

Western Asset High Yield Defined Opportunity Fund Inc.
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October 27, 2017

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM N-Q

**QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS OF REGISTERED
MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY**

Investment Company Act file number **811-22444**

Western Asset High Yield Defined Opportunity Fund Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

620 Eighth Avenue, 49th Floor, New York, NY 10018

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

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Stamford, CT 06902

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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (888)-777-0102

Date of fiscal year end: **May 31**

Date of reporting period: **August 31, 2017**

ITEM 1. SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS.

WESTERN ASSET HIGH YIELD DEFINED OPPORTUNITY FUND INC.

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AUGUST 31, 2017

WESTERN ASSET HIGH YIELD DEFINED OPPORTUNITY FUND INC.**Schedule of investments (unaudited)****August 31, 2017**

| SECURITY | RATE | MATURITY DATE | FACE AMOUNT | VALUE |
|--|---------|---------------|-------------|---------------------------------|
| CORPORATE BONDS & NOTES - 85.0% | | | | |
| CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY - 17.0% | | | | |
| Auto Components - 1.0% | | | | |
| Adient Global Holdings Ltd., Senior Notes | 4.875% | 8/15/26 | 2,070,000 | \$ 2,130,134 ^(a) |
| ZF North America Capital Inc., Senior Notes | 4.750% | 4/29/25 | 1,500,000 | 1,578,750 ^(a) |
| <i>Total Auto Components</i> | | | | 3,708,884 |
| Diversified Consumer Services - 0.7% | | | | |
| Prime Security Services Borrower LLC/Prime Finance Inc., Secured Notes | 9.250% | 5/15/23 | 1,390,000 | 1,539,425 ^(a) |
| Service Corp. International, Senior Notes | 7.500% | 4/1/27 | 1,030,000 | 1,230,850 |
| <i>Total Diversified Consumer Services</i> | | | | 2,770,275 |
| Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure - 5.0% | | | | |
| 1011778 BC ULC/New Red Finance Inc., Secured Notes | 5.000% | 10/15/25 | 550,000 | 567,188 ^(a) |
| Aramark Services Inc., Senior Notes | 5.000% | 4/1/25 | 630,000 | 666,414 ^(a) |
| Bossier Casino Venture Holdco Inc., Senior Secured Bonds (14.000% PIK) | 14.000% | 2/9/18 | 988,396 | 988,396 ^{(a)(b)(c)(d)} |
| Brinker International Inc., Senior Notes | 5.000% | 10/1/24 | 1,080,000 | 1,069,200 ^(a) |
| Carrols Restaurant Group Inc., Secured Notes | 8.000% | 5/1/22 | 820,000 | 877,400 |
| Carrols Restaurant Group Inc., Secured Notes | 8.000% | 5/1/22 | 670,000 | 716,900 ^(a) |
| CCM Merger Inc., Senior Notes | 6.000% | 3/15/22 | 723,000 | 753,727 ^(a) |
| CEC Entertainment Inc., Senior Notes | 8.000% | 2/15/22 | 1,200,000 | 1,260,000 |
| Downstream Development Authority of the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma, Senior Secured Notes | 10.500% | 7/1/19 | 890,000 | 874,425 ^(a) |
| Hilton Worldwide Finance LLC/Hilton Worldwide Finance Corp., Senior Notes | 4.625% | 4/1/25 | 1,000,000 | 1,047,400 |
| Hilton Worldwide Finance LLC/Hilton Worldwide Finance Corp., Senior Notes | 4.875% | 4/1/27 | 810,000 | 860,625 |
| Jack Ohio Finance LLC/Jack Ohio Finance 1 Corp., Senior Secured Notes | 6.750% | 11/15/21 | 1,110,000 | 1,157,175 ^(a) |
| KFC Holding Co./Pizza Hut Holdings LLC/Taco Bell of America LLC, Senior Notes | 4.750% | 6/1/27 | 570,000 | 586,387 ^(a) |
| Landry's Inc., Senior Notes | 6.750% | 10/15/24 | 900,000 | 913,500 ^(a) |
| Scientific Games International Inc., Senior Notes | 10.000% | 12/1/22 | 880,000 | 982,300 |
| Scientific Games International Inc., Senior Secured Notes | 7.000% | 1/1/22 | 820,000 | 877,400 ^(a) |
| Silversea Cruise Finance Ltd., Senior Secured Notes | 7.250% | 2/1/25 | 852,000 | 922,290 ^(a) |
| Sugarhouse HSP Gaming Prop Mezz LP/Sugarhouse HSP Gaming Finance Corp., Senior Secured Notes | 5.875% | 5/15/25 | 990,000 | 972,675 ^(a) |
| Viking Cruises Ltd., Senior Notes | 8.500% | 10/15/22 | 2,840,000 | 2,982,000 ^(a) |
| <i>Total Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure</i> | | | | 19,075,402 |
| Household Durables - 0.9% | | | | |
| Century Communities Inc., Senior Notes | 5.875% | 7/15/25 | 1,100,000 | 1,094,500 ^(a) |
| Lennar Corp., Senior Notes | 4.500% | 4/30/24 | 460,000 | 477,250 |
| Shea Homes LP/Shea Homes Funding Corp., Senior Notes | 6.125% | 4/1/25 | 850,000 | 879,750 ^(a) |
| Weekley Homes LLC/Weekley Finance Corp., Senior Notes | 6.625% | 8/15/25 | 1,260,000 | 1,228,500 ^(a) |

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Total Household Durables

3,680,000

Leisure Products - 0.2%

Gibson Brands Inc., Senior Secured Notes

8.875%

8/1/18

1,070,000

831,925^(a)

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WESTERN ASSET HIGH YIELD DEFINED OPPORTUNITY FUND INC.**Schedule of investments (unaudited) (cont d)****August 31, 2017**

| SECURITY | RATE | MATURITY DATE | FACE AMOUNT | VALUE |
|---|-------------|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| Media - 6.4% | | | | |
| AMC Entertainment Holdings Inc., Senior Subordinated Notes | 6.125% | 5/15/27 | 640,000 | \$ 602,400 |
| Carmike Cinemas Inc., Secured Notes | 6.000% | 6/15/23 | 440,000 | 465,300 ^(a) |
| CCO Holdings LLC/CCO Holdings Capital Corp., Senior Notes | 5.125% | 5/1/27 | 520,000 | 536,900 ^(a) |
| Charter Communications Operating LLC/Charter Communications Operating Capital Corp., Senior Secured Notes | 4.908% | 7/23/25 | 3,010,000 | 3,229,677 |
| Charter Communications Operating LLC/Charter Communications Operating Capital Corp., Senior Secured Notes | 6.484% | 10/23/45 | 640,000 | 737,790 |
| DISH DBS Corp., Senior Notes | 5.875% | 7/15/22 | 280,000 | 303,450 |
| DISH DBS Corp., Senior Notes | 5.875% | 11/15/24 | 220,000 | 238,150 |
| DISH DBS Corp., Senior Notes | 7.750% | 7/1/26 | 30,000 | 35,288 |
| EW Scripps Co., Senior Notes | 5.125% | 5/15/25 | 630,000 | 639,450 ^(a) |
| iHeartCommunications Inc., Senior Notes (12.000% Cash, 2.000% PIK) | 14.000% | 2/1/21 | 2,886,800 | 582,773 ^(b) |
| SFR Group SA, Senior Secured Bonds | 6.250% | 5/15/24 | 2,730,000 | 2,883,562 ^(a) |
| SFR Group SA, Senior Secured Notes | 7.375% | 5/1/26 | 5,300,000 | 5,743,981 ^(a) |
| Time Warner Cable LLC, Senior Notes | 8.250% | 4/1/19 | 550,000 | 601,073 |
| Univision Communications Inc., Senior Secured Notes | 6.750% | 9/15/22 | 1,714,000 | 1,779,989 ^(a) |
| Viacom Inc., Senior Notes | 4.375% | 3/15/43 | 2,140,000 | 1,845,021 |
| Virgin Media Finance PLC, Senior Notes | 6.375% | 4/15/23 | 1,260,000 | 1,326,150 ^(a) |
| Virgin Media Finance PLC, Senior Notes | 6.000% | 10/15/24 | 1,750,000 | 1,835,312 ^(a) |
| Ziggo Secured Finance BV, Senior Secured Notes | 5.500% | 1/15/27 | 930,000 | 961,387 ^(a) |
| <i>Total Media</i> | | | | <i>24,347,653</i> |
| Specialty Retail - 2.6% | | | | |
| American Greetings Corp., Senior Notes | 7.875% | 2/15/25 | 1,230,000 | 1,340,700 ^(a) |
| GameStop Corp., Senior Notes | 6.750% | 3/15/21 | 630,000 | 655,987 ^(a) |
| Guitar Center Inc., Senior Secured Bonds | 6.500% | 4/15/19 | 2,730,000 | 2,402,400 ^(a) |
| Hertz Corp., Senior Notes | 5.875% | 10/15/20 | 1,580,000 | 1,524,700 |
| Hot Topic Inc., Senior Secured Notes | 9.250% | 6/15/21 | 660,000 | 599,775 ^(a) |
| Lithia Motors Inc., Senior Notes | 5.250% | 8/1/25 | 550,000 | 563,750 ^(a) |
| PetSmart Inc., Senior Notes | 7.125% | 3/15/23 | 660,000 | 539,550 ^(a) |
| PetSmart Inc., Senior Notes | 8.875% | 6/1/25 | 1,390,000 | 1,160,650 ^(a) |
| ServiceMaster Co., LLC, Senior Notes | 5.125% | 11/15/24 | 1,030,000 | 1,060,900 ^(a) |
| <i>Total Specialty Retail</i> | | | | <i>9,848,412</i> |
| Textiles, Apparel & Luxury Goods - 0.2% | | | | |
| Hanesbrands Inc., Senior Notes | 4.875% | 5/15/26 | 640,000 | 668,800 ^(a) |
| TOTAL CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY | | | | 64,931,351 |
| CONSUMER STAPLES - 3.2% | | | | |
| Beverages - 0.5% | | | | |
| Carolina Beverage Group LLC/Carolina Beverage Group Finance Inc., Secured Notes | 10.625% | 8/1/18 | 900,000 | 912,375 ^(a) |
| Cott Holdings Inc., Senior Notes | 5.500% | 4/1/25 | 420,000 | 439,950 ^(a) |
| DS Services of America Inc., Secured Notes | 10.000% | 9/1/21 | 714,000 | 757,197 ^(a) |

