

VAN KAMPEN HIGH INCOME TRUST

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You have a time-tested partner in Van Kampen.

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OVERVIEW

LETTER TO SHAREHOLDERS

July 22, 2002

Dear Shareholder,

Due to events in the markets and the well-publicized controversies surrounding certain companies, the recent months have been challenging for many investors.

Against this backdrop, you may be re-evaluating your investments. In this regard, your financial advisor is a particularly valuable resource. Your advisor can help you review your current asset allocation and determine whether it remains appropriate for your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon.

You also have a time-tested partner in Van Kampen. With roots extending to 1927, our legacy spans other market downturns and periods of uncertainty. While the causes of turbulence have changed, our generations of experience have taught us the enduring value of patience, discipline and long-term focus.

Thank you for your continued trust in Van Kampen. We appreciate the opportunity to help you and your loved ones enjoy life's true

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wealth--family, friends and life's daily pleasures.

Sincerely,

[SIG]
Richard F. Powers, III
President and CEO
Van Kampen Investment Advisory Corp.

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ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

THE ECONOMY

OVERALL ECONOMIC ACTIVITY INCREASED MODESTLY IN JUNE, CONTINUING THE TREND THAT HAS BEEN EVIDENT THROUGHOUT 2002.

SIGNS OF GROWTH WERE EVIDENT IN MANY OF THE STATISTICAL MEASURES RELEASED THROUGHOUT THE MONTH. FOR EXAMPLE, MANUFACTURING ACTIVITY, WHICH SLOWLY GAINED MOMENTUM IN RECENT MONTHS, CLIMBED TO ITS HIGHEST LEVEL SINCE JUNE 1999.

AND, DESPITE LESS-THAN-ANTICIPATED EMPLOYMENT GROWTH AND INCREASING UNCERTAINTY IN WORLD ECONOMICS AND POLITICS, U.S. CONSUMERS CONTINUED TO SUPPORT DOMESTIC GROWTH THROUGH THE PURCHASE OF HOUSES, CARS AND EVERYDAY MERCHANDISE AND SERVICES.

FINALLY, AS IF ACKNOWLEDGING HOW FAR THE ECONOMY HAS COME--AND HOW FAR IT STILL HAS TO GO--THE FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD CHOSE TO LEAVE SHORT-TERM INTEREST RATES AT THE REMARKABLY LOW LEVELS THAT PREVAILED THROUGHOUT THE FIRST HALF OF 2002.

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U.S. GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ANNUALIZED RATES

(March 31, 2000--March 31, 2002)

[BAR GRAPH]

U.S. GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

Table with 2 columns: Date and Rate. Data points include Mar 00 (4.80%), Jun 00 (5.70%), Sep 00 (1.30%), Dec 00 (1.90%), Mar 01 (1.30%), Jun 01 (0.30%), Sep 01 (-1.30%), Dec 01 (1.70%), Mar 02 (6.10%).

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

INTEREST RATES AND INFLATION

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(June 30, 2000--June 30, 2002)

[LINE GRAPH]

	INTEREST RATES

Jun 00	6.50%
	6.50%
	6.50%
Sept 00	6.50%
	6.50%
	6.50%
Dec 00	6.50%
	5.50%
	5.50%
Mar 01	5.00%
	4.50%
	4.00%
Jun 01	3.75%
	3.75%
	3.50%
Sept 01	3.00%
	2.50%
	2.00%
Dec 01	1.75%
	1.75%
	1.75%
Mar 02	1.75%
	1.75%
	1.75%
Jun 02	1.75%

Interest rates are represented by the closing midline federal funds target rate on the last day of each month. Inflation is indicated by the annual percentage change of the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers at the end of each month.

Source: Bloomberg

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PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

RETURN HIGHLIGHTS

(as of June 30, 2002)

NYSE Ticker Symbol - VIT

Six-month total return(1) -4.49%

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One-year total return(1)	-3.62%
Five-year average annual total return(1)	-0.40%
Ten-year average annual total return(1)	4.68%
Life-of-Trust average annual total return(1)	5.58%
Commencement date	01/26/89
Distribution rate as a % of closing common share market price(2)	11.12%
Net asset value	\$3.22
Closing common share market price	\$4.10
Six-month high common share market price (01/18/02)	\$4.99
Six-month low common share market price (06/26/02)	\$3.90
Preferred share rate(3)	1.860%

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- (1) Total return assumes an investment at the common share market price at the beginning of the period indicated, reinvestment of all distributions for the period in accordance with the Trust's dividend reinvestment plan, and sale of all shares at the closing common share market price at the end of the period indicated.
- (2) Distribution rate represents the monthly annualized distributions of the Trust at the end of the period and not the earnings of the Trust.
- (3) See "Notes to Financial Statements" footnote #4, for more information concerning Preferred Share reset periods.

Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Investment return, common share market price and net asset value will fluctuate and Trust shares, when sold, may be worth more or less than their original cost. An investment in the Trust is subject to investment risks, and you could lose money on your investment in the Trust. As a result of recent market activity, current performance may vary from the figures shown. For more up-to-date information, please visit vankampen.com or speak with your financial advisor.

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PORTFOLIO AT A GLANCE

CREDIT QUALITY

(as a percentage of long-term debt investments)

As of June 30, 2002

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- AAA/Aaa.....	1.7%	[PIE CHART]
- A/A.....	2.9%	
- BBB/Baa.....	22.5%	
- BB/Ba.....	40.8%	
- B/B.....	27.2%	
- CCC/Caa & below....	4.2%	
- Non-Rated.....	0.7%	

As of December 31, 2001

- A/A.....	3.8%	[PIE CHART]
- BBB/Baa.....	12.7%	
- BB/Ba.....	38.3%	
- B/B.....	37.2%	
- CCC/Caa & below....	7.9%	
- Non-Rated.....	0.1%	

Based upon the credit quality ratings as issued by Standard & Poor's Credit Market Services/Moody's Investor Services, respectively. Subject to change daily.

