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CERTIFIED SHAREHOLDER REPORT OF REGISTERED  
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ELLSWORTH FUND LTD.

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

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(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

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Date of fiscal year end: September 30, 2011

Date of reporting period: September 30, 2011

ITEM 1. REPORTS TO STOCKHOLDERS.

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ELLSWORTH FUND LTD.

2011 Annual Report  
September 30, 2011

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2011 Annual Report  
September 30, 2011

Ellsworth Fund Ltd. operates as a closed-end, diversified management investment company and invests primarily in convertible securities, with the objectives of providing income and the potential for capital appreciation; which objectives the Fund considers to be relatively equal, over the long-term, due to the nature of the securities in which it invests.

Highlights

Performance through September 30, 2011 with dividends reinvested

	Calendar		Annualized		10 Year Volatility *
	YTD	1 Year	5 Years	10 Years	
Ellsworth market price	(10.31 )%	(7.13 )%	2.29 %	3.10 %	16.38 %
Ellsworth net asset value	(8.73 )	(2.82 )	1.64	3.82	12.61
Bank of America Merrill Lynch All U.S. Convertibles Index	(9.08 )	(2.31 )	2.24	5.15	12.72
S&P 500 Index	(8.69 )	1.14	(1.18 )	2.81	16.09

Bank of America Merrill Lynch All U.S. Convertibles Index and S&P 500® Index performance in the table above are from Bloomberg L.P. pricing service.

Ellsworth's performance has not been adjusted for the fiscal 2004 rights offering; net asset value dilution was 2.21%. Performance data represents past results and does not reflect future performance.

\* Volatility is a measure of risk based on the standard deviation of the return. The greater the volatility, the greater the chance of a profit or risk of a loss.

Quarterly History of NAV and Market Price

Qtr. Ended	Net Asset Values			Market Prices		
	High	Low	Close	High	Low	Close
12/31/10	\$8.38	\$7.93	\$8.38	\$7.35	\$7.01	\$7.35
3/31/11	8.73	8.42	8.71	7.65	7.34	7.58
6/30/11	8.88	8.35	8.61	7.80	7.36	7.54
9/30/11	8.74	7.46	7.46	7.71	6.30	6.43

Dividend Distributions (12 Months)

Record Date	Payment Date	Income	Capital Gains	Total	Corporate Deduction #
10/21/10	11/24/10	\$ 0.071	\$ —	\$ 0.071	27%
2/10/11	2/24/11	0.061	—	0.061	36
5/12/11	5/26/11	0.061	—	0.061	36
8/11/11	8/25/11	0.061	—	0.061	36
		\$ 0.254	\$ —	\$ 0.254	

# Percentage of each ordinary income distribution qualifying for the corporate dividend received tax deduction.

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## ELLSWORTH FUND LTD. 2011 ANNUAL REPORT TO SHAREHOLDERS

To Our Shareholders

November 21, 2011

In the three months ended September 30, 2011, U.S. and Global equities markets endured their worst quarter in three years. The overall volatility of equity markets and the continued decline in interest rates in the U.S. has affected the convertible securities market. Reducing debt and fixed charges has become an important goal for many corporations; consequently, we have seen a drop in issuance of convertible securities as potential issuers are reluctant to come to market.

Although the convertible securities market is still a good place to find appropriate investments, it has become narrower in scope. As a result of this trend, Ellsworth Fund has been expanding its exposure to common stocks with significant dividend yields. We anticipate that convertible securities will continue to make up the vast majority of our holdings for the foreseeable future (they are currently over 85%); however, we expect to also continue using dividend paying common stocks to broaden the portfolio's exposure to companies and industries with poor convertible securities exposure.

As of October 31, 2011 the cumulative value of the Bank of America Merrill Lynch All U.S. Convertibles Index (BAML Index) was \$201 billion, down from \$232 billion at year end 2010. The Index added 30 new issues worth \$8.2 billion over the six months ended October 31, 2011. There are 525 issues in the BAML Index which represent approximately 89% of the dollar-denominated U.S. convertible securities market. The index has an average current yield of 3.53% and a premium-to-conversion value of 52%. The average equity sensitivity measure (parity delta) of the index has dropped further to 0.58, implying the index is less sensitive to stock price movements. We believe that convertible securities, taken in the aggregate, are fairly valued. There are, however, numerous issues that appear undervalued.

