

Kayne Anderson

Energy Total Return Fund



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Fund Overview

Kayne Anderson Energy Total Return Fund, Inc. (the “Fund”) is a non-diversified, closed-end fund. Our investment objective is to obtain a high total return with an emphasis on current income. We seek to achieve this objective by investing in a portfolio of companies in the energy sector, which focuses on securities of energy companies, with the majority of our investments in equity securities of master limited partnerships and limited liability companies taxed as partnerships (“MLPs”), MLP affiliates, energy marine transportation companies and income trusts.

As of August 31, 2011, we had total assets of \$1.3 billion, net assets applicable to our common stock of \$855 million (net asset value per share of \$24.51), and 34.9 million shares of common stock outstanding. As of August 31, 2011, we held \$1.1 billion in equity investments and \$151.0 million in debt investments.

Recent Events

On October 17, 2011, we amended our senior unsecured revolving credit facility (the “Credit Facility”) to increase the total commitment amount to \$100.0 million. This \$20.0 million increase in commitment amount was accomplished by adding a new lender to the syndicate and increased commitments from existing lenders. All other terms of the Credit Facility remain the same including the maturity date and interest rates.

Our Top Ten Portfolio Investments as of August 31, 2011

Listed below are our top ten portfolio investments by issuer as of August 31, 2011.

<u> Holding </u>	<u> Sector </u>	<u> Amount (\$ in millions) </u>	<u> Percent of Long-Term Investments </u>
1. Kinder Morgan Management, LLC	MLP Affiliate	\$144.8	11.6%
2. Enbridge Energy Management, L.L.C.	MLP Affiliate	114.4	9.2
3. Plains All American Pipeline, L.P.	Midstream MLP	66.0	5.3
4. Teekay Offshore Partners L.P.	Marine Transportation	43.8	3.5
5. Enerplus Corporation	Income Trust	37.8	3.0
6. ONEOK, Inc.	Midstream	36.8	2.9
7. Navios Maritime Partners L.P.	Marine Transportation	36.4	2.9
8. Crescent Point Energy Corp.	Income Trust	34.2	2.7
9. Kinder Morgan, Inc.	Midstream	31.3	2.5
10. Gibson Energy Inc.	Midstream	<u>24.9</u>	<u>2.0</u>
		<u>\$570.4</u>	<u>45.6%</u>

Results of Operations — For the Three Months Ended August 31, 2011

Investment Income. Investment income totaled \$9.6 million and consisted primarily of net dividends and distributions and interest income on our investments. Interest income was \$3.4 million, and we received \$14.2 million of cash dividends and distributions, of which \$8.0 million was treated as a return of capital during the quarter. During the quarter, we received \$5.0 million of paid-in-kind dividends, which are not included in investment income, but are reflected as an unrealized gain.

Operating Expenses. Operating expenses totaled \$10.5 million, including \$4.3 million of investment management fees, \$4.0 million of interest expense, of which \$0.2 million was the non-cash amortization of debt issuance costs, and \$0.6 million of other operating expenses. Investment management fees are calculated based on

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the average total assets under management. Preferred stock distributions for the quarter were \$1.7 million, of which \$0.1 million was the non-cash amortization of offering costs.

Net Investment Loss. Our net investment loss totaled \$0.9 million.

Net Realized Gains. We had net realized gains of \$18.0 million. Net realized gains consisted of \$15.3 million of gains from our investments, \$2.9 million of gains from option activity and a \$0.2 million realized loss from foreign currency related transactions.

Net Change in Unrealized Losses. We had net unrealized losses of \$130.8 million. The net unrealized losses consisted of \$130.1 million of unrealized losses from investments and \$0.7 million of net unrealized losses from option activity.

Net Decrease in Net Assets Resulting from Operations. We had a decrease in net assets resulting from operations of \$113.7 million. This decrease is composed of a net investment loss of \$0.9 million; net realized gains of \$18.0 million; and net unrealized losses of \$130.8 million, as noted above.

Distributions to Common Stockholders

We pay quarterly distributions to our common stockholders, funded in part by net distributable income (“NDI”) generated from our portfolio investments. NDI is the amount of income received by us from our portfolio investments less operating expenses, subject to certain adjustments as described below. NDI is not a financial measure under the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (“GAAP”). Refer to the “Reconciliation of NDI to GAAP” section below for a reconciliation of this measure to our results reported under GAAP.

Income from portfolio investments includes (a) cash dividends and distributions, (b) paid-in-kind dividends received (i.e., stock dividends), (c) interest income from debt securities and commitment fees from private investments in public equity (“PIPE investments”) and (d) net premiums received from the sale of covered calls.

Operating expenses include (a) investment management fees paid to our investment adviser, (b) other expenses (mostly attributable to fees paid to other service providers) and (c) interest expense and preferred stock distributions.

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Net Distributable Income (NDI)
(amounts in millions, except for per share amounts)

	<u>Three Months Ended August 31, 2011</u>
Distributions and Other Income from Investments	
Dividends and Distributions	\$14.2
Paid-In-Kind Dividends and Distributions	5.0
Interest and Other Income	3.5
Net Premiums Received from Call Options Written	<u>3.7</u>
Total Distributions and Other Income from Investments	26.4
Expenses	
Investment Management Fee	(4.3)
Other Expenses	<u>(0.6)</u>
Total Management Fee and Other Expenses	(4.9)
Interest Expense	(3.8)
Preferred Stock Distributions	<u>(1.6)</u>
Net Distributable Income (NDI)	<u>\$16.1</u>
Weighted Shares Outstanding	34.8
NDI per Weighted Share Outstanding	<u>\$0.46</u>

Payment of future distributions is subject to Board of Directors approval, as well as meeting the covenants of our debt agreements and terms of our preferred stock. In determining our quarterly distribution to common stockholders, our Board of Directors considers a number of factors that include, but are not limited to:

- NDI generated in the current quarter;
- Expected NDI over the next twelve months, and
- Realized and unrealized gains generated by the portfolio.

On September 22, 2011, we declared our quarterly distribution of \$0.48 per common share for the fiscal third quarter for a total quarterly distribution payment of \$16.7 million. The distribution was paid on October 14, 2011 to common stockholders of record on October 5, 2011.

Reconciliation of NDI to GAAP

The difference between distributions and other income from investments in the NDI calculation and total investment income as reported in our Statement of Operations is reconciled as follows:

- GAAP recognizes that a significant portion of the cash distributions received from MLPs is characterized as a return of capital and therefore excluded from investment income, whereas the NDI calculation includes the return of capital portion of such distributions.
- NDI includes the value of dividends paid-in-kind, whereas such amounts are not included as investment income for GAAP purposes, but rather are recorded as unrealized gains upon receipt.
- NDI includes commitment fees from PIPE investments, whereas such amounts are generally not included in investment income for GAAP purposes, but rather are recorded as a reduction to the cost of the investment.

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- Many of our investments in debt securities were purchased at a discount or premium to the par value of such security. When making such investments, we consider the security's yield to maturity, which factors in the impact of such discount (or premium). Interest income reported under GAAP includes the non-cash accretion of the discount (or amortization of the premium) based on the effective interest method. When we calculate interest income for purposes of determining NDI, in order to better reflect the yield to maturity, the accretion of the discount (or amortization of the premium) is calculated on a straight-line basis to the earlier of the expected call date or the maturity date of the debt security.
- We may sell covered call option contracts to generate income or to reduce our ownership of certain securities that we hold. In some cases, we are able to repurchase these call option contracts at a price less than the fee that we received, thereby generating a profit. The amount we received from selling call options, less the amount that we pay to repurchase such call option contracts, is included in NDI. For GAAP purposes, premiums received from call option contracts sold is not included in investment income. See Note 2 — Significant Accounting Policies for a full discussion of the GAAP treatment of option contracts.

The treatment of expenses included in NDI also differs from what is reported in the Statement of Operations as follows:

- The non-cash amortization or write-offs of capitalized debt issuance costs and preferred stock offering costs related to our financings is included in interest expense and distributions on mandatory redeemable preferred stock for GAAP purposes, but is excluded from our calculation of NDI.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Total leverage outstanding at August 31, 2011 of \$421.0 million was comprised of \$301.0 million in senior unsecured notes and \$120.0 million in mandatory redeemable preferred stock. We had no borrowings outstanding under our Credit Facility. Total leverage represented 33% of total assets at August 31, 2011. As of October 20, 2011, we had no amounts outstanding under our Credit Facility.

The Credit Facility has a \$100.0 million commitment maturing on June 11, 2013. The Credit Facility was increased by \$20.0 million effective October 17, 2011. The interest rate may vary between LIBOR plus 1.75% and LIBOR plus 3.00%, depending on our asset coverage ratios. Outstanding loan balances accrue interest daily at a rate equal to one-month LIBOR plus 1.75% based on current asset coverage ratios. We pay a commitment fee of 0.40% per annum on any unused amounts of the Credit Facility. A full copy of our Credit Facility is available on our website, www.kaynefunds.com.

At August 31, 2011, our asset coverage ratios under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"), were 424% and 303% for debt and total leverage (debt plus preferred stock), respectively. We currently target an asset coverage ratio with respect to our debt of 415%, but at times may be above or below our target depending upon market conditions.

At August 31, 2011, we had \$301.0 million of senior unsecured notes outstanding. Of this amount, \$28.0 million matures in 2012, and the remaining \$273.0 million of senior unsecured notes matures between 2013 and 2018. At August 31, 2011, we had \$90.0 million of mandatory redeemable preferred stock, which is subject to mandatory redemption in 2017 and 2018.

As of August 31, 2011, our leverage consisted of both fixed rate (86%) and floating rate (14%) obligations. As of such date, the weighted average interest rate on our leverage was 4.87%.