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| <i>Total Beverages</i> | | | | 2,109,522 |
| Food & Staples Retailing - 0.3% | | | | |
| Beverages & More Inc., Senior Secured Notes | 11.500% | 6/15/22 | 1,070,000 | 1,008,475 ^(a) |
| Food Products - 1.6% | | | | |
| Lamb Weston Holdings Inc., Senior Notes | 4.625% | 11/1/24 | 1,260,000 | 1,305,675 ^(a) |
| Lamb Weston Holdings Inc., Senior Notes | 4.875% | 11/1/26 | 420,000 | 436,863 ^(a) |
| Marfrig Holding Europe BV, Senior Notes | 8.000% | 6/8/23 | 1,000,000 | 1,035,450 ^(a) |
| Simmons Foods Inc., Secured Notes | 7.875% | 10/1/21 | 3,140,000 | 3,338,212 ^(a) |
| <i>Total Food Products</i> | | | | 6,116,200 |
| Household Products - 0.3% | | | | |
| Central Garden & Pet Co., Senior Notes | 6.125% | 11/15/23 | 570,000 | 609,900 |
| Spectrum Brands Inc., Senior Notes | 6.625% | 11/15/22 | 460,000 | 478,975 |
| <i>Total Household Products</i> | | | | 1,088,875 |

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WESTERN ASSET HIGH YIELD DEFINED OPPORTUNITY FUND INC.**Schedule of investments (unaudited) (cont d)****August 31, 2017**

| SECURITY | RATE | MATURITY DATE | FACE AMOUNT | VALUE |
|--|---------|---------------|-------------|--------------------------|
| Tobacco - 0.5% | | | | |
| Alliance One International Inc., Secured Notes | 9.875% | 7/15/21 | 1,550,000 | \$ 1,350,438 |
| Alliance One International Inc., Senior Secured Notes | 8.500% | 4/15/21 | 560,000 | 585,200 ^(a) |
| <i>Total Tobacco</i> | | | | <i>1,935,638</i> |
| TOTAL CONSUMER STAPLES | | | | |
| | | | | 12,258,710 |
| ENERGY - 14.8% | | | | |
| Energy Equipment & Services - 1.3% | | | | |
| KCA Deutag UK Finance PLC, Senior Secured Notes | 7.250% | 5/15/21 | 440,000 | 407,000 ^(a) |
| KCA Deutag UK Finance PLC, Senior Secured Notes | 9.875% | 4/1/22 | 1,480,000 | 1,472,600 ^(a) |
| Pride International Inc., Senior Notes | 7.875% | 8/15/40 | 840,000 | 663,600 |
| Transocean Inc., Senior Notes | 9.000% | 7/15/23 | 440,000 | 469,700 ^(a) |
| Transocean Inc., Senior Notes | 6.800% | 3/15/38 | 920,000 | 708,400 |
| Trinidad Drilling Ltd., Senior Notes | 6.625% | 2/15/25 | 1,490,000 | 1,385,700 ^(a) |
| <i>Total Energy Equipment & Services</i> | | | | <i>5,107,000</i> |
| Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels - 13.5% | | | | |
| Berry Petroleum Co. Escrow | | | 640,000 | 0 ^{*(c)(d)(e)} |
| Berry Petroleum Co. Escrow | | | 1,571,000 | 0 ^{*(c)(d)(e)} |
| Blue Racer Midstream LLC/Blue Racer Finance Corp., Senior Notes | 6.125% | 11/15/22 | 1,920,000 | 1,982,400 ^(a) |
| Calumet Specialty Products Partners LP/Calumet Finance Corp., Senior Secured Notes | 11.500% | 1/15/21 | 910,000 | 1,060,150 ^(a) |
| Carrizo Oil & Gas Inc., Senior Notes | 7.500% | 9/15/20 | 780,000 | 793,650 |
| Carrizo Oil & Gas Inc., Senior Notes | 8.250% | 7/15/25 | 450,000 | 468,000 |
| Cheniere Corpus Christi Holdings LLC, Senior Secured Notes | 5.875% | 3/31/25 | 1,110,000 | 1,197,413 |
| Chesapeake Energy Corp., Senior Notes | 6.875% | 11/15/20 | 1,960,000 | 1,969,800 |
| Chesapeake Energy Corp., Senior Notes | 4.875% | 4/15/22 | 3,320,000 | 2,954,800 |
| Chesapeake Energy Corp., Senior Notes | 5.750% | 3/15/23 | 320,000 | 284,400 |
| Chesapeake Energy Corp., Senior Notes | 8.000% | 1/15/25 | 390,000 | 377,325 ^(a) |
| Continental Resources Inc., Senior Notes | 3.800% | 6/1/24 | 1,200,000 | 1,122,000 |
| Continental Resources Inc., Senior Notes | 4.900% | 6/1/44 | 1,400,000 | 1,190,840 |
| Covey Park Energy LLC/Covey Park Finance Corp., Senior Notes | 7.500% | 5/15/25 | 760,000 | 764,750 ^(a) |
| Ecopetrol SA, Senior Notes | 5.875% | 5/28/45 | 1,500,000 | 1,465,275 |
| EP Energy LLC/Everest Acquisition Finance Inc., Senior Notes | 9.375% | 5/1/20 | 820,000 | 607,825 |
| EP Energy LLC/Everest Acquisition Finance Inc., Senior Notes | 6.375% | 6/15/23 | 2,080,000 | 1,196,000 |
| Exterran Energy Solutions LP/EES Finance Corp., Senior Notes | 8.125% | 5/1/25 | 730,000 | 753,725 ^(a) |
| Genesis Energy LP/Genesis Energy Finance Corp., Senior Bonds | 5.625% | 6/15/24 | 980,000 | 926,100 |
| Kinder Morgan Inc., Medium-Term Notes | 7.750% | 1/15/32 | 810,000 | 1,044,934 |
| Magnum Hunter Resources Corp. Escrow | | | 3,530,000 | 0 ^{*(c)(d)(e)} |
| MEG Energy Corp., Senior Notes | 7.000% | 3/31/24 | 3,310,000 | 2,648,000 ^(a) |
| Murphy Oil USA Inc., Senior Notes | 5.625% | 5/1/27 | 740,000 | 795,500 |
| NGL Energy Partners LP/NGL Energy Finance Corp., Senior Notes | 7.500% | 11/1/23 | 850,000 | 822,375 |
| NGPL PipeCo LLC, Senior Bonds | 4.875% | 8/15/27 | 800,000 | 826,000 ^(a) |
| NGPL PipeCo LLC, Senior Notes | 4.375% | 8/15/22 | 540,000 | 556,200 ^(a) |
| NGPL PipeCo LLC, Senior Secured Notes | 7.768% | 12/15/37 | 790,000 | 985,525 ^(a) |
| Oasis Petroleum Inc., Senior Notes | 7.250% | 2/1/19 | 1,490,000 | 1,486,275 |
| Oasis Petroleum Inc., Senior Notes | 6.500% | 11/1/21 | 2,140,000 | 2,094,525 |

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Oasis Petroleum Inc., Senior Notes

