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**ABERDEEN GLOBAL INCOME FUND, INC.**

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800 Scudders Mill Road  
Plainsboro, New Jersey 08536

January 27, 2006

Dear Stockholder:

The Annual Meeting of Stockholders is to be held at 10:00 a.m. (Eastern time), on Thursday, March 9, 2006, at 1735 Market Street, 37th Floor, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. A Proxy Statement regarding the meeting, a proxy card for your vote at the meeting, and an envelope, postage pre-paid, in which to return your proxy card are enclosed.

At the Annual Meeting, the Fund's common stockholders will vote for the election of Class II Directors for three-year terms and until their successors are duly elected and qualify, and the Fund's preferred stockholders will vote for the election of two Directors to serve until the next annual meeting of stockholders and until their successors are duly elected and qualify. You are also being asked to consider and vote upon proposals to: (1) amend the Fund's principal investment objective, and certain of the Fund's investment policies and restrictions, (2) amend the Fund's Management Agreement and Investment Advisory Agreement, and (3) amend and restate the Fund's charter. Stockholders who are present at the meeting will hear a report on the Fund and will be given the opportunity to discuss matters of interest to stockholders.

Your Directors recommend that you vote in favor of each of the foregoing matters.

P. Gerald Malone

*Chairman*

**YOU ARE URGED TO COMPLETE, SIGN AND MAIL THE ENCLOSED PROXY CARD IN THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE TO ASSURE A QUORUM AT THE MEETING. THIS IS IMPORTANT REGARDLESS OF THE NUMBER OF SHARES THAT YOU OWN.**

**ABERDEEN GLOBAL INCOME FUND, INC.**

**800 Scudders Mill Road**

**Plainsboro, New Jersey 08536**

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**NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS**

**March 9, 2006**

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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Aberdeen Global Income Fund, Inc., a Maryland corporation (the Fund ), will be held at 1735 Market Street, 37th Floor, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on Thursday, March 9, 2006, at 10:00 a.m. (Eastern time), for the following purposes:

- (1) To elect two Directors to serve as Class II Directors for three-year terms and until their successors are duly elected and qualify;
- (2) To elect two Directors to serve as Preferred Directors until the next annual meeting of stockholders and until their successors are duly elected and qualify;
- (3)(A) To approve amendment of the Fund's principal investment objective;
- (3)(B) To approve amendment of the Fund's fundamental investment policies with respect to the credit quality of the Fund's portfolio securities;
- (4)(A) To approve amendment of the Fund's fundamental investment restriction regarding borrowing;
- (4)(B) To approve amendment of the Fund's fundamental investment restriction regarding concentration of investments;
- (5) To approve an amendment to the Fund's:
  - (A) Management Agreement, and
  - (B) Investment Advisory Agreement

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to provide that fees paid under those agreements to the Investment Manager and Investment Adviser will be based on all managed assets;

- (6) To approve the amendment and restatement of the Fund's charter; and
- (7) To transact any other business that may properly come before the meeting or any adjournments or postponements thereof.

The Board of Directors has fixed the close of business on January 19, 2006 as the record date for the determination of stockholders entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

Alan Goodson, *Secretary*

Plainsboro, New Jersey

January 27, 2006

**IMPORTANT: Stockholders are cordially invited to attend the meeting. Stockholders who do not expect to attend the meeting in person are requested to complete, date and sign the enclosed proxy card and return it promptly in the envelope provided for that purpose, or to authorize the proxy vote by telephone pursuant to instructions on the enclosed proxy card. Your prompt return of the enclosed proxy card may save the Fund the necessity and expense of further solicitations to assure a quorum at the meeting. The enclosed proxy is being solicited on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Fund.**

**PROXY STATEMENT**

**ABERDEEN GLOBAL INCOME FUND, INC.**

**800 Scudders Mill Road**

**Plainsboro, New Jersey 08536**

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**Annual Meeting of Stockholders**

**March 9, 2006**

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**INTRODUCTION**

This Proxy Statement is furnished in connection with the solicitation of proxies on behalf of the Board of Directors of Aberdeen Global Income Fund, Inc., a Maryland corporation (the "Fund"), to be voted at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders of the Fund (the "Meeting") to be held at 1735 Market Street, 37th Floor, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on Thursday, March 9, 2006, at 10:00 a.m. (Eastern time). The approximate mailing date for this Proxy Statement is January 30, 2006 or as soon as practicable thereafter.

All properly executed proxies received prior to the Meeting will be voted at the Meeting in accordance with the instructions marked on the proxy card. Unless instructions to the contrary are marked on the proxy card, proxies submitted by holders of the Fund's common stock will be voted

**FOR** Proposals 1, 3(A), 3(B), 4(A), 4(B), 5(A), 5(B) and 6, and proxies submitted by holders of the Fund's preferred stock will be voted **FOR** Proposals 2, 3(A), 3(B), 4(A), 4(B), 5(A), 5(B) and 6. The persons named as proxy holders on the proxy card will vote in their discretion on any other matters that may properly come before the Meeting or any adjournments or postponements thereof. Any proxy may be revoked at any time prior to its exercise by submitting a properly executed, subsequently dated proxy, giving written notice to the Secretary of the Fund (addressed to the Secretary at the principal executive office of the Fund, 800 Scudders Mill Road, Plainsboro, New Jersey 08536), or by attending the Meeting and voting in person. Stockholders may authorize proxy voting by using the enclosed proxy card along with the enclosed envelope with pre-paid postage. Stockholders may also authorize proxy voting by telephone, by following the instructions contained on their proxy card.

The presence at the Meeting, in person or by proxy, of the stockholders entitled to cast a majority of all the votes entitled to be cast at the Meeting shall be necessary and sufficient to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. For purposes of determining the presence of a quorum at the Meeting, abstentions and broker non-votes (that is, proxies from brokers or nominees indicating that such persons have not received instructions from the beneficial owner or other persons entitled to vote shares on a particular proposal with respect to which the brokers or nominees do not have discretionary power) will be treated as shares that are present.

Approval of Proposal 1 (Election of Class II Directors to the Board of Directors) will require the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares of common stock present in person or by proxy at the Meeting and entitled to vote thereon. Approval of Proposal 2 (Election of Preferred Directors to the Board of Directors) will require the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares of preferred stock present in person or by proxy at the Meeting and entitled to vote thereon. Approval of Proposals 3(A) and 3(B) (Amendment of the Fund's principal investment objective and

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amendment of the Fund's fundamental investment policies with respect to credit quality) will require the affirmative vote of a majority of the outstanding voting securities as defined by the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the 1940 Act), of the common stock and the preferred stock, voting together as a single class, as well as the affirmative vote of a majority of the outstanding shares of preferred stock voting as a separate class. The term majority of the outstanding voting securities, as defined by the 1940 Act ( 1940 Act Majority ) and as used in this Proxy Statement, means: the affirmative vote of the lesser of (1) 67% or more



of the voting securities of the Fund present at the meeting, if the holders of more than 50% of the Fund's outstanding voting securities are present or represented by proxy, or (2) more than 50% of the Fund's outstanding voting securities. Approval of Proposals 4(A) and 4(B) (Amendment of the Fund's fundamental investment restrictions regarding borrowing and concentration) will require the affirmative vote of a 1940 Act Majority of the common stock and the preferred stock, voting together as a single class, as well as the affirmative vote of a majority of the outstanding shares of preferred stock voting as a separate class. Approval of Proposals 5(A) and 5(B) (Amendment of the Fund's Management Agreement and Investment Advisory Agreement) will require the affirmative vote of a 1940 Act Majority of the common stock and the preferred stock, voting together as a single class. Approval of Proposal 6 (Amendment and restatement of the Fund's charter) will require the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the total number of outstanding shares of all classes of stock outstanding and entitled to vote thereon, voting together as a single class.

An abstention as to Proposals 1, 2, 3(A), 3(B), 4(A), 4(B), 5(A), 5(B) or 6 will be treated as present and will have the effect of a vote against that proposal. Proxies from brokers or nominees indicating that such persons have not received instructions from the beneficial owner or other person entitled to vote shares on Proposals 1 and 2 will be voted **FOR** each such Proposal. Proxies from brokers or nominees indicating that such persons have not received instructions from the beneficial owner or other persons entitled to vote shares on the Proposals 3(A), 3(B), 4(A), 4(B), 5(A), 5(B), or 6 will not be voted with respect to the respective Proposal(s), and will have the effect of a vote against the respective Proposal(s).

If a quorum is not present in person or by proxy at the time the Meeting is called to order, the chairman of the Meeting or the stockholders may adjourn the Meeting. If a quorum is present but there are not sufficient votes to approve a proposal, the persons named as proxy holders may propose one or more adjournments of the Meeting to permit further solicitation of proxies on that proposal. The vote required for stockholders to adjourn the Meeting is the affirmative vote of a majority of all the votes cast on the matter. In such a case, the persons named as proxy holders will vote those proxies which they are entitled to vote in favor of the proposal **FOR** the adjournment as to that proposal, and will vote those proxies required to be voted against the proposal **AGAINST** the adjournment as to that proposal. For purposes of votes with respect to adjournment, broker non-votes will not be counted as votes cast and will have no effect on the result of the vote. If the motion for adjournment is not approved, the voting on that proposal will be completed at the Meeting.

The following table indicates which class of the Fund's stockholders is being solicited with respect to each Proposal to be considered at the Meeting.

	Solicitation of Vote of Common Stockholders	Solicitation of Vote of Preferred Stockholders (Series W-7)
<b>Proposal 1:</b> Election of Class II Directors	ü	
<b>Proposal 2:</b> Election of Preferred Directors		ü
<b>Proposal 3(A):</b> Amendment of the Fund's Investment Objective	ü	ü
<b>Proposal 3(B):</b> Amendment of the Fund's Fundamental Investment Policies with respect to Credit Quality of the Fund's Portfolio Securities	ü	ü
<b>Proposal 4(A):</b> Amendment of the Fund's Investment Restriction Limiting Borrowing	ü	ü
<b>Proposal 4(B):</b> Amendment of the Fund's Investment Restriction regarding Concentration of Investments	ü	ü
<b>Proposal 5(A):</b> Amendment to the Fund's Management Agreement	ü	ü
<b>Proposal 5(B):</b> Amendment to Fund's Investment Advisory Agreement	ü	ü
<b>Proposal 6:</b> Amendment and Restatement of the Fund's Charter	ü	ü

Only stockholders or their duly appointed proxy holders can attend the Meeting and any adjournment or postponement thereof. To gain admittance, if you are a stockholder of record, you must bring a form of personal identification to the Meeting, where your name will be verified against our stockholder list. If a broker or other nominee holds your shares and you plan to attend the Meeting, you should bring a recent brokerage statement showing your ownership of the shares, as well as a form of personal identification. If you are a beneficial owner and plan to vote at the Meeting, you should also bring a proxy card from your broker.

The Board of Directors has fixed the close of business on January 19, 2006 as the record date ( Record Date ) for the determination of stockholders entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the Meeting and at any adjournment or postponement thereof. Stockholders on the Record Date will be entitled to one vote for each share held. As of January 19, 2006, the Fund had outstanding 9,305,708 shares of common stock, par value \$0.001 per share and 1,200 shares of Auction Market Preferred Stock, Series W-7, par value \$0.001 per share ( AMPS ).

**The Fund will furnish, without charge, a copy of the Fund's annual report for its fiscal year ended October 31, 2005, and any more recent reports, to any Fund stockholder upon request. To request a copy, please call or write to the Fund c/o Aberdeen Asset Management Inc., Las Olas Place, 300 S.E. 2nd Street, Suite 820, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301, Telephone: 1-866-839-5233.**

**PROPOSAL 1: ELECTION OF CLASS II DIRECTORS**

The Fund's charter provides that the Board of Directors to be elected by holders of the Fund's common stock will be divided into three classes, as nearly equal in number as possible, each of which will serve for three years, with one class being elected each year. Each year the term of office of one class expires. Directors who are deemed interested persons (as that term is defined in Section 2(a)(19) of the 1940 Act) of the Fund, the Investment Manager or the Investment Adviser, are referred to in this Proxy Statement as Interested Directors. Directors who are not interested persons as described above are referred to in this Proxy Statement as Independent Directors.

The Board of Directors of the Fund, including the Independent Directors, upon the recommendation of the Board's Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, which is composed entirely of Independent Directors, has nominated William J. Potter and Peter D. Sacks to serve as Class II Directors for three-year terms, to expire at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held in 2009, and until their successors are duly elected and qualify. Messrs. Potter and Sacks were elected by stockholders to serve until the 2006 Annual Meeting. The nominees have indicated an intention to serve if elected and have consented to be named in this Proxy Statement. The Board of Directors of the Fund knows of no reason why any of these nominees will be unable to serve, but in the event of any such inability, the proxies received will be voted for such substituted nominees as the Board of Directors may recommend.

The Board of Directors has adopted a retirement policy providing for the retirement of Directors at the age of 70, subject to annual review thereafter by the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee to determine whether it is then in the best interests of the Fund for the Director to remain on the Board. With respect to Directors representing the holders of common stock, the policy provides that an individual shall not be nominated for election as a Class I, Class II, or Class III Director if such individual shall have attained 70 years of age prior to the election. Following a Director's 70th birthday, such Director shall tender his or her resignation, to be effective on the date of the next meeting of stockholders at which Directors are to be elected. However, in recognition of the fact that a person may continue to provide a valuable contribution to the Fund after reaching the age of 70, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee may determine not to accept such resignation, in which case the retiring Director may serve as a Director for one additional year. This process may be repeated for a second year. However, the retiring Director may not continue as a Director for longer than the three-year term for which he or she was elected.

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The names of the Fund's nominees for election as Class II Directors, and each other Director of the Fund, and their addresses, ages and principal occupations during the past five years, are provided in the tables below:

Name, Address and Age	Position(s) Held With the Fund	Term of Office and Length of Time Served	Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years	Number of Funds in Fund Complex* Overseen by Director or Nominee for Director	Other Directorships Held by Director or Nominee for Director
<b>Class II Directors</b>					
<b>(Current Directors and Nominees for a Term expiring at the Annual Meeting to be held in 2006)</b>					
<b>Independent Directors</b>					
William J. Potter  712 Fifth Avenue  New York, NY 10018  Age: 57	Class II Director/Nominee	Current term expires 2006; Director since 1992	Mr. Potter has been Chairman of Robert Meredith & Co. Inc. (investment management) since 2004. He was President of Kingsdale Capital Markets (USA) Inc. (private placement broker) from 2004 through June 2005, and President of Ridgewood Group International Ltd. (international consulting and merchant banking company) from 1996 to 2003.	3	Aberdeen Australia Equity Fund, Inc.; Aberdeen Asia-Pacific Income Fund, Inc.
Peter D. Sacks  590 King Street West  Suite 200  Toronto, Ontario  M5V 1M3  Canada  Age: 60	Class II Director/Nominee	Current term expires 2006; Director since 1992	Mr. Sacks has been Managing Partner of Toron Capital Markets (investment management) since 1988.	3	Aberdeen Australia Equity Fund, Inc.; Aberdeen Asia-Pacific Income Fund, Inc.

Name, Address and Age	Position(s) Held With the Fund	Term of Office and Length of Time Served	Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years	Number of Funds in Fund Complex* Overseen by Director or Nominee for Director	Other Directorships Held by Director or Nominee for Director
<b>Class III Directors</b>					
<b>(Term expiring at the Annual Meeting to be held in 2007)</b>					
<b>Interested Director</b>					
Martin J. Gilbert**  Aberdeen Asset Management PLC  10 Queen s Terrace  Aberdeen, Scotland  AB10 1YG  Age: 50	President; Class III Director	Term as Director expires 2007; Director since 2001	Mr. Gilbert is one of the founding directors, and has been the Chief Executive and an Executive Director, of Aberdeen Asset Management PLC, the parent company of the Fund s Investment Manager and Investment Adviser, since 1983. He has been President of the Fund, and of Aberdeen Asia-Pacific Income Fund, Inc. and Aberdeen Australia Equity Fund, Inc. since February 2004. He was Chairman of the Board of the Fund and of Aberdeen Asia-Pacific Income Fund, Inc. from 2001 to September 2005. He has been a Director of Aberdeen Asset Management Asia Limited, the Fund s Investment Manager, since 1991, a Director of Aberdeen Asset Management Limited, the Fund s Investment Adviser, since 2000, and a Director of Aberdeen Asset Managers (C.I.) Limited, the Fund s former investment manager, from 2000 to 2005. He has been a Director since 1995, and was President from 1995 to October 2005, of Aberdeen Asset Management Inc., the Fund s administrator.	2	Aberdeen Asia- Pacific Income Fund, Inc.

Name, Address and Age	Position(s) Held With the Fund	Term of Office and Length of Time Served	Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years	Number of Funds in Fund Complex* Overseen by Director or Nominee for Director	Other Directorships Held by Director or Nominee for Director
<b>Independent Directors</b>					
Neville J. Miles ° 73 Union Street Paddington, NSW 2021 Australia Age: 59	Class III Director	Term expires 2007; Director since 1999	Mr. Miles has been Chief Executive Officer of Pulse International Pty. Ltd. (financial transaction processing) since 2004. Mr. Miles is, and has been for a period in excess of ten years, Chairman of Ballyshaw Pty. Ltd. (share trading, real estate development and investment). He also is a non-executive director of a number of Australian companies.	3	Aberdeen Australia Equity Fund, Inc.; Aberdeen Asia-Pacific Income Fund, Inc.
Warren C. Smith 1002 Sherbrooke St. West Suite 1600 Montreal, Quebec H3A 3L6 Canada Age: 50	Class III Director	Term expires 2007; Director since 1992	Mr. Smith has been Managing Editor of BCA Publications (financial publications) since 1982.	1	
<b>Class I Directors</b> <b>(Term expiring at the Annual Meeting to be held in 2008)</b>					
<b>Independent Directors</b>					
David L. Elsum, A.M. c/o Aberdeen Asset Management Asia Limited 21 Church Street #01 01 Capital Square Two Singapore 049480 Age: 68	Class I Director	Term expires 2008; Director since 1992	Mr. Elsum is currently retired. He serves as a non-executive director or adviser to several government and privately owned organizations in Australia.	3	Aberdeen Australia Equity Fund, Inc.; Aberdeen Asia-Pacific Income Fund, Inc.

Name, Address and Age	Position(s) Held With the Fund	Term of Office and Length of Time Served	Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years	Number of Funds in Fund Complex* Overseen by Director or Nominee for Director	Other Directorships Held by Director or Nominee for Director
P. Gerald Malone <sup>o</sup> 48 Barmouth Road Wandsworth, London SW18 2DP United Kingdom  Age: 55	Chairman of the Board; Class I Director	Term expires 2008; Director since 2005	Mr. Malone has been a solicitor for more than five years. He has served as a Minister of State in the United Kingdom Government. Mr. Malone currently serves as Independent Chairman of two London AIM-listed companies (healthcare software) in addition to a privately owned pharmaceutical company. He currently serves as a director of European Growth & Income Trust PLC. He is Chairman of the Board of Directors of Aberdeen Asia-Pacific Income Fund, Inc.	2	Aberdeen Asia-Pacific Income Fund, Inc.
E. Duff Scott <sup>o</sup> c/o Aberdeen Asset Management Asia Limited 21 Church Street #01-01 Capital Square Two Singapore 049480  Age: 69	Class I Director	Term expires 2008; Director since 1992	Mr. Scott has been Chairman of QLT Inc. (biopharmaceutical company) since 1990.	1	

\* Aberdeen Asia-Pacific Income Fund, Inc. and Aberdeen Australia Equity Fund, Inc. have a common Investment Manager and Investment Adviser with the Fund, and may thus be deemed to be part of the same Fund Complex as the Fund.

\*\* Mr. Gilbert is deemed to be an interested person because of his affiliation with the Fund's Investment Manager and Investment Adviser. Messrs. Elsum, Potter and Miles are members of the Contract Review Committee. Messrs. Elsum, Sacks and Smith are members of the Audit and Valuation Committee.

<sup>o</sup> Messrs. Malone, Miles and Scott are members of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee.

Please also see the information contained below under the heading Further Information Regarding Directors and Officers.

**The Board of Directors recommends that holders of common stock vote FOR the election of the Fund's two nominees as Class II Directors to the Fund's Board of Directors.**

**PROPOSAL 2: ELECTION OF PREFERRED DIRECTORS**

The Fund has outstanding 1,200 shares of Auction Market Preferred Stock, Series W-7, with an aggregate liquidation preference of \$30 million.

Section 18 of the 1940 Act requires that the holders of any preferred shares, voting separately as a single class without regard to series, have the right to elect at least two Directors at all times. The Board of Directors of the Fund, including the Independent Directors, upon the recommendation of the Board's Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, which is composed entirely of Independent Directors, has nominated Dr. Anton E. Schrafl and Mr. John T. Sheehy to serve as Preferred Directors until the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held in 2007 and until their successors are duly elected and qualify. The nominees have indicated an intention to continue to serve if elected and have consented to be named in this Proxy Statement. The Board of Directors of the Fund knows of no reason why either of these nominees will be unable to serve, but in the event of any such inability, the proxies received will be voted for such substituted nominees as the holders of preferred stock shall recommend, and if no such recommendations are made, such substituted nominees as the Board of Directors may recommend.

As indicated above, the Board of Directors has adopted a retirement policy providing for the retirement of Directors at the age of 70, subject to annual review thereafter by the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee to determine whether it is then in the best interests of the Fund for the Director to remain on the Board. With respect to Directors representing the holders of preferred stock, the policy is similar to, but slightly different from, the policy with respect to Directors representing the holders of common stock. The policy provides that an individual shall not be nominated for election as a Preferred Director if such individual shall have attained 70 years of age prior to the election. The policy further provides that, notwithstanding the foregoing, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee may nominate as a Preferred Director an individual who shall have attained 70 years of age prior to the election, if the Committee determines, after taking into consideration the nominee's age, ability to contribute to the Board, experience and institutional knowledge, that the nominee will enhance the Board's effectiveness and represent the interests of Preferred Stockholders. The Committee has nominated Dr. Schrafl for an additional term as a Preferred Director based upon a determination that his election will enhance the Board's effectiveness and represent the interests of Preferred Stockholders.



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The names of the Fund's nominees for election as Preferred Directors, and their addresses, ages and principal occupations during the past five years, are provided in the table below. Both of the nominees are Independent Directors.

Name, Address and Age	Position(s) Held With the Fund	Term of Office and Length of Time Served	Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years	Number of Funds in Fund Complex* Overseen by Director or Nominee for Director	Other Directorships Held by Director or Nominee for Director
Dr. Anton E. Schrafl Wiesenstrasse 7 CH - 8008 Zurich Switzerland  Age: 74	Preferred Stock Director	Current term expires 2006; Director since 1993	Dr. Schrafl has been Chairman of the Board of Dynavest Ltd. (investment management company) since 2002. He was Deputy Chairman of Holcim Limited (global manufacturer and distributor of cement and allied products) from 1985 until 2002.	2	Aberdeen Asia-Pacific Income Fund, Inc.
John T. Sheehy 560 Sylvan Avenue Englewood Cliffs, NJ 07632  Age: 63	Preferred Stock Director	Current term expires 2006; Director since 1992	Mr. Sheehy has been Senior Managing Director of B.V. Murray and Company (investment banking) since 2001, and Managing Member of The Value Group LLC (venture capital) since 1997.	3	Aberdeen Australia Equity Fund, Inc.; Aberdeen Asia-Pacific Income Fund, Inc.

