, 5.00%, due 1/15/24	359,050
1,055,000	Whiting Petroleum Corp., Guaranteed Notes, 5.00%, due 3/15/19	925,762
115,000	Whiting Petroleum Corp., Guaranteed Notes, 5.75%, due 3/15/21	95,738
1,440,000	Whiting Petroleum Corp., Guaranteed Notes, 6.25%, due 4/1/23	1,198,800
		<b>23,785,176</b>

**Food & Drug Retailers (1.1%)**

750,000	Rite Aid Corp., Guaranteed Notes, 9.25%, due 3/15/20	795,150
570,000	Rite Aid Corp., Guaranteed Notes, 6.75%, due 6/15/21	601,350
1,285,000	Rite Aid Corp., Guaranteed Notes, 6.13%, due 4/1/23	1,375,753 <sub>ñ</sub>
		<b>2,772,253</b>

**Food - Wholesale (1.3%)**

2,265,000	Post Holdings, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 6.00%, due 12/15/22	2,325,872 <sub>ñ</sub>
530,000	Post Holdings, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 7.75%, due 3/15/24	576,375 <sub>ñ</sub>
330,000	Post Holdings, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 8.00%, due 7/15/25	365,062 <sub>ñ</sub>
		<b>3,267,309</b>

**Food Service (0.2%)**

540,000	Manitowoc Foodservice, Inc., Senior Unsecured Notes, 9.50%, due 2/15/24	596,700 <sub>ñ</sub>
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**Gaming (6.9%)**

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520,000	Boyd Gaming Corp., Guaranteed Notes, 6.38%, due 4/1/26	531,700 <sub>n</sub>
1,710,000	GLP Capital L.P./GLP Financing II, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 4.88%, due 11/1/20	1,804,050 <sub>00</sub>
485,000	GLP Capital L.P./GLP Financing II, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 5.38%, due 11/1/23	505,006
1,705,000	Int'l Game Technology PLC, Senior Secured Notes, 6.50%, due 2/15/25	1,722,050 <sub>n</sub>
740,000	Isle of Capri Casinos, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 8.88%, due 6/15/20	777,925
1,225,000	Isle of Capri Casinos, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 5.88%, due 3/15/21	1,272,469
700,000	MGM Resorts Int'l, Guaranteed Notes, 8.63%, due 2/1/19	796,250
425,000	MGP Escrow Issuer LLC/MGP Escrow Co-Issuer, Inc., Senior Unsecured Notes, 5.63%, due 5/1/24	442,266 <sub>n</sub>
597,000	Mohegan Tribal Gaming Authority, Guaranteed Notes, 11.00%, due 9/15/18	598,493 <sub>n</sub>
2,930,000	Mohegan Tribal Gaming Authority, Guaranteed Notes, 9.75%, due 9/1/21	3,065,512
955,000	Scientific Games Int'l, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 6.25%, due 9/1/20	613,587
890,000	Scientific Games Int'l, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 6.63%, due 5/15/21	562,925
3,970,000	Scientific Games Int'l, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 10.00%, due 12/1/22	3,281,205
860,000	Station Casinos LLC, Guaranteed Notes, 7.50%, due 3/1/21	911,280
		<b>16,884,718</b>

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## PRINCIPAL AMOUNT

## VALUE

**Gas Distribution (10.2%)**

\$ 317,000	AmeriGas Finance LLC, Guaranteed Notes, 7.00%, due 5/20/22	\$ 334,83
605,000	Crestwood Midstream Partners L.P./Crestwood Midstream Finance Corp., Guaranteed Notes, 6.00%, due 12/15/20	573,23
1,280,000	Crestwood Midstream Partners L.P./Crestwood Midstream Finance Corp., Guaranteed Notes, 6.25%, due 4/1/23	1,168,00
240,000	DCP Midstream LLC, Senior Unsecured Notes, 5.35%, due 3/15/20	228,00
300,000	DCP Midstream LLC, Senior Unsecured Notes, 4.75%, due 9/30/21	273,00
270,000	DCP Midstream LLC, Senior Unsecured Notes, 8.13%, due 8/16/30	259,87
450,000	DCP Midstream Operating L.P., Guaranteed Notes, 2.50%, due 12/1/17	435,37
570,000	DCP Midstream Operating L.P., Guaranteed Notes, 5.60%, due 4/1/44	458,83
960,000	Energy Transfer Equity L.P., Senior Secured Notes, 7.50%, due 10/15/20	967,20
1,140,000	Energy Transfer Equity L.P., Senior Secured Notes, 5.88%, due 1/15/24	1,065,90
265,000	Energy Transfer Partners L.P., Senior Unsecured Notes, 5.20%, due 2/1/22	265,78
70,000	Ferrellgas L.P./Ferrellgas Finance Corp., Senior Unsecured Notes, 6.50%, due 5/1/21	66,67
1,935,000	Ferrellgas L.P./Ferrellgas Finance Corp., Senior Unsecured Notes, 6.75%, due 1/15/22	1,852,76
1,888,000	MPLX L.P., Guaranteed Notes, 4.50%, due 7/15/23	1,832,14
1,305,000	MPLX L.P., Guaranteed Notes, 4.88%, due 12/1/24	1,271,32
110,000	Regency Energy Partners L.P./Regency Energy Finance Corp., Guaranteed Notes, 5.88%, due 3/1/22	112,39
95,000	Regency Energy Partners L.P./Regency Energy Finance Corp., Guaranteed Notes, 5.00%, due 10/1/22	93,17
610,000	Regency Energy Partners L.P./Regency Energy Finance Corp., Guaranteed Notes, 5.50%, due 4/15/23	576,43
305,000	Rockies Express Pipeline LLC, Senior Unsecured Notes, 6.00%, due 1/15/19	311,10
745,000	Rockies Express Pipeline LLC, Senior Unsecured Notes, 5.63%, due 4/15/20	739,41
495,000	Rockies Express Pipeline LLC, Senior Unsecured Notes, 7.50%, due 7/15/38	443,02
895,000	Rockies Express Pipeline LLC, Senior Unsecured Notes, 6.88%, due 4/15/40	787,60
850,000	Rose Rock Midstream L.P./Rose Rock Finance Corp., Guaranteed Notes, 5.63%, due 11/15/23	663,00
175,000	Sabine Pass Liquefaction LLC, Senior Secured Notes, 5.63%, due 2/1/21	173,90
1,080,000	Sabine Pass Liquefaction LLC, Senior Secured Notes, 5.63%, due 4/15/23	1,055,70
965,000	Sabine Pass Liquefaction LLC, Senior Secured Notes, 5.75%, due 5/15/24	933,63
3,400,000	Sabine Pass Liquefaction LLC, Senior Secured Notes, 5.63%, due 3/1/25	3,315,00
427,000	Suburban Propane Partners L.P./Suburban Energy Finance Corp., Senior Unsecured Notes, 7.38%, due 8/1/21	439,81
210,000	Suburban Propane Partners L.P./Suburban Energy Finance Corp., Senior Unsecured Notes, 5.75%, due 3/1/25	206,85
765,000	Targa Resources Partners L.P./Targa Resources Partners Finance Corp., Guaranteed Notes, 4.13%, due 11/15/19	742,05