Performance for the Fund's fourth fiscal quarter of 2011 (ended September 30) was enhanced by exposure to the Utilities and Financial Services industries. Performance was held back, however, by the Fund's exposure to the Energy and Transportation industries.

The Fund's net asset value (NAV) outperformed the BAML Index for the calendar year-to-date, one- and five-year periods, but underperformed for the ten-year period ended September 30, 2011 (when the NAV is adjusted for the fiscal 2004 rights offering and the fact that the Index does not include expenses). The Fund's market return outperformed the BAML Index for the five years ended September 30, 2011 but underperformed for the calendar year-to-date, one- and ten-year periods.

Ellsworth seeks to provide total returns to shareholders that compare favorably to those provided by equity markets, but with less volatility. We therefore note that the Fund's NAV and shares outperformed equities, as represented by the S&P 500® Index, for the five- and ten- year periods presented; the NAV did so with lower 10-year volatility, as measured by standard deviation, than that experienced by the S&P 500® Index. The Fund's NAV return was also less volatile than the BAML Index for the 10 years, as measured by standard deviation.

We have put an updated version of our White Paper on Convertible Securities on our website. This document is intended to provide a solid introduction to the U.S. convertible securities market.

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To Our Shareholders (continued)

At its October 17, 2011 meeting, the Board of Trustees declared a distribution of \$0.061 per share, consisting of undistributed net investment income. The distribution is payable on November 23, 2011 to shareholders of record on October 28, 2011.

The 2012 annual meeting of shareholders will be held on January 13, 2012. Information about the location of the meeting will be included in the proxy statement, scheduled to be mailed to shareholders on November 28, 2011. All shareholders are welcome to attend and we hope to see you there.

Thomas H. Dinsmore  
Chairman of the Board

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Largest Investment Holdings by underlying common stock

	Value (Note 1)	% Total Net Assets	
Intel Corp. Intel is a semiconductor chip maker. The company is engaged in developing advanced integrated digital technology products, primarily integrated circuits, for industries such as computing and communications.	\$ 2,709,375	2.7	%
EMC Corp. EMC and its subsidiaries develop, deliver and support the information	2,690,875	2.7	

technology (IT) industry's range of information infrastructure technologies and solutions.

Nuance Communications, Inc.	2,525,000	2.5	
Nuance is a provider of speech, imaging and keypad solutions for businesses, organizations and consumers worldwide. The company's solutions are used for tasks and services, such as requesting information from a phone-based, self-service solution, dictating medical records, searching the mobile Web by voice, entering a destination into a navigation system, or working with portable document format (PDF) documents.			
Chesapeake Energy Corp.	2,225,000	2.2	
Produces oil and natural gas. The company's operations are focused on developmental drilling and producing property acquisitions in onshore natural gas producing areas of the United States and Canada.			
Equinix, Inc.	2,220,625	2.2	
Equinix provides core Internet exchange services to networks, Internet infrastructure companies, enterprises and content providers.			
Verizon Communications Inc.	2,208,000	2.2	
Verizon is a holding company, and through its subsidiaries is a provider of communications services. These include wireless voice and data services and equipment sales, and voice, Internet access, broadband video and data which are provided to consumer, business and government customers across the United States.			
Wells Fargo & Company	2,066,120	2.1	
Wells Fargo is a diversified financial services company, providing retail, commercial and corporate banking services through banking stores located in 39 states and the District of Columbia.			
AT&T Inc.	1,996,400	2.0	
AT&T Inc. is a holding company, and provides telecommunications services in the United States and worldwide. These services include wireless communications, local exchange services, long-distance services, data/broadband and Internet services, video services, managed networking, wholesale services and directory advertising and publishing.			
SBA Communications Corp.	1,691,875	1.7	
SBA owns and operates wireless communications infrastructure in the United States. The company offers both site leasing and site development services.			
Total	\$ 20,333,270	20.3	%

## ELLSWORTH FUND LTD. 2011 ANNUAL REPORT TO SHAREHOLDERS

## Major Industry Exposure

	% Total Net Assets	
Telecommunications	12.7	%
Energy	11.6	
Pharmaceuticals	10.5	
Financial Services	8.5	
Computer Software	7.2	
Semiconductors	6.9	
Banking/Savings and Loan	5.9	
Healthcare	5.5	
Metals and Mining	5.2	
Computer Hardware	3.0	
Total	77.0	%

Major Portfolio Changes by underlying common stock  
Six months ended September 30, 2011

## ADDITIONS

A123 Systems, Inc.  
Chesapeake Energy Corp.  
Digital River, Inc.  
Equinix, Inc.  
Fifth Third Bancorp  
General Motors Co.  
JinkoSolar Holding Co., Ltd.  
Metlife, Inc.  
Micron Technology, Inc.  
NextEra Energy, Inc.  
PPL Corp.  
SBA Communications Corp.