\* Aberdeen Asia-Pacific Income Fund, Inc. and Aberdeen Australia Equity Fund, Inc. have a common Investment Manager and Investment Adviser with the Fund, and may thus be deemed to be part of the same Fund Complex as the Fund. Mr. Sheehy is a member of the Audit and Valuation Committee.

Please also see the information contained below under the heading Further Information Regarding Directors and Officers.

**The Board of Directors recommends that holders of preferred stock vote FOR the election of the Fund's two nominees as Preferred Directors to the Fund's Board of Directors.**

**PROPOSAL 3: AMENDMENT OF THE FUND'S INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND INVESTMENT POLICIES**

At a meeting of the Board held on December 13, 2005, the Fund's Investment Manager and Investment Adviser proposed that the Fund's principal investment objective, investment policies and investment restrictions be amended to enable the Fund to attain global diversification and broader

opportunities for higher yields.

*Changes to Fundamental Policies of the Fund*

The Investment Manager and Investment Adviser's proposal included the following two changes to the Fund's fundamental policies, which require stockholder approval prior to their adoption:

- 3(A) Amending the Fund's principal investment objective to allow the Fund to invest in fixed income securities, regardless of whether such securities are denominated in Commonwealth Currencies (the Australian Dollar, the

Canadian Dollar, the New Zealand Dollar, the Pound Sterling or any successor currency). Currently, the Fund's investment objective is to provide high current income by investing primarily in fixed-income securities denominated in the Commonwealth Currencies. References to Commonwealth Currencies are legacies of the Fund's prior name The First Commonwealth Fund, Inc.; removing such references from the Fund's investment objective will allow the Fund greater flexibility in the selection of its assets and allow it to pursue high current income from issuers anywhere in the world. This amendment forms the basis for Proposal 3(A).

- 3(B) Amending the Fund's current investment policies with respect to the credit quality of the Fund's investments. In order to allow the Fund greater access to higher yield investments, the Investment Manager and Investment Adviser have proposed that the minimum market value weighted average credit quality of the Fund's investments (or the issuers of those investments) be rated not less than Baa2 (currently A2) by Moody's Investors Service (Moody's), or BBB (currently A) by Standard & Poor's Ratings Group (S&P), or comparably rated by another appropriate nationally or internationally recognized rating agency, or, if unrated, judged by the Investment Manager to be of equivalent quality. Up to 40% of the Fund's investments (or the issuers of those investments) would be permitted to be rated below investment grade at the time of investment; that is, rated below Baa3 by Moody's or BBB- by S&P, or comparably rated by another appropriate nationally or internationally recognized rating agency, or if unrated, judged by the Investment Manager to be of equivalent quality. This would allow the Fund greater flexibility to choose high-yield investments while maintaining an investment grade average credit quality. The Investment Manager and Investment Adviser have also proposed to make non-fundamental those sections of the investment policies relating to the credit quality of the Fund's investments. See Proposal 3(B).

Both Proposal 3(A) and Proposal 3(B) require separate stockholder votes. If Proposal 3(A) is approved but Proposal 3(B) is not, then Proposal 3(A) will be implemented and Proposal 3(B) will not. Similarly, if Proposal 3(B) is approved but Proposal 3(A) is not, then Proposal 3(B) will be implemented and Proposal 3(A) will not.

*Related Changes to the Investment Policies and Investment Restrictions of the Fund Approved by the Board*

In addition to the proposed amendments to the Fund's principal investment objective and the Fund's policy with respect to the credit quality of its investments, both of which are considered fundamental policies of the Fund, set forth in Proposals 3(A) and 3(B), the Board has approved a number of other amendments to the Fund's investment policies which were proposed by the Investment Manager and Investment Adviser at the December 13, 2005 meeting. However, these changes will not be implemented unless stockholders approve Proposal 3(A) and the proposed concentration policy for the Fund described in Proposal 4(B). The amendments to the Fund's non-fundamental investment policies approved by the Board do not require stockholder approval prior to their adoption and are described below.

If stockholders approve Proposal 3(A) and Proposal 4(B), the following changes to the Fund's investment policies would be implemented:

- a. In light of the proposal to remove the reference to the Commonwealth Currencies in the Fund's principal investment objective, the Fund would no longer be subject to the limitation with respect to the use of derivatives to hedge the currency risk associated with the Commonwealth Currencies.
- b. In place of investment limits on issuers from non-Commonwealth countries, the Fund's investments would be classified in three new categories: Developed Markets, Investment Grade Developing Markets and Sub-Investment Grade Developing Markets. Developed Markets are those countries contained in the Citigroup World Government Bond Index, Luxembourg and the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. As of December 31, 2005, securities of the following countries comprised the Citigroup World Government Bond Index: the United States, Canada, Australia, Japan, Singapore, Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy,

the Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Denmark, Norway, Poland, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and New Zealand.

Investment Grade Developing Markets are those countries whose sovereign debt is rated not less than Baa3 by Moody's or BBB- by S&P. Sub-Investment Grade Developing Markets are those countries that are not Developed Markets or Investment Grade Developing Markets. These classifications are flexible and may be amended to take into account the dynamic positions of countries within the global economy.

- c. Under normal circumstances, at least 60% of the Fund's total assets would be invested in a portfolio of fixed income securities from issuers in Developed Markets or Investment Grade Developing Markets, whether or not denominated in the currency of such country; provided, however, that the Fund will invest at least 40% of its total assets in fixed income securities of issuers in Developed Markets. The Fund may only invest up to 40% of its total assets in fixed income securities of issuers in Sub-Investment Grade Developing Markets, whether or not denominated in the currency of such country. These new classifications permit the Fund to pursue attractive investment opportunities, wherever issued, but ensure that a significant portion of the Fund's assets would remain in Developed Markets and Investment Grade Developing Markets.
- d. The maximum exposure to issuers in any one Developed Market would be up to 25% of the Fund's total assets. The maximum exposure to issuers in any one Investment Grade Developing Market would be up to 20% of the Fund's total assets. The maximum exposure to issuers in any one Sub-Investment Grade Developing Market would be up to 15% of the Fund's total assets. These proposed limits are similar to the Fund's current investment policy, except the proposed limits feature more nuanced classifications: currently, investment in emerging market countries or currencies is capped at 15% of the Fund's total assets without regard to the relative stability or credit quality of the market. The new Investment Grade Developing Market classification explicitly allows the Fund to take such considerations into account and make slightly more significant investments in Investment Grade Developing Markets. Furthermore, the proposal decouples exposure limits to currencies (described in the next paragraph) from exposure limits to markets. To a certain extent, this would allow the Fund to manage currency risks separately from other risks specific to a particular market.
- e. The maximum exposure to the currency of any one Developed Market would be up to 25% of the Fund's total assets; provided, however, the Fund may exceed this limitation with respect to the U.S. dollar (1) when investing for temporary defensive purposes, (2) in anticipation of paying a dividend or distribution, or (3) in anticipation of redeeming the AMPS or repaying any then-outstanding borrowings. The maximum exposure to the currency of any one Investment Grade Developing Market would be up to 20% of the Fund's total assets. The maximum exposure to the currency of any one Sub-Investment Grade Developing Market would be up to 15% of the Fund's total assets.
- f. In order to allow the Fund to manage more geographically diversified investments, the Fund would be allowed to invest in derivatives up to the limits allowed under the 1940 Act, subject to certain restrictions imposed by the Board from time to time. The use of derivatives allows the Fund to manage interest rate risk, credit risk and currency risk and replicate or substitute a particular security. The limits on the Fund's use of derivatives imposed by the Board are disclosed in Appendix A.

The entire text of the Fund's investment objectives, investment policies and investment restrictions as they will read if stockholders approve Proposals 3(A), 3(B), 4(A) and 4(B) is annexed as Appendix A hereto.

#### **PROPOSAL 3(A): AMENDMENT TO THE FUND'S INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE**

To be able to take advantage of higher interest rates prevailing in those fixed income markets where securities offer higher yields, to have greater investment flexibility and to attain more global diversification, the Board of Directors has

approved, subject to approval by the stockholders, a change in the Fund's principal investment objective, which is a fundamental policy of the Fund.

It is proposed that the portion of the Fund's investment objective which now reads:

The Fund's investment objective is to provide high current income by investing primarily in fixed income securities denominated in the Commonwealth Currencies.

be amended to read as set forth below:

The Fund's investment objective is to provide high current income by investing primarily in fixed income securities.

#### *Board Considerations*

In considering whether to recommend to stockholders that the Fund's principal investment objective be amended, the Board took into account that expanding the Fund's investment in developing market issuers may allow the Fund access to issuers offering interest rates currently significantly higher than prevailing rates in the United States, the Commonwealth countries, or other Developed Markets, and that this could provide a means of improving the Fund's return. Furthermore, amendment of the principal investment objective would allow the Fund to focus on investments the Investment Manager deems attractive, wherever issued and without regard to the currency in which they are denominated, and become more globally diversified. The focus of the current principal investment objective on fixed income securities issued in Commonwealth Currencies is a legacy of the Fund's prior name The First Commonwealth Income Fund, Inc. and no longer reflects the Fund's global approach to investment.

The Board considered the risks involved as well. Investment in certain fixed income markets, especially in developing markets, may expose the Fund to greater interest rate risk, currency risk, credit risk, political and economic risk and liquidity risk than is currently the case. These risks, as well as risks associated with less transparent accounting and auditing standards and less developed legal systems, can, the Board recognized, increase the likelihood that losses in net asset value more than offset the positive effect of higher yields that may be available in these markets. In addition, the Board noted that the Fund's total investment return may be expected to become more volatile, and that any leverage taken on by the Fund, including its outstanding AMPS could exacerbate this increased volatility. For further discussion of risks in relation to the types of securities to be held by the Fund if these proposals are approved by stockholders, see Appendix B.

The Board took into account that, under the Fund's proposed investment policies, a minimum of 60% of the Fund's total assets would be invested in Developed Markets and Investment Grade Developing Markets and that at least 60% of the Fund's investments (or issuers of those investments) would be rated not less than Baa3 by Moody's or BBB- by S&P. It also considered the fact that investors who do not wish to assume the greater risk associated with investment in developing markets would be able to sell their holdings to investors who seek higher yields, while accepting the concomitant increase in risk. In reaching its decision to recommend that stockholders approve the proposed amendment to the Fund's principal investment objective, the Board determined that such action would be in the best interests of the Fund and the Fund's stockholders.

**The Board of Directors recommends that stockholders vote FOR Proposal 3(A).**



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**PROPOSAL 3(B): AMENDMENT TO THE FUND'S INVESTMENT POLICIES RELATING TO CREDIT QUALITY OF INVESTMENTS**

The Board has also approved, subject to the approval of the stockholders, amendments to the Fund's investment policies with respect to the average credit quality of the Fund's investments and the amount of the Fund's investments that may be placed in sub-investment grade investments. These policies are currently fundamental but would no longer be fundamental following stockholder approval. The amendments would allow the Fund greater flexibility to pursue higher yield investments. To that end, the Board of Directors has approved, subject to the approval by the stockholders, amending that portion of the Fund's investment policy which currently reads:

The Fund's policies with respect to the credit quality of its assets set forth below are fundamental policies that may not be changed without the approval of the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of the Common Stock and the Preferred Stock, voting together as a single class, as well as by the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of the Fund's Preferred Stock voting as a separate class. The market value weighted average of the Fund's investments (or the issuers of those investments) will be rated not less than A2 by Moody's, or A by S&P, or comparably rated by another appropriate nationally or internationally recognized rating agency, or, if unrated, judged by the Investment Manager to be of equivalent quality. Up to 15% of the Fund's investments (or the issuers of those investments) may be rated below investment grade at the time of investment; that is rated below Baa3 by Moody's or BBB- by S&P, or comparably rated by another appropriate nationally or internationally recognized rating agency, or if unrated, judged by the Investment Manager to be of equivalent quality. All of the Fund's investments (or the issuers of those investments) must be rated, at the time of investment, B3 or better by Moody's, or B- or better by S&P, or comparably rated by another appropriate nationally or internationally recognized rating agency, or if unrated, judged by the Investment Manager to be of equivalent quality.

to read as set forth below:

The market value weighted average credit quality of the Fund's investments (or the issuers of those investments) will be rated not less than Baa2 by Moody's, or BBB by S&P, or comparably rated by another appropriate nationally or internationally recognized rating agency, or, if unrated, judged by the Investment Manager to be of equivalent quality. Up to 40% of the Fund's investments (or the issuers of those investments) may be rated below investment grade at the time of investment; that is, rated below Baa3 by Moody's or BBB- by S&P, or comparably rated by another appropriate nationally or internationally recognized rating agency, or if unrated, judged by the Investment Manager to be of equivalent quality. All of the Fund's investments (or the issuers of those investments) must be rated, at the time of investment, B3 or better by Moody's, or B- or better by S&P, or comparably rated by another appropriate nationally or internationally recognized rating agency, or if unrated, judged by the Investment Manager to be of equivalent quality. While the credit quality of each of the Fund's investments is evaluated at the time of investment, the credit quality of the Fund's portfolio may be reviewed from time to time and adjusted accordingly.

*Board Considerations*

The Board noted that Proposal 3(B) offers the Fund greater flexibility to respond to changing market circumstances. When the Fund requires higher yields than currently prevailing rates to maintain a high level of current income or it identifies attractive high yield opportunities at any time, the Fund would be able to dedicate a greater proportion of investment to high-yield fixed income securities; this could provide a means of improving the Fund's return. However, the Board noted that this may expose the Fund to a concomitant greater credit risk and liquidity risk than is currently the case. The higher yields

offered by such securities could be outweighed by such increased risks. For a discussion of risks in relation to these proposals, see Appendix B.

The Board considered that, under the Fund's proposed investment policies, at least 60% of the Fund's investments (or issuers of those investments) would be rated not less than Baa3 by Moody's or BBB- by S&P. It also noted that investors who do not wish to assume the greater risk associated with higher yield fixed income securities would be able to sell their holdings to investors who seek higher yields, while accepting the concomitant increase in risk.

If this Proposal 3(B) is approved, the Fund's investment policies regarding the credit quality of the Fund's investments would go from being fundamental (i.e., changeable only by vote of the stockholders) to being non-fundamental (i.e., changeable by the Board of Directors without the approval of stockholders). The Board's ability to make any further adjustments to the credit quality restrictions applicable to the Fund is currently limited by the requirements of the terms of the AMPS.

In reaching its decision to recommend that stockholders approve the proposed amendment of the Fund's investment policies with respect to the credit quality of the Fund's investments, the Board determined that such action would be in the best interests of the Fund and the Fund's stockholders.

**The Board of Directors recommends that stockholders vote FOR Proposal 3(B).**

#### **PROPOSALS 4(A) AND 4(B): AMENDMENT OF CERTAIN FUNDAMENTAL**

##### **INVESTMENT RESTRICTIONS**

Section 8(b) of the 1940 Act requires the Fund, and all other investment companies, to adopt policies with respect to certain specific types of activities, including the Fund's ability to (1) borrow money; (2) issue senior securities; (3) underwrite securities issued by other persons; (4) purchase or sell real estate; (5) purchase or sell commodities; (6) make loans to other persons; and (7) concentrate its investments in any particular industry or group of industries. Section 13(a) of the 1940 Act provides that these policies must be fundamental policies of the Fund. In addition, the 1940 Act permits, but does not require, the Fund to designate any other of its investment policies as fundamental policies. Investment policies that are required to be fundamental or that are designated by the Fund as fundamental (referred to in this Proposal as fundamental investment restrictions) may only be modified or eliminated with the approval of a majority of the outstanding voting securities of the Fund (as defined in the 1940 Act). In contrast, policies or restrictions that are non-fundamental may be modified or eliminated by action of the Fund's Board of Directors, without separate stockholder action.

Certain of the Fund's current fundamental investment restrictions were adopted in response to state regulations which are no longer applicable as a result of the adoption of the National Securities Markets Improvement Act of 1996 (NSMIA). The Fund is no longer required to have any fundamental investment restrictions that were formerly required by state regulations made inapplicable by NSMIA.

In light of the recommendation of the Investment Manager and Investment Adviser with respect to the Fund's investment objective and policies, the Board of Directors has reviewed the Fund's current fundamental investment restrictions and has recommended that certain of these restrictions be amended in order to simplify and modernize the restrictions to take advantage of current law and interpretative guidance and to increase the investment flexibility of the Fund.



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As more fully discussed in Proposals 4(A) and 4(B) below, certain of the Fund's fundamental investment restrictions are more prohibitive than state law, the 1940 Act, the rules and regulations under the 1940 Act and applicable guidance issued by the Securities and Exchange Commission ( SEC ) and its staff otherwise require, thereby limiting investment strategies and

potentially resulting in operating inefficiencies and costs. The proposed changes are intended to provide the Fund with the maximum investment authority to engage in the types of activities consistent with current law and interpretative guidance and with the Fund's amended investment objectives and investment policies, if approved by stockholders (see Proposal 3). The proposed amended investment restrictions are designed to provide the Fund with the maximum possible amount of flexibility to track any future changes in the 1940 Act and applicable underlying interpretations and guidance, without requiring the Fund to incur the additional expense and time necessary to seek stockholder approval of those changes. It is important to note that, in several instances, the activities covered by an amended investment restriction will continue to be limited by requirements of the Fund's Articles of Amendment and Restatement for so long as the AMPS are outstanding and rated by a nationally recognized statistical ratings organization, such as Moody's or S&P.

Due to these and other factors, the Board recommends that stockholders approve the proposed changes to two of the Fund's fundamental investment restrictions discussed below. In reaching its decision to recommend that stockholders approve such changes, the Board determined that such action would be in the best interests of the Fund and the Fund's stockholders.

Each of the proposed revised fundamental investment restrictions, the current corresponding fundamental investment restriction, and a discussion of the rationale for each suggested change, is provided below in Proposals 4(A) and 4(B). Although this Proposal is intended to provide greater flexibility in managing the Fund's portfolio, the Fund will continue to be managed subject to (1) the limitations imposed by the 1940 Act and the rules and interpretive guidance provided thereunder, (2) the Fund's investment objectives and policies as then in effect, and (3) the limitations included in the Fund's Articles of Amendment and Restatement.

Proposal 4(A), borrowing, if approved by stockholders, will take effect regardless of whether or not Proposals 3(A) and 3(B) or Proposal 4(B) is approved by stockholders. Proposal 4(B), concentration, will only take effect if Proposal 3(A) is approved by stockholders. In the event that Proposal 3(A) is not approved by stockholders, the fundamental investment restriction regarding the concentration of investments will remain unchanged even if Proposal 4(B) is approved by stockholders.

#### **PROPOSAL 4(A): BORROWING**

*Current Fundamental Investment Restriction:* The Fund's current fundamental investment restriction regarding borrowing provides:

The Fund may not borrow money, or pledge, hypothecate, mortgage or otherwise encumber its assets, except that the Fund may borrow for temporary or emergency purposes, if after such borrowing there is asset coverage of at least 300% as defined in the 1940 Act. For the purposes of this restriction, collateral arrangements with respect to transactions in options on foreign currencies and forward contracts are not deemed a pledge of assets or the issuance of a senior security.

*Proposed New Fundamental Investment Restriction:* If the proposed amendment is approved by stockholders, the Fund's fundamental investment restriction regarding borrowing would provide:

The Fund will not borrow money, except as permitted under, or to the extent not prohibited by, the 1940 Act, and as interpreted or modified by regulatory authority having jurisdiction, from time to time.

*Discussion of Proposed Modification*

Unless further restricted, all investment companies are limited by the 1940 Act in the amount they may borrow. At the present time, the 1940 Act permits a fund to borrow from banks in an amount up to 33 1/3% of the fund's assets, including the

amount borrowed. Under Section 18 of the 1940 Act, senior securities that represent indebtedness must have an asset coverage of at least 300% (e.g., for every \$1 borrowed, \$3 of asset cover needs to be maintained.) The proposed restriction would permit the Fund to borrow to the fullest extent permitted by the 1940 Act. Therefore, no further Board or stockholder actions would be needed to adjust the Fund's restriction on borrowing if the 1940 Act or interpretations of the 1940 Act governing borrowing by investment companies change.

Regardless of any change to the investment restriction on borrowing approved by stockholders, the Fund's ability to borrow will be limited as long as there are AMPS outstanding. In this regard, Article XII, Section 6(d) of the Fund's Articles of Amendment and Restatement provides that, for as long as any shares of AMPS are outstanding, the Fund may not borrow money, provided, however, that the Fund may, without such approval, borrow money for temporary or emergency purposes or for the clearance of transactions, in an aggregate amount not to exceed the lesser of \$10,000,000 or 10% of the aggregate liquidation preference of the shares of AMPS outstanding at any one time. As of October 31, 2005, this provision of the Fund's Articles of Amendment and Restatement effectively limited the Fund's borrowings to \$3,000,000.

The 300% asset coverage required for Fund borrowings is separate from the 200% asset coverage required for stock, such as the Fund's AMPS. Therefore, separate asset coverage is needed for indebtedness and for stock. This further limits the Fund's ability to borrow while any AMPS are outstanding.

Since any borrowing by the Fund is a form of leverage, the Fund may be subject to the risk that if the securities held by the Fund decline in value while such loans are outstanding, the Fund's net asset value will decline in value by more than the decline in the value of the securities. Thus, borrowing may exaggerate the positive and negative effects of market, interest rate and currency fluctuations on the Fund's net asset value.

Historically, the Fund has also been restricted from pledging, mortgaging and hypothecating its assets. This restriction was based on the requirements formerly imposed by state blue sky regulators as a condition to registration. As a result of NSMIA, this restriction is no longer required and is proposed to be eliminated from the Fund's fundamental investment restrictions.

**The Board of Directors recommends that stockholders vote FOR Proposal 4(A).**

#### **PROPOSAL 4(B): CONCENTRATION**

*Current Fundamental Investment Restriction:* The Fund's current fundamental restriction regarding concentration of investments provides:

The Fund may not purchase any security (except as provided below) if as a result more than 25% of the total value of its assets would then be invested in securities of issuers in a particular industry, except that the Fund will, under normal circumstances, invest more than 25% of its assets in securities issued or guaranteed by the governments, territories, provinces or states of Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the United Kingdom (and their instrumentalities and agencies, including government-owned entities) or repurchase agreements with respect thereto. This restriction does not apply to securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government or its agencies and instrumentalities (or repurchase agreements with respect thereto).

*Proposed New Fundamental Investment Restriction:* If the proposed amendment is approved by stockholders, the Fund's fundamental investment restriction regarding concentration of investments would provide:

The Fund may not concentrate its investments in a particular industry or group of industries, except as permitted under the 1940 Act, and as interpreted or modified by regulatory authority having jurisdiction

from time to time. This limitation will not apply to the Fund's investments in, among other things, (i) securities of other investment companies; (ii) securities issued or guaranteed as to principal and/or interest by the U.S. Government, its agencies or instrumentalities; or (iii) repurchase agreements (collateralized by the instruments described in clause (ii)).