SIX-MONTH DIVIDEND HISTORY

(for the six months ending June 30, 2002, for common shares)
[BAR GRAPH]

	DIVIDENDS -----
1/02	0.047
2/02	0.044
3/02	0.044
4/02	0.044
5/02	0.044
6/02	0.038

The dividend history represents dividends that were paid on the trust and is no guarantee of the trust's future dividends.

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TOP FIVE SECTORS

(as a percentage of long-term investments)
[INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE GRAPH]

	JUNE 30, 2002 -----
Gaming & Leisure	12.60%
Energy	10.70%
Transportation	7.90%
Forest Products	7.40%
Cable	6.60%

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Subject to change daily.

NET ASSET VALUE AND COMMON SHARE MARKET PRICE

(based upon quarter-end values--June 1992 through June 2002)
 [INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE GRAPH]

		NET ASSET VALUE

6/92		6.3400
		6.4300
		6.2300
		6.6300
6/93		6.7600
		6.6600
		6.7400
		6.3300
6/94		6.0600
		5.8500
		5.6200
		5.8400
6/95		6.0700
		6.1200
		6.1900
		6.1600
6/96		6.0500
		6.2000
		6.3500
		6.2200
6/97		6.3600
		6.4900
		6.4700
		6.5300
6/98		6.4400
		5.8900
		5.8600
		5.7000
6/99		5.4900
		5.1600
		5.1000
		4.8400
6/00		4.7500
		4.6800
		4.2200
		4.5000
6/01		4.2400
		3.7600
		3.7800
		3.6200
6/02		3.2200

The solid line above represents the trust's net asset value (NAV), which indicates overall changes in value among the trust's underlying securities. The trust's common share market price is represented by the dashed line, which indicates the price the market is willing to pay for shares of the trust at a given time. Common share market price is influenced by a range of factors,

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including supply and demand and market conditions.

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Q&A WITH YOUR PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

WE RECENTLY SPOKE WITH THE PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT TEAM FOR THE VAN KAMPEN HIGH INCOME TRUST ABOUT THE KEY EVENTS AND ECONOMIC FORCES THAT SHAPED THE MARKETS AND INFLUENCED THE TRUST'S RETURN DURING THE SIX-MONTH PERIOD ENDED JUNE 30, 2002. THE TRUST IS MANAGED BY THE ADVISER'S HIGH YIELD TEAM. CURRENT MEMBERS (1) INCLUDE STEPHEN F. ESSER, MANAGING DIRECTOR, GORDON W. LOERY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, AND DEANNE L. LOUGHNANE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. THE FOLLOWING DISCUSSION REFLECTS THEIR VIEWS ON THE TRUST'S PERFORMANCE.

(1) Team members may change at any time without notice.

Q WHAT WAS THE MARKET ENVIRONMENT OF THE PAST SIX MONTHS?

A The high-yield market entered the period with something of a tailwind at its back. Spreads were relatively wide by historical standards, even after strong performance in the fourth quarter of 2001. The economy also appeared to be turning the corner, with economic numbers beginning to evidence the recovery widely anticipated in the previous period. This had the result of strengthening the equity markets, which in turn, provided support for the high-yield market. On the technical side, the supply of new issuance was moderate while demand remained strong.

This favorable confluence of factors produced strong high-yield performance for the first four months of 2002. The market took a turn for the worse in May, however, in tandem with the equity markets. A string of accounting scandals served to undermine investor confidence in corporate America. This had the effect of slowing demand just as the new issuance calendar picked up. The market ended the period on a down note, with performance faltering for the last two months.

In sector terms, market performance was widely varied. Company-specific scandals in such areas as energy and utilities (Enron), and cable (Adelphia) served to drag down entire industry sectors, regardless of individual company fundamentals. The telecommunications sector continued its underperformance, suffering more defaults than any other industry sector. Two high-profile companies--WorldCom and Qwest--were also downgraded from investment grade to junk status, which further undermined confidence in the sector.

Q HOW DID THE TRUST PERFORM IN THIS ENVIRONMENT?

A For the six-month period ended June 30, 2002, the trust produced a total return of -4.49 percent based on

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common share market price. This reflects a decrease in common share market price from \$4.54 per share on December 31, 2001, to \$4.10 per share on June 30, 2002. Of course, past performance is no guarantee of future results. As a result of recent market activity, current performance may vary from the figures shown. Investment return, share price and net asset value will fluctuate and trust shares, when sold, may be worth more or less than their original cost. For more up-to-date information, please visit vankampen.com or speak with your financial advisor.

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By comparison, the Chase High Yield Index posted a total return of 0.10 percent for the same period. The Chase High Yield Index is an unmanaged, broad-based statistical composite of high-yield securities. Index returns do not include any sales charges or fees that would be paid by an investor purchasing the securities it represents. Such costs would lower performance. It is not possible to invest directly in an index. For additional performance results, please refer to the chart and footnotes on page 4.

Q WHAT WERE THE KEY DRIVERS OF THE TRUST'S RELATIVE PERFORMANCE?

A At the beginning of the period, we were quite cautious about the prospects for further volatility in the credit markets. This led us to position the trust in a conservative manner, with generally higher quality than the benchmark. While we believe this strategy to be in the long-term interest of the trust's shareholders, it caused the portfolio to lag the market when lower-quality credits led the market during the first four months of the period.

Our search for well-priced companies led us in recent years to invest in the cable sector. Unfortunately, the sector was among the worst performers during the period. The trust also suffered from negative surprises in selected holdings in the metals industry.

Q WHAT STRATEGIES DID YOU USE TO MANAGE THE TRUST?

A Our opinion has been that the economy is likely to continue to show strength in the months ahead. As a result, we added positions to the portfolio in economically sensitive sectors that would be most likely to benefit from an upturn in the economic cycle. Many of the names we added were in such sectors as transportation, manufacturing and chemicals.

Through bottom-up research, our analysts also identified several attractive companies in industries whose prices had been driven down by the high-profile troubles of their peers. Through their research, we were able to locate several attractive companies in the utilities and energy sectors and selectively added to the portfolio's exposure.