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<u>Description</u>	<u>No. of Shares/Units</u>	<u>Value</u>
Long-Term Investments — 146.3%		
Equity Investments⁽¹⁾ — 128.6%		
United States — 109.2%		
MLP⁽²⁾ — 35.8%		
Alliance Holdings GP, L.P.	87	\$ 4,122
BreitBurn Energy Partners L.P.	62	1,137
Buckeye Partners, L.P.	83	5,214
Buckeye Partners, L.P. — Unregistered, Class B Units ⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾	185	10,345
Chesapeake Midstream Partners, L.P.	52	1,449
Crestwood Midstream Partners LP	132	3,380
DCP Midstream Partners, LP	527	20,429
Energy Transfer Equity, L.P. ⁽⁵⁾	400	15,285
Energy Transfer Partners, L.P. ⁽⁵⁾	246	11,082
Enterprise Products Partners L.P. ⁽⁵⁾	536	22,572
Exterran Partners, L.P.	556	12,664
Global Partners LP	330	6,585
Holly Energy Partners, L.P.	42	2,122
Inergy, L.P.	510	14,472
MarkWest Energy Partners, L.P. ⁽⁵⁾	420	20,191
Martin Midstream Partners L.P.	87	3,106
ONEOK Partners, L.P.	15	631
PAA Natural Gas Storage, L.P.	224	4,058
Penn Virginia Resource Partners, L.P.	615	15,927
Plains All American Pipeline, L.P. ⁽⁶⁾	1,089	66,022
Regency Energy Partners LP	951	22,721
Targa Resources Partners LP ⁽⁵⁾	204	7,007
TC PipeLines, LP	188	8,197
Teekay LNG Partners L.P.	198	6,672
TransMontaigne Partners L.P.	40	1,340
Western Gas Partners, LP	50	1,805
Williams Partners L.P. ⁽⁵⁾	326	17,679
		<u>306,214</u>
MLP Affiliates — 30.3%		
Enbridge Energy Management, L.L.C. ⁽⁴⁾	4,153	114,386
Kinder Morgan Management, LLC ⁽⁴⁾	2,394	144,809
		<u>259,195</u>
Marine Transportation — 22.4%		
Capital Product Partners L.P.	2,535	17,238
Crude Carriers Corp. ⁽⁷⁾	594	5,561
DHT Holdings, Inc.	2,581	7,690
Golar LNG Partners LP	232	5,967
Knightsbridge Tankers Limited	1,052	18,872
Navios Maritime Partners L.P.	2,298	36,425
Safe Bulkers, Inc.	2,133	14,908
Seaspan Corporation	69	952
Seaspan Corporation — 9.50% Preferred Shares	640	17,062
Teekay Offshore Partners L.P.	1,630	43,821

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<u>Description</u>	<u>No. of Shares/Units</u>	<u>Value</u>
Marine Transportation (continued)		
Teekay Tankers Ltd.	3,503	\$ 22,771
		<u>191,267</u>
Midstream & Other — 11.7%		
El Paso Corporation ⁽⁵⁾	528	10,098
Kinder Morgan, Inc.	1,209	31,258
ONEOK, Inc. ⁽⁵⁾	519	36,764
PPL Corporation — 8.75% Preferred Shares ⁽⁸⁾	18	957
Targa Resources Corp.	93	2,787
The Williams Companies, Inc.	677	18,280
		<u>100,144</u>
Coal — 4.7%		
Arch Coal, Inc.	689	14,000
CONSOL Energy Inc. ⁽⁵⁾	290	13,228
Peabody Energy Corporation ⁽⁵⁾	256	12,498
		<u>39,726</u>
Income Trust — 4.3%		
Permian Basin Royalty Trust	345	7,696
SandRidge Mississippian Trust I ⁽⁹⁾	297	7,732
VOC Energy Trust	955	21,332
		<u>36,760</u>
Total United States (Cost — \$723,271)		<u>933,306</u>
Canada — 19.4%		
Income Trust — 16.5%		
ARC Resources Ltd.	375	9,310
Crescent Point Energy Corp.	754	34,233
Daylight Energy Ltd.	1,341	10,818
Enerplus Corporation	1,293	37,814
NAL Energy Corporation	2,392	24,323
Peyto Exploration & Development Corp.	97	2,182
Provident Energy Ltd.	1,250	10,826
Veresen Inc	259	3,655
Westshore Terminals Investment Corporation ⁽¹⁰⁾	287	6,729
Zargon Energy Trust	60	1,048
		<u>140,938</u>
Midstream — 2.9%		
Gibson Energy Inc.	1,415	24,884
Total Canada (Cost — \$159,793)		<u>165,822</u>
Total Equity Investments (Cost — \$883,064)		<u>1,099,128</u>

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<u>Description</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>	<u>Value</u>
Debt Instruments — 17.7%				
United States — 15.3%				
Upstream — 6.8%				
Antero Resources LLC.....	9.375%	12/1/17	\$17,900	\$ 19,064
Antero Resources LLC.....	7.250	8/1/19	1,750	1,706
Carrizo Oil & Gas, Inc.	8.625	10/15/18	19,200	19,680
Chaparral Energy, Inc.	8.250	9/1/21	2,750	2,640
Clayton Williams Energy, Inc.	7.750	4/1/19	6,850	6,319
Comstock Resources, Inc.	7.750	4/1/19	2,500	2,503
Petroleum Development Corporation.....	12.000	2/15/18	6,080	6,536
				<u>58,448</u>
Marine Transportation — 2.8%				
Genco Shipping & Trading Limited ⁽¹¹⁾	5.000	8/15/15	5,000	3,450
Navios Maritime Acquisition Corporation	8.625	11/1/17	10,350	8,681
Navios Maritime Holdings Inc.	8.125	2/15/19	10,000	8,200
Overseas Shipholding Group, Inc.	7.500	2/15/24	500	356
Teekay Corporation	8.500	1/15/20	3,665	3,564
				<u>24,251</u>
Coal — 3.7%				
Foresight Energy LLC	9.625	8/15/17	21,000	21,210
Patriot Coal Corporation.....	8.250	4/30/18	10,986	10,382
				<u>31,592</u>
Midstream — 2.0%				
Crestwood Holdings Partners, LLC.....	⁽¹²⁾	10/1/16	16,460	16,624
Total United States (Cost — \$136,616)				<u>130,915</u>
Canada — 2.4%				
Upstream — 2.4%				
Paramount Resources Ltd.	8.250	12/13/17	⁽¹³⁾	7,440
Southern Pacific Resources Corp.	⁽¹⁴⁾	1/15/16	12,592	12,655
Total Canada (Cost — \$19,765)				<u>20,095</u>
Total Debt Investments (Cost — \$156,381)				<u>151,010</u>
Total Long-Term Investments (Cost — \$1,039,445)				<u>1,250,138</u>
Short-Term Investment — 1.9%				
Repurchase Agreement — 1.9%				
J.P. Morgan Securities Inc. (Agreement dated 8/31/11 to be repurchased at \$16,563), collateralized by \$16,894 in U.S. Treasury securities (Cost — \$16,563)	—	9/1/11		16,563
Total Investments — 148.2% (Cost — \$1,056,008)				<u>1,266,701</u>
			<u>No. of Contracts</u>	
Liabilities				
Call Option Contracts Written⁽⁷⁾				
United States				
Coal				
CONSOL Energy Inc., call option expiring 9/16/11 @ \$44.00			500	(144)
CONSOL Energy Inc., call option expiring 9/16/11 @ \$45.00			500	(115)

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Description	No. of Contracts	Value
Coal (continued)		
Peabody Energy Corporation, call option expiring 9/16/11 @ \$48.00	750	\$ (188)
Peabody Energy Corporation, call option expiring 9/16/11 @ \$50.00	500	(66)
		(513)
Midstream & Other		
El Paso Corporation, call option expiring 9/16/11 @ \$19.00	1,000	(70)
ONEOK, Inc., call option expiring 9/16/11 @ \$67.50	800	(352)
ONEOK, Inc., call option expiring 9/16/11 @ \$70.00	1,300	(325)
		(747)
MLP		
Energy Transfer Equity, L.P., call option expiring 9/16/11 @ \$40.00	1,000	(50)
Energy Transfer Partners, L.P., call option expiring 9/16/11 @ \$45.00	1,000	(90)
Enterprise Products Partners L.P., call option expiring 9/16/11 @ \$41.00	1,000	(160)
Enterprise Products Partners L.P., call option expiring 9/16/11 @ \$42.00	1,000	(95)
MarkWest Energy Partners, L.P., call option expiring 9/16/11 @ \$48.00	1,800	(234)
Targa Resources Partners LP, call option expiring 9/16/11 @ \$34.00	500	(46)
Targa Resources Partners LP, call option expiring 9/16/11 @ \$35.00	50	(2)
Williams Partners L.P., call option expiring 9/16/11 @ \$55.00	1,000	(95)
Williams Partners L.P., call option expiring 10/21/11 @ \$55.00	1,500	(263)
		(1,035)
Total Call Option Contracts Written (Premium Received — \$1,539)		(2,295)
Senior Unsecured Notes		(301,000)
Mandatory Redeemable Preferred Stock at Liquidation Value		(120,000)
Other Liabilities		(8,626)
Total Liabilities		(431,921)
Other Assets		19,747
Total Liabilities in Excess of Other Assets		(412,174)
Net Assets Applicable To Common Stockholders		\$ 854,527

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- (1) Unless otherwise noted, equity investments are common units/common shares.
- (2) Securities are treated as a publicly-traded partnership for regulated investment company (“RIC”) qualification purposes. To qualify as a RIC for tax purposes, the Fund may directly invest up to 25% of its total assets in equity and debt securities of entities treated as publicly-traded partnerships. The Fund had less than 25% of its total assets invested in publicly-traded partnerships at August 31, 2011. It is the Fund’s intention to be treated as a RIC for tax purposes.
- (3) Fair valued security, restricted from public sale. See Note 2, 3 and 7 in Notes to Financial Statements.
- (4) Distributions are paid-in-kind.
- (5) Security or a portion thereof is segregated as collateral on option contracts written.
- (6) The Fund believes that it is an affiliate of Plains All American Pipeline, L.P. See Note 6 — Agreements and Affiliations.
- (7) Security is non-income producing.
- (8) Security is mandatorily convertible to common shares of PPL Corporation and consists of a purchase contract for a beneficial ownership interest in PPL Capital Funding, Inc.’s 4.32% junior subordinated notes and a quarterly payment of 4.43% per annum of the \$50 per share stated amount of the security.
- (9) Security is treated as a publicly-traded partnership for RIC qualification purposes.
- (10) Security is a stapled security that entitles holders to one share of common stock and a subordinated note. The subordinated note has a par value of \$5.00 and pays interest at a rate of 10.50% per annum.
- (11) Security is convertible into common shares of the issuer.
- (12) Floating rate first lien senior secured term loan. Security pays interest at a rate of LIBOR + 850 basis points, with a 2% LIBOR floor (10.50% as of August 31, 2011).
- (13) Principal amount is 7,250 Canadian dollars.
- (14) Floating rate second lien secured term loan. Security pays interest at a rate of LIBOR + 850 basis points, with a 2% LIBOR floor (10.50% as of August 31, 2011).