6.875%

1/15/23

1,553,000

1,493,986

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|---|---------|------------------|----------------|--------------------------------|
| Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels - (continued) | | | | |
| Petrobras Global Finance BV, Senior Notes | 6.750% | 1/27/41 | 4,540,000 | \$ 4,497,437 |
| Rice Energy Inc., Senior Notes | 7.250% | 5/1/23 | 1,490,000 | 1,599,887 |
| Rockies Express Pipeline LLC, Senior Notes | 7.500% | 7/15/38 | 570,000 | 643,388 ^(a) |
| Rockies Express Pipeline LLC, Senior Notes | 6.875% | 4/15/40 | 590,000 | 647,525 ^(a) |
| Sanchez Energy Corp., Senior Notes | 7.750% | 6/15/21 | 860,000 | 748,200 |
| Sanchez Energy Corp., Senior Notes | 6.125% | 1/15/23 | 4,020,000 | 3,085,350 |
| Shelf Drilling Holdings Ltd., Secured Notes | 9.500% | 11/2/20 | 738,868 | 720,396 ^(a) |
| Tesoro Logistics LP/Tesoro Logistics Finance Corp., Senior Notes | 6.125% | 10/15/21 | 120,000 | 124,275 |
| Tesoro Logistics LP/Tesoro Logistics Finance Corp., Senior Notes | 6.375% | 5/1/24 | 340,000 | 371,450 |
| Whiting Petroleum Corp., Senior Notes | 5.000% | 3/15/19 | 770,000 | 766,150 |
| Whiting Petroleum Corp., Senior Notes | 6.250% | 4/1/23 | 1,750,000 | 1,631,875 |
| Williams Cos. Inc., Debentures | 7.500% | 1/15/31 | 330,000 | 397,650 |
| Williams Cos. Inc., Senior Notes | 3.700% | 1/15/23 | 430,000 | 428,925 |
| Williams Cos. Inc., Senior Notes | 4.550% | 6/24/24 | 530,000 | 544,575 |
| Williams Cos. Inc., Senior Notes | 5.750% | 6/24/44 | 1,620,000 | 1,688,850 |
| WPX Energy Inc., Senior Notes | 7.500% | 8/1/20 | 270,000 | 292,950 |
| WPX Energy Inc., Senior Notes | 6.000% | 1/15/22 | 710,000 | 735,738 |
| WPX Energy Inc., Senior Notes | 8.250% | 8/1/23 | 460,000 | 507,150 |
| WPX Energy Inc., Senior Notes | 5.250% | 9/15/24 | 400,000 | 394,000 |
| <i>Total Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels</i> | | | | <i>51,693,544</i> |
| TOTAL ENERGY | | | | 56,800,544 |
| FINANCIALS - 11.7% | | | | |
| Banks - 6.0% | | | | |
| Bank of America Corp., Junior Subordinated Notes (6.500% to 10/23/24 then 3 mo. USD LIBOR + 4.174%) | 6.500% | 10/23/24 | 1,120,000 | 1,264,200 ^{(f)(g)} |
| Barclays Bank PLC, Subordinated Notes | 10.179% | 6/12/21 | 1,550,000 | 1,939,720 ^(a) |
| Barclays Bank PLC, Subordinated Notes | 7.625% | 11/21/22 | 1,950,000 | 2,243,719 |
| Barclays PLC, Junior Subordinated Bonds (8.250% to 12/15/18 then USD 5 year Swap Rate + 6.705%) | 8.250% | 12/15/18 | 340,000 | 361,304 ^{(f)(g)} |
| BNP Paribas SA, Junior Subordinated Notes (7.375% to 8/19/25 then USD 5 year Swap Rate + 5.150%) | 7.375% | 8/19/25 | 810,000 | 915,300 ^{(a)(f)(g)} |
| CIT Group Inc., Senior Notes | 5.000% | 8/15/22 | 110,000 | 119,339 |
| CIT Group Inc., Senior Notes | 5.000% | 8/1/23 | 360,000 | 391,950 |
| Citigroup Inc., Junior Subordinated Bonds (6.300% to 5/15/24 then 3 mo. USD LIBOR + 3.423%) | 6.300% | 5/15/24 | 3,080,000 | 3,357,200 ^{(f)(g)} |
| Credit Agricole SA, Junior Subordinated Notes (8.375% to 10/13/19 then 3 mo. USD LIBOR + 6.982%) | 8.375% | 10/13/19 | 660,000 | 735,307 ^{(a)(f)(g)} |
| Credit Agricole SA, Junior Subordinated Notes (8.125% to 12/23/25 then USD 5 year Swap Rate + 6.185%) | 8.125% | 12/23/25 | 1,330,000 | 1,580,146 ^{(a)(f)(g)} |
| HSBC Holdings PLC, Junior Subordinated Bonds (6.375% to 9/17/24 then USD 5 year ICE Swap Rate + 3.705%) | 6.375% | 9/17/24 | 290,000 | 308,850 ^{(f)(g)} |
| HSBC Holdings PLC, Junior Subordinated Bonds (6.375% to 3/30/25 then USD 5 year ICE Swap Rate + 4.368%) | 6.375% | 3/30/25 | 860,000 | 923,425 ^{(f)(g)} |
| JPMorgan Chase & Co., Junior Subordinated Notes (6.100% to 10/1/24 then 3 mo. USD LIBOR + 3.330%) | 6.100% | 10/1/24 | 1,000,000 | 1,093,750 ^{(f)(g)} |
| | 8.625% | 8/15/21 | 610,000 | 677,100 ^{(f)(g)} |

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| Royal Bank of Scotland Group PLC, Junior Subordinated Notes (8.625% to 8/15/21 then USD 5 year Swap Rate + 7.598%) | | | | |
| Royal Bank of Scotland Group PLC, Junior Subordinated Notes, Medium-Term Notes (7.640% to 9/30/27 then 3 mo. USD LIBOR + 2.320%) | 7.640% | 9/30/27 | 7,000,000 | 6,758,500 ^{(f)(g)} |
| Royal Bank of Scotland NV, Subordinated Bonds | 7.750% | 5/15/23 | 350,000 | 413,971 |
| <i>Total Banks</i> | | | | <i>23,083,781</i> |
| | | | | |
| Capital Markets - 0.7% | | | | |
| Credit Suisse Group Funding Guernsey Ltd., Senior Notes | 4.875% | 5/15/45 | 460,000 | 516,465 |
| Donnelley Financial Solutions Inc., Senior Notes | 8.250% | 10/15/24 | 890,000 | 958,975 |
| Goldman Sachs Group Inc., Subordinated Notes | 5.150% | 5/22/45 | 1,080,000 | 1,235,169 |
| <i>Total Capital Markets</i> | | | | <i>2,710,609</i> |

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| Consumer Finance - 1.8% | | | | |
| DAE Funding LLC, Senior Notes | 4.500% | 8/1/22 | 1,183,000 | \$ 1,209,617 ^(a) |
| DAE Funding LLC, Senior Notes | 5.000% | 8/1/24 | 1,450,000 | 1,486,250 ^(a) |
| FirstCash Inc., Senior Notes | 5.375% | 6/1/24 | 800,000 | 846,000 ^(a) |
| Navient Corp., Medium-Term Notes, Senior Notes | 8.450% | 6/15/18 | 920,000 | 967,150 |
| TMX Finance LLC/TitleMax Finance Corp., Senior Secured Notes | 8.500% | 9/15/18 | 2,630,000 | 2,439,325 ^(a) |
| <i>Total Consumer Finance</i> | | | | 6,948,342 |
| Diversified Financial Services - 2.8% | | | | |
| AerCap Ireland Capital DAC/AerCap Global Aviation Trust, Senior Bonds | 4.625% | 7/1/22 | 360,000 | 388,432 |
| ASP AMC Merger Subordinated Inc., Senior Notes | 8.000% | 5/15/25 | 2,150,000 | 2,053,250 ^(a) |
| Interface Special Holdings Inc., Senior Notes (19.000% PIK) | 19.000% | 11/1/23 | 787,808 | 764,174 ^{(a)(b)(c)(d)} |
| International Lease Finance Corp., Senior Notes | 6.250% | 5/15/19 | 130,000 | 138,752 |
| International Lease Finance Corp., Senior Notes | 8.250% | 12/15/20 | 3,140,000 | 3,684,938 |
| International Lease Finance Corp., Senior Notes | 5.875% | 8/15/22 | 310,000 | 351,327 |
| Park Aerospace Holdings Ltd., Senior Notes | 5.250% | 8/15/22 | 1,090,000 | 1,140,413 ^(a) |
| Park Aerospace Holdings Ltd., Senior Notes | 5.500% | 2/15/24 | 2,010,000 | 2,095,425 ^(a) |
| <i>Total Diversified Financial Services</i> | | | | 10,616,711 |
| Insurance - 0.4% | | | | |
| Fidelity & Guaranty Life Holdings Inc., Senior Notes | 6.375% | 4/1/21 | 620,000 | 640,150 ^(a) |
| Genworth Holdings Inc., Senior Notes | 4.900% | 8/15/23 | 760,000 | 649,800 |
| <i>Total Insurance</i> | | | | 1,289,950 |
| TOTAL FINANCIALS | | | | 44,649,393 |
| HEALTH CARE - 7.1% | | | | |
| Biotechnology - 0.2% | | | | |
| AMAG Pharmaceuticals Inc., Senior Notes | 7.875% | 9/1/23 | 660,000 | 663,795 ^(a) |
| Health Care Equipment & Supplies - 0.6% | | | | |
| DJO Finance LLC/DJO Finance Corp., Secured Notes | 10.750% | 4/15/20 | 260,000 | 227,500 |
| DJO Finco Inc./DJO Finance LLC/DJO Finance Corp., Secured Notes | 8.125% | 6/15/21 | 1,190,000 | 1,136,807 ^(a) |
| Greatbatch Ltd., Senior Notes | 9.125% | 11/1/23 | 780,000 | 854,100 ^(a) |
| <i>Total Health Care Equipment & Supplies</i> | | | | 2,218,407 |
| Health Care Providers & Services - 3.9% | | | | |
| BioScrip Inc., First Lien Notes (1 mo. USD LIBOR + 7.000%) | 8.224% | 6/30/22 | 1,369,000 | 1,356,679 ^{(c)(d)(g)(m)} |
| BioScrip Inc., Senior Notes | 8.875% | 2/15/21 | 820,000 | 750,300 |
| Centene Corp., Senior Notes | 5.625% | 2/15/21 | 630,000 | 656,775 |
| Centene Corp., Senior Notes | 6.125% | 2/15/24 | 370,000 | 399,137 |
| Centene Corp., Senior Notes | 4.750% | 1/15/25 | 1,080,000 | 1,117,800 |
| CHS/Community Health Systems Inc., Senior Notes | 8.000% | 11/15/19 | 630,000 | 626,850 |
| CHS/Community Health Systems Inc., Senior Secured Notes | 6.250% | 3/31/23 | 330,000 | 333,713 |

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| DaVita Inc., Senior Notes | 5.750% | 8/15/22 | 1,400,000 | 1,444,625 |
| DaVita Inc., Senior Notes | 5.125% | 7/15/24 | 890,000 | 910,025 |