Throughout the period under review, we kept the trust under-weighted in consumer-related sectors. It is our belief that U.S. consumer spending is unlikely to perform as well as the rest of the economy going forward. We have also not seen many companies with prices that made sense to us. As a result, we maintained the underweighting and anticipate that we

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will continue to do so in the coming months.

Q WHAT IS YOUR OUTLOOK FOR THE TRUST AND THE MARKETS IN THE COMING MONTHS?

A Broadly speaking, we remain optimistic about the high-yield market. Spreads continue to be relatively wide, with the market offering what we believe to be some compelling values. We anticipate that the economy is likely to grow moderately over the next 18 months. We believe this growth should help corporate balance sheets, which will in turn help to lower defaults.

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We also believe that the high-yield market will benefit from a structural shift in its makeup that has occurred over the past year. One of the greatest excesses of the late 1990s occurred when more and more lower-quality companies were able to tap the high-yield market for financing. This wave of lower-quality companies helped to drag down the market's overall credit quality, and was a large contributor to the climbing default rates of the past two years. In our view, that trend has reversed in the past year, as lower-quality companies have been all but shut out of the market for new issuance. As a result, roughly 44 percent of last year's issuance was rated BB, relative to a historical average of 29 percent. We anticipate this shift upward in quality should also help to reduce broader market default rates from recent elevated levels back to their historical averages.

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GLOSSARY OF TERMS

A HELPFUL GUIDE TO SOME OF THE COMMON TERMS YOU'RE LIKELY TO SEE IN THIS REPORT AND OTHER FINANCIAL PUBLICATIONS.

BOTTOM-UP INVESTING: A management style that emphasizes the analysis of individual securities rather than economic and market cycles.

DEFAULT: The failure to make required debt payments on time.

NET ASSET VALUE: The value of a trust share, calculated by deducting a trust's liabilities from the total assets applicable to common shareholders in its portfolio and dividing this amount by the number of common shares outstanding.

SECTOR: A group of securities that are similar with respect to industry, maturity, credit rating, or coupon.

VOLATILITY: A measure of the fluctuation in the market price of a security. A security that is volatile has frequent and large swings in price.

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BY THE NUMBERS

YOUR TRUST'S INVESTMENTS

June 30, 2002 (Unaudited)

THE FOLLOWING PAGES DETAIL YOUR TRUST'S PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS AT THE END OF THE REPORTING PERIOD.

PAR AMOUNT (000)	DESCRIPTION	COUPON	MATURITY	MARKET VALUE
	CORPORATE BONDS 172.1%			
	AEROSPACE 3.3%			
\$ 567	Northwest Airlines, Inc.	8.375%	03/15/04	\$ 518,805
940	Sequa Corp.	9.000	08/01/09	949,400
				----- 1,468,205 -----
	BROADCASTING 2.1%			
845	TV Azteca S.A. (Mexico).....	10.500	02/15/07	821,762

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130	Young Broadcasting, Inc.	10.000	03/01/11	115,700

				937,462

	CABLE 11.7%			
1,425	British Sky Broadcasting (United Kingdom)...	7.300	10/15/06	1,387,666
1,420	Charter Communication Holdings LLC.....	8.250	04/01/07	958,500
630	CSC Holdings, Inc.	10.500	05/15/16	475,650
975	EchoStar Communications Corp.	9.250	02/01/06	901,875
1,000	International Cabletel, Inc. (a).....	12.750	04/15/05	270,000
610	James Cable Partners L.P.	10.750	08/15/04	350,750
775	Ono Finance PLC (United Kingdom).....	13.000	05/01/09	259,625
1,140	Telewest PLC (United Kingdom).....	9.625	10/01/06	450,300
785	United Pan Europe Communications (Netherlands) (a).....	10.875	11/01/07	105,975

				5,160,341

	CHEMICALS 7.5%			
330	Acetex Corp. (Canada).....	10.875	08/01/09	346,500
850	Equistar Chemicals L.P.	8.500	02/15/04	828,666
190	ISP Chemco.....	10.250	07/01/11	194,750
900	ISP Holdings, Inc., 144A--Private Placement (b).....	10.625	12/15/09	895,500
420	Lyondell Chemical Co.	9.875	05/01/07	403,200
570	Millennium America, Inc.	9.250	06/15/08	584,250
50	PCI Chemicals, Canada (Canada).....	10.000	12/31/08	34,501
17	Pioneer Cos., Inc.	5.355	12/31/06	10,997

				3,298,364

	CONSUMER PRODUCTS 0.6%			
265	Elizabeth Arden, Inc.	11.750	02/01/11	272,950

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YOUR TRUST'S INVESTMENTS

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PAR AMOUNT (000)	DESCRIPTION	COUPON	MATURITY	MARKET VALUE
	DIVERSIFIED MEDIA 7.9%			
\$ 440	Alliance Atlantis Communications, Inc. (Canada).....	13.000%	12/15/09	\$ 486,200
750	AOL Time Warner, Inc.	6.125	04/15/06	729,595
945	K-III Communications Corp.	10.250	06/01/04	807,975
595	Mail Well I Corp., 144A--Private Placement (b).....	9.625	03/15/12	600,950
500	MDC Corporation, Inc. (Canada).....	10.500	12/01/06	437,500
440	Quebecor Media, Inc. (Canada).....	11.125	07/15/11	435,600