*Discussion of Proposed Modification*

While the 1940 Act does not define what constitutes "concentration" in an industry, the SEC staff has taken the position that investments of more than 25% of a fund's total assets in one or more issuers conducting their principal business activities in the same industry or group of industries (excluding the U.S. Government, its agencies or instrumentalities) constitutes concentration. The Fund's current fundamental investment restriction pertaining to concentration was originally adopted to permit the Fund to invest at least 65% of its total assets in securities denominated in the Commonwealth Currencies. If Proposal 3(A) is approved by stockholders, the Fund would be permitted to invest less than 25% of its assets in securities issued or guaranteed by the governments, territories, provinces or states of Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the United Kingdom, and the current investment restriction regarding concentration would no longer be necessary. As stated above, the Fund's investment policies would limit exposure to issuers in any one Developed Market to up to 25% of the Fund's total assets (20% for Investment Grade Developing Markets and 15% for Sub-Investment Grade Developing Markets) thus limiting the Fund's ability to be concentrated in the government securities of any particular country. A vote on the change in the policy for the Fund would be a change in policy from "concentrated" to "non-concentrated."

A significant portion of securities denominated in the Commonwealth Currencies will still need to be maintained in order to meet the requirements set forth in the Articles of Amendment and Restatement regarding Eligible Portfolio Property which serves as asset coverage for the AMPS. The Fund will not be able to move away entirely from investing more than 25% of its assets in securities issued or guaranteed by the governments, territories, provinces or states of Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the United Kingdom (and their instrumentalities and agencies, including government-owned entities) until Moody's and S&P, the current rating agencies of the AMPS, approve an amendment to the definition of "Eligible Portfolio Property" in Article XII, Section 1(a), of the Articles of Amendment and Restatement, and the types of currency and securities that compose such Eligible Portfolio Property. The Fund will seek approval from S&P and Moody's regarding the amendment of the definition of Eligible Portfolio Property as soon as practicable following stockholder approval of this Proposal 4(B) and Proposal 3(A). However, there can be no assurance that S&P and Moody's will amend the definition of Eligible Portfolio Property as requested or will do so on any timetable requested by the Fund.

**The Board of Directors recommends that stockholders vote FOR Proposal 4(B).**

**PROPOSALS 5(A) AND 5(B): AMENDMENT OF MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT AND  
INVESTMENT ADVISORY AGREEMENT**

*Investment Manager and Investment Adviser*

Aberdeen Asset Management Asia Limited serves as Investment Manager to the Fund and Aberdeen Asset Management Limited serves as Investment Adviser to the Fund. The Investment Manager is a Singapore corporation incorporated in 1991. The registered office of the Investment Manager is located at 21 Church Street, #01-01 Capital Square Two, Singapore 049480. The Investment Adviser is an Australian corporation, which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Aberdeen Asset Management Holdings Limited ("AAMHL"), an Australian corporation. AAMHL is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Investment Manager. The registered offices of the Investment Adviser and AAMHL are located at Level 6, 201 Kent Street, Sydney, NSW 2000, Australia. The Investment Manager is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Aberdeen Asset Management PLC, a corporation organized under the laws of Scotland. The registered offices of Aberdeen Asset Management PLC are located

at 10 Queen s Terrace, Aberdeen, Scotland AB10 1YG.

*Background regarding Management Agreement and Investment Advisory Agreement*

The Fund's current Management Agreement and Investment Advisory Agreement ( *Agreements* ) were initially approved by the Board of Directors on December 11, 2003, and are dated as of March 8, 2004. Continuation of each of the Agreements was most recently approved unanimously by the Fund's Board of Directors, and by the Fund's Independent Directors voting separately, at a meeting held December 13, 2005. See *Considerations in Approving Renewal of the Agreements* below.

Upon the organization of the Fund in 1985, EquitiLink International Management Limited, an Australian corporation ( *EIML* ), served as the Fund's investment manager, and EquitiLink Australia Limited, an Australian corporation ( *EAL* ), served as the Fund's investment adviser. In December 2000, Aberdeen Asset Management PLC, a corporation organized under the laws of Scotland ( *Aberdeen PLC* ), acquired the business of EIML and EAL, which continued to serve as the investment manager and investment adviser, respectively, of the Fund. In connection with this acquisition, EIML entered into a new management agreement with the Fund, and EAL and EIML entered into a new investment advisory agreement with the Fund. Each of such agreements was approved by the Fund's Board of Directors and separately by a majority of the Fund's Independent Directors, and subsequently on November 30, 2000, by the Fund's stockholders. Following this acquisition, the name of EIML was changed to Aberdeen Asset Managers (C.I.) Limited ( *AAMCIL* ) and the name of EAL was changed to Aberdeen Asset Management Asia Limited ( *AAMAL* ). In December 2003, the Board of Directors approved the transfer by AAMCIL to Aberdeen Asset Management Asia Limited ( *AAMAL* , an affiliate of AAMCIL), of the rights and obligations of AAMCIL under the management agreement and the investment advisory agreement entered into in December 2000. This transfer was effected pursuant to the current Management and Investment Advisory Agreements, both dated as of March 8, 2004. Prior to becoming the Fund's Investment Manager, AAMAL and its personnel had been providing portfolio management, research and trading services to the Fund pursuant to a Memorandum of Understanding with AAMCIL and AAML. This transfer was not intended to, and did not result in, any change in the fundamental investment processes, investment strategies or investment techniques employed by portfolio managers and investment professionals in providing investment advisory services to the Fund, and did not result in any change in the terms of the Fund's Management and Investment Advisory Agreements, other than in the name of the investment manager.

*Reasons for Proposed Amendment to Agreements*

At the December 13, 2005 Board meeting, the Directors determined to seek stockholder approval for an amendment to the Fund's fundamental investment restriction limiting borrowing (Proposal 4(A)), in order to give the Fund broader borrowing authority. In connection with this proposed amendment to the Fund's investment restriction limiting borrowing, the Board of Directors determined, at a meeting held on January 12, 2006, that, as currently formulated, the language for calculating the fees paid by the Fund to the Investment Manager, and by the Investment Manager to the Investment Adviser, might not be broad enough to permit those fees to be based on all the Fund's assets, including borrowings, under management by the Investment Manager and Investment Adviser. The current fee formulation provides that fees shall be based on the Fund's net assets applicable to shares of common stock and shares of preferred stock. This term would not normally include proceeds of borrowings, even when the proceeds are used for investment purposes.

In addition, the section regarding the fee in the Management Agreement currently provides that the portion of the fee which is equal to the percentage of the Fund's net assets denominated in the individual Commonwealth Currencies shall be paid to the Investment Manager in certain of the Commonwealth Currencies. It is proposed that, in order to accommodate more global diversification, this section of the Management Agreement be amended to provide that the Board may determine, from time to time, the currency or currencies in which the management fee shall be paid.

*Board Considerations*



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The Board of Directors noted that the proceeds of any borrowings used for investment purposes would increase the amount of Fund assets for which the Investment Manager and Investment Adviser would be expected to provide services to

the Fund. In addition to being attentive to the various technical concerns in dealing with borrowings, the Board of Directors noted that the Investment Manager and Investment Adviser would be responsible for identifying additional investment opportunities for the proceeds of these borrowings and for managing the additional investments. The Board of Directors also determined that the original formulation of the fee language in the Agreements was designed to compensate the Investment Manager and Investment Adviser on the basis of the amount of assets as to which they make investment decisions. The Board of Directors noted that it had determined to seek stockholder approval to permit the Fund to broaden the Fund's authority to borrow, and that this action had been determined to be in the best interests of the Fund and the Fund's stockholders (see Proposal 3). In the view of the Board of Directors, it would not be appropriate to take actions that increase assets which the Investment Manager and Investment Adviser are obliged by the Agreements to manage without providing proportional additional compensation. The Board of Directors, including the Independent Directors voting separately, unanimously determined to recommend that stockholders approve a change in the fee calculation provision of each Agreement to clarify that fees to the Investment Manager and Investment Adviser will be based on all assets under management, including the proceeds of any borrowing used for investment. In reaching its decision to recommend that stockholders approve the proposed amendment to the Agreements, the Board determined that such action would be in the best interests of the Fund and the Fund's stockholders.

*Current Fee Structure.* The Fund pays the Investment Manager a fee in accordance with the terms of the Management Agreement, and the Investment Manager pays the Investment Adviser out of that fee. The Fund does not pay a separate fee to the Investment Adviser. The current fee language in each of the Agreements is as follows:

#### Management Agreement

The Fund will pay the Investment Manager a fee at the annual rate of 0.65% of the Fund's average weekly net assets applicable to shares of common stock and shares of preferred stock up to \$200 million, 0.60% of such amounts between \$200 million and \$500 million and 0.55% of such assets in excess of \$500 million, computed based upon net asset value applicable to shares of common stock and shares of preferred stock determined weekly and payable on the first business day of each calendar month it being understood that the portion of the fee which is equal to the percentage of the Fund's net assets, measured at the end of each week, held in securities (or cash) denominated in the currencies of Australia and New Zealand, Canada, and the United Kingdom shall be paid to the Investment Manager in, respectively, the currencies of Australia, Canada and the United Kingdom. For the purpose of determining the fees payable to the Investment Manager hereunder, the value of the Fund's net assets shall be computed initially at the times and in the manner specified in the Fund's registration statement on Form N-2, as such times and manner may be amended from time to time by action of the Fund's Board.

#### Investment Advisory Agreement

For the services rendered to the Investment Manager under Section 1.1 [of the Investment Advisory Agreement], the Investment Manager will pay the Investment Adviser a fee computed at the annual rate of 0.15% of the Fund's average weekly net assets, computed based upon net asset value applicable to shares of common stock and shares of preferred stock determined weekly and payable on the first business day of each calendar month.

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For the services rendered to the Investment Manager under Section 1.3 [of the Investment Advisory Agreement], the Investment Manager will pay the Investment Adviser a fee computed at the annual rate of up to 0.10% of the Fund's average weekly net assets computed based upon net asset value applicable to shares of common stock and shares of preferred stock determined weekly and payable on the first business day of each calendar month; it being understood that any such fee shall be reduced by the



amount, if any, that the Investment Manager may pay other entities for rendering any of the services contemplated by Section 1.3 [of the Investment Advisory Agreement].

*Proposed New Fee Structure.* The proposed fee language for each of the Agreements is as follows:

Management Agreement

The Fund will pay the Investment Manager a fee at the annual rate of 0.65% of the Fund's average weekly Managed Assets (as hereinafter defined) up to \$200 million, 0.60% of Managed Assets between \$200 million and \$500 million and 0.55% of Managed Assets in excess of \$500 million, computed based upon Managed Assets determined weekly and payable on the first business day of each calendar month. The Board of Directors may determine, from time to time, the currency or currencies in which the management fee shall be paid. As used in this Agreement,

Managed Assets shall mean net assets plus the amount of any borrowings for investment purposes. For the purpose of determining the fees payable to the Investment Manager hereunder, the value of the Fund's Managed Assets shall be computed initially at the times and in the manner specified in the Fund's registration statement on Form N-2, as such times and manner may be amended from time to time by action of the Fund's Board.

Investment Advisory Agreement

For the services rendered to the Investment Manager under Section 1.1 [of the Investment Advisory Agreement], the Investment Manager will pay the Investment Adviser a fee computed at the annual rate of 0.15% of the Fund's average weekly Managed Assets (as hereinafter defined), computed based upon the value of the Managed Assets determined weekly and payable on the first business day of each calendar month. As used in this Agreement, Managed Assets shall mean net assets plus the amount of any borrowings for investment purposes.

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For the services rendered to the Investment Manager under Section 1.3 [of the Investment Advisory Agreement], the Investment Manager will pay the Investment Adviser a fee computed at the annual rate of up to 0.10% of the Fund's average weekly Managed Assets computed based upon the value of the Managed Assets determined weekly and payable on the first business day of each calendar month; it being understood that any such fee shall be reduced by the amount, if any, that the Investment Manager may pay other entities for rendering any of the services contemplated by Section 1.3 [of the Investment Advisory Agreement].

*Effect of Proposed Change in Fee Structure on Fees to be Paid*

If the proposed change in the fee language of the Agreements had been in effect during the Fund's most recently completed fiscal year, there would have been no change in the fees paid by the Fund to the Investment Manager or in fees paid by the Investment Manager to the Investment Adviser. There will be no change in the fees payable to either the Investment Manager or the Investment Adviser unless or until action is taken that increases the Fund's assets under management through borrowing, and the Board of Directors at an in-person meeting approves the proposed amendments to the Agreements. If the amount of the Fund's assets under management increases through borrowing, this will result in an increase in the amount of the fees payable by the Fund under the Management Agreement. However, the net impact on fees would depend on the net increase in Fund assets that would result from such borrowing, which cannot now be predicted. In accordance with the terms of the Agreements,

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the Fund only pays a fee to the Investment Manager. As indicated above, the terms of the current Management Agreement, and the terms of the proposed amendment to the Management Agreement, provide for breakpoints at higher asset levels. Because of these breakpoints, an increase in assets under management will

increase the dollar value of fees paid by the Fund under the Management Agreement, but would reduce those fees as a percentage of Fund assets.

**The Board of Directors recommends that stockholders vote FOR Proposals 5(A) and 5(B).**

#### **FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE AGREEMENTS**

It is not proposed that any other provisions of the Agreements be changed. If the proposed amendments are approved, all other provisions of the Agreements, including the continuation of the current term through December 22, 2006, will remain unchanged. In the event that stockholder approval for Proposals 5(A) and/or 5(B) is not obtained, all current terms of the respective Agreements as approved by the Directors in December 2005 will continue in effect. The changes described in Proposals 5(A) and 5(B) will only be effective if stockholders approve both Proposal 5(A) and Proposal 5(B).

The terms of each Agreement, other than the fee provisions described above, are described generally as follows:

#### **The Management Agreement**

The Management Agreement provides that the Investment Manager will manage the Fund's investments, in accordance with the Fund's stated investment objective, policies and limitations and subject to the supervision of the Board of Directors. The Investment Manager will make investment decisions on behalf of the Fund including the selection of, and placing of orders with, brokers and dealers to execute portfolio transactions on behalf of the Fund. The Management Agreement authorizes the Investment Manager, at its own expense, to retain others to assist in performing its obligations, subject to compliance with applicable legal requirements.

The Management Agreement also provides that the Investment Manager agrees to pay the salaries and expenses of all of its personnel and all expenses incurred by it arising out of its duties under the Management Agreement. The Fund bears its own expenses, as specified in the Management Agreement. In addition, certain expenses incurred by the Investment Manager's employees who serve as officers and Directors of the Fund may be reimbursed by the Fund under the Fund's policy governing reimbursement of Fund-related expenses. In return for the services provided by the Investment Manager to the Fund, the Fund pays the Investment Manager fees at the following annual rates, computed based upon net asset value determined weekly and payable on the first business day of each calendar month: 0.65% of the Fund's average weekly net assets applicable to shares of common stock and shares of preferred stock up to \$200 million, 0.60% of such amounts between \$200 million and \$500 million and 0.55% of such assets in excess of \$500 million. Proposal 5(A) above, seeks to expand this fee provision so that it would apply to all the Fund's assets under management, including borrowings.

The Management Agreement had an initial term through December 22, 2004, with continuation thereafter subject to yearly approval by the Board of Directors or Fund stockholders, as well as by the Fund's Independent Directors. The Management Agreement may be terminated at any time, without payment of penalty, on 60 days' written notice, by the Board of Directors or by vote of holders of a majority of the outstanding voting securities of the Fund, or by the Investment Manager upon 90 days' written notice. The Management Agreement automatically terminates in the event of its assignment (as defined in the 1940 Act).

The Management Agreement provides that the Investment Manager is not liable for any error of judgment or any loss suffered by the Fund, in connection with matters to which the Management Agreement relates, except a loss resulting from a breach of fiduciary duty with respect to the

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receipt of compensation for services (subject to applicable legal limits) or a loss resulting from willful misfeasance, bad faith or gross negligence on the part of the Investment Manager in the performance of its duties or from reckless disregard by the Investment Manager of its obligations and duties under the Management Agreement.

The Management Agreement provides that the Investment Manager and its affiliates may provide similar services to other funds and clients and may engage in other activities. It also provides that investment opportunities shall be allocated among the Fund and other clients in a fair and equitable manner.

During the fiscal year ended October 31, 2005, the fees paid to the Investment Manager by the Fund amounted to \$1,051,305.

### **The Investment Advisory Agreement**

The Investment Advisory Agreement provides that the Investment Adviser will: (i) make recommendations to the Investment Manager as to the overall structure of the Fund's portfolio, including asset allocation advice and general advice on investment strategy relating to the Fund's overall investment objectives, and (ii) make recommendations to the Investment Manager as to specific portfolio securities to be purchased, retained or sold by the Fund, and provide or obtain related research and statistical data. For these services, the Investment Adviser receives a fee from the Investment Manager computed at the annual rate of: (i) 0.15% and (ii) 0.10% respectively (for an aggregate fee of 0.25%), of the Fund's average weekly net assets, computed based upon net asset value applicable to shares of common stock and shares of preferred stock determined weekly and payable on the first business day of each calendar month. Proposal 5(B) above, seeks to expand this fee provision so that it would apply to all the Fund's assets under management, including borrowings.

The Investment Advisory Agreement also provides that the Investment Adviser agrees to pay the salaries and expenses of all of its personnel and all expenses incurred by it arising out of its duties under the Investment Advisory Agreement. However, certain expenses incurred by the Investment Adviser's employees who serve as officers and directors of the Fund may be reimbursed by the Fund under the Fund's policy governing reimbursement of Fund-related expenses.

During the fiscal year ended October 31, 2005, the fees paid to the Investment Adviser by the Investment Manager with respect to the Fund amounted to \$403,412.

The provisions of the Investment Advisory Agreement regarding liability, non-exclusivity of services, allocation of investment opportunities, duration and termination are comparable to those of the Management Agreement.

### **Considerations in Approving Renewal of the Agreements**

In December 2005, at an in-person meeting, the Board of Directors, including all of the Independent Directors, considered and approved the renewal of the Agreements for an additional term of twelve months. At this meeting, the Directors reviewed an extensive report prepared by the Investment Manager and the Investment Adviser (collectively, the Advisers) in response to a request submitted by the Independent Directors independent legal counsel on behalf of such Directors, and discussed this report with representatives of the Advisers. The Independent Directors also consulted in executive session with counsel to the Independent Directors regarding the renewal of the Agreements. The Directors also considered the recommendation of the Contract Review Committee of the Board (the Committee), consisting solely of Independent Directors, that the Agreements be renewed, noting that the Committee had discussed, in executive session with independent counsel, the nature, extent and quality of the management and advisory services provided to the Fund by the Advisers, the level of the management and advisory fees, the costs of the services provided and the profits realized by the Advisers, the Fund's expense ratio, its relative and absolute performance, any economies of scale with respect to the management of the Fund, any ancillary benefits received by the Advisers and their affiliates as a result of their relationship with the Fund, and various other matters included within the report of the Advisers.



Given the fact that (i) all management fees payable by the Fund are payable only to the Investment Manager, and the Investment Manager pays a portion of those fees to the Investment Adviser, an affiliated entity which is under common ownership by Aberdeen Asset Management PLC, and (ii) the Investment Manager and the Investment Adviser use a team approach to the making of investment decisions, the Board of Directors did not separately consider the renewal of the

Management Agreement and the Investment Advisory Agreement, but rather viewed the Investment Manager and the Investment Adviser as providers of a unified service. However, the Board was provided, and did consider, information as to the services provided by each of the Investment Manager and the Investment Adviser, the fees payable by the Fund to the Investment Manager and by the Investment Manager to the Investment Adviser and, as noted below, certain pro forma estimates as to the profitability of each in respect of their services to the Fund. The Board's consideration of investment performance, expenses and economies of scale, as further discussed below, was focused at the Fund level without any separate attribution of those factors to the Investment Manager and the Investment Adviser given the impracticalities inherent in attempting any such attribution.

In approving (or in the case of the Committee, recommending) the renewal of the Agreements, the Committee, the Independent Directors and the entire Board of Directors concluded that:

The annual management fee rate paid by the Fund to the Investment Manager for investment management services was within a reasonable range relative to the effective advisory fee rates of a comparison group consisting of an eight-fund category of closed-end global income funds compiled by Lipper Inc. at the request of the Fund (the Peer Group), including Aberdeen Asia-Pacific Income Fund, Inc., another U.S. closed-end fund managed by the Investment Manager (FAX), and was below the weighted average fee of six funds within the Peer Group. The Board assumed that the Lipper compilation of funds represented a reasonably comparable group and that the compilation provided a reasonably reliable general indication of relative fees. Additionally, the Board noted that the Fund's effective management fee rate of 0.65% was higher than the annual fee rate of 0.57% paid to the Investment Manager by a non-U.S. fund listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange. However, the Board determined that this disparity was reasonable due to the lower complexity of that fund, which does not have a global investment mandate and is not subject to the same diversification requirements.

They were satisfied with the nature, quality and extent of services provided by the Advisers. The services provided by the Investment Manager and the Investment Adviser have been described above under The Management Agreement and The Investment Advisory Agreement, respectively. In reaching this conclusion, the Committee, the Independent Directors and the Board reviewed, among other things, the Advisers' investment experience, including the positive growth and development of their Far East operations as well as the Aberdeen Group's global activities, especially in North America, emerging markets and Australia. The Committee, the Independent Directors and the Board received information regarding the Advisers' compliance with applicable laws and SEC and other regulatory inquiries or audits of the Fund and the Advisers. The Committee also received and considered a report from the Chief Executive of Aberdeen Asset Management PLC in regard to, among other matters, the financial capacity of the Advisers' parent company to support the services provided by its subsidiaries to the Fund and the strengthening of the parent company's balance sheet during the last year. The Committee, the Independent Directors and the Board also considered the background and experience of the Advisers' senior management and the qualifications, background and responsibilities of the portfolio managers primarily responsible for the day-to-day portfolio management services for the Fund.

The Fund experienced above-average investment performance as compared to the funds within a the Peer Group (ranking third out of eight for the year ended October 31, 2005 and first out of eight for the year ended October 31, 2004). The Committee, the Independent Directors and the Board received and considered information regarding the Fund's total return in US dollar terms for each of the last five fiscal years on a gross and net basis and relative to the Fund's benchmark, the Fund's share performance and premium/discount information during the same period and the impact of foreign currency movements on the Fund's performance in US dollar terms. The Committee, the Independent Directors and the Board also received and reviewed information as to the Fund's total return for each of the last five fiscal years as compared with the total returns of each of the Funds included in the Peer Group. The Committee, the Independent Directors and the Board further reviewed the impact of the Fund's preferred stock on the returns to shareholders, and information as to the Fund's discount/premium ranking relative to the Peer Group for the one, two, five and seven year periods ended October 31, 2005.

The Fund's expense ratio of 1.961% for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2004 was the highest compared to a selected group of funds of relatively comparable asset size within the Peer Group; however, the Committee, the Independent Directors and the Board noted that the Fund's expense ratio was high due to the fact that many of the Fund's expenses are fixed while the asset base of the Fund against which those expenses are charged is relatively small, and that the Fund's size was the smallest within the comparison group.

Any potential economies of scale were being shared between the Fund and the Advisers in an appropriate manner. This determination was based on factors including that the Fund's management fee schedule provided significant breakpoints at higher asset levels, and that profitability of the Investment Manager and the Investment Adviser were determined to be reasonable based upon the Board's review of the peer group data and other information provided to the Board.