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345,000	Targa Resources Partners L.P./Targa Resources Partners Finance Corp., Guaranteed Notes, 5.25%, due 5/1/23	331,20
300,000	Targa Resources Partners L.P./Targa Resources Partners Finance Corp., Guaranteed Notes, 4.25%, due 11/15/23	276,56
600,000	Tesoro Logistics L.P./Tesoro Logistics Finance Corp., Guaranteed Notes, 5.50%, due 10/15/19	612,00
1,000,000	Tesoro Logistics L.P./Tesoro Logistics Finance Corp., Guaranteed Notes, 6.25%, due 10/15/22	1,025,00
900,000	Williams Partners L.P./ACMP Finance Corp., Senior Unsecured Notes, 6.13%, due 7/15/22	894,96
		<b>24,785,79</b>
<b>Health Facilities (8.9%)</b>		
580,000	Amsurg Corp., Guaranteed Notes, 5.63%, due 7/15/22	595,22
605,000	CHS/Community Health Systems, Inc., Senior Secured Notes, 5.13%, due 8/1/21	606,76
1,500,000	Columbia Healthcare Corp., Guaranteed Notes, 7.50%, due 12/15/23	1,582,50
610,000	DaVita HealthCare Partners, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 5.13%, due 7/15/24	620,80
1,075,000	DaVita HealthCare Partners, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 5.00%, due 5/1/25	1,075,00
545,000	DaVita, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 5.75%, due 8/15/22	570,88
125,000	HCA, Inc., Senior Secured Notes, 5.88%, due 3/15/22	136,56
210,000	HCA, Inc., Senior Secured Notes, 4.75%, due 5/1/23	215,25

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## PRINCIPAL AMOUNT

VALUE†

\$ 315,000	HCA, Inc., Senior Secured Notes, 5.00%, due 3/15/24	\$ 326,025
490,000	HCA, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 5.38%, due 2/1/25	501,025
1,500,000	HCA, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 7.69%, due 6/15/25	1,605,000
755,000	HCA, Inc., Senior Secured Notes, 5.25%, due 6/15/26	784,256
1,160,000	HCA, Inc., Guaranteed Unsecured Notes, 7.05%, due 12/1/27	1,183,200
2,750,000	IASIS Healthcare LLC/IASIS Capital Corp., Guaranteed Notes, 8.38%, due 5/15/19	2,626,250
520,000	LifePoint Health, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 5.88%, due 12/1/23	542,100
540,000	MPT Operating Partnership L.P./MPT Finance Corp., Guaranteed Notes, 6.38%, due 3/1/24	575,100
1,630,000	MPT Operating Partnership L.P./MPT Finance Corp., Guaranteed Notes, 5.50%, due 5/1/24	1,646,300
1,000,000	OMEGA Healthcare Investors, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 5.88%, due 3/15/24	1,040,222
735,000	Sabra Health Care L.P./Sabra Capital Corp., Guaranteed Notes, 5.50%, due 2/1/21	742,350
870,000	Team Health, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 7.25%, due 12/15/23	923,831
910,000	Tenet Healthcare Corp., Senior Secured Notes, 6.25%, due 11/1/18	973,700
625,000	Tenet Healthcare Corp., Senior Secured Notes, 6.00%, due 10/1/20	662,500
1,240,000	Tenet Healthcare Corp., Senior Unsecured Notes, 8.13%, due 4/1/22	1,286,500
450,000	Tenet Healthcare Corp., Senior Unsecured Notes, 6.88%, due 11/15/31	369,000
380,000	Universal Health Services, Inc., Senior Secured Notes, 3.75%, due 8/1/19	389,500
		<b>21,579,854</b>

## Health Services (0.7%)

435,000	Envision Healthcare Corp., Guaranteed Notes, 5.13%, due 7/1/22	440,438
1,290,000	Service Corp. Int'l, Senior Unsecured Notes, 5.38%, due 5/15/24	1,373,050
		<b>1,813,488</b>

## Hotels (0.2%)

515,000	Hilton Worldwide Finance LLC/Hilton Worldwide Finance Corp., Guaranteed Notes, 5.63%, due 10/15/21	<b>536,398</b>
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## Investments &amp; Misc. Financial Services (0.7%)

2,685,000	Walter Investment Management Corp., Guaranteed Notes, 7.88%, due 12/15/21	<b>1,778,813</b>
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## Machinery (1.5%)

2,235,000	Case New Holland Industrial, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 7.88%, due 12/1/17	2,380,275
245,000	Terex Corp., Guaranteed Notes, 6.50%, due 4/1/20	245,122
1,105,000	Terex Corp., Guaranteed Notes, 6.00%, due 5/15/21	1,093,950
		<b>3,719,347</b>

## Media - Diversified (0.3%)

585,000	Liberty Media Corp., Senior Unsecured Notes, 8.50%, due 7/15/29	<b>609,863</b>
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**Media Content (3.8%)**

1,829,000	Activision Blizzard, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 5.63%, due 9/15/21	1,925,023
452,000	iHeartCommunications, Inc., Senior Unsecured Notes, 6.88%, due 6/15/18	266,680
1,272,000	iHeartCommunications, Inc., Senior Secured Notes, 11.25%, due 3/1/21	906,300
1,665,000	iHeartCommunications, Inc., Senior Unsecured Notes, 7.25%, due 10/15/27	732,600
410,000	Netflix, Inc., Senior Unsecured Notes, 5.50%, due 2/15/22	428,450
515,000	Sirius XM Radio, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 4.25%, due 5/15/20	524,656
860,000	Sirius XM Radio, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 5.88%, due 10/1/20	892,250
235,000	TEGNA, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 7.13%, due 9/1/18	238,819
480,000	TEGNA, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 5.13%, due 10/15/19	496,800
865,000	TEGNA, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 5.13%, due 7/15/20	900,681
165,000	TEGNA, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 4.88%, due 9/15/21	168,300
1,680,000	Univision Communications, Inc., Senior Secured Notes, 5.13%, due 5/15/23	1,694,700
		<b>9,175,259</b>

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**PRINCIPAL AMOUNT****VALUE†****Medical Products (2.6%)**

\$ 2,285,000	DJO Finco, Inc./DJO Finance LLC/DJO Finance Corp., Secured Notes, 8.13%, due 6/15/21	\$ 1,999,375 <sub>n</sub>
240,000	Fresenius Medical Care US Finance II, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 6.50%, due 9/15/18	263,688 <sub>n</sub>
485,000	Fresenius Medical Care US Finance II, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 5.63%, due 7/31/19	528,044 <sub>n</sub>
1,480,000	Fresenius Medical Care US Finance II, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 4.13%, due 10/15/20	1,531,800 <sub>n</sub>
590,000	Fresenius Medical Care US Finance II, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 5.88%, due 1/31/22	649,000 <sub>n</sub>
850,000	Fresenius Medical Care US Finance II, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 4.75%, due 10/15/24	881,875 <sub>n</sub>
495,000	Hologic, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 5.25%, due 7/15/22	518,512 <sub>n</sub>
		<b>6,372,294</b>

**Metals - Mining Excluding Steel (3.5%)**

435,000	Alcoa, Inc., Senior Unsecured Notes, 5.13%, due 10/1/24	423,581
470,000	Anglo American Capital PLC, Guaranteed Notes, 4.45%, due 9/27/20	444,150 <sub>n</sub>
110,000	Anglo American Capital PLC, Guaranteed Notes, 4.13%, due 4/15/21	101,302 <sub>n</sub>
380,000	Anglo American Capital PLC, Guaranteed Notes, 4.13%, due 9/27/22	343,900 <sub>n</sub>
945,000	Freeport-McMoRan, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 3.10%, due 3/15/20	848,138
890,000	Freeport-McMoRan, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 4.00%, due 11/14/21	787,650
450,000	Freeport-McMoRan, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 3.55%, due 3/1/22	375,750
1,130,000	Freeport-McMoRan, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 3.88%, due 3/15/23	943,550
710,000	Freeport-McMoRan, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 4.55%, due 11/14/24	597,288
1,330,000	Freeport-McMoRan, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 5.40%, due 11/14/34	1,017,450
495,000	Teck Resources Ltd., Guaranteed Notes, 4.75%, due 1/15/22	410,850
200,000	Teck Resources Ltd., Guaranteed Notes, 3.75%, due 2/1/23	154,000
1,845,000	Teck Resources Ltd., Guaranteed Notes, 6.00%, due 8/15/40	1,351,462
795,000	Teck Resources Ltd., Guaranteed Notes, 6.25%, due 7/15/41	587,100
		<b>8,386,171</b>

