Cohen & Steers MLP Income & Energy Opportunity Fund Form N-CSR February 08, 2017

### **UNITED STATES**

### SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## **FORM N-CSR**

# CERTIFIED SHAREHOLDER REPORT OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES

Investment Company Act file number 811-22780

Cohen & Steers MLP Income and Energy Opportunity Fund, Inc. (Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

280 Park Avenue, New York, NY (Address of principal executive offices)

10017 (Zip code)

Tina M. Payne

Cohen & Steers Capital Management, Inc.

280 Park Avenue

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Date of fiscal year November 30 end:

Date of reporting period: November 30, 2016

Item 1. Reports to Stockholders.

### To Our Shareholders:

We would like to share with you our report for the year ended November 30, 2016. The net asset value (NAV) at that date was \$11.87 per common share. The Fund's common stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) and its share price can differ from its NAV; at year end, the Fund's closing price on the NYSE was \$10.37.

The total returns, including income, for the Fund and its comparative benchmarks were:

	Six Months Ended November 30, 2016	Year Ended November 30, 2016
Cohen & Steers MLP Income and	,	·
Energy		
Opportunity Fund at NAVa	8.75%	2.75%
Cohen & Steers MLP Income and		
Energy		
Opportunity Fund at Market Value <sup>a</sup>	10.68%	5.31%
Blended Benchmark 90% Alerian		
MLP		
Index 10% BofA Merrill Lynch		
Fixed-Rate		
Preferred Securities Index <sup>b</sup>	3.33%	8.78%
Alerian MLP Index <sup>b</sup>	3.87%	9.28%
S&P 500 Index <sup>b</sup>	6.01%	8.06%

The performance data quoted represent past performance. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. The investment return and the principal value of an investment will fluctuate and shares, if sold, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted. Performance results reflect the effects of leverage, resulting from borrowings under a credit agreement. Current total returns of the Fund can be obtained by visiting our website at cohenandsteers.com. The Fund's returns assume the reinvestment of all dividends and distributions at prices obtained under the Fund's dividend reinvestment plan. Index performance does not reflect the deduction of any fees, taxes or expenses. An investor cannot invest directly in an index. Performance figures for periods shorter than one year are not annualized.

#### Distribution Policy

Cohen & Steers MLP Income and Energy Opportunity Fund, Inc. (the Fund), acting in accordance with an exemptive order received from the Securities and Exchange Commission and with approval of its Board of Directors, previously adopted a managed distribution policy under which the Fund included long-term capital gains, where applicable, as part of its regular quarterly cash distributions to its shareholders (the Managed Distribution Policy).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> As a closed-end investment company, the price of the Fund's NYSE-traded shares will be set by market forces and can deviate from the NAV per share of the Fund.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> The Alerian MLP Index is a float-adjusted, market-capitalization-weighted index that consists of the 50 most prominent large- and mid-cap energy Master Limited Partnerships (MLPs). The BofA Merrill Lynch Fixed-Rate Preferred Securities Index tracks the performance of fixed-rate U.S. dollar-denominated

preferred securities issued in the U.S. domestic market. The S&P 500 Index is an unmanaged index of 500 large-capitalization stocks that is frequently used as a general measure of U.S. stock market performance.

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On December 1, 2015, the Fund changed its tax status from a regulated investment company to a taxable C corporation under the Internal Revenue Code. The change was in response to the adoption of previously proposed regulations issued by the Internal Revenue Service. As a C corporation, the Fund no longer passes through net capital gains to shareholders, and as a result, as of January 1, 2016, the Managed Distribution Policy was discontinued.

Effective January 1, 2016, the Fund made regular quarterly distributions at a level rate (the Level Rate Plan). On September 15, 2016, the Board of Directors of the Fund approved a change in the frequency of dividends from net investment income distributed to shareholders from quarterly to monthly effective October 1, 2016. Dividends from net investment income, if any, are declared quarterly and paid monthly. As a result of the Level Rate Plan, the Fund may pay distributions in excess of the Fund's current or accumulated earnings and profits. This excess would be a return of capital distributed from the Fund's assets. Distributions of capital decrease the Fund's total assets and, therefore, could have the effect of increasing the Fund's expense ratio. In addition, in order to make these distributions, the Fund may have to sell portfolio securities at a less than opportune time.

#### Market Review

For the 12-month period ended November 30, 2016, MLPs and midstream-energy-focused equities had positive returns, although the period was characterized by exceptionally high volatility. Conditions were difficult when the period began, with oil prices continuing their prolonged decline, reaching 13-year lows below \$30 in February 2016. However, by the end of 2016's first quarter, dramatic reductions in global exploration and production capital spending, along with strengthening global oil demand, helped to firm global oil markets and drove a crude price rally of over 70% through the end of May.

After trading in the \$40 to \$50 a barrel range for much of the summer, crude prices rose over 10% on the final day of the period, when the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) finalized an agreement to curtail oil supply, as initially indicated in September. Although markets had been skeptical of the viability of an agreement ahead of the meeting, OPEC delegates confirmed that they would reduce output by 1.2 million barrels per day (bpd), to 32.6 million bpd, a cut equal to about 1% of global production. The agreement is effective January 1, 2017 and has an initial duration of six months, extendable for another six months. The news signaled the potential for higher and more-stable oil prices in the coming months, which would, among other benefits for the midstream energy space, potentially lower counterparty risk.

Another noteworthy development in November was Donald Trump's surprise victory in the U.S. presidential election, which supported midstream stocks, as the president elect is perceived as less likely to implement restrictions in developing U.S. oil and gas resources and more likely to support key pipeline approvals.

In an environment of challenging fundamentals due to lowered throughput volumes, midstream energy companies found it difficult to access capital early in the period, forcing many to re-evaluate their capital allocation and financing plans. With access to external financing in doubt, many companies were forced to prioritize between directing cash flows towards distributions to unitholders, investing for future growth or maintaining the integrity of the balance sheet. The prospect of dividend cuts and news

of reductions (by Teekay Corp., for example) contributed to volatility in the midstream energy market. During the period, nearly 20 midstream companies elected to reduce distributions.

However, as the period progressed investors appeared to be more comfortable with the concept of reduced distributions for the sake of stronger balance sheets. In April, for example, Crestwood Equity Partners, American Midstream Partners and NGL Energy Partners announced sizable cuts in their distribution rates and all three MLPs rallied in response.

For midstream energy companies, the threat of counterparty risk, while still meaningful, eased as oil prices moved higher. The financial health of exploration and production companies (MLPs' counterparties) improved as oil prices settled above \$50 towards the end of the period.

#### Fund Performance

The Fund had a positive total return in the period, although it underperformed its blended benchmark on both a NAV and market price basis. In terms of company and sector attribution, stock selection in the diversified midstream sector detracted from the Fund's relative returns. This was due in part to our underweight in Oneok, a company with direct leverage to increasing commodity prices that had a sizable gain in the period. Our out-of-index position in Energy Transfer Equity detracted from performance as well, as it declined in the period.

Stock selection in the gathering & processing sector was the main positive contributor to relative performance. Typically one of the more commodity-sensitive sectors, we believe certain companies within the group are potentially poised to benefit from an emerging theme of increased demand for natural gas liquids (NGLs). Petrochemical companies have been building new facilities that use NGLs such as ethane and propane as feedstocks, which could increase commodity prices and drive pipeline volumes over the next several years.

Relative performance was also helped by stock selection in the crude/refined products sector, helped by our overweight allocation to Rose Rock Midstream, which had a sizable gain. During the period, SemGroup announced that it would acquire the public float of Rose Rock Midstream, its MLP. The consolidation reflects a recent broader trend of midstream companies simplifying their capital structures in order to enhance their credit profiles and distribution coverage.

#### Impact of Leverage on Fund Performance

The Fund employs leverage as part of a yield-enhancement strategy. Leverage, which can increase total return in rising markets (just as it can have the opposite effect in declining markets), significantly detracted from the Fund's NAV performance for the period. Due to market volatility, the Investment Advisor reduced the Fund's leverage early in the period. When midstream energy companies rallied later in the period, the benefit of having leverage in a rising market was not enough to offset the earlier negative effect of having leverage in a down market.

Sincerely,

ROBERT S. BECKER

Portfolio Manager

BEN MORTON TYLER S. ROSENLICHT

Portfolio Manager Portfolio Manager

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Our Leverage Strategy (Unaudited)

Our current leverage strategy utilizes borrowings up to the maximum permitted by the Investment Company Act of 1940 to provide additional capital for the Fund, with an objective of increasing the net income available for shareholders. As of November 30, 2016, leverage represented 25% of the Fund's managed assets.

Through fixed rate financing, the Fund has locked in interest rates on capital for periods expiring in 2018 and 2019<sup>a</sup> (where we lock in our fixed rate obligation over various terms). Locking in our leveraging costs is designed to protect the dividend-paying ability of the Fund. The use of leverage increases the volatility of the Fund's net asset value in both up and down markets. However, we believe that locking in the Fund's leveraging costs for the various terms helps protect the Fund's expenses from an increase in short-term interest rates.

## Leverage Factsb,c

Leverage (as a % of managed assets)	25%
% Fixed Rate	100%
Weighted Average Rate on Financing	1.9% <sup>a</sup>
Weighted Average Term on Financing	5.0 years <sup>a</sup>

The Fund seeks to enhance its dividend yield through leverage. The use of leverage is a speculative technique and there are special risks and costs associated with leverage. The net asset value of the Fund's shares may be reduced by the issuance and ongoing costs of leverage. So long as the Fund is able to invest in securities that produce an investment yield that is greater than the total cost of leverage, the leverage strategy will produce higher current net investment income for the shareholders. On the other hand, to the extent that the total cost of leverage exceeds the incremental income gained from employing such leverage, shareholders would realize lower net investment income. In addition to the impact on net income, the use of leverage will have an effect of magnifying capital appreciation or depreciation for shareholders. Specifically, in an up market, leverage will typically generate greater capital appreciation than if the Fund were not employing leverage. Conversely, in down markets, the use of leverage will generally result in greater capital depreciation than if the Fund had been unlevered. To the extent that the Fund is required or elects to reduce its leverage, the Fund may need to liquidate investments, including under adverse economic conditions which may result in capital losses potentially reducing returns to shareholders. There can be no assurance that a leveraging strategy will be successful during any period in which it is employed.

- <sup>a</sup> On February 24, 2015, the Fund amended its credit agreement to extend the fixed rate financing terms by three years expiring in 2021 and 2022. The weighted average rate on financing does not include the three year extension and will increase as the extended fixed-rate tranches become effective. The weighted average term of financing includes the three year extension.
- b Data as of November 30, 2016. Information is subject to change.
- <sup>c</sup> See Note 6 in Notes to Financial Statements.

November 30, 2016

Top Ten Holdings<sup>a</sup> (Unaudited)

		% of
		Managed
Security	Value	Assets
Energy Transfer Partners LP	\$39,667,232	9.4
Enterprise Products Partners LP	39,289,058	9.3
Buckeye Partners LP	24,922,678	5.9
MPLX LP	21,814,207	5.2
Williams Partners LP	21,644,828	5.1
Enbridge Energy Partners LP	21,368,093	5.1
Rice Midstream Partners LP	15,458,440	3.7
Genesis Energy LP	14,772,597	3.5
Plains All American Pipeline LP	13,442,941	3.2
Targa Resources Corp.	10,723,280	2.5

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Top ten holdings are determined on the basis of the value of individual securities held. The Fund may also hold positions in other types of securities issued by the companies listed above. See the Schedule of Investments for additional details on such other positions.

Sector Breakdown

(Based on Managed Assets) (Unaudited)

# SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

November 30, 2016

		Number of	
MACTED LINETED		Shares/Units	Value
MASTER LIMITED			
PARTNERSHIPS AND RELATED			
COMPANIES	122.8%		
CRUDE/REFINED PRODUCTS	35.1%		
Buckeye Partners LPa		387,359	\$ 24,922,678
Enbridge Energy Management			
LLCb		1	31
Enbridge Energy Partners LPa		865,105	21,368,093
Genesis Energy LPa		422,799	14,772,597
Magellan Midstream Partners LPa		71,000	4,916,750
NuStar Energy LPa		47,708	2,277,580
NuStar GP Holdings LLCa		309,022	7,849,159
Plains All American Pipeline LPa		407,980	13,442,941
SemGroup Corp., Class A <sup>a</sup>		252,003	9,084,708
Sunoco Logistics Partners LPa		321,218	7,609,654
Valero Energy Partners LP		61,000	2,465,620
Western Refining Logistics LP		149,300	3,075,580
			111,785,391
DIVERSIFIED MIDSTREAM	44.2%		
Energy Transfer Equity LP		61,732	1,051,296
Energy Transfer Partners LPa		1,129,477	39,667,232
Enterprise Products Partners LPa		1,515,197	39,289,058
Kinder Morgan		239,019	5,306,222
MPLX LPa		664,055	21,814,207
ONEOK Partners LP		180,000	7,524,000
Williams Cos. (The)		134,195	4,119,787
Williams Partners LPa		593,009	21,644,828
			140,416,630
GATHERING & PROCESSING	22.5%		
American Midstream Partners LPa		269,898	3,980,996
Cone Midstream Partners LPa		99,000	2,207,700
DCP Midstream Partners LPa		126,494	4,380,487
Dominion Midstream Partners LPa		105,390	2,697,984
Enable Midstream Partners LPa		409,091	6,390,001
EnLink Midstream Partners LPa		491,226	8,606,280
Noble Midstream Partners LPc		117,279	3,761,138
PennTex Midstream Partners LPa		282,564	4,447,557
Rice Midstream Partners LPa		717,329	15,458,440
Rice Midstream Partners LP		•	. ,
(Unregistered)d,e		55,546	1,148,691
Tallgrass Energy GP LP		136,338	3,299,380
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Tallgrass Energy Partners LP	93,899	4,398,229
Targa Resources Corp.a	201,225	10,723,280
		71,500,163

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

# SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (Continued)

November 30, 2016

		Number of	
MARINE CHIRRING (CEECULORS	= ==/	Shares/Units	Value
MARINE SHIPPING/OFFSHORE	5.5%	00.000	Φ 4 000 000
GasLog Partners LP (Monaco)		80,000	\$ 1,628,000
Golar LNG Partners LP (Marshall		400,400	0.000.000
Islands)		403,492	8,989,802
Hoegh LNG Partners LP (Marshall		00 525	1 710 000
Islands) KNOT Offshore Partners LP		90,525	1,710,922
(Marshall Islands)		56,541	1,232,594
Teekay Corp. (Marshall Islands)		208,200	1,642,698
Teekay Offshore Partners LP		200,200	1,042,030
(Marshall Islands)		396,926	2,171,185
(Maisilali Islailus)		390,920	17,375,201
NATURAL GAS PIPELINES	10.0%		17,070,201
Cheniere Energy Partners LPa	10.070	304,625	8,946,836
TC PipeLines LPa		188,083	9,996,612
Tesoro Logistics LPa		186,200	8,775,606
TransCanada Corp. (Canada)		93,211	4,186,272
Transcanaca Corp. (Canaca)		33,2 : :	31,905,326
OIL & GAS STORAGE	2.1%		01,000,000
Arc Logistics Partners LPa		296,193	4,368,847
VTTI Energy Partners LP		,	,
(Marshall Islands)		132,080	2,357,628
			6,726,475
OTHER	1.1%		
Sprague Resources LP		155,945	3,516,560
PROPANE	1.6%		
Suburban Propane Partners LPa		182,488	5,169,885
RENEWABLE ENERGY	0.7%		
Pattern Energy Group <sup>a</sup>		105,620	2,073,321
TOTAL MASTER LIMITED			
PARTNERSHIPS AND			
RELATED COMPANIES			
(Identified cost \$359,854,136)			390,468,952
PREFERRED SECURITIES \$25			
PAR VALUE	4.6%		
BANKS	0.9%		
Bank of America Corp., 6.00%,		40.000	4 407 400
Series EE		48,000	1,197,120
BB&T Corp., 5.625%		25,000	603,275
Wells Fargo & Co., 5.85%		40,000	1,000,000
			2,800,395