In light of the costs of providing investment management and advisory services to the Fund, the profits that the Advisers received, individually and on an aggregate basis (based on certain pro forma estimates) with respect to providing investment management and advisory services to the Fund were reasonable, and any ancillary benefits received by the Advisers and their affiliates as a result of their relationship with the Fund were reasonable.

As noted above, the Board reviewed detailed materials received from the Advisers as part of the renewal process. The Board also regularly reviews and assesses the quality of the services the Fund receives throughout the year. In this regard, the Board reviews reports of the Advisers at least in each of its regular quarterly meetings, which include, among other things, a portfolio review and Fund performance reports.

In considering the Agreements, the Committee, the Independent Directors and the Board did not identify any factor as all-important or all-controlling and instead considered these factors collectively in light of the Fund's surrounding circumstances. After considering the above-described factors and based on the deliberations and its evaluation of the information provided to it, the Committee, the Independent Directors and the Board concluded that approval of the renewal of the Agreements was in the best interest of the Fund and its stockholders. Accordingly, the Board, and the Independent Directors voting separately, unanimously approved the renewal of the Agreements.

#### **Principal Executive Officers and Directors of the Investment Manager and the Investment Adviser**

Information concerning the principal executive officers and directors of the Investment Manager and the Investment Adviser is as follows:

#### **Investment Manager**

<b><u>Name and Address</u></b>	<b><u>Position with Investment Manager</u></b>	<b><u>Principal Occupation</u></b>
Hugh Young  Aberdeen Asset Management Asia Limited  21 Church Street  #01-01 Capital Square Two  Singapore 049480	Managing Director	Managing Director of Investment Manager
Martin J. Gilbert	Director	Chief Executive Officer and Director of Aberdeen Asset Management PLC

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Peter Hames Aberdeen Asset Management Asia Limited 21 Church Street #01-01 Capital Square Two Singapore 049480	Director	Director of Investment Manager
Graeme Sinclair Aberdeen Asset Management Asia Limited 21 Church Street #01-01 Capital Square Two Singapore 049480	Director	Director of Investment Manager
Cheok Corinne Yu-Lin Aberdeen Asset Management Asia Limited 21 Church Street #01-01 Capital Square Two Singapore 049480	Director	Director of Investment Manager
Low Hon-Yu Aberdeen Asset Management Asia Limited 21 Church Street #01-01 Capital Square Two Singapore 049480	Director	Director of Investment Manager
Patrick Corfe Aberdeen Asset Management Asia Limited 21 Church Street	Director	Director of Investment Manager

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<u>Name and Address</u>	<u>Position with Investment Manager</u>	<u>Principal Occupation</u>
Nicholas Hadow  Aberdeen Asset Management Asia Limited  21 Church Street  #01-01 Capital Square Two  Singapore 049480	Director	Director of Investment Manager

**Investment Adviser**

<u>Name and Address</u>	<u>Position with Investment Adviser</u>	<u>Principal Occupation</u>
Hugh Young  Aberdeen Asset Management Asia Limited  21 Church Street  #01-01 Capital Square Two  Singapore 049480	Managing Director	Managing Director of Investment Manager
Charles D. Macrae  Aberdeen Asset Management Limited  Level 6, 201 Kent Street  Sydney, NSW 2000, Australia	Director Operations	Director of Investment Adviser
Martin J. Gilbert  Aberdeen Asset Management PLC  10 Queen s Terrace  Aberdeen  Scotland AB10 1YG	Director	Chief Executive Officer and Director of Aberdeen Asset Management PLC
Augustine Mark Daniels  Aberdeen Asset Management Limited  Level 6, 201 Kent Street  Sydney, NSW 2000, Australia	Director	Director of Investment Adviser
Neil Hegarty	Director Sales and Marketing	Director Sales and Marketing of Investment Adviser

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**Fees to other affiliates**

Aberdeen Asset Management Inc. ( AAMI ), an affiliate of the Investment Manager and the Investment Adviser, serves as the Fund's administrator and also provides investor relations services to the Fund. AAMI is a Delaware corporation with its principal business office located at 1735 Market Street, 37th Floor, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103.

Pursuant to an administration agreement with the Fund ( Administration Agreement ), AAMI receives a fee at an annual rate of 0.15% of the Fund's average weekly net assets of both common and preferred stockholders. At the meeting of the Board of Directors held on January 12, 2006, the entire Board, and the Independent Directors voting separately, determined that if the Fund's stockholders vote to approve the proposed amendments to the fees payable to the Advisers under the respective Agreements, the Fund will amend the Administration Agreement to provide that the administration fee payable to AAMI will be similarly computed based upon all assets under management, including the proceeds of any borrowing used for investment. Pursuant to an investor relations services agreement with the Fund, AAMI receives a monthly retainer of \$4,000, plus out-of-pocket expenses.

During the fiscal year ended October 31, 2005, the Fund incurred fees of \$242,609 and \$49,582 to AAMI for its services as the Fund's Administrator and investor relations services provider, respectively. AAMI will continue to provide administration and investor relations services to the Fund after approval of the amendments to the Management Agreement and Investment Advisory Agreement.

**Relationship of Officers with the Investment Manager and the Investment Adviser**

Mr. Martin Gilbert, the President of the Fund, also serves as a Director of the Investment Manager, a Director of the Investment Adviser, and as the Chief Executive and an Executive Director of Aberdeen Asset Management PLC. Mr. Christian Pittard, the Treasurer and an Assistant Secretary of the Fund, is also a member of the Executive Management Committee of Aberdeen Asset Management PLC. Mr. Derek Fulton, a Vice President of the Fund, also serves as a Director of the Investment Manager. Messrs. Gilbert, Pittard and Fulton are also stockholders of Aberdeen Asset Management PLC.

Messrs. Martin Gilbert, Christian Pittard, James Capezzuto and Alan Goodson, who serve as officers of the Fund, are also directors and/or officers of AAMI. See Further Information Regarding Directors and Officers for further information.

**Comparative Fee Information**

The Investment Manager also serves as the investment manager to Aberdeen Asia-Pacific Income Fund, Inc., a U.S. registered closed-end management investment company, listed on the American Stock Exchange, having a similar investment objective to that of the Fund. Information with respect to this fund is set forth below:

<u>Name of Fund</u>	<u>Objective</u>	<u>Fee Rate</u>	<u>Net Assets*</u>
Aberdeen Asia-Pacific Income Fund, Inc.	The Fund's investment objective is to seek current income. The	0.65% of average weekly total net assets of common and	\$2,344,824,673*

Fund may also achieve incidental capital appreciation.

preferred stockholders up to \$200 million; 0.60% of such assets between \$200 million and \$500 million; 0.55% of such assets between \$500 million and \$900 million; 0.50% of such assets between \$900 million and \$1.75 billion; and 0.45% of such assets in excess of \$1.75 billion.

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\* As of October 31, 2005.

**PROPOSAL 6: AMENDMENT AND RESTATEMENT OF THE FUND S CHARTER**

At the Fund s Annual Meeting of Stockholders held on April 15, 2003, stockholders approved the Fund s Articles of Amendment and Restatement, which were subsequently filed with the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation on April 23, 2003. The Articles of Amendment and Restatement (1) restated all of the provisions of the Fund s Articles of Incorporation, various Articles of Amendment, and various Articles Supplementary (collectively, the Articles ); (2) consolidated the separate Articles into a single document; and (3) amended certain provisions of the Articles relating to the Fund s AMPS.

The Fund s Board is now requesting that stockholders approve a proposal that the Fund s Articles of Amendment and Restatement be (1) further amended to (a) clarify that references to Moody s and S&P in Article XII, Sections 2 through 10 of the Articles of Amendment and Restatement apply only so long as Moody s or S&P, respectively, is providing a rating on the Fund s AMPS, (b) allow the Fund to select successor or alternative nationally recognized statistical rating organizations to provide ratings with respect to the AMPS (alternative rating agencies), and (c) replace all references to the term Quarterly Surprise Valuation Date in the Articles of Amendment and Restatement with references to the term Annual Valuation Date ; and (2) restated to account for all of the amendments listed above and any other actions that were taken by the Board since April 2003 with respect to the defined terms in Section 1(a) of Article XII of the Articles of Amendment and Restatement ( Proposed Amendment and Restatement ).

The full text of the Proposed Amendment and Restatement, including the amendments described below, is annexed as Appendix C. This Appendix has been marked to indicate changes from the Articles as currently in effect. If this Proposal 6 is approved, the Fund will file for record with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation of Maryland the Proposed Amendment and Restatement in the form of Articles of Amendment and Restatement.

Unless the context otherwise requires or indicates, the capitalized terms used but not defined in the discussion below will have the meaning ascribed to those terms in the Proposed Amendment and Restatement. The discussion below is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Proposed Amendment and Restatement included as Appendix C.

*Amending the Meanings of Certain Defined Terms in the Articles of Amendment and Restatement*

Article XII, Section 1(a) of the Fund s Articles of Amendment and Restatement currently sets out definitions for terms used throughout Article XII of the Articles of Amendment and Restatement. Article XII, Section 1(b) of the Articles of Amendment and Restatement gives the Board of Directors of the Fund the authority to adjust, modify, alter or change from time to time the [definitions in Article XII, Section 1(a)] and to add additional definitions or delete definitions if, where relevant to the ratings provided by Moody s and S&P, such Rating Agency advises the Fund in writing that the proposed adjustment, modification, alteration, change, addition or deletion will not adversely affect its then-current rating on the AMPS.

In order to clarify that references to Moody s and S&P in Article XII, Section 1(a) of the Articles of Amendment and Restatement apply only so long as Moody s or S&P, respectively, is providing a rating on the AMPS and to allow for the possibility of alternative rating agencies providing ratings with respect to the AMPS, the Board has determined to amend the following definitions included in Article XII, Section 1(a):

AA Composite Commercial Paper Rate;  
AMPS Basic Maintenance Amount;

Eligible Portfolio Property;  
Moody s;  
Non-Payment Period Rate;  
Pricing Service;

Rating;  
Rating Agencies; and  
S&P.

To allow the Fund to select one or more alternative rating agencies to provide ratings with respect to the AMPS, the Proposed Amendment and Restatement includes an amended version of the definition of the terms *Substitute Rating Agency* and *Substitute Rating Agencies*. Currently, those terms are defined as follows:

*Substitute Rating Agency* and *Substitute Rating Agencies* which mean a nationally recognized securities rating agency or two nationally recognized securities rating agencies, respectively, selected by *Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, or its affiliate or successor, in consultation with* the Corporation, to act as the substitute rating agency or substitute rating agencies, as the case may be, to determine the credit ratings of the shares of AMPS. (emphasis added)

The corresponding defined terms in the Proposed Amendment and Restatement reflect the deletion of the italicized text shown above, thus allowing the Fund, rather than Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, or its affiliate or successor, to select a nationally recognized securities rating agency to determine the credit ratings of the shares of AMPS.

The Board of Directors has made an amendment to the definition of the term *Short Term Money Market Instruments* to include standby letters of credit or other similar instruments issued by any depository institution, the deposits of which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ( *FDIC* ) or the Savings Association Insurance Fund, administered by the FDIC. The reference to the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation ( *FSLIC* ) has also been removed because the FSLIC was abolished as part of the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery and Enforcement Act of 1989.

To reflect changes to the identities of the Fund's service providers since April 2003, or the way particular service providers are described, the Board of Directors has also determined to amend the following definitions included in Article XII, Section 1(a):

Administrator;  
AMPS Basic Maintenance Report;  
Independent Accountant; and  
Investment Manager.

The revised text of each of these definitions appears in the Proposed Amendment and Restatement included as Appendix C.

With respect to the definition of *Quarterly Surprise Valuation Date*, on January 5, 2006, the Fund filed a Certificate of Notice with the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation that included the following provision:

On December 13, 2005, in light of written confirmation from [Moody's] and [S&P] that surprise quarterly audits of the calculation of the AMPS Basic Maintenance Amount (as defined in the [Articles of Amendment and Restatement]) were no longer required, provided an annual audit as of the last Valuation Date (as defined in the [Articles of Amendment and Restatement]) of the [Fund's] fiscal year end is performed, the Board of Directors (the Board) of the [Fund], in accordance with its powers under Article XII, Section (1)(b) of the [Articles of Amendment and Restatement], determined that the definition of *Quarterly Surprise Valuation Date* in Article XII, Section 1 of the [Articles of Amendment and

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Restatement], which currently means so long as any shares of AMPS are Outstanding, any Valuation Date during the quarter ended January, April, July or October of each year be modified and deemed to reflect that an annual audit rather than quarterly surprise audits are now required.

Accordingly, Quarterly Surprise Valuation Date is now deemed to mean so long as any shares of AMPS are Outstanding, (i) any Valuation Date during the quarter ended January, April, July or October of each year, or (ii) the last Valuation Date of each fiscal year of the Corporation, provided that that the Corporation complies with the then current requirements of each Rating Agency in this regard.

All references to Quarterly Surprise Valuation Date in the [Articles of Amendment and Restatement] will henceforth be interpreted in accordance with this Board determination. The terms of the AMPS and the rights of the beneficial owners of the AMPS are not changed by this Certificate of Notice.

Although Article XII, Section 1(b) of the Articles of Amendment and Restatement permits the Board of Directors to revise the definitions included in Article XII, Section 1(a) of the Articles of Amendment and Restatement, Section 1(b) does not allow the Board of Directors to amend the provisions of Article XII, Sections 2 through 10 of the Articles of Amendment and Restatement without the approval of stockholders. As a result, stockholders are being asked to approve the Proposed Amendment and Restatement which contains the amendments to Article XII, Sections 2 through 10 necessary to give full effect to the definitional changes and interpretations discussed above.

*Stockholder Approval Required to Further Amend and Restate the Articles of Amendment and Restatement*

In order to clarify that references to Moody's and S&P in Article XII, Sections 2 through 10 of the Articles of Amendment and Restatement apply only so long as Moody's or S&P, respectively, is providing a rating on the AMPS, the Proposed Amendment and Restatement includes amendments in the following sections of Article XII of the Articles of Amendment and Restatement:

Section 1(b);

Section 3(c)(iii);

Section 3(d)(v);

Section 6(f);

Section 7(b)(ii);

Section 7(b)(iii);

Section 7(c)(iv); and

Section 8(a)(vii).

Section 8(a)(vii) of Article XII of the Articles of Amendment and Restatement currently contains the following provision:

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If either S&P or Moody's shall not make a rating available, or if neither S&P nor Moody's shall make such a rating available, Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated or its affiliates and successors, after consultation with the [Fund], shall select a nationally recognized statistical rating organization or two nationally recognized statistical rating organizations to act as a Substitute Rating Agency or Substitute Rating Agencies, as the case may be.

In the Proposed Amendment and Restatement, the text of Article XII, Section 8(a)(vii), is replaced with the following in order to leave the selection of the Substitute Rating Agency or Agencies to the Fund:

If one or more of the Rating Agencies then rating the AMPS shall not make a rating available, or if no Rating Agency makes such a rating available, the [Fund] shall select a nationally recognized statistical



rating organization or two nationally recognized statistical rating organizations to act as a Substitute Rating Agency or Substitute Rating Agencies, as the case may be.

To clarify that an annual audit rather than quarterly surprise audits are now required, the Proposed Amendment and Restatement would delete the definition of *Quarterly Surprise Valuation Date*, as interpreted by the Board of Directors and set out in the Certificate of Notice referenced above, and all references to that term and replace them with the term *Annual Valuation Date* defined as follows:

*Annual Valuation Date* shall mean, so long as any shares of AMPS are Outstanding, the last Valuation Date of each fiscal year of the [Fund].

As indicated in the Proposed Amendment and Restatement attached as Appendix C, these proposed changes will affect the following provisions of Article XII of the Articles of Amendment and Restatement:

Section 1(a) definitions of the terms *Eligible Portfolio Property*, *Discount Factor*, *Forward Contract* and *Quarterly Surprise Valuation Date*;

Section 7(b)(ii); and

Section 7(b)(iii).

Finally, the Proposed Amendment and Restatement replaces the phrase *Australian Currency, Canadian Currency or United Kingdom Currency*, which appears twice in Article XII, Section 7(c)(iv) of the Articles of Amendment and Restatement, with the term *Other Currency*. The Proposed Amendment and Restatement defines *Other Currency* to mean *Australian Currency, Canadian Currency or United Kingdom Currency*. As a result, there is no current effect to this change. However, if the Rating Agencies advise the Fund in writing that future changes to the definitions set forth in Article XII, Section 1(a) proposed to implement any changes to the Fund's investment objectives, policies and restrictions approved by the Board and/or stockholders (see Proposals 3 and 4) would not adversely affect their then-current ratings of the AMPS, the use of the defined term *Other Currency* in Section 7(c)(iv) preserves flexibility in the event that Rating Agencies allow other currencies to be used for purposes of the activities described in Section 7(c)(iv).

The Fund has consulted with S&P and Moody's regarding the amendments included in the Proposed Amendment and Restatement and each Rating Agency has advised the Fund in writing that the proposed amendments would not adversely affect their respective current ratings of the AMPS.

**The Board of Directors recommends that stockholders vote FOR Proposal 6.**

#### **FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS**

##### **Officers of the Fund**

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The names of the officers of the Fund who are not Directors, and their addresses, ages and principal occupations during the past five years, are provided in the table below:

Name, Address and Age	Position(s) Held With the Fund	Term of Office* and Length of Time Served	Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years
Alison Briggs Aberdeen Asset Management Limited Level 6, 201 Kent Street Sydney, NSW 2000 Australia Age: 33	Vice President**	Since 2004	Director of Economics and Fixed Interest (from 2003 to 2005) and Senior Portfolio Manager (prior to 2003) of Aberdeen Asset Management Limited (the Fund's Investment Adviser).

Name, Address and Age	Position(s) Held With the Fund	Term of Office* and Length of Time Served	Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years
<p>Derek Fulton</p> <p>Aberdeen Asset Management Asia Limited</p> <p>21 Church Street</p> <p>#01-01 Capital Square Two</p> <p>Singapore 049480</p> <p>Age: 33</p>	Vice President**	Since 2005	<p>Head of Global Sovereign and Asian Fixed Income, and a Director, of Aberdeen Asset Management Asia Limited (the Fund's Investment Manager) (since 2004); Senior Portfolio Manager, Global Fixed Income of Aberdeen Asset Managers Ltd. (affiliate of the Fund's Investment Manager and Investment Adviser) (from 2000 to 2004).</p>
<p>Christian Pittard</p> <p>Aberdeen Asset Management Inc.</p> <p>1735 Market Street</p> <p>37th Floor</p> <p>Philadelphia PA 19103</p> <p>Age: 32</p>	Treasurer and Assistant Secretary***	Since 2001	<p>Director, President, and Chief Executive Officer (since October 2005) and employee (since June 2005) of Aberdeen Asset Management Inc. (the Fund's Administrator); Member of Executive Management Committee of Aberdeen Asset Management PLC (parent company of the Fund's Investment Manager and Investment Adviser) (since August 2005); Managing Director of Aberdeen Asset Managers (C.I.) Limited (the Fund's former Investment Manager) (from 2000 to June 2005); Managing Director of Aberdeen Private Wealth Management Limited (affiliate of the Fund's Investment Manager and Investment Adviser) (from 2000 to May 2005); Managing Director of Aberdeen Asset Managers Jersey Limited (affiliate of the Fund's Investment Manager and Investment Adviser) (from 1999 to November 2005).</p>
<p>James Capezzuto</p> <p>Aberdeen Asset Management Inc.</p> <p>1735 Market Street</p> <p>37th Floor</p> <p>Philadelphia PA 19103</p> <p>Age: 42</p>	Vice President Compliance***	Since 2005	<p>Vice President and Chief Compliance Officer (since October 2005) and employee (since September 2005) of Aberdeen Asset Management Inc.; Director and associate general counsel of UBS Global Asset Management Americas region (from 2004 to September 2005); Senior Vice President and Senior Compliance Manager of Bank of America Corporation (from 2003 to 2004); Counsel, Compliance Director of Steinberg Priest &amp; Sloane Capital Management LLC (from 2002 to 2003) and Director and Senior Counsel of Deutsche Asset Management (from 1996 to 2002).</p>
<p>Alan Goodson</p> <p>Aberdeen Asset Management Inc.</p> <p>1735 Market Street</p> <p>37th Floor</p>	Secretary and Assistant Treasurer***	Since 2005	<p>Vice President and Secretary (since October 2005) and employee (since June 2005) of Aberdeen Asset Management Inc.; Head of Finance (from 2000 to May 2005) and Company Secretary (from 2001 to May 2005) of Aberdeen Private Wealth Management Limited; Finance Director and Company Secretary of Aberdeen Asset Managers Jersey Limited (from 2002 to November 2005); Company Secretary of Aberdeen Asset Managers (C.I.) Limited (from 2001 to June 2005).</p>

Philadelphia PA 19103

Age: 31

- \* Officers hold their positions with the Fund until a successor has been duly elected and qualifies. Officers are generally elected annually at the meeting of the Board of Directors next following the annual meeting of stockholders. The officers were last elected on June 8, 2005, except for Mr. Goodson, who was elected on September 8, 2005, and Mr. Capezzuto, who was elected on December 13, 2005.
- \*\* Ms. Briggs and Mr. Fulton hold the same position with Aberdeen Asia-Pacific Income Fund, Inc., which may be deemed to be part of the same Fund Complex as the Fund.
- \*\*\* Messrs. Pittard, Capezzuto, and Goodson hold the same position(s) with Aberdeen Australia Equity Fund, Inc. and Aberdeen Asia-Pacific Income Fund, Inc., both of which may be deemed to be a part of the same Fund Complex as the Fund.

### Ownership of Securities

As of October 31, 2005, the Fund's Directors and executive officers, as a group, owned less than 1% of the Fund's outstanding shares of common stock, and no shares of the Fund's preferred stock. The information as to ownership of securities which appears below is based on statements furnished to the Fund by its Directors and executive officers.

As of October 31, 2005, the dollar range of equity securities owned beneficially by each Director in the Fund and in any registered investment companies overseen by the Director within the same family of investment companies as the Fund was as follows:

Name of Director or Nominee	Dollar Range of Equity Securities in the Fund	Aggregate Dollar Range of Equity Securities in All Registered Investment Companies Overseen by Director or Nominee in Family of Investment Companies*
<b>Interested Director</b>		
Martin J. Gilbert	\$10,001 - 50,000	\$10,001 - 50,000
<b>Independent Directors</b>		
David L. Elsum	\$10,001 - 50,000	\$50,001 - 100,000
P. Gerald Malone	\$0	\$1 - 10,000
Neville J. Miles	\$10,001 - 50,000	\$10,001 - 50,000
William J. Potter	\$10,001 - 50,000	\$10,001 - 50,000
Peter D. Sacks	\$10,001 - 50,000	\$10,001 - 50,000
Dr. Anton E. Schrafl	\$10,001 - 50,000	\$10,001 - 50,000
E. Duff Scott	\$10,001 - 50,000	Over \$100,000
John T. Sheehy	\$10,001 - 50,000	\$10,001 - 50,000
Warren C. Smith	\$50,001 - 100,000	\$50,001 - 100,000

- \* Aggregate Dollar Range shown includes equity securities of the Fund, and of Aberdeen Asia-Pacific Income Fund, Inc. and Aberdeen Australia Equity Fund, Inc., all of which may be deemed to be in the same Family of Investment Companies.