				3,497,820

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	ENERGY	19.0%						
910	BRL Universal Equipment.....	8.875	02/15/08	905,450				
570	Chesapeake Energy Corp.	7.875	03/15/04	581,400				
710	Chesapeake Energy Corp.	8.125	04/01/11	701,125				
1,140	Frontier Oil Corp.	11.750	11/15/09	1,216,950				
715	Hanover Equipment Trust, 144A--Private Placement (b).....	8.500	09/01/08	664,950				
215	Hanover Equipment Trust, 144A--Private Placement (b).....	8.750	09/01/11	197,800				
120	Magnum Hunter Resources, Inc., 144A--Private Placement (b).....	9.600	03/15/12	124,200				
590	Port Arthur Finance Corp.	12.500	01/15/09	660,800				
315	Stone Energy Corp.	8.250	12/15/11	316,575				
705	Tesoro Petroleum Corp., 144A--Private Placement (b).....	9.625	04/01/12	648,600				
570	Transocean, Inc.	6.500	04/15/03	582,824				
685	Transocean, Inc.	9.500	12/15/08	819,176				
1,065	Vintage Petroleum, Inc.	7.875	05/15/11	969,150				
								8,389,000
	FINANCIAL	2.8%						
310	Banco Nacional de Comercio Exterior (Mexico).....	7.250	02/02/04	324,620				
270	CIT Group, Inc.	5.625	05/17/04	259,167				
50	CIT Group, Inc.	6.500	02/07/06	48,517				
100	Golden State Holdings.....	7.125	08/01/05	106,872				
450	Health Net, Inc.	8.375	04/15/11	501,101				
								1,240,277
	FOOD & DRUG	0.0%						
1,570	Jitney-Jungle Stores America, Inc. (a) (c).....	12.000	03/01/06	157				
	FOOD & TOBACCO	10.3%						
1,100	Coca Cola Femsa S.A. (Mexico).....	8.950	11/01/06	1,201,750				
1,150	Pepsi Gemex S.A. (Mexico).....	9.750	03/30/04	1,216,125				

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PAR AMOUNT (000)	DESCRIPTION	COUPON	MATURITY	MARKET VALUE
	FOOD & TOBACCO (Continued)			
\$1,065	Smithfield Foods, Inc.	7.625%	02/15/08	\$ 1,067,662
1,050	Smithfield Foods, Inc.	8.000	10/15/09	1,071,000
				4,556,537

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	FOREST PRODUCTS	13.2%		
775	Louisiana Pacific Corp.	10.875	11/15/08	856,375
390	Norske Skog Canada (Canada).....	8.625	06/15/11	401,700
1,350	Owens-Brockway Glass Containers, 144A--			
	Private Placement (b).....	8.875	02/15/09	1,356,750
855	Pacifica Papers, Inc. (Canada).....	10.000	03/15/09	912,712
575	Radnor Holdings Corp.	10.000	12/01/03	529,000
1,790	Tembec Industries, Inc. (Canada).....	7.750	03/15/12	1,785,525

5,842,062				

	GAMING & LEISURE	22.4%		
920	Harrahs Operating Co., Inc.	7.875	12/15/05	947,600
230	Harrahs Operating Co., Inc.	8.000	02/01/11	249,172
340	Hilton Hotels.....	7.950	04/15/07	352,953
950	HMH Properties, Inc.	7.875	08/01/05	931,000
845	Horseshoe Gaming LLC.....	8.625	05/15/09	864,012
1,425	International Game Technology.....	7.875	05/15/04	1,474,875
1,400	Mohegan Tribal Gaming Authority.....	8.125	01/01/06	1,442,000
490	Park Place Entertainment.....	7.875	12/15/05	492,450
425	Park Place Entertainment.....	8.875	09/15/08	439,344
570	Prime Hospitality Corp., 144A--Private			
	Placement (b).....	8.375	05/01/12	561,450
855	Starwood Hotels Resorts, 144A--Private			
	Placement (b).....	7.375	05/01/07	845,381
780	Station Casinos, Inc.	8.375	02/15/08	800,475
475	Station Casinos, Inc.	9.875	07/01/10	504,688

9,905,400				

	HEALTHCARE	10.9%		
550	Amerisourcebergen Corp.	8.125	09/01/08	570,625
650	Fisher Scientific International, Inc.	7.125	12/15/05	648,375
795	Fresenius Medical Care Capital Trust II.....	7.875	02/01/08	717,488
235	Fresenius Medical Care Capital Trust IV.....	7.875	06/15/11	211,500
1,045	HCA, Inc.	6.910	06/15/05	1,091,042
100	HCA, Inc.	7.150	03/30/04	105,106
1,000	Healthsouth Corp.	7.375	10/01/06	1,005,000
450	Omnicare Inc.	8.125	03/15/11	465,750

4,814,886				

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YOUR TRUST'S INVESTMENTS

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PAR AMOUNT (000)	DESCRIPTION	COUPON	MATURITY	MARKET VALUE
	HOUSING			
	10.1%			
\$ 400	CB Richard Ellis Service.....	11.250%	06/15/11	\$ 338,000

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550	Istar Financial, Inc.	8.750	08/15/08	546,078
845	Schuler Homes.....	9.375	07/15/09	866,125
330	Tech Olympic USA, Inc., 144A--Private Placement (b).....	9.000	07/01/10	326,700
360	Tech Olympic USA, Inc., 144A--Private Placement (b).....	10.375	07/01/12	360,000
1,100	Toll Corp.	8.250	02/01/11	1,111,000
825	Webb (Del E.) Corp.	10.250	02/15/10	909,563

				4,457,466

	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY 3.9%			
425	Fairchild Semiconductor Corp.	10.500	02/01/09	454,750
850	Flextronics International Ltd. (Singapore).....	8.750	10/15/07	856,375
425	Tektronix, Inc.	7.625	08/15/02	426,833

				1,737,958

	MANUFACTURING 5.3%			
255	Case Corporation.....	6.250	12/01/03	248,984
260	Case Credit Corporation.....	6.125	02/15/03	255,264
740	Communications & Power Industries, Inc.	12.000	08/01/05	599,400
140	Johnsondiversey, Inc., 144A--Private Placement (b).....	9.625	05/15/12	147,000
595	Numatics, Inc.	9.625	04/01/08	354,025
340	Trimas Corp., 144A--Private Placement (b)...	9.875	06/15/12	340,850
490	Tyco Intl Group SA (Luxembourg).....	6.375	02/15/06	397,091

				2,342,614

	METALS 4.0%			
280	Doe Run Resources Corp., Ser B.....	11.250	03/15/05	57,400
1,100	GS Technologies Operating, Inc. (a) (c)....	12.250	10/01/05	27,500
330	Intermet Corp., 144A--Private Placement (b).....	9.750	06/15/09	332,475
210	Renco Steel Holdings, Inc.	10.875	02/01/05	15,750
420	Ucar Finance, Inc., 144A--Private Placement (b).....	10.250	02/15/12	430,500
1,590	WCI Steel, Inc.	10.000	12/01/04	898,350