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ASSETS

Investments, at fair value:	
Non-affiliated (Cost — \$1,015,541)	\$1,184,116
Affiliated (Cost — \$23,904)	66,022
Repurchase agreements (Cost — \$16,563)	<u>16,563</u>
Total investments (Cost — \$1,056,008)	1,266,701
Cash and cash denominated in foreign currency (Cost — \$4,911)	4,915
Deposits with brokers	820
Receivable for securities sold (Cost — \$5,911)	5,909
Interest, dividends and distributions receivable (Cost — \$4,048)	4,048
Deferred debt issuance and preferred stock offering costs and other assets	<u>4,055</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>1,286,448</u></u>

LIABILITIES

Payable for securities purchased (Cost — \$4,216)	4,216
Investment management fee payable	1,403
Call option contracts written (Premiums received — \$1,539)	2,295
Accrued directors' fees and expenses	41
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	2,966
Senior unsecured notes	301,000
Mandatory redeemable preferred stock, \$25.00 liquidation value per share (4,800,000 shares issued and outstanding)	<u>120,000</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>431,921</u>

NET ASSETS APPLICABLE TO COMMON STOCKHOLDERS \$ 854,527

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Common stock, \$0.001 par value (34,859,453 shares issued and outstanding and 195,200,000 shares authorized)	\$ 35
Paid-in capital in excess of taxable income	661,524
Accumulated net investment income less distributions not treated as tax return of capital	(70,188)
Accumulated net realized gains less distributions not treated as tax return of capital	53,218
Net unrealized gains	<u>209,938</u>

NET ASSETS APPLICABLE TO COMMON STOCKHOLDERS \$ 854,527

NET ASSET VALUE PER COMMON SHARE \$ 24.51

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	<u>For the Three Months Ended August 31, 2011</u>	<u>For the Nine Months Ended August 31, 2011</u>
INVESTMENT INCOME		
Income		
Dividends and distributions:		
Non-affiliated investments	\$ 13,110	\$ 37,490
Affiliated investments	<u>1,094</u>	<u>3,240</u>
Total dividends and distributions (after foreign taxes withheld of \$369 and \$1,303, respectively)	14,204	40,730
Return of capital	<u>(8,018)</u>	<u>(22,252)</u>
Net dividends and distributions	6,186	18,478
Interest	<u>3,447</u>	<u>12,383</u>
Total investment income	<u>9,633</u>	<u>30,861</u>
Expenses		
Investment management fees	4,331	12,989
Administration fees	181	561
Professional fees	100	331
Reports to stockholders	63	178
Custodian fees	49	155
Directors' fees and expenses	41	131
Insurance	25	74
Other expenses	<u>99</u>	<u>373</u>
Total Expenses — before interest expense and preferred distributions	4,889	14,792
Interest expense and amortization of debt issuance costs	3,959	11,466
Distributions on mandatory redeemable preferred stock and amortization of offering costs	<u>1,686</u>	<u>4,353</u>
Total expenses	<u>10,534</u>	<u>30,611</u>
Net Investment Income (Loss)	<u>(901)</u>	<u>250</u>
REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAINS (LOSSES)		
Net Realized Gains (Losses)		
Investments — non-affiliated	14,297	79,562
Investments — affiliated	959	959
Foreign currency transactions	(159)	(385)
Options	2,891	7,711
Interest rate swap contracts	<u>—</u>	<u>(115)</u>
Net Realized Gains	<u>17,988</u>	<u>87,732</u>
Net Change in Unrealized Gains (Losses)		
Investments — non-affiliated	(128,393)	(109,257)
Investments — affiliated	(1,689)	1,065
Foreign currency translations	(11)	14
Options	<u>(750)</u>	<u>(812)</u>
Net Change in Unrealized Losses	<u>(130,843)</u>	<u>(108,990)</u>
Net Realized and Unrealized Losses	<u>(112,855)</u>	<u>(21,258)</u>
NET DECREASE IN NET ASSETS APPLICABLE TO COMMON STOCKHOLDERS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS	<u><u>\$ (113,756)</u></u>	<u><u>\$ (21,008)</u></u>

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KAYNE ANDERSON ENERGY TOTAL RETURN FUND, INC.
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS APPLICABLE TO COMMON STOCKHOLDERS
(amounts in 000's, except share amounts)

	<u>For the Nine Months Ended August 31, 2011 (Unaudited)</u>	<u>For the Fiscal Year Ended November 30, 2010</u>
OPERATIONS		
Net investment income ⁽¹⁾	\$ 250	\$ 5,316
Net realized gains	87,732	81,962
Net change in unrealized gains (losses)	<u>(108,990)</u>	<u>199,763</u>
Net Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets Resulting from Operations	<u>(21,008)</u>	<u>287,041</u>
DIVIDENDS AND DISTRIBUTIONS TO COMMON STOCKHOLDERS		
Dividends	(49,846) ⁽²⁾	(65,449) ⁽³⁾
Distributions — return of capital	<u>—</u> ⁽²⁾	<u>—</u> ⁽³⁾
Dividends and Distributions	<u>(49,846)</u>	<u>(65,449)</u>
CAPITAL STOCK TRANSACTIONS		
Issuance of 367,271 and 675,173 newly issued shares of common stock from reinvestment of distributions	<u>10,317</u>	<u>15,794</u>
Total Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	<u>(60,537)</u>	<u>237,386</u>
NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO COMMON STOCKHOLDERS		
Beginning of period	<u>915,064</u>	<u>677,678</u>
End of period	<u>\$ 854,527</u>	<u>\$915,064</u>

- (1) Distributions on the Fund's mandatory redeemable preferred stock are treated as an operating expense under GAAP and are included in the calculation of net investment income (loss). See Note 2 — Significant Accounting Policies. The Fund estimates that the distribution in the amount of \$4,178 paid to mandatory redeemable preferred stockholders during the nine months ended August 31, 2011 will be a dividend (ordinary income). This estimate is based solely on the Fund's operating results during the period and does not reflect the expected result during the fiscal year. The actual characterization of the mandatory redeemable preferred stock distributions made during the period will not be determinable until after the end of the fiscal year when the Fund can determine earnings and profits and, therefore, the characterization may differ from the preliminary estimates. Distributions in the amount of \$3,672 paid to mandatory redeemable preferred stockholders for the fiscal year ended November 30, 2010 were characterized as dividend income for stockholders. This characterization is based on the Fund's earnings and profits.
- (2) This is an estimate of the characterization of the distributions paid to common stockholders for the nine months ended August 31, 2011 as either a dividend (ordinary income) or distribution (return of capital). This estimate is based solely on the Fund's operating results during the period and does not reflect the expected result during the fiscal year. The actual characterization of the common stock distributions made during the current year will not be determinable until after the end of the fiscal year when the Fund can determine earnings and profits and, therefore, the characterization may differ from the preliminary estimates.
- (3) The information presented in each of these items is a characterization of a portion of the total dividends and distributions paid to common stockholders for the fiscal year ended November 30, 2010 as either dividends (ordinary income) or distributions (long-term capital gains or return of capital). This characterization is based on the Fund's earnings and profits.

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED AUGUST 31, 2011
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CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

Net decrease in net assets resulting from operations	\$ (21,008)
Adjustments to reconcile net decrease in net assets resulting from operations to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Return of capital distributions	22,252
Net realized gains (excluding foreign currency transactions)	(88,117)
Unrealized losses (excluding impact on cash of foreign currency translations)	109,002
Amortization of bond premiums, net	87
Purchase of long-term investments	(596,168)
Proceeds from sale of long-term investments	595,831
Proceeds from sale of short-term investments, net	11,478
Increase in deposits with brokers	(776)
Decrease in receivable for securities sold	7,569
Decrease in interest, dividends and distributions receivable	3,340
Amortization of deferred debt issuance costs	582
Amortization of mandatory redeemable preferred stock offering costs	175
Increase in other assets, net	(158)
Decrease in payable for securities purchased	(10,933)
Decrease in investment management fee payable	(1,205)
Increase in call option contracts written, net	960
Decrease in accrued expenses and other liabilities	<u>(2,828)</u>
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	<u>30,083</u>

CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES

Repayment of revolving credit facility	(67,000)
Proceeds from offering of mandatory redeemable preferred stock	30,000
Proceeds from issuance of senior unsecured notes	60,000
Repayment of Series A senior unsecured notes	(9,000)
Costs associated with issuance of mandatory redeemable preferred stock	(448)
Costs associated with issuance of senior unsecured notes	(534)
Cash distributions paid to common stockholders	<u>(39,529)</u>
Net Cash Used in Financing Activities	<u>(26,511)</u>

NET INCREASE IN CASH	3,572
CASH — BEGINNING OF PERIOD	<u>1,343</u>
CASH — END OF PERIOD	<u>\$ 4,915</u>

Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:

Non-cash financing activities not included herein consist of reinvestment of distributions of \$10,317 pursuant to the Fund's dividend reinvestment plan. During the nine months ended August 31, 2011, there were no state income taxes paid and interest paid was \$13,954.

During the nine months ended August 31, 2011, the Fund received \$14,455 of paid-in-kind dividends. See Note 2 — Significant Accounting Policies.