See accompanying notes to financial statements.  $\label{eq:second} 8$ 

# SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (Continued)

# November 30, 2016

		Number of	Walter
CHEMICALS	0.5%	Shares/Units	Value
CHS, 7.10%, Series II	0.5%	63,144	\$ 1,701,099
FINANCE	0.5%	05,144	φ 1,701,099
Colony Financial, 8.50%, Series	0.070		
A		60,959	1,542,872
REAL ESTATE DIVERSIFIED	0.4%	33,033	.,,
VEREIT, 6.70%, Series F		57,812	1,458,597
TECHNOLOGY SOFTWARE	0.5%		
eBay, 6.00%, due 2/1/56		60,000	1,494,600
UTILITIES	1.8%		
Dominion Resources, 5.25%,			
due 7/30/76, Series A		46,000	982,560
DTE Energy Co., 5.375%, due			
6/1/76, Series B		43,925	978,649
Integrys Holdings, 6.00%, due		40.000	1 051 750
8/1/73		48,029	1,251,756
NextEra Energy Capital			
Holdings, 5.25%, due 6/1/76, Series K		19,871	437,758
SCE Trust IV, 5.375%, Series J		29,410	743,779
Southern Co./The, 6.25%, due		29,410	743,779
10/15/75		54,000	1,384,020
10/10/70		01,000	5,778,522
TOTAL PREFERRED			0,770,022
SECURITIES \$25 PAR VALUE			
(Identified cost \$14,906,940)			14,776,085
PREFERRED			
SECURITIES CAPITAL			
SECURITIES	2.3%		
BANKS	0.4%		
Citigroup, 6.25%, Series T		1,000,000	1,028,750
Wells Fargo Capital X, 5.95%,			
due 12/1/86		250,000	266,875
DANIKO FORFIONI	0.50/		1,295,625
BANKS FOREIGN	0.5%		
Barclays PLC, 7.875% (United Kingdom)		400,000	202 540
Royal Bank of Scotland Group		400,000	393,540
PLC, 8.625%			
(United Kingdom)		1,000,000	986,250
Societe Generale SA, 7.375%,		1,000,000	000,200
144A (France) <sup>e</sup>		200,000	193,000

			1,572,790
INTEGRATED			
TELECOMMUNICATIONS			
SERVICES	0.2%		
Centaur Funding Corp., 9.08%,			
due 4/21/20,			
144A (Cayman Islands)e		500	587,500
	See accompanying notes to financial statements		
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## SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (Continued)

November 30, 2016

		Number of	Makes
PIPELINES	0.1%	Shares/Units	Value
Transcanada Trust, 5.875%, due 8/15/76,	0.176		
Series 16-A (Canada)		386,000	\$ 400,475
UTILITIES	1.1%	·	·
Emera, 6.75%, due 6/15/76, Series 16-A			
(Canada)		850,000	911,625
Enel SpA, 8.75%, due 9/24/73, 144A (Italy) <sup>e</sup>		2,200,000	2,504,370
			3,415,995
TOTAL PREFERRED SECURITIES CAPITAL SECURITIES			
(Identified cost \$7,155,771)			7,272,385
SHORT-TERM	1.00/		
INVESTMENTS MONEY MARKET FUNDS	1.3%		
State Street Institutional			
Treasury Money			
Market Fund, Premier Class,			
0.25% <sup>f</sup>		4,200,000	4,200,000
TOTAL SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS			
(Identified cost \$4,200,000)			4,200,000
TOTAL INVESTMENTS (Identified			
cost \$386,116,847)	131.0%		416,717,422
LIABILITIES IN EXCESS OF OTHER ASSETS	(31.0)		(98,659,320)
NET ASSETS (Equivalent to	(31.0)		(30,033,320)
\$11.87 per share based on 26,793,340 shares of			
common stock outstanding) Note: Percentages indicated are based or	100.0% In the net assets of the	ne Fund.	\$318,058,102

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> All or a portion of the security is pledged as collateral in connection with the Fund's credit agreement. \$294,579,884 in aggregate has been pledged as collateral.

b Distributions are paid-in-kind

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> Non-income producing security.

- <sup>d</sup> Illiquid security. Aggregate holdings equal 0.4% of the net assets of the Fund. This security was acquired on September 29, 2016 at a cost of \$1,194,239 (\$21.50 per share).
- e Resale is restricted to qualified institutional investors. Aggregate holdings amounting to \$4,433,561 equal 1.4% of the net assets of the Fund, of which 0.4% are illiquid.
- f Rate quoted represents the annualized seven-day yield of the Fund.

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

November 30, 2016

ASSETS:		
Investments in securities, at value (Identified		
cost \$386,116,847)	\$ 416,71	7,422
Cash	4,35	2,111
Foreign currency, at value (Identified cost \$16)		13
Receivable for:		
Investment securities sold	2,97	8,826
Dividends, distributions and interest	19	2,999
Other assets		0,118
Total Assets	424,42	1,489
LIABILITIES:		
Payable for:		
Credit agreement	105,00	0,000
Investment securities purchased	49	6,970
Investment advisory fees	34	0,266
Dividends and distributions declared	15	3,784
Administration fees		7,013
Interest expense	1	1,317
Directors' fees		2,473
Other liabilities	34	1,564
Total Liabilities	106,36	3,387
NET ASSETS	\$ 318,05	8,102
NET ASSETS consist of:		
Paid-in capital	\$ 417,40	6,546
Dividends in excess of net investment income, net of		
income taxes	(1,38	6,763)
Accumulated net realized loss, net of income taxes	(128,56	2,253)
Net unrealized appreciation, net of income taxes	30,60	0,572
	\$ 318,05	8,102
NET ASSET VALUE PER SHARE:		
(\$318,058,102 ÷ 26,793,340 shares outstanding)		11.87
MARKET PRICE PER SHARE	\$	10.37
MARKET PRICE DISCOUNT TO NET ASSET VALUE		
PER SHARE	(	12.64)%
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## STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

# For the Year Ended November 30, 2016

Investment Income:	
Distributions from master limited partnerships	\$ 27,894,665
Less return of capital on distributions	(27,247,270)
Net distributions from master limited partnerships	647,395
Dividend income (net of \$61,723 of foreign withholding	
tax)	2,562,764
Interest income	587,101
Total Investment Income	3,797,260
Expenses:	
Investment advisory fees	4,043,156
Interest expense	2,272,820
Line of credit fees	1,301,457
Administration fees	356,929
Professional fees	303,056
Shareholder reporting expenses	67,393
Custodian fees and expenses	39,775
Transfer agent fees and expenses	21,083
Directors' fees and expenses	8,606
Miscellaneous	31,566
Total Expenses	8,445,841
Net Investment Income (Loss), net of income taxes	(4,648,581)
Net Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss):	,
Net realized gain (loss) on:	
Investments	(127,366,622)
Foreign currency transactions	(55,217)
Net realized gain (loss), net of income taxes	(127,421,839)
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on:	
Investments	132,992,995
Foreign currency translations	650
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation),	
net of income taxes	132,993,645
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss), net of income	
taxes	5,571,806
Net Increase in Net Assets Resulting from Operations	\$ 923,225
See accompanying notes to financial statements.	

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

	For the Year Ended		For the Year Ended	
	November 30, 2016		November 30, 2015	
Change in Net Assets:				
From Operations:				
Net investment income (loss),				
net of income taxes	\$	(4,648,581)	\$	1,739,490
Net realized gain (loss), net of				
income taxes		(127,421,839)		(5,038,757)
Net change in unrealized		,		,
appreciation				
(depreciation), net of income				
taxes		132,993,645		(215,804,203)
Net increase (decrease) in net				
assets				
resulting from operations		923,225		(219,103,470)
Dividends and Distributions to Shareholder	s from	1:		,
Net investment income				(4,859,193)
Return of capital		(31,455,381)		(30,549,010)
Total dividends and distributions		,		, , ,
to shareholders		(31,455,381)		(35,408,203)
Capital Stock Transactions:		,		,
Increase (decrease) in net				
assets from Fund				
share transactions				(1,208,583)
Total increase (decrease) in net				, ,
assets		(30,532,156)		(255,720,256)
Net Assets:		,		, , ,
Beginning of year		348,590,258		604,310,514
End of year <sup>a</sup>	\$	318,058,102	\$	348,590,258
a Includes dividends in excess of net inves	tment	• •	nd acc	, ,

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undistributed net investment income, net of income taxes of \$1,386,763 and \$3,261,818, respectively.

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the Year Ended November 30, 2016

Decrease in Cash:	
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:	
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations	\$ 923,225
Adjustments to reconcile net increase in net assets resulting from	
operations to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Purchases of long-term investments	(217,438,338)
Proceeds from sales and maturities of long-term	
investments	328,260,067
Net purchases, sales and maturities of short-term	
investments	(4,200,000)
Return of capital on distributions	27,247,270
Net amortization of premium on investments	31,527
Net decrease in dividends and interest receivable	963,064
Net increase in other assets	(160,202)
Net decrease in interest expense payable, accrued	
expenses and	
other liabilities	(345,623)
Net change in unrealized appreciation on investments	(132,992,995)
Net realized loss on investments	127,366,622
Cash provided by operating activities	129,654,617
Cash Flows from Financing Activities:	
Decrease in payable for credit agreement	(120,000,000)
Dividends and distributions paid	(31,301,597)
Cash used for financing activities	(151,301,597)
Decrease in cash	(21,646,980)
Cash at beginning of year (including foreign currency)	25,999,104
Cash at end of year (including foreign currency)	\$ 4,352,124
Supplemental Disclosure of Cash Flow Information:	

During the year ended November 30, 2016, interest paid was \$2,302,100.

The Fund received \$1,430,661 from paid-in-kind stock dividends during the year ended November 30, 2016. See Note 1 Organization and Significant Accounting policies.

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The following table includes selected data for a share outstanding throughout each period and other performance information derived from the financial statements. It should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and notes thereto.

Par Shara Operating	For the Year Ended November 30,			For the Period March 26, 2013 <sup>b</sup> through	
Per Share Operating Performance:	2016	2015ª	2014 <sup>a</sup>	November 30, 2013a	
Net asset value,					,
beginning of period	\$13.01	\$ 22.50	\$19.44	\$	19.10
Income (loss) from invest	ment operations:				
Net investment income					
(loss) <sup>c</sup>	(0.17)	0.06	(0.01)		(0.03)
Net realized and					
unrealized gain (loss)	0.20	(8.24)	4.33		1.04
Total from investment					
operations	0.03	(8.18)	4.32		1.01
Less dividends and distrib	outions to sharehold	lers from:			
Net investment income		(0.18)			(0.04)
Net realized gain			(1.09)		(0.05)
Return of capital	(1.17)	(1.14)	(0.17)		(0.54)
Total dividends and					
distributions to					
shareholders	(1.17)	(1.32)	(1.26)		(0.63)
Offering costs charged					
to paid-in capital					(0.04)
Anti-dilutive effect from					
the repurchase of					
shares		0.01	$0.00_{d}$		$0.00_{d}$
Net increase					
(decrease) in net asset					
value	(1.14)	(9.49)	3.06		0.34
Net asset value, end of					
period	\$11.87	\$ 13.01	\$22.50	\$	19.44
Market value, end of					
period	\$10.37	\$ 11.09	\$20.25	\$	17.38
Total net asset value					
return <sup>e</sup>	2.75%	37.40%	23.36%		5.34% <sup>f</sup>
Total market value					
return <sup>e</sup>	5.31%	40.71%	24.18%		10.06%
See accompanying notes to financial statements.  15					

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# FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS (Continued)

Potice/Supplemental	For the `	For the Period March 26, 2013 <sup>b</sup> through			
Ratios/Supplemental Data:	2016	2015 <sup>a</sup>	2014 <sup>a</sup>	November 30, 2013a	
Net assets, end of period (in millions)	\$318.1	\$ 348.6	\$ 604.3	\$ 522.0	
Ratio of expenses to average daily net		·	·		
assets <sup>9</sup> Ratio of expenses to average daily net assets (excluding deferred tax	2.95%	(0.74)%	4.15%	3.48% <sup>h</sup>	
benefit/expense)	2.95%	2.47%	2.26%	2.42% <sup>h</sup>	
Ratio of expenses to average daily net assets (excluding deferred tax benefit/expense and					
interest expense)	2.16%	1.73%	1.63%	1.71% <sup>h</sup>	
Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average					
daily net assets <sup>g</sup>	(1.63)%	4.10%	(2.25)%	(1.64)% <sup>h</sup>	
Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average daily net assets (excluding deferred tax benefit/expense allocated to realized and					
unrealized gain (loss))	(1.63)%	0.34%	(0.07)%	(0.36)% <sup>h</sup>	
Ratio of expenses to average daily managed					
assets <sup>g,i</sup>	2.09%	(0.51)%	2.99%	2.54% <sup>h</sup>	
Portfolio turnover rate	54%	29%	28%	25% <sup>f</sup>	
Credit Agreement					
Asset coverage ratio for credit agreement	403%	255%	369%	332%	
Asset coverage per \$1,000 for credit	.5676	20070	20070	00270	
agreement	\$4,029	\$ 2,549	\$3,686	\$ 3,320	

- <sup>a</sup> Consolidated with Cohen & Steers MLP Investment Fund (the Subsidiary). After the close of business on November 30, 2015, all of the assets and liabilities of the Subsidiary were transferred to the Fund in a tax-free transaction.
- <sup>b</sup> Commencement of operations.
- <sup>c</sup> Calculation based on average shares outstanding.
- d Amount is less than \$0.005.
- <sup>e</sup> Total net asset value return measures the change in net asset value per share over the period indicated. Total market value return is computed based upon the Fund's NYSE market price per share and excludes the effects of brokerage commissions. Dividends and distributions are assumed, for purposes of these calculations, to be reinvested at prices obtained under the Fund's dividend reinvestment plan.
- f Not annualized.
- <sup>9</sup> Ratio includes the deferred tax benefit/expense allocated to net investment income (loss) and the deferred tax benefit/expense allocated to realized and unrealized gain (loss), if any.
- <sup>h</sup> Annualized.
- <sup>i</sup> Average daily managed assets represent net assets plus the outstanding balance of the credit agreement.

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## Note 1. Organization and Significant Accounting Policies

Cohen & Steers MLP Income and Energy Opportunity Fund, Inc. (the Fund) was incorporated under the laws of the State of Maryland on December 13, 2012 and is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the 1940 Act), as a non-diversified, closed-end management investment company. The Fund's investment objective is to provide attractive total return, comprised of high current income and price appreciation.

On December 1, 2015, the Fund changed its tax status from a regulated investment company to a taxable C corporation under the Internal Revenue Code. The change was in response to the adoption of previously proposed regulations issued by the Internal Revenue Service. The change in tax status enables the Fund to invest up to 100% of its assets in Master Limited Partnerships (MLPs) and to continue to pursue its investment objective of attractive total return, comprised of high current income and price appreciation. In connection with the change in tax status, after the close of business on November 30, 2015, all of the assets and liabilities of the Cohen & Steers MLP Investment Fund (the Subsidiary) were transferred to the Fund in a tax-free transaction. The net assets transferred to the Fund after the close of business on November 30, 2015 were \$92,823,384. On January 22, 2016, the Subsidiary's Board of Directors approved the dissolution of the Subsidiary, effective January 31, 2016.

The following is a summary of significant accounting policies consistently followed by the Fund in the preparation of its financial statements. The Fund is an investment company and, accordingly, follows the investment company accounting and reporting guidance of the Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) Topic 946 Investment Companies. The accounting policies of the Fund are in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). The preparation of the financial statements in accordance with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of income and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Portfolio Valuation: Investments in securities that are listed on the NYSE are valued, except as indicated below, at the last sale price reflected at the close of the NYSE on the business day as of which such value is being determined. If there has been no sale on such day, the securities are valued at the mean of the closing bid and ask prices on such day or, if no ask price is available, at the bid price.

