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Washington, D.C. 20549

# **FORM N-CSR**

# CERTIFIED SHAREHOLDER REPORT OF REGISTERED

# MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES

Investment Company Act file number 811-22592

**DoubleLine Opportunistic Credit Fund** 

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

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Date of fiscal year end: September 30

Date of reporting period: September 30, 2012

**Item 1. Reports to Stockholders.** 

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President s Letter

#### Dear Shareholder:

On behalf of the team at DoubleLine, I am pleased to deliver the first Annual Report for the DoubleLine Opportunistic Credit Fund (NYSE: DBL, the Fund ) covering the period from January 27, 2012 (the Fund s inception date) through September 30, 2012. On the following pages, you will find specific information regarding the Fund s operations and holdings. Since the Fund was launched near the end of January, the reporting period is approximately eight months. DoubleLine continues to strive to deliver superior risk-adjusted returns while working to avoid crossing the double line of risk on the road to successful investing.

## Management s Discussion of Fund Performance:

For the period January 27, 2012 (inception) to September 30, 2012, the Fund s total return based on the net asset value (NAV) was 9.48%, outperforming the Barclays Capital U.S. Aggregate Bond Index by 5.9% (9.48% versus 3.58%). On a market price basis the Fund s return was 13.43%. Over this period, interest rates fell with the 2-year Treasury rate down 8 basis points (bps) to 0.25%, the 5-year Treasury rate down 56 bps to 0.48%, and the 10-year Treasury rate down 88 bps to 1.33%. Despite the drop in rates and the Fund s lower duration, the Fund still outperformed over the time period. Prices on the Agency CMOs were up with both lower coupon passthroughs and fixed-rate CMOs outperforming. The Agency inverse interest-only holdings in the portfolio continue to generate high cash flows due to the low short-term interest rates and relatively slow prepayments. In the non-Agency mortgage sector, prices were up significantly for all sub-sectors. The Alt-A securities held in the Fund were the best performing sector over the reporting period.

**Period from 1-27-12 (inception) to 9-30-12** 

NAV return Market price return Barclays US Aggregate Index 9.48% 13.43% 3.58%

Markets:

## **Agency MBS**

The Agency mortgage market returned 2.38% for the period January 31, 2012 through September 30, 2012. Lower coupon mortgages were up while higher coupon mortgages were flat to down in price over this time period. The lower coupons were up partly due to the QE3 announcement of a third round of quantitative easing (QE3) as the size of the program was larger than what the market was expecting. The Fed will be buying mainly lower coupon mortgages in this program to the size of \$40 billion of Agency mortgages a month in QE3. Keep in mind that one of the mandates in the extension of Operation Twist was reinvestment back into mortgages for the paydowns of the Fed s mortgage

portfolio purchased in QE1. This number amounts to around \$25 billion a month. These two conditions bring the Fed s total monthly additions to \$65 billion. The market is producing between \$120 and \$150 billion of new mortgages a month so the Fed is buying about one half of all reporting new mortgages. Additionally, higher coupon mortgage performance has been hurt by faster prepayment speeds partly caused by HARP 2.0.

The Mortgage Bankers Association (MBA) Refinance Index is much higher than it has been over the past couple of years, which should come as no surprise as 10-Year U.S. Treasury rates have fallen by almost 200 bps over past two years.

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We do not expect aggregate prepayment speeds to increase significantly in the short-term, however, and future changes in prepayment speeds are just as likely to come from further government intervention as it is from borrowers being able to take advantage of lower rates on their own. At the same time we recognize that rates have come down and many borrowers do have the financial wherewithal to refinance. These borrowers, who mostly reside in lower coupon mortgages, should be responsive to any further reduction in interest rates.

The future of the Government Sponsored Enterprises (GSEs) is still to be determined, even following the FHFA s recently released white paper on the very topic. We expect that this issue will be much discussed and debated over the coming months. Their future role will be influenced by the next Congress and whichever political U.S. party is in power. Whatever is eventually decided upon should not affect existing securities but we think instead should focus on future originations.

## **Non-Agency MBS**

During the period, prices in the non-Agency MBS sector were higher in spite of the supply and legal/legislative concerns. The sector continues to provide better price performance, and improvements, in severities and defaults.