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| SECURITY | RATE | MATURITY DATE | FACE AMOUNT | VALUE |
|--|---------|---------------|-------------|--------------------------|
| Health Care Providers & Services - (continued) | | | | |
| DaVita Inc., Senior Notes | 5.000% | 5/1/25 | 1,750,000 | \$ 1,778,525 |
| HCA Inc., Debentures | 7.500% | 11/15/95 | 1,000,000 | 1,037,500 |
| Tenet Healthcare Corp., Senior Notes | 8.125% | 4/1/22 | 2,790,000 | 2,936,475 |
| Universal Hospital Services Inc., Secured Notes | 7.625% | 8/15/20 | 1,410,000 | 1,438,200 |
| West Street Merger Subordinated Inc., Senior Notes | 6.375% | 9/1/25 | 350,000 | 350,438 ^(a) |
| <i>Total Health Care Providers & Services</i> | | | | 15,137,042 |
| Pharmaceuticals - 2.4% | | | | |
| Teva Pharmaceutical Finance Netherlands III BV, Senior Notes | 4.100% | 10/1/46 | 1,400,000 | 1,184,529 |
| Valeant Pharmaceuticals International Inc., Senior Notes | 5.375% | 3/15/20 | 890,000 | 882,212 ^(a) |
| Valeant Pharmaceuticals International Inc., Senior Notes | 7.000% | 10/1/20 | 310,000 | 310,775 ^(a) |
| Valeant Pharmaceuticals International Inc., Senior Notes | 6.375% | 10/15/20 | 280,000 | 278,684 ^(a) |
| Valeant Pharmaceuticals International Inc., Senior Notes | 7.500% | 7/15/21 | 780,000 | 768,300 ^(a) |
| Valeant Pharmaceuticals International Inc., Senior Notes | 6.750% | 8/15/21 | 460,000 | 442,750 ^(a) |
| Valeant Pharmaceuticals International Inc., Senior Notes | 7.250% | 7/15/22 | 1,890,000 | 1,804,950 ^(a) |
| Valeant Pharmaceuticals International Inc., Senior Notes | 5.875% | 5/15/23 | 840,000 | 720,300 ^(a) |
| Valeant Pharmaceuticals International Inc., Senior Notes | 6.125% | 4/15/25 | 2,380,000 | 2,017,050 ^(a) |
| Valeant Pharmaceuticals International Inc., Senior Secured Notes | 7.000% | 3/15/24 | 670,000 | 712,713 ^(a) |
| <i>Total Pharmaceuticals</i> | | | | 9,122,263 |
| TOTAL HEALTH CARE | | | | 27,141,507 |
| INDUSTRIALS - 7.9% | | | | |
| Aerospace & Defense - 0.9% | | | | |
| CBC Ammo LLC/CBC FinCo Inc., Senior Notes | 7.250% | 11/15/21 | 2,900,000 | 2,943,500 ^(a) |
| Heligear Acquisition Co., Senior Secured Bonds | 10.250% | 10/15/19 | 620,000 | 654,553 ^(a) |
| <i>Total Aerospace & Defense</i> | | | | 3,598,053 |
| Air Freight & Logistics - 0.5% | | | | |
| XPO Logistics Inc., Senior Notes | 6.500% | 6/15/22 | 880,000 | 929,148 ^(a) |
| XPO Logistics Inc., Senior Notes | 6.125% | 9/1/23 | 810,000 | 848,475 ^(a) |
| <i>Total Air Freight & Logistics</i> | | | | 1,777,623 |
| Airlines - 0.2% | | | | |
| Delta Air Lines Inc., Pass-Through Certificates, Secured Notes | 8.021% | 8/10/22 | 804,486 | 921,136 |
| Commercial Services & Supplies - 2.0% | | | | |
| ACCO Brands Corp., Senior Notes | 5.250% | 12/15/24 | 670,000 | 691,775 ^(a) |
| CD&R Waterworks Merger Subordinated LLC, Senior Notes | 6.125% | 8/15/25 | 450,000 | 460,125 ^(a) |
| Garda World Security Corp., Senior Notes | 7.250% | 11/15/21 | 540,000 | 548,775 ^(a) |
| GFL Environmental Inc., Senior Notes | 9.875% | 2/1/21 | 1,000,000 | 1,080,000 ^(a) |
| Monitronics International Inc., Senior Notes | 9.125% | 4/1/20 | 800,000 | 677,000 |
| Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers Inc., Senior Notes | 5.375% | 1/15/25 | 870,000 | 906,975 ^(a) |
| United Rentals North America Inc., Senior Notes | 7.625% | 4/15/22 | 356,000 | 372,198 |

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|--|---------|---------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| West Corp., Senior Notes | 5.375% | 7/15/22 | 2,990,000 | 3,031,113 ^(a) |
| <i>Total Commercial Services & Supplies</i> | | | | <i>7,767,961</i> |
| Construction & Engineering - 0.4% | | | | |
| Brundage-Bone Concrete Pumping Inc., Senior Secured Notes | 10.375% | 9/1/21 | 860,000 | 890,100 ^(a) |
| Michael Baker Holdings LLC/Michael Baker Finance Corp., Senior Notes (8.875% Cash or 9.625% PIK) | 8.875% | 4/15/19 | 596,164 | 595,419 ^{(a)(b)} |
| <i>Total Construction & Engineering</i> | | | | <i>1,485,519</i> |
| Electrical Equipment - 0.0% | | | | |
| Trionista TopCo GmbH, Senior Subordinated Notes | 6.875% | 4/30/21 | 150,000 ^{EUR} | 186,327 ^(a) |

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| SECURITY | RATE | MATURITY DATE | FACE AMOUNT | VALUE |
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| Machinery - 1.4% | | | | |
| BlueLine Rental Finance Corp/BlueLine Rental LLC, Senior Secured Notes | 9.250% | 3/15/24 | 2,610,000 | \$ 2,856,384 ^(a) |
| CTP Transportation Products LLC/CTP Finance Inc., Senior Secured Notes | 8.250% | 12/15/19 | 400,000 | 379,000 ^(a) |
| Park-Ohio Industries Inc., Senior Notes | 6.625% | 4/15/27 | 650,000 | 692,656 |
| Tennant Co., Senior Notes | 5.625% | 5/1/25 | 1,200,000 | 1,258,500 ^(a) |
| <i>Total Machinery</i> | | | | <i>5,186,540</i> |
| Marine - 0.4% | | | | |
| Navios Maritime Acquisition Corp./Navios Acquisition Finance U.S. Inc., Senior Secured Notes | 8.125% | 11/15/21 | 1,670,000 | 1,390,275 ^(a) |
| Road & Rail - 0.7% | | | | |
| Flexi-Van Leasing Inc., Senior Notes | 7.875% | 8/15/18 | 2,670,000 | 2,623,275 ^(a) |
| Trading Companies & Distributors - 1.2% | | | | |
| Ahern Rentals Inc., Secured Notes | 7.375% | 5/15/23 | 370,000 | 334,850 ^(a) |
| Ashtead Capital Inc., Secured Notes | 4.125% | 8/15/25 | 380,000 | 390,100 ^(a) |
| Ashtead Capital Inc., Secured Notes | 4.375% | 8/15/27 | 1,210,000 | 1,235,713 ^(a) |
| H&E Equipment Services Inc., Senior Notes | 7.000% | 9/1/22 | 1,870,000 | 1,942,462 |
| H&E Equipment Services Inc., Senior Notes | 5.625% | 9/1/25 | 770,000 | 796,950 ^(a) |
| <i>Total Trading Companies & Distributors</i> | | | | <i>4,700,075</i> |
| Transportation - 0.2% | | | | |
| Neovia Logistics Services LLC/Logistics Intermediate Finance Corp., Senior Notes (10.000% PIK) | 10.000% | 4/1/20 | 1,007,293 | 448,245 ^{(a)(b)} |
| Neovia Logistics Services LLC/SPL Logistics Finance Corp., Senior Secured Notes | 8.875% | 8/1/20 | 150,000 | 126,750 ^(a) |
| <i>Total Transportation</i> | | | | <i>574,995</i> |
| TOTAL INDUSTRIALS | | | | 30,211,779 |
| INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY - 1.4% | | | | |
| Internet Software & Services - 0.2% | | | | |
| Match Group Inc., Senior Notes | 6.375% | 6/1/24 | 490,000 | 534,100 |
| Software - 0.2% | | | | |
| j2 Cloud Services LLC/j2 Global Co.-Obligor Inc., Senior Notes | 6.000% | 7/15/25 | 850,000 | 880,813 ^(a) |
| Technology Hardware, Storage & Peripherals - 1.0% | | | | |
| Dell International LLC/EMC Corp., Senior Notes | 7.125% | 6/15/24 | 520,000 | 576,275 ^(a) |
| Seagate HDD Cayman, Senior Bonds | 4.750% | 6/1/23 | 720,000 | 726,908 |
| Seagate HDD Cayman, Senior Bonds | 4.750% | 1/1/25 | 2,350,000 | 2,291,177 |
| Seagate HDD Cayman, Senior Bonds | 4.875% | 6/1/27 | 210,000 | 198,611 |
| <i>Total Technology Hardware, Storage & Peripherals</i> | | | | <i>3,792,971</i> |

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| TOTAL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY | | | | 5,207,884 |
| MATERIALS - 7.2% | | | | |
| Chemicals - 0.4% | | | | |
| HIG BBC Intermediate Holdings LLC/HIG BBC Holdings Corp., Senior Notes (10.500% Cash or 11.250% PIK) | 10.500% | 9/15/18 | 348,233 | 355,198 ^{(a)(b)} |
| Valvoline Inc., Senior Notes | 4.375% | 8/15/25 | 450,000 | 454,500 ^(a) |
| Venator Finance Sarl/Venator Materials Corp., Senior Notes | 5.750% | 7/15/25 | 690,000 | 708,544 ^(a) |
| <i>Total Chemicals</i> | | | | <i>1,518,242</i> |
| Containers & Packaging - 1.6% | | | | |
| Ardagh Packaging Finance PLC/Ardagh MP Holdings USA Inc., Senior Notes | 7.250% | 5/15/24 | 830,000 | 918,685 ^(a) |
| Ardagh Packaging Finance PLC/Ardagh MP Holdings USA Inc., Senior Notes | 6.000% | 2/15/25 | 2,180,000 | 2,327,150 ^(a) |
| Pactiv LLC, Senior Bonds | 8.375% | 4/15/27 | 2,280,000 | 2,593,500 |
| Pactiv LLC, Senior Notes | 7.950% | 12/15/25 | 410,000 | 460,738 |
| <i>Total Containers & Packaging</i> | | | | <i>6,300,073</i> |