Securities not listed on the NYSE but listed on other domestic or foreign securities exchanges (including NASDAQ) are valued in a similar manner. Securities traded on more than one securities exchange are valued at the last sale price reflected at the close of the exchange representing the principal market for such securities on the business day as of which such value is being determined. If after the close of a foreign market, but prior to the close of business on the day the securities are being valued, market conditions change significantly, certain non-U.S. equity holdings may be fair valued pursuant to procedures established by the Board of Directors.

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Readily marketable securities traded in the over-the-counter market, including listed securities whose primary market is believed by Cohen & Steers Capital Management, Inc. (the investment advisor) to be over-the-counter, are valued on the basis of prices provided by a third-party pricing service or third-party broker-dealers when such prices are believed by the investment advisor, pursuant to delegation by the Board of Directors, to reflect the fair value of such securities.

Fixed-income securities are valued on the basis of prices provided by a third-party pricing service or third-party broker-dealers when such prices are believed by the investment advisor, pursuant to delegation by the Board of Directors, to reflect the fair market value of such securities. The pricing services or broker-dealers use multiple valuation techniques to determine fair value. In instances where sufficient market activity exists, the pricing services or broker-dealers may utilize a market-based approach through which quotes from market makers are used to determine fair value. In instances where sufficient market activity may not exist or is limited, the pricing services or broker-dealers also utilize proprietary valuation models which may consider market transactions in comparable securities and the various relationships between securities in determining fair value and/or characteristics such as benchmark yield curves, option-adjusted spreads, credit spreads, estimated default rates, coupon rates, anticipated timing of principal repayments, underlying collateral, and other unique security features which are then used to calculate the fair values.

Short-term debt securities with a maturity date of 60 days or less are valued at amortized cost, which approximates fair value. Investments in open-end mutual funds are valued at their closing net asset value.

The policies and procedures approved by the Fund's Board of Directors delegate authority to make fair value determinations to the investment advisor, subject to the oversight of the Board of Directors. The investment advisor has established a valuation committee (Valuation Committee) to administer, implement and oversee the fair valuation process according to the policies and procedures approved annually by the Board of Directors. Among other things, these procedures allow the Fund to utilize independent pricing services, quotations from securities and financial instrument dealers and other market sources to determine fair value.

Securities for which market prices are unavailable, or securities for which the investment advisor determines that the bid and/or ask price or a counterparty valuation does not reflect market value, will be valued at fair value, as determined in good faith by the Valuation Committee, pursuant to procedures approved by the Fund's Board of Directors. Circumstances in which market prices may be unavailable include, but are not limited to, when trading in a security is suspended, the exchange on which the security is traded is subject to an unscheduled close or disruption or material events occur after the close of the exchange on which the security is principally traded. In these circumstances, the Fund determines fair value in a manner that fairly reflects the market value of the security on the valuation

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

date based on consideration of any information or factors it deems appropriate. These may include, but are not limited to, recent transactions in comparable securities, information relating to the specific security and developments in the markets.

Foreign equity fair value pricing procedures utilized by the Fund may cause certain non-U.S. equity holdings to be fair valued on the basis of fair value factors provided by a pricing service to reflect any significant market movements between the time the Fund values such securities and the earlier closing of foreign markets.

The Fund's use of fair value pricing may cause the net asset value of Fund shares to differ from the net asset value that would be calculated using market quotations. Fair value pricing involves subjective judgments and it is possible that the fair value determined for a security may be materially different than the value that could be realized upon the sale of that security.

Fair value is defined as the price that the Fund would expect to receive upon the sale of an investment or expect to pay to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction with an independent buyer in the principal market or, in the absence of a principal market, the most advantageous market for the investment or liability. The hierarchy of inputs that are used in determining the fair value of the Fund's investments is summarized below.

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

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

For movements between the levels within the fair value hierarchy, the Fund has adopted a policy of recognizing the transfer at the end of the period in which the underlying event causing the movement occurred. Changes in valuation techniques may result in transfers into or out of an assigned level within the disclosure hierarchy. As of November 30, 2016, there were \$1,251,756 of securities transferred from Level 1 to Level 2, which resulted from a change in the use of a quoted price to an evaluated mean price supplied by an independent pricing service, for one security.

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The following is a summary of the inputs used as of November 30, 2016 in valuing the Fund's investments carried at value:

	Total	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Investments (Level 1)	Other Significant Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
Master Limited	Partnerships	,	,	,
and Related Co	mpanies:			
Gathering				
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Processing	\$ 71,500,163	\$ 70,351,472	\$	\$ 1,148,691 <sub>a,b</sub>
Other Industries	318,968,789	318,968,789		
Preferred Secui		310,900,709		
\$25 Par Value:	11100			
Utilities	5,778,522	4,526,766	1,251,756	
Other	, ,	, ,		
Industries	8,997,563	8,997,563		
Preferred				
Securities				
Capital				
Securities	7,272,385		7,272,385	
Short-Term	4 000 000		4 200 000	
Investments Total	4,200,000		4,200,000	
Investments <sup>c</sup>	\$416,717,422	\$402,844,590	\$12,724,141	\$ 1,148,691
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Private placement in a public equity classified as Level 3 is valued at a discount to quoted market price to reflect limited liquidity.

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

	Master Limited Partnerships and Related Companies Gathering & Processing		
Balance as of November 30, 2015	\$ 2,913,732		
Purchases	1,194,239		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> Fair valued, pursuant to the Fund's fair value procedures utilizing significant unobservable inputs and assumptions. A change in the significant unobservable inputs could result in a significantly lower or higher value in such Level 3 investments.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> Portfolio holdings are disclosed individually on the Schedule of Investments.

Change in unrealized appreciation		
(depreciation)		1,788,185
Transfers out of Level 3a	(	4,747,465)
Balance as of November 30, 2016	\$	1,148,691

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The change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) attributable to securities owned on November 30, 2016, which were valued using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) amounted to (\$45,548).

<sup>a</sup> As of November 30, 2015, the Fund used significant unobservable inputs in determining the value of this investment. As of November 30, 2016, the Fund used a quoted price in determining the value of the same investment, which resulted from the registration of these shares.

The following table summarizes the quantitative inputs and assumptions used for investments categorized in Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy.

	air Value at ember 30, 2016	Valuation Technique	Unobservable Inputs	Input Value
		Market		
Master Limited Partnerships and		Price		
Related Companies:		Less	Liquidity	
Gathering & Processing	\$ 1,148,691	Discount	Discount	4.05%

The significant unobservable inputs utilized in the fair value measurement of the Fund's Level 3 equity investments in Master Limited Partnerships and Related Companies Gathering & Processing is a discount to quoted market prices to reflect limited liquidity. Significant increases (decreases) in this input may result in a materially lower (higher) fair value measurement.

Security Transactions and Investment Income: Security transactions are recorded on trade date. Realized gains and losses on investments sold are recorded on the basis of identified cost. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Discounts are accreted and premiums are amortized over the life of the respective securities. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date, except for certain dividends on foreign securities, which are recorded as soon as the Fund is informed after the ex-dividend date. Distributions from MLPs are recorded as income and return of capital based on information reported by the MLPs and management's estimates of such amounts based on historical information. These estimates are adjusted when the actual source of distributions is disclosed by the MLPs and actual amounts may differ from the estimated amounts. For the year ended November 30, 2016, the Fund has estimated approximately 97.7% of distributions from MLPs as return of capital.

The Fund received paid-in-kind stock dividends in the form of additional units from its investment in Enbridge Energy Management, LLC. The additional units are not reflected in investment income during the period received but are recorded as an adjustment to the cost of the security. For the year ended November 30, 2016, the Fund received the following paid-in-kind stock dividends:

#### Enbridge Energy Management, LLC

\$ 1,430,661

Master Limited Partnerships: Entities commonly referred to as MLPs are generally organized under state law as limited partnerships or limited liability companies. The Fund invests in MLPs receiving partnership taxation treatment under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code), and whose interest or "units" are traded on securities exchanges like shares of corporate stock. To be treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes, an MLP whose units are traded on a securities

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exchange must receive at least 90% of its income from qualifying sources such as interest, dividends, real property rents, gains on dispositions of real property, income and gains from mineral or natural resources activities, income and gains from the transportation or storage of certain fuels, and, in certain circumstances, income and gains from commodities or futures, forwards and options on commodities. Mineral or natural resources activities include exploration, development, production, processing, mining, refining, marketing and transportation (including pipelines) of oil and gas, minerals, geothermal energy, fertilizer, timber or industrial source carbon dioxide. An MLP consists of a general partner and limited partners (or in the case of MLPs organized as limited liability companies, a managing member and members). The general partner or managing member typically controls the operations and management of the MLP and has an ownership stake in the partnership or limited liability company. The limited partners or members, through their ownership of limited partner or member interests, provide capital to the entity, are intended to have no role in the operation and management of the entity and receive cash distributions. The Fund's investments in MLPs consist only of limited partner or member interests ownership. The MLPs themselves generally do not pay U.S. federal income taxes and unlike investors in corporate securities, direct MLP investors are generally not subject to double taxation (i.e., corporate level tax and tax on corporate dividends). Currently, most MLPs operate in the energy and/or natural resources sector.

Foreign Currency Translation: The books and records of the Fund are maintained in U.S. dollars. Investment securities and other assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into U.S. dollars based upon prevailing exchange rates on the date of valuation. Purchases and sales of investment securities and income and expense items denominated in foreign currencies are translated into U.S. dollars based upon prevailing exchange rates on the respective dates of such transactions. The Fund does not isolate that portion of the results of operations resulting from fluctuations in foreign exchange rates on investments from the fluctuations arising from changes in market prices of securities held. Such fluctuations are included with the net realized and unrealized gain or loss on investments.

Net realized foreign exchange gains or losses arise from sales of foreign currencies, including gains and losses on forward foreign currency exchange contracts, currency gains or losses realized between the trade and settlement dates on securities transactions, and the difference between the amounts of dividends, interest, and foreign withholding taxes recorded on the Fund's books and the U.S. dollar equivalent of the amounts actually received or paid. Net unrealized foreign exchange gains and losses arise from changes in the values of assets and liabilities, other than investments in securities, on the date of valuation, resulting from changes in exchange rates. Pursuant to U.S. federal income tax regulations, certain foreign currency gains/losses included in realized and unrealized gain/loss are included in or are a reduction of ordinary income for federal income tax purposes.

Dividends and Distributions to Shareholders: Effective January 1, 2016, the Fund made regular quarterly distributions pursuant to the Level Rate Plan. On September 15, 2016, the Board of Directors of the Fund approved a change in the frequency of dividends from net investment income distributed to shareholders from quarterly to monthly effective October 1, 2016. Dividends from net investment income, if any, are declared quarterly and paid monthly. Dividends and distributions to shareholders are recorded on the ex-dividend date and are automatically reinvested in full and fractional shares of the Fund in accordance with the Fund's Reinvestment Plan, unless the shareholder has elected to have them paid in cash.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

Distributions paid by the Fund are subject to recharacterization for tax purposes. Based upon the results of operations for the year ended November 30, 2016, all of the dividends have been characterized as distributions from return of capital.

*Income Taxes:* The Fund, which is treated as a C corporation for U.S. Federal income tax purposes, is obligated to pay federal and state income tax on its taxable income. The Fund invests its assets primarily in MLPs, which generally are treated as partnerships for federal income tax purposes. As a limited partner in the MLPs, the Fund reports its allocable share of the MLPs taxable income in computing its own taxable income. Deferred income taxes reflect (i) taxes on unrealized gains (losses), which are attributable to the temporary difference between fair market value and tax basis, (ii) the net tax effects of temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for income tax purposes and (iii) the net tax benefit of accumulated net operating and capital losses. To the extent the Fund has a deferred tax asset, consideration is given as to whether or not a valuation allowance, which would offset some or all of the deferred tax asset, is required. A valuation allowance is required if based on the evaluation criterion provided by ASC 740. Income Taxes, it is more likely than not that some portion, or all, of the deferred tax asset will not be realized. This assessment considers, among other matters, the nature, frequency and severity of current and cumulative losses, the duration of statutory carryforward periods and the associated risk that operating and capital loss carryforwards may expire unused. From time to time, as new information becomes available, the Fund modifies its estimates or assumptions regarding the deferred tax asset or liability.

For all open tax years and for all major jurisdictions, management of the Fund has analyzed and concluded that there are no significant uncertain tax positions that would require recognition in the financial statements. Furthermore, management of the Fund is also not aware of any tax positions for which it is reasonably possible that the total amounts of unrecognized tax benefits will significantly change in the next twelve months. The Fund's tax positions for the tax years for which the applicable statutes of limitations have not expired are subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service and by state departments of revenue.

Note 2. Investment Advisory Fees, Administration Fees and Other Transactions with Affiliates

Investment Advisory Fees: The investment advisor serves as the Fund's investment advisor pursuant to an investment advisory agreement (the investment advisory agreement). Under the terms of the investment advisory agreement, the investment advisor provides the Fund with day-to-day investment decisions and generally manages the Fund's investments in accordance with the stated policies of the Fund, subject to the supervision of the Board of Directors.

For the services provided to the Fund, the investment advisor receives a fee, accrued daily and paid monthly, at the annual rate of 1.00% of the average daily managed assets of the Fund. Managed assets are equal to the net assets of the common shares plus the amount of any borrowings, used for leverage, outstanding.

Under subadvisory agreements between the investment advisor and each of Cohen & Steers Asia Limited and Cohen & Steers UK Limited (collectively, the subadvisors), affiliates of the investment

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

advisor, the subadvisors are responsible for managing the Fund's investments in certain non-U.S. holdings. For their services provided under the subadvisory agreements, the investment advisor (not the Fund) pays the subadvisors. The investment advisor allocates 50% of the investment advisory fee received from the Fund among itself and each subadvisor based on the portion of the Fund's average daily managed assets managed by the investment advisor and each subadvisor.

Administration Fees: The Fund has entered into an administration agreement with the investment advisor under which the investment advisor performs certain administrative functions for the Fund and receives a fee, accrued daily and paid monthly, at the annual rate of 0.05% of the Fund's average daily managed assets. For the year ended November 30, 2016, the Fund incurred \$202,158 in fees under this administration agreement.

On June 15, 2016, the Board of Directors of the Fund approved the termination of U.S. Bancorp Fund Services, LLC and U.S. Bank, N.A. as the Fund's co-administrator and custodian, respectively, and approved the appointment of State Street Bank and Trust Company and Cohen & Company (an unaffiliated service provider) effective October 1, 2016. State Street Bank and Trust Company provides custodial and administrative services and Cohen & Company provides certain tax services to the Fund. Prior to October 1, 2016, the Fund paid U.S. Bancorp Fund Services, LLC as co-administrator under a fund accounting and administration agreement. Additionally, effective October 1, 2016, the Fund began paying State Street Bank and Trust Company as co-administrator under a fund accounting and administration agreement.

Directors' and Officers' Fees: Certain directors and officers of the Fund are also directors, officers and/or employees of the investment advisor. The Fund does not pay compensation to directors and officers affiliated with the investment advisor except for the Chief Compliance Officer, who received compensation from the investment advisor, which was reimbursed by the Fund, in the amount of \$5,464 for the year ended November 30, 2016.

#### Note 3. Purchases and Sales of Securities

Purchases and sales of securities, excluding short-term investments, for the year ended November 30, 2016, totaled \$217,935,308 and \$330,638,656, respectively.