**Packaging (3.0%)**

520,000	Ardagh Packaging Finance PLC/Ardagh MP Holdings USA, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 7.25%, due 5/15/24	520,000 <sub>n</sub>
610,000	Ball Corp., Guaranteed Notes, 4.38%, due 12/15/20	634,400
1,220,000	Berry Plastics Corp., Secured Notes, 5.13%, due 7/15/23	1,232,200
30,000	BWAY Holding Co., Senior Unsecured Notes, 9.13%, due 8/15/21	28,725 <sub>n</sub>
635,000	Owens-Brockway Glass Container, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 5.00%, due 1/15/22	654,050 <sub>n</sub>
730,000	Reynolds Group Issuer, Inc., Senior Secured Notes, 7.13%, due 4/15/19	743,688
1,089,000	Reynolds Group Issuer, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 9.88%, due 8/15/19	1,125,754
535,000	Reynolds Group Issuer, Inc., Senior Secured Notes, 5.75%, due 10/15/20	555,731
905,000	Reynolds Group Issuer, Inc., Senior Secured Notes, 6.88%, due 2/15/21	940,069
830,000	Sealed Air Corp., Senior Unsecured Notes, 5.50%, due 9/15/25	880,837 <sub>n</sub>
		<b>7,315,454</b>

**Personal & Household Products (1.4%)**

440,000	Energizer Holdings, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 4.70%, due 5/19/21	459,437
1,135,000	Energizer Holdings, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 4.70%, due 5/24/22	1,186,075
500,000	NBTY, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 9.00%, due 10/1/18	511,045
1,025,000	NBTY, Inc., Senior Unsecured Notes, 7.63%, due 5/15/21	1,048,062
210,000	Prestige Brands, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 6.38%, due 3/1/24	220,500
		<b>3,425,119</b>

**Pharmaceuticals (5.9%)**

2,715,000	Endo Finance LLC & Endo Finco, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 5.88%, due 1/15/23	2,599,612
845,000	Endo Ltd./Endo Finance LLC/Endo Finco, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 6.00%, due 7/15/23	821,763
265,000	Endo Ltd./Endo Finance LLC/Endo Finco, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 6.00%, due 2/1/25	253,075
900,000	Jaguar Holding Co. II/Pharmaceutical Product Development LLC, Guaranteed Notes, 6.38%, due 8/1/23	935,100

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Schedule of Investments High Yield Strategies Fund Inc.  
(Unaudited) (cont'd)

**PRINCIPAL AMOUNT****VALUE**

\$ 360,000	Mallinckrodt Int'l Finance SA/Mallinckrodt CB LLC, Guaranteed Notes, 4.88%, due 4/15/20	\$ 343,800
360,000	Mallinckrodt Int'l Finance SA/Mallinckrodt CB LLC, Guaranteed Notes, 5.63%, due 10/15/23	336,600
1,135,000	Mallinckrodt Int'l Finance SA/Mallinckrodt CB LLC, Guaranteed Notes, 5.50%, due 4/15/25	1,021,500
515,000	Valeant Pharmaceuticals Int'l, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 6.75%, due 8/15/18	497,619
250,000	Valeant Pharmaceuticals Int'l, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 5.38%, due 3/15/20	221,400
240,000	Valeant Pharmaceuticals Int'l, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 5.63%, due 12/1/21	203,400
1,335,000	Valeant Pharmaceuticals Int'l, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 5.50%, due 3/1/23	1,134,750
4,795,000	Valeant Pharmaceuticals Int'l, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 5.88%, due 5/15/23	4,030,790
695,000	Valeant Pharmaceuticals Int'l, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 6.13%, due 4/15/25	576,850
1,460,000	VPI Escrow Corp., Guaranteed Notes, 6.38%, due 10/15/20	1,323,120
		<b>14,299,390</b>

**Printing & Publishing (3.4%)**

2,610,000	R.R. Donnelley & Sons Co., Senior Unsecured Notes, 8.25%, due 3/15/19	2,773,120
1,950,000	R.R. Donnelley & Sons Co., Senior Unsecured Notes, 7.63%, due 6/15/20	2,013,370
950,000	R.R. Donnelley & Sons Co., Senior Unsecured Notes, 7.88%, due 3/15/21	983,250
715,000	R.R. Donnelley & Sons Co., Senior Unsecured Notes, 7.00%, due 2/15/22	698,910
605,000	R.R. Donnelley & Sons Co., Senior Unsecured Notes, 6.50%, due 11/15/23	565,670
1,235,000	R.R. Donnelley & Sons Co., Senior Unsecured Notes, 6.00%, due 4/1/24	1,111,500
		<b>8,145,830</b>

**Real Estate Investment Trusts (0.3%)**

660,000	ESH Hospitality, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 5.25%, due 5/1/25	<b>650,920</b>
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**Recreation & Travel (1.1%)**

535,000	Cedar Fair L.P./Canada's Wonderland Co./Magnum Management Corp., Guaranteed Notes, 5.25%, due 3/15/21	557,740
715,000	NCL Corp. Ltd., Senior Unsecured Notes, 5.25%, due 11/15/19	734,660
55,000	NCL Corp. Ltd., Senior Unsecured Notes, 4.63%, due 11/15/20	55,890
550,000	Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd., Senior Unsecured Notes, 5.25%, due 11/15/22	589,180
600,000	Six Flags Entertainment Corp., Guaranteed Notes, 5.25%, due 1/15/21	621,000
		<b>2,558,490</b>

**Restaurants (0.2%)**

500,000	1011778 BC ULC/New Red Finance, Inc., Senior Secured Notes, 4.63%, due 1/15/22	<b>512,500</b>
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**Software - Services (3.5%)**

915,000	First Data Corp., Guaranteed Notes, 7.00%, due 12/1/23	940,160
425,000	First Data Corp., Senior Secured Notes, 5.00%, due 1/15/24	429,250
1,587,000	Infor Software Parent LLC/Infor Software Parent, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 7.13% Cash/7.88% PIK, due 5/1/21	1,337,040
2,085,000	Infor US, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 6.50%, due 5/15/22	1,924,470

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815,000	MSCI, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 5.25%, due 11/15/24	851,673
1,065,000	MSCI, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 5.75%, due 8/15/25	1,135,550
1,070,000	Nuance Communications, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 5.38%, due 8/15/20	1,094,073
1,765,000	Syniverse Holdings, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 9.13%, due 1/15/19	873,673
		<b>8,585,913</b>
<b>Specialty Retail (2.2%)</b>		
2,200,000	Argos Merger Sub, Inc., Senior Unsecured Notes, 7.13%, due 3/15/23	2,249,500
1,580,000	L Brands, Inc., Senior Unsecured Notes, 5.63%, due 10/15/23	1,741,950
595,000	QVC, Inc., Senior Secured Notes, 5.13%, due 7/2/22	629,073
685,000	QVC, Inc., Senior Secured Notes, 5.45%, due 8/15/34	610,860
		<b>5,231,383</b>

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Schedule of Investments High Yield Strategies Fund Inc.  
(Unaudited) (cont'd)