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| SECURITY | RATE | MATURITY DATE | FACE AMOUNT | VALUE |
|---|---------|---------------|-------------|------------------------------|
| Metals & Mining - 5.2% | | | | |
| Alcoa Nederland Holding BV, Senior Notes | 6.750% | 9/30/24 | 500,000 | \$ 551,250 ^(a) |
| Alcoa Nederland Holding BV, Senior Notes | 7.000% | 9/30/26 | 1,130,000 | 1,268,425 ^(a) |
| Anglo American Capital PLC, Senior Notes | 3.625% | 5/14/20 | 430,000 | 440,664 ^(a) |
| Anglo American Capital PLC, Senior Notes | 4.125% | 4/15/21 | 250,000 | 259,688 ^(a) |
| Anglo American Capital PLC, Senior Notes | 4.875% | 5/14/25 | 860,000 | 916,932 ^(a) |
| Anglo American Capital PLC, Senior Notes | 4.750% | 4/10/27 | 200,000 | 211,000 ^(a) |
| ArcelorMittal SA, Senior Notes | 7.500% | 10/15/39 | 2,020,000 | 2,398,750 |
| First Quantum Minerals Ltd., Senior Notes | 7.250% | 4/1/23 | 510,000 | 525,300 ^(a) |
| First Quantum Minerals Ltd., Senior Notes | 7.500% | 4/1/25 | 1,110,000 | 1,140,525 ^(a) |
| FMG Resources (August 2006) Pty Ltd., Senior Secured Notes | 9.750% | 3/1/22 | 520,000 | 590,200 ^(a) |
| Freeport-McMoRan Inc., Senior Notes | 6.125% | 6/15/19 | 280,000 | 284,690 |
| Freeport-McMoRan Inc., Senior Notes | 3.100% | 3/15/20 | 10,000 | 10,038 |
| Freeport-McMoRan Inc., Senior Notes | 4.000% | 11/14/21 | 450,000 | 452,475 |
| Freeport-McMoRan Inc., Senior Notes | 6.750% | 2/1/22 | 320,000 | 336,800 |
| Freeport-McMoRan Inc., Senior Notes | 3.550% | 3/1/22 | 310,000 | 305,737 |
| Freeport-McMoRan Inc., Senior Notes | 6.875% | 2/15/23 | 770,000 | 838,337 |
| Freeport-McMoRan Inc., Senior Notes | 3.875% | 3/15/23 | 380,000 | 378,100 |
| Freeport-McMoRan Inc., Senior Notes | 5.450% | 3/15/43 | 1,270,000 | 1,187,450 |
| HudBay Minerals Inc., Senior Notes | 7.250% | 1/15/23 | 500,000 | 540,000 ^(a) |
| HudBay Minerals Inc., Senior Notes | 7.625% | 1/15/25 | 670,000 | 742,025 ^(a) |
| Midwest Vanadium Pty Ltd., Senior Secured Notes | 11.500% | 2/15/18 | 1,229,243 | 23,048 ^{*(a)(h)} |
| Mirabela Nickel Ltd., Subordinated Notes (1.000% PIK) | 1.000% | 9/10/44 | 13,687 | 0 ^{(a)(b)(c)(d)(e)} |
| Murray Energy Corp., Senior Secured Notes | 11.250% | 4/15/21 | 740,000 | 432,900 ^(a) |
| Teck Resources Ltd., Senior Notes | 8.500% | 6/1/24 | 1,970,000 | 2,275,350 ^(a) |
| Teck Resources Ltd., Senior Notes | 6.250% | 7/15/41 | 260,000 | 287,300 |
| Vale Overseas Ltd., Senior Notes | 6.875% | 11/21/36 | 2,220,000 | 2,549,670 |
| Vale Overseas Ltd., Senior Notes | 6.875% | 11/10/39 | 750,000 | 858,750 |
| <i>Total Metals & Mining</i> | | | | <i>19,805,404</i> |
| TOTAL MATERIALS | | | | 27,623,719 |
| REAL ESTATE - 1.5% | | | | |
| Equity Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) - 0.4% | | | | |
| CoreCivic Inc., Senior Notes | 4.125% | 4/1/20 | 130,000 | 133,575 |
| CoreCivic Inc., Senior Notes | 5.000% | 10/15/22 | 630,000 | 655,200 |
| CoreCivic Inc., Senior Notes | 4.625% | 5/1/23 | 170,000 | 173,400 |
| GEO Group Inc., Senior Notes | 6.000% | 4/15/26 | 810,000 | 838,350 |
| <i>Total Equity Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs)</i> | | | | <i>1,800,525</i> |
| Real Estate Management & Development - 1.1% | | | | |
| Caesars Entertainment Resort Properties LLC, Secured Notes | 11.000% | 10/1/21 | 1,410,000 | 1,501,650 |
| Caesars Entertainment Resort Properties LLC, Senior Secured Notes | 8.000% | 10/1/20 | 1,170,000 | 1,202,175 |
| Greystar Real Estate Partners LLC, Senior Secured Notes | 8.250% | 12/1/22 | 1,310,000 | 1,411,525 ^(a) |
| <i>Total Real Estate Management & Development</i> | | | | <i>4,115,350</i> |

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TOTAL REAL ESTATE 5,915,875

TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES - 10.0%

Diversified Telecommunication Services - 4.2%

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| CenturyLink Inc., Senior Notes | 7.650% | 3/15/42 | 2,370,000 | 2,097,450 |
| Cogent Communications Group Inc., Senior Secured Notes | 5.375% | 3/1/22 | 800,000 | 840,000 ^(a) |
| Frontier Communications Corp., Senior Notes | 11.000% | 9/15/25 | 580,000 | 508,225 |
| Intelsat Jackson Holdings SA, Senior Notes | 7.250% | 10/15/20 | 1,670,000 | 1,597,981 |
| Intelsat Jackson Holdings SA, Senior Notes | 7.500% | 4/1/21 | 360,000 | 339,408 |
| Intelsat Jackson Holdings SA, Senior Secured Notes | 8.000% | 2/15/24 | 1,530,000 | 1,650,947 ^(a) |
| Level 3 Financing Inc., Senior Notes | 6.125% | 1/15/21 | 520,000 | 533,062 |
| Oi Brasil Holdings Cooperatief U.A., Senior Notes | 5.750% | 2/10/22 | 2,460,000 | 854,850 ^{*(a)(h)} |
| Telecom Italia Capital SpA, Senior Notes | 6.000% | 9/30/34 | 1,500,000 | 1,665,000 |
| Telecom Italia SpA, Senior Notes | 5.303% | 5/30/24 | 2,130,000 | 2,313,712 ^(a) |
| Windstream Services LLC, Senior Notes | 7.750% | 10/15/20 | 3,900,000 | 3,492,918 |
| Windstream Services LLC, Senior Notes | 6.375% | 8/1/23 | 130,000 | 101,075 |

Total Diversified Telecommunication Services 15,994,628

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| SECURITY | RATE | MATURITY DATE | FACE AMOUNT | VALUE |
|--|-------------|----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| Wireless Telecommunication Services - 5.8% | | | | |
| Altice Financing SA, Senior Secured Bonds | 7.500% | 5/15/26 | 1,530,000 | \$ 1,679,481 ^(a) |
| CSC Holdings LLC, Senior Notes | 10.125% | 1/15/23 | 200,000 | 232,190 ^(a) |
| CSC Holdings LLC, Senior Notes | 6.625% | 10/15/25 | 1,190,000 | 1,306,025 ^(a) |
| CSC Holdings LLC, Senior Notes | 10.875% | 10/15/25 | 899,000 | 1,108,018 ^(a) |
| Sprint Capital Corp., Senior Notes | 6.875% | 11/15/28 | 4,288,000 | 4,727,520 |
| Sprint Capital Corp., Senior Notes | 8.750% | 3/15/32 | 130,000 | 161,525 |
| Sprint Communications Inc., Senior Notes | 9.000% | 11/15/18 | 2,220,000 | 2,400,375 ^(a) |
| Sprint Communications Inc., Senior Notes | 7.000% | 8/15/20 | 420,000 | 461,475 |
| Sprint Communications Inc., Senior Notes | 11.500% | 11/15/21 | 1,452,000 | 1,847,670 |
| Sprint Corp., Senior Notes | 7.875% | 9/15/23 | 3,160,000 | 3,618,611 |
| Vimpel Communications Via VIP Finance Ireland Ltd. OJSC, Senior Notes | 7.748% | 2/2/21 | 2,730,000 | 3,100,895 ^(a) |
| VimpelCom Holdings BV, Senior Notes | 7.504% | 3/1/22 | 800,000 | 921,376 ⁽ⁱ⁾ |
| VimpelCom Holdings BV, Senior Notes | 7.504% | 3/1/22 | 520,000 | 598,894 ^(a) |
| <i>Total Wireless Telecommunication Services</i> | | | | 22,164,055 |
| TOTAL TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES | | | | 38,158,683 |
| UTILITIES - 3.2% | | | | |
| Electric Utilities - 1.7% | | | | |
| FirstEnergy Corp., Notes | 7.375% | 11/15/31 | 1,260,000 | 1,705,380 |
| NRG REMA LLC, Pass-Through Certificates, Senior Secured Bonds | 9.681% | 7/2/26 | 2,060,000 | 1,503,800 |
| Pampa Energia SA, Senior Notes | 7.500% | 1/24/27 | 1,920,000 | 2,059,200 ^(a) |
| Red Oak Power LLC, Secured Notes | 9.200% | 11/30/29 | 1,000,000 | 1,110,000 |
| <i>Total Electric Utilities</i> | | | | 6,378,380 |
| Gas Utilities - 0.6% | | | | |
| Suburban Propane Partners LP/Suburban Energy Finance Corp., Senior Notes | 5.875% | 3/1/27 | 2,430,000 | 2,405,700 |
| Independent Power and Renewable Electricity Producers - 0.9% | | | | |
| Mirant Mid Atlantic LLC, Pass-Through Certificates, Secured Bonds | 10.060% | 12/30/28 | 3,624,375 | 3,461,278 |
| TOTAL UTILITIES | | | | 12,245,358 |
| TOTAL CORPORATE BONDS & NOTES | | | | |
| (Cost - \$301,326,077) | | | | 325,144,803 |
| CONVERTIBLE BONDS & NOTES - 0.9% | | | | |
| ENERGY - 0.3% | | | | |
| Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels - 0.3% | | | | |
| Oasis Petroleum Inc., Senior Notes | 2.625% | 9/15/23 | 1,300,000 | 1,207,375 |
| HEALTH CARE - 0.2% | | | | |
| Pharmaceuticals - 0.2% | | | | |
| Jazz Investments I Ltd., Senior Notes | 1.500% | 8/15/24 | 600,000 | 594,750 ^(a) |