ABX 06-2 AAA
ABX 07-1 AAA
PrimeX FRM11
PrimeX FRM21
Source: Morgan Stanley

Non-Agency MBS Indices Closing Prices				
		<b>%</b>		
1/31/2012	9/28/2012	Change		
50.63	58.45	7.82		
38.81	47.02	8.21		
104.72	109.46	4.74		
95.97	99.58	3.61		

Tradable supply for non-Agency MBS increased during this period, helped in part by the liquidation of the Maiden Lane portfolio, as well as short-term holders selling positions as prices rose. Throughout the period, the average monthly BWIC (Bids Wanted in Competition) supply exceeded \$20 billion.

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<sup>1</sup> PrimeX FRM PrimeX Fixed Rate Mortgage.

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There was significant legal and congressional activity during this period as well: an Attorney General settlement worth \$25 billion with the five largest originators, the introduction of a bill by Senator Dianne Feinstein of California to refinance all existing underwater current non-Agency mortgages, the Boxer-Menendez bill designed to make Home Affordable Refinance Program (HARP) refinancing on Agency mortgages easier, and a new and untested use of eminent domain as a way to buy performing mortgages out of non-Agency pools. The eminent domain issue has had an interesting effect of uniting the entire mortgage investment community against this type of activity, including DoubleLine s on-going communication with trade groups, communities and other investors to seek an alternative approach, in our opinion, to a potentially damaging and illegal attack on non-Agency mortgage securities.

On behalf of the team at DoubleLine, we thank you for your support of the Fund. We value the trust you have placed in us and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to call 877-DLINE11 (354-6311).

Sincerely,

Ronald R. Redell

Chairman of the Board of Trustees

November 1, 2012

Opinions expressed herein are as of September 30, 2012 and are subject to change at any time, are not guaranteed and should not be considered investment advice. This report is for the information of shareholders of the Fund.

The views expressed herein (including any forward-looking statement) may not be relied upon as investment advice or as an indication of the Funds trading intent. Information included herein is not an indication of the Funds future portfolio composition. Securities and indices discussed are not recommendations and are presented as examples of issue selection or portfolio management processes. They have been picked for comparison or illustration purposes only. No security presented within is either offered for sale or purchase. DoubleLine reserves the right to change its investment perspective and outlook without notice as market conditions dictate or as additional information becomes available.

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As the Fund is newly organized, its shares have limited history of operations and public trading. Shares of closed-end investment companies frequently trade at a discount to their net asset value, which may increase investors—risk of loss. There are risks associated with an investment in the Fund. Investors should consider the Fund—s investment objective, risks, charges and expenses carefully before investing. An investment in the Fund should not constitute a complete investment program.

The Fund s daily New York Stock Exchange closing prices, net asset values per share, as well as other information are available at <a href="http://www.doubleline.com/opp-credit-fund-overview.php">http://www.doubleline.com/opp-credit-fund-overview.php</a> or by calling the Funds shareholder servicing agent at (877) 354-6311.

This document is not an offer to sell securities or the solicitation of an offer to buy securities, nor shall there be any sale or offer of these securities, in any jurisdiction where such sale or offer is not permitted.

The Fund s shares are only offered through broker/dealers on the secondary market. Unlike an open-end mutual fund, a closed-end fund offers a fixed number of shares for sale. After the initial public offering, shares are bought and sold in the secondary marketplace, and the market price of the shares is determined by supply and demand, not by net asset value (NAV), often at a lower price than the NAV. A closed-end fund is not required to buy its shares back from investors upon request.

Fund investing involves risk. Principal loss is possible.

Investments in debt securities typically decline in value when interest rates rise. This risk is usually greater for longer-term debt securities. Investments in asset-backed and mortgage-backed securities include additional risks that investors should be aware of including credit risk, prepayment risk, possible illiquidity and default, as well as increased susceptibility to adverse economic developments. The Fund may invest in foreign securities which involve greater volatility and political, economic and currency risks and differences in accounting methods. These risks are greater for investments in emerging markets. Investments in lower rated and

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non-rated securities present a greater risk of loss to principal and interest than higher rated securities. Investment strategies may not achieve the desired results due to implementation lag, other timing factors, portfolio management decision-making, economic or market conditions or other unanticipated factors.