**PRINCIPAL AMOUNT****VALUE†****Steel Producers - Products (1.2%)**

\$ 3,150,000	ArcelorMittal, Senior Unsecured Notes, 8.00%, due 10/15/39	\$ 2,929,500 <sub>a</sub>
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**Support - Services (5.3%)**

1,765,000	Acosta, Inc., Senior Unsecured Notes, 7.75%, due 10/1/22	1,641,450 <sub>n</sub>
260,000	ADT Corp., Senior Unsecured Notes, 2.25%, due 7/15/17	262,600
800,000	ADT Corp., Senior Unsecured Notes, 4.88%, due 7/15/42	598,000
1,125,000	AECOM, Guaranteed Notes, 5.88%, due 10/15/24	1,181,250
1,190,000	APX Group, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 8.75%, due 12/1/20	1,115,625
1,555,000	Hertz Corp., Guaranteed Notes, 5.88%, due 10/15/20	1,582,212
1,758,000	IHS, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 5.00%, due 11/1/22	1,837,110
315,000	Iron Mountain, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 6.00%, due 8/15/23	333,900
1,946,000	Iron Mountain, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 5.75%, due 8/15/24	1,999,515
743,000	RSC Equipment Rental N.A., Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 8.25%, due 2/1/21	774,578
750,000	United Rental N.A., Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 7.38%, due 5/15/20	780,000
880,000	United Rental N.A., Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 5.75%, due 11/15/24	892,100
		<b>12,998,340</b>

**Technology Hardware & Equipment (0.9%)**

650,000	CommScope Technologies Finance LLC, Senior Unsecured Notes, 6.00%, due 6/15/25	663,000 <sub>n</sub>
455,000	Riverbed Technology, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 8.88%, due 3/1/23	457,275 <sub>n</sub>
1,205,000	Western Digital Corp., Guaranteed Notes, 10.50%, due 4/1/24	1,171,863 <sub>n</sub>
		<b>2,292,138</b>

**Telecom - Satellite (1.1%)**

729,000	Hughes Satellite Systems Corp., Senior Secured Notes, 6.50%, due 6/15/19	802,812
1,030,000	Intelsat Jackson Holdings SA, Guaranteed Notes, 5.50%, due 8/1/23	650,831
2,290,000	Intelsat Luxembourg SA, Guaranteed Notes, 7.75%, due 6/1/21	767,150
1,340,000	Intelsat Luxembourg SA, Guaranteed Notes, 8.13%, due 6/1/23	438,850
		<b>2,659,643</b>

**Telecom - Wireless (7.1%)**

561,000	Crown Castle Int'l Corp., Senior Unsecured Notes, 4.88%, due 4/15/22	608,685
360,000	MetroPCS Wireless, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 6.63%, due 11/15/20	372,600
455,000	SBA Telecommunications, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 5.75%, due 7/15/20	469,788
2,625,000	Sprint Capital Corp., Guaranteed Notes, 6.88%, due 11/15/28	1,949,062
510,000	Sprint Corp., Guaranteed Notes, 7.25%, due 9/15/21	411,825
2,540,000	Sprint Corp., Guaranteed Notes, 7.88%, due 9/15/23	1,981,200
2,095,000	Sprint Corp., Guaranteed Notes, 7.13%, due 6/15/24	1,571,250
275,000	Sprint Nextel Corp., Senior Unsecured Notes, 7.00%, due 8/15/20	228,250
2,675,000	Sprint Nextel Corp., Senior Unsecured Notes, 6.00%, due 11/15/22	1,967,489
970,000	T-Mobile USA, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 6.54%, due 4/28/20	1,000,312

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795,000	T-Mobile USA, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 6.63%, due 4/28/21	837,731
425,000	T-Mobile USA, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 6.13%, due 1/15/22	447,049
605,000	T-Mobile USA, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 6.73%, due 4/28/22	637,658
1,585,000	T-Mobile USA, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 6.00%, due 3/1/23	1,664,250
2,465,000	Wind Acquisition Finance SA, Senior Secured Notes, 4.75%, due 7/15/20	2,354,075
875,000	Wind Acquisition Finance SA, Secured Notes, 7.38%, due 4/23/21	776,563
		<b>17,277,787</b>

**Telecom - Wireline Integrated & Services (5.4%)**

485,000	CenturyLink, Inc., Senior Unsecured Notes, Ser. W, 6.75%, due 12/1/23	477,725
1,630,000	CenturyLink, Inc., Senior Unsecured Notes, Ser. P, 7.60%, due 9/15/39	1,385,500

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## Schedule of Investments High Yield Strategies Fund Inc.

(Unaudited) (cont'd)

PRINCIPAL AMOUNT		VALUE†
\$ 2,514,000	Citizens Communications Co., Senior Unsecured Notes, 9.00%, due 8/15/31	\$ 2,158,898
1,460,000	Communications Sales & Leasing, Inc./CSL Capital LLC, Guaranteed Notes, 8.25%, due 10/15/23	1,383,350
1,365,000	Embarq Corp., Senior Unsecured Notes, 8.00%, due 6/1/36	1,365,000
595,000	Equinix, Inc., Senior Unsecured Notes, 5.88%, due 1/15/26	629,581
265,000	Frontier Communications Corp., Senior Unsecured Notes, 6.25%, due 9/15/21	246,450
235,000	Frontier Communications Corp., Senior Unsecured Notes, 10.50%, due 9/15/22	242,344 <sup>n</sup>
270,000	Frontier Communications Corp., Senior Unsecured Notes, 7.13%, due 1/15/23	238,950
610,000	Frontier Communications Corp., Senior Unsecured Notes, 7.63%, due 4/15/24	541,497
430,000	Frontier Communications Corp., Senior Unsecured Notes, 11.00%, due 9/15/25	434,300 <sup>n</sup>
430,000	Level 3 Financing, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 5.38%, due 1/15/24	438,600 <sup>n</sup>
540,000	Level 3 Financing, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 5.38%, due 5/1/25	549,450
965,000	Telecom Italia Capital SA, Guaranteed Unsecured Notes, 6.00%, due 9/30/34	952,938
586,000	U.S. West Communications Group, Senior Unsecured Notes, 6.88%, due 9/15/33	578,350
1,690,000	Windstream Corp., Guaranteed Notes, 7.50%, due 6/1/22	1,385,800
		<b>13,008,733</b>
<b>Theaters &amp; Entertainment (0.8%)</b>		
785,000	AMC Entertainment, Inc., Guaranteed Notes, 5.75%, due 6/15/25	804,625
1,047,000	Regal Entertainment Group, Senior Unsecured Notes, 5.75%, due 3/15/22	1,090,189
		<b>1,894,814</b>
<b>Total Corporate Debt Securities (Cost \$331,777,462)</b>		<b>327,485,888</b>
<b>NUMBER OF SHARES</b>		
<b>Short-Term Investments (4.6%)</b>		
11,258,595	State Street Institutional Liquid Reserves Fund Premier Class 0.46% (Cost \$11,258,595)	11,258,595 <sup>d</sup>
<b>Total Investments (151.2%) (Cost \$371,535,795)</b>		<b>367,348,381<sup>#</sup></b>
Liabilities, less cash, receivables and other assets [(36.8%)]		(89,315,998) <sup>e</sup>
Liquidation Value of Mandatory Redeemable Preferred Shares [(14.4%)]		(35,000,000)
<b>Total Net Assets Applicable to Common Stockholders (100.0%)</b>		<b>\$ 243,032,383</b>

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## Schedule of Investments High Yield Strategies Fund Inc.(Unaudited) (cont'd)

**Derivative Instruments**

Interest rate swap contracts (“interest rate swaps”):

At April 30, 2016, the Fund had outstanding centrally cleared interest rate swaps as follows:

Clearinghouse	Notional Amount	Portfolio	Floating Rate Index	Annual Fixed-rate	Termination Date
		Pays/Receives Floating Rate			
CME Group, Inc.	\$25,000,000	Pay	3-month LIBOR	1.371%	May 14, 2018
CME Group, Inc.	\$20,000,000	Receive	3-month LIBOR	1.292%	April 17, 2019

(1) Total Fair Value reflects the appreciation (depreciation) of the interest rate swaps plus accrued interest as of April 30, 2016.