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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY - 0.4%

Communications Equipment - 0.1%

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| Finisar Corp., Senior Notes | 0.500% | 12/15/36 | 300,000 | 289,125 ^(a) |
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| SECURITY | RATE | MATURITY DATE | FACE AMOUNT | VALUE |
|--|---------|------------------|----------------|---------------------------------------|
| Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment - 0.3% | | | | |
| Microchip Technology Inc., Senior Subordinated Notes | 1.625% | 2/15/27 | 570,000 | \$ 681,150 ^(a) |
| ON Semiconductor Corp., Senior Notes | 1.625% | 10/15/23 | 570,000 | 637,331 ^(a) |
| <i>Total Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment</i> | | | | <i>1,318,481</i> |
| TOTAL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY | | | | 1,607,606 |
| TOTAL CONVERTIBLE BONDS & NOTES (Cost - \$3,451,795) | | | | 3,409,731 |
| SENIOR LOANS - 2.8% | | | | |
| CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY - 1.1% | | | | |
| Auto Components - 0.2% | | | | |
| American Axle & Manufacturing Inc., Term Loan B (1 mo. LIBOR + 2.250%) | 3.490% | 4/6/24 | 990,000 | 988,453 ^{(g)(j)(k)} |
| Specialty Retail - 0.9% | | | | |
| PetSmart Inc., Term Loan B2 (1 mo. LIBOR + 3.000%) | 4.240% | 3/11/22 | 2,153,859 | 1,907,781 ^{(g)(j)(k)(l)} |
| Sally Holdings LLC, Term Loan B1 (1 mo. LIBOR + 2.500%) | 3.750% | 7/5/24 | 960,000 | 966,600 ^{(g)(j)(k)} |
| Spencer Gifts LLC, Second Lien Term Loan (2 mo. LIBOR + 8.250%) | 9.510% | 6/29/22 | 900,000 | 526,500 ^{(c)(g)(j)(k)} |
| <i>Total Specialty Retail</i> | | | | <i>3,400,881</i> |
| TOTAL CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY | | | | 4,389,334 |
| ENERGY - 0.4% | | | | |
| Energy Equipment & Services - 0.1% | | | | |
| Hercules Offshore Inc. (wind-down lender claim) | | | 370,094 | 286,823 ^{*(c)} |
| Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels - 0.3% | | | | |
| Blue Ridge Mountain Resources Inc., Exit Term Loan (LIBOR + 7.000% Cash, LIBOR + 7.000% PIK) | 16.624% | 5/6/19 | 365,259 | 363,433 ^{(b)(c)(d)(g)(j)(k)} |
| Chesapeake Energy Corp., Term Loan (3 mo. LIBOR + 7.500%) | 8.814% | 8/23/21 | 590,000 | 631,300 ^{(g)(j)(k)} |
| Westmoreland Coal Co., Term Loan B (3 mo. LIBOR + 6.500%) | 7.796% | 12/16/20 | 148,896 | 117,628 ^{(g)(j)(k)} |
| <i>Total Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels</i> | | | | <i>1,112,361</i> |
| TOTAL ENERGY | | | | 1,399,184 |
| INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY - 0.2% | | | | |
| Internet Software & Services - 0.2% | | | | |
| Ancestry.com Operations Inc., Second Lien Term Loan (1 mo. LIBOR + 8.250%) | 9.490% | 10/19/24 | 738,000 | 752,760 ^{(g)(j)(k)} |

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TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES - 0.9%

Diversified Telecommunication Services - 0.9%

| | | | | |
|--|----------------|---------|-----------|--------------------------------|
| CenturyLink Inc., 2017 Term Loan B (1 mo. LIBOR + 2.750%) | 2.750% | 1/31/25 | 1,850,000 | 1,811,844 ^{(g)(j)(k)} |
| Unitymedia Hessen GmbH & Co. KG, Term Loan B | | 9/30/25 | 1,300,000 | 1,295,735 ^(l) |
| Windstream Services LLC, Repriced Term Loan B6 (3 mo. LIBOR + 4.000%) | 5.230 - 5.270% | 3/29/21 | 260,000 | 238,983 ^{(g)(j)(k)} |

TOTAL TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES

3,346,562

UTILITIES - 0.2%

Electric Utilities - 0.2%

| | | | | |
|--|--------|--------|---------|--|
| Panda Temple Power LLC, 2015 Term Loan B (3 mo. ICE LIBOR + 6.250% PIK) | 7.397% | 3/4/22 | 982,402 | 722,065 ^{*(b)(c)(g)(h)(j)(k)} |
|--|--------|--------|---------|--|

TOTAL SENIOR LOANS

(Cost - \$11,446,061)

10,609,905

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| SECURITY | RATE | MATURITY DATE | FACE AMOUNT | VALUE |
|---|---------|---------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| SOVEREIGN BONDS - 6.5% | | | | |
| Argentina - 2.6% | | | | |
| Provincia de Buenos Aires, Senior Notes | 7.875% | 6/15/27 | 2,600,000 | \$ 2,812,420 ^(a) |
| Republic of Argentina, Bonds (Argentina Central Bank 7 Day Repo Reference Rate) | 26.250% | 6/21/20 | 3,690,000 ^{ARS} | 228,825 ^(g) |
| Republic of Argentina, Bonds | 18.200% | 10/3/21 | 38,060,000 ^{ARS} | 2,257,106 |
| Republic of Argentina, Senior Bonds | 6.875% | 4/22/21 | 560,000 | 609,770 |
| Republic of Argentina, Senior Bonds | 7.500% | 4/22/26 | 1,500,000 | 1,680,750 |
| Republic of Argentina, Senior Bonds | 7.625% | 4/22/46 | 1,290,000 | 1,415,775 |
| Republic of Argentina, Senior Notes | 6.875% | 1/26/27 | 790,000 | 852,410 |
| <i>Total Argentina</i> | | | | 9,857,056 |
| Brazil - 0.8% | | | | |
| Federative Republic of Brazil, Notes | 10.000% | 1/1/21 | 566,000 ^{BRL} | 184,141 |
| Federative Republic of Brazil, Notes | 10.000% | 1/1/23 | 8,700,000 ^{BRL} | 2,801,129 |
| <i>Total Brazil</i> | | | | 2,985,270 |
| Ecuador - 0.8% | | | | |
| Republic of Ecuador, Senior Bonds | 10.500% | 3/24/20 | 750,000 | 805,312 ^(a) |
| Republic of Ecuador, Senior Bonds | 10.750% | 3/28/22 | 2,050,000 | 2,255,000 ^(a) |
| Republic of Ecuador, Senior Bonds | 7.950% | 6/20/24 | 290,000 | 284,925 ⁽ⁱ⁾ |
| <i>Total Ecuador</i> | | | | 3,345,237 |
| Poland - 1.0% | | | | |
| Republic of Poland, Bonds | 4.000% | 10/25/23 | 13,000,000 ^{PLN} | 3,895,117 |
| Russia - 1.3% | | | | |
| Russian Federal Bond, Bonds | 8.150% | 2/3/27 | 90,000,000 ^{RUB} | 1,614,833 |
| Russian Federal Bond, Bonds | 7.050% | 1/19/28 | 196,219,000 ^{RUB} | 3,269,167 |
| <i>Total Russia</i> | | | | 4,884,000 |
| TOTAL SOVEREIGN BONDS | | | | |
| (Cost - \$23,949,463) | | | | 24,966,680 |
| U.S. GOVERNMENT & AGENCY OBLIGATIONS - 0.9% | | | | |
| U.S. Government Obligations - 0.9% | | | | |
| U.S. Treasury Notes | 1.875% | 3/31/22 | 1,500,000 | 1,512,773 |
| U.S. Treasury Notes | 2.125% | 12/31/22 | 1,000,000 | 1,018,008 |
| U.S. Treasury Notes | 2.125% | 3/31/24 | 1,000,000 | 1,013,477 |
| TOTAL U.S. GOVERNMENT & AGENCY OBLIGATIONS | | | | |
| (Cost - \$3,455,086) | | | | 3,544,258 |

| | SHARES | |
|---|---------|----------------------------|
| COMMON STOCKS - 0.9% | | |
| CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY - 0.2% | | |
| Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure - 0.2% | | |
| Bossier Casino Venture Holdco Inc. | 68,957 | 504,765 ^{*(c)(d)} |
| ENERGY - 0.7% | | |
| Energy Equipment & Services - 0.0% | | |
| Hercules Offshore Inc. (Escrow) | 46,103 | 13,001 ^{*(c)(d)} |
| Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels - 0.7% | | |
| Berry Petroleum Co. | 87,245 | 850,639 ^{*(c)} |
| Blue Ridge Mountain Resources Inc. | 183,339 | 1,613,383* |

See Notes to Schedule of Investments.

