

BOULDER TOTAL RETURN FUND INC
Form N-Q
October 26, 2006

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM N-Q

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

Investment Company Act file number 811-07390

Boulder Total Return Fund, Inc.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

2344 Spruce Street, Suite A
Boulder, CO
(Address of principal executive offices)

80302
(Zip code)

Stephen C. Miller, Esq.

2344 Spruce Street, Suite A

Boulder, CO 80302
(Name and address of agent for service)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 303-444-5483

Date of fiscal year end: November 30, 2006

Date of reporting period: August 31, 2006

Item 1. Schedule of Investments. The schedule of investments for the period ended August 31, 2006 is filed herewith.

Portfolio of Investments as of August 31, 2006

(Unaudited)

Boulder Total Return Fund, Inc.

| Shares | Description | Value (Note 1) |
|---|--|----------------|
| LONG TERM INVESTMENTS 91.4% | | |
| DOMESTIC COMMON STOCKS 81.1% | | |
| Beverages 4.7% | | |
| 323,000 | Anheuser-Busch Companies, Inc. | \$ 15,949,741 |
| Buildings - Residential/Commercial 0.9% | | |
| 16,000 | Lennar Corp., Class A | 717,440 |
| 16,000 | MDC Holdings Inc. | 684,640 |
| 27,000 | Pulte Homes, Inc. | 801,090 |
| 30,000 | Standard Pacific Corp. | 717,900 |
| | | 2,921,070 |
| Construction Machinery 1.2% | | |
| 60,000 | Caterpillar, Inc. | 3,981,000 |
| Diversified 28.0% | | |
| 690 | Berkshire Hathaway Inc., Class A + | 66,306,930 |
| 9,200 | Berkshire Hathaway Inc., Class B + | 29,472,200 |
| | | 95,779,130 |
| Financial Services 5.0% | | |
| 293,360 | Citigroup, Inc. | 14,477,316 |
| 547,000 | Doral Financial Corp. | 2,740,470 |
| | | 17,217,786 |
| Food 0.9% | | |
| 63,000 | Wm. Wrigley Jr. Company | 2,924,460 |
| Health Care Products & Services 1.0% | | |
| 52,000 | Johnson & Johnson | 3,362,320 |
| Insurance 3.8% | | |
| 53,000 | American International Group, Inc. | 3,382,460 |
| 60,000 | Fidelity National Financial, Inc. | 2,413,800 |
| 10,500 | Fidelity National Title Group Inc., Class A | 211,680 |
| 120,000 | First American Corporation | 4,874,400 |
| 83,000 | Marsh & McLennan Companies, Inc. | 2,171,280 |
| | | 13,053,620 |
| Manufacturing 2.9% | | |
| 150,500 | Eaton Corporation | 10,008,250 |
| REITS 5.8% | | |
| 100,000 | Hospitality Properties Trust | 4,632,000 |
| 1,000,000 | HRPT Properties Trust | 11,600,000 |
| 75,000 | Redwood Trust, Inc. | 3,648,000 |
| | | 19,880,000 |
| Retail 14.3% | | |
| 100,000 | The Home Depot, Inc. | 3,429,000 |
| 370,000 | Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. | 16,546,400 |

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590,000

Yum! Brands, Inc.