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FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS
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	For the Nine Months Ended August 31, 2011 (Unaudited)	For the Fiscal Year Ended November 30,					For the Period June 28, 2005 ⁽¹⁾ through November 30, 2005
		2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	
Per Share of Common Stock⁽²⁾							
Net asset value, beginning of period	\$ 26.53	\$ 20.04	\$ 13.43	\$ 29.01	\$ 25.44	\$ 24.13	\$ 23.84 ⁽³⁾
Net investment income ⁽⁴⁾	0.01	0.16	0.31	0.88	1.09	1.17	0.23
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses)	(0.60)	8.24	8.26	(14.09)	4.82	2.34	0.33
Total income (loss) from operations	(0.59)	8.40	8.57	(13.21)	5.91	3.51	0.56
Auction rate preferred dividends ⁽⁴⁾⁽⁵⁾	—	—	—	(0.34)	(0.23)	(0.44)	—
Auction rate preferred dividends — short-term capital gains ⁽⁵⁾	—	—	—	—	(0.14)	—	—
Auction rate preferred distributions — long- term capital gains ⁽⁵⁾	—	—	—	—	(0.13)	—	—
Total dividends and distributions — auction rate preferred	—	—	—	(0.34)	(0.50)	(0.44)	—
Common dividends ⁽⁵⁾	(1.44)	(1.92)	(0.62)	(0.38)	(0.83)	(0.86)	(0.23)
Common dividends — short-term capital gains ⁽⁵⁾	—	—	—	—	(0.53)	(0.81)	(0.04)
Common distributions — long-term capital gains ⁽⁵⁾	—	—	—	—	(0.48)	—	—
Common distributions — return of capital ⁽⁵⁾	—	—	(1.34)	(1.68)	—	(0.03)	—
Total dividends and distributions — common	(1.44)	(1.92)	(1.96)	(2.06)	(1.84)	(1.70)	(0.27)
Effect of common stock repurchased	—	—	—	—	—	0.05	—
Underwriting discounts and offering costs on the issuance of common and preferred stock	—	—	—	—	—	(0.11)	—
Gain on 765 shares of Series B Preferred Stock redeemed at a discount to liquidation value	—	—	—	0.03	—	—	—
Effect of shares issued in reinvestment of dividends	0.01	0.01	—	—	—	—	—
Total capital stock transactions	0.01	0.01	—	0.03	—	(0.06)	—
Net asset value, end of period	\$ 24.51	\$ 26.53	\$ 20.04	\$ 13.43	\$ 29.01	\$ 25.44	\$ 24.13
Market value per share of common stock, end of period	\$ 25.47	\$ 28.34	\$ 22.28	\$ 10.53	\$ 25.79	\$ 25.00	\$ 21.10
Total investment return based on common stock market value ⁽⁶⁾	(5.4)% ⁽⁷⁾	37.9%	139.9%	(55.2)%	10.2%	27.2%	(14.6)% ⁽⁷⁾

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	For the Nine Months Ended August 31, 2011 (Unaudited)	For the Fiscal Year Ended November 30,					For the Period June 28, 2005 ⁽¹⁾ through November 30, 2005
		2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	
Supplemental Data and Ratios⁽⁸⁾							
Net assets applicable to common stockholders, end of period	\$ 854,527	\$ 915,064	\$ 677,678	\$ 437,946	\$ 934,434	\$ 806,063	\$ 776,963
Ratio of expenses to average net assets							
Management fees	1.8%	1.7%	1.7%	1.6%	1.7%	1.7%	1.3%
Other expenses	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4
Subtotal	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.9	2.0	2.0	1.7
Interest expense and distributions on mandatory redeemable preferred stock . .	2.2	2.3	2.6	0.7	0.2	0.1	—
Management fee waivers	—	—	—	—	(0.1)	(0.3)	(0.2)
Total expenses	4.2%	4.3%	4.6%	2.6%	2.1%	1.8%	1.5%
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets	0.0%	0.7%	2.0%	3.1%	3.8%	4.6%	2.3%
Net increase (decrease) in net assets applicable to common stockholders resulting from operations to average net assets	(2.2)% ⁽⁷⁾	37.2%	55.8%	(47.7)%	19.1%	12.3%	2.4% ⁽⁷⁾
Portfolio turnover rate	43.6% ⁽⁷⁾	62.0%	88.8%	65.0%	52.1%	63.8%	23.2% ⁽⁷⁾
Average net assets	\$ 975,190	\$ 771,297	\$ 512,647	\$ 915,456	\$ 906,692	\$ 802,434	\$ 759,550
Senior unsecured notes outstanding, end of period	301,000	250,000	165,000	225,000	—	—	—
Revolving credit facility outstanding, end of period	—	67,000	47,000	—	41,000	—	40,000
Auction rate preferred stock, end of period . . .	—	—	—	—	300,000	300,000	—
Mandatory redeemable preferred stock, end of period	120,000	90,000	—	—	—	—	—
Average shares of common stock outstanding . .	34,679,005	34,177,249	33,272,958	32,258,146	32,036,996	31,809,344	32,204,000
Asset coverage of total debt ⁽⁹⁾	423.8%	417.1%	419.7%	294.6% ⁽¹⁰⁾	—	—	—
Asset coverage of total leverage (debt and preferred stock) ⁽¹¹⁾	303.0%	324.8%	419.7%	294.6% ⁽¹⁰⁾	374.0%	368.7%	—
Average amount of borrowings per share of common stock during the period	\$ 9.02	\$ 7.71	\$ 5.18	\$ 3.53	\$ 0.53	\$ 0.08	—

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- (1) Commencement of operations.
- (2) Based on average shares of common stock outstanding.
- (3) Initial public offering price of \$25.00 per share less underwriting discounts of \$1.125 per share and offering costs of \$0.04 per share.
- (4) Distributions on the Fund's mandatory redeemable preferred stock are treated as an operating expense under GAAP and are included in the calculation of net investment income. See Note 2 — Significant Accounting Policies.
- (5) The information presented for the nine months ended August 31, 2011 is an estimate of the characterization of the distribution paid and is based on the Fund's operating results during the period. The information presented for each of the other periods is a characterization of the total distributions paid to the preferred stockholders and common stockholders as either a dividend (ordinary income) or a distribution (return of capital) and is based on the Fund's earnings and profits.
- (6) Total investment return is calculated assuming a purchase of common stock at the market price on the first day and a sale at the current market price on the last day of the period reported. The calculation also assumes reinvestment of distributions at actual prices pursuant to the Fund's dividend reinvestment plan.
- (7) Not annualized.
- (8) Unless otherwise noted, ratios are annualized.
- (9) Calculated pursuant to section 18(a)(1)(A) of the 1940 Act. Represents the value of total assets less all liabilities not represented by senior notes or any other senior securities representing indebtedness and mandatory redeemable preferred stock divided by the aggregate amount of senior notes and any other senior securities representing indebtedness. Under the 1940 Act, the Fund may not declare or make any distribution on its common stock nor can it incur additional indebtedness if at the time of such declaration or incurrence its asset coverage with respect to senior securities representing indebtedness would be less than 300%. For purposes of this test, the revolving credit facility is considered a senior security representing indebtedness.
- (10) At November 30, 2008, the Fund's asset coverage ratio on total debt pursuant to the 1940 Act was less than 300%. However, on December 2, 2008, the Fund entered into an agreement to repurchase \$60,000 of its senior unsecured notes, which closed on December 5, 2008. Upon the closing of the repurchase of the senior unsecured notes, the Fund was in compliance with the 1940 Act and with its covenants under the senior unsecured notes agreements.
- (11) Calculated pursuant to section 18(a)(2)(A) of the 1940 Act. Represents the value of total assets less all liabilities not represented by senior notes, any other senior securities representing indebtedness and preferred stock divided by the aggregate amount of senior notes, any other senior securities representing indebtedness and preferred stock. Under the 1940 Act, the Fund may not declare or make any distribution on its common stock nor can it issue additional preferred stock if at the time of such declaration or issuance, its asset coverage with respect to all senior securities would be less than 200%. In addition to the limitations under the 1940 Act, the Fund, under the terms of its mandatory redeemable preferred stock, would not be able to declare or pay any distributions on its common stock if such declaration would cause its asset coverage with respect to all senior securities to be less than 225%. For purposes of these asset coverage ratio tests, the revolving credit facility is considered a senior security representing indebtedness.

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1. Organization

Kayne Anderson Energy Total Return Fund, Inc. (the "Fund") was organized as a Maryland corporation on March 31, 2005 and commenced operations on June 28, 2005. The Fund is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"), as a non-diversified closed-end investment company. The Fund's investment objective is to obtain a high total return with an emphasis on current income. The Fund seeks to achieve this objective by investing in a portfolio of companies in the energy sector, which focuses on securities of energy companies, with the majority of its investments in equity securities of master limited partnerships and limited liability companies taxed as partnerships ("MLPs"), MLP affiliates, energy marine transportation companies and income trusts. The Fund's shares of common stock are listed on the New York Stock Exchange, Inc. ("NYSE") under the symbol "KYE."

2. Significant Accounting Policies

A. *Use of Estimates* — The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP") requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities as of the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the period. Actual results could differ materially from those estimates.

B. *Cash and Cash Equivalents* — Cash and cash equivalents include short-term, liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less and include money market fund accounts.

C. *Calculation of Net Asset Value* — The Fund determines its net asset value no less frequently than as of the last day of each month based on the most recent close of regular session trading on the NYSE, and makes its net asset value available for publication monthly. Currently, the Fund calculates its net asset value on a weekly basis. Net asset value is computed by dividing the value of the Fund's assets (including accrued interest and distributions), less all of its liabilities (including accrued expenses, distributions payable and any borrowings) and the liquidation value of any outstanding preferred stock by the total number of common shares outstanding.

D. *Investment Valuation* — Readily marketable portfolio securities listed on any exchange other than the NASDAQ Stock Market, Inc. ("NASDAQ") are valued, except as indicated below, at the last sale price 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 most recent bid and ask prices on such day. Securities admitted to trade on the NASDAQ are valued at the NASDAQ official closing price. Portfolio securities traded on more than one securities exchange are valued at the last sale price on the business day as of which such value is being determined at the close of the exchange representing the principal market for such securities.

Equity securities traded in the over-the-counter market, but excluding securities admitted to trading on the NASDAQ, are valued at the closing bid prices. Debt securities that are considered bonds are valued by using the mean of the bid and ask prices provided by an independent pricing service. For debt securities that are considered bank loans, the fair market value is determined by the mean of the bid and ask prices provided by the agent or syndicate bank or principal market maker. When price quotes are not available, fair market value will be based on prices of comparable securities. In certain cases, the Fund may not be able to purchase or sell debt securities at the quoted prices due to the lack of liquidity for these securities.

Exchange-traded options and futures contracts are valued at the last sales price at the close of trading in the market where such contracts are principally traded or, if there was no sale on the applicable exchange on such day, at the mean between the quoted bid and ask price as of the close of such exchange.