## REDUCTIONS

ADC Telecommunications, Inc.  
Cephalon, Inc.  
Charles River Laboratories Int'l, Inc.  
CommScope, Inc.  
Equinix, Inc.  
Ford Motor Co.  
Kinetic Concepts, Inc.  
LifePoint Hospitals, Inc.  
LSB Industries, Inc.  
McMoRan Exploration Co.  
NII Holdings, Inc.  
Owens-Illinois, Inc.

Stanley Black & Decker, Inc.	SBA Communications Corp.
SunPower Corp.	SunPower Corp.
United Continental Holdings, Inc.	Titan International, Inc.
WebMD Health Corp.	United Continental Holdings, Inc.

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Portfolio of Investments September 30, 2011

	Principal Amount	Identified Cost	Value (Note 1)
<b>CONVERTIBLE BONDS AND NOTES - 61.3%</b>			
<b>Aerospace and Defense - 0.5%</b>			
Kaman Corp., 3.25%, Due 11/15/17, (BBB)	\$500,000	\$527,864	\$536,250
<b>Automotive - 1.3%</b>			
A123 Systems, Inc., 3.75%, Due 4/15/16, (BB)	1,000,000	1,000,000	652,500
Titan International, Inc., 5.625%, Due 1/15/17, (B)	375,000	386,817	658,125
		1,386,817	1,310,625
<b>Computer Hardware - 3.0%</b>			
EMC Corp., 1.75%, Due 12/1/13, (A)	1,900,000	2,033,761	2,690,875
NetApp, Inc., 1.75%, Due 6/1/13, (A)	250,000	372,714	304,375
		2,406,475	2,995,250
<b>Computer Software - 6.7%</b>			
Digital River, Inc., 2.00%, Due 11/1/30, (BB)	1,100,000	1,098,423	941,875
Electronic Arts, Inc., 0.75%, Due 7/15/16, (BBB) (1)	500,000	499,155	482,500
Microsoft Corp., Due 6/15/13, (AAA) (2)	500,000	500,000	508,125
Nuance Communications, Inc., 2.75%, Due 8/15/27, (BB)	2,000,000	2,131,120	2,525,000
RightNow Technologies, Inc., 2.50%, Due 11/15/30, (NR)	250,000	250,000	323,750
Rovi Corp., 2.625%, Due 2/15/40, (BBB)	750,000	854,555	870,938
THQ, Inc., 5.00%, Due 8/15/14, (BB)	750,000	711,212	651,562
WebMD Health Corp., 2.50%, Due 1/31/18, (BBB)	500,000	495,469	406,875
		6,539,934	6,710,625
<b>Construction Material - 0.5%</b>			
CEMEX, S.A.B. de C.V., 4.875%, Due 3/15/15, (NR)	1,000,000	1,030,200	478,750
<b>Consumer Goods - 0.8%</b>			
Iconix Brand Group, Inc., 2.50%, Due 6/1/16, (A) (1)	500,000	493,460	468,750
Regis Corp., 5.00%, Due 7/15/14, (BB)	250,000	250,000	291,562
		743,460	760,312
<b>Data Processing - 0.4%</b>			