				1,761,975

	RETAIL 1.4%			
400	Autonation, Inc.	9.000	08/01/08	414,000
210	Big 5 Corp.	10.875	11/15/07	222,600

				636,600

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PAR AMOUNT (000)	DESCRIPTION	COUPON	MATURITY	MARKET VALUE
	SERVICES 6.3%			
\$1,345	Allied Waste North America, Inc.	8.875%	04/01/08	\$ 1,324,825
1,400	Waste Management, Inc.	7.125	10/01/07	1,460,061

				2,784,886

	TELECOMMUNICATIONS 2.5%			
570	Asia Global Crossing (Bermuda) (a).....	13.375	10/15/10	115,425
280	Exodus Communications, Inc. (a) (c).....	11.250	07/01/08	47,600
370	Focal Communications Corp., Ser B.....	11.875	01/15/10	61,050
850	Frontier Corp. (a) (c).....	6.000	10/15/03	106,250
1,035	Global Crossing Holdings Ltd. (Bermuda) (a) (c).....	9.125	11/15/06	15,525
510	Globix Corp. (a) (c).....	12.500	02/01/10	94,350
1,260	GT Group Telecom, Inc. (Canada) (d).....	0/13.250	02/01/10	9,450
280	Madison River Capital LLC.....	13.250	03/01/10	225,400
1,160	Metromedia Fiber Network (a).....	10.000	12/15/09	17,400
280	MGC Communications, Inc. (a).....	13.000	10/01/04	113,400
570	Nextlink Communications, Inc. (a).....	9.625	10/01/07	17,100
600	Nextlink Communications, Inc. (a).....	10.500	12/01/09	18,000
630	PSI Net, Inc. (a) (c).....	10.500	12/01/06	64,575
1,255	WorldCom, Inc. (a) (e).....	7.750	04/01/07	194,525

				1,100,050

	TRANSPORTATION 14.1%			
1,520	Aetna Industries, Inc. (a).....	11.875	10/01/06	243,200
185	Collins & Aikman Products Co.	11.500	04/15/06	176,213
605	Collins & Aikman Products Co., 144A--Private Placement (b).....	10.750	12/31/11	611,050
1,060	Dana Corp.	9.000	08/15/11	1,049,400
335	Dura Operating Corp., 144A--Private Placement (b).....	8.625	04/15/12	338,350
940	Ford Motor Credit Co.	6.500	01/25/07	941,776
455	General Motors Acceptance Corp.	7.500	07/15/05	485,246
432	International Shipholding Corp.	9.000	07/01/03	429,840
495	Lear Corp.	8.110	05/15/09	508,172
325	Metaldyne Corp., 144A--Private Placement (b).....	11.000	06/15/12	318,500
570	Stena AB (Sweden).....	10.500	12/15/05	589,950
170	Stoneridge, Inc.	11.500	05/01/12	172,550
335	Stoneridge, Inc., 144A--Private Placement (b).....	11.500	05/01/12	340,025

				6,204,272

	UTILITY 8.4%			
215	Calpine Corp.	8.500	02/15/11	145,125
570	Calpine Corp.	8.625	08/15/10	373,350
535	Dynegy Holdings, Inc.	6.875	04/01/11	369,799

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PAR AMOUNT (000)	DESCRIPTION	COUPON	MATURITY	MARKET VALUE
	UTILITY (Continued)			
\$ 65	El Paso Corp.	7.000%	05/15/11	\$ 62,327
200	El Paso Corp., 144A--Private Placement (b).....	7.875	06/15/12	201,767
515	Mirant Americas Generation LLC.....	7.625	05/01/06	417,540
400	PG & E National Energy Group, Inc.	10.375	05/16/11	408,706
680	PSEG Energy Holdings.....	9.125	02/10/04	692,277
220	PSEG Energy Holdings, 144A--Private Placement (b).....	8.625	02/15/08	211,426
1,020	Williams Cos., Inc.	6.500	08/01/06	830,146

				3,712,463

	WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS 4.4%			
235	Alamosa Delaware Inc.	12.500	02/01/11	66,975
245	Alamosa Holdings, Inc. (d).....	0/12.875	02/15/10	37,975
285	American Cellular Corp.	9.500	10/15/09	52,725
285	American Tower Corp.	9.375	02/01/09	158,175
560	Grupo Iusacell S.A. (Mexico).....	10.000	07/15/04	488,600
830	IPCS, Inc. (d).....	0/14.000	07/15/10	112,050
1,105	Nextel Communications, Inc.	9.375	11/15/09	563,550
182	Telecorp PCS, Inc.	10.625	07/15/10	171,080
244	Tritel PCS, Inc.	10.375	01/15/11	223,260
190	US Unwired, Inc. (d).....	0/13.375	11/01/09	46,550

				1,920,940

	TOTAL CORPORATE BONDS 172.1%.....			76,042,685

	GOVERNMENT AND GOVERNMENT AGENCY OBLIGATIONS 5.4%			
1,285	Federal Republic of Brazil (Brazil).....	11.250	07/26/07	877,012
140	United Mexican States (Mexico).....	8.375	01/14/11	145,600
1,200	United States Treasury Bonds.....	11.875	11/15/03	1,353,622

	TOTAL GOVERNMENT AND GOVERNMENT AGENCY OBLIGATIONS.....			2,376,234

	EQUITIES 0.6%			
	DecisionOne Corp. (3,033 common shares) (f) (g).....			0
	DecisionOne Corp. (6,670 common stock warrants) (f) (g).....			0
	Focal Communications Corp. (2,439 common shares) (g).....			5,683
	GT Group Telecom, Inc. (1,260 common stock warrants) 144A--Private Placement (Canada) (b) (g).....			1,890
	HCI Direct, Inc. (30,357 common shares) (g).....			236,788
	Hosiery Corp of America, Inc. (500 common shares) (g).....			5