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| SECURITY | SHARES | VALUE |
|--|-------------|------------------------------------|
| Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels - (continued) | | |
| Frontera Energy Corp. | 5,509 | \$ 153,371* |
| MWO Holdings LLC | 442 | 65,217*(e)(d) |
| <i>Total Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels</i> | | 2,682,610 |
| TOTAL ENERGY | | 2,695,611 |
| INDUSTRIALS - 0.0% | | |
| Road & Rail - 0.0% | | |
| Jack Cooper Enterprises Inc. | 2,532 | 0*(a)(c)(d)(e) |
| TOTAL COMMON STOCKS (Cost - \$8,322,198) | | 3,200,376 |
| | RATE | |
| CONVERTIBLE PREFERRED STOCKS - 0.3% | | |
| ENERGY - 0.3% | | |
| Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels - 0.3% | | |
| Berry Petroleum Co. (6.000% Cash or 6.000% PIK) | 6.000% | 94,963 1,020,853 ^{(b)(c)} |
| Berry Petroleum Co. (6.000% Cash or 6.000% PIK) | 6.000% | 1,423 15,297 ^{(b)(c)(m)} |
| TOTAL CONVERTIBLE PREFERRED STOCKS (Cost - \$884,960) | | 1,036,150 |
| PREFERRED STOCKS - 0.5% | | |
| FINANCIALS - 0.5% | | |
| Consumer Finance - 0.5% | | |
| GMAC Capital Trust I (3 mo. USD LIBOR + 5.785%) (Cost - \$1,714,352) | 7.100% | 76,500 1,998,180 ^(g) |
| TOTAL INVESTMENTS BEFORE SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS (Cost - \$354,549,992) | | 373,910,083 |
| SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS - 1.1% | | |
| State Street Institutional U.S. Government Money Market Fund, Premier Class (Cost - \$4,211,439) | 0.934% | 4,211,439 4,211,439 |
| TOTAL INVESTMENTS - 98.9% (Cost - \$358,761,431) | | 378,121,522 |
| Other Assets in Excess of Liabilities - 1.1% | | 4,250,530 |
| TOTAL NET ASSETS - 100.0% | | \$ 382,372,052 |

See Notes to Schedule of Investments.

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Face amount denominated in U.S. dollars, unless otherwise noted.

- * Non-income producing security.

- (a) Security is exempt from registration under Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933. This security may be resold in transactions that are exempt from registration, normally to qualified institutional buyers. This security has been deemed liquid pursuant to guidelines approved by the Board of Directors.

- (b) Payment-in-kind security for which the issuer has the option at each interest payment date of making interest payments in cash or additional debt securities.

- (c) Security is valued using significant unobservable inputs (See Note 1).

- (d) Security is valued in good faith in accordance with procedures approved by the Board of Directors (See Note 1).

- (e) Value is less than \$1.

- (f) Security has no maturity date. The date shown represents the next call date.

- (g) Variable rate security. Interest rate disclosed is as of the most recent information available. Certain variable rate securities are not based on a published reference rate and spread but are determined by the issuer or agent and are based on current market conditions. These securities do not indicate a reference rate and spread in their description above.

- (h) The coupon payment on these securities is currently in default as of August 31, 2017.

- (i) Security is exempt from registration under Regulation S of the Securities Act of 1933. Regulation S applies to securities offerings that are made outside of the United States and do not involve direct selling efforts in the United States. This security has been deemed liquid pursuant to guidelines approved by the Board of Directors.

- (j) Senior loans may be considered restricted in that the Fund ordinarily is contractually obligated to receive approval from the agent bank and/or borrower prior to the disposition of a senior loan.

- (k)

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Interest rates disclosed represent the effective rates on senior loans. Ranges in interest rates are attributable to multiple contracts under the same loan.

(l) All or a portion of this loan is unfunded as of August 31, 2017. The interest rate for fully unfunded term loans is to be determined.

(m) Restricted security (See Note 2).

Abbreviations used in this schedule:

| | |
|-------|-------------------------------|
| ARS | Argentine Peso |
| BRL | Brazilian Real |
| EUR | Euro |
| LIBOR | London Interbank Offered Rate |
| OJSC | Open Joint Stock Company |
| PLN | Polish Zloty |
| RUB | Russian Ruble |

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At August 31, 2017, the Fund had the following open forward foreign currency contracts:

| Currency Purchased | Currency Sold | Counterparty | Settlement Date | Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation) |
|--------------------|---------------|-------------------|-----------------|--|
| EUR 440,406 | USD 507,404 | Barclays Bank PLC | 10/19/17 | \$ 18,111 |
| EUR 54,881 | USD 65,000 | Barclays Bank PLC | 10/19/17 | 487 |
| GBP 68,463 | USD 88,821 | Barclays Bank PLC | 10/19/17 | (159) |
| GBP 132,574 | USD 170,000 | Barclays Bank PLC | 10/19/17 | 1,689 |
| Total | | | | \$ 20,128 |

Abbreviations used in this table:

EUR Euro
 GBP British Pound
 USD United States Dollar

This Schedule of Investments is unaudited and is intended to provide information about the Fund's investments as of the date of the schedule. Other information regarding the Fund is available in the Fund's most recent annual or semi-annual shareholder report.

See Notes to Schedule of Investments.

Notes to Schedule of Investments (unaudited)

1. Organization and significant accounting policies

Western Asset High Yield Defined Opportunity Fund Inc. (the Fund) was incorporated in Maryland on July 20, 2010 and is registered as a non-diversified, limited-term, closed-end management investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the 1940 Act). The Fund's primary investment objective is to provide high income. As a secondary investment objective, the Fund will seek capital appreciation. The Fund seeks to achieve its investment objectives by investing, under normal market conditions, at least 80% of its net assets in a portfolio of high-yield corporate fixed income securities with varying maturities. The Fund intends to liquidate on or about September 30, 2025 and distribute substantially all of its net assets to stockholders, after making appropriate provisions for any liabilities of the Fund.

The following are significant accounting policies consistently followed by the Fund and are in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

(a) Investment valuation. The valuations for fixed income securities (which may include, but are not limited to, corporate, government, municipal, mortgage-backed, collateralized mortgage obligations and asset-backed securities) and certain derivative instruments are typically the prices supplied by independent third party pricing services, which may use market prices or broker/dealer quotations or a variety of valuation techniques and methodologies. The independent third party pricing services use inputs that are observable such as issuer details, interest rates, yield curves, prepayment speeds, credit risks/spreads, default rates and quoted prices for similar securities. Short-term fixed income securities that will mature in 60 days or less are valued at amortized cost, unless it is determined that using this method would not reflect an investment's fair value. Investments in open-end funds are valued at the closing net asset value per share of each fund on the day of valuation. Equity securities for which market quotations are available are valued at the last reported sales price or official closing price on the primary market or exchange on which they trade. When the Fund holds securities or other assets that are denominated in a foreign currency, the Fund will normally use the currency exchange rates as of 4:00 p.m. (Eastern Time). If independent third party pricing services are unable to supply prices for a portfolio investment, or if the prices supplied are deemed by the manager to be unreliable, the market price may be determined by the manager using quotations from one or more broker/dealers or at the transaction price if the security has recently been purchased and no value has yet been obtained from a pricing service or pricing broker. When reliable prices are not readily available, such as when the value of a security has been significantly affected by events after the close of the exchange or market on which the security is principally traded, but before the Fund calculates its net asset value, the Fund values these securities as determined in accordance with procedures approved by the Fund's Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors is responsible for the valuation process and has delegated the supervision of the daily valuation process to the Legg Mason North Atlantic Fund Valuation Committee (the Valuation Committee). The Valuation Committee, pursuant to the policies adopted by the Board of Directors, is responsible for making fair value determinations, evaluating the effectiveness of the Fund's pricing policies, and reporting to the Board of Directors. When determining the reliability of third party pricing information for investments owned by the Fund, the Valuation Committee, among other things, conducts due diligence reviews of pricing vendors, monitors the daily change in prices and reviews transactions among market participants.

The Valuation Committee will consider pricing methodologies it deems relevant and appropriate when making fair value determinations. Examples of possible methodologies include, but are not limited to, multiple of earnings; discount from market of a similar freely traded security; discounted cash-flow analysis; book value or a multiple thereof; risk premium/yield analysis; yield to maturity; and/or fundamental investment analysis. The Valuation Committee will also consider factors it deems relevant and appropriate in light of the facts and circumstances. Examples of possible factors include, but are not limited to, the type of security; the issuer's financial statements; the purchase price of the security; the discount from market value of unrestricted securities of the same class at the time of purchase; analysts' research and observations from financial institutions; information regarding any transactions or offers with respect to the security; the existence of merger proposals or tender offers affecting the security; the price and extent of public trading in similar securities of the issuer or comparable companies; and the existence of a shelf registration for restricted securities.

For each portfolio security that has been fair valued pursuant to the policies adopted by the Board of Directors, the fair value price is compared against the last available and next available market quotations. The Valuation Committee reviews the results of such back testing monthly and fair valuation occurrences are reported to the Board of Directors quarterly.