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CSG Systems International, Inc., 3.00%, Due 3/1/17, (A)	500,000	530,331	442,500
Energy - 4.9%			
Endeavour International Corp., 5.50%, Due 7/15/16, (BB) (1)	500,000	500,000	418,200
Goodrich Petroleum Corp., 5.00%, Due 10/1/29, (CCC)	1,000,000	1,014,090	906,250
JinkoSolar Holding Co. Ltd., 4.00%, Due 5/15/16, (NR) (1)	1,000,000	1,000,000	291,250
Oil States International, Inc., 2.375%, Due 7/1/25, (BB)	250,000	209,077	406,562
Renesola Ltd., 4.125%, Due 3/15/18, (NR) (1)	500,000	500,000	217,500
SunPower Corp., 4.75%, Due 4/15/14, (BB)	500,000	544,254	437,500
SunPower Corp., 4.50%, Due 3/15/15, (BB)	1,250,000	1,270,060	1,057,812
Transocean Ltd., 1.50%, Due 12/15/37, (BBB)	500,000	461,787	486,875
Trina Solar Ltd., 4.00%, Due 7/15/13, (NR)	1,000,000	1,003,359	623,750
		6,502,627	4,845,699
Financial Services - 5.9%			
Annaly Capital Management, Inc., 4.00%, Due 2/15/15, (NR)	750,000	743,331	863,438
BGC Partners, Inc., 4.50%, Due 7/15/16, (BBB) (1)	250,000	250,000	226,250
Euronet Worldwide, Inc., 3.50%, Due 10/15/25, (BB) (3)	1,000,000	1,367,274	995,000
Knight Capital Group, Inc., 3.50%, Due 3/15/15, (NR)	750,000	751,602	703,125
National Financial Partners Corp., 4.00%, Due 6/15/17, (NR)	750,000	750,000	812,812
Old Republic International Corp., 8.00%, Due 5/15/12, (BBB)	1,250,000	1,267,473	1,276,562
Tower Group, Inc., 5.00%, Due 9/15/14, (NR)	1,000,000	1,068,313	1,050,000
		6,197,993	5,927,187
Foods - 0.5%			
Chiquita Brands International, Inc., 4.25%, Due 8/15/16, (B)	581,000	565,535	519,995
Healthcare - 5.5%			
Chemed Corp., 1.875%, Due 5/15/14, (AA)	890,000	881,185	887,775
China Medical Technologies, Inc., 4.00%, Due 8/15/13, (NR)	1,100,000	1,075,982	706,750
Insulet Corp., 3.75%, Due 6/15/16, (BB)	500,000	505,356	460,000
Integra LifeSciences Holdings Corp., 2.375%, Due 6/1/12, (BBB) (1)	567,000	557,052	564,165

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	Principal Amount	Identified Cost	Value (Note 1)
CONVERTIBLE BONDS AND NOTES - continued			

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Healthcare - continued			
Integra LifeSciences Holdings Corp., 1.625%, Due 12/15/16, (BBB) (1)	\$ 750,000	\$ 717,956	\$ 683,438
Kinetic Concepts, Inc., 3.25%, Due 4/15/15, (BB)	500,000	500,000	705,625
NuVasive, Inc., 2.75%, Due 7/1/17, (BB)	250,000	250,300	210,000
Omnicare, Inc., 3.25%, Due 12/15/35, (B) (3)	254,000	332,607	230,822
Sonosite, Inc., 3.75%, Due 7/15/14, (BBB)	1,000,000	961,613	1,057,500
		5,782,051	5,506,075
Machinery - 0.5%			
Chart Industries, Inc., 2.00%, Due 8/1/18, (B)	500,000	502,752	467,500
Metals and Mining - 3.1%			
Jaguar Mining, Inc., 4.50%, Due 11/1/14, (BB)	525,000	523,590	429,188
Kaiser Aluminum Corp., 4.50%, Due 4/1/15, (BB)	1,000,000	1,017,542	1,137,700
Northgate Minerals Corp., 3.50%, Due 10/1/16, (NR)	600,000	605,494	666,750
RTI International Metals, Inc., 3.00%, Due 12/1/15, (BB)	475,000	492,606	475,000
United States Steel Corp., 4.00%, Due 5/15/14, (BB)	375,000	535,850	392,812
		3,175,082	3,101,450
Pharmaceuticals - 8.0%			
Akorn, Inc., 3.50%, Due 6/1/16, (AA) (1)	250,000	250,000	281,875
Amgen, Inc., 0.375%, Due 2/1/13, (A)	1,000,000	995,305	987,500
Amylin Pharmaceuticals, Inc., 3.00%, Due 6/15/14, (BB)	500,000	462,890	447,500
Cubist Pharmaceuticals, Inc., 2.25%, Due 6/15/13, (AA)	750,000	743,354	943,125
Gilead Sciences, Inc., 1.00%, Due 5/1/14, (A)	750,000	774,805	814,688
Gilead Sciences, Inc., 1.625%, Due 5/1/16, (A)	750,000	791,435	856,875
Intermune, Inc., 2.50%, Due 9/15/18, (BB)	50,000	50,000	46,970
Millipore Corp. (Merck KGA), 3.75%, Due 6/1/26, (BBB) (3,4)	750,000	786,393	894,675
Mylan, Inc., 1.25%, Due 3/15/12, (BB)	1,000,000	1,003,029	1,002,500
Mylan, Inc., 3.75%, Due 9/15/15, (BB)	250,000	398,684	363,750
Onyx Pharmaceuticals, Inc., 4.00%, Due 8/15/16, (BBB)	750,000	770,737	848,438
Salix Pharmaceuticals, Inc., 2.75%, Due 5/15/15, (A)	500,000	523,766	500,000
		7,550,398	7,987,896
Real Estate - 1.6%			
Corporate Office Properties Trust, 4.25%, Due 4/15/30, (NR)	500,000	495,236	469,375
Lexington Realty Trust, 6.00%, Due 1/15/30, (NR)	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,140,000
		1,495,236	1,609,375
Semiconductors - 6.9%			
Intel Corp., 2.95%, Due 12/15/35, (A) (3)	1,500,000	1,816,891	1,528,125
Intel Corp., 3.25%, Due 8/1/39, (A)	1,000,000	1,105,672	1,181,250
Mentor Graphics Corp., 4.00%, Due 4/1/31, (BBB) (1)	250,000	253,385	228,438
Micron Technology, Inc., 1.50%, Due 8/1/31, (BB) (1)	625,000	579,458	483,594
Micron Technology, Inc., 1.875%, Due 8/1/31, (BB) (1)	750,000	699,625	577,500
Novellus Systems, Inc., 2.625%, Due 5/15/41, (A) (1,3)	500,000	501,840	434,375
Photronics, Inc., 3.25%, Due 4/1/16, (A) (1)	500,000	495,089	446,875
Rudolph Technologies, Inc., 3.75%, Due 7/15/16, (AA) (1)	500,000	500,000	415,625
SanDisk Corp., 1.50%, Due 8/15/17, (BB)	1,000,000	997,343	1,048,750
Xilinx, Inc., 2.625%, Due 6/15/17, (BBB)	500,000	563,606	568,750
		7,512,909	6,913,282
Telecommunications - 7.6%			
Alaska Communications Systems Group, Inc., 6.25%, Due 5/1/18, (BB) (1)	750,000	707,685	675,938
Anixter International, Inc., 1.00%, Due 2/15/13, (B)	750,000	770,542	767,812