For the six months ended April 30, 2016, the average notional value of interest rate swaps was \$59,285,714.

At April 30, 2016, the Fund did not have any outstanding over-the-counter interest rate swaps.

At April 30, 2016, the Fund had deposited \$662,152 in a segregated account to cover margin requirements for interest rate swaps.

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## Notes to Schedule of Investments (Unaudited)

† In accordance with Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) 820 “Fair Value Measurement” (“ASC 820”), all investments held by Neuberger Berman High Yield Strategies Fund Inc. (the “Fund”) are carried at the value that Neuberger Berman Investment Advisers LLC<sup>(1)</sup> (“Management”) believes the Fund would receive upon selling an investment in an orderly transaction to an independent buyer in the principal or most advantageous market for the investment under current market conditions. Various inputs, including the volume and level of activity for the asset or liability in the market, are considered in valuing the Fund’s investments, some of which are discussed below. Significant Management judgment may be necessary to value investments in accordance with ASC 820.

ASC 820 established a three-tier hierarchy of inputs to create a classification of value measurements for disclosure purposes. The three-tier hierarchy of inputs is summarized in the three broad Levels listed below.

Level 1 – quoted prices in active markets for identical investments

Level 2 – other observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar investments, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, amortized cost, etc.)

Level 3 – unobservable inputs (including the Fund’s own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments)

The inputs or methodology used for valuing an investment are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities.

The value of the Fund’s investments in debt securities is determined by Management primarily by obtaining valuations from independent pricing services based on readily available bid quotations or, if quotations are not available, by methods which include various considerations based on security type (generally Level 2 inputs). In addition to the consideration of yields or prices of securities of comparable quality, coupon, maturity and type, indications as to values from dealers, and general market conditions, the following is a description of other Level 2 inputs and related valuation techniques used by independent pricing services to value certain types of debt securities held by the Fund:

*Corporate Debt Securities.* Inputs used to value corporate debt securities generally include relative credit information, observed market movements, sector news, spread to the U.S. Treasury market, and other market information, which may include benchmark yields, reported trades, broker-dealer quotes, issuer spreads, benchmark securities, bids, offers, and reference data, such as market research publications, when available (“Other Market Information”).

*High Yield Securities.* Inputs used to value high yield securities generally include a number of observations of equity and credit default swap curves related to the issuer and Other Market Information.

The value of bank loan obligations is determined by Management primarily by obtaining valuations from independent pricing services based on broker quotes (generally Level 2 or Level 3 inputs depending on the number of quotes available).

The value of interest rate swap contracts (“interest rate swaps”) is determined by Management primarily by obtaining valuations from independent pricing services based on references to the underlying rates including the local overnight index swap rate and the respective interbank offered forward rate to produce the daily price. The present value is calculated based off of expected cash flows based on swap parameters along with reference to the underlying yield curve and reference rate (generally Level 2 inputs).

Management has developed a process to periodically review information provided by independent pricing services for all types of securities.

<sup>(1)</sup>Please note, as explained further in Note E to the Financial Statements, effective January 1, 2016, Neuberger Berman Management LLC transferred its rights and obligations to Management.

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## Notes to Schedule of Investments (cont'd)

Investments in non-exchange traded investment companies are valued using the respective fund's daily calculated net asset value per share (Level 2 inputs).

If a valuation is not available from an independent pricing service, or if Management has reason to believe that the valuation received does not represent the amount the Fund might reasonably expect to receive on a current sale in an orderly transaction, Management seeks to obtain quotations from brokers or dealers (generally considered Level 2 or Level 3 inputs depending on the number of quotes available). If such quotations are not readily available, the security is valued using methods the Fund's Board of Directors (the "Board") has approved in the good-faith belief that the resulting valuation will reflect the fair value of the security. Numerous factors may be considered when determining the fair value of a security based on Level 2 or Level 3 inputs, including available analyst, media or other reports, trading in futures or American Depositary Receipts ("ADRs") and whether the issuer of the security being fair valued has other securities outstanding.

Fair value prices are necessarily estimates, and there is no assurance that such a price will be at or close to the price at which the security is next quoted or next trades.

The following is a summary, categorized by Level, of inputs used to value the Fund's investments as of April 30, 2016:

**Asset Valuation Inputs**

<b>Investments:</b>	<b>Level 1</b>	<b>Level 2</b>	<b>Level 3<sup>\$</sup></b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Bank Loan Obligations</b>				
Business Equipment & Services	\$—	\$ 3,261,043	\$ 150,375	\$ 3,411,418
Health Care	—	479,453	331,232	810,685
Lodging & Casinos	—	5,582,139	972,400	6,554,539
Other Bank Loan Obligations <sup>^</sup>	—	17,827,256	—	17,827,256
<b>Total Bank Loan Obligations</b>	—	27,149,891	1,454,007	28,603,898
<b>Corporate Debt Securities<sup>^</sup></b>	—	327,485,888	—	327,485,888
<b>Short-Term Investments</b>	—	11,258,595	—	11,258,595
<b>Total Investments</b>	<b>\$—</b>	<b>\$365,894,374</b>	<b>\$1,454,007</b>	<b>\$367,348,381</b>

<sup>^</sup> The Schedule of Investments provides information on the industry categorization for the portfolio.

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## Notes to Schedule of Investments (cont'd)

The following is a reconciliation between the beginning and ending balances of investments in which unobservable inputs (Level 3) were used in determining value:

	Beginning balance, as of 11/1/15	Accrued discounts/ (premiums)	Realized gain/(loss)	Change in unrealized appreciation/ (depreciation)	Purchases	Sales	Transfers into Level 3	Transfers out of Level 3	Balance of 4/30/16
<b>Investments in Securities</b>									
Bank Loan Obligations									
Business Equipment & Services	\$ —	\$ 14	\$ —	\$ 731	\$ 149,630	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 149,815
Health Care	—	44	6	3,922	328,085	(825)	—	—	331,232
Lodging & Casinos	—	3,014	—	2,182	967,204	—	—	—	972,390
<b>Corporate Debt Securities</b>									
Chemicals	63	—	—	—	—	—	—	(63)	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$63</b>	<b>\$3,072</b>	<b>\$ 6</b>	<b>\$6,835</b>	<b>\$1,444,919</b>	<b>\$(825)</b>	<b>\$ —</b>	<b>\$(63)</b>	<b>\$1,483,972</b>

These securities categorized as Level 3 are valued based on a single quotation obtained from a dealer. The Fund does not have access to unobservable inputs and therefore cannot disclose inputs used in formulating such quotations.

As of the six months ended April 30, 2016, certain securities were transferred from one level (as of October 31, 2015) to another. Based on beginning of period market values as of November 1, 2015, approximately \$63 was transferred from Level 3 to Level 2. Transfers of corporate debt securities into or out of Level 3 were primarily due to the pricing methodology previously being based on a single broker quote (Level 3) by the independent pricing service. As of the period ended April 30, 2016, the Fund had no transfers between Levels 1 and 2.