As of October 31, 2005, none of the Independent Directors or their immediate family members owned any shares of the Investment Manager or Investment Adviser or of any person (other than a registered investment company) directly or indirectly controlling, controlled by, or under common control with the Investment Manager or Investment Adviser.

Messrs. Martin Gilbert and Christian Pittard serve as executive officers of the Fund. As of October 31, 2005, Mr. Pittard owned no shares of the Fund's common stock or preferred stock.

## **Committees of the Board of Directors**

### *Current Committees and Members*

The Board of Directors has a standing Audit and Valuation Committee, Contract Review Committee, and Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, each of which is composed entirely of Independent Directors. Each member is also independent within the meaning of the American Stock Exchange ( AMEX ) listing standards.

### *Audit and Valuation Committee*

The Audit and Valuation Committee, established in accordance with Section 3(a)(58)(A) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the 1934 Act ), is responsible for the selection and engagement of the Fund's independent registered public accounting firm (subject to ratification by the Fund's Independent Directors), pre-approves and reviews both the audit and non-audit work of the Fund's independent registered public accounting firm, and reviews compliance of the Fund with regulations of the SEC and the Internal Revenue Service, and other related matters. The members of the Fund's Audit and Valuation Committee are Messrs. David L. Elsum, John T. Sheehy, Peter D. Sacks and Warren C. Smith.

The Board of Directors has adopted an Audit Charter and a Valuation Charter for its Audit and Valuation Committee. The Audit Charter was most recently amended in 2004, in connection with the transfer of the listing of the Fund's shares of common stock from the New York Stock Exchange to the American Stock Exchange. A copy of the Fund's current Audit Charter was included as an appendix to the Fund's proxy statement in 2005.

The Audit and Valuation Committee oversees the activities of the Fund's Pricing Committee and performs the responsibilities assigned to the Audit and Valuation Committee in the Fund's Pricing and Valuation Procedures, such as overseeing the implementation of the Fund's Pricing and Valuation Procedures. The Board of Directors has delegated to the Audit and Valuation Committee the responsibility of determining the fair value of the Fund's securities or other assets in situations set forth in the Pricing and Valuation Procedures.

### *Contract Review Committee*

The Contract Review Committee reviews and makes recommendations to the Board of Directors with respect to entering into, renewal or amendment of the Fund's management agreement, advisory agreement, administration agreement, investor relations services agreement and other agreements. The members of the Fund's Contract Review Committee are Messrs. David L. Elsum, William J. Potter and Neville J. Miles.

### *Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee; Consideration of Potential Director Nominees*

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee recommends nominations for membership on the Board of Directors and reviews and evaluates the effectiveness of the Board in its role in governing the Fund and overseeing the management of the Fund. It evaluates candidates

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qualifications for Board membership and, with respect to nominees for positions as Independent Directors, their independence from the Fund's Investment Manager and Investment Adviser and other principal service providers. The Committee generally meets twice annually to identify and evaluate nominees for director and makes its recommendations to the Board at the time of the Board's December meeting. The Committee also periodically reviews director compensation and will recommend any appropriate changes to the Board as a group. The Committee also reviews and may make recommendations to the Board relating to those issues that pertain to the effectiveness of the Board in carrying out its responsibilities in governing the Fund and overseeing the management of the Fund. The Board of Directors has adopted a Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee charter, which was included as an appendix to the Fund's proxy statement in 2005. The members of the Fund's Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee are Messrs. P. Gerald Malone, Neville J. Miles and E. Duff Scott.



The Committee may take into account a wide variety of factors in considering prospective director candidates, including (but not limited to): (i) availability and commitment of a candidate to attend meetings and perform his or her responsibilities on the Board; (ii) relevant industry and related experience; (iii) educational background; (iv) financial expertise; (v) the candidate's ability, judgment and expertise; and (vi) overall diversity of the Board's composition. The Committee will consider potential director candidates recommended by Fund stockholders provided that: (i) the proposed candidates satisfy the director qualification requirements set forth in the Fund's bylaws, and (ii) the nominating stockholders comply with the Fund's Policies for Consideration of Board Member Candidates submitted by Fund Stockholders, which policies were included as an appendix to the Fund's proxy statement in 2005, in addition to such procedures and requirements as are set forth in the Fund's bylaws. Other than compliance with the requirements mentioned in the preceding sentence, the Committee will not otherwise evaluate stockholder director nominees in a different manner than other nominees and the standard of the Committee is to treat all equally qualified nominees in the same manner. The Committee may identify prospective director candidates from any reasonable source and has the ability to engage third-party search services for the identification and evaluation of potential nominees.

The Fund's bylaws (Article III, Section 2(c)) contain provisions regarding minimum qualifications for directors. These include a requirement that, to qualify as a nominee for a directorship, each candidate, at the time of nomination, other than persons who were directors at the time of the adoption of the minimum qualifications, must possess at least the following specific minimum qualifications: (i) a nominee shall have at least five years' experience in either investment management, economics, public accounting or Australian business; (ii) a nominee shall have a college undergraduate or graduate degree in economics, finance, business administration, accounting or engineering, or a professional degree in law, engineering, or medicine, from an accredited university or college in the United States, Australia, the United Kingdom, Canada or New Zealand, or the equivalent degree from an equivalent institution of higher learning in another country; and (iii) a nominee shall not have violated any provision of the U.S. federal or state securities laws, or comparable laws of another country.

The Fund's bylaws (Article II, Section 11) also contain advance notice provisions and general procedures with respect to the submission of proposals, including the nomination of directors. Stockholders recommending potential director candidates must substantiate compliance with these requirements at the time of submitting their proposed director candidate to the attention of the Fund's Secretary. Notice to the Fund's Secretary should be provided in accordance with the deadline specified in the Fund's bylaws, and shall include the following information: (1) the nature of the proposed business with reasonable particularity, including the exact text of any proposal to be presented for adoption, and the reasons for conducting that business at the meeting of stockholders, (2) with respect to each such stockholder, that stockholder's name and address (as they appear on the records of the Fund), business address and telephone number, residence address and telephone number, and the number of shares of each class of stock of the Fund beneficially owned by that stockholder, (3) any interest of the stockholder in the proposed business, (4) the name or names of each person nominated by the stockholder to be elected or re-elected as a director, if any, and (5) with respect to each nominee, that nominee's name, business address and telephone number, and residence address and telephone number, the number of shares, if any, of each class of stock of the Fund owned directly and beneficially by that nominee, and all information relating to that nominee that is required to be disclosed in solicitations of proxies for elections of directors, or is otherwise required, pursuant to Regulation 14A under the 1934 Act (or any provisions of law subsequently replacing Regulation 14A), together with a notarized letter signed by the nominee stating his or her acceptance of the nomination by that stockholder, stating his or her intention to serve as director if elected, and consenting to being named as a nominee for director in any proxy statement relating to such election.

Any stockholder who would like a copy of the Fund's bylaws or the Fund's Policies for Consideration of Board Member Candidates Submitted by Fund Stockholders may obtain a copy from the Fund, by writing to Aberdeen Asset Management Inc., the Fund's investor relations services provider, at Las Olas Place, 300 S.E. 2nd Street, Suite 820, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301, or by sending an e-mail to Aberdeen Asset Management Inc. at [InvestorRelations@aberdeen-asset.com](mailto:InvestorRelations@aberdeen-asset.com).

*Board and Committee Meetings in Fiscal 2005*

During the Fund's fiscal year ended October 31, 2005, the Board of Directors held four regular meetings, one corporate governance meeting and one special meeting; the Audit and Valuation Committee held three meetings; the Contract Review Committee held one meeting; and the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee held five meetings. Each incumbent Director attended at least 75% of the aggregate number of meetings of the Board of Directors and of all the Committees of the Board on which he served.

**Communications with the Board of Directors**

Stockholders who wish to communicate with Board members with respect to matters relating to the Fund may address their written correspondence to the Board as a whole or to individual Board members c/o Aberdeen Asset Management Inc., the Fund's investor relations services provider, at Las Olas Place, 300 S.E. 2nd Street, Suite 820, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301, or may send e-mail correspondence to the Director(s) c/o Aberdeen Asset Management Inc. at [InvestorRelations@aberdeen-asset.com](mailto:InvestorRelations@aberdeen-asset.com).

**Director Attendance at Annual Meetings of Stockholders**

Generally, in the event that any of the Fund's Directors are geographically close to the site of an annual meeting of stockholders at the time of such meeting, one or more of such Directors will attend the meeting. However, since a majority of the Fund's Directors reside outside of the United States, the Fund recognizes that it would be impractical for most Directors to attend such meetings and would create a significant expense for the Fund. In light of the fact that the residences of most Directors are substantial distances from the location of the annual meetings of stockholders and that, historically, few stockholders have attended annual meetings in person, the Fund has not established a policy with respect to Director attendance at annual meetings of stockholders. One Director attended the 2005 annual meeting of stockholders.

**Compensation of Directors and Certain Officers**

The following table sets forth information regarding compensation of Directors by the Fund and by the fund complex of which the Fund is a part for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2005. Officers of the Fund and Directors who are interested persons of the Fund do not receive any compensation directly from the Fund or any other fund in the fund complex for performing their duties as officers or Directors, respectively. During the fiscal year ended October 31, 2005: each Independent Director of the Fund received an aggregate fee of \$18,500 per year, inclusive of attendance at in-person and telephonic Board meetings; members of the Board's Audit and Valuation Committee, Contract Review Committee, Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and ad hoc committees received a fee of \$500 per committee meeting attended, and the Chairman of each of these Committees received an additional fee of \$500 per committee meeting attended. The fees for attendance at committee meetings may have been less than \$500 per meeting, in certain instances where committee meetings were held jointly with committee meetings of other funds in the same fund complex.

In December 2005, the Board of Directors, upon the recommendation of the Board's Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, approved the following fee structure, effective January 1, 2006: Each Independent Director will receive a retainer fee of \$19,000 per year and a fee of \$1,500 per meeting for attendance at Board meetings. In addition, the Chairman of the Board will receive a fee of \$10,000 per year, the Chairman of the Contract Review Committee will receive a fee of \$5,000 per year, and the Chairman of the Audit and Valuation Committee will receive a fee of \$5,000 per year. There will be no per meeting fees for attendance at meetings of the Board's standing committees (Contract Review Committee, Audit and Valuation Committee, Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee); however, members of ad hoc committees of the Board will receive a fee of \$500 per meeting attended. The Board approved the fees to be paid to the Chairman of the Board

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and to the Chairmen of the Contract Review Committee and the Audit and Valuation Committee in recognition of the increased demands on the Independent Directors who serve in such capacities in light of recent regulatory initiatives of the SEC, including those imposed by the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

**Compensation Table****Fiscal Year Ended October 31, 2005**

<b>Name of Director</b>	<b>Aggregate Compensation From Fund</b>	<b>Pension or Retirement Benefits Accrued As Part of Fund Expenses</b>	<b>Estimated Annual Benefits Upon Retirement</b>	<b>Total Compensation From Fund and Fund Complex Paid to Directors*</b>
David L. Elsum	\$ 21,250	N/A	N/A	\$ 69,000 <sup>(3)</sup>
Martin J. Gilbert	\$ 0	N/A	N/A	\$ 0 <sup>(2)</sup>
P. Gerald Malone**	\$ 7,289	N/A	N/A	\$ 33,789 <sup>(2)</sup>
Neville J. Miles	\$ 24,750	N/A	N/A	\$ 82,250 <sup>(3)</sup>
William J. Potter	\$ 25,125	N/A	N/A	\$ 75,875 <sup>(3)</sup>
Peter D. Sacks	\$ 21,500	N/A	N/A	\$ 68,500 <sup>(3)</sup>
E. Duff Scott	\$ 20,000	N/A	N/A	\$ 20,000 <sup>(1)</sup>
Warren C. Smith	\$ 18,500	N/A	N/A	\$ 18,500 <sup>(1)</sup>
<b>Preferred Directors:</b>				
Dr. Anton E. Schrafl	\$ 18,500	N/A	N/A	\$ 42,500 <sup>(2)</sup>
John T. Sheehy	\$ 22,625	N/A	N/A	\$ 78,375 <sup>(3)</sup>

\* The number in parentheses indicates the total number of boards in the fund complex on which the Director serves or served at any time during the fiscal year ended October 31, 2005.

\*\* Mr. Malone became a Director in June 2005.

**Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance**

Section 16(a) of the 1934 Act and Section 30(h) of the 1940 Act, as applied to the Fund, require the Fund's officers, Directors, the Investment Manager and Investment Adviser, affiliates of the Investment Manager or Investment Adviser, and persons who beneficially own more than 10% of a registered class of the Fund's outstanding securities ( Reporting Persons ) to electronically file reports of ownership of the Fund's securities and changes in such ownership with the SEC and the AMEX. Such persons are required by SEC regulations to furnish the Fund with copies of all such filings.

Based solely on its review of the copies of such forms received by it and written representations from certain Reporting Persons that no year-end reports were required for those persons, and except as provided in the following sentence, the Fund believes that during the fiscal year ended October 31, 2005, its Reporting Persons complied with all applicable filing requirements. Mr. P. Gerald Malone, and Messrs. Neil Hegarty, Mark Daniels and Nicholas Hadow (affiliates of the Investment Manager or Investment Adviser) filed a Form 3 Initial Statement of Beneficial Ownership of the Fund's securities subsequent to the 10-day period specified in the Form.

**Relationship of Directors or Nominees with the Investment Manager and the Investment Adviser**

Mr. Martin Gilbert, a Director and President of the Fund, also serves as a Director of the Investment Manager, a Director of the Investment Adviser, and as the Chief Executive and an Executive Director of Aberdeen Asset Management PLC, the direct or indirect parent company of

the Investment Manager and the Investment Adviser. Mr. Gilbert is a stockholder of Aberdeen Asset Management PLC.

**REPORT OF THE AUDIT AND VALUATION COMMITTEE;  
INFORMATION REGARDING THE FUND'S INDEPENDENT  
REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

The Audit and Valuation Committee has selected, and the Fund's Independent Directors have ratified the selection of, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP ( PwC ), independent registered public accounting firm, to audit the financial statements of the Fund for the fiscal year ending October 31, 2006.

Representatives from PwC are expected to be present at the Meeting and will have the opportunity to respond to questions from stockholders and to make a statement if they so desire.

The Audit and Valuation Committee has received from PwC the written disclosures and the letter required by Independence Standards Board No. 1, and has discussed with PwC its independence. The Audit and Valuation Committee has also reviewed and discussed the audited financial statements with Fund management and PwC, and discussed certain matters with PwC addressed by Statements on Auditing Standards Nos. 61 and 90. Based on the foregoing, the Audit and Valuation Committee recommended to the Board of Directors that the Fund's audited financial statements be included in the Fund's Annual Report to Stockholders for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2005. The members of the Audit and Valuation Committee are Messrs. David L. Elsum, John T. Sheehy, Peter D. Sacks and Warren Smith.

The following table sets forth the aggregate fees billed for professional services rendered by PwC to the Fund during the Fund's two most recent fiscal years:

<u>Fiscal year</u>	<u>Audit Fees</u>	<u>Audit-Related Fees</u>	<u>Tax Fees</u>	<u>All Other Fees</u>
2005	\$ 116,610	\$ 9,500	\$ 6,100	\$ 0
2004	\$ 93,000	\$ 8,500	\$ 5,500	\$ 0

All of the services described in the table above were approved by the Audit and Valuation Committee pursuant to its pre-approval policies and procedures (the Pre-Approval Policies and Procedures ) which are summarized below. The tax fees were for the preparation of the Fund's federal income tax returns.

Other than as set forth in the table above, PwC did not bill any non-audit fees for the fiscal years ended October 31, 2005 and October 31, 2004.

For the fiscal years ended October 31, 2005 and October 31, 2004, PwC did not provide any non-audit services to any entity controlling, controlled by, or under common control with the Fund's Investment Manager or the Fund's Investment Adviser that provides ongoing services to the Fund ( Service Affiliates ).

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The Fund's Audit and Valuation Committee has adopted Pre-Approval Policies and Procedures pursuant to which the Committee pre-approves all audit and non-audit services provided by the Fund's independent registered public accounting firm ( Auditor ) and any non-audit services provided by the Auditor to the Fund's Investment Manager, Investment Adviser and Service Affiliates during the period of the independent registered public accounting firm's engagement to provide audit services to the Fund, if those services directly impact the Fund's operations and financial reporting. Audit services include those typically associated with the annual audit such as evaluation of internal controls. Non-audit services include (i) certain services that are audit-related, such as consultations regarding financial accounting and reporting standards and confirmations required under the terms of the AMPS, and (ii) tax services. Certain services may not be provided by the Auditor to the Fund or to the Fund's Service Affiliates without jeopardizing the Auditor's independence. These services are

deemed prohibited services and include certain management functions; human resources services; broker-dealer, investment adviser or investment banking services; legal services; and expert services unrelated to the audit. Other services are conditionally prohibited and may be provided if the Audit and Valuation Committee reasonably concludes that the results of the services will not be subject to audit procedures during an audit of the client's financial statements. These types of services include bookkeeping; financial information systems design and implementation; appraisal or valuation services; actuarial services; and internal audit outsourcing services.

The Pre-Approval Policies and Procedures require Audit and Valuation Committee approval of the engagement of the Auditor for each fiscal year and approval of the engagement by at least a majority of the Fund's Independent Directors. In determining whether to engage the independent registered public accounting firm for its audit services, the Audit and Valuation Committee will consider the independent registered public accounting firm's proposed fees for the engagement, in light of the scope and nature of the audit services that the Fund will receive. The Pre-Approval Policies and Procedures also permit the Audit and Valuation Committee to pre-approve the provisions of types or categories of permissible non-audit services for the Fund and its Service Affiliates on an annual basis at the time of the independent registered public accounting firm's engagement and on a project-by-project basis. At the time of the annual engagement of the Fund's independent registered public accounting firm, the Audit and Valuation Committee is to receive a list of the categories of expected non-audit services with a description and an estimated budget of fees. In its pre-approval, the Audit and Valuation Committee should determine that the provision of the service is consistent with, and will not impair, the ongoing independence of the independent registered public accounting firm and set any limits on fees or other conditions it finds appropriate. Non-audit services may also be approved on a project-by-project basis by the Audit and Valuation Committee consistent with the same standards for determination and information.

The Audit and Valuation Committee may also appoint a Designated Member of the Committee to pre-approve non-audit services that have not been pre-approved or material changes in the nature or cost of any non-audit services previously pre-approved. Any actions by the Designated Member are to be ratified by the Audit and Valuation Committee by the time of its next regularly scheduled meeting. The Fund's Pre-Approval Policies and Procedures are to be reviewed annually by the Audit and Valuation Committee and the Fund maintains a record of the decisions made by the Committee pursuant to those procedures.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**Expenses.** The expense of preparation, printing and mailing of the enclosed proxy card and accompanying Notice and Proxy Statement will be borne by the Fund. The Fund will reimburse banks, brokers and others for their reasonable expenses in forwarding proxy solicitation material to the beneficial owners of the shares of the Fund. In order to obtain the necessary quorum at the Meeting, supplementary solicitation may be made by mail, telephone, telegraph or personal interview. Such solicitation may be conducted by, among others, officers, Directors and employees of the Fund, the Investment Manager, the Investment Adviser or the Fund's administrator. The Altman Group has been retained to assist in the solicitation of proxies. The Altman Group will be paid a project fee of \$7,000 by the Fund, and the Fund will reimburse The Altman Group for its related expenses. Total payments to The Altman Group are expected to be between \$22,000 and \$28,000.

**Solicitation and Voting of Proxies.** Solicitation of proxies is being made primarily by the mailing of this Proxy Statement with its enclosures on or about January 30, 2006. As mentioned above, The Altman Group has been engaged to assist in the solicitation of proxies. As the meeting date approaches, certain stockholders of the Fund may receive a call from a representative of The Altman Group, if the Fund has not yet received their vote. Authorization to permit The Altman Group to execute proxies may be obtained by telephonic instructions from stockholders of the Fund. Proxies that are obtained telephonically will be recorded in accordance with procedures that Management of the Fund believes are reasonably



designed to ensure that the identity of the stockholder casting the vote is accurately determined and that the voting instructions of the stockholder are accurately determined.

Any proxy given by a stockholder is revocable. A stockholder may revoke the accompanying proxy at any time prior to its use by submitting a properly executed, subsequently dated proxy, giving written notice to the Secretary of the Fund, or by attending the Meeting and voting in person.

**Beneficial Ownership.** To the best of the Fund's knowledge, based upon filings made with the SEC, as of January 19, 2006, no persons or group beneficially owned more than 5% of the voting securities of the Fund.

**Stockholder Proposals.** If a stockholder intends to present a proposal, including the nomination of a director, at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders of the Fund to be held in 2007 and desires to have the proposal included in the Fund's proxy statement and form of proxy for that meeting, the stockholder must deliver the proposal to the Secretary of the Fund at the office of the Fund, 800 Scudders Mill Road, Plainsboro, New Jersey 08536, and such proposal must be received by the Secretary no later than October 2, 2006.

Stockholders wishing to present proposals, including the nomination of a director, at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders of the Fund to be held in 2007 which they do not wish to be included in the Fund's proxy materials must send written notice of such proposals to the Secretary of the Fund at the office of the Fund, 800 Scudders Mill Road, Plainsboro, New Jersey 08536, and such notice must be received by the Secretary no sooner than November 9, 2006 and no later than December 9, 2006 in the form prescribed from time to time in the Fund's bylaws.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

The Board of Directors of the Fund knows of no business that will be presented for consideration at the Meeting other than as set forth above. If any other matter is properly presented, it is the intention of the persons named on the enclosed proxy card to vote in accordance with their discretion.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

Alan Goodson, *Secretary*

800 Scudders Mill Road

Plainsboro, New Jersey 08536

January 27, 2006

**PROPOSED NEW INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES, INVESTMENT POLICIES  
AND INVESTMENT RESTRICTIONS**

If Proposals 3(A), 3(B), 4(A) and 4(B) are approved by stockholders, the Fund's investment objective, investment policies and investment restrictions would read in their entirety as follows:

**INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES AND INVESTMENT POLICIES**

The Fund's investment objective is to provide high current income by investing primarily in fixed income securities. As a secondary investment objective, the Fund seeks capital appreciation, but only when consistent with its principal investment objective. The Fund's investment objectives and the limitations set forth below in "Investment Restrictions" are fundamental policies that may not be changed without the approval of the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of the Common Stock and the AMPS, voting together as a single class, as well as by the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of the Fund's AMPS voting as a separate class. A majority vote, as defined by the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended ("1940 Act"), means the affirmative vote of the lesser of (i) 67% of the relevant shares represented at a meeting at which more than 50% of such shares are represented, or (ii) more than 50% of the relevant shares.

For as long as the name of the Fund remains Aberdeen Global Income Fund, Inc., it shall be the policy of the Fund normally to invest at least 80% of its net assets plus the amount of any borrowings for investment purposes, in debt securities. This 80% investment policy is a non-fundamental policy of the Fund and may be changed by the Board of Directors upon 60 days' prior written notice to stockholders.

The Investment Manager will select fixed income securities which, in the Investment Manager's judgment, will achieve the Fund's investment objectives. The Investment Adviser will provide recommendations to the Investment Manager as to overall structure of the Fund's portfolio and specific securities to be purchased, retained or sold by the Fund.