The Fund holds securities that are privately issued or otherwise restricted as to resale. For these securities, as well as any other portfolio security held by the Fund for which reliable market quotations are not readily available,

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valuations are determined in a manner that most fairly reflects fair value of the security on the valuation date. Unless otherwise determined by the Board of Directors, the following valuation process is used for such securities:

- **Investment Team Valuation.** The applicable investments are valued by senior professionals of KA Fund Advisors, LLC (“KAFA” or the “Adviser”) who are responsible for the portfolio investments. The investments will be valued quarterly, unless a new investment is made during the quarter, in which case such investment is valued at the end of the month in which the investment was made.
- **Investment Team Valuation Documentation.** Preliminary valuation conclusions will be determined by senior management of KAFA. Such valuations are submitted to the Valuation Committee (a committee of the Fund’s Board of Directors) or the Board of Directors on a monthly or quarterly basis, as appropriate, and stand for intervening periods of time.
- **Valuation Committee.** The Valuation Committee meets to consider the valuations submitted by KAFA (1) at the end of each month for new investments, if any, and (2) at the end of each quarter for existing investments. Between meetings of the Valuation Committee, a senior officer of KAFA is authorized to make valuation determinations. All valuation determinations of the Valuation Committee are subject to ratification by the Board of Directors at its next regular meeting.
- **Valuation Firm.** No less than quarterly, a third-party valuation firm engaged by the Board of Directors reviews the valuation methodologies and calculations employed for these securities.
- **Board of Directors Determination.** The Board of Directors meets quarterly to consider the valuations provided by KAFA and the Valuation Committee, if applicable, and ratify valuations for the applicable securities. The Board of Directors considers the report provided by the third-party valuation firm in reviewing and determining in good faith the fair value of the applicable portfolio securities.

Unless otherwise determined by the Board of Directors, securities that are convertible into or otherwise will become publicly traded (*e.g.*, through subsequent registration or expiration of a restriction on trading) are valued through the process described above, using a valuation based on the fair value of the publicly-traded security less a discount. The discount is initially equal in amount to the discount negotiated at the time the purchase price is agreed to. To the extent that such securities are convertible or otherwise become publicly traded within a time frame that may be reasonably determined, KAFA may determine an applicable discount in accordance with a methodology approved by the Valuation Committee.

As of August 31, 2011, the Fund held 1.2% of its net assets applicable to common stockholders (0.8% of total assets) in securities that were fair valued pursuant to the procedures adopted by the Board of Directors. The aggregate fair value of these securities at August 31, 2011 was \$10,345. See Note 7 — Restricted Securities.

E. *Repurchase Agreements* — The Fund has agreed to purchase securities from financial institutions subject to the seller’s agreement to repurchase them at an agreed-upon time and price (“repurchase agreements”). The financial institutions with which the Fund enters into repurchase agreements are banks and broker/dealers which KAFA considers creditworthy. The seller under a repurchase agreement is required to maintain the value of the securities as collateral, subject to the agreement, at not less than the repurchase price plus accrued interest. KAFA monitors daily the mark-to-market of the value of the collateral, and, if necessary, requires the seller to maintain additional securities, so that the value of the collateral is not less than the repurchase price. Default by or bankruptcy of the seller would, however, expose the Fund to possible loss because of adverse market action or delays in connection with the disposition of the underlying securities.

F. *Short Sales* — A short sale is a transaction in which the Fund sells securities it does not own (but has borrowed) in anticipation of or to hedge against a decline in the market price of the securities. To complete a short sale, the Fund may arrange through a broker to borrow the securities to be delivered to the buyer. The proceeds

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received by the Fund for the short sale are retained by the broker until the Fund replaces the borrowed securities. In borrowing the securities to be delivered to the buyer, the Fund becomes obligated to replace the securities borrowed at their market price at the time of replacement, whatever the price may be.

All short sales are fully collateralized. The Fund maintains assets consisting of cash or liquid securities equal in amount to the liability created by the short sale. These assets are adjusted daily to reflect changes in the value of the securities sold short. The Fund is liable for any dividends or distributions paid on securities sold short.

The Fund may also sell short “against the box” (*i.e.*, the Fund enters into a short sale as described above while holding an offsetting long position in the security which it sold short). If the Fund enters into a short sale “against the box,” the Fund segregates an equivalent amount of securities owned as collateral while the short sale is outstanding. At August 31, 2011, the Fund had no open short sales.

G. Derivative Financial Instruments — The Fund may utilize derivative financial instruments in its operations.

Interest rate swap contracts. The Fund may use interest rate swap contracts to hedge against increasing interest expense on its leverage resulting from increases in short term interest rates. The Fund does not hedge any interest rate risk associated with portfolio holdings. Interest rate transactions the Fund uses for hedging purposes expose it to certain risks that differ from the risks associated with its portfolio holdings. A decline in interest rates may result in a decline in the value of the swap contracts, which, everything else being held constant, would result in a decline in the net assets of the Fund. In addition, if the counterparty to an interest rate swap defaults, the Fund would not be able to use the anticipated net receipts under the interest rate swap to offset its cost of financial leverage.

Interest rate swap contracts are recorded at fair value with changes in value during the reporting period, and amounts accrued under the agreements, included as unrealized gains or losses in the Statement of Operations. Monthly cash settlements under the terms of the interest rate swap agreements or termination payments are recorded as realized gains or losses in the Statement of Operations. The Fund generally values its interest rate swap contracts based on dealer quotations, if available, or by discounting the future cash flows from the stated terms of the interest rate swap agreement by using interest rates currently available in the market. At August 31, 2011, the Fund had no interest rate swap contracts outstanding.

Option contracts. The Fund is also exposed to financial market risks including changes in the valuations of its investment portfolio. The Fund may purchase or write (sell) call options. A call option on a security is a contract that gives the holder of the option, in return for a premium, the right to buy from the writer of the option the security underlying the option at a specified exercise price at any time during the term of the option.

The Fund would normally purchase call options in anticipation of an increase in the market value of securities of the type in which it may invest. The Fund would ordinarily realize a gain on a purchased call option if, during the option period, the value of such securities exceeded the sum of the exercise price, the premium paid and transaction costs; otherwise the Fund would realize either no gain or a loss on the purchased call option. The Fund may also purchase put option contracts. If a purchased put option is exercised, the premium paid increases the cost basis of the securities sold by the Fund.

The Fund may also write (sell) call options with the purpose of generating realized gains or reducing its ownership of certain securities. The writer of an option on a security has the obligation upon exercise of the option to deliver the underlying security upon payment of the exercise price.

When the Fund writes a call option, an amount equal to the premium received by the Fund is recorded as a liability and is subsequently adjusted to the current fair value of the option written. Premiums received from writing options that expire unexercised are treated by the Fund on the expiration date as realized gains from investments. If

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the Fund repurchases a written call option prior to its exercise, the difference between the premium received and the amount paid to repurchase the option is treated as a realized gain or loss. If a call option is exercised, the premium is added to the proceeds from the sale of the underlying security in determining whether the Fund has realized a gain or loss. The Fund, as the writer of an option, bears the market risk of an unfavorable change in the price of the security underlying the written option. See Note 8 — Derivative Financial Instruments.

H. *Security Transactions* — Security transactions are accounted for on the date these securities are purchased or sold (trade date). Realized gains and losses are reported on an identified cost basis.

I. *Return of Capital Estimates* — Dividends and distributions received from the Fund's investments are comprised of income and return of capital. The payments made by MLPs are categorized as "distributions" and payments made by corporations are categorized as "dividends." At the time such dividends and distributions are received the Fund estimates the amount of such payment that is considered investment income and the amount that is considered a return of capital. Such estimates are based on historical information available from each investment and other industry sources. These estimates may subsequently be revised based on information received from investments after their tax reporting periods are concluded.

The following table sets forth (1) the components of total dividends and distributions, (2) the percentage of return of capital attributable to each category and (3) the estimated total return of capital portion of the dividends and distributions received from investments and the amounts that are attributable to Net Realized Gains (Losses) and Net Change in Unrealized Gains (Losses). The return of capital portion of the dividends and distributions received is a reduction to investment income, results in an equivalent reduction in the cost basis of the associated investments, and increases Net Realized Gains (Losses) and Net Change in Unrealized Gains (Losses).

	Three Months Ended August 31, 2011	Nine Months Ended August 31, 2011
Dividends from investments	\$ 8,754	\$24,816
Distributions from investments	<u>5,450</u>	<u>15,914</u>
Total dividends and distributions from investments	<u>\$14,204</u>	<u>\$40,730</u>
Dividends — % return of capital	36%	32%
Distributions — % return of capital	90%	90%
Total dividends and distributions — % return of capital	56%	55%
Return of capital — attributable to net realized gains	\$ 3,496	\$ 6,921
Return of capital — attributable to net change in unrealized gains.	<u>4,522</u>	<u>15,331</u>
Total return of capital	<u>\$ 8,018</u>	<u>\$22,252</u>

J. *Investment Income* — The Fund records dividends and distributions on the ex-dividend date. Interest income is recognized on the accrual basis, including amortization of premiums and accretion of discounts. When investing in securities with payment in-kind interest, the Fund will accrue interest income during the life of the security even though it will not be receiving cash as the interest is accrued. To the extent that interest income to be received is not expected to be realized, a reserve against income is established. During the three and nine months ended August 31, 2011, the Fund did not have a reserve against interest income, since all interest income accrued is expected to be received.

Many of the debt securities that the Fund holds were purchased at a discount or premium to the par value of the security. The non-cash accretion of a discount to par value increases interest income while the non-cash amortization of a premium to par value decreases interest income. The accretion of a discount and amortization of a premium are based on the effective interest method. The amount of these non-cash adjustments can be found in the

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Fund's Statement of Cash Flows. The non-cash accretion of a discount increases the cost basis of the debt security, which results in an offsetting unrealized loss. The non-cash amortization of a premium decreases the cost basis of the debt security which results in an offsetting unrealized gain. To the extent that par value is not expected to be realized, the Fund discontinues accruing the non-cash accretion of the discount to par value of the debt security.

The Fund receives paid-in-kind dividends in the form of additional units from its investments in Enbridge Energy Management, L.L.C., Kinder Morgan Management, LLC and Buckeye Partners, L.P. (Class B Units). In connection with the purchase of units directly from PAA Natural Gas Storage, L.P. ("PNG") in a private investment in public equity ("PIPE investment") transaction, the Fund was entitled to the distribution paid to unitholders of record on February 4, 2011, even though such investment had not closed at such date. Pursuant to the purchase agreement, the purchase price for the PNG units was reduced by the amount of such dividend, which had the effect of paying such distribution in additional units. The additional units are not reflected in investment income during the period received but are recorded as unrealized gains. During the three and nine months ended August 31, 2011, the Fund received the following paid-in-kind dividends.