The Fund is a non-diversified investment company and therefore may invest a greater percentage of its assets in the securities of a single issuer or a limited number of issuers than funds that are diversified. Accordingly, the Fund is more susceptible to risks associated with a single economic, political or regulatory occurrence than a diversified fund might be.

In addition, the Fund may invest in other asset classes and investments such as, among others, REITs, credit default swaps, short sales, derivatives and smaller companies which include additional risks.

The performance shown assumes the reinvestment of all dividends and distributions and does not reflect any reductions for taxes. *Performance data quoted represents past performance; past performance does not guarantee future results.* The investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that an investor s shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than original cost. Current performance of the Fund may be lower or higher than the performance quoted. Performance data current to the most recent month-end may be obtained by calling (877) 354-6311 or by visiting <a href="http://www.doubleline.com/opp-credit-fund-overview.php">http://www.doubleline.com/opp-credit-fund-overview.php</a>.

This material may include statements that constitute forward-looking statements under the U.S. securities laws. Forward-looking statements include, among other things, projections, estimates, and information about possible or future results related to the Fund, market or regulatory developments. The views expressed herein are not guarantees of future performance or economic results and involve certain risks, uncertainties and assumptions that could cause actual outcomes and results to differ materially from the views expressed herein. The views expressed herein are subject to change at any time based upon economic, market, or other conditions and DoubleLine undertakes no obligation to update the views expressed herein. While we have gathered this information from sources believed to be reliable, DoubleLine cannot guarantee the accuracy of the information provided. Any discussions of specific securities should not be considered a recommendation to buy or sell those securities. For a complete list of Fund holdings, please refer to the Schedule of Investments provided in this report.

Definitions:

Basis point is a unit that is equal to 1/100 of 1% and is used to denote the change in a financial instrument.

Duration is a commonly used measure of the potential volatility of the price of a debt security, or the aggregate market value of a portfolio of debt securities, prior to maturity. Securities with a longer duration generally have more volatile prices than securities of comparable quality with a shorter duration.

Cash flow measures the cash generating capability of a company by adding non-cash charges (e.g. depreciation) and interest expense to pretax income.

Barclays Capital U.S. Aggregate Bond Index This index represents securities that are SEC-registered, taxable, and dollar denominated. The index covers the US investment grade fixed rate bond market, with index components for government and corporate securities, mortgage pass through securities, and asset-backed securities. These major sectors are subdivided into more specific indices that are calculated and reported on a regular basis.

Barclays Capital U.S. MBS Index This index measures the performance of investment grade fixed-rate mortgage-backed pass-through securities of the Government-Sponsored Enterprises (GSEs): Ginnie Mae (GNMA), Fannie Mae (FNMA), and Freddie Mac (FHLMC).

MBA Refinance Index The Mortgage Bankers Association (MBA) Refinance Index covers all mortgage applications to refinance an existing mortgage. The Index includes conventional and government refinances, regardless of product (fixed-rate or adjustable-rate mortgages) or coupon rate refinanced into or out of.

ABX Index This index consists of the 20 most liquid credit default swaps (CDS) on U.S. home equity asset-backed securities (ABS) and is used to hedge asset-backed exposure or to take a position in the subprime mortgage asset class. The ABX Index has four series (06-1, 06-2, 07-1 and 07-2) with five tranches per series. The ABX 07-1 AAA Index references underlying collateral of that 2007 vintage and AAA credit quality type, just as the ABX 06-2 AAA Index references underlying collateral of the 2006 vintage and AAA credit quality type.

PrimeX This index is a synthetic credit default swap (CDS) index which references non-Agency, prime residential mortgage-backed securities (RMBS). There are 20 prime RMBS deals referenced from the 2005, 2006, and 2007 vintages. The vintages separate the PrimeX into four sub indices by cut-off dates and collateral type. The PrimeX Fixed-Rate Mortgage (FRM) 1 and FRM 2 are two of these sub indices that contain specific underlying collateral and vintage types.