The Fund uses valuation techniques to measure fair value that are consistent with the market approach and/or income approach, depending on the type of security and the particular circumstance. The market approach uses prices and other relevant information generated by market transactions involving identical or comparable securities. The income approach uses valuation techniques to discount estimated future cash flows to present value.

Notes to Schedule of Investments (unaudited) (continued)

GAAP establishes a disclosure hierarchy that categorizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to value assets and liabilities at measurement date. These inputs are summarized in the three broad levels listed below:

Level 1 quoted prices in active markets for identical investments

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

Level 3 significant unobservable inputs (including the Fund's own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments)
The inputs or methodologies used to value securities are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities.

The following is a summary of the inputs used in valuing the Fund's assets and liabilities carried at fair value:

| DESCRIPTION | ASSETS | | | TOTAL |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|---|--|---------------|
| | QUOTED PRICES (LEVEL 1) | OTHER SIGNIFICANT OBSERVABLE INPUTS (LEVEL 2) | SIGNIFICANT UNOBSERVABLE INPUTS (LEVEL 3) | |
| Long-Term Investments : | | | | |
| Corporate Bonds & Notes: | | | | |
| Consumer Discretionary | | \$ 63,942,955 | \$ 988,396 | \$ 64,931,351 |
| Energy | | 56,800,544 | 0* | 56,800,544 |
| Financials | | 43,885,219 | 764,174 | 44,649,393 |
| Health Care | | 25,784,828 | 1,356,679 | 27,141,507 |
| Materials | | 27,623,719 | 0* | 27,623,719 |
| Other Corporate Bonds & Notes | | 103,998,289 | | 103,998,289 |
| Convertible Bonds & Notes | | 3,409,731 | | 3,409,731 |
| Senior Loans: | | | | |
| Consumer Discretionary | | 3,862,834 | 526,500 | 4,389,334 |
| Energy | | 748,928 | 650,256 | 1,399,184 |
| Utilities | | | 722,065 | 722,065 |
| Other Senior Loans | | 4,099,322 | | 4,099,322 |
| Sovereign Bonds | | 24,966,680 | | 24,966,680 |
| U.S. Government & Agency Obligations | | 3,544,258 | | 3,544,258 |
| Common Stocks: | | | | |
| Consumer Discretionary | | | 504,765 | 504,765 |
| Energy | \$ 1,766,754 | | 928,857 | 2,695,611 |
| Industrials | | | 0* | 0* |
| Convertible Preferred Stocks | | | 1,036,150 | 1,036,150 |
| Preferred Stocks | 1,998,180 | | | 1,998,180 |
| Total Long-Term Investments | 3,764,934 | 362,667,307 | 7,477,842 | 373,910,083 |
| Short-Term Investments | 4,211,439 | | | 4,211,439 |
| Total Investments | 7,976,373 | 362,667,307 | 7,477,842 | 378,121,522 |

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| | | | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|
| Other Financial Instruments: | | | | |
| Forward Foreign Currency Contracts | | | 20,287 | 20,287 |
| Total | \$ 7,976,373 | \$ 362,687,594 | \$ 7,477,842 | \$ 378,141,809 |

| DESCRIPTION | LIABILITIES | | | TOTAL |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|---|---|--------|
| | QUOTED PRICES (LEVEL 1) | OTHER SIGNIFICANT OBSERVABLE INPUTS (LEVEL 2) | SIGNIFICANT UNOBSERVABLE INPUTS (LEVEL 3) | |
| Other Financial Instruments: | | | | |
| Forward Foreign Currency Contracts | | \$ 159 | | \$ 159 |

See Schedule of Investments for additional detailed categorizations.

* Amount represents less than \$1.

Notes to Schedule of Investments (unaudited) (continued)

The following is a reconciliation of investments in which significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) were used in determining fair value:

| INVESTMENTS IN SECURITIES | CONSUMER | | CORPORATE BONDS & NOTES | | | |
|---|---------------|------------|-------------------------|--------------|-------------|-----------|
| | DISCRETIONARY | ENERGY | FINANCIALS | HEALTH CARE | INDUSTRIALS | MATERIALS |
| Balance as of May 31, 2017 | \$ 1,215,851 | \$ 174,306 | | | \$ 697,876 | \$ 0* |
| Accrued premiums/discounts | 8,384 | | \$ 73 | \$ 386 | 1,675 | |
| Realized gain (loss) | | (875,275) | | | | |
| Change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) ¹ | (8,384) | 967,444 | (3,492) | 983 | (307) | |
| Purchases | 43,027 | | 767,593 | 1,355,310 | | |
| Sales | (270,482) | (266,475) | | | (699,244) | |
| Transfers into Level 3 ² | | | | | | |
| Transfers out of Level 3 | | | | | | |
| Balance as of August 31, 2017 | \$ 988,396 | \$ 0* | \$ 764,174 | \$ 1,356,679 | | \$ 0* |
| Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) for investments in securities still held at August 31, 2017 ¹ | \$ (8,384) | | \$ (3,492) | \$ 983 | | |

| INVESTMENTS IN SECURITIES (cont d) | CONSUMER | | SENIOR LOANS | | UTILITIES |
|---|---------------|------------|--------------|--|------------|
| | DISCRETIONARY | ENERGY | HEALTH CARE | | |
| Balance as of May 31, 2017 | \$ 675,000 | \$ 355,959 | \$ 1,036,933 | | |
| Accrued premiums/discounts | 140 | 804 | 316 | | |
| Realized gain (loss) | | | 5,986 | | |
| Change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) ¹ | (148,640) | (842) | (16,569) | | |
| Purchases | | 7,512 | | | |
| Sales | | | (1,026,666) | | |
| Transfers into Level 3 ² | | | 286,823 | | \$ 722,065 |
| Transfers out of Level 3 | | | | | |
| Balance as of August 31, 2017 | \$ 526,500 | \$ 650,256 | | | \$ 722,065 |
| Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) for investments in securities still held at August 31, 2017 ¹ | \$ (148,640) | \$ (842) | | | |

Notes to Schedule of Investments (unaudited) (continued)

| INVESTMENTS IN SECURITIES (cont d) | CONSUMER | | COMMON STOCKS | | |
|---|---------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|-----------|
| | DISCRETIONARY | ENERGY | HEALTH CARE | INDUSTRIALS | MATERIALS |
| Balance as of May 31, 2017 | \$ 507,524 | \$ 1,003,064 | \$ 169,575 | \$ 0* | \$ 0* |
| Accrued premiums/discounts | | | | | |
| Realized gain (loss) | | | 63,314 | | (225,819) |
| Change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) ¹ | (2,759) | (74,207) | (62,919) | | 225,819 |
| Purchases | | | | | |
| Sales | | | (169,970) | | (0)* |
| Transfers into Level 3 ² | | | | | |
| Transfers out of Level 3 | | | | | |
| Balance as of August 31, 2017 | \$ 504,765 | \$ 928,857 | | \$ 0* | |
| Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) for investments in securities still held at August 31, 2017 ¹ | \$ (2,759) | \$ (74,207) | | | |

| INVESTMENTS IN SECURITIES (cont d) | CONVERTIBLE PREFERRED STOCKS | | TOTAL |
|---|------------------------------------|--------------|-------|
| | Balance as of May 31, 2017 | \$ 1,277,114 | |
| Accrued premiums/discounts | | 11,778 | |
| Realized gain (loss) | | (1,031,794) | |
| Change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) ¹ | (240,964) | 635,163 | |
| Purchases | | 2,173,442 | |
| Sales | | (2,432,837) | |
| Transfers into Level 3 ² | | 1,008,888 | |
| Transfers out of Level 3 | | | |
| Balance as of August 31, 2017 | \$ 1,036,150 | \$ 7,477,842 | |
| Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) for investments in securities still held at August 31, 2017 ¹ | \$ (240,964) | \$ (478,305) | |

The Fund's policy is to recognize transfers between levels as of the end of the reporting period.

* Amount represents less than \$1.

¹ Change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) includes net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) resulting from changes in investment values during the reporting period and the reversal of previously recorded unrealized appreciation (depreciation) when gains or losses are realized.

² Transferred into Level 3 as a result of the unavailability of a quoted price in an active market for an identical investment or the unavailability of other significant observable inputs.

2. Restricted securities

The following Fund investments are restricted as to resale.

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| Security | Number of Shares/Face Amount | Acquisition Date | Cost | Value at 8/31/2017 | Value Per Share/Unit | Percent of Net Assets |
|---|------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Berry Petroleum Co. | 1,423 | 2/17 | \$ 14,230 | \$ 15,297 | \$ 10.75 | 0.00% |
| BioScrip Inc., First Lien Notes, 8.224%, due 6/30/22 | \$ 1,369,000 | 6/17 | 1,355,696 | 1,356,679 ^(a) | 99.10 | 0.35% |

^(a) Security is valued in good faith in accordance with procedures approved by the Board of Directors.

ITEM 2. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES.

- (a) The registrant's principal executive officer and principal financial officer have concluded that the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 30a-3(c) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act")) are effective as of a date within 90 days of the filing date of this report that includes the disclosure required by this paragraph, based on their evaluation of the disclosure controls and procedures required by Rule 30a-3(b) under the 1940 Act and 15d-15(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

- (b) There were no changes in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the 1940 Act) that occurred during the registrant's last fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or are likely to materially affect the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

ITEM 3. EXHIBITS.

Certifications pursuant to Rule 30a-2(a) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, are attached hereto.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Western Asset High Yield Defined Opportunity Fund Inc.

By /s/ JANE TRUST
 Jane Trust
 Chief Executive Officer

Date: October 25, 2017

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

By /s/ JANE TRUST
 Jane Trust
 Chief Executive Officer

Date: October 25, 2017

By /s/ RICHARD F. SENNETT
 Richard F. Sennett
 Principal Financial Officer

Date: October 25, 2017