## Note 4. Income Tax Information

The tax character of dividends and distributions paid was as follows:

		Year Ended	
	November 30,		
	2016	2015	
Ordinary income	\$	\$ 4,859,193	
Return of capital	31,455,381	30,549,010	
Total dividends and distributions	\$31,455,381	\$35,408,203	

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As of November 30, 2016, the tax-basis components of accumulated earnings, the federal tax cost and net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) in value of securities held were as follows:

Cost for federal income tax purposes	\$355,655,955
Gross unrealized appreciation	\$ 78,304,993
Gross unrealized depreciation	(17,243,526)
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	\$ 61.061.467

The Fund's income tax expense/(benefit) for the year ended November 30, 2016 consists of the following:

	Deferred
Federal	\$(29,378,720)
State	(1,636,260)
Valuation Allowance	31,014,980
Total tax expense/(benefit)	\$

Deferred income taxes reflect the net tax effect of temporary differences between the carrying amount of assets and liabilities for financial reporting and tax purposes. Components of the Fund's deferred tax assets and liabilities as of November 30, 2016, are as follows:

Deferred tax assets:	
Net operating loss	\$ 25,735,155
Capital loss carryforward	38,174,884
Other	1,319,086
Valuation allowance	(42,581,549)
Total deferred tax asset	22,647,576
Deferred tax liabilities:	
Unrealized gain on investments	(22,647,576)
Total net deferred tax asset/(liability)	\$

Net operating loss carryforwards of \$69,386,072 are available to offset future taxable income. Net operating loss carryforwards can be carried forward for 20 years and, accordingly, would begin to expire as of November 30, 2033. The Fund has net operating loss carryforwards for federal income tax purposes as follows:

Year Ended	Amount	Expiration
November 30, 2013	\$ 1,343,285	November 30, 2033
November 30, 2014	19,529,444	November 30, 2034
November 30, 2015	36,668,609	November 30, 2035
November 30, 2016	11,844,734	November 30, 2036
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Net capital loss carryforwards of \$102,925,560 are available to offset future capital gains. Capital loss carryforwards can be carried forward for 5 years and, accordingly, would begin to expire as of November 30, 2020. The Fund has net capital loss carryforwards for federal income tax purposes as follows:

Year Ended	Amount	Expiration	
November 30, 2015	\$ 9,402,219	November 30, 2020	
November 30, 2016	93,523,341	November 30, 2021	

Other deferred tax assets represents net operating and capital losses for certain MLP securities held in the portfolio at November 30, 2016 which will be available upon disposition of these securities.

The Fund reviews the recoverability of its deferred tax assets based upon the weight of the available evidence. When assessing, the Fund's management considers available carrybacks, reversing temporary taxable differences, and tax planning, if any. As a result of management's analysis of the recoverability of the Fund's deferred tax assets, as of November 30, 2016, the Fund recorded a valuation allowance of \$42,581,549. The Fund will continue to assess the need for a valuation allowance in the future. Significant increases in the fair value of its portfolio of investments may change the Fund's assessment of the recoverability of these assets and may result in the removal of the valuation allowance against all or a portion of the Fund's gross deferred tax assets.

Total income tax expense/(benefit) (current and deferred) has been computed by applying the federal statutory income tax rate of 35% plus a blended state income tax rate of 2.09% to the Fund's net investment income and realized and unrealized gains (losses) on investments before taxes for the year ended November 30, 2016, as follows:

	Deferred
Application of statutory income tax benefit	\$ 323,129
State income taxes, net of federal benefit	19,294
Tax benefit on permanent items	(263,736)
Change in estimated state deferred tax rate	188,951
Tax benefit due to change in tax status (See Note 1)	(30,749,185)
Other adjustments	(533,433)
Change in valuation allowance	31,014,980
Total income tax benefit	\$

The Fund's tax expense or benefit, if any, is included in the Statement of Operations based on the component of income or gains (losses) to which such expense or benefit relates.

## Note 5. Capital Stock

The Fund is authorized to issue 250 million shares of common stock at a par value of \$0.001 per share.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

During the years ended November 30, 2016 and November 30, 2015, the Fund did not issue any shares of common stock for the reinvestment of dividends.

On December 8, 2015, the Board of Directors approved the continuation of the delegation of its authority to management to effect repurchases, pursuant to management's discretion and subject to market conditions and investment considerations, of up to 10% of the Fund's common shares outstanding (Share Repurchase Program) as of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016.

During the year ended November 30, 2016, the Fund did not effect any repurchases. During the year ended November 30, 2015, the Fund repurchased 62,112 Treasury shares of its common stock at an average price of \$19.46 per share (including brokerage commissions) at an average discount of 10.1%. These repurchases, which had a total cost of \$1,208,583, resulted in an increase of \$0.01 to the Fund's net asset value per share.

#### Note 6. Borrowings

The Fund and the Subsidiary were each a party to the credit agreement as defined herein and were able to borrow under its terms. In connection with the Fund's change in tax status to a C corporation, on December 1, 2015, the Fund entered into an amended and restated credit agreement (the credit agreement) with BNP Paribas Prime Brokerage International, Ltd. (BNPP) which removed the Subsidiary as a party to the credit agreement. Pursuant to the credit agreement, the Fund paid a monthly financing charge based on a combination of LIBOR-based variable and fixed rates. The commitment amount of the credit agreement was \$225,000,000. The Fund also paid a fee of 0.55% per annum on any unused portion of the credit agreement. In response to a significant decline in the MLP market during the period, the Fund paid down the \$67,500,000 variable-rate tranche under the credit agreement with BNPP. In addition, the Fund converted to variable rate and paid down the \$52,500,000 4-year fixed-rate tranche. In accordance with the terms of the credit agreement, the Fund paid a fee of \$1,432,000 to BNPP in connection with this conversion, which is being amortized over one year. On February 17, 2016, the Fund entered into an amended and restated credit agreement with BNPP, which reduced the commitment amount of the credit agreement to the current loan amount outstanding of \$105,000,000. Under the amended agreement, the Fund may draw on the credit line up to the maximum \$225,000,000 commitment amount on one day's notice to, and with approval by, BNPP. In addition, the fee on any unused portion of the credit agreement was reduced from 0.55% per annum to 0.45% per annum. The Fund also pays a monthly financing charge based on fixed rates.

BNPP may not change certain terms of the credit agreement except upon 360 days' notice. Also, if the Fund violates certain other conditions, the credit agreement may be terminated. The Fund is required to pledge portfolio securities as collateral in an amount up to two times the loan balance outstanding (or more depending on the terms of the credit agreement) and has granted a security interest in the securities pledged to, and in favor of, BNPP as security for the loan balance outstanding. If the Fund fails to meet certain requirements, or maintain other financial covenants required under the credit agreement, the Fund may be required to repay immediately, in part or in full, the loan balance outstanding under the credit agreement, necessitating the sale of portfolio securities at potentially inopportune times. The Fund may, upon prior written notice to BNPP, prepay all or a portion of the fixed

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

rate portions of the credit facility. The Fund may have to pay a breakage fee with respect to a prepayment of all or a portion of the fixed rate financing under the credit facility.

As of November 30, 2016, the Fund had outstanding borrowings of \$105,000,000. During the year ended November 30, 2016, the Fund borrowed an average daily balance of \$118,421,448 at a weighted average borrowing cost of 1.9%.

#### Note 7: Other Risks

MLP Investment Risk: An investment in MLPs involves risks that differ from a similar investment in equity securities, such as common stock, of a corporation. Holders of equity securities issued by MLPs have the rights typically afforded to limited partners in a limited partnership. As compared to common shareholders of a corporation, holders of such equity securities have more limited control and limited rights to vote on matters affecting the partnership. MLPs may have additional expenses, as some MLPs pay incentive distribution fees to their general partners. Additionally, conflicts of interest may exist among common unit holders, subordinated unit holders and the general partner or managing member of an MLP; for example a conflict may arise as a result of incentive distribution payments.

MLPs may have comparatively smaller capitalizations relative to issuers whose securities are included in major benchmark indexes which presents unique investment risks. MLPs and other small capitalization companies often have limited product lines, markets, distribution channels or financial resources, and the management of such companies may be dependent upon one or a few key people. The market movements of equity securities issued by MLPs and other small capitalization companies may be more abrupt or erratic than the market movements of equity securities of larger, more established companies or the stock market in general. MLPs and other smaller capitalization companies have sometimes gone through extended periods when they did not perform as well as larger companies. In addition, equity securities of smaller capitalization companies generally are less liquid than those of larger companies. This means that the Fund could have greater difficulty selling such securities at the time and price that the Fund would like.

MLPs are subject to significant regulation and may be adversely affected by changes in the regulatory environment. The value of MLPs depends largely on the MLPs being treated as partnerships for U.S. federal income tax purposes. If MLPs were subject to U.S. federal income taxation as a corporation, the MLPs would be required to pay U.S. federal income tax on their taxable income which would have the effect of reducing the amount of cash available for distribution to the MLP unitholders. This would also cause any such distributions received by the Fund to be taxed as dividend income to the extent of the MLP's current or accumulated earnings and profits. As a result, after-tax returns could be reduced, which could cause a decline in the value of MLPs.

Energy Sector Risk: The Fund is subject to more risks related to the energy sector than if the Fund were more broadly diversified over numerous sectors of the economy. A downturn in the energy sector of the economy could have a larger impact on the Fund than on an investment company that does not concentrate in the sector. In addition, there are several specific risks associated with investments in the energy sector, including the following: Commodity Price Risk, Depletion Risk, Supply and Demand Risk, Regulatory Risk, Acquisition Risk, Weather Risks, Exploration Risk, Catastrophic Event Risk, Interest

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

Rate Transaction Risk, Affiliated Party Risk and Limited Partner Risk and Risks of Subordinated MLP Units. MLPs which invest in the energy industry may be highly volatile due to significant fluctuation in the prices of energy commodities as well as political and regulatory developments.

Market Volatility Risk: Under normal market conditions, the Fund will invest at least 80% of its managed assets in energy-related MLPs and companies that are involved in the exploration, production, gathering, transportation, processing, storage, refining, distribution or marketing of natural gas, natural gas liquids (including propane), crude oil, refined petroleum products, coal or other energy sources (Related Companies). The Fund's strategy of focusing its investments in MLPs and Related Companies means that the performance of the Fund will be closely tied to the performance of the energy infrastructure industry. Market volatility in the energy markets may significantly affect the performance of the energy infrastructure industry, as well as the performance of the MLPs and Related companies in which the Fund invests. In addition, volatility in the energy markets may affect the ability of MLPs and Related Companies to finance capital expenditures and new acquisitions and to maintain or increase distributions to investors due to a lack of access to capital.

Interest Rate Risk to MLPs and Related Companies: Rising interest rates could increase the costs of capital thereby increasing operating costs and reducing the ability of MLPs and other entities operating in the energy sector to carry out acquisitions or expansions in a cost-effective manner. As a result, rising interest rates could negatively affect the financial performance of MLPs and other entities operating in the energy sector. Rising interest rates may also impact the price of the securities of MLPs and other entities operating in the energy sector as the yields on alternative investments increase. These risks may be greater in the current market environment because certain interest rates are at historically low levels.

Counterparty Risk: Weakening energy market fundamentals may increase counterparty risk and impact MLP profitability. Specifically, energy companies suffering financial distress may be able to abrogate contracts with MLPs, decreasing or eliminating sources of revenue.

Liquidity Risk: Although the equity securities, including those of the MLPs, in which the Fund invests generally trade on major stock exchanges, certain securities may trade less frequently, particularly those of MLPs and other issuers with smaller capitalizations. Securities with limited trading volumes may display volatile or erratic price movements. Also, the Fund may be one of the largest investors in certain sub-sectors of the energy or natural resource sectors. Thus, it may be more difficult for the Fund to buy and sell significant amounts of such securities without an unfavorable impact on prevailing market prices. Larger purchases or sales of these securities by the Fund in a short period of time may cause abnormal movements in the market price of these securities. As a result, these securities may be difficult to dispose of at a fair price at the times when the investment advisor believes it is desirable to do so.

Leverage Risk: The use of leverage is a speculative technique and there are special risks and costs associated with leverage. The net asset value of the Fund's shares may be reduced by the issuance and ongoing costs of leverage. So long as the Fund is able to invest in securities that produce an investment yield that is greater than the total cost of leverage, the leverage strategy will produce higher current net investment income for the shareholders. On the other hand, to the extent that the total cost of leverage exceeds the incremental income gained from employing such leverage, shareholders would

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

realize lower net investment income. In addition to the impact on net income, the use of leverage will have an effect of magnifying capital appreciation or depreciation for shareholders. Specifically, in an up market, leverage will typically generate greater capital appreciation than if the Fund were not employing leverage. Conversely, in down markets, the use of leverage will generally result in greater capital depreciation than if the Fund had been unlevered. To the extent that the Fund is required or elects to reduce its leverage, the Fund may need to liquidate investments, including under adverse economic conditions which may result in capital losses potentially reducing returns to shareholders. There can be no assurance that a leveraging strategy will be successful during any period in which it is employed.

Foreign (Non-U.S.) Securities Risk: The Fund directly purchases securities of foreign issuers. Risks of investing in foreign securities, which can be expected to be greater for investments in emerging markets, include currency risks, future political and economic developments and possible imposition of foreign withholding taxes on income or proceeds payable on the securities. In addition, there may be less publicly available information about a foreign issuer than about a domestic issuer, and foreign issuers may not be subject to the same accounting, auditing and financial recordkeeping standards and requirements as domestic issuers. Moreover, securities of many foreign issuers and their markets may be less liquid and their prices more volatile than securities of comparable U.S. issuers.

Non-Diversification Risk: As a "non-diversified" investment company, the Fund can invest in fewer individual companies than a diversified investment company. As a result, the Fund is more susceptible to any single political, regulatory or economic occurrence and to the financial condition of individual issuers in which it invests. The Fund's relative lack of diversity may subject investors to greater risk of loss than a fund that has a diversified portfolio.

This is not a complete list of the risks of investing in the Fund. For additional information concerning the risks of investing in the Fund, please consult the Fund's prospectus.

## Note 8. Other

In the normal course of business, the Fund enters into contracts that provide general indemnifications. The Fund's maximum exposure under these arrangements is dependent on claims that may be made against the Fund in the future and, therefore, cannot be estimated; however, based on experience, the risk of material loss from such claims is considered remote.

## Note 9. Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated events and transactions occurring after November 30, 2016 through the date that the financial statements were issued, and has determined that no additional disclosure in the financial statements is required.

## REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Board of Directors and Shareholders of the Cohen & Steers MLP Income and Energy Opportunity Fund, Inc.

In our opinion, the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities, including the schedule of investments. and the related statements of operations, of changes in net assets and of cash flows and the financial highlights present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Cohen & Steers MLP Income and Energy Opportunity Fund, Inc. (the "Fund") as of November 30, 2016, the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended, the changes in its net assets for each of the two years in the period then ended and the financial highlights for each of the periods presented, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. These financial statements and financial highlights (hereafter referred to as "financial statements") are the responsibility of the Fund's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits of these financial statements in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits, which included confirmation of securities as of November 30, 2016 by correspondence with the custodian and brokers. provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP New York, New York January 30, 2017

## **AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS**

(Periods ended November 30, 2016) (Unaudited)

Based on I	Net Asset Value	Based or	n Market Value
	Since Inception		Since Inception
One Year	(3/26/13)	One Year	(3/26/13)
2.75%	4.75%	5.31%	9.32%

The performance data quoted represent past performance. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. The investment return will vary and the principal value of an investment will fluctuate and shares, if sold, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted. Performance results reflect the effect of leverage from utilization of borrowings under a credit agreement. Current total returns of the Fund can be obtained by visiting our website at cohenandsteers.com. The Fund's returns assume the reinvestment of all dividends and distributions at prices obtained under the Fund's dividend reinvestment plan.

#### REINVESTMENT PLAN

The Fund has a dividend reinvestment plan commonly referred to as an "opt-out" plan (the Plan). Each common shareholder who participates in the Plan will have all distributions of dividends and capital gains (Dividends) automatically reinvested in additional common shares by Computershare as agent (the Plan Agent). Shareholders who elect not to participate in the Plan will receive all Dividends in cash paid by check mailed directly to the shareholder of record (or if the shares are held in street or other nominee name, then to the nominee) by the Plan Agent, as dividend disbursing agent. Shareholders whose common shares are held in the name of a broker or nominee should contact the broker or nominee to determine whether and how they may participate in the Plan.

The Plan Agent serves as agent for the shareholders in administering the Plan. After the Fund declares a Dividend, the Plan Agent will, as agent for the shareholders, either: (i) receive the cash payment and use it to buy common shares in the open market, on the NYSE or elsewhere, for the participants' accounts or (ii) distribute newly issued common shares of the Fund on behalf of the participants.