Developed Markets are those countries contained in the Citigroup World Government Bond Index, Luxembourg and the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. As of December 31, 2005, securities of the following countries comprised the Citigroup World Government Bond Index: the United States, Canada, Australia, Japan, Singapore, Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Denmark, Norway, Poland, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and New Zealand.

Investment Grade Developing Markets are those countries whose sovereign debt is rated not less than Baa3 by Moody's Investor Service ("Moody's") or BBB- by Standard & Poor's Ratings Group ("S&P"), or comparably rated by another appropriate nationally or internationally recognized rating agency.

Sub-Investment Grade Developing Markets are those countries that are not Developed Markets or Investment Grade Developing Markets.

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While the credit quality of a market is reviewed at the time of the Fund's investment in that market, classification of a market may be amended by the Investment Manager as ratings and/or circumstances change over time.

Except in anticipation of dividend or other payments to be made in U.S. dollars, it is expected that under normal circumstances at least 60% of the Fund's total assets will be invested in fixed income securities of issuers in Developed Markets or Investment Grade Developing Markets, whether or not denominated in the currency of such country; provided, however, that the Fund will invest at least 40% of its total assets in fixed income securities of issuers in Developed Markets. The Fund may invest up to 40% of its total assets in fixed income securities of issuers in Sub-Investment Grade Developing Markets, whether or not denominated in the currency of such country. The following will be deemed to be issuers in a particular market:

governmental entities of the particular country;

banks, companies and other entities which are physically located in the particular country;

banks, companies and other entities which are organized under the laws of the particular country;

banks, companies and other entities for which the principal securities trading market is in the particular country;

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entities issuing debt securities denominated in, or linked to, the currency of the particular country, including securities issued by supranational issuers, such as The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (the World Bank);

entities which, although not located in the particular country, derive at least 50% of their revenues from that country or have at least 50% of their assets located in that country; and

wholly-owned subsidiaries of an entity located in the particular country, provided that the debt securities are guaranteed by a parent entity located in the particular country.

The Fund will invest in debt securities that are economically tied to a number of countries throughout the world and will, under normal circumstances, be invested in three or more different non-U.S. countries. The maximum exposure to issuers in any one Developed Market is up to 25% of the Fund's total assets. The maximum exposure to issuers in any one Investment Grade Developing Market is up to 20% of the Fund's total assets. The maximum exposure to issuers in any one Sub-Investment Grade Developing Market is up to 15% of the Fund's total assets. Such exposure limits are applied at the time of investment, although classification of a market or an issuer in a market may be amended by the Investment Manager as ratings and/or circumstances change over time.

The maximum exposure to the currency of any one Developed Market is up to 25% of the Fund's total assets; provided, however, the Fund may exceed this limitation with respect to the U.S. dollar (1) when investing for temporary defensive purposes, (2) in anticipation of paying a dividend or distribution, or (3) in anticipation of redeeming the AMPS or repaying any then-outstanding borrowings. The maximum exposure to the currency of any one Investment Grade Developing Market is up to 20% of the Fund's total assets. The maximum exposure to the currency of any one Sub-Investment Grade Developing Market is up to 15% of the Fund's total assets. Such exposure limits are applied at the time of investment, although classification of a market may be amended by the Investment Manager as ratings and/or circumstances change over time.

The market value weighted average credit quality of the Fund's investments (or the issuers of those investments) will be rated not less than Baa2 by Moody's, or BBB by S&P, or comparably rated by another appropriate nationally or internationally recognized rating agency, or, if unrated, judged by the Investment Manager to be of equivalent quality. Up to 40% of the Fund's investments (or the issuers of those investments) may be rated below investment grade at the time of investment; that is rated below Baa3 by Moody's or BBB- by S&P, or comparably rated by another appropriate nationally or internationally recognized rating agency, or if unrated, judged by the Investment Manager to be of equivalent quality. All of the Fund's investments (or the issuers of those investments) must be rated, at the time of investment, B3 or better by Moody's, or B- or better by S&P, or comparably rated by another appropriate nationally or internationally recognized rating agency, or if unrated, judged by the Investment Manager to be of equivalent quality. While the credit quality of each of the Fund's investments is evaluated at the time of investment, the credit quality of the Fund's portfolio may be reviewed from time to time and adjusted accordingly.

The Fund may use derivatives to manage currency, credit risk and interest rate risk and to replicate or as a substitute for physical securities. Derivative debt securities that replicate, or substitute for, the currency of a particular country will be counted toward the limitations applicable with respect to issuers in that country. The Fund may invest in over-the-counter or exchange traded derivatives. The Fund may invest in derivatives up to the limits allowed under the 1940 Act.

The Fund may invest in securities issued by investment companies registered as such under the 1940 Act and unregistered, private funds (each, an acquired company), subject to the limitations below (which are to be applied immediately after the acquisition of such securities).

The Fund may not acquire securities issued by an acquired company:

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if the value of such securities exceeds 3% of the total outstanding voting stock of the acquired company;

if the aggregate value of such securities would exceed 5% of the value of the total assets of the Fund; or

if the aggregate value of such securities, together with all other acquired company securities in the Fund's portfolio, would exceed 10% of the value of the total assets of the Fund.

During periods when, in the Investment Manager's judgment, economic conditions warrant, or to meet liquidity or distribution requirements, the Fund may invest without limit in U.S. Government securities and short term debt obligations of U.S. banks and corporations rated not less than Aa or Prime-2 by Moody's or AA or A-2 by S&P for temporary defensive purposes. Although Prime-2 and A-2 ratings denote issuers with a strong (Moody's) or satisfactory (S&P) ability to repay short term debt in a timely manner, the relative degree of safety is not as high as the very highest rating categories. In addition, the Fund may enter into repurchase agreements and lending agreements involving these securities.

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As a general matter and subject to applicable law, if a percentage limitation is satisfied at the time of investment, a later increase or decrease in such percentage resulting from a change in the value of the Fund's investments will not constitute a violation of such limitation, except that any borrowing by the Fund that exceeds the fundamental investment limitations stated above must be reduced to meet such limitations within the period required by the 1940 Act (currently three days). Otherwise, the Fund may continue to hold a security even though it causes the Fund to exceed a percentage limitation because of fluctuation in the value of the Fund's assets.

## PORTFOLIO SECURITIES

The principal types of debt securities in which the Fund is permitted to invest include those described below. The list is not exclusive, but is indicative of the kinds of securities which the Fund's investment objectives, policies and restrictions permit it to buy.

*Local Currency Sovereign and Quasi-Sovereign Bonds.* The Fund is permitted to invest in securities issued or guaranteed by governmental entities, including sovereign and quasi-sovereign entities, whether or not denominated in the currency of the country where such entity is located. The available maturities for these types of securities vary from country to country.

*Commercial Banks.* The Fund may also invest in securities issued by banks, whether or not denominated in the currency of country where such bank is located.

*U.S. Dollar-Denominated Debt Securities.* The Fund is also permitted to invest in U.S. dollar-denominated debt securities in order to gain exposure to certain global debt markets without exposing the Fund to local currency risk. Such debt securities may be issued by issuers in Developed Markets, Investment Grade Developing Markets, or Sub-Investment Grade Developing Markets and may be issued and/or registered in the United States. U.S. dollar-denominated debt securities are subject to credit risk relating primarily to the issuer of the bond and liquidity risk relating to the maintenance of a sufficiently liquid market for the specific issue. Such securities are also affected by movements in U.S. interest rates.

*Brady Bonds.* The Fund may invest in developing market governmental debt obligations commonly referred to as Brady Bonds. Brady Bonds are debt securities, generally denominated in U.S. dollars, issued under the framework of the Brady Plan, an initiative announced by former U.S. Treasury Secretary Nicholas F. Brady in 1989 as a mechanism for debtor nations to restructure their outstanding external commercial bank indebtedness.

The Brady Plan contemplates, among other things, the debtor nation's adoption of certain economic reforms and the exchange of commercial bank debt for newly issued bonds. Brady Bonds may also be issued in respect of new money being advanced by existing lenders in connection with the debt restructuring. In restructuring its external debt under the Brady Plan framework, a debtor nation negotiates with its existing bank lenders as well as the World Bank or the International Monetary Fund (the IMF). The World Bank or IMF supports the restructuring by providing funds pursuant to loan agreements or other arrangements that enable the debtor nation to collateralize the new Brady Bonds or to replenish reserves used to reduce outstanding bank debt. Under these loan agreements with the World Bank or IMF, debtor nations have been required to agree to implement certain domestic monetary and fiscal reforms. The Brady Plan sets forth only general guiding principles for economic reform and debt reduction, emphasizing that solutions must be negotiated on a case-by-case basis between debtor nations and their creditors.

Agreements implemented under the Brady Plan are designed to achieve debt and debt-service reduction through specific options negotiated by a debtor nation with its creditors. As a result, each country offers different financial packages. Options have included the exchange of outstanding

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commercial bank debt for bonds issued at 100% of face value of such debt, bonds issued at a discount of face value of such debt, and bonds bearing an interest rate that increases over time and the advancement of the new money for bonds. The principal of certain Brady Bonds has been collateralized by U.S. Treasury zero coupon bonds with a maturity equal to the final maturity of the Brady Bonds. Collateral purchases are financed by the IMF, World Bank and the debtor nation's reserves. Interest payments may also be collateralized in part in various ways.

Brady Bonds may be collateralized or uncollateralized, are issued in various currencies (but primarily the U.S. dollar) and are actively traded in the over-the-counter secondary markets. U.S. dollar-denominated, collateralized Brady Bonds, which may be fixed rate bonds or floating-rate bonds, are generally collateralized in full as to principal by U.S. Treasury zero coupon bonds having the same maturity as the bonds. Brady Bonds issued to date are generally collateralized by U.S. Treasury zero-coupon bonds

to ensure principal, and generally have maturities of between 15 and 30 years from the date of issuance. The following countries have issued Brady Bonds: Argentina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, the Ivory Coast, Jordan, Mexico, Nigeria, Panama, Peru, the Philippines, Poland, Uruguay, Venezuela and Vietnam. In addition, other countries may announce plans to issue Brady Bonds. The Fund may invest in Brady Bonds of countries that have been issued to date, as well as those which may be issued in the future.

Brady Bonds are often viewed as having three or four valuation components: (i) the collateralized repayment of principal at final maturity; (ii) the collateralized interest payments; (iii) the uncollateralized interest payment; and (iv) any uncollateralized interest and principal at maturity (these uncollateralized amounts constitute the residual risk). In light of the residual risk of Brady Bonds and, among other factors, the history of defaults with respect to commercial bank loans by public and private entities of countries issuing Brady Bonds, investments in Brady Bonds can be viewed as speculative.

*Eurobonds.* The Fund may invest in Eurobonds, which are often longer maturity (up to 30 years) securities, registered in London or globally, that are generally issued in U.S. dollars, but are increasingly issued in euros and occasionally in yen. Eurobonds are typically issued in bearer form, carry a fixed or floating rate of interest, and amortize principal through a bullet payment with semiannual interest payments in the currency in which the bond was issued.

*Supranational Debt Obligations.* The Fund may invest in debt issued by supranational entities. Supranational entities are entities constituted by the national governments of several countries to promote economic development, such as the World Bank, the IMF, the European Investment Bank and the Asian Development Bank. Obligations of these entities are supported by appropriated but unpaid commitments of their member countries, and there can be no assurances that these commitments will be undertaken or met in the future.

*Companies.* The Fund is permitted to invest in publicly-traded notes and debentures or bills of exchange issued or guaranteed as to the payment of principal and interest by companies domiciled in a Developed Market, an Investment Grade Developing Market or a Sub-Investment Grade Developing Market.

## **Derivative Securities**

With respect to all of its portfolio the Fund will invest in derivatives for two main purposes: (1) to modify interest rate risk, modify credit risk and adjust currency risk within the portfolio, and (2) to enable the Fund to replicate or substitute for a particular security in order to gain access to a particular global market or security, where either the physical security is judged by the Investment Manager to be too expensive, or the Investment Manager believes there is an insufficient supply of the particular security or no security fitting the precise needs of the Fund exists. The types of derivatives which may be used include, but are not limited to, futures, options, forwards, forwards that can only be settled in U.S. dollars, swaps, and securities with structured cash flows, whether traded on an exchange or over-the-counter, that have as their underlying security reference to a fixed income security or currency. In general, derivatives will not be utilized to leverage the Fund.

Investment in fixed income securities may at certain times be more efficiently achieved using derivative securities to replicate physical securities. These types of derivatives carry identical market price risks to the equivalent physical securities but provide a number of transactional benefits. For example, by using derivatives, the Fund may be able to implement investment decisions at lower costs, increase the after-tax yield, obtain prices that are not available in the underlying cash market, or settle in U.S. dollars. In less developed markets, liquidity and credit quality can be enhanced and transaction costs reduced by using derivatives rather than the underlying securities. In certain circumstances, due to lack of available direct investment opportunity or government regulations, the only means of gaining exposure to particular countries is through derivatives.



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The derivatives used for adjusting currency exposures or replicating underlying securities are usually over-the-counter ( OTC ) securities. OTC securities carry credit risk associated with the counterparty institution. See Risk Factors and Special Considerations Use of Derivatives. To manage this risk, the Fund will only use counterparty institutions rated A- or better by a recognized international ratings agency. The exception will be Korean futures. In Korea, brokerage houses with Korean futures exchanges require deposits into margin accounts, and in many cases, these accounts are with unrelated entities. A limit of 2% of total assets can be applied this way. Only up to 10% of total assets may be put at risk in derivatives transactions with any single counterparty (aggregate interest rate, credit and currency derivatives exposure). A maximum of 10% of total assets may be at risk in currency-linked notes.

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The types of derivatives used by the Fund and the techniques employed may change over time as new derivatives and strategies are developed or regulatory changes occur. The Fund will not use derivatives where it would contravene the guidelines set by the rating agencies for any then-outstanding AMPS.

In general, derivatives will not be utilized to leverage the Fund, although they may be used to hedge the interest rate risk associated with the Fund's outstanding leverage. The Fund may use interest rate swaps to hedge the Fund's liability with respect to the AMPS. At present, the Fund has been authorized by its Board of Directors to hedge up to one-third of the Fund's liability with respect to the AMPS. See Portfolio Securities Derivative Securities Swaps and Risk Factors and Special Considerations Use of Derivatives.

*Forward Currency Contracts.* The Fund may enter into forward currency contracts. A forward currency contract involves an obligation to purchase or sell a specific currency at a future date, which may be any fixed number of days from the date of the contract agreed upon by the parties, at a price set at the time of the contract.

The cost to the Fund of engaging in forward currency contracts will vary with factors such as the length of the contract period and the market conditions then prevailing. Because forward currency contracts are usually conducted on a principal basis, no fees or commissions are involved, although the price charged in the transaction includes a dealer's markup. The use of forward currency contracts in this manner is intended to fix a rate of exchange that can be achieved at a certain time in the future.

*Foreign Currency Options.* The Fund may purchase and write options on foreign currencies for hedging and non-hedging purposes to achieve objectives similar to those achieved utilizing foreign currency futures or forward contracts. The potential benefit to the Fund derived from purchases of foreign currency options will be reduced by the amount of the premium and related transaction costs. In addition, where currency exchange rates do not move in the expected direction, the Fund could sustain losses on transactions in foreign currency options. Where currency exchange rates move in the expected direction, but not to the extent anticipated, the Fund could still sustain losses on transactions in foreign currency options.

*Futures Contracts.* The Fund may enter into futures contracts in U.S. domestic markets or on exchanges located outside the United States for both hedging and non-hedging purposes. Foreign markets may offer advantages such as trading opportunities or arbitrage possibilities not available in the United States. Foreign markets, however, may have greater risk potential than domestic markets. For example, some foreign exchanges are principal markets so that no common clearing facility exists and an investor may look only to the broker for performance of the contract. In addition, any profits the Fund might realize in trading could be eliminated by adverse changes in the exchange rate, or the Fund could incur losses as a result of those changes. Transactions on foreign exchanges may include both underlying assets which are traded on U.S. commodities exchanges and those which are not. Unlike trading on U.S. exchanges, trading on foreign commodities exchanges is not regulated by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC).

Engaging in these transactions involves risk of loss to the Fund which could adversely affect the value of the Fund's net assets. No assurance can be given that a liquid market will exist for any particular futures contract at any particular time. Many futures exchanges and boards of trade limit the amount of fluctuation permitted in futures contract prices during a single trading day. Once the daily limit has been reached in a particular contract, no trades may be made that day at a price beyond that limit or trading may be suspended for specified periods during the trading day. Futures contract prices could move to the limit for several consecutive trading days with little or no trading, thereby preventing prompt liquidation of futures positions and potentially subjecting the Fund to substantial losses.

Successful use of futures by the Fund also is subject to the Investment Manager's and Investment Adviser's ability to predict correctly movements in the direction of the relevant market, and, to the extent the transaction is entered into for hedging purposes, to ascertain the appropriate correlation between the transaction being hedged and the price movements of the futures contract.

The Fund also may purchase and write options to buy or sell those futures contracts in which it may invest. Such investment strategies will be used for hedging purposes and for non-hedging purposes, subject to applicable law. An option on a futures contract provides the holder with the right to enter into a long position in the underlying futures contract, in the case of a call option, or a short position in the underlying futures contract, in the case of a put option, at a fixed exercise price up to a stated expiration date or, in the case of certain options, on such date. Upon exercise of the option by the holder, the contract market clearinghouse establishes a corresponding short position for the writer of the option, in the case of a call option, or a corresponding long position in the case of a put option. In the event that an option is exercised, the parties will be subject to all the risks associated

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with the trading of futures contracts, such as payment of initial and variation margin deposits. In addition, the writer of an option on a futures contract, unlike the holder, is subject to initial and variation margin requirements on the option position.

A position in an option on a futures contract may be terminated by the purchaser or seller prior to expiration by effecting an offsetting purchase or sale transaction, subject to the continued availability of a liquid secondary market, which is the purchase or sale of an option of the same type (*i.e.*, the same exercise price and expiration date) as the option previously purchased or sold. The difference between the premiums paid and received represents the Fund's profit or loss on the transaction.

Options on futures contracts that are written or purchased by the Fund on U.S. exchanges are traded on the same contract market as the underlying futures contract, and, like futures contracts, are subject to regulation by the CFTC and the performance guarantee of the exchange clearinghouse.

*Swaps.* The Fund may enter into interest rate swaps, currency swaps, credit default swaps (if and to the extent the Fund receives written confirmation from Moody's and S&P that using such swaps will not adversely affect their then-current ratings of the AMPS) and other types of available swap agreements, including swaps on securities, financial assets and indices, and related types of derivatives, such as caps, collars and floors. A swap is an agreement between two parties pursuant to which each party agrees to make one or more payments to the other on regularly scheduled dates over a stated term, based on different interest rates, currency exchange rates, security or financial asset prices, the prices or rates of other types of financial instruments or assets or the levels of specified indices. Under a typical swap, one party may agree to pay a fixed rate or a floating rate determined by reference to a specified instrument, rate or index, multiplied in each case by a specified amount (the notional amount), while the other party agrees to pay an amount equal to a different floating rate multiplied by the same notional amount. On each payment date, the obligations of parties are netted, with only the net amount paid by one party to the other. All swap agreements entered into by the Fund with the same counterparty are generally governed by a single master agreement, which provides for the netting of all amounts owed by the parties under the agreement upon the occurrence of an event of default, thereby reducing the credit risk to which such party is exposed.

Swap agreements are typically individually negotiated and structured to provide exposure to a variety of different types of investments or market factors. Swap agreements may be entered into for hedging or non-hedging purposes and, therefore, may increase or decrease the Fund's exposure to the underlying instrument, rate, asset or index. Swap agreements can take many different forms and are known by a variety of names. The Fund is not limited to any particular form or variety of swap agreement if the Adviser determines it is consistent with the Fund's investment objective and policies.

### **Private Placements**

Certain debt securities purchased by the Fund may have been placed privately. These securities, which include debt securities offered in the Euromarkets, are somewhat less liquid than securities which are widely traded by the public and there may be contractual restrictions on their resale to the public. Therefore, although these securities may be resold in privately negotiated transactions, the prices realized from such sales may be less than what might have been realized on a more active public trading market.

### **Other Investment Companies**

Subject to the limitations set forth in Section 12(d) of the 1940 Act, the Fund may invest in securities issued by other investment companies that invest primarily in fixed-income securities. As a shareholder of another investment company, the Fund will bear its pro rata portion of the other investment company's expenses, including advisory fees. These expenses would be in addition to the expenses, including advisory fees, that the

Fund bears in connection with its own operations.

**Repurchase and Securities Lending Agreements**

The Fund is permitted to invest in repurchase agreements with banks and broker-dealers. A repurchase agreement is a contract under which the Fund acquires a security for a relatively short period (usually no more than one week) subject to the obligations of the seller to repurchase and the Fund to resell such security at a fixed time and price (representing the Fund's cost plus interest). The Investment Manager monitors the value of such securities daily to determine that the value equals or exceeds the repurchase price. Under the 1940 Act, repurchase agreements are considered to be loans made by the Fund which are collateralized by the securities subject to repurchase. Repurchase agreements may involve risks in the event of default or insolvency of the seller, including possible delays or restrictions upon the Fund's ability to dispose of the underlying securities. The Fund will enter into repurchase agreements only with parties who meet creditworthiness standards approved by the Fund's Board of Directors, *i.e.*, banks or broker-

dealers which have been determined by the Investment Manager to present no serious risk of becoming involved in bankruptcy proceedings within the time frame contemplated by the repurchase transaction.

The Fund may also lend to banks and broker-dealers portfolio securities with an aggregate market value of up to one-third of its total assets when it deems advisable. Any such loans must be secured by collateral (consisting of any combination of cash, U.S. Government securities, irrevocable letters of credit or other high-quality debt securities) in an amount at least equal (on a daily marked-to-market basis) to the current market value of the securities loaned. The Fund may terminate the loans at any time and obtain the return of the securities. The Fund will continue to receive any interest or dividends paid on the loaned securities and will continue to have voting rights with respect to the securities. In connection with the lending of its portfolio securities, the Fund is exposed to the risk of delay in recovery of the securities loaned or possible loss of right in the collateral should the borrower become insolvent.

The Fund will enter into repurchase agreements and securities lending agreements only with parties such as banks and broker-dealers who meet creditworthiness standards approved by the Fund's Board of Directors. Issuers of irrevocable letters of credit used as collateral for securities lending agreements must meet the same or similar standards.

#### **Firm Commitment Agreements and When-Issued Securities**

The Fund may purchase debt securities on a firm commitment or when-issued basis. New issues of certain debt securities are often offered on a when-issued basis; that is, the payment obligation and the interest rate are fixed at the time the buyer enters into the commitment, but delivery and payment for the securities normally take place after the date of the commitment to purchase. Firm commitment agreements call for the purchase of securities at an agreed-upon price on a specified future date. The transactions are entered into in order to secure what is considered to be an advantageous price and yield to the Fund and not for purposes of leveraging the Fund's assets. The Fund will not earn any income on these securities prior to delivery. The value of when-issued securities and firm commitment agreements may vary prior to and after delivery depending on market conditions and changes in interest rate levels. There is a risk that a party with whom the Fund has entered into such transactions will not perform its commitment, which could result in a gain or loss to the Fund. The Fund will maintain in a segregated account with its custodian cash or high-quality debt securities equal (on a daily marked-to-market basis) to the amount of its commitment to purchase the securities on a when-issued or firm commitment basis.