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Equinix, Inc., 3.00%, Due 10/15/14, (B)	1,500,000	1,587,230	1,576,875
Equinix, Inc., 4.75%, Due 6/15/16, (B)	500,000	615,628	643,750
Finisar Corp., 5.00%, Due 10/15/29, (NR)	75,000	77,061	143,344
General Cable Corp., 4.50%, Due 11/15/29, (B)	780,000	933,738	705,900
InterDigital, Inc., 2.50%, Due 3/15/16, (A) (1)	375,000	396,167	412,969
SBA Communications Corp., 4.00%, Due 10/1/14, (BBB)	500,000	683,711	649,375
SBA Communications Corp., 1.875%, Due 5/1/13, (BBB)	1,000,000	1,020,374	1,042,500
TeleCommunication Systems, Inc., 4.50%, Due 11/1/14, (BB)	1,000,000	960,789	957,500
		7,752,925	7,575,963

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<b>CONVERTIBLE BONDS AND NOTES - continued</b>			
<b>Transportation - 1.8%</b>			
Dryships, Inc., 5.00%, Due 12/1/14, (NR)	\$750,000	\$750,000	\$465,938
The Greenbrier Companies, Inc., 3.50%, Due 4/1/18, (BB)	375,000	384,658	269,531
Hawaiian Holdings, Inc., 5.00%, Due 3/15/16, (BB)	500,000	512,790	438,125
Ultrapetrol (Bahamas) Ltd., 7.25%, Due 1/15/17, (NR) (1)	750,000	757,964	631,875
		2,405,412	1,805,469
<b>Travel &amp; Leisure - 1.8%</b>			
Home Inns & Motels Management, 2.00%, Due 12/15/15, (NR)	500,000	500,000	380,000
MGM Resorts International, 4.25%, Due 4/15/15, (CCC)	750,000	758,920	660,938
Morgans Hotel Group Co., 2.375%, Due 10/15/14, (BB)	1,000,000	1,012,293	755,000
		2,271,213	1,795,938
<b>TOTAL CONVERTIBLE BONDS AND NOTES</b>		64,879,214	61,290,141
<b>CORPORATE BONDS - 0.2%</b>			
<b>Finance - 0.2%</b>			
Lehman Brothers Holdings, Inc., 1.00%, Due 3/23/09, (NR) (5)	1,500,000	1,642,751	225,000
<b>CONVERTIBLE PREFERRED STOCKS - 14.2%</b>			
	Shares		
<b>Banking/Savings and Loan - 5.9%</b>			
Bank of America Corp., 7.25%, (BB)	1,600	1,390,555	1,225,584
Fifth Third Bancorp., 8.50%, (BB)	12,000	1,699,635	1,540,560