The Plan Agent will receive cash from the Fund with which to buy common shares in the open market if, on the Dividend payment date, the net asset value (NAV) per share exceeds the market price per share plus estimated brokerage commissions on that date. The Plan Agent will receive the Dividend in newly issued common shares of the Fund if, on the Dividend payment date, the market price per share plus estimated brokerage commissions equals or exceeds the NAV per share of the Fund on that date. The number of shares to be issued will be computed at a per share rate equal to the greater of (i) the NAV or (ii) 95% of the closing market price per share on the payment date.

If the market price per share is less than the NAV on a Dividend payment date, the Plan Agent will have until the last business day before the next ex-dividend date for the common stock, but in no event more than 30 days after the Dividend payment date (as the case may be, the Purchase Period), to invest the Dividend amount in shares acquired in open market purchases. If at the close of business on any day during the Purchase Period on which NAV is calculated the NAV equals or is less than the market price per share plus estimated brokerage commissions, the Plan Agent will cease making open market purchases and the uninvested portion of such Dividends shall be filled through the issuance of new shares of common

Edgar Filing: Cohen & Steers MLP Income & Energy Opportunity Fund - Form N-CSR stock from the Fund at the price set forth in the immediately preceding paragraph.

Participants in the Plan may withdraw from the Plan upon notice to the Plan Agent. Such withdrawal will be effective immediately if received not less than ten days prior to a Dividend record date; otherwise, it will be effective for all subsequent Dividends. If any participant elects to have the Plan Agent sell all or part of his or her shares and remit the proceeds, the Plan Agent is authorized to deduct a \$15.00 fee plus \$0.10 per share brokerage commissions.

The Plan Agent's fees for the handling of reinvestment of Dividends will be paid by the Fund. However, each participant will pay a pro rata share of brokerage commissions incurred with respect to the Plan Agent's open market purchases in connection with the reinvestment of Dividends. The automatic reinvestment of Dividends will not relieve participants of any income tax that may be payable or required to be withheld on such Dividends.

The Fund reserves the right to amend or terminate the Plan. All correspondence concerning the Plan should be directed to the Plan Agent at 800-432-8224.

## OTHER INFORMATION

A description of the policies and procedures that the Fund uses to determine how to vote proxies relating to portfolio securities is available (i) without charge, upon request, by calling 800-330-7348, (ii) on our website at cohenandsteers.com or (iii) on the Securities and Exchange Commission's (the SEC) website at http://www.sec.gov. In addition, the Fund's proxy voting record for the most recent 12-month period ended June 30 is available by August 31 of each year (i) without charge, upon request, by calling 800-330-7348 or (ii) on the SEC's website at http://www.sec.gov.

The Fund files its complete schedule of portfolio holdings with the SEC for the first and third quarters of each fiscal year on Form N-Q. The Fund's Forms N-Q are available (i) without charge, upon request by calling 800-330-7348, or (ii) on the SEC's website at http://www.sec.gov. In addition, the Forms N-Q may be reviewed and copied at the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. Information on the operation of the Public Reference Room may be obtained by calling 800-SEC-0330.

Please note that distributions paid by the Fund to shareholders are subject to recharacterization for tax purposes and are taxable up to the amount of the Fund's current or accumulated earnings and profits. Distributions in excess of the Fund's current earnings and profits are a return of capital distributed from the Fund's assets. The final tax treatment of all distributions is reported to shareholders on their 1099-DIV forms, which are mailed after the close of each calendar year. Distributions of capital decrease the Fund's total assets and, therefore, could have the effect of increasing the Fund's expense ratio. In addition, in order to make these distributions, the Fund may have to sell portfolio securities at a less than opportune time.

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Rule 23c-1 under the 1940 Act that the Fund may purchase, from time to time, shares of its common stock in the open market.

#### Election of Directors

On January 26th, 2017, the Board of Directors of the Fund set April 27, 2017 as the date for the Fund's Annual Meeting of Stockholders and fixed the close of business on March 1, 2017 as the record date for the determination of stockholders entitled to notice of and to vote at the Meeting. The Board of Directors of the Fund nominated Bonnie Cohen, Michael Clark, Dean Junkans and Richard E. Kroon for re-election to

the Board of Directors of the Fund. If re-elected at the Fund's Annual Stockholder Meeting, the nominated directors would serve a term to expire in 2020. The results of the April 27, 2017 Annual Stockholder Meeting will be included in the Fund's 2017 Semiannual Report.

## MANAGEMENT OF THE FUND

The business and affairs of the Fund are managed under the direction of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors approves all significant agreements between the Fund and persons or companies furnishing services to it, including the Fund's agreements with its investment advisor, administrator, co-administrator, custodian and transfer agent. The management of the Fund's day-to-day operations is delegated to its officers, the investment advisor, administrator and co-administrator, subject always to the investment objective and policies of the Fund and to the general supervision of the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors and officers of the Fund and their principal occupations during at least the past five years are set forth below. The statement of additional information (SAI) includes additional information about fund directors and is available, without charge, upon request by calling 800-330-7348.

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Birth <sup>1</sup>	Fund	Office <sup>2</sup>	Directorships Held)  Interested Directors <sup>4</sup>	the Fund)	Served <sup>3</sup>
Robert	Director	Until Next	Chief Executive Officer of Cohen & Steers Capital	22	Since
H.	•	nElection	Management, Inc. (CSCM or the Advisor) and its	22	1991
Steers	Onamia	of	parent, Cohen & Steers, Inc. (CNS) since 2014.		1331
1953		Directors	Prior to that, Co-Chairman and Co-Chief		
1000		Birootoro	Executive Officer of the Advisor since 2003 and		
			CNS since 2004. Prior to that, Chairman of the		
			Advisor; Vice President of Cohen & Steers		
			Securities, LLC.		
Joseph	Director	Until Next	President and Chief Investment Officer of the	22	Since
М. '		Election	Advisor (since 2003) and President of CNS (since		2014
Harvey		of	2004). Prior to that, Senior Vice President and		
1963		Directors	Director of Investment Research of CSCM.		
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Birth <sup>1</sup> Fund	Office <sup>2</sup>	Directorships Held)	Fund)	Served <sup>3</sup>
Disinterested				
Directors				
Micha <b>Bi</b> rector	Until Next	From May 2006 to June 2011, President and Chief	22	Since
G.	Election of	Executive Officer of DWS Funds and Managing Director		2011
Clark 1965	Directors	of Deutsche Asset Management.		
Bonni@irector	Until Next	Consultant. Board Member, DC Public Library	22	Since
Cohen	Election of	Foundation since 2012, President since 2014; Board		2001
1942	Directors	member, Telluride Mountain Film Festival since 2010; Trustee, H. Rubenstein Foundation since 1996; Trustee, District of Columbia Public Libraries from 2004 to 2014.		
Georgeirector	Until Next	Attorney-at-law.	22	Since
Grossman	Election of	Allomoy at law.		1993
1953	Directors			
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Dean Director Until Next	C.F.A.; Adjunct Professor and Executive-In-Residence,	22	Since
Junkans Election of	Bethel University since 2015; Chief Investment Officer at		2015
1959 Directors	Wells Fargo Private Bank from 2004 to 2014 and Chief		2010
Directors	Investment Officer of the Wealth, Brokerage and		
	Retirement group at Wells Fargo & Company from 2011		
	to 2014; Former member and Chair, Claritas Advisory		
	Committee at the CFA Institute from 2013 to 2015; Board		
	Member and Investment Committee member, Bethel		
	University Foundation since 2010; Formerly Corporate		
	Executive Board Member of the National Chief		
	Investment Officers Circle, 2010 to 2015; Formerly,		
	Member of the Board of Governors of the University of		
	Wisconsin Foundation, River Falls, 1996 to 2004; U.S.		
Richard Director Until Next	Army Veteran, Gulf War.	22	Since
	Former member of Investment Committee, Monmouth	22	2004
	University since 2004 to 2016; Former Director, Retired		2004
1942 Directors	Chairman and Managing Partner of Sprout Group		
	venture capital funds, then an affiliate of Donaldson,		
	Lufkin and Jenrette Securities Corporation from 1981 to		
	2001. Former Director of the National Venture Capital		
	Association from 1997 to 2000, and Chairman for the		
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Birth <sup>1</sup> Fund Office <sup>2</sup>	Directorships Held)	the Fund)	
Gerald Director Until Next	Philadelphia Office Managing Partner, KPMG LLP from	22	Since 2015
J. Election of Maginnis Directors	2006 to 2015; Partner in Charge, KPMG Pennsylvania Audit Practice from 2002 to 2008; President,		2015
Maginnis Directors 1955	Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants		
1900	(PICPA) from 2014 to 2015; member, PICPA Board of		
	Directors from June 2012 to June 2016; member,		
	Council of the American Institute of Certified Public		
	Accountants (AICPA); member, Board of Trustees of		
	AICPA Foundation.		
Jane F. Director Until Next	President, Untap Potential since 2013; Board Member,	22	Since
Magpiong Election of	Crespi High School since 2014; Senior Managing		2015
1960 Directors	Director, TIAA-CREF, from 2011 to 2013; National Head		
	of Wealth Management, TIAA-CREF, from 2008 to 2011;		
	and prior to that, President, Bank of America Private		
	Bank from 2005 to 2008.		
Richard Director Until Next	Private Investor. Member, Montgomery County,	22	Since
J. Election of	Maryland Department of Corrections Volunteer Corps.		2001
Norman Directors	since February 2010; Liaison for Business Leadership,		
1943	Salvation Army World Service Organization (SAWSO)		
	since 2010; Advisory Board Member, The Salvation		
	Army since 1985; Prior thereto, Investment		
	Representative of Morgan Stanley Dean Witter from		
	1966 to 2000.		
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Birth <sup>1</sup> Fu	_	Directorships Held)	the Fund)		
Frank K. Dire	ctor Until Next	Visiting Professor of Accounting and Director of the	22 ′	Since	
Ross	Election of	· ·		2004	
1943	Directors	School of Business since 2004; Board member and			
		member of Audit Committee (Chairman from 2007 to			
		2012) and Human Resources and Compensation			
		Committee Member, Pepco Holdings, Inc. (electric utility)			
		from 2004 to 2014; Formerly, Mid-Atlantic Area			
		Managing Partner for Assurance Services at KPMG LLP			
		and Managing Partner of its Washington, DC offices from			
		1995 to 2003.			
C. Dire	ctor Until Next	Member of The Board of Trustees of Manhattan College,	22	Since	
Edward	Election of	Riverdale, New York from 2004 to 2014. Formerly		2004	
Ward,	Directors	Director of closed-end fund management for the New			
Jr.		York Stock Exchange (the NYSE) where he worked from			
1946		1979 to 2004.			
1 The address for each director is 280 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10017					

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The address for each director is 280 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10017.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> On March 12, 2008, the Board of Directors adopted a mandatory retirement policy stating a Director must retire from the Board on December 31st of the year in which he or she turns 75 years of age.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The length of time served represents the year in which the Director was first elected or appointed to any fund in the Cohen & Steers fund complex.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> "Interested person", as defined in the 1940 Act, of the Fund because of affiliation with CSCM (Interested Directors).

The officers of the Fund (other than Messrs. Steers and Harvey, whose biographies are provided above), their address, their year of birth and their principal occupations for at least the past five years are set forth below.

Name, Address			Length of
and Year of	Position(s) Held		Time
Birth <sup>1</sup>	With Fund		Served <sup>2</sup>
Adam M.	President and	Chief Operating Officer of CSCM since 2003 and CNS since 2004.	Since
Derechin	Chief Executive		2005
1964	Officer		
Robert S.	Vice President	Senior Vice President of CSCM since 2003.	Since 2003
Becker			
1969			
,	Vice President	Senior Vice President of CSCM since 2003.	Since
Morton			2003
1974 Tyler S.	Vice President	Vice President of CSCM since 2015. Prior to that, research associate at	Since
Rosenlich		CSCM since 2012.	2015
1985		000W 3HIGC 2012.	2010
Tina M.	Secretary and	Senior Vice President and Associate General Counsel of CSCM since	Since
Payne	Chief Legal	2010.	2007
1974	Officer		
James	Chief Financial	Executive Vice President of CSCM since 2014. Prior to that, Senior Vice	Since
Giallanza	Officer	President of CSCM since 2006.	2006
1966	_	VII. B. 11 (2001) 1	0.1
Albert	Treasurer	Vice President of CSCM since 2015. Prior to that, Director of Legg	Since
Laskaj		Mason & Co. since 2013. Vice President of Legg Mason from 2008 to	2015
1977 Lisa D.	Chief	2013 and Treasurer of certain mutual funds since 2010.  Executive Vice President of CSCM since 2015. Prior to that, Senior Vice	Since
Phelan	Compliance	President of CSCM since 2008. Chief Compliance Officer of CSCM, the	2006
1968	Officer	Cohen & Steers funds, Cohen & Steers Asia Limited and CSSL since	_000
		2007, 2006, 2005 and 2004, respectively.	
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The address of each officer is 280 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10017.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Officers serve one-year terms. The length of time served represents the year in which the officer was first elected to that position in any fund in the Cohen & Steers fund complex. All of the officers listed above are officers of one or more of the other funds in the complex.

## Cohen & Steers Privacy Policy

Facts	What Does Cohen & Steers Do With Your Personal Information?
Why?	Financial companies choose how they share your personal information.
	Federal law gives consumers the right to limit some but not all sharing. Federal
	law also requires us to tell you how we collect, share, and protect your
	personal information. Please read this notice carefully to understand what we
	do.
What?	The types of personal information we collect and share depend on the product
	or service you have with us. This information can include:
	Social Security number and account balances
	Transaction history and account transactions
	Purchase history and wire transfer instructions
How?	All financial companies need to share customers' personal information to run
	their everyday business. In the section below, we list the reasons financial
	companies can share their customers' personal information; the reasons
	Cohen & Steers chooses to share; and whether you can limit this sharing.

Reasons we can share your personal information	Does Cohen & Steers share?	Can you limit this sharing?
For our everyday business	Yes	No
purposes		
such as to process your		
transactions, maintain your		
account(s), respond to court		
orders and legal investigations, or		
reports to credit bureaus	Yes	No
For our marketing purposes	res	INO
to offer our products and services to you		
For joint marketing with other	No	We don't share
financial companies	140	We don't snate
For our affiliates' everyday	No	We don't share
business purposes	140	We don't share
information about your		
transactions and experiences		
For our affiliates' everyday	No	We don't share
business purposes		
information about your		
creditworthiness		
For our affiliates to market to you	No	We don't share
For non-affiliates to market to you	No	We don't share
Questions? Call 800-330-7348		

Cohen & Steers Privacy Policy (Continued)

Who we are

Who is providing this

notice?

Cohen & Steers Capital Management, Inc., Cohen & Steers Asia Limited. Cohen & Steers Japan, LLC, Cohen & Steers UK Limited, Cohen & Steers Securities, LLC, Cohen & Steers Private Funds and Cohen & Steers Openand Closed-End Funds (collectively, Cohen & Steers).

What we do

protect my personal

information?

How does Cohen & Steers To protect your personal information from unauthorized access and use, we use security measures that comply with federal law. These measures include computer safeguards and secured files and buildings. We restrict access to your information to those employees who need it to perform their jobs, and also require companies that provide services on our behalf to protect your

information.

collect my personal

information?

How does Cohen & Steers We collect your personal information, for example, when you:

• Open an account or buy securities from us

• Provide account information or give us your contact information

Make deposits or withdrawals from your account

We also collect your personal information from other companies.

Why can't I limit all

sharing?

Federal law gives you the right to limit only:

• sharing for affiliates' everyday business purposes information about your

creditworthiness

• affiliates from using your information to market to you

• sharing for non-affiliates to market to you

State law and individual companies may give you additional rights to limit

sharing.

**Definitions** 

**Affiliates** 

Companies related by common ownership or control. They can be financial

and nonfinancial companies.