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DESCRIPTION	MARKET VALUE
EQUITIES (Continued)	
IPCS, Inc. (830 common stock warrants) 144A--Private Placement (b) (g)....	\$ 311
McLeodUSA, Inc. (1,437 common stock warrants).....	187
McLeodUSA, Inc. (648 preferred shares) (g).....	2,430
NTL, Inc. (1,622 common stock warrants) 144A--Private Placement (b) (g)...	291
Ono Finance PLC, 144A--Private Placement (775 equity value certificates) (United Kingdom) (b) (g).....	291
Pioneer Cos., Inc. (3,251 common shares) (g).....	5,949
Star Gas Partners L.P. (264 limited partnership units).....	4,852
VS Holdings, Inc. (11,316 common shares) (g).....	2,113

TOTAL EQUITIES 0.6%.....	260,790

TOTAL LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS 178.1%	
(Cost \$98,468,656).....	78,679,709

REPURCHASE AGREEMENT 10.2%	
State Street Bank & Trust Co. (\$4,500,000 par collateralized by U.S. Government obligations in a pooled cash account, dated 06/28/02, to be sold on 07/01/02 at \$4,500,705) (Cost \$4,500,000).....	4,500,000

TOTAL INVESTMENTS 188.3%	
(Cost \$102,968,656).....	83,179,709

OTHER ASSETS IN EXCESS OF LIABILITIES 5.2%.....	2,289,657

PREFERRED SHARES (93.5%).....	(41,300,000)

NET ASSETS APPLICABLE TO COMMON SHARES 100.0%.....	\$44,169,366
	=====

(a) Non-income producing as security is in default.

(b) 144A securities are those which are exempt from registration under Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. These securities may only be resold in transactions exempt from registration which are normally those transactions with qualified institutional buyers.

(c) This borrower has filed for protection in federal bankruptcy court.

(d) Security is a "step-up" bond where the coupon increases or steps up at a predetermined date.

(e) Subsequent to June 30, 2002, this company has filed for protection in federal bankruptcy court.

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(f) Market value is determined in accordance with procedures established in good faith by the Board of Trustees.

(g) Non-income producing security.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
Statement of Assets and Liabilities
June 30, 2002 (Unaudited)

ASSETS:	
Total Investments (Cost \$102,968,656)	\$ 83,179,709
Receivables:	
Interest	2,084,512
Investments Sold	706,649
Other	56,158

Total Assets	86,027,028

LIABILITIES:	
Payables:	
Custodian Bank	177,651
Investments Purchased	134,432
Investment Advisory Fee	52,841
Affiliates	5,962
Trustees' Deferred Compensation and Retirement Plans	148,547
Accrued Expenses	38,229

Total Liabilities	557,662
Preferred Shares	41,300,000

NET ASSETS APPLICABLE TO COMMON SHARES	\$ 44,169,366
	=====
NET ASSET VALUE PER COMMON SHARE (\$44,169,366 divided by 13,710,760 shares outstanding)	\$ 3.22
	=====
NET ASSETS CONSIST OF:	
Common Shares (\$.01 par value with an unlimited number of shares authorized, 13,710,760 shares issued and outstanding)	\$ 137,108
Paid in Surplus	87,043,519
Accumulated Undistributed Net Investment Income	(1,878,274)
Net Unrealized Depreciation	(19,788,947)
Accumulated Net Realized Loss	(21,344,040)

NET ASSETS APPLICABLE TO COMMON SHARES	\$ 44,169,366
	=====
PREFERRED SHARES (\$.01 par value, authorized 1,000,000 shares, 413 issued with liquidation preference of \$100,000 per share)	\$ 41,300,000

NET ASSETS INCLUDING PREFERRED SHARES	\$ 85,469,366
	=====

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Statement of Operations
For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2002 (Unaudited)

INVESTMENT INCOME:	
Interest.....	\$ 4,008,450
Dividends.....	304
Other.....	26,287

Total Income.....	4,035,041

EXPENSES:	
Investment Advisory Fee.....	328,327
Preferred Share Maintenance.....	63,971
Legal.....	19,778
Trustees' Fees and Related Expenses.....	17,275
Custody.....	8,586
Other.....	99,466

Total Expenses.....	537,403

NET INVESTMENT INCOME.....	\$ 3,497,638
	=====
REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN/LOSS:	
Net Realized Loss.....	\$ (3,286,218)

Unrealized Appreciation/Depreciation:	
Beginning of the Period.....	(15,949,872)
End of the Period.....	(19,788,947)

Net Unrealized Depreciation During the Period.....	(3,839,075)

NET REALIZED AND UNREALIZED LOSS.....	\$ (7,125,293)
	=====
DISTRIBUTIONS TO PREFERRED SHAREHOLDERS.....	\$ (410,980)
	=====
NET DECREASE IN NET ASSETS FROM OPERATIONS.....	\$ (4,038,635)
	=====

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Statements of Changes in Net Assets
(Unaudited)

	SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2002	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001
	-----	-----
FROM INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES:		
Operations:		
Net Investment Income.....	\$ 3,497,638	\$ 9,683,102

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Net Realized Loss.....	(3,286,218)	(8,072,306)
Net Unrealized Appreciation/Depreciation During the Period.....	(3,839,075)	2,051,508
Distributions to Preferred Shareholders:		
Net Investment Income.....	(410,980)	(2,004,147)
	-----	-----
Change in Net Assets from Operations.....	(4,038,635)	1,658,157
Distributions to Common Shareholders:		
Net Investment Income.....	(3,578,232)	(7,732,621)
	-----	-----
NET CHANGE IN NET ASSETS FROM INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES.....	(7,616,867)	(6,074,464)
NET ASSETS:		
Beginning of the Period.....	51,786,233	57,860,697
	-----	-----
End of the Period (Including accumulated undistributed net investment income of (\$1,878,274) and (\$1,386,700), respectively)....	\$44,169,366	\$51,786,233
	=====	=====

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Financial Highlights
(Unaudited)

THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE PRESENTS FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS FOR ONE COMMON SHARE OF THE TRUST OUTSTANDING THROUGHOUT THE PERIODS INDICATED.