28,839,200

48,814,600

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| RICS 7.7% | | |
| 25,000 | AEW Real Estate Income Fund | \$ 527,500 |
| 80,000 | AIM Select Real Estate Income Fund | 1,479,200 |
| 30,000 | Citigroup Investments Corporate Loan Fund, Inc. | 398,700 |
| 100,000 | Cohen & Steers REIT and Utility Income Fund, Inc. | 2,044,000 |
| 93,000 | DWS RREEF Real Estate Fund II | 1,689,810 |
| 160,000 | Eaton Vance Senior Income Trust | 1,312,000 |
| 34,500 | First Trust/Four Corners Senior Floating Rate Income Fund | 612,375 |
| 110,000 | First Trust/Four Corners Senior Floating Rate Income Fund II | 1,960,200 |
| 482,700 | Flaherty & Crumrine Claymore Preferred Securities Income Fund, Inc. | 9,895,350 |
| 96,300 | Flaherty & Crumrine Claymore Total Return Fund, Inc. | 1,968,371 |
| 110,000 | Floating Rate Income Strategies Fund II, Inc. | 1,926,100 |
| 77,000 | Floating Rate Income Strategies Fund, Inc. | 1,346,730 |
| 100,000 | Nuveen Floating Rate Income Fund | 1,308,000 |
| | | 26,468,336 |
| Savings & Loan Companies 4.8% | | |
| 392,549 | Washington Mutual, Inc. | 16,443,878 |
| Transport - Trucking 0.1% | | |
| 10,539 | YRC Worldwide, Inc. + | 387,624 |
| | Total Domestic Common Stocks (cost \$191,602,707) | 277,191,815 |
| FOREIGN COMMON STOCKS 7.6% | | |
| Hong Kong 1.6% | | |
| 254,250 | Cheung Kong Holdings, Ltd. | 2,808,381 |
| 6,156,000 | Midland Holdings, Ltd. | 2,738,903 |
| | | 5,547,284 |
| Netherlands 1.3% | | |
| 95,117 | Heineken NV | 4,408,731 |
| New Zealand 1.1% | | |
| 4,150,136 | Kiwi Income Property Trust, REIT | 3,803,060 |
| United Kingdom 3.6% | | |
| 75,000 | Diageo PLC, Sponsored ADR | 5,362,500 |
| 705,000 | Lloyds TSB Group PLC | 6,993,397 |
| | | 12,355,897 |
| | Total Foreign Common Stocks (cost \$21,241,472) | 26,114,972 |
| AUCTION MARKET PREFERRED SECURITIES 2.7% | | |
| 120 | Calamos Convertible Opportunities & Income Fund, Series TH7 | 3,000,000 |

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| 160 | Cohen & Steers REIT & Preferred Income Fund, Inc., Series TH | \$ 4,000,000 |
| 80 | Pioneer High Income Trust | 2,000,000 |
| | Total Auction Market Preferred Securities (cost \$9,000,000) | 9,000,000 |
| | Total Long Term Investments (cost \$221,844,179) | 312,306,787 |
| SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS 8.8% | | |

| Par Value | Description | Value (Note 1) |
|--------------------------|--|----------------|
| BANK DEPOSIT 0.3% | | |
| \$ 1,048,000 | Investors Bank & Trust Money Market Deposit Account, 4.200% due 9/01/06 (cost \$1,048,000) | 1,048,000 |

| Par Value | Description | Value (Note 1) |
|--------------------------------------|---|----------------|
| FOREIGN GOVERNMENT BONDS 2.2% | | |
| New Zealand 0.6% | | |
| 3,076,000 | New Zealand Government Bond, 8.000% due 11/15/06 | 2,017,096 |
| United Kingdom 1.6% | | |
| 2,825,000 | UK Gilt Treasury Bond, 7.750% due 9/08/06 | 5,376,341 |
| | Total FOREIGN GOVERNMENT BONDS (cost \$7,047,454) | 7,393,437 |

| Par Value | Description | Value (Note 1) |
|---------------------------------|--|--------------------|
| U.S. TREASURY BILLS 6.3% | | |
| 4,000,000 | 4.890% due 10/05/06 | 3,981,526 |
| 7,000,000 | 4.900% due 10/19/06 | 6,954,267 |
| 3,000,000 | 4.920% due 10/05/06 | 2,986,060 |
| 4,500,000 | 4.930% due 11/02/06 | 4,461,792 |
| 3,000,000 | 5.080% due 9/14/06 | 2,994,497 |
| | Total U.S. Treasury Bills (cost \$21,378,142) | 21,378,142 |
| | Total Short Term Investments (cost \$29,473,596) | 29,819,579 |
| Total Investments | 100.2% (cost \$251,317,775) | 342,126,366 |
| | Other Assets and Liabilities (0.2%) | (519,563) |
| | Total Net Assets Available to Common Stock and Preferred Stock | |
| | 100% | 341,606,803 |

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|---|-----------------------|
| Auction Market Preferred Stock (AMPs) Redemption Value | (77,500,000) |
| Total Net Assets Available to Common Stock | \$ 264,106,803 |

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+ Non-income producing security.
ADR - American Depository Receipt
REIT - Real Estate Investment Trust
RIC - Registered Investment Company

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Boulder Total Return Fund, Inc.