One cannot invest directly in an index.

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# Schedule of Investments DoubleLine Opportunistic Credit Fund

AMO COLLA		SECURITY DESCRIPTION AN OBLIGATIONS 0.4%	RATE	MATURITY	VALUE \$				
	LCM L	P,							
\$ 1,500	,000 Series 1	1A-INC	18.5%^# @	04/19/2022	1,530,000				
		ollateralized Loan Obligations 1,451,151)			1,530,000				
	(00004	<del>,,,</del> /			2,200,000				
NON-A	NON-AGENCY COMMERCIAL MORTGAGE BACKED OBLIGATIONS 1.4%								
		gan Chase Commercial Mortgage Securities Cor	A /						
43,843	,914 Series 20	012-CBX-XA	2.06%# I/O	06/16/2045	5,130,966				
		on-Agency Commercial Mortgage Backed Oblig 1,918,261)	ations		5,130,966				
	NON-AGENCY RESIDENTIAL COLLATERALIZED MORTGAGE OBLIGATIONS 52.5%								
	Adjusta	ble Rate Mortgage Trust,							
4,972	,853 Series 20	006-1-2A1	3.33%#	03/25/2036	3,491,248				
	Banc of	America Alternative Loan Trust,							
3,610		005-8-2CB1	6.00%	09/25/2035	2,825,343				
	Ranc of	America Funding Corporation,							
4,727		006-A-4A1	5.17%#	02/20/2036	3,872,733				
.,,,	,	***	0.1770	02/20/2000	5,072,755				
£ 260		LLC Trust, 010-RR6-2216	4.000/ #^	06/26/2036	2 222 456				
5,269 3,942	·	010-RR6-2216 010-RR6-6A2	4.90% <sup>#</sup> ^ 6.02% <sup>#</sup> ^	07/26/2037	2,322,456 2,848,565				
3,942			0.0270"	0112012031	2,646,303				
5 405		ex Trust,	6.500	00/05/0005	2 204 040				
5,195	,803 Series 20	007-1-1A1	6.50%	02/25/2037	3,301,918				
		Mortgage Securities, Inc.,							
1,875	,000 Series 20	006-2-IA14	5.50%	04/25/2036	1,717,004				
	Citigrou	ıp Mortgage Loan Trust, Inc.,							
2,356		006-8-A4	19.07%#^ I/F	10/25/2035	3,016,483				
4,399	,516 Series 20	010-9-3A7	9.83%^	01/25/2036	3,232,547				
5,860	,374 Series 20	010-9-4A3	7.46%#^	09/25/2035	4,486,283				
	Citimor	tgage Alternative Loan Trust,							
7,058		007-A4-IA6	5.75%	04/25/2037	5,398,731				
5,727	,400 Series 2	007-A6-IA16	6.00%	06/25/2037	4,661,376				
	Country	ywide Alternative Loan Trust,							
3,913		005-85CB-2A5	1.32%#	02/25/2036	2,452,149				
		005-85CB-2A6	20.84%# I/F	02/25/2036	1,043,725				
	Country	gwide Home Leans							
8,928		ywide Home Loans, 006-HYB1-3A1	2.80%#	03/20/2036	5,345,792				
0,920	,		2.00 /0"	0312012030	3,343,172				
7.000		Suisse Mortgage Capital Certificates,	(50%	06/05/0006	2.052.246				
7,000	•	006-5-3A3 006-9-2A1	6.50% 5.50%	06/25/2036 11/25/2036	3,952,246				
1,935 2,939	·	006-9-6A14	5.50% 6.00%	11/25/2036	1,752,553 2,721,284				
2,939	•		0.00%	11/23/2030	4,741,404				
		prizon Asset Securities, Inc.,	- ac :: "						
4,073	,341 Series 20	007-AR3-2A2	5.88%#	11/25/2037	3,656,412				
	GSAA I	Home Equity Trust,							
6,843	,259 Series 20	007-8-A2	0.57%#	08/25/2037	4,941,908				

Indymac Mortgage Loan Trust, Series 2005-AR1-2A1

3,998,651 Series 2005-AR1-2A1 3.52%