	SIX MONTHS ENDED		
	JUNE 30, 2002	----- 2001 (c)	----- 2000
	-----	-----	-----
NET ASSET VALUE, BEGINNING OF THE PERIOD.....	\$ 3.78	\$ 4.22	\$ 5.10
	-----	-----	-----
Net Investment Income.....	.25	.71	.85
Net Realized and Unrealized Gain/Loss.....	(.52)	(.44)	(.85)
Common Share Equivalent of Distributions Paid to Preferred Shareholders:			
Net Investment Income.....	(.03)	(.15)	(.26)
	-----	-----	-----
Total from Investment Operations.....	(.30)	.12	(.26)
Less Distributions Paid to Common Shareholders:			
Net Investment Income.....	.26	.56	.61
Return of Capital Distributions.....	-0-	-0-	.01
	-----	-----	-----
NET ASSET VALUE, END OF THE PERIOD.....	\$ 3.22	\$ 3.78	\$ 4.22
	=====	=====	=====
Common Share Market Price at End of the Period.....	\$ 4.10	\$ 4.54	\$ 4.125
Total Return (a).....	-4.49%*	23.76%	4.08%
Net Assets at End of the Period (In millions).....	\$ 44.2	\$ 51.8	\$ 57.9
Ratio of Expenses to Average Net Assets Applicable to Common Shares (b).....	2.18%	1.98%	1.95%
Ratio of Net Investment Income to Average Net Assets Applicable to Common Shares (b).....	14.21%	16.80%	18.05%
Portfolio Turnover.....	55%*	64%	62%

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SUPPLEMENTAL RATIOS:

Ratio of Expenses to Average Net Assets Including			
Preferred Shares (b).....	1.15%	1.07%	1.04%
Ratio of Net Investment Income to Average Net Assets			
Applicable to Common Shares (d).....	12.54%	13.32%	12.48%
SENIOR SECURITIES:			
Total Preferred Shares Outstanding.....	413	450	500
Asset Coverage Per Preferred Share (e).....	\$206,948	\$215,081	\$215,271
Involuntary Liquidating Preference Per Preferred			
Share.....	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Average Market Value Per Preferred Share.....	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000

* Non-Annualized

- (a) Total return assumes an investment at the common share market price at the beginning of the period indicated, reinvestment of all distributions for the period in accordance with the Trust's dividend reinvestment plan, and sale of all shares at the closing common share market price at the end of the period indicated.
- (b) Ratios do not reflect the effect of dividend payments to preferred shareholders.
- (c) As required, effective January 1, 2001, the Trust has adopted the provisions of the AICPA Audit and Accounting Guide for Investment Companies and began amortizing premium on fixed income securities. The effect of this change for the year ended December 31, 2001 was to decrease net investment income per share by \$.02, increase net realized and unrealized gains and losses per share by \$.02 and decrease the ratio of net investment income to average net assets applicable to common shares by .38%. Per share, ratios and supplemental data for periods prior to December 31, 2001 have not been restated to reflect this change in presentation.
- (d) Ratios reflect the effect of dividend payments to preferred shareholders.
- (e) Calculated by subtracting the Trust's total liabilities (not including the preferred shares) from the Trust's total assets and dividing this by the number of preferred shares outstanding.

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YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,

1999	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993	1992
\$ 5.86	\$ 6.47	\$ 6.35	\$ 6.19	\$ 5.62	\$ 6.74	\$ 6.23	\$ 5.92
.88	.91	.93	.94	.98	1.00	1.11	1.21
(.75)	(.58)	.13	.15	.54	(.98)	.53	.17
(.22)	(.24)	(.24)	(.23)	(.25)	(.19)	(.14)	(.16)
(.09)	.09	.82	.86	1.27	(.17)	1.50	1.22
.67	.70	.70	.70	.70	.95	.99	.91
-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
\$ 5.10	\$ 5.86	\$ 6.47	\$ 6.35	\$ 6.19	\$ 5.62	\$ 6.74	\$ 6.23

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=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
\$ 4.50	\$ 6.375	\$ 7.375	\$ 6.75	\$ 6.375	\$ 5.50	\$ 8.125	\$ 7.25
-21.20%	-4.33%	20.29%	17.34%	29.17%	-23.22%	26.12%	18.67%
\$ 70.0	\$ 80.4	\$ 88.7	\$ 87.0	\$ 84.8	\$ 77.1	\$ 92.3	\$ 85.4
1.92%	1.85%	1.76%	1.87%	1.92%	1.96%	1.72%	1.87%
16.13%	14.56%	14.60%	15.32%	16.39%	16.33%	16.75%	19.15%
57%	65%	102%	92%	119%	110%	99%	109%
1.07%	1.09%	1.05%	1.11%	1.12%	1.16%	1.04%	1.11%
12.09%	10.77%	10.90%	11.58%	12.16%	13.31%	14.66%	16.48%
588	588	588	588	588	588	588	588
\$219,005	\$236,742	\$250,850	\$247,974	\$244,242	\$231,106	\$257,054	\$245,221
\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000

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1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Van Kampen High Income Trust (the "Trust") is registered as a diversified, closed-end management investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended. The Trust's investment objective is to provide high current income, while seeking to preserve shareholders' capital through investment in a professionally managed diversified portfolio of high yield, fixed income securities. The Trust commenced investment operations on January 26, 1989.

The following is a summary of significant accounting policies consistently followed by the Trust in the preparation of its financial statements. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principals generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

A. SECURITY VALUATION Investments are stated at value using market quotations or indications of value obtained from an independent pricing service. For those securities where quotations or prices are not available, valuations are obtained from yield data relating to instruments or securities with similar characteristics in accordance with procedures established in good faith by the Board of Trustees. Short-term securities with remaining maturities of 60 days or less are valued at amortized cost, which approximates market value.

B. SECURITY TRANSACTIONS Security transactions are recorded on a trade date basis. Realized gains and losses are determined on an identified cost basis.