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New York Community Capital Trust V, 6.00%, (BB)	24,000	1,043,554	1,068,000
Wells Fargo & Co., 7.50%, (A)	2,000	1,262,262	2,066,120
		5,396,006	5,900,264
Energy - 2.8%			
ATP Oil & Gas Corp., 8.00%, (NR)	10,000	951,875	593,075
Chesapeake Energy Corp., 5.00%, (B)	25,000	2,264,505	2,225,000
Whiting Petroleum Corp., 6.25%, (B)	131	13,075	21,746
		3,229,455	2,839,821
Financial Services - 0.6%			
Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc., 7.25%, (BB)	30,000	744,969	577,800
Foods - 0.7%			
Bunge Ltd., 4.875%, (BB)	7,500	669,375	690,000
Real Estate - 0.5%			
Health Care REIT, Inc., 6.50%, (BB)	10,000	500,000	463,000
Retail - 0.8%			
Amerivon Holdings LLC, (NR) (1,4,6)	572,925	1,500,000	760,858
Amerivon Holdings LLC, (NR) (1,4,6)	272,728	0	2,727
		1,500,000	763,585
Telecommunications - 0.9%			
Crown Castle International Corp., 6.25%, (B)	16,000	975,998	942,000
Tools - 1.0%			
Stanley Black & Decker, Inc., 4.75%, (BBB)	10,000	1,060,250	1,032,400
Utilities - 1.0%			
PPL Corp., 9.50%, (NR)	18,500	1,002,114	1,024,900
<b>TOTAL CONVERTIBLE PREFERRED STOCKS</b>		<b>15,078,167</b>	<b>14,233,770</b>

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	Shares	Identified Cost	Value (Note 1)
<b>MANDATORY CONVERTIBLE SECURITIES - 11.1% (7)</b>			
Automotive - 1.4%			
General Motors Co., 4.75%, Due 12/1/13, (NR)	40,000	\$2,063,356	\$1,403,200

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Data Processing - 0.3%

Unisys Corp., 6.25%, Due 3/1/14, (B)	5,000	471,589	270,850
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Energy - 3.2%

Apache Corp., 6.00%, Due 8/1/13, (A)	25,000	1,401,796	1,279,250
Great Plains Energy, Inc., 12.00%, Due 6/15/12, (NR)	25,000	1,362,057	1,500,000
UBS AG Exchangeable Note (GTAT), 6.75%, Due 9/15/13, (AA)	20,000	500,000	464,600
		3,263,853	3,243,850

Financial Services - 1.8%

Citigroup, Inc., 7.50%, Due 12/15/12, (A)	14,000	1,505,758	1,114,820
MetLife, Inc., 5.00%, Due 10/8/14, (BBB)	12,500	1,036,000	707,000
		2,541,758	1,821,820

Foods - 0.6%

2009 Dole Food ACES Trust, 7.00%, Due 11/1/12, (NR)	60,000	546,765	602,814
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Home Building - 0.2%

Beazer Homes USA, Inc., 7.25%, Due 8/15/13, (CCC)	17,500	437,500	173,775
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Metals and Mining - 2.1%

AngloGold Ashanti Ltd., 6.00%, Due 9/15/13, (NR)	5,900	298,465	288,923
UBS AG Exchangeable Note (SWC), 9.375%, Due 6/15/12, (AA)	12,000	305,760	143,400
Vale Capital II (Vale S.A.), 6.75%, Due 6/15/12, (NR)	25,700	2,147,656	1,681,396
		2,751,881	2,113,719

Transportation - 0.5%

2010 Swift Mandatory Common Exchange Security Trust, 6.00%, Due 12/31/13, (NR)	60,000	710,850	459,000
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Utilities - 1.0%

NextEra Energy, Inc., 7.00%, Due 9/1/13, (NR)	20,000	1,002,500	992,000
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