The following is a summary, categorized by Level, of inputs used to value the Fund's derivatives as of April 30, 2016:

## Liability Valuation Inputs

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Centrally cleared interest rate swaps	\$ —	\$(519,596)	\$ —	\$(519,596)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ —</b>	<b>\$(519,596)</b>	<b>\$ —</b>	<b>\$(519,596)</b>



## As of April 30, 2016, the gross unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments based on the aggregate cost of investments for federal income tax purposes was as follows:

Aggregate gross unrealized appreciation	\$ 10,451,231
Aggregate gross unrealized depreciation	(14,745,107)
Net unrealized depreciation	\$ (4,293,876)
Federal income tax cost of investments	\$ 371,642,257

Securities were purchased under Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “1933 Act”), or are otherwise restricted and, unless registered under the 1933 Act or exempted from registration, may only be sold to qualified institutional investors or may have other restrictions on resale. At 4/30/2016, these securities amounted to approximately \$105,163,282, or 43.3% of net assets applicable to common stockholders for the Fund. Securities denoted with “ñ” but without “Ñ” have been deemed by the investment manager to be liquid.

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Notes to Schedule of Investments (cont'd)

Ñ Illiquid security.

ØØ All or a portion of this security is reserved and/or pledged with the custodian for interest rate swaps, when-issued securities and/or delayed delivery purchase commitments with a total value of approximately \$19,447,497.

Ø When issued security. Total value of all such securities at 4/30/2016 amounted to \$1,048,062, which represents approximately 0.4% of net assets applicable to common stockholders.

μ Variable or floating rate security. The interest rate shown was the current rate as of 4/30/2016 and changes periodically.

¢ All or a portion of this security was purchased on a delayed delivery basis.

^^ All or a portion of this security had not settled as of 4/30/2016 and thus may not have an interest rate in effect. Interest rates do not take effect until settlement.

‡ Defaulted security.

a Step Bond. Coupon rate is a fixed rate for an initial period that either resets at a specific date or may reset in the future contingent upon a rating change made by a rating agency.

c Payment-in-kind (PIK) security. Security has the ability to pay in-kind or pay income in cash. When applicable, separate rates of such payments are disclosed.

d Represents 7-day effective yield as of 4/30/2016 .

e Includes the impact of the Fund's open positions in derivatives at 4/30/2016.

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# Statement of Assets and Liabilities (Unaudited)

Neuberger Berman

**HIGH YIELD  
STRATEGIES  
FUND INC.  
April 30, 2016**

## Assets

Investments in securities, at value\* (Note A)-see Schedule of Investments:

Unaffiliated issuers	\$367,348,38
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Cash collateral segregated for interest rate swaps	662,15
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Interest receivable	6,124,59
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Receivable for securities sold	1,303,69
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Prepaid expenses and other assets	172,94
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Total Assets	375,611,76
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## Liabilities

Notes payable (Note A)	90,000,00
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Mandatory Redeemable Preferred Shares, Series B (\$25,000 liquidation value per share; 1,400 shares issued and outstanding) (Note A)	35,000,00
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Payable for variation margin on centrally cleared interest rate swaps (Note A)	209,16
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Distributions payable-preferred shares	91,34
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Distributions payable-common stock	28,29
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Payable for securities purchased	6,808,32
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Payable to investment manager (Note B)	178,16
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Payable to administrator (Note B)	14,84
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Interest payable	141,89
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Accrued expenses and other payables	107,34
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## Unfunded Loan Commitments (Note A)

Total Liabilities	132,579,38
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Net Assets applicable to Common Stockholders	\$243,032,38
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## Net Assets applicable to Common Stockholders consist of:

Paid-in capital-common stock	\$285,900,72
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Undistributed net investment income	151,32
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Accumulated net realized gains (losses) on investments	(38,312,66)
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Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) in value of investments	(4,707,01)
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Net Assets applicable to Common Stockholders	\$243,032,38
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Common Stock Outstanding (\$0.0001 par value; 999,999,997,100 shares authorized)	19,540,58
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Net Asset Value Per Share Common Stock Outstanding	\$12.4
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* Cost of Investments	\$371,535,79
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# Statement of Operations (Unaudited)

Neuberger Berman

**HIGH YIELD  
STRATEGIES  
FUND INC.**  
For the Six Months  
Ended April 30, 201

<b>Investment Income:</b>	
Income (Note A):	
Interest income-unaffiliated issuers	\$11,861,4
<b>Expenses:</b>	
Investment management fees (Note B)	1,056,8
Administration fees (Note B)	88,0
Audit fees	31,7
Basic maintenance expense (Note A)	19,8
Custodian and accounting fees	87,5
Insurance expense	6,0
Legal fees	45,0
Stockholder reports	25,9
Stock exchange listing fees	3,1
Stock transfer agent fees	11,6
Interest expense (Note A)	793,0
Distributions to mandatory redeemable preferred shareholders (Note A)	516,4
Directors' fees and expenses	18,5
Miscellaneous	14,8
Total net expenses	2,718,8
Net investment income (loss)	\$9,142,5
<b>Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments (Note A):</b>	
<b>Net realized gain (loss) on:</b>	
Sales of investment securities of unaffiliated issuers	(17,196,9
Interest rate swaps	(637,1
Net increase from payment by affiliates (Note B)	2,4
<b>Change in net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) in value of:</b>	
Unaffiliated investment securities	12,986,7
Interest rate swaps	358,3
Net gain (loss) on investments	(4,486,6
Net increase (decrease) in net assets applicable to Common Stockholders resulting from operations	\$4,655,9

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# Statements of Changes in Net Assets

Neuberger Berman

	<b>HIGH YIELD STRATEGIES FUND INC.</b>	
	<b>Six Months Ended April 30, 2016 (Unaudited)</b>	<b>Year Ended October 31, 2015</b>
<b>Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets Applicable to Common Stockholders:</b>		
<b>From Operations (Note A):</b>		
Net investment income (loss)	\$9,142,589	\$19,864,723
Net realized gain (loss) on investments	(17,834,135)	(13,005,880)
Net increase from payment by affiliates (Note B)	2,435	—
Change in net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments	13,345,044	(21,085,808)
Net increase (decrease) in net assets applicable to Common Stockholders resulting from operations	4,655,933	(14,226,965)
<b>Distributions to Common Stockholders From (Note A):</b>		
Net investment income	(9,379,481)	(18,384,196)
Tax return of capital	—	(1,351,795)
<b>Net Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets Applicable to Common Stockholders</b>		
	(4,723,548)	(33,962,956)
<b>Net Assets Applicable to Common Stockholders:</b>		
Beginning of period	247,755,931	281,718,887
End of period	\$243,032,383	\$247,755,931
Undistributed net investment income (loss) at end of period	\$151,327	\$388,219

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# Statement of Cash Flows (Unaudited)

Neuberger Berman

**HIGH YIELD  
STRATEGIES  
FUND INC.**  
For the Six Months  
Ended April 30, 2014

<b>Increase (decrease) in cash:</b>	
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>	
Net increase in net assets applicable to Common Stockholders resulting from operations	\$4,6
Adjustments to reconcile net increase in net assets applicable to Common Stockholders resulting from operations to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Changes in assets and liabilities:	
Purchase of investment securities	(101,4
Proceeds from disposition of investment securities	95,6
Purchase/sale of short-term investment securities, net	
Decrease in net interest receivable (payable) on interest rate swaps	(3
Increase in receivable (payable) for variation margin on centrally cleared interest rate swaps	4
Unrealized depreciation of centrally cleared interest rate swaps	(
Decrease in interest receivable	3
Decrease in prepaid expenses and other assets	
Decrease in receivable for securities sold	2,1
Decrease in cash collateral segregated for interest rate swaps	2
Increase in accumulated unpaid dividends on preferred shares	
Increase in payable for securities purchased	3,3
Increase in interest payable	
Net amortization of premium (discount) on investments	(1
Decrease in accrued expenses and other payables	(
Unrealized appreciation on securities	(12,9
Unrealized appreciation on interest rate swaps	(3
Net realized loss from investments	17,1
Net increase from payments by affiliates (Note B)	
Net realized loss from interest rate swaps	6
<b>Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities</b>	<b>\$9,2</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities:</b>	
Cash distributions paid on common stock	(9,3
<b>Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities</b>	<b>(9,3</b>
Net increase (decrease) in cash	(1
<b>Cash:</b>	
Beginning balance	1
Ending balance	
<b>Supplemental disclosure</b>	

Cash paid for interest

\$7

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Notes to Financial Statements High Yield Strategies Fund Inc.  
(Unaudited)

## **Note A—Summary of Significant Accounting Policies:**

1 General: The Fund was organized as a Maryland corporation on March 18, 2010, and registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “1940 Act”), as a non-diversified, closed-end management investment company. Management is the investment manager to the Fund. The Fund’s shares of common stock are listed on the NYSE MKT under the symbol NHS.