	Three Months Ended August 31, 2011	Nine Months Ended August 31, 2011
Enbridge Energy Management, L.L.C.	\$2,165	\$ 6,234
Kinder Morgan Management, LLC	2,698	7,780
Buckeye Partners, L.P. (Class B Units)	184	360
PAA Natural Gas Storage, L.P.	<u>—</u>	<u>81</u>
Total paid-in-kind dividends	<u>\$5,047</u>	<u>\$14,455</u>

K. *Distributions to Stockholders* — Distributions to common stockholders are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Distributions to mandatory redeemable preferred stockholders are accrued on a daily basis as described in Note 12 — Preferred Stock. As required by the Distinguishing Liabilities from Equity topic of the Financial Accounting Standards Board (the "FASB") Accounting Standards Codification, the Fund includes the accrued distributions on its mandatory redeemable preferred stock as an operating expense due to the fixed term of this obligation. For tax purposes the payments made to the holders of the Fund's mandatory redeemable preferred stock are treated as dividends or distributions.

The estimated characterization of the distributions paid to preferred and common stockholders will be either a dividend (ordinary income) or distribution (return of capital). This estimate is based on the Fund's operating results during the period. The actual characterization of the preferred and common stock distributions made during the current year will not be determinable until after the end of the fiscal year when the Fund can determine earnings and profits and, therefore, the characterization may differ from the preliminary estimates.

L. *Partnership Accounting Policy* — The Fund records its pro-rata share of the income/(loss) and capital gains/(losses), to the extent of distributions it has received, allocated from the underlying partnerships and adjusts the cost basis of the underlying partnerships accordingly. These amounts are included in the Fund's Statement of Operations.

M. *Taxes* — It is the Fund's intention to continue to be treated as and to qualify each year for special tax treatment afforded a regulated investment company ("RIC") under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. As long as the Fund meets certain requirements that govern its source of income, diversification of assets and timely distribution of earnings to stockholders, the Fund will not be subject to U.S. federal income tax. See Note 4 — Taxes.

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Dividend income received by the Fund from sources within Canada is subject to a 15% foreign withholding tax. Interest income on Canadian corporate obligations may be subject to a 10% withholding tax unless an exemption is met. The most common exemption available is for corporate bonds that have a tenor of at least 5 years, provided that not more than 25% of the principal is repayable in the first five years and provided that the borrower and lender are not “associated.” Further, interest is exempt if derived from debt obligations guaranteed by the Canadian government.

The Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes Topic of the FASB Accounting Standards Codification defines the threshold for recognizing the benefits of tax-return positions in the financial statements as “more-likely-than-not” to be sustained by the taxing authority and requires measurement of a tax position meeting the more-likely-than-not criterion, based on the largest benefit that is more than 50% likely to be realized.

The Fund’s policy is to classify interest and penalties associated with underpayment of federal and state income taxes, if any, as income tax expense on its Statement of Operations. For the three and nine months ended August 31, 2011, the Fund does not have any interest or penalties associated with the underpayment of any income taxes. The tax years from 2008 through 2010 and for the nine months ended August 31, 2011 remain open and subject to examination by tax jurisdictions.

N. *Foreign Currency Translations* — The books and records of the Fund are maintained in U.S. dollars. Foreign currency amounts are translated into U.S. dollars on the following basis: (i) market value of investment securities, assets and liabilities at the rate of exchange as of the valuation date; and (ii) purchases and sales of investment securities, income and expenses at the relevant rates of exchange prevailing on the respective dates of such transactions.

The Fund does not isolate that portion of gains and losses on investments in equity and debt securities which is due to changes in the foreign exchange rates from that which is due to changes in market prices of equity and debt securities. Accordingly, realized and unrealized foreign currency gains and losses with respect to such securities are included in the reported net realized and unrealized gains and losses on investment transactions balances.

Net realized foreign exchange gains or losses represent gains and losses from transactions in foreign currencies and foreign currency contracts, foreign exchange gains or losses realized between the trade date and settlement date on security transactions, and the difference between the amounts of interest and dividends recorded on the Fund’s books and the U.S. dollar equivalent of such amounts on the payment date.

Net unrealized foreign exchange gains or losses represent the difference between the cost of assets and liabilities (other than investments) recorded on the Fund’s books from the value of the assets and liabilities (other than investments) on the valuation date.

O. *Indemnifications* — Under the Fund’s organizational documents, its officers and directors are indemnified against certain liabilities arising out of the performance of their duties to the Fund. In addition, in the normal course of business, the Fund enters into contracts that provide general indemnification to other parties. The Fund’s maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown, as this would involve future claims that may be made against the Fund that have not yet occurred, and may not occur. However, the Fund has not had prior claims or losses pursuant to these contracts and expects the risk of loss to be remote.

3. Fair Value

As required by the Fair Value Measurement and Disclosures of the FASB Accounting Standards Codification, the Fund has performed an analysis of all assets and liabilities measured at fair value to determine the significance and character of all inputs to their fair value determination.

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The fair value hierarchy prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value into the following three broad categories.

- *Level 1* — Quoted unadjusted prices for identical instruments in active markets traded on a national exchange to which the Fund has access at the date of measurement.
- *Level 2* — Quoted prices for similar instruments in active markets; quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in markets that are not active; and model-derived valuations in which all significant inputs and significant value drivers are observable in active markets. Level 2 inputs are those in markets for which there are few transactions, the prices are not current, little public information exists or instances where prices vary substantially over time or among brokered market makers.
- *Level 3* — Model derived valuations in which one or more significant inputs or significant value drivers are unobservable. Unobservable inputs are those inputs that reflect the Fund's own assumptions that market participants would use to price the asset or liability based on the best available information.

Note that the valuation levels below are not necessarily an indication of the risk or liquidity associated with the underlying investment. For instance, the Fund's repurchase agreements, which are collateralized by U.S. Treasury securities, are generally high quality and liquid; however, the Fund reflects these repurchase agreements as Level 2 because the inputs used to determine fair value may not always be quoted prices in an active market.

The following table presents the Fund's assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis at August 31, 2011. The Fund presents these assets by security type and description on its Schedule of Investments.

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Quoted Prices in Active Markets (Level 1)</u>	<u>Prices with Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)</u>	<u>Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)</u>
<u>Assets at Fair Value</u>				
Equity investments	\$1,099,128	\$1,088,783	\$ —	\$10,345
Debt investments	151,010	—	151,010	—
Repurchase agreement	<u>16,563</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>16,563</u>	<u>—</u>
Total assets at fair value	<u>\$1,266,701</u>	<u>\$1,088,783</u>	<u>\$ 167,573</u>	<u>\$10,345</u>
<u>Liabilities at Fair Value</u>				
Call option contracts written	<u>\$ 2,295</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 2,295</u>	<u>\$ —</u>

For the three and nine months ended August 31, 2011, there were no transfers between Level 1 and Level 2.

In May 2011, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") No. 2011-04 "Amendments to Achieve Common Fair Value Measurement and Disclosure Requirements in U.S. GAAP and IFRSs". ASU No. 2011-04 establishes common requirements for measuring fair value and for disclosing information about fair value measurements in accordance with U.S. GAAP and International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRSs"). ASU No. 2011-04 is effective for interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2011 and is applied prospectively. Management is currently evaluating ASU No. 2011-04 and does not believe that it will have a material impact on the Fund's financial statements and disclosures.

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The following tables present the Fund's assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) for the three and nine months ended August 31, 2011.

<u>Three Months Ended August 31, 2011</u>	<u>Equity Investments</u>
Balance — May 31, 2011	\$ 20,299
Purchases	5,000
Transfer out	(14,950)
Realized gains (losses)	—
Unrealized losses, net	<u>(4)</u>
Balance — August 31, 2011	<u>\$ 10,345</u>
<u>Nine Months Ended August 31, 2011</u>	<u>Equity Investments</u>
Balance — November 30, 2010	\$ —
Purchases	29,950
Transfer out	(19,950)
Realized gains (losses)	—
Unrealized gains, net	<u>345</u>
Balance — August 31, 2011	<u>\$ 10,345</u>

The \$4 of unrealized losses and \$345 of unrealized gains presented in the tables above for the three and nine months ended August 31, 2011, respectively, related to investments that are still held at August 31, 2011 and the Fund includes these unrealized gains (losses) in the Statement of Operations — Net Change in Unrealized Gains (Losses).

The purchases of \$5,000 and \$29,950 for the three and nine months ended August 31, 2011 relate to the Fund's PIPE investments of Regency Energy Partners L.P., Buckeye Partners, L.P. (Class B Units), Buckeye Partners, L.P. (Common Units) and PAA Natural Gas Storage, L.P. The Fund's investments in the common units of Buckeye Partners, L.P., PAA Natural Gas Storage, L.P. and Regency Energy Partners L.P., which are noted as transfers out of Level 3 in the tables above, become readily marketable during the three and nine months ended August 31, 2011.

4. Taxes

Income and capital gain distributions made by RICs often differ from the aggregate GAAP basis net investment income/(loss) and any net realized gains/(losses). For the Fund, the principal reason for these differences is the return of capital treatment of dividends and distributions from MLPs, income trusts and certain other of its investments. Net investment income and net realized gains for GAAP purposes may differ from taxable income for federal income tax purposes due to wash sales, disallowed partnership losses from MLPs and foreign currency transactions. As of August 31, 2011, the principal temporary differences were (a) realized losses that were recognized for book purposes, but disallowed for tax purposes due to wash sale rules; (b) disallowed partnership losses related to the Fund's MLP investments and (c) other basis adjustments in the Fund's MLPs and other investments. For purposes of characterizing the nature of the dividends/distributions to investors, the amounts in excess of the Fund's earnings and profits for federal income tax purposes are treated as a return of capital. Earnings and profits differ from taxable income due principally to adjustments related to the Fund's investments in MLPs.

Under the Regulated Investment Company Modernization Act of 2010 (the "Act"), net capital losses recognized after December 31, 2010 may be carried forward indefinitely, and their character is retained as

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short-term and/or long-term losses. Prior to the enactment of the Act, pre-enactment net capital losses were carried forward for eight years and treated as short-term losses. As a transition rule, the Act requires that post-enactment net capital losses be used before pre-enactment net capital losses.