#### **U.S. Securities**

*Government.* The Fund is permitted to invest in U.S. government securities, including obligations issued or guaranteed by U.S. government agencies or instrumentalities, some of which are backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Treasury (such as direct pass-through certificates of the Government National Mortgage Association), some of which are supported by the right of the issuer to borrow from the U.S. government (such as obligations of Federal Home Loan Banks), and some of which are backed only by the credit of the issuer itself. Government obligations do not generally involve the credit risks associated with other types of interest bearing securities, although, as a result, the yields available from U.S. government obligations are generally lower than the yields available from corporate interest bearing securities. Like other interest bearing securities, however, the value of Government obligations changes as interest rates fluctuate.

*Corporations and Banks.* The Fund is permitted to invest for defensive and other temporary purposes in U.S. corporate debt instruments rated at the time of investment Aa or better by Moody's or AA or better by S&P, finance company and corporate commercial paper, and other short-term obligations, in each case rated at the time of investment Prime-2 or better by Moody's or A-2 or better by S&P. The Fund is also permitted to invest in obligations of U.S. Federal or state chartered banks and bank holding companies rated at the time of investment Aa or better by Moody's or AA or better by S&P (including certificates of deposit, bankers' acceptances and other short-term obligations).

**INVESTMENT RESTRICTIONS**

The Fund will not:

1. Issue senior securities except (i) insofar as the Fund may be deemed to have issued a senior security in connection with any repurchase or securities lending agreement or any borrowing permitted by these investment restrictions, and (ii) that the Fund may issue one or more series of a class of preferred shares pursuant to its Articles of Amendment and Restatement.

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2. Borrow money, except as permitted under, or to the extent not prohibited by, the 1940 Act, and as interpreted or modified by regulatory authority having jurisdiction, from time to time.
  
3. Concentrate its investments in a particular industry or group of industries, except as permitted under the 1940 Act, and as interpreted or modified by regulatory authority having jurisdiction from time to time, and further provided that this limitation will not apply to the Fund's investments in, among other things, (i) securities of other investment companies; (ii) securities issued or guaranteed as to principal and/or interest by the U.S. Government, its agencies or instrumentalities; or (iii) repurchase agreements (collateralized by the instruments described in clause (ii)).
  
4. Make loans except through the purchase of debt obligations and the entering into of repurchase and securities lending agreements in accordance with the Fund's investment objectives and policies.
  
5. Act as an underwriter of other issuer's securities (except to the extent the Fund may be deemed to be an underwriter in connection with the sale of securities in the Fund's investment portfolio).
  
6. (i) Purchase or sell real estate, except that it may purchase and sell mortgage-backed securities, debt securities issued by real estate investment trusts, and debt securities of companies which deal in real estate or interests therein, or (ii) purchase or sell commodities (other than transactions in foreign currencies and forward currency contracts or derivatives in accordance with the Fund's investment objectives and policies).



## RISK FACTORS AND SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The risks and special considerations below take into account the proposed changes to the Fund's investment objectives and policies.

### General Risk Considerations

*Credit Risk.* The Fund may invest up to 40% of its total assets in debt securities which, at the time of investment, are rated below investment grade (i.e., securities that have been rated below BBB- by S&P or Baa3 by Moody's) or, if unrated, are in the opinion of the Investment Manager, of equivalent quality. Among other things, investment in securities which are rated below investment grade requires skilled credit analysis and reduces the overall credit quality of the Fund's portfolio.

Investments in debt securities expose the Fund to credit risk (that is, the risk of default on interest and/or principal payments). Credit risk is influenced by changes in general economic and political conditions and changes in the financial condition of the issuers. During periods of economic downturn or rising interest rates, issuers of securities with a low credit rating may experience financial weakness that could affect their ability to make payments of interest and principal.

Adverse publicity and investor perceptions, whether or not based on fundamental analysis, may also decrease the value and liquidity of securities with low credit ratings, especially in markets characterized by a low volume of trading.

*Currency Risk.* The Fund may invest all of its assets in debt securities which are denominated in currencies other than the U.S. dollar. Currency exchange rates can fluctuate significantly over short periods and can be subject to unpredictable changes based on a variety of factors including political developments and currency controls by governments. A change in the value of a currency in which a security is denominated against the U.S. dollar will generally result in a change in the U.S. dollar value of the Fund's assets. If the exchange rate for a non-U.S. currency declines compared to the U.S. dollar, the Fund's NAV would decline. In addition, although much of the Fund's income will be received or realized in non-U.S. currencies, the Fund is required to compute and distribute its income in U.S. dollars. Therefore, for example, if the exchange rate for a non-U.S. currency declines after the Fund's income has been accrued and translated into U.S. dollars, but before the income has been received or converted into U.S. dollars, the Fund could be required to liquidate securities to make distributions. Similarly, if the exchange rate declines between the time the Fund incurs expenses in U.S. dollars and the time expenses are paid, the amount of non-U.S. currency required to be converted into U.S. dollars in order to pay such U.S. dollar expenses will be greater than the non-U.S. currency equivalent of the expenses at the time they were incurred.

The currencies of developing markets, in particular, have experienced periods of steady declines or even sudden devaluations relative to the U.S. dollar. Some developing market currencies may not be internationally traded or may be subject to strict controls by local governments, resulting in undervalued or overvalued currencies. Some developing markets have experienced balance of payment deficits and shortages in foreign exchange reserves. Governments have responded by restricting currency conversions. Future restrictive exchange controls could prevent or restrict a company's ability to make dividend or interest payments in the original currency of an obligation (often U.S. dollars). In addition, even though the currencies of some developing markets may be convertible into U.S. dollars, the conversion rates may be artificial to their actual market values.

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*Unrated Securities.* The Fund is permitted to invest in unrated debt securities. Unrated securities, while not necessarily of lower quality than rated securities, generally do not have a broad market. Before purchasing an unrated security, the Investment Manager and Investment Adviser intend to analyze the creditworthiness of the issuer of the security and of any financial institution or other party responsible for payments on the security in order to assign a rating to the security.

*Below Investment Grade Securities.* Investments in securities rated below investment grade are subject to greater market fluctuations and risk of loss of income and principal than investments in securities with investment grade credit ratings. The former will generally provide higher yields due to the higher premiums required by investors for taking the associated credit risk. Ratings of debt securities represent the rating agency's opinion regarding their quality and are not a guarantee of quality. Rating agencies attempt to evaluate the safety of principal and interest payments and do not evaluate the risks of fluctuations in market value. Because rating agencies may fail to make timely changes in credit ratings in response to subsequent events, the Investment Manager and Investment Adviser will continuously monitor the issuers of securities held to determine whether the issuers have sufficient cash flows and profits to meet principal and interest payments.

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The achievement of the Fund's investment objective will be more dependent on the Investment Manager or the Investment Adviser's own credit analysis than might be the case for a fund which invests in higher quality bonds. The Fund may retain a security the rating of which has been changed. The market values of lower quality debt securities tend to reflect individual developments of the issuer to a greater extent than do higher quality securities, which react primarily to fluctuations in the general level of interest rates.

Issuers of lower quality debt securities tend to be highly leveraged. Those issuers may also not have available to them traditional methods of financing. For example, during an economic downturn or a sustained period of rising interest rates, highly leveraged issuers of lower quality securities may experience financial stress. During these periods, issuers may not have sufficient revenue to meet their interest payment obligations. An issuer's ability to service debt obligations may also be adversely affected by specific developments affecting the issuer, such as the issuer's inability to meet specific projected business forecasts or the unavailability of additional financing. Similarly, certain developing market governments that issue lower quality debt securities are among the largest debtors to commercial banks, foreign governments and supranational organizations such as The World Bank, and may not be able or willing to make principal and/or interest repayments as they come due. The risk of loss due to default by the issuer is significantly greater for the holders of lower quality securities because these securities are generally unsecured and are often subordinated to higher ranking creditors of the issuer.

The Fund may also incur additional expense to the extent that it is required to seek recovery on a default in the payment of principal or interest on its portfolio holdings, and the Fund may have limited legal recourse in the event of a default. Debt securities issued by governments in developing markets can differ from debt obligations issued by private entities in that remedies for defaults generally must be pursued in the courts of the defaulting government, and legal recourse may be diminished. Political conditions, in terms of a government's willingness to meet the terms of its debt obligations, are also of considerable significance. There can be no assurance that the holders of commercial bank debt may not contest payments to the holders of debt securities issued by governments in the event of default by the governments under commercial bank loan agreements.

The Investment Manager and Investment Adviser will attempt to minimize the speculative risks associated with investments in lower quality securities through credit analysis and by carefully monitoring such current trends as interest rates and political developments.

*Management of Credit Risk.* The Investment Manager and Investment Adviser consider external credit assessments available from international rating agencies such as S&P and Moody's, as well as any reports on the issuer which may be available from brokers or other sources. In some developing markets, where issues are often unrated or are at the lower end of the credit risk spectrum, the Investment Manager and Investment Adviser believe that opportunities exist for skilled analysts to add value through extensive company research and detailed credit assessment.

Low-credit debt can sometimes become equity. Due to the conversion of convertible notes and warrants, the Fund may from time to time become an (often) involuntary holder of equities until such stock can be sold as and when an optimal price can be achieved, given market conditions. It may be in the interests of stockholders for the Fund to hold such stock for short term periods.

Similarly, distressed companies can sometimes restructure via debt-for-equity swaps in order to stay solvent and viable. In this case, the investor becomes an involuntary equity holder and, once again, it may be in the best interests of stockholders that the Fund hold such securities for short periods of time, especially in extreme market conditions, until optimal prices can be obtained.

*Political and Economic Risk.* The Fund's investments could in the future be adversely affected by any increase in taxes or by political, economic or diplomatic developments in the countries in which the Fund invests. Moreover, accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards and other regulatory practices and requirements vary from those applicable to entities subject to regulation in the United States.

Developing market securities (and to a certain extent non-U.S. Developed Market securities) may involve different, and sometimes greater, risks than securities of issuers in the United States and other Developed Markets. In addition, many global economies are considered to be more politically volatile than the Developed Markets. Investments in securities of issuers in countries other than the United States may involve greater political risk, including in some countries, the possibility of expropriation, confiscatory taxation or nationalization of assets, restrictions on repatriation, and the establishment of foreign exchange controls. Central authorities also tend to exercise a high degree of control over the economies and in many cases have ownership over core productive assets.

Due to their strong reliance on international trade, most global economies tend to be sensitive both to economic changes in their own region and to changes affecting their major trading partners. These include changes in growth, inflation, foreign exchange rates, current account positions, government policies, taxation and tariffs.

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*Liquidity Risk.* While the Fund ordinarily invests in debt securities for which there is an active secondary market, the Fund may invest in debt securities for which there is no established secondary market. The securities markets that exist in developing market countries are substantially smaller, less developed, less liquid and more volatile than the securities markets of the United States and other more developed countries. Settlement and custodial practices (including those involving securities settlement where fund assets may be released prior to receipt of payment) are also often less developed than those in U.S. or other developed markets, and may result in increased risk or substantial delays in the event of a failed trade or the insolvency of, or breach of duty by, a non-U.S. broker-dealer, securities depository or non-U.S. subcustodian.

Liquidity in developing markets may be low and transaction costs high. Reduced liquidity often creates higher volatility, as well as difficulties in obtaining accurate market quotations for financial reporting purposes and for calculating net asset values, and sometimes also an inability to buy and sell securities. Market quotations on many non-U.S. debt securities may only be available from a limited number of dealers and may not necessarily represent firm bids from those dealers or prices for actual sales.

In addition, the markets for below investment grade securities may be substantially smaller, less developed, less liquid and more volatile than the markets for prime rated securities, which may make obtaining accurate market quotations for financial reporting purposes and for calculating net asset values more difficult. Market quotations on many sub-investment grade securities may only be available from a limited number of dealers and may not necessarily represent firm bids from those dealers or prices for actual sales.

*Tax Risk.* Income earned on investments in foreign countries may be subject to applicable withholding taxes and other taxes imposed by the governments of these countries. There can be no assurance that foreign tax laws will not be changed in a manner which adversely affects foreign investors.

*Legal and Accounting Risk.* The legal systems in many developing countries are less developed than those in more developed countries, with the administration of laws and regulations often subject to considerable discretion. Non-U.S. markets may offer less protection to investors than U.S. or other developed markets. Adequate public information on non-U.S. issuers may not be available, and it may be difficult to secure information regarding corporate actions on a timely basis. In general, there is less overall governmental supervision and regulation of securities exchanges, brokers, and listed companies than in the United States or other developed countries. While the development of the legal systems is a positive step, there is a risk that foreign investors will be adversely affected by new laws or changes to existing laws.

Accounting and auditing standards applied in certain developing countries frequently do not conform with the accepted international standards used in the Developed Markets. In some cases, accounting policies, for example the use of the constant purchasing power method, can cause some distortion. Also, substantially less financial information is generally publicly available about issuers in developing market countries and, where available, may not be independently verifiable.

#### **Use of Derivatives**

Consistent with its investment objective, the Fund may invest in a broad array of financial instruments and securities in which the value of the instrument or security is derived from the performance of an underlying asset or a benchmark such as a security index, an interest rate or a foreign currency ( derivatives ). Derivatives are most often used to manage interest rate, currency and credit risk, to increase or decrease exposure to an asset class or benchmark (as a hedge or to enhance return), or to create an investment position directly (often because it is more efficient or less costly than direct investment). There is no guarantee that these results can be achieved through the use of derivatives and any success in their use depends on a variety of factors including the ability of the Investment Manager and Investment Adviser to predict correctly the direction of interest rates, securities prices, currency exchange rates and other factors.

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The primary risk of derivatives is the same as the risk of the underlying asset, namely that the value of the underlying asset may increase or decrease. Adverse movements in the value of the underlying asset can expose the Fund to losses. In addition, risks in the use of derivatives include:

an imperfect correlation between the price of derivatives and the movement of the securities prices, interest rates or currency exchange rates being hedged or replicated;

the possible absence of a liquid secondary market for any particular derivative at any time;

the potential loss if the counterparty to the transaction does not perform as promised;

the possible need to defer closing out certain positions to avoid adverse tax consequences, as well as the possibility that derivative transactions may result in acceleration of gain, deferral of losses or a change in the character of gain realized;

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the risk that the financial intermediary manufacturing the over-the-counter derivative, being the most active market maker and offering the best price for repurchase, will not continue to create a credible market in the derivative;

because certain derivatives are manufactured by financial institutions, the risk that the Fund may develop a substantial exposure to financial institution counterparties; and

the risk that a full and complete appreciation of the complexity of derivatives and how future value is affected by various factors including changing interest rates, exchange rates and credit quality is not attained.

The Fund may use interest rate swaps to hedge the Fund's liability with respect to the AMPS. At present, the Fund has been authorized by its Board of Directors to hedge up to one-third of the Fund's liability with respect to the AMPS. This allows the Fund to lock in the relatively low current U.S. dollar interest rates with respect to up to one-third of the Fund's outstanding AMPS. A significant type of risk associated with interest rate swaps is the risk that the counterparty may default or file for bankruptcy, in which case the Fund would bear the risk of loss of the amount expected to be received under the swap agreement. There can be no assurance that the Fund will have an interest rate swap in place at any given time, nor can there be any assurance that, if an interest rate swap is in place, it will be successful in hedging the Fund's interest rate risk with respect to the AMPS.

#### **Foreign Custody**

The Fund generally holds its foreign securities and cash in foreign banks and securities depositories approved by State Street Bank and Trust Company, the Fund's Foreign Custody Manager (as that term is defined in Rule 17f-5 under the 1940 Act). Some foreign banks and securities depositories may be recently organized or new to the foreign custody business. There may be limited or no regulatory oversight over their operations. Also, the laws of certain countries may put limits on the Fund's ability to recover its assets if a foreign bank, depository or issuer of a security, or any of their agents, goes bankrupt. In addition, it is often more expensive for the Fund to buy, sell and hold securities in certain foreign markets than in the United States. The increased expense of investing in foreign markets reduces the amount the Fund can earn on its investments and typically results in a higher operating expense ratio for the Fund than for investment companies invested only in the United States.

*The following is the text of the proposed Articles of Amendment and Restatement for Aberdeen Global Income Fund, Inc. Text appearing as strikethrough indicates a deletion from the current Articles of Amendment and Restatement. Text appearing in bold with underscore indicates proposed revised text.*

**ABERDEEN GLOBAL INCOME FUND, INC.**

**ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT AND RESTATEMENT**

1. Aberdeen Global Income Fund, Inc., a Maryland corporation, desires to amend and restate its Charter as currently in effect and as hereinafter amended.
2. The following provisions are all the provisions of the Charter currently in effect and as hereinafter amended:

**ARTICLE I: Incorporator.**

The undersigned, Margaret A. Bancroft, whose post office address is 477 Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10022, being at least eighteen years of age, does hereby act as incorporator under and by virtue of the Maryland General Corporation Law ( MGCL ).

**ARTICLE II: Name.**

The name of the corporation is Aberdeen Global Income Fund, Inc. (the Corporation ).

**ARTICLE III: Corporate Purposes and Powers.**

The purposes for which the Corporation is formed are to act as an investment company under the Federal Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, and to exercise and enjoy all the powers, rights and privileges granted to, or conferred upon, corporations by the General Laws of the State of Maryland now or hereafter in force.

**ARTICLE IV: Address and Resident Agent.**



The post office address of the principal office of the Corporation in the State of Maryland is c/o The Corporation Trust Incorporated, 300 East Lombard Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202. The name and address of the resident agent of the Corporation in the State of Maryland is The Corporation Trust Incorporated, whose post office address is 300 East Lombard Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202.

**ARTICLE V: Capital Stock.**

The total number of shares of all classes of stock which the Corporation shall have authority to issue is 400,000,000 shares with an aggregate par value of \$400,000 initially divided into two classes of 300,000,000 shares of Common Stock, \$.001 par value per share ( Common Stock ), and of 100,000,000 shares of Preferred Stock \$.001 par value per share ( Preferred Stock ), consisting of 1,200 shares of Auction Market Preferred Stock, Series W-7. The Board of Directors may classify or reclassify any unissued shares of stock by, among other things, setting or changing in any one or more respects the preferences, conversion or other rights, voting powers, restrictions, limitations as to dividends, qualifications, or terms or conditions of redemption of such shares of stock.

The preferences, conversion or other rights, voting powers, restrictions, limitations as to dividends, qualifications, and terms and conditions of redemption of the Common Stock and the Preferred Stock are as follows:

(a) Common Stock.

(i) Dividends. Subject to law and to the preferences of the Preferred Stock, the holders of the Common Stock shall be entitled to receive dividends at such time and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Directors.

(ii) Voting. Except as provided by law or as otherwise contemplated by the Corporation's charter (the Charter ), each outstanding share of Common Stock shall be entitled to one vote on each matter submitted to a vote of the stockholders of the Corporation and shares of Common Stock shall be voted together with all other shares of the Corporation's capital stock as one class.

(iii) Liquidation. In the event of any merger, sale of assets, liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Corporation, whether voluntary or involuntary, after payment or provision for payment of the debts and other liabilities of the Corporation and the preferential amounts to which the holders of the Preferred Stock shall be entitled upon liquidation, the holders of the Common Stock shall be entitled to share in the remaining assets of the Corporation according to their respective interests.

(b) Preferred Stock.

(i) Authority of the Board of Directors to issue in one or more series. Authority is expressly granted to the Board of Directors to authorize the issue of one or more series of Preferred Stock, and to fix by resolution or resolutions providing for the issue of each such series the preferences, conversion or other rights, voting powers, restrictions, limitations as to dividends, qualifications, and terms and conditions of redemption of each such series to the full extent now or hereafter permitted by law and subject to this Article V, including but not limited to the following:

(A) The number of shares of each such series, which may subsequently be increased (except as otherwise provided by resolution or resolutions of the Board of Directors providing for the issue of such series) or decreased (to a number not less than the number of shares then outstanding) by resolution or resolutions of the Board of Directors, and the distinctive designation of each such series;

(B) The rates or amounts, the periods, and the times of payment of dividends on shares of each such series;

(C) The voting powers, if any, of the holders of each such series in addition to the voting powers provided by law and by this Charter;

(D) The terms and conditions, if any, upon which the shares of each such series shall be convertible into or exchangeable for shares of any other series, class or classes, or any other property, to the full extent now or hereafter permitted by law;

(E) The time or times during which the price, or prices at which, and the terms and conditions on which, the shares of each such series may be redeemed;

(F) The terms of any sinking fund to be applied to the purchase or redemption, or both, of shares of each such series, and the terms and amount of any sinking fund payments and the manner of their application; and

(G) The amount which the holders of each such series shall be entitled to receive in the event of any merger, sale of assets, liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Corporation, whether voluntary or involuntary.

(ii) Dividends. The holders of Preferred Stock of each series shall be entitled to receive, when and as declared by the Board of Directors, dividends at the rates or amounts, for the periods, and at the times, determined in the manner specified for such series by the Board of Directors as authorized in the preceding part (b) (i) of this Article V.

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(iii) Voting. Except as provided by law or as otherwise contemplated by the Corporation's Charter, including any Articles Supplementary, each outstanding share of Preferred Stock shall be entitled to one vote on each matter submitted to a vote of stockholders of the Corporation and shares of Preferred Stock of all series shall be voted together with all shares of the Corporation's capital stock as one class.

(A) Directors. At any meeting of stockholders of the Corporation at which Directors are to be elected, the holders of shares of Preferred Stock of all series, voting separately as a single class, shall be entitled to elect two members of the Board of Directors, and the holders of Common Stock, voting separately as a single class, shall be entitled to elect the balance of the members of the Board of Directors.

If at any time dividends on any outstanding Preferred Stock of any series shall be unpaid in an amount equal to two full years' dividends, the number of Directors constituting the Board of Directors shall automatically be increased by the smallest number that, when added to the number of Directors then constituting the Board of Directors, shall together with the two Directors elected by the holders of Preferred Stock pursuant to the preceding paragraph, constitute a majority of such increased number; and at a special meeting of stockholders, which shall be called and held as soon as practicable, and at all subsequent meetings at which Directors are to be elected, the holders of Preferred Stock of all series voting separately as a single class shall be entitled to elect the smallest number of additional Directors of the Corporation who, together with the two Directors elected by the holders of Preferred Stock pursuant to the preceding paragraph, will constitute a majority of the total number of Directors of the Corporation so increased. If the Corporation thereafter shall pay, or declare and set apart for payment, in full all dividends accrued and payable on all outstanding shares of Preferred Stock of all series for all past dividend periods, the voting rights stated in this paragraph shall cease, and the terms of office of all additional Directors elected by the holders of Preferred Stock terminate automatically.

Any vacancy in the office of any Director elected by the holders of shares of Preferred Stock may be filled by the remaining Directors (or Director) so elected or, if not so filled, by the holders of shares of Preferred Stock of all series, voting separately as a single class, at any meeting of stockholders for the election of Directors, provided, however, if Preferred Stock of any series is issued and at the time of issuance no existing Directors have been elected by the holders of Preferred Stock, then a majority of the Corporation's Directors, whether or not sufficient to constitute a quorum, may fill such vacancy or vacancies.