The Fund is an investment company and accordingly follows the investment company accounting and reporting guidance of the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) Accounting Standard Codification Topic 946 “Financial Services—Investment Companies.”

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (“GAAP”) requires Management to make estimates and assumptions at the date of the financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

2 Portfolio valuation: Investment securities are valued as indicated in the notes following the Schedule of Investments.

3 Securities transactions and investment income: Securities transactions are recorded on trade date for financial reporting purposes. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date. Interest income, including amortization of premium, where applicable, and accretion of discount on securities (adjusted for original issue discount, where applicable) is recorded on the accrual basis. Realized gains and losses from security transactions are recorded on the basis of identified cost and stated separately in the Statement of Operations.

4 Income tax information: It is the policy of the Fund to continue to qualify for treatment as a regulated investment company (“RIC”) by complying with the requirements of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code applicable to RICs and to distribute substantially all of its net investment income and net realized capital gains to its stockholders. To the extent the Fund distributes substantially all of its net investment income and net realized capital gains to stockholders, no federal income or excise tax provision is required.

The Fund has adopted the provisions of ASC 740 “Income Taxes” (“ASC 740”). ASC 740 sets forth a minimum threshold for financial statement recognition of a tax position taken, or expected to be taken, in a tax return. The Fund recognizes interest and penalties, if any, related to unrecognized tax positions as an income tax expense in the Statement of Operations. The Fund is subject to examination by U.S. federal and state tax authorities for returns filed for the tax years for which the applicable statutes of limitations have not yet expired. As of April 30, 2016, the Fund did not have any unrecognized tax positions.

Income distributions and capital gain distributions are determined in accordance with income tax regulations, which may differ from GAAP. These differences are primarily due to differing treatments of income and gains on various investment securities held by the Fund, timing differences and differing characterization of distributions made by the Fund.

As determined on October 31, 2015, permanent differences resulting primarily from different book and tax accounting were reclassified at year end. Such differences may be attributed to the tax treatment of one or more of the following: gains and losses on interest rate swaps, return of capital distributions, expiration of capital loss





carryforwards and non-deductible restructuring costs. These reclassifications had no effect on net income, net asset value (“NAV”) applicable to common stockholders or NAV per share of common stock of the Fund. For the year ended October 31, 2015, the Fund recorded the following permanent reclassifications:

	<b>Undistributed Net Investment Income (Loss)</b>	<b>Accumulated Net Realized Gains (Losses) on Investments</b>
<b>Paid-in Capital</b>		
\$ (5,011,411)	\$ (1,565,187)	\$ 6,576,598

The tax character of distributions paid during the years ended October 31, 2015 and October 31, 2014 was as follows:

**Distributions Paid From:**

		<b>Long-Term</b>		<b>Tax Return of</b>			
<b>Ordinary Income</b>		<b>Capital Gains</b>		<b>Capital</b>		<b>Total</b>	
<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
\$18,384,196	\$22,040,421	\$—	\$—	\$1,351,795	\$—	\$19,735,991	\$22,040,421

As of October 31, 2015, the components of distributable earnings (accumulated losses) on a U.S. federal income tax basis were as follows:

<b>Undistributed Ordinary Income</b>	<b>Undistributed Long-Term Capital Gain</b>	<b>Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)</b>	<b>Loss Carryforwards and Deferrals</b>	<b>Other Temporary Differences</b>	<b>Total</b>
\$—	\$—	\$ (17,565,879)	\$ (20,468,036)	\$ (110,883)	\$ (38,144,798)

The differences between book basis and tax basis distributable earnings are primarily due to: losses disallowed and recognized on wash sales, distribution payments, mark to market on certain swap contract transactions and capital loss carryforwards.

To the extent the Fund’s net realized capital gains, if any, can be offset by capital loss carryforwards, it is the policy of the Fund not to distribute such gains. The Regulated Investment Company Modernization Act of 2010 made changes to the capital loss carryforward rules allowing for RICs to carry forward capital losses indefinitely and to retain the character of capital loss carryforwards as short-term or long-term (“Post-Enactment”). Rules in effect previously limited the carryforward period to eight years and all carryforwards were considered short-term in character (“Pre-Enactment”). As determined at October 31, 2015, the Fund had unused capital loss carryforwards available for federal income tax purposes to offset net realized capital gains, if any, as follows:

**Pre-Enactment**

**Expiring in:**

<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>
\$4,971,059 <sup>(1)</sup>	\$4,089,608

**Post-Enactment (No Expiration Date)**

<b>Long-Term</b>	<b>Short-Term</b>
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\$7,386,847	\$4,020,522
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- (1) The capital loss carryforwards shown above includes \$4,971,059 expiring in 2016, which was acquired on August 6, 2010 in the merger with Neuberger Berman Income Opportunity Fund Inc. The use of these losses to offset future gains may be limited.

During the year ended October 31, 2015, the Fund had capital loss carryforwards expire of \$4,989,077.

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- 5 Foreign taxes:** Foreign taxes withheld, if any, represent amounts withheld by foreign tax authorities net of refunds recoverable.
- 6 Distributions to common stockholders:** The Fund earns income, net of expenses, daily on its investments. It is the policy of the Fund to declare and pay monthly distributions to common stockholders. The Fund has adopted a policy to pay common stockholders a stable monthly distribution. The Fund's ability to satisfy its policy will depend on a number of factors, including the stability of income received from its investments, the availability of capital gains, distributions paid on preferred shares, interest paid on notes and the level of Fund expenses. In an effort to maintain a stable monthly distribution amount, the Fund may pay distributions consisting of net investment income, net realized gains and paid-in capital. There is no assurance that the Fund will always be able to pay distributions of a particular size, or that distributions will consist solely of net investment income and net realized capital gains. The composition of the Fund's distributions for the calendar year 2016 will be reported to Fund stockholders on IRS Form 1099-DIV. The Fund may pay distributions in excess of those required by its stable distribution policy to avoid excise tax or to satisfy the requirements of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code. Distributions to common stockholders are recorded on the ex-date. Net realized capital gains, if any, will be offset to the extent of any available capital loss carryforwards. Any such offset will not reduce the level of the stable distribution paid by the Fund. Distributions to preferred stockholders are accrued and determined as described in Note A-8.

On April 29, 2016, the Fund declared a monthly distribution to common stockholders in the amount of \$0.08 per share, payable on May 31, 2016 to stockholders of record on May 16, 2016, with an ex-date of May 12, 2016. Subsequent to April 30, 2016, the Fund declared a monthly distribution to common stockholders in the amount of \$0.08 per share, payable on June 30, 2016 to stockholders of record on June 15, 2016, with an ex-date of June 13, 2016.