For the fiscal year ended November 30, 2010, the tax character of the total \$65,449 distributions paid to common stockholders and the tax character of the total \$3,672 distributions paid to mandatory redeemable preferred stockholders was all ordinary income.

At August 31, 2011, the cost basis of investments for federal income tax purposes was \$1,077,078 and the net cash received on option contracts written was \$1,539. At August 31, 2011, gross unrealized appreciation and depreciation of investments and options for federal income tax purposes were as follows:

Gross unrealized appreciation of investments (including options)	\$252,381
Gross unrealized depreciation of investments (including options)	<u>(63,513)</u>
Net unrealized appreciation of investments before foreign currency related translations	188,868
Unrealized appreciation on foreign currency related translations	<u>—</u>
Net unrealized appreciation of investments	<u>\$188,868</u>

5. Concentration of Risk

The Fund's investment objective is to obtain a high level of total return with an emphasis on current income paid to its stockholders. Under normal circumstances, the Fund intends to invest at least 80% of total assets in securities of Energy Companies. The Fund invests in equity securities such as common stocks, preferred stocks, convertible securities, warrants, depository receipts, and equity interests in MLPs, MLP affiliates, income trusts and other Energy Companies. Additionally, the Fund may invest up to 30% of its total assets in debt securities. It may directly invest up to 25% (or such higher amount as permitted by any applicable tax diversification rules) of its total assets in equity or debt securities of MLPs. The Fund may invest up to 50% of its total assets in unregistered or otherwise restricted securities of Energy Companies. It will not invest more than 15% of its total assets in any single issuer. The Fund may, for defensive purposes, temporarily invest all or a significant portion of its assets in investment grade securities, short-term debt securities and cash or cash equivalents. To the extent the Fund uses this strategy, it may not achieve its investment objectives.

6. Agreements and Affiliations

A. *Administration Agreement* — The Fund has entered into an administration agreement with Ultimus Fund Solutions, LLC ("Ultimus"). Pursuant to the administration agreement, Ultimus will provide certain administrative services for the Fund. The administration agreement has automatic one-year renewals unless earlier terminated by either party as provided under the terms of the administration agreement.

B. *Investment Management Agreement* — The Fund has entered into an investment management agreement with Kafa under which the Adviser, subject to the overall supervision of the Fund's Board of Directors, manages the day-to-day operations of, and provides investment advisory services to, the Fund. For providing these services, the Adviser receives a management fee from the Fund. On June 14, 2011, the Fund renewed its agreement with the Adviser for a period of one year. The agreement may be renewed annually upon the approval of the Fund's Board of Directors.

For the three and nine months ended August 31, 2011, the Fund paid management fees at an annual rate of 1.25% of average monthly total assets of the Fund.

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For purposes of calculating the management fee, the “average total assets” for each monthly period are determined by averaging the total assets at the last business day of that month with the total assets at the last business day of the prior month. The total assets of the Fund shall be equal to its average monthly gross asset value (which includes assets attributable to or proceeds from the Fund’s use of debt and preferred stock, minus the sum of the Fund’s accrued and unpaid dividends/distributions on any outstanding common stock and accrued and unpaid dividends/distributions on any outstanding preferred stock and accrued liabilities (other than liabilities associated with borrowing or leverage by the Fund). Liabilities associated with borrowing or leverage include the principal amount of any debt issued by the Fund, the liquidation preference of any outstanding preferred stock, and other liabilities from other forms of borrowing or leverage such as short positions and put or call options held or written by the Fund.

C. Portfolio Companies — From time to time, the Fund may “control” or may be an “affiliate” of one or more portfolio companies, each as defined in the 1940 Act. In general, under the 1940 Act, the Fund would “control” a portfolio company if the Fund owned 25% or more of its outstanding voting securities and would be an “affiliate” of a portfolio company if the Fund owned 5% or more of its outstanding voting securities. The 1940 Act contains prohibitions and restrictions relating to transactions between investment companies and their affiliates (including the Fund’s investment adviser), principal underwriters and affiliates of those affiliates or underwriters.

The Fund believes that there is significant ambiguity in the application of existing Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) staff interpretations of the term “voting security” to complex structures such as limited partnership interests of the kind in which the Fund invests. As a result, it is possible that the SEC staff may consider that certain securities investments in limited partnerships are voting securities under the staff’s prevailing interpretations of this term. If such determination is made, the Fund may be regarded as a person affiliated with and controlling the issuer(s) of those securities for purposes of Section 17 of the 1940 Act.

In light of the ambiguity of the definition of voting securities, the Fund does not intend to treat any class of limited partnership interests that it holds as “voting securities” unless the security holders of such class currently have the ability, under the partnership agreement, to remove the general partner (assuming a sufficient vote of such securities, other than securities held by the general partner, in favor of such removal) or the Fund has an economic interest of sufficient size that otherwise gives it the de facto power to exercise a controlling influence over the partnership. The Fund believes this treatment is appropriate given that the general partner controls the partnership, and without the ability to remove the general partner or the power to otherwise exercise a controlling influence over the partnership due to the size of an economic interest, the security holders have no control over the partnership.

Plains All American Pipeline, L.P. — Robert V. Sinnott is Chief Executive Officer of Kayne Anderson Capital Advisors, L.P. (“KACALP”), the managing member of KAFA. Mr. Sinnott also serves as a director on the board of Plains All American GP LLC (“Plains GP”), the general partner of Plains All American Pipeline, L.P. (“PAA”). Members of senior management of KACALP and KAFA and various affiliated funds managed by KACALP own units of Plains GP. The Fund believes that it is an affiliate of PAA under the 1940 Act by virtue of (i) various affiliated Kayne Anderson funds’ ownership interests in the Plains GP and (ii) Mr. Sinnott’s participation on the board of Plains GP.

PAA Natural Gas Storage, L.P. (“PNG”) is an affiliate of PAA and Plains GP. PAA owns 62% of PNG’s limited partner units and owns PNG’s general partner. The Fund does not believe it is an affiliate of PNG based on the current facts and circumstances.

7. Restricted Securities

From time to time, certain of the Fund’s investments may be restricted as to resale. For instance, private investments that are not registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, cannot be offered for public sale in

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a non-exempt transaction without first being registered. In other cases, certain of the Fund's investments have restrictions such as lock-up agreements that preclude the Fund from offering these securities for public sale.

At August 31, 2011, the Fund held the following restricted investments:

Investment	Security	Acquisition Date	Type of Restriction	Number of Units, Principal (\$) (in 000s)	Cost Basis	Fair Value	Fair Value per Unit	Percent of Net Assets	Percent of Total Assets
Level 3 Investments⁽¹⁾									
Buckeye Partners, L.P.	Class B Units	(2)	(3)	185	\$10,002	\$10,345	\$55.85	1.2%	0.8%
Level 2 Investments⁽⁴⁾									
Antero Resources LLC	Senior Notes	7/27/11	(3)	\$ 1,750	\$ 1,750	\$ 1,706	n/a	0.2%	0.1%
Clayton Williams Energy, Inc.	Senior Notes	(2)	(3)	6,850	6,849	6,319	n/a	0.7	0.5
Crestwood Holdings Partners, LLC	Secured Term Loan	(2)	(5)	16,460	16,196	16,624	n/a	1.9	1.3
Foresight Energy LLC	Senior Notes	(2)	(5)	21,000	21,371	21,210	n/a	2.5	1.7
Navios Maritime Holdings Inc.	Senior Notes	(2)	(3)	10,000	10,007	8,200	n/a	1.0	0.6
Paramount Resources Ltd.	Senior Notes	11/30/10	(3)	(6)	7,063	7,440	n/a	0.9	0.6
Southern Pacific Resources Corp.	Secured Term Loan	(2)	(3)	12,592	<u>12,702</u>	<u>12,655</u>	n/a	<u>1.5</u>	<u>1.0</u>
Total					<u>\$75,938</u>	<u>\$74,154</u>		<u>8.7%</u>	<u>5.8%</u>
Total of all restricted securities					<u>\$85,940</u>	<u>\$84,499</u>		<u>9.9%</u>	<u>6.6%</u>

- (1) Securities are valued using inputs reflecting the Fund's own assumptions as more fully described in Note 2 — Significant Accounting Policies.
- (2) Security was acquired at various dates during the fiscal year ended November 30, 2010 or the nine months ended August 31, 2011.
- (3) Unregistered security of a public company.
- (4) These securities have a fair market value determined by the mean of the bid and ask prices provided by an agent or a syndicate bank, principal market maker or an independent pricing service as more fully described in Note 2 — Significant Accounting Policies. These securities have limited trading volume and are not listed on a national exchange.
- (5) Unregistered security of a private company.
- (6) Principal amount is 7,250 Canadian dollars.

8. Derivative Financial Instruments

As required by the Derivatives and Hedging Topic of the FASB Accounting Standards Codification, the following are the derivative instruments and hedging activities of the Fund. See Note 2 — Significant Accounting Policies.

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Option Contracts — Transactions in option contracts for the three and nine months ended August 31, 2011 were as follows:

<u>Three Months Ended August 31, 2011</u>	<u>Number of Contracts</u>	<u>Premium</u>
Call Options Written		
Options outstanding — May 31, 2011	7,502	\$ 895
Options written	52,535	4,764
Options subsequently repurchased ⁽¹⁾	(35,641)	(3,312)
Options exercised	(2,537)	(158)
Options expired	<u>(7,659)</u>	<u>(650)</u>
Options outstanding — August 31, 2011 ⁽²⁾	<u>14,200</u>	<u>\$ 1,539</u>

(1) The price at which the Fund subsequently repurchased the options was \$1,072, which resulted in net realized gains of \$2,239.

(2) The percentage of total investments subject to call options written was 5.1% at August 31, 2011.

<u>Nine Months Ended August 31, 2011</u>	<u>Number of Contracts</u>	<u>Premium</u>
Call Options Written		
Options outstanding — November 30, 2010	4,261	\$ 579
Options written	133,533	13,774
Options subsequently repurchased ⁽¹⁾	(91,000)	(9,603)
Options exercised	(21,463)	(2,207)
Options expired	<u>(11,131)</u>	<u>(1,004)</u>
Options outstanding — August 31, 2011 ⁽²⁾	<u>14,200</u>	<u>\$ 1,539</u>

(1) The price at which the Fund subsequently repurchased the options was \$2,887, which resulted in net realized gains of \$6,715.