August 31, 2006 (Unaudited)

Note 1. Valuation and Investment Practices

Portfolio Valuation: The net asset value of the Fund's Common Stock is determined by the Fund's administrator no less frequently than on the last business day of each week and month. It is determined by dividing the value of the Fund's net assets attributable to common shares by the number of shares of Common Stock outstanding. The value of the Fund's net assets attributable to common shares is deemed to equal the value of the Fund's total assets less (i) the Fund's liabilities and (ii) the aggregate liquidation value of the outstanding Taxable Auction Market Preferred Stock. Securities listed on a national securities exchange are valued on the basis of the last sale on such exchange or the NASDAQ Official Close Price (NOCP) on the day of valuation. In the absence of sales of listed securities and with respect to securities for which the most recent sale prices are not deemed to represent fair market value and unlisted securities (other than money market instruments), securities are valued at the mean between the closing bid and asked prices when quoted prices for investments are readily available. Investments for which market quotations are not readily available are valued at fair value as determined in good faith by or under the direction of the Board of Directors of the Fund, including reference to valuations of other securities which are considered comparable in quality, maturity and type. Investments in money market instruments, which mature in 60 days or less at the time of purchase, are valued at amortized cost.

Securities Transactions and Investment Income: Securities transactions are recorded as of the trade date. Realized gains and losses from securities sold are recorded on the identified cost basis. Dividend income is recorded on ex-dividend dates. Interest income is recorded using the interest method.

The actual amounts of dividend income and return of capital received from investments in real estate trusts (REITS) and registered investment companies (RICS) at calendar year-end are determined after the end of the fiscal year. The Fund therefore estimates these amounts for accounting purposes until the actual characterization of REIT and RIC distributions is known. Distributions received in excess of the estimate are recorded as a reduction of the cost of investments.

Foreign Currency Translation: The books and records of the Fund are maintained in US dollars. Foreign currencies, investments and other assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into US dollars at the exchange rate prevailing at the end of the period, and the purchase and sales of investment securities, income and expenses transacted in foreign currencies are translated at the exchange rate on the dates of such transactions.

Foreign currency gains and losses result from fluctuations in exchange rates between trade date and settlement date on securities transactions, foreign currency transactions and the difference between amounts of interest and dividends recorded on the books of the Fund and the amounts actually received. The portion of foreign currency gains and losses related to fluctuation in exchange rates between the initial purchase trade date and the subsequent sale trade date is included in gains and losses on investment securities sold.

Repurchase Agreements: The Fund may engage in repurchase agreement transactions. The Fund's Management reviews and approves periodically the eligibility of the banks and dealers with which the Fund enters into repurchase agreement transactions. The value of the collateral underlying such transactions is at least equal at all times to the total amount of the repurchase obligations, including interest. The Fund maintains possession of the collateral and, in the event of counterparty default, the Fund has the right to use the collateral to offset losses incurred. There is the possibility of loss to the Fund in the event the Fund is delayed or prevented from exercising its rights to dispose of the collateral securities.

Note 2. Unrealized Appreciation/ (Depreciation)

On August 31, 2006, the net unrealized appreciation on investments based on cost of \$251,359,908 for federal income tax purposes was \$90,766,458 consisting of \$95,635,498 aggregate gross unrealized appreciation for all securities in which there is an excess of value over tax cost and \$(4,869,040) aggregate gross unrealized depreciation for all securities in which there is an excess of tax cost over value.

Item 2. Controls and Procedures.

(a) The Registrant's Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer concluded that the Registrant's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 30a-3(c) under the Investment Company Act of 1940) were effective as of a date within 90 days prior to the filing date of this report (the Evaluation Date), based on their evaluation of the effectiveness of the Registrant's disclosure controls and procedures as of the Evaluation Date.

(b) There were no changes in the Registrant's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(d)) that occurred during the Registrant's last fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Item 3. Exhibits.

Certifications of the Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer of the Registrant as required by Rule 30a-2(a) under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (17 CFR 270.30a-2(a)) are attached hereto as Exhibit 99CERT.

SIGNATURES

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

BOULDER TOTAL RETURN FUND, INC.

By /s/ Stephen C. Miller
Stephen C. Miller, President
(Principal Executive Officer)

Date 10/17/06

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

By /s/ Stephen C. Miller
Stephen C. Miller, President
(Principal Executive Officer)

Date 10/17/06

By /s/ Carl D. Johns
Carl D. Johns, Chief Financial Officer, Vice President and Treasurer
(Principal Financial Officer)

Date 10/17/06