- 7 Expense allocation:** Certain expenses are applicable to multiple funds within the complex of related investment companies, which includes open-end and closed-end investment companies for which Management serves as investment manager. Expenses directly attributable to the Fund are charged to the Fund. Expenses borne by the complex of related investment companies that are not directly attributable to a particular investment company (e.g., the Fund) are allocated among the Fund and the other investment companies or series thereof in the complex on the basis of relative net assets, except where a more appropriate allocation of expenses to each of the investment companies or series thereof in the complex can otherwise be made fairly.
- 8 Financial leverage:** In 2010, the Fund issued 1,087 privately placed perpetual preferred shares ("PPS") with an aggregate liquidation preference of \$27,175,000 and privately placed notes ("PNs") with an aggregate principal value of \$82,610,000. In September 2013, the Fund issued privately placed notes ("New PNs") with an aggregate principal value of \$90,000,000 and Mandatory Redeemable Preferred Shares, Series B ("MRPS" and, together with the New PNs, "Private Securities") with an aggregate liquidation preference of \$35,000,000 to holders of the PNs and PPS and used the proceeds to redeem and prepay their PNs and PPS and increase the Fund's leverage.

The New PNs and MRPS have a maturity date of September 18, 2023. The interest on the New PNs is accrued daily and paid quarterly. The MRPS have a liquidation preference of \$25,000 per share plus any accumulated unpaid distributions, whether or not earned or declared by the Fund, but excluding interest thereon ("Liquidation Value"). Distributions on the MRPS are accrued daily and paid quarterly. The PNs and PPS had these same terms. For financial reporting purposes only, the liquidation preference of the MRPS is recognized as a liability in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

For the six months ended April 30, 2016, the distribution rates on the MRPS ranged from 2.73% to 3.03% and the interest rates on the New PNs ranged from 1.53% to 1.83%.

The table below sets forth key terms of the MRPS.

Series	Mandatory		Shares	Aggregate	
	Date	Redemption Interest Rate		Liquidation Preference	Estimated Fair Value
Series B	9/18/23	3.0309%*	1,400	\$35,000,000	\$35,000,000

\* Floating rate effective for the six months ended April 30, 2016.

The Fund has paid up front offering and organizational expenses which are being amortized over the life of the New PNs and MRPS. The expenses are included in the interest expense that is reflected in the Statement of Operations.

The Fund may redeem MRPS or prepay the New PNs, in whole or in part, at its option after giving a minimum amount of notice to the relevant holders of the Private Securities but will incur additional expenses if it chooses to so redeem or prepay. The Fund is also subject to certain restrictions relating to the Private Securities. Failure to comply with these restrictions could preclude the Fund from declaring any distributions to common stockholders or repurchasing shares of common stock and/or could trigger the mandatory redemption of MRPS at MRPS Liquidation Value and certain expenses and/or mandatory prepayment of New PNs at par plus accrued but unpaid interest and certain expenses. The holders of MRPS are entitled to one vote per share and will vote with holders of shares of common stock as a single class, except that the holders of MRPS will vote separately as a class on certain matters, as required by law or the Fund's organizational documents. The holders of MRPS, voting as a separate class, are entitled at all times to elect two Directors of the Fund, and to elect a majority of the Directors of the Fund if the Fund fails to pay distributions on MRPS for two consecutive years.

- 9 Concentration of credit risk:** The Fund will normally invest at least 80% of its total assets in high yield debt securities of U.S. and foreign issuers, which include securities that are rated below investment grade by a rating agency or are unrated debt securities determined to be of comparable quality by the Fund's investment manager.

Due to the likelihood of volatility and potential illiquidity of the high yield securities in which the Fund invests and the real or perceived difficulty of issuers of those high yield securities to meet their payment obligations during economic downturns or because of negative business developments relating to the issuer or its industry in general, the value and/or price of the Fund's shares of common stock may fluctuate more than would be the case if the Fund did not concentrate in high yield securities.

- 10 Derivative instruments:** The Fund's use of derivatives during the six months ended April 30, 2016, is described below. Please see the Schedule of Investments for the Fund's open positions in derivatives, at April 30, 2016. The Fund has adopted the provisions of ASC 815 "Derivatives and Hedging" ("ASC 815"). The disclosure requirements of ASC 815 distinguish between derivatives that qualify for hedge accounting and those that do not. Because investment companies value their derivatives at fair value and recognize changes in fair value through the Statement of Operations, they do not qualify for hedge accounting. Accordingly, even though the Fund's investments in derivatives may represent economic hedges, they are considered non-hedge transactions for purposes of this disclosure.

Interest rate swaps: The Fund used OTC interest rate swap transactions to reduce the risk that an increase in short-term interest rates could reduce common share net earnings as a result of leverage. Under the terms of the OTC interest rate swaps, the Fund agrees to pay the swap counterparty a fixed-rate payment in exchange for the counterparty's paying the Fund a variable-rate payment that is intended to approximate all or a portion of the Fund's variable-rate payment obligations on the Fund's Private Securities, or the Fund agrees to pay the swap counterparty a variable-rate payment that is intended to approximate all or a portion of the Fund's variable-rate payment obligations on the Fund's Private Securities in exchange for the counterparty's paying the Fund a fixed-rate payment. The fixed-rate and variable-rate payment flows are netted against each other, with the difference being paid by one party to the other on a monthly basis. The Fund segregates cash or liquid securities having a value at least equal to the Fund's net payment obligations under any interest rate swap transaction, marked to market daily. There is no guarantee that these interest rate swap transactions will be successful in reducing or limiting risk.

Risks may arise if the counterparty to a swap contract fails to comply with the terms of its contract. The loss incurred by the failure of a counterparty is generally limited to the net interest payment to be received by the Fund and/or the termination value at the end of the contract. Additionally, risks may arise if there is no liquid market for these agreements or from movements in interest rates unanticipated by Management.

Periodic expected interim net interest payments or receipts on the swaps are recorded as an adjustment to unrealized gains/losses, along with the fair value of the future periodic payment streams on the swaps. The unrealized gains/losses associated with the periodic interim net interest payments are reclassified to realized gains/losses in conjunction with the actual net receipt or payment of such amounts. The reclassifications do not impact the Fund's total net assets applicable to common stockholders or its total net increase (decrease) in net assets applicable to common stockholders resulting from operations.

During the six months ended April 30, 2016, the Fund used centrally cleared interest rate swaps to reduce the risk that an increase in short-term interest rates could reduce common share net earnings as a result of leverage. Certain clearinghouses currently offer clearing for limited types of derivative transactions, principally credit derivatives. In a cleared derivative transaction, a fund typically enters into the transaction with a financial institution counterparty, and performance of the transaction is effectively guaranteed by a central clearinghouse, thereby reducing or eliminating the fund's exposure to the credit risk of the original counterparty. A fund typically will be required to post specified levels of both initial and variation margin with the clearinghouse or at the instruction of the clearinghouse; the margin required by a clearinghouse may be greater than the margin the fund would be required to post in an uncleared derivative transaction. The daily change in valuation for centrally cleared swaps is recorded as a receivable or payable for variation margin and settled in cash with the centrally clearing party daily.

For financial reporting purpose unamortized upfront payments, if any, are netted with unrealized appreciation or depreciation on swap contracts to determine the market value of swaps as presented in the table below.

At April 30, 2016, the Fund had the following derivatives (which did not qualify for hedge accounting under ASC 815), grouped by primary risk exposure:

Liability Derivatives

**Interest Rate Risk Statement of Assets and Liabilities Location**

Centrally Cleared Interest Rate Swaps \$(519,596)	Payable for variation margin on centrally cleared
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