(2) The percentage of total investments subject to call options written was 5.1% at August 31, 2011.

Interest Rate Swap Contracts — The Fund may enter into interest rate swap contracts to partially hedge itself from increasing interest expense on its leverage resulting from increasing short-term interest rates. A decline in future interest rates may result in a decline in the value of the swap contracts, which, everything else being held constant, would result in a decline in the net assets of the Fund. In addition, if the counterparty to the interest rate swap contracts defaults, the Fund would not be able to use the anticipated receipts under the swap contracts to offset the interest payments on the Fund's leverage. At the time the interest rate swap contracts reach their scheduled termination, there is a risk that the Fund would not be able to obtain a replacement transaction or that the terms of the replacement transaction would not be as favorable as on the expiring transaction. In addition, if the Fund is required to terminate any swap contract early, then the Fund could be required to make a termination payment. As of August 31, 2011, the Fund did not have any interest rate swap contracts outstanding.

During the second quarter 2011, the Fund entered into interest rate swap contracts (\$40,000 notional amount) in anticipation of the private placements of senior notes and mandatory redeemable preferred stock. In conjunction with pricing of the private placements on April 27, 2011, these interest rate swap contracts were terminated and resulted in a \$115 realized loss.

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The following table sets forth the fair value of the Fund's derivative instruments on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities:

<u>Derivatives Not Accounted for as Hedging Instruments</u>	<u>Statement of Assets and Liabilities Location</u>	<u>Fair Value as of August 31, 2011</u>
Call options	Call option contracts written	\$(2,295)

The following table sets forth the effect of the Fund's derivative instruments on the Statement of Operations:

<u>Derivatives Not Accounted For as Hedging Instruments</u>	<u>Location of Gains/(Losses) on Derivatives Recognized in Income</u>	<u>For the Three Months Ended August 31, 2011</u>	
		<u>Net Realized Gains/(Losses) on Derivatives Recognized in Income</u>	<u>Net Change in Unrealized Gains/(Losses) on Derivatives Recognized in Income</u>
Call options	Options	\$2,891	\$(750)

<u>Derivatives Not Accounted For as Hedging Instruments</u>	<u>Location of Gains/(Losses) on Derivatives Recognized in Income</u>	<u>For the Nine Months Ended August 31, 2011</u>	
		<u>Net Realized Gains/(Losses) on Derivatives Recognized in Income</u>	<u>Net Change in Unrealized Gains/(Losses) on Derivatives Recognized in Income</u>
Call options	Options	\$7,711	\$(812)
Interest rate swap contracts	Interest rate swap contracts	(115)	—
		<u>\$7,596</u>	<u>\$(812)</u>

9. Investment Transactions

For the nine months ended August 31, 2011, the Fund purchased and sold securities in the amounts of \$596,168 and \$595,831 (excluding short-term investments and options), respectively.

10. Revolving Credit Facility

At August 31, 2011, the Fund had a three-year \$80,000 unsecured revolving credit facility maturing on June 11, 2013 (the "Credit Facility") with a syndicate of lenders. The interest rate may vary between LIBOR plus 1.75% to LIBOR plus 3.00%, depending on the Fund's asset coverage ratios. Outstanding loan balances will accrue interest daily at a rate equal to one-month LIBOR plus 1.75%, based on current asset coverage ratios. The Fund will pay a fee of 0.40% per annum on any unused amounts of the Credit Facility. See Financial Highlights for the Fund's asset coverage ratios under the 1940 Act.

For the nine months ended August 31, 2011, the average amount outstanding under the Credit Facility was \$37,821 with a weighted average interest rate of 1.98%. As of August 31, 2011, the Fund did not have any amount outstanding on the Credit Facility. See Note 14 — Subsequent Events.

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11. Senior Unsecured Notes

At August 31, 2011, the Fund had \$301,000 aggregate principal amount of senior unsecured fixed and floating rate notes (the "Senior Notes") outstanding, the key terms of which are described below.

Series	Principal Outstanding, November 30, 2010	Principal Issued (Matured)	Principal Outstanding, August 31, 2011	Estimated Fair Value, August 31, 2011	Fixed/Floating Interest Rate	Maturity
A	\$ 9,000	\$ (9,000)	\$ —	\$ —	5.65%	8/13/11
B	28,000	—	28,000	29,100	5.90%	8/13/12
C	128,000	—	128,000	137,400	6.06%	8/13/13
D	58,000	—	58,000	60,900	4.15%	3/5/15
E	27,000	—	27,000	26,700	3-month LIBOR + 155 bps	3/5/15
F	—	30,000	30,000	29,500	3-month LIBOR + 145 bps	5/10/16
G	—	20,000	20,000	20,700	3.71%	5/10/16
H	—	10,000	10,000	10,500	4.38%	5/10/18
	<u>\$250,000</u>	<u>\$51,000</u>	<u>\$301,000</u>	<u>\$314,800</u>		

Holders of the fixed rate Senior Notes are entitled to receive cash interest payments semi-annually (on August 13 and February 13) at the fixed rate. Holders of the floating rate Senior Notes are entitled to receive cash interest payments quarterly (on February 13, May 13, August 13 and November 13) at the floating rate.

During the nine months ended August 31, 2011, the weighted average interest rate on the outstanding Senior Notes was 4.91%. On August 13, 2011, the Fund repaid its Series A 5.65% fixed rate notes of \$9,000 upon maturity.

The Senior Notes were issued in private placement offerings to institutional investors and are not listed on any exchange or automated quotation system. The Senior Notes contain various covenants related to other indebtedness, liens and limits on the Fund's overall leverage. Under the 1940 Act and the terms of the Senior Notes, the Fund may not declare dividends or make other distributions on shares of common stock or purchases of such shares if, at any time of the declaration, distribution or purchase, asset coverage with respect to the outstanding Senior Notes would be less than 300%.

The Senior Notes are redeemable in certain circumstances at the option of the Fund. The Senior Notes are also subject to a mandatory redemption to the extent needed to satisfy certain requirements if the Fund fails to meet an asset coverage ratio required by law and is not able to cure the coverage deficiency by the applicable deadline, or fails to cure a deficiency as stated in the Fund's rating agency guidelines in a timely manner.

The Senior Notes are unsecured obligations of the Fund and, upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Fund, will rank: (1) senior to all the Fund's outstanding preferred shares; (2) senior to all of the Fund's outstanding common shares; (3) on a parity with any unsecured creditors of the Fund and any unsecured senior securities representing indebtedness of the Fund; and (4) junior to any secured creditors of the Fund.

At August 31, 2011, the Fund was in compliance with all covenants under the agreements of the Senior Notes.

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12. Preferred Stock

At August 31, 2011, the Fund had 4,800,000 shares of mandatory redeemable preferred stock outstanding with a total liquidation value of \$120,000. The table below sets forth the key terms of each series of the mandatory redeemable preferred stock.

Series	Shares Outstanding, November 30, 2010	Shares Issued	Shares Outstanding, August 31, 2011 ⁽¹⁾	Liquidation Value, August 31, 2011	Estimated Fair Value, August 31, 2011	Rate	Mandatory Redemption Date
A	3,600,000	—	3,600,000	\$ 90,000	\$ 97,300	5.48%	3/14/17
B	—	1,200,000	1,200,000	30,000	31,600	5.13%	5/10/18
	<u>3,600,000</u>	<u>1,200,000</u>	<u>4,800,000</u>	<u>\$120,000</u>	<u>\$128,900</u>		

(1) Each share has a \$25 liquidation value.

Holders of the mandatory redeemable preferred stock are entitled to receive cumulative cash distribution payments on the first business day following each quarterly period (February 28, May 31, August 31 and November 30). If the rating provided by FitchRatings falls below A (or the equivalent rating of another nationally recognized agency), the annual distribution rate on the mandatory redeemable preferred stock will increase between 0.5% and 4.0%, depending on the rating. The annual distribution rate will increase by 4.0% if no ratings are maintained, and the dividend rate will increase by 5.0% if the Fund fails to make quarterly distribution or certain other payments.

The mandatory redeemable preferred stock ranks senior to all of the Fund's outstanding common shares and on parity with any other preferred stock. The mandatory redeemable preferred stock is redeemable in certain circumstances at the option of the Fund and is also subject to a mandatory redemption if the Fund fails to meet a total leverage (debt and preferred stock) asset coverage ratio of 225% or fails to maintain its basic maintenance amount as stated in the Fund's rating agency guidelines.

Under the terms of the mandatory redeemable preferred stock, the Fund may not declare dividends or make other distributions on shares of its common stock or make purchases of such shares if, at any time of the declaration, distribution or purchase, asset coverage with respect to total leverage would be less than 225%.

The holders of the mandatory redeemable preferred stock have one vote per share and will vote together with the holders of common stock as a single class except on matters affecting only the holders of mandatory redeemable preferred stock or the holders of common stock. The holders of the mandatory redeemable preferred stock, voting separately as a single class, have the right to elect at least two directors of the Fund.

At August 31, 2011, the Fund was in compliance with the asset coverage and basic maintenance requirements of its mandatory redeemable preferred stock.

13. Common Stock

At August 31, 2011, the Fund has 195,200,000 shares of common stock authorized. Of the 34,859,453 shares of common stock outstanding at August 31, 2011, KACALP owned 4,000 shares. Transactions in common shares for the nine months ended August 31, 2011 were as follows:

Shares outstanding at November 30, 2010	34,492,182
Shares issued through reinvestment of distributions	<u>367,271</u>
Shares outstanding at August 31, 2011	<u>34,859,453</u>

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14. Subsequent Events

On September 22, 2011, the Fund declared its quarterly distribution of \$0.48 per common share for the fiscal third quarter for a total quarterly distribution payment of \$16,733. The distribution was paid on October 14, 2011 to common stockholders of record on October 5, 2011. Of this total, pursuant to the Fund's dividend reinvestment plan, \$3,237 was reinvested into the Fund through the issuance of 143,022 shares of common stock.

On October 17, 2011, the Fund amended its Credit Facility to increase the total commitment amount to \$100,000. This \$20,000 increase in commitment amount was accomplished by adding a new lender to the syndicate and increased commitments from existing lenders. All other terms of the Credit Facility remain the same including the maturity date and interest rates.

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