Cohen & Steers does not share with affiliates.

Non-affiliates

Companies not related by common ownership or control. They can be financial

and nonfinancial companies.

Cohen & Steers does not share with non-affiliates.

Joint marketing

A formal agreement between non-affiliated financial companies that together

market financial products or services to you. • Cohen & Steers does not jointly market.

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## Cohen & Steers Investment Solutions

## **COHEN & STEERS REAL ASSETS FUND**

- Designed for investors seeking total return and the maximization of real returns during inflationary environments by investing primarily in real assets
  - Symbols: RAPAX, RAPCX, RAPIX, RAPRX, RAPZX

## COHEN & STEERS INSTITUTIONAL GLOBAL REALTY SHARES

- Designed for institutional investors seeking total return, investing primarily in global real estate securities
- Symbol: GRSIX

## **COHEN & STEERS GLOBAL REALTY SHARES**

- Designed for investors seeking total return, investing primarily in global real estate equity securities
- Symbols: CSFAX, CSFCX, CSSPX, GRSRX, CSFZX

#### **COHEN & STEERS REALTY SHARES**

- Designed for investors seeking total return, investing primarily in U.S. real estate securities
- Symbol: CSRSX

## **COHEN & STEERS REAL ESTATE SECURITIES FUND**

- Designed for investors seeking total return, investing primarily in U.S. real estate securities
- Symbols: CSEIX, CSCIX, CSDIX, CIRRX, CSZIX

## **COHEN & STEERS INSTITUTIONAL REALTY SHARES**

- Designed for institutional investors seeking total return, investing primarily in U.S. real estate securities
- Symbol: CSRIX

## **COHEN & STEERS INTERNATIONAL REALTY FUND**

- Designed for investors seeking total return, investing primarily in international (non-U.S.) real estate securities
  - Symbols: IRFAX, IRFCX, IRFIX, IRFRX, IRFZX

## COHEN & STEERS ACTIVE COMMODITIES STRATEGY FUND

- Designed for investors seeking total return, investing primarily in a diversified portfolio of exchange-traded commodity future contracts and other commodity-related derivative instruments
  - Symbols: CDFAX, CDFCX, CDFIX, CDFRX, CDFZX

## **COHEN & STEERS GLOBAL INFRASTRUCTURE FUND**

- Designed for investors seeking total return, investing primarily in global infrastructure securities
- Symbols: CSUAX, CSUCX, CSUIX, CSURX, CSUZX

## COHEN & STEERS MLP & ENERGY OPPORTUNITY FUND

- Designed for investors seeking total return, investing primarily in midstream energy master limited partnership (MLP) units and related stocks
  - Symbols: MLOAX, MLOCX, MLOIX, MLORX, MLOZX

# COHEN & STEERS LOW DURATION PREFERRED AND INCOME FUND

- Designed for investors seeking high current income and capital preservation by investing in low-duration preferred and other income securities issued by U.S. and non-U.S. companies
  - Symbols: LPXAX, LPXCX, LPXIX, LPXRX, LPXZX

## COHEN & STEERS PREFERRED SECURITIES AND INCOME FUND

- Designed for investors seeking total return (high current income and capital appreciation), investing primarily in preferred and debt securities issued by U.S. and non-U.S. companies
  - Symbols: CPXAX, CPXCX, CPXIX, CPRRX, CPXZX

## **COHEN & STEERS DIVIDEND VALUE FUND**

- Designed for investors seeking long-term growth of income and capital appreciation, investing primarily in dividend paying common stocks and preferred stocks
  - Symbols: DVFAX, DVFCX, DVFIX, DVFRX, DVFZX

Distributed by Cohen & Steers Securities, LLC.

#### **COHEN & STEERS GLOBAL REALTY MAJORS ETF**

• Designed for investors who seek a relatively low-cost passive approach for investing in a portfolio of global real estate equity securities of companies in a specified index

· Symbol: GRI

Distributed by ALPS Distributors, Inc.

# ISHARES COHEN & STEERS REALTY MAJORS INDEX FUND

- Designed for investors who seek a relatively low-cost passive approach for investing in a portfolio of U.S. real estate equity securities of companies in a specified index
  - · Symbol: ICF

Distributed by SEI Investments Distribution Co.

Please consider the investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses of the fund carefully before investing. A summary prospectus and prospectus containing this and other information can be obtained by calling 800-330-7348 or by visiting cohenandsteers.com. Please read the summary prospectus and prospectus carefully before investing.

## **OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

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Joseph M. Harvey Director and Vice President

Michael G. Clark Director

Bonnie Cohen Director

George Grossman Director

Dean Junkans Director

Richard E. Kroon Director

Gerald J. Maginnis Director

Jane F. Magpiong Director

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#### Item 2. Code of Ethics.

The Registrant has adopted an Amended and Restated Code of Ethics that applies to its Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer. The Code of Ethics was in effect during the reporting period. The Registrant amended the Code of Ethics during the reporting period to expand on how covered officers should handle conflicts of interest. The Registrant has not granted any waiver, including an implicit waiver, from a provision of the Code of Ethics as described in Form N-CSR during the reporting period. A current copy of the Code of Ethics is available on the Registrant s website at

https://www.cohenandsteers.com/assets/content/uploads/Code\_of\_Ethics\_for\_Principal\_Executive\_and\_Principal\_Financial\_Officers\_of\_the\_Funds.pdf. Upon request, a copy of the Code of Ethics can be made by calling 800-330-7348 or writing to the Secretary of the Registrant, 280 Park Avenue, 10th floor, New York, NY 10017.

#### Item 3. Audit Committee Financial Expert.

The registrant s board has determined that Michael G. Clark, Gerald J. Maginnis and Frank K. Ross, each a member of the board s audit committee, are each an audit committee financial expert. Mr. Clark, Mr. Maginnis and Mr. Ross are each independent, as such term is defined in Form N-CSR.

#### Item 4. Principal Accountant Fees and Services.

(a) (d) Aggregate fees billed to the registrant for the last two fiscal years ended November 30, 2016 and November 30, 2015 for professional services rendered by the registrant s principal accountant were as follows:

	2016	2015
Audit Fees	\$ 103,250	\$ 103,000
Audit-Related Fees	\$ 0	\$ 12,500
Tax Fees	\$ 102,500	\$ 150,400
All Other Fees	\$ 0	\$ 0

Tax fees were billed in connection with tax compliance services, including the preparation and review of federal and state tax returns and the computation of corporate and franchise tax amounts.

(e)(1) The audit committee is required to pre-approve audit and non-audit services performed for the registrant by the principal accountant. The audit committee also is required to pre-approve non-audit services performed by the registrant s principal accountant for the registrant s investment advisor and any sub-advisor (not including any sub-advisor whose role is primarily portfolio management and is subcontracted with or overseen by another investment advisor) and/or to any entity controlling, controlled by or under common control with the registrant s investment advisor that provides ongoing services to the registrant, if the engagement for services relates directly to

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the operati	ons and financial rep	oorting of the regist	rant.					

The audit committee may delegate pre-approval authority to one or more of its members who are independent members of the board of directors of the registrant. The member or members to whom such authority is delegated shall report any pre-approval decisions to the audit committee at its next scheduled meeting. The audit committee may not delegate its responsibility to pre-approve services to be performed by the registrant s principal accountant to the investment advisor.

- (e) (2) No services included in (b) (d) above were approved by the audit committee pursuant to paragraphs (c)(7)(i)(C) of Rule 2-01 of Regulation S-X.
- (f) Not applicable.
- (g) For the fiscal years ended November 30, 2016 and November 30, 2015, the aggregate fees billed by the registrant s principal accountant for non-audit services rendered to the registrant and for non-audit services rendered to the registrant s investment advisor (not including any sub-advisor whose role is primarily portfolio management and is subcontracted with or overseen by another investment advisor) and/or to any entity controlling, controlled by or under common control with the registrant s investment advisor that provides ongoing services to the registrant were:

	2016	2015
Registrant	\$ 102,500	\$ 150,400
Investment Advisor	\$ 0	\$ 0

(h) The registrant s audit committee considered whether the provision of non-audit services that were rendered to the registrant s investment advisor (not including any sub-advisor whose role is primarily portfolio management and is subcontracted with or overseen by another investment advisor) and/or to any entity controlling, controlled by or under common control with the registrant s investment advisor that provides ongoing services to the registrant that were not required to be pre-approved pursuant to paragraph (c)(7)(ii) of Rule 2-01 of Regulation S-X was compatible with maintaining the principal accountant s independence.

### Item 5. Audit Committee of Listed Registrants.

The registrant has a separately-designated standing audit committee established in accordance with Section 3(a)(58)(A) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. The members of the committee are Frank K. Ross (chairman), Michael G. Clark, Bonnie Cohen, George Grossman and Gerald G. Maginnis.

#### Item 6. Schedule of Investments.

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Included in Item 1 above.

### Item 7. Disclosure of Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures for Closed-End Management Investment Companies.

The registrant has delegated voting of proxies in respect of portfolio holdings to Cohen & Steers Capital Management, Inc., in accordance with the policies and procedures set forth below.

#### COHEN & STEERS CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, INC.

#### STATEMENT OF POLICIES AND PROCEDURES REGARDING THE VOTING OF SECURITIES

This statement sets forth the policies and procedures that Cohen & Steers, Inc. and its affiliated advisors ( Cohen & Steers , we or us ) follow in exercising voting rights with respect to securities held in its client portfolios. All proxy-voting rights that are exercised by Cohen & Steers shall be subject to this Statement of Policy and Procedures.

### A. General Proxy Voting Guidelines

#### **Objectives**

Voting rights are an important component of corporate governance. Cohen & Steers has three overall objectives in exercising voting rights:

- Responsibility. Cohen & Steers shall seek to ensure that there is an effective means in place to hold companies accountable for their actions. While management must be accountable to its board, the board must be accountable to a company s shareholders. Although accountability can be promoted in a variety of ways, protecting shareholder voting rights may be among our most important tools.
- <u>Rationalizing Management and Shareholder Concerns</u>. Cohen & Steers seeks to ensure that the interests of a company s management and board are aligned with those of the company s shareholders. In this respect, compensation must be structured to reward the creation of shareholder value.
- <u>Shareholder Communication</u>. Since companies are owned by their shareholders, Cohen & Steers seeks to ensure that management effectively communicates with its owners about the company s business operations and financial performance. It is only with effective communication that shareholders will be able to assess the performance of management and to make informed decisions on when to buy, sell or hold a company s securities.

### **General Principles**

Ιn	exercising v	oting rights	Cohen &	Steers shall	conduct itself in	accordance with the	e general principle	es set forth be	elow

- The ability to exercise a voting right with respect to a security is a valuable right and, therefore, must be viewed as part of the asset itself.
- In exercising voting rights, Cohen & Steers shall engage in a careful evaluation of issues that may materially affect the rights of shareholders and the value of the security.

• reasonal	Consistent with general fiduciary principles, the exercise of voting rights shall always be conducted with ble care, prudence and diligence.
• Cohen &	In exercising voting rights on behalf of clients, Cohen & Steers shall conduct itself in the same manner as it Steers were the constructive owner of the securities.
•	To the extent reasonably possible, Cohen & Steers shall participate in each shareholder voting opportunity.
•	Voting rights shall not automatically be exercised in favor of management-supported proposals.
• favorabl	Cohen & Steers, and its officers and employees, shall never accept any item of value in consideration of a e proxy voting decision.
General (	Guidelines
Set forth b	below are general guidelines that Cohen & Steers shall follow in exercising proxy voting rights:
have on	<u>Prudence</u> . In making a proxy voting decision, Cohen & Steers shall give appropriate consideration to all facts and circumstances, including the value of the securities to be voted and the likely effect any vote may that value. Since voting rights must be exercised on the basis of an informed judgment, investigation shall be initial step.

• Shareholder Value. Just as the decision whether to purchase or sell a security is a matter of judgment, determining whether a specific proxy resolution will increase the market value of a security is a matter of judgment as to which informed parties may differ. In determining how a proxy vote may affect the economic value of a security, Cohen & Steers shall consider both short-term and long-term views about a company s business and prospects, especially in light of our projected holding period on the stock (e.g., Cohen & Steers may discount long-term views on a short-term holding).

Third Party Views. While Cohen & Steers may consider the views of third parties, Cohen & Steers shall

never base a proxy voting decision solely on the opinion of a third party. Rather, decisions shall be based on a

reasonable and good faith determination as to how best to maximize shareholder value.

Specific Guidelines
Uncontested Director Elections
Votes on director nominees should be made on a case-by-case basis using a mosaic approach, where all factors are considered in director elections and where no single issue is deemed to be determinative. For example, a nominee s experience and business judgment may be critical to the long-term success of the portfolio company, notwithstanding the fact that he or she may serve on the board of more than four public companies. In evaluating nominees, we consider the following factors:
• Whether the nominee attended less than 75 percent of the board and committee meetings without a valid excuse for the absences;
• Whether the nominee is an inside or affiliated outside director and sits on the audit,

compensation, or nominating committees;
• Whether the board ignored a significant shareholder proposal that was approved by a majority of the votes cast in the previous year;
• Whether the board, without shareholder approval, to our knowledge instituted a new poison pill plan, extended an existing plan, or adopted a new plan upon the expiration of an existing plan during the past year;
• Whether the nominee is an inside or affiliated outside director and the full board serves as the audit, compensation, or nominating committee or the company does not have one of these committees;
• Whether the nominee is an insider or affiliated outsider on boards that are not at least majority independent;
• Whether the nominee is the CEO of a publicly-traded company who serves on more than two public boards;
• Whether the nominee is the chairperson of a publicly-traded company who serves on more than two public boards;
• Whether the nominee serves on more than four public company boards;
• Whether the nominee serves on the audit committee where there is evidence (such as audit reports or reports mandated under the Sarbanes Oxley Act) that there exists material weaknesses in the company s internal controls;
• Whether the nominee serves on the compensation committee if that director was present at the time of the grant of backdated options or options the pricing or the timing of which we believe may have been manipulated to provide additional benefits to executives;

Whether the nominee has a material related party transaction or is believed by us to have a material conflict

of interest with the portfolio company;

•	Whether the nominee (or the overall board) in our view has a record of making poor corporate or strategic
decisions	s or has demonstrated an overall lack of good business judgment, including, among other things, whether the
company	s total shareholder return is in the bottom 25% of its peer group over the prior five years;

•	Material failures of governance	stewardship, rish	c oversight(1),	or fiduciary	responsibilities at the com	pany
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<sup>(1)</sup> Examples of failure of risk oversight include, but are not limited to: bribery; large or serial fines from regulatory bodies; significant adverse legal judgments or settlements; hedging of company stock by the employees or directors of a company; or significant pledging of company stock in the aggregate by the officers and directors of a company.