The Trust may invest in repurchase agreements, which are short-term investments in which the Trust acquires ownership of a debt security and the seller agrees to repurchase the security at a future time and specified price. The Trust may invest independently in repurchase agreements, or transfer uninvested cash balances into a pooled cash account along with other investment companies advised by Van Kampen Investment Advisory Corp. (the "Adviser") or its affiliates, the daily aggregate of which is invested in repurchase agreements. Repurchase agreements are fully collateralized by the underlying debt security.

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The Trust will make payment for such securities only upon physical delivery or evidence of book entry transfer to the account of the custodian bank. The seller is required to maintain the value of the underlying security at not less than the repurchase proceeds due the Trust.

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C. INVESTMENT INCOME Interest income is recorded on an accrual basis. Bond discount is accreted and premium is amortized over the expected life of each applicable security.

D. FEDERAL INCOME TAXES It is the Trust's policy to comply with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code applicable to regulated investment companies and to distribute substantially all of its taxable income to its shareholders. Therefore, no provision for federal income taxes is required.

The Trust intends to utilize provisions of the federal income tax laws which allow it to carry a realized capital loss forward for eight years following the year of the loss and offset such losses against any future realized capital gains. At December 31, 2001, the Trust had an accumulated capital loss carry forward for tax purposes of \$15,583,439 which expires between December 31, 2002 and December 31, 2009. Of this amount, \$1,670,578 will expire on December 31, 2002. Net realized gains or losses may differ for financial reporting and tax purposes as a result of the deferral of losses relating to wash sale transactions.

At June 30, 2002, the cost and related gross unrealized appreciation and depreciation are as follows:

Cost of investments for tax purposes.....	\$103,341,700
	=====
Gross tax unrealized appreciation.....	\$ 1,286,104
Gross tax unrealized depreciation.....	(21,448,095)

Net tax unrealized depreciation on investments.....	\$(20,161,991)
	=====

E. DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME AND GAINS The Trust declares and pays monthly dividends from net investment income to common shareholders. Net realized gains, if any, are distributed annually to common shareholders. Distributions from net realized gains for book purposes may include short-term capital gains which are included in ordinary income for tax purposes.

F. RECLASSIFICATIONS Certain information included in the prior year's financial highlights has been conformed to the current year presentation.

In accordance with the provisions of EITF D-98, "Classification and Measurement of Redeemable Securities", effective for the current period, the Trust has reclassified its Auction Market Preferred Shares ("AMPS") outside of permanent equity in the Net Assets section of the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. In addition, distributions to AMPS shareholders are now classified as a component of the "Decrease in net assets from operations" on the Statement of Operations and the Statements of Changes in Net Assets and as a component of

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the "Total from Investment Operations" on the Financial Highlights. Prior year amounts presented have been reclassified to conform to this period's presentation. This change has no impact on the net assets applicable to common shares of the Trust.

2. INVESTMENT ADVISORY AGREEMENT AND
OTHER TRANSACTIONS WITH AFFILIATES

Under the terms of the Trust's Investment Advisory Agreement, Van Kampen Investment Advisory Corp. (the "Adviser") will provide investment advice and facilities to the Trust for an annual fee payable monthly of .70% of the average daily net assets of the Trust.

For the six months ended June 30, 2002, the Trust recognized expenses of approximately \$7,700 representing legal services provided by Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom (Illinois), counsel to the Trust, of which a trustee of the Trust is an affiliated person.

Under separate Accounting Services and Legal Services agreements, the Adviser provides accounting and legal services to the Trust. The Adviser allocates the cost of such services to each trust. For the six months ended June 30, 2002, the Trust recognized expenses of approximately \$19,200 representing Van Kampen Investments Inc.'s or its affiliates' (collectively "Van Kampen") cost of providing accounting and legal services to the Trust, which are reported as part of "Other" and "Legal" expenses, respectively, in the Statement of Operations.

Certain officers and trustees of the Trust are also officers and directors of Van Kampen. The Trust does not compensate its officers or trustees who are officers of Van Kampen.

The Trust provides deferred compensation and retirement plans for its trustees who are not officers of Van Kampen. Under the deferred compensation plan, trustees may elect to defer all or a portion of their compensation to a later date. Benefits under the retirement plan are payable upon retirement for a ten-year period and are based upon each trustee's years of service to the Trust. The maximum annual benefit per trustee under the plan is \$2,500.

3. INVESTMENT TRANSACTIONS

During the period, the cost of purchases and proceeds from sales of investments, excluding short-term investments, were \$47,299,587 and \$48,586,421, respectively.

4. AUCTION MARKET PREFERRED SHARES

The Trust has outstanding 413 shares of Auction Market Preferred Shares ("AMPS") at a liquidation value of \$100,000 per share. Dividends are cumulative and the rate is currently reset through an auction process every 28 days. The rate

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in effect on June 30, 2002, was 1.860%. During the six months ended June 30, 2002, the rates ranged from 1.690% to 2.029%.

The Trust pays annual fees equivalent to .25% of the preferred share liquidation value for the remarketing efforts associated with the preferred auctions. These fees are included as a component of Preferred Share Maintenance expense. The AMPS are redeemable at the option of the Trust in whole or in part at a price of \$100,000 per share plus accumulated and unpaid dividends. The Trust is subject to certain asset coverage tests, and the AMPS are subject to mandatory redemption if the tests are not met.

On June 28, 2002, the Trust redeemed 37 shares of its AMPS with a liquidation value of \$100,000 per share.

On July 30, 2002, the Trust redeemed an additional 37 shares of its AMPS with a liquidation value of \$100,000 per share.

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND IMPORTANT ADDRESSES VAN KAMPEN HIGH INCOME TRUST

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RESULTS OF SHAREHOLDER VOTES

The Annual Meeting of Shareholders of the Trust was held on June 12, 2002, where shareholders voted on the election of trustees.

1) With regards to the election of the following trustees by the common shareholders of the Trust:

	# OF SHARES	
	IN FAVOR	WITHHELD
David C. Arch.....	11,288,145	164,146
Howard J Kerr.....	11,264,916	187,375

The other trustees of the Trust whose terms did not expire in 2002 are Rod Dammeyer, Theodore A. Myers, Richard F. Powers, III, Hugo F. Sonnenschein, and Wayne W. Whalen.

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