(B) Other Voting Rights. In addition to any approval by stockholders that might otherwise be required by law or pursuant to the terms of any resolution fixing the terms of any series of Preferred Stock or amending any such terms, the approval of the holders of a majority of outstanding shares of Preferred Stock of all series, voting separately as a single class, shall be required to adopt any plan of reorganization that would adversely affect holders of the Preferred Stock, or take any action requiring a vote of security holders pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.

(iv) Liquidation. In the event of any merger, sale of assets, liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Corporation, whether voluntary or involuntary, the holders of Preferred Stock of each series shall be entitled to receive only such amount or amounts, including accrued and unpaid dividends, as shall have been fixed by the Corporation's Charter or by the resolution or resolutions of the Board of Directors providing for the issue of such series. If, upon any such merger, sale of assets, liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Corporation, whether voluntary or involuntary, the assets of the Corporation available for distribution among the holders of all outstanding shares of Preferred Stock of all series should be insufficient to permit the payment in full to such holders of the amounts to which they are entitled, then such available assets shall be distributed among the holders of shares of Preferred Stock ratably in any such distribution of assets according to the respective amounts that would be payable on all such shares if all amounts thereon were paid in full.

(c) All Stock. No preemptive rights. No holder of shares of the Corporation, whether now or hereafter authorized, shall be entitled as of right to acquire from the Corporation any shares of the Corporation, whether now or hereafter authorized.

#### **ARTICLE VI: Board of Directors.**

(a) Number of Directors.

The number of Directors of the Corporation consisted initially of one director and thereafter of that number of Directors as is specified in the By-Laws of the Corporation. The name of that person who acted as the initial Director until the first annual meeting and until his successor was elected and qualified was Timothy P. Sullivan.

(b) Classified Board.

The Directors elected by holders of Common Stock shall be divided into three classes, as nearly equal in number as possible, and shall be designated as Class I, Class II, and Class III Directors, respectively, with the Class I Directors to be originally elected for a term expiring at the annual meeting held in 1993, the Class II Directors to be originally elected for a term expiring at the annual meeting held in 1994 and the Class III Directors to be originally elected for a term expiring at the annual meeting held in 1995. After expiration of the terms of office specified for such Directors, the Directors of each class shall serve for terms of three years, or, when filling a vacancy, for the unexpired portion of such term and until their successors are elected and have qualified.

(c) Removal of Directors.

The stockholders of any class of stock may, by the affirmative vote of the holders of shares representing at least 80% of the outstanding shares of such class of stock, remove any Director or Directors of such class from office, for cause only and similarly elect a successor or successors to fill any resulting vacancies for the unexpired terms of the removed Director or Directors.

**ARTICLE VII: Management of the Affairs of the Corporation.**

(a) Power Vested in Board.

All corporate powers and authority of the Corporation (except as at the time otherwise provided by statute, by the Charter or by the By-Laws) shall be vested in and exercised by the Board of Directors.

(b) Power to Adopt By-Laws.

The Board of Directors shall have the power to adopt, alter or repeal the By-Laws of the Corporation except to the extent that the By-Laws otherwise provide.

(c) Corporation's Books and Accounts.

The Board of Directors shall have power from time to time to determine whether and to what extent, and at what times and places and under what conditions and regulations, the accounts and books of the Corporation (other than the stock ledger) or any of them shall be open to the inspection of stockholders, and no stockholder shall have any right to inspect any account, book or document of the Corporation except to the extent permitted by statute or the By-Laws.

(d) Determination of Net Income, etc.

The Board of Directors shall have the power to determine, as provided herein or in any Articles Supplementary, or if provision is not so made, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, what constitutes net income, total assets and the net asset value of the shares of Common Stock of the Corporation.

(e) Declaration of Dividends.

The Board of Directors shall have the power to declare and distribute dividends from funds legally available therefor in such amount, if any, and in such manner and to the stockholders of record as of such date, as the Board of Directors may determine.

**ARTICLE VIII: Special Vote of Stockholders.**

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this Article VIII, the vote of the holders of shares representing at least 80% of the outstanding shares of the Corporation's Common Stock and Preferred Stock of all series voting as a single class shall be necessary to effect any of the following actions unless the Continuing Directors (as hereinafter defined) of the Corporation by a vote of at least 66<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub>% of such Directors, approve such action, in which case, except as otherwise required by law or the Charter of the Corporation (x) with respect to those matters and transactions for which a stockholder vote is required under Maryland law, the requisite vote shall be the vote of at least a majority of the outstanding shares of the Corporation's Common Stock and Preferred Stock of all series voting as a single class, and (y) with respect to those matters and transactions for which a stockholder vote is not required under Maryland law, no stockholder vote will be required:

(i) any amendment to the Corporation's Charter to make the Corporation's Common Stock a redeemable security (as such term is defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940) or to otherwise effect the conversion of the Corporation from closed-end to open-end status under the Investment Company Act of 1940;

(ii) any amendment to the Corporation's Charter to provide for fewer than three classes of Directors elected by the holders of Common Stock;

(iii) any amendment to the Corporation's Charter to reduce the 80% vote required by the holders of the Corporation's Common Stock and Preferred Stock or the 66<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub>% vote required by the Continuing Directors pursuant to this Article VIII;

(iv) any amendment to Article X of the Corporation's Charter;

(v) any stockholder proposal as to specific investment decisions made or to be made with respect to the Corporation's assets; or

(vi) any Business Combination (as hereinafter defined).

(b) For the purposes of this Article VIII:

(i) Business Combination shall mean any of the transactions described or referred to in any one or more of the following subparagraphs:

(A) any merger or consolidation of the Corporation with or into any other person;

(B) the liquidation or dissolution of the Corporation;

(C) any sale, lease, exchange, mortgage, pledge, transfer or other disposition (in one transaction or a series of transactions) to or with any other person of any assets of the Corporation having an aggregate Fair Market Value of \$1,000,000 or more except for transactions of the Corporation effected in the ordinary course of the Corporation's investment activities;

(D) the issuance or transfer by the Corporation (in one transaction or a series of transactions) of any securities of the Corporation to any other person in exchange for cash, securities or other property (or a combination thereof) having an aggregate Fair Market Value of \$1,000,000 or more excluding (1) sales of any securities of the Corporation in connection with a public offering thereof, (2) issuance of any securities of the Corporation pursuant to a dividend reinvestment plan

adopted by the Corporation and (3) issuance of any securities of the Corporation upon the exercise of any stock subscription rights distributed by the Corporation;

(ii) Continuing Director shall mean any member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation who has been a member of the Board of Directors for a period of at least 12 months, or who is a successor of a Continuing Director and is recommended to succeed a Continuing Director by a majority of the Continuing Directors then on the Board of Directors.

(iii) Person shall mean an individual, a corporation, a trust or a partnership.

(c) Except as otherwise provided in the Corporation's Charter or as otherwise provided in the Investment Company Act of 1940, notwithstanding any provision of law requiring authorization of any action by a greater proportion than a majority of the total number of shares of all classes of the Corporation's stock or of the total number of shares of any class of the Corporation's stock, such action shall be valid and effective if authorized by the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the total number of outstanding shares of all classes of the Corporation's stock outstanding and entitled to vote thereon.

#### **ARTICLE IX: Liability; Indemnification.**

(a) Indemnification.

The Corporation, including its successors and assigns, shall indemnify its Directors and Officers and make advanced payment of related expenses to the fullest extent permitted, and in accordance with the procedures required, by the General Laws of the State of Maryland and the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended. The By-Laws may provide that the Corporation shall indemnify its employees and/or agents in any manner and within such limits as permitted by applicable law. Such indemnification shall be in addition to any other right or claim to which any Director, Officer, employee or agent may otherwise be entitled. The Corporation may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a Director, Officer, employee or agent of the Corporation or is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as a Director, Officer, partner, trustee, employee or agent of another foreign or domestic corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise or employee benefit plan, against any liability (including, with respect to employee benefit plans, excise taxes) asserted against and incurred by such person in any such capacity or arising out of such person's position, whether or not the Corporation would have had the power to indemnify against such liability. The rights provided to any person by this Article IX shall be enforceable against the Corporation by such person who shall be presumed to have relied upon such rights in serving or continuing to serve in the capacities indicated herein. No amendment of the Corporation's Charter shall impair the rights of any person arising at any time with respect to events occurring prior to such amendment.

(b) Liability for Money Damages.

To the fullest extent permitted by the MGCL and the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, no Director or Officer of the Corporation shall be liable to the Corporation or to its stockholders for money damages. No amendment to the Corporation's Charter or repeal of any of its provisions shall limit or eliminate the benefits provided to Directors and Officers under this provision with respect to any act or omission which occurred prior to such amendment or repeal.

(c) Reliance.



In performance of his duties, a director is entitled to rely on information, opinion, report, or statement, including any financial statement or other financial data, prepared by others, to the extent not inconsistent with the General Laws of the State of Maryland. A person who performs his duties in accordance with the standards of Article 2-405.1 of the MGCL or otherwise in accordance with applicable law shall have no liability by reason of being or having been a Director of the Corporation.

**ARTICLE X: Amendment.**

(a) Right to Amend.

The Corporation reserves the right to amend, alter, change or repeal any provision of the Corporation's Charter (including any amendment that alters the contract rights, expressly set forth in the Charter, of any outstanding stock), and all rights conferred upon stockholders herein are granted subject to this reservation.

(b) Required Vote.

The provisions of this Article X and Articles VI and VIII may not be amended, altered, changed or repealed except by the approval of holders of shares of stock representing at least 80% of the outstanding shares of Common Stock and Preferred Stock of all series voting as a single class.

**ARTICLE XI: References to Statutes, Articles, and By-Laws.**

All references herein to statutes, the Charter or the By-Laws shall be deemed to refer to those statutes, the Charter or those By-Laws as they are amended and in effect from time to time.

**ARTICLE XII:**

The preferences, voting powers, restrictions, limitations as to dividends, qualifications, and terms and conditions of redemption, of the shares of the following series of Preferred Stock are:

**DESIGNATION**

SERIES W-7: A series of up to 1,200 shares of preferred stock, par value \$.001 per share, liquidation preference \$25,000 per share plus an amount equal to accumulated but unpaid dividends (whether or not earned or declared) thereon, is hereby designated Auction Market Preferred Stock, Series W-7. Each share of Auction Market Preferred Stock, Series W-7 shall be issued on the Date of Original Issue (as herein defined); have an Initial Dividend Payment Date (as herein defined) of August 6, 1992; and have such other preferences, limitations and relative voting rights, in addition to those required by applicable law or set forth in the Corporation's Charter applicable to preferred stock of the Corporation, as are set forth in this Article XII. The Auction Market Preferred Stock, Series W-7 shall constitute a separate series of preferred stock of the Corporation, and each share of Auction Market Preferred Stock, Series W-7 shall be identical except as provided in paragraph 3 of this Article XII.

1. Definitions.

(a) Capitalized terms not defined in this paragraph 1 shall have the respective meanings specified in paragraph 8(a) of this Article XII. In this Article XII, unless the context or use indicates another or different meaning or intent, the following terms shall have the following meanings, whether used in the singular or plural:

AA Composite Commercial Paper Rate, on any Valuation Date, means (i) the Interest Equivalent of the rate on commercial paper placed on behalf of issuers whose corporate bonds are rated AA by S&P or Aa by Moody's, or the equivalent of such rating by another nationally recognized rating agency or any Substitute Rating Agency selected by the Corporation, as such rate is made available on a discount basis or otherwise by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York for the Business Day immediately preceding such date, or (ii) in the event that the Federal Reserve Bank of New York does not make available such a rate, then the arithmetic average of the Interest Equivalent of the rate on commercial paper placed on behalf of such issuers, as quoted to the Auction Agent on a discount basis or otherwise by the Commercial Paper Dealers for the close of business on the Business Day immediately preceding such date. If any Commercial Paper Dealer does not quote a rate required to determine the AA Composite Commercial Paper Rate, the AA Composite Commercial Paper Rate will be determined on the basis of the quotation or quotations furnished by any Substitute Commercial Paper Dealer or Substitute Commercial Paper Dealers selected by the Corporation to provide such rate or rates not being supplied by the Commercial Paper Dealer. If the number of Dividend Period Days shall be (i) 7 or more but fewer than 49 days, such rate shall be the Interest Equivalent on the 30-day rate on such commercial paper; (ii) 49 or more but fewer than 70 days, such rate shall be the Interest Equivalent of the 60-day rate on such commercial paper; (iii) 70 or more days but fewer than 85 days, such rate shall be the arithmetic average of the Interest Equivalent on the 60-day and 90-day rates on such commercial paper; (iv) 85 or more days but fewer than 99 days, such rate shall be the Interest Equivalent of the 90-day rate on such commercial paper; (v) 99 or more days but fewer than 120 days, such rate shall be the arithmetic average of the Interest Equivalent of the 90-day and 120-day rates on such commercial

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paper; (vi) 120 or more days but fewer than 141 days, such rate shall be the Interest Equivalent of the 120-day rate on such commercial paper; (vii) 141 or more days but fewer than 162 days, such rate shall be the arithmetic average of the Interest Equivalent of the 120-day and 180-day rates on such commercial paper; and (viii) 162 or more days but fewer than 183 days, such rate shall be the Interest Equivalent of the 180-day rate on such commercial paper.

Accountant's Confirmation has the meaning set forth in paragraph 7(b)(iii) of this Article XII.

Administrator shall mean ~~Princeton Administrators, L.P.~~ Aberdeen Asset Management Inc. or any successor administrator to the Corporation who acts in such capacity.

Affiliate shall mean any Person known to the Auction Agent to be controlled by, in control of, or under common control with, the Corporation.

Agent Member means the member of the Securities Depository that will act on behalf of a Beneficial Owner or a Potential Beneficial Owner.

AMPS means the Auction Market Preferred Stock, Series W-7 of the Corporation, where appropriate, any other series of the Corporation's Auction Market Preferred Stock.

AMPS Basic Maintenance Amount means, as of any Valuation Date, the dollar amount equal to the sum of (i) the product of the number of shares of AMPS outstanding on such Valuation Date multiplied by the sum of (A) \$25,000 and (B) any applicable redemption premium attributable to the designation of a Premium Call Period; (ii) the aggregate amount of cash dividends (whether or not earned or declared) that will have accumulated for each share of AMPS Outstanding, in each case, to (but not including) the end of the current Dividend Period that follows such Valuation Date; (iii) the aggregate amount of cash dividends that would accumulate at the then current Maximum Applicable Rate on any shares of AMPS Outstanding from the end of such Dividend Period through the 48th day after such Valuation Date, multiplied by the larger of the potential dividend rate increase factors (currently 304%) determined from time to time by ~~Moody's and S&P~~ the Rating Agencies (except that if such Valuation Date occurs during a Non-Payment Period, the cash dividend for purposes of calculation would accumulate at the then current Non-Payment Period Rate); (iv) the aggregate principal amount of any then-outstanding indebtedness of the Corporation for money borrowed; (v) the amount of anticipated expenses of the Corporation for the 90 days subsequent to such Valuation Date; ~~and~~ (vi) the aggregate amount of termination values (equivalent to the present value of future cash flows over the remaining life of the contract) or each AMPS Interest Rate Swap then in effect; and (vii) the greater of \$50,000 or the Corporation's current liabilities as of such Valuation Date not otherwise reflected in any of (i) through (v) above.

AMPS Basic Maintenance Cure Date, with respect to the failure by the Corporation to maintain the AMPS Basic Maintenance Amount (as required by paragraph 7(b) of this Article XII) as of a given Valuation Date, means the fifth Business Day following such Valuation Date.

AMPS Basic Maintenance Report means a report executed by the Corporation with respect to the valuation (in U.S. dollars) of the Eligible Portfolio Property, as described in paragraph 7(b) of this Article XII; provided, that all or any portion of any such report may be prepared by the Custodian, Aberdeen Asset Management Limited, the Administrator and/or Aberdeen Asset ~~Managers (CI)~~ Management Asia Limited; provided further that such AMPS Basic Maintenance Report may be delivered to the Auction Agent and the Rating Agencies in summary form, however, the Corporation shall retain a copy of the full AMPS Basic Maintenance Report in its files and make such report available to its Independent Accountants and the Rating Agencies upon their request.

AMPS Interest Rate Swap means a contractual agreement whereby the Corporation contracts with an Eligible AMPS Interest Rate Swap Counterparty to engage, for a period of time not to exceed ~~two~~ five years, in an interest rate swap with a notional value of up to ~~one third~~ 100% of the value of the aggregate liquidation preference of all of the AMPS (in any and all series) Outstanding at the time the interest rate swap commences. The Corporation may not enter into an AMPS Interest Rate Swap if, once the transaction has been consummated, the total of all outstanding AMPS Interest Rate Swaps have a notional value of more than 100% of the aggregate liquidation preference of all of the AMPS (in any and all series) then Outstanding. If the Corporation fails to maintain the AMPS Basic Maintenance Amount (as required by paragraph 7(b) ~~of this Article XII~~ hereof) as of each Valuation Date, and will not be able to cure such failure by the AMPS Basic Maintenance Cure Date, the Corporation must terminate any then-outstanding AMPS Interest Rate Swaps by the close of business on the AMPS Basic Maintenance Cure Date. If any of the shares of AMPS are redeemed by the Corporation for any reason other than the failure to maintain the AMPS Basic Maintenance Amount, the Corporation must terminate a portion of the then outstanding AMPS Interest Rate Swaps in the amount necessary to assure that the total of all outstanding AMPS Interest Rate Swaps have a notional value of not more than 100% of the aggregate liquidation preference of all of the AMPS (in any and all series) Outstanding following the redemption of AMPS. Assets segregated or earmarked by the Corporation to cover the AMPS Interest Rate Swaps may not be included in the determination of Eligible Portfolio Property.

ANNIE MAEs are securities issued against mortgage pools by Australian National Mortgage Pool Agency Ltd., an affiliate of Security Pacific National Bank.

Annual Valuation Date shall mean, so long as any shares of AMPS are Outstanding, the last Valuation Date of each fiscal year of the Corporation.

Applicable Percentage has the meaning set forth in paragraph 8(a)(vii) of this Article XII.

Applicable Rate means the rate per annum at which cash dividends are payable on the AMPS for any Dividend Period, which rate, after the Initial Dividend Period, shall be determined by the Auction Agent in accordance with paragraph 8(d) of this Article XII.

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Applicable Spread has the meaning set forth in paragraph 8(a)(vii) of this Article XII.

Asian Yankee Bonds means, in the case of Moody's, Yankee Bonds that are issued by companies from China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, Thailand and The Philippines and such other countries as are approved in writing by Moody's from time to time, and, in the case of S&P, Yankee Bonds that are (i) issued by issuers from China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, Thailand and The Philippines and such other countries as are approved in writing by S&P from time to time, and (ii) are subject to the following ratings limitations (which are cumulative):

Rating	% of total Discounted Value of Eligible Portfolio Property allowed at each ratings level
Aa3/AA- or better	100%
Below Aa3/AA-	50%
Below A3/A-	25%
Below BBB3/BBB-	10%

Auction means each operation of the Auction Procedures.

Auction Agent means Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas unless and until another commercial bank, trust company or other financial institution appointed by a resolution of the Board of Directors of the Corporation or a duly authorized committee thereof enters into an agreement with the Corporation to follow the Auction Procedures for the purpose of determining the Applicable Rate and to act as transfer agent, registrar, paying agent and redemption agent for the AMPS.

Auction Date has the meaning specified in paragraph 8(a) of this Article XII.

Auction Procedures means the procedures for conducting Auctions set forth in paragraph 8 of this Article XII.

Australian Bank Bills means bills of exchange (as defined in the Bills of Exchange Act of the Commonwealth of Australia) issued, accepted or endorsed by Australian banks with (x) in the case of S&P (i) a rating from S&P at least as high as S&P's then-current rating for the AMPS or (ii) in the case of any Bank Bill with a remaining term to maturity from the Valuation Date of 365 days or less, a rating from S&P at least as high as S&P's short term rating comparable to its then-current rating for the AMPS and (y) in the case of Moody's (i) a long term foreign currency debt rating from Moody's of at least Aa2 or (ii) in the case of any Bank Bill with a remaining term to maturity from the Valuation Date of 180 days or less, a rating from Moody's of Prime-1 or (iii) any other rating as Moody's shall approve in writing.

Australian Convertible or Exchangeable Eurobonds means securities which are denominated in Australian Currency issued by the New South Wales Treasury Corporation or the Queensland Treasury Corporation which confer upon the holder an option to exchange such securities for, respectively, a like principal amount of New South Wales Treasury Inscribed Stock or Queensland Treasury Corporation Inscribed Stock of identical maturity and coupon.

Australian Corporate Bonds means debt obligations of Australian corporations (other than Australian Government Securities, Australian Semi-Government Securities, Australian Bank Bills, Australian Eurobonds, Australian Exchangeable Eurobonds and Australian Short Term Securities) *provided*, that such debt obligations shall not be deemed to be Eligible Portfolio Property by S&P unless they have the following

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characteristics: (a) the principal amount outstanding on the Valuation Date is at least equal to A\$50 million, (b) the security is publicly traded, (c) the security is non-callable, or, if the security is callable, the basis for pricing is to the call date, (d) the security has a Tender Panel, (e) the maturity date of the security is not later than the 10th anniversary of the Valuation Date of such security and (f) the security is issued by one of the following issuers:

(i) Issuers with a public long term S&P rating or whose parent has a public long term rating and there is an explicit guarantee backing the subsidiary's debt service payments (Guaranteed Australian Corporate Bonds). These issuers currently include:

FANMAC Premier Trust Co. No. 1-22 and any subsequent issues rated by S&P Australian Ratings

Ford Credit Australia

National Australia Bank

Commonwealth Bank of Australia

Telstra Corp. Limited

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(ii) Issuers, which shall be designated in writing from time to time by S&P, without a public long term S&P rating but whose parent has a long term S&P rating but has not explicitly guaranteed the subsidiary's debt service payments (Non-Guaranteed Corporate Bonds).

In addition, if the determination is being made for S&P, (a) not more than 10% of the aggregate Discounted Value of the Eligible Portfolio Property of the Corporation can consist of Australian Corporate Bonds issued by a single issuer, (b) not more than 50% (if the issue is rated AAA by S&P) or 33.3% (if the issue is rated AA or A by S&P) or 20% (if the issue is rated BBB by S&P) of the aggregate Discounted Value of the Eligible Portfolio Property of the Corporation can consist of Australian Corporate Bonds from issues representing a single industry, (c) not more than 5% of the then-outstanding principal amount of any one issue can be included in Eligible Portfolio Property, (d) not more than 20% of the outstanding aggregate principal amount of the Australian Corporate Bonds held by the Corporation and included in Eligible Portfolio Property shall be comprised of securities with a then-outstanding issue size of less than A\$100 million, and (e) such corporate debt obligations are subject to the following ratings limitations (which are cumulative):

Rating	% of total Discounted Value of Eligible Portfolio Property allowed at each ratings level
Aa3/AA- or better	100%
Below Aa3/AA-	50%
Below A3/A-	25%
Below BBB3/BBB-	10%

Australian Currency means such coin or currency of Australia as at the time shall be legal tender for payment of public and private debts, as well as cash deposits with Offshore Banking Units of Banque Nationale de Paris.