Failure to replace management as appropriate; and
• Egregious actions related to a director s service on other boards that raise substantial doubt about his or her ability to effectively oversee management and serve the best interests of shareholders at any company.
Proxy Access
We recognize the importance of shareholder access to the ballot process as a means to ensure that boards do not become self-perpetuating and self-serving. However, we are also aware that some proposals may promote certain interest groups and could be disruptive to the nomination process. We vote on a case-by-case basis considering the proxy access terms in light of a company s specific circumstances and we may suppoproxy access proposals when management and boards have displayed a lack of shareholder accountability.
Proxy Contests
Director Nominees in a Contested Election
By definition, this type of board candidate or slate runs for the purpose of seeking a significant change in corporate policy or control. Therefore the economic impact of the vote in favor of or in opposition to that director or slate must be analyzed using a higher standard such as is normally applied to changes in control. Criteria for evaluating director nominees as a group or individually should also include: the underlying reason why the new slate (or individual director) is being proposed; performance; compensation; corporate governance provisions and takeover activity criminal activity; attendance at meetings; investment in the company; interlocking directorships; inside, outside and independent directors; number of other board seats; and other experience. It is impossible to have a general policy regarding director nominees in a contested election.
Reimbursement of Proxy Solicitation Expenses
Decisions to provide full reimbursement for dissidents waging a proxy contest should be made on a case-by-case basis. In the absence of compelling reasons, Cohen & Steers will generally not support such proposals.
Ratification of Auditors
We vote for proposals to ratify auditors, auditor remuneration and/or proposals authorizing the board to fix audit fees, unless:

- an auditor has a financial interest in or association with the company, and is therefore not independent;
- there is reason to believe that the independent auditor has rendered an opinion that is neither accurate nor indicative of the company s financial position; .
- the name of the proposed auditor and/or fees paid to the audit firm are not disclosed by the company in a timely manner prior to the meeting;
- the auditors are being changed without explanation; or

• fees paid for non-audit related services are excessive and/or exceed limits set in local best practice recommendations or law.
In circumstances where fees for non-audit services include fees related to significant one-time capital structure events; initial public offerings; bankruptcy emergence, and spinoffs; and the company makes public disclosure of the amount and nature of those fees, then such fees may be excluded from the non-audit fees considered in determining whether non-audit related fees are excessive.
We vote on a case-by-case basis on auditor rotation proposals. Criteria for evaluating the rotation proposal include, but are not limited to: tenure of the audit firm; establishment and disclosure of a renewal process whereby the auditor is regularly evaluated for both audit quality and competitive price; length of the rotation period advocated in the proposal; and any significant audit related issues.
Generally, we vote against auditor indemnification and limitation of liability; however we recognize there may be situations where indemnification and limitations on liability may be appropriate.
Takeover Defenses
While we recognize that a takeover attempt can be a significant distraction for the board and management to deal with, the simple fact is that the possibility of a corporate takeover keeps management focused on maximizing shareholder value. As a result, Cohen & Steers opposes measures that are designed to prevent or obstruct corporate takeovers because they can entrench current management. The following are our guidelines on change of control issues:
Shareholder Rights Plans
We acknowledge that there are arguments for and against shareholder rights plans, also known as poison pills. Companies should put their cas for rights plans to shareholders.
We review on a case-by-case basis management proposals to ratify a poison pill. We generally look for shareholder friendly features including a two- to three-year sunset provision, a permitted bid provision and a 20 percent or higher flip-in provision.
Greenmail
We vote for proposals to adopt anti-greenmail charter or bylaw amendments or otherwise restrict a company s ability to make greenmail payments.

Unequal Voting Rights
Generally, we vote against dual-class recapitalizations as they offer an effective way for a firm to thwart hostile takeovers by concentrating voting power in the hands of management or other insiders. We support the one-share, one-vote principle for voting.
Classified Boards
We generally vote in favor of shareholder proposals to declassify a board of directors, although we acknowledge that a classified board may be in the long-term best interests of the shareholders of a company in certain situations, such as continuity of a strong board and management team

or for certain types of companies. In voting on shareholder proposals to declassify a board of directors, we evaluate all facts and circumstances

surrounding such proposal, including whether: (i) the current management and

board have a track record of making good corporate or strategic decisions, (ii) the shareholder proposing the de-classification has an agenda in making such proposal that may be at odds with the long-term best interests of the shareholders of the company, or (iii) it would be in the best interests of the company to thwart a shareholder s attempt to control the board of directors.
Cumulative Voting
Having the ability to cumulate our votes for the election of directors that is, cast more than one vote for a director about whom they feel strongly generally increases shareholders rights to effect change in the management of a corporation. However, we acknowledge that cumulative voting promotes special candidates who may not represent the interests of all, or even a majority, of shareholders. In voting on proposals to institute cumulative voting, we therefore evaluate all facts and circumstances surrounding such proposal and we generally vote against cumulative voting where the company has good corporate governance practices in place, including majority voting for board elections and de-classified boards.
Shareholder Ability to Call Special Meeting
Cohen & Steers votes on a case-by-case basis for shareholder proposals requesting companies to amend their governance documents (bylaws and/or charter) in order to allow shareholders to call special meetings. We recognize the importance on shareholder ability to call a special meeting and generally will vote for such shareholder proposals where the shareholder(s) making such proposal hold at least 20% of the company s outstanding shares. However, we are also aware that some proposals are put forth in order to promote the agenda(s) of certain special interest groups and could be disruptive to the management of the company, and in those cases we will vote against such shareholder proposals.
Shareholder Ability to Act by Written Consent
We generally vote against proposals to allow or facilitate shareholder action by written consent. The requirement that all shareholders be given notice of a shareholders meeting and matters to be discussed therein seems to provide a reasonable protection of minority shareholder rights.
Shareholder Ability to Alter the Size of the Board
We generally vote for proposals that seek to fix the size of the board and vote against proposals that give management the ability to alter the size of the board without shareholder approval. While we recognize the importance of such proposals, we are however also aware that these proposals are sometimes put forth in order to promote the agenda(s) of certain special interest groups and could be disruptive to the management of the company.

Miscellaneous Board Provisions

**Board Committees** 

Boards should delegate key oversight functions, such as responsibility for audit, nominating and compensation issues, to independent committees. The chairman and members of any committee should be clearly identified in the annual report. Any committee should have the authority to engage independent advisors where appropriate at the company s expense.

Audit, nominating and compensation committees should consist solely of non-employee directors, who are independent of management.

Independent Chairman
We review on a case-by-case basis proposals requiring that the chairman s position be filled by an independent director, taking into consideration the company s current board leadership and governance structure; company performance, and any other factors that may be applicable.
Separate Chairman and CEO Role
We will generally vote for proposals looking to separate the CEO and Chairman roles. We do acknowledge, however, that under certain circumstances, it may be reasonable for the CEO and Chairman roles to be held by a single person.
Lead Directors and Executive Sessions
In cases where the CEO and Chairman roles are combined or the Chairman is not independent, we will vote for the appointment of a lead independent director and for regular executive sessions (board meetings taking place without the CEO/Chairman present).
Majority of Independent Directors
We vote for proposals that call for the board to be composed of a majority of independent directors. We believe that a majority of independent directors can be an important factor in facilitating objective decision making and enhancing accountability to shareholders.
Independent Committees
We vote for shareholder proposals requesting that the board s audit, compensation, and nominating committees consist exclusively of independent directors.
Stock Ownership Requirements
We support measures requiring senior executives to hold a minimum amount of stock in a company (often expressed as a percentage of annual compensation), which may include restricted stock or restricted stock units.

Term of Office
We vote against shareholder proposals to limit the tenure of outside directors. Term limits pose artificial and arbitrary impositions on the board and could harm shareholder interests by forcing experienced and knowledgeable directors off the board.
Director and Officer Indemnification and Liability Protection
We generally support indemnification provisions that are consistent with the local jurisdiction in which the company has been formed. We vot in favor of proposals providing indemnification for directors and officers with respect to acts conducted in the normal course of business. We also vote in favor of proposals that expand coverage for directors and officers where, despite an unsuccessful legal defense, the director or officer acted in good faith and in the best interests of the company and the director or officers legal expenses are covered. We vote against proposals that would expand indemnification beyond coverage of legal expenses to coverage of acts, such as gross negligence, that are more serious violations of fiduciary obligations.
Board Size
We generally vote for proposals to limit the size of the board to 15 members or less.

Majority Vote Standard
We generally vote for proposals asking for the board to initiate the appropriate process to amend the company s governance documents (charter or bylaws) to provide that director nominees shall be elected by the affirmative vote of the majority of votes cast at an annual meeting of shareholders.
Supermajority Vote Requirements
We generally support proposals that seek to lower super-majority voting requirements.
Disclosure of Board Nominees
We generally vote against the election of directors at companies if the names of the director nominees are not disclosed in a timely manner prior to the meeting. However, we recognize that companies in certain emerging markets may have a legitimate reason for not disclosing nominee names. In such a rare case, if a company discloses a legitimate reason why such nominee names should not be disclosed, we may vote for the nominees even if nominee names are not disclosed in a timely manner.
Disclosure of Board Compensation
We generally vote against the election of directors at companies if the compensation paid to such directors is not disclosed in a timely manner prior to the meeting. However, we recognize that companies in certain emerging markets may have a legitimate reason for not disclosing such compensation information. In such a rare case, if a company discloses a legitimate reason why such compensation should not be disclosed, we may vote for the nominees even if compensation is not disclosed in a timely manner.
Miscellaneous Governance Provisions
Confidential Voting
We vote for shareholder proposals requesting that companies adopt confidential voting, use independent tabulators, and use independent inspectors of election as long as the proposals include clauses for proxy contests as follows: in the case of a contested election, management should be permitted to request that the dissident group honor its confidential voting policy. If the dissidents agree, the policy remains in place. It the dissidents do not agree, the confidential voting policy is waived

We also vote for management proposals to adopt confidential voting.
Bundled Proposals
We review on a case-by-case basis bundled or conditioned proxy proposals. In the case of items that are conditioned upon each other, we examine the benefits and costs of the packaged items. In instances where the joint effect of the conditioned items is not in shareholders best interests, we vote against the proposals. If the combined effect is positive, we support such proposals. In the case of bundled director proposals, we will vote for the entire slate only if we would have otherwise voted for each director on an individual basis.
Date/Location of Meeting
We vote against shareholder proposals to change the date or location of the shareholders meeting. No one site will meet the needs of all shareholders.

Adjourn Meeting if Votes are Insufficient.
Open-end requests for adjournment of a shareholder meeting generally will not be supported. However, where management specifically states the reason for requesting an adjournment and the requested adjournment is necessary to permit a proposal that would otherwise be supported under this policy to be carried out, the adjournment request will be supported.
Disclosure of Shareholder Proponents
We vote for shareholder proposals requesting that companies disclose the names of shareholder proponents. Shareholders may wish to contact the proponents of a shareholder proposal for additional information.
Other Business
Cohen & Steers will generally vote against proposals to approve other business where we cannot determine the exact nature of the proposal to be voted on.
Capital Structure
Increase Additional Common Stock
We generally vote for increases in authorized shares, provided that the increase is not greater than three times the number of shares outstanding and reserved for issuance (including shares reserved for stock-related plans and securities convertible into common stock, but not shares reserved for any poison pill plan).
Votes generally are cast in favor of proposals to authorize additional shares of stock except where the proposal:
• creates a blank check preferred stock; or
• establishes classes of stock with superior voting rights.

Blank Check Preferred Stock

Votes generally are cast in opposition to management proposals authorizing the creation of new classes of preferred stock with unspecific voting, conversion, distribution and other rights, and management proposals to increase the number of authorized blank check preferred shares. We may vote in favor of this type of proposal when we receive assurances to our reasonable satisfaction that (i) the preferred stock was authorized by the board for the use of legitimate capital formation purposes and not for anti-takeover purposes, and (ii) no preferred stock will be issued with voting power that is disproportionate to the economic interests of the preferred stock. These representations should be made either in the proxy statement or in a separate letter from the company to Cohen & Steers.

Pre-emptive Rights

We believe that the governance and regulation of public equity markets allow for adequate shareholder protection against dilution. Further, we believe that companies should have more flexibility to issue shares without costly and time constraining rights offerings. As such, we do not believe that pre-emptive rights are necessary and as such, we generally vote for the issuance of equity shares without pre-emptive rights. On a limited basis, we will vote for shareholder pre-emptive rights where such pre-emptive rights are necessary, taking into account the best interests of the company s shareholders.

We acknowledge that international local practices typically call for shareholder pre-emptive rights when a company seeks authority to issue shares (e.g., UK authority for the issuance of only up to 5% of outstanding shares without pre-emptive rights). While we would prefer that companies be permitted to issue shares without pre-emptive rights, in deference to international local practices, in markets outside the US we will approve issuance requests without pre-emptive rights for up to 100% of a company s outstanding capital.
Dual Class Capitalizations
Because classes of common stock with unequal voting rights limit the rights of certain shareholders, we vote against adoption of a dual or multiple class capitalization structure.
Restructurings/Recapitalizations
We review proposals to increase common and/or preferred shares and to issue shares as part of a debt restructuring plan on a case-by-case basis. In voting, we consider the following issues:
• dilution how much will ownership interest of existing shareholders be reduced, and how extreme will dilution to any future earnings be?
• change in control will the transaction result in a change in control of the company?
• bankruptcy generally, approve proposals that facilitate debt restructurings unless there are clear signs of self-dealing or other abuses.
Share Repurchase Programs
Boards may institute share repurchase or stock buy-back programs for a number of reasons. Cohen & Steers will generally vote in favor of such programs where the repurchase would be in the long-term best interests of shareholders, and where the company is not thought to be able to use the cash in a more useful way.
Targeted Share Placements
These shareholder proposals ask companies to seek stockholder approval before placing 10% or more of their voting stock with a single investor.

The proposals are typically in reaction to the placement by various companies of a large block of their voting stock in an ESOP, parent capital fund or with a single friendly investor, with the aim of protecting themselves against a hostile tender offer. These proposals are voted on a

case-by-case basis after reviewing the individual situation of the company receiving the proposal.

Executive and Director (	Compensation
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Executive Compensation ( Say on Pay )

Votes regarding shareholder say on pay are determined on a case-by-case basis. Generally, we believe that executive compensation should be tied to the long-term performance of the executive and the company both in absolute and relative to the peer group. We therefore monitor the compensation practices of portfolio companies to determine whether compensation to these executives is commensurate to the company s total shareholder return (TSR) (*i.e.*, we generally expect companies that pay their executives at the higher end of the pay range to also be performing commensurately well).

Further, pay elements that are not directly based on performance are generally evaluated on a case-by-case basis considering the context of a company s overall pay program and demonstrated pay-for-performance philosophy. The following list highlights certain negative pay practices that carry significant weight in this overall consideration and may result in adverse vote recommendations:

- Repricing or replacing of underwater stock options/SARS without prior shareholder approval (including cash buyouts and voluntary surrender of underwater options);
- Excessive perquisites or tax gross-ups;
- New or extended agreements that provide for:
- Change in Control ( CIC ) payments exceeding 3 times base salary and bonus;
- CIC severance payments without involuntary job loss or substantial diminution of duties ( single or modified single triggers);
- CIC payments with excise tax gross-ups (including modified gross-ups).

Also, we generally vote for shareholder proposals that seek additional disclosure of executive and director pay information.

Frequency of Advisory Vote on Executive Compensation (Say When on Pay)

We generally vote for annual advisory votes on compensation as we note that executive compensation is also evaluated on an annual basis by the company s compensation committee.

Stock-based Incentive Plans

Votes with respect to compensation plans should be determined on a case-by-case basis depending on a combination of certain plan features and equity grant practices, where positive factors may counterbalance negative factors, and vice versa, as evaluated in three pillars:

- **Plan Cost:** The total estimated cost of the company s equity plans relative to industry/market cap peers, measured by the company s estimated Shareholder Value Transfer (SVT) in relation to peers and considering both:
- SVT based on new shares requested plus shares remaining for future grants, plus outstanding unvested/unexercised grants; and
- SVT based only on new shares requested plus shares remaining for future grants.

### Plan Features:

- Automatic single-triggered award vesting upon CIC;
- Discretionary vesting authority;
- Liberal share recycling on various award types;
- Minimum vesting period for grants made under the plan.

### Grant Practices:

- The company s three year burn rate relative to its industry/market cap peers;
- Vesting requirements in most recent CEO equity grants (3-year look-back);
- The estimated duration of the plan based on the sum of shares remaining available and the new shares requested, divided by the average annual shares granted in the prior three years;

•	The proportion of the CEO s most recent equity grants/awards subject to performance conditions;
•	Whether the company maintains a claw-back policy;
•	Whether the company has established post exercise/vesting share-holding requirements.
	Il generally vote against the plan proposal if the combination of factors indicates that the plan is not, overall, in the shareholders interest, ny of the following apply:
•	Awards may vest in connection with a liberal CIC;
•	The plan would permit repricing or cash buyout of underwater options without shareholder approval;
•	The plan is a vehicle for problematic pay practices or a pay-for-performance disconnect; or
•	Any other plan features that are determined to have a significant negative impact on shareholder interests.
Appro	val of Cash or Cash-and-Stock Bonus Plans
	te for cash or cash-and-stock bonus plans to exempt the compensation from limits on deductibility under the provisions of n 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code.
Reload	1/Evergreen Features
We wi	ll generally vote against plans that enable the issuance of reload options and that provide an automatic share replenishment (evergreen)
Golder	n Parachutes
	eral, the guidelines call for voting against golden parachute plans because they impede potential takeovers that shareholders should be free sider. In particular, we oppose the use of employment contracts that result in cash grants of greater than three times annual compensation

(salary and bonus) and generally withhold our votes at the next shareholder meeting for directors who to our knowledge approved golden

parachutes.

Voting on Golden Parachutes in an Acquisition, Merger, Consolidation, or Proposed Sale

We vote on a case-by-case basis on proposals to approve the company s golden parachute compensation. Features that may lead to a vote against include:

- Potentially excessive severance payments (cash grants of greater than three times annual compensation (salary and bonus));
- Agreements that include excessive excise tax gross-up provisions;
- Single trigger payments that will happen immediately upon a change in control, including cash payment and such items as the acceleration of performance-based equity despite the failure to achieve performance measures;
- Single-trigger vesting of equity based on a definition of change in control that requires only shareholder approval of the transaction (rather than consummation);
- Recent amendments or other changes that may make packages so attractive as to influence merger agreements that may not be in the best interests of shareholders;

gross-up (i.e., o	case of a substantial gross-up from pre-existing/grandfathered contract: the element that triggered the option mega-grants at low point in stock price, unusual or outsized payments in cash or equity made or to the merger); or
• The coparachute advis	ompany s assertion that a proposed transaction is conditioned on shareholder approval of the golden sory vote.
401(k) Employee I	Benefit Plans
We vote for propos	sals to implement a 401(k) savings plan for employees.
Employee Stock Po	urchase Plans
We support employ market price.	yee stock purchase plans, although we generally believe the discounted purchase price should be at least 85% of the current
Option Expensing	
We vote for shareh	older proposals to expense fixed-price options.
Vesting	
We believe that res	stricted stock awards normally should vest over at least a two-year period.
Option Repricing	
issue new options, vote against the ele	erally should not be re-priced, and never should be re-priced without shareholder approval. In addition, companies should no with a lower strike price, to make up for previously issued options that are substantially underwater. Cohen & Steers will ection of any slate of directors that, to its knowledge, has authorized a company to re-price or replace underwater options cent year without shareholder approval.

Stock Holding Periods
Generally vote against all proposals requiring executives to hold the stock received upon option exercise for a specific period of time.
Transferable Stock Options
Review on a case-by-case basis proposals to grant transferable stock options or otherwise permit the transfer of outstanding stock options, including cost of proposal and alignment with shareholder interests.
Recoup Bonuses
We vote on a case-by-case on shareholder proposals to recoup unearned incentive bonuses or other incentive payments made to senior executives if it is later determined that fraud, misconduct, or negligence significantly contributed to a restatement of financial results that led to the awarding of unearned incentive compensation.
Incorporation
Reincorporation Outside of the United States
Generally, we will vote against companies looking to reincorporate outside of the U.S.
Voting on State Takeover Statutes
We review on a case-by-case basis proposals to opt in or out of state takeover statutes (including control share acquisition statutes, control share cash-out statutes, freezeout provisions, fair price provisions,

stakeholder laws, poison pill endorsements, severance pay and labor contract provisions, anti-greenmail provisions, and disgorgement provisions). In voting on these shareholder proposals, we evaluate all facts and circumstances surrounding such proposal, including whether the shareholder proposing such measure has an agenda in making such proposal that may be at odds with the long-term best interests of the company or whether it would be in the best interests of the company to thwart a shareholder s attempt to control the board of directors.
Voting on Reincorporation Proposals
Proposals to change a company s state of incorporation are examined on a case-by-case basis. In making our decision, we review management s rationale for the proposal, changes to the charter/bylaws, and differences in the state laws governing the companies.
Mergers and Corporate Restructurings
Mergers and Acquisitions
Votes on mergers and acquisitions should be considered on a case-by-case basis, taking into account factors including the following: anticipated financial and operating benefits; offer price (cost vs. premium); prospects of the combined companies; how the deal was negotiated; and changes in corporate governance and their impact on shareholder rights.
We vote against proposals that require a super-majority of shareholders to approve a merger or other significant business combination.
Nonfinancial Effects of a Merger or Acquisition
Some companies have proposed a charter provision which specifies that the board of directors may examine the nonfinancial effect of a merger or acquisition on the company. This provision would allow the board to evaluate the impact a proposed change in control would have on employees, host communities, suppliers and/or others. We generally vote against proposals to adopt such charter provisions. We feel it is the directors fiduciary duty to base decisions solely on the financial interests of the shareholders.
Corporate Restructuring
Votes on corporate restructuring proposals, including minority squeezeouts, leveraged buyouts, going private proposals, spin-offs, liquidations and asset sales, should be considered on a case-by-case basis In evaluating these proposals and determining our votes, we are singularly focused on meeting our goal of maximizing long-term shareholder value.

Spin-offs
Votes on spin-offs should be considered on a case-by-case basis depending on the tax and regulatory advantages, planned use of sale proceeds, market focus, and managerial incentives.
Asset Sales
Votes on asset sales should be made on a case-by-case basis after considering the impact on the balance sheet/working capital, value received for the asset, and potential elimination of diseconomies.

Liquidations
Votes on liquidations should be made on a case-by-case basis after reviewing management s efforts to pursue other alternatives, appraisal value of assets, and the compensation plan for executives managing the liquidation.
Appraisal Rights
We vote for proposals to restore, or provide shareholders with, rights of appraisal. Rights of appraisal provide shareholders who are not satisfied with the terms of certain corporate transactions the right to demand a judicial review in order to determine a fair value for their shares.
Changing Corporate Name
We vote for changing the corporate name.
Shareholder Rights
Our position on the rights of shareholders is as follows:
• Shareholders should be given the opportunity to exercise their rights. Notification of opportunities for the exercise of voting rights should be given in good time.
• Shareholders are entitled to submit questions to company management.
• Minority shareholders should be protected as far as possible from the exercise of voting rights by majority shareholders.
• Shareholders are entitled to hold company management as well as the legal person or legal entity accountable for any action caused by the company or company management for which the company, company management or legal entity should bear responsibility.

**Environmental and Social Issues** 

We recognize that the companies in which we invest can enhance shareholder value and long-term profitability by adopting policies and procedures that promote corporate social and environmental responsibility. Because of the diverse nature of environmental and social shareholder proposals and the myriad ways companies deal with them, these proposals should be considered on a case-by-case basis. All such proposals are scrutinized based on whether they contribute to the creation of shareholder value, are reasonable and relevant, and provide adequate disclosure of key issues to shareholders. When evaluating social and environmental shareholder proposals, we tend to focus on the financial aspects of the social and environmental proposals, and we consider the following factors (in the order of importance as set forth below):

- Whether adoption of the proposal is likely to have significant economic benefit for the company, such that shareholder value is enhanced or protected by the adoption of the proposal;
- Whether the issues presented are more appropriately/effectively dealt with through governmental or company-specific action, as many social and environmental issues are more properly the province of government and broad regulatory action;
- Whether the subject of the proposal is best left to the discretion of the board;
- Whether the company has already responded in some appropriate manner to the request embodied in the proposal;
- Whether the information requested concerns business issues that relate to a meaningful percentage of the company s business as measured by sales, assets, and earnings;

- The degree to which the company s stated position on the issues raised in the proposal could affect its reputation or sales, or leave it vulnerable to a boycott or selective purchasing;
- Whether implementation of the proposal s request would achieve the proposal s objectives;
- Whether the requested information is available to shareholders either from the company or from a publicly available source; and
- Whether providing this information would reveal proprietary or confidential information that would place the company at a competitive disadvantage.

### Item 8. Portfolio Managers of Closed-End Investment Companies.

Information pertaining to the portfolio managers of the registrant, as of February 8, 2017, is set forth below.

Robert S. Becker Senior vice president of Cohen & Steers.

- Vice president
- Portfolio manager since inception

Benjamin Morton Senior vice president of Cohen & Steers.

- Vice president
- Portfolio manager since inception

Tyler Rosenlicht Vice president of Cohen & Steers. Previously, Research Analyst at Cohen & Steers.

- Vice president
- Portfolio manager since 2015

The Advisor utilizes a team-based approach in managing the Fund. Messrs. Becker, Morton and Rosenlicht, as the leaders of the team, direct and supervise the execution of the Fund s investment strategy and lead and guide other members of the global listed infrastructure and MLP investment team.

Each portfolio manager listed above manages other investment companies and/or investment vehicles and accounts in addition to the registrant. The following tables show, as of November 30, 2016 for Messrs. Becker, Morton and Rosenlicht, the number of accounts each portfolio manager managed in each of the listed categories and the total assets in the accounts managed within each category. One (1) of the 10 other accounts managed by Messrs. Becker and Morton, with total assets of \$115,213,517 million, is subject to performance-based fees.

#### Robert S. Becker

		Number of accounts	Total assets
•	Registered investment companies	5	\$ 3,473,380,788
•	Other pooled investment vehicles	10	\$ 989,957,440
•	Other accounts	10	\$ 1,781,333,569

#### Benjamin Morton

		Number of accounts	Total assets
•	Registered investment companies	5	\$ 3,473,380,788
•	Other pooled investment vehicles	10	\$ 989,957,440
•	Other accounts	10	\$ 1.781.333.569

#### Tyler Rosenlicht

		Number of accounts	Total assets
•	Registered investment companies	1	\$ 90,504,313
•	Other pooled investment vehicles	0	\$ 0
•	Other accounts	0	\$ 0

<u>Share Ownership.</u> The following table indicates the dollar range of securities of the registrant owned by the registrant s portfolio managers as of November 30, 2016 for Messrs. Becker, Morton and Rosenlicht:

	Dollar Range of Securities Owned
Robert S. Becker	\$10,000-\$50,000
Ben Morton	\$10,000-\$50,000
Tyler Rosenlicht	none

Conflicts of Interest. It is possible that conflicts of interest may arise in connection with the portfolio managers management of a Fund s investments on the one hand and the investments of other accounts or vehicles for which the portfolio managers are responsible on the other. For example, a portfolio manager may have conflicts of interest in allocating management time, resources and investment opportunities among a Fund and the other accounts or vehicles he advises. In addition, due to differences in the investment strategies or restrictions among a Fund and the other accounts, a portfolio manager may take action with respect to another account that differs from the action taken with respect to the Fund. In some cases, another account managed by a portfolio manager may provide more revenue to the Advisor or Subadvisors, as applicable.

While this may appear to create additional conflicts of interest for the portfolio manager in the allocation of management time, resources and investment opportunities, the Advisor and Subadvisors strive to ensure that portfolio managers endeavor to exercise their discretion in a manner that is equitable to all interested persons. In this regard, in the absence of specific account-related impediments (such as client-imposed restrictions or lack of available cash), it is the policy of the Advisor and Subadvisors to allocate investment ideas pro rata to all accounts with the same primary investment objective.

In addition, certain of the portfolio managers may from time to time manage one or more accounts on behalf of the Advisor or Subadvisors, as applicable, and its affiliated companies (the CNS Accounts ). Certain securities held and traded in the CNS Accounts also may be held and traded in one or more client accounts. It is the policy of the Advisor and Subadvisors however not to put the interests of the CNS Accounts ahead of the interests of client accounts. The Advisor and Subadvisors may aggregate orders of client accounts with those of the CNS Accounts; however, under no circumstances will preferential treatment be given to the CNS Accounts. For all orders involving the CNS Accounts, purchases or sales will be allocated prior to trade placement, and orders that are only partially filled will be allocated across all accounts in proportion to the shares each account, including the CNS Accounts, was designated to receive prior to trading. As a result, it is expected that the CNS Accounts will receive the same average price as other accounts included in the aggregated order. Shares will not be allocated or re-allocated to the CNS Accounts after trade execution or after the average price is known. In the event so few shares of an order are executed that a pro-rata allocation is not practical, a rotational system of allocation may be used; however, the CNS Accounts will never be part of that rotation or receive shares of a partially filled order other than on a pro-rata basis.

Because certain CNS Accounts are managed with a cash management objective, it is possible that a security will be sold out of the CNS Accounts but continue to be held for one or more client accounts. In situations when this occurs, such security will remain in a client account only if the portfolio manager, acting in its reasonable judgment and consistent with its fiduciary duties, believes this is appropriate for, and consistent with the objectives and profile of, the client account.

Advisor Compensation Structure. Compensation of the Advisor s portfolio managers and other investment professionals has three primary components: (1) a base salary, (2) an annual cash bonus and (3) annual stock-based compensation consisting generally of restricted stock units of the Advisor s parent, CNS. The Advisor s investment professionals, including the portfolio managers, also receive certain retirement, insurance and other benefits that are broadly available to all of its employees. Compensation of the Advisor s investment professionals is reviewed primarily on an annual basis.

Method to Determine Compensation. The Advisor compensates its portfolio managers based primarily on the total return performance of funds and accounts managed by the portfolio manager versus appropriate peer groups or benchmarks. C&S uses a variety of benchmarks to evaluate each portfolio managers performance for compensation purposes, including the Alerian MLP Index, the S&P 500 Index and other broad based indexes based on the asset classes managed by each portfolio manager. In evaluating the performance of a portfolio manager,

primary emphasis is normally placed on one- and three-year performance, with secondary consideration of performance over longer periods of
time. Performance is evaluated on a pre-tax and pre-expense basis. In addition to rankings within peer groups of funds on the basis of absolute
performance, consideration may also be given to risk-adjusted performance. For funds and accounts with a primary investment objective of high
current income, consideration will also be given to the fund s and account s success in achieving this objective. For portfolio managers
responsible for multiple funds and accounts, investment performance is evaluated on an aggregate basis. The Advisor has three funds or
accounts with performance-based advisory fees. Portfolio managers are also evaluated on the basis of their success in managing their dedicated
team of analysts. Base compensation for portfolio managers of the Advisor varies in line with the portfolio manager s seniority and position with
the firm.

Salaries, bonuses and stock-based compensation are also influenced by the operating performance of the Advisor and CNS. While the annual salaries of the Advisor s portfolio managers are fixed, cash bonuses and stock based compensation may fluctuate significantly from year to year, based on changes in manager performance and other factors.

Item 9. Purchases of Equity Securities by Closed-End Management Investment Company and Affiliated Purchasers.	

None.

Note: On December 6, 2016, the Board of Directors of the Fund approved continuation of the delegation of its authority to management to effect repurchases, pursuant to management s discretion and subject to market conditions and investment considerations, of up to 10% of the Fund s common shares outstanding (Share Repurchase Program) as of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.
Item 10. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.
There have been no material changes to the procedures by which shareholders may recommend nominees to the registrant s Board implemented after the registrant last provided disclosure in response to this Item.
Item 11. Controls and Procedures.
(a) The registrant s principal executive officer and principal financial officer have concluded that the registrant s disclosure controls and procedures are reasonably designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the registrant in this Form N-CSR was recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission s rules and forms, based upon such officers evaluation of these controls and procedures as of a date within 90 days of the filing date of this report.
(b) There were no changes in the registrant s internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the second fiscal quarter of the period covered by this report that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant s internal control over financial reporting.
Item 12. Exhibits.
(a)(1) Not applicable.
(a) (2) Certifications of principal executive officer and principal financial officer as required by Rule 30a-2(a) under the Investment Company Act of 1940.
(a)(3) Not applicable.

(b) Certifications of principal executive officer and principal financial officer as required by Rule 30a-2(b) under the Investment Company Act

of 1940.

#### **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.

#### COHEN & STEERS MLP INCOME AND ENERGY OPPORTUNITY FUND, INC.

By: /s/ Adam M. Derechin

Name: Adam M. Derechin

Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

Date: February 8, 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/ Adam M. Derechin

Name: Adam M. Derechin

Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

(Principal Executive Officer)

By: /s/ James Giallanza

Name: James Giallanza Title: Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)

Date: February 8, 2017