Avenue Income Credit Strategies Fund
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FORM N-CSR

CERTIFIED SHAREHOLDER REPORT OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES

Investment Company Act file number 811-22485

Avenue Income Credit Strategies Fund
(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

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Date of fiscal year end: October 31, 2015

Date of reporting period: October 31, 2015

Item 1. Shareholder Report

Avenue Income Credit Strategies Fund

Manager Commentary

October 31, 2015

Dear Shareholder,

We are pleased to present the 2015 Annual Report for Avenue Income Credit Strategies Fund (the Fund). The following Manager Commentary covers the one year period ended October 31, 2015.

Fund Objective and Principal Investment Strategy

The Fund s primary investment objective is to seek a high level of current income with a secondary objective of capital appreciation. Depending on market conditions and the Fund s outlook over time, the Fund seeks to achieve its investment objectives by opportunistically investing primarily in loan and debt instruments (and loan-related or debt-related instruments, including repurchase and reverse repurchase agreements and derivative instruments) of issuers that operate in a variety of industries and geographic regions.

Performance[1]

For the one year period ended October 31, 2015, the Fund had a total return of -6.36% based on net asset value, and -9.29% based on market value. The average annual total return from January 27, 2011 (inception) through October 31, 2015, was 4.01% based on net asset value, and 0.23% based on market value.[2,3] The closing price of the Fund s shares as of October 31, 2015 on the New York Stock Exchange was $13.09 representing a -12.21% discount to the Fund s net asset value per share of $14.91.

Returns

The Fund invests across a range of assets. The below indices cover asset classes that Avenue Capital Management II, L.P. (the Adviser) believes are the same as, or similar to, the asset classes to which the Fund s assets are exposed (in whole or in part).

Fund/Index	Return Over the Period 11/1/2014 10/31/2015
Avenue Income Credit Strategies Fund (ACP) based on net asset value	-6.36%
Avenue Income Credit Strategies Fund (ACP) based on market value	-9.29%
Barclays U.S. Corporate High Yield Index[4]	-1.94%
CS Leveraged Loan Index[4]	0.81%

Performance data shown represents past performance and does not guarantee future results. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data shown. Investment returns and principal value will fluctuate, and when sold, your investment may be worth more or less than its original cost. All returns assume reinvestment of all dividends. The Fund is subject to various fees and expenses which include advisory fees, operating expenses, investment related expenses (including but not limited to interest on borrowings) and extraordinary expenses, and the performance shown above reflects the deduction of such fees and expenses. The performance above reflects fee waivers and/or expense reimbursements made by the Fund s Investment Adviser. Absent such waivers and/or reimbursements, the Fund s returns would be lower. Performance information is not annualized, unless otherwise noted. The Fund commenced operations on January 27, 2011. Current performance for the most recent month end can be obtained by calling (877) 525-7330. An independent accountant has not audited, reviewed or compiled the performance results.

Factors Affecting Performance

The Fund underperformed the Barclays Index and CS Index over the period. The Fund continues to utilize fundamental analysis to drive our investment approach and individual security selection.

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Manager Commentary (continued)

October 31, 2015

We believe that our approach of analyzing each investment on the merits of issuer, industry and rating has benefitted performance and should, in our opinion, continue to allow us to select credits that are likely to be drivers of alpha.

The top issuer contributors were:

Ø Accellent Inc., JC Penney Corporation Inc., Stackpole International Intermediate Co SA / Stackpole International Powder Metal, Surgery Center Holdings, Inc. and KIK Custom Products Inc.[5]

The top issuer detractors were:

Ø Connacher Oil and Gas Limited, Bennu Holdings LLC, Chassix Inc., iHeart Communications, Inc. and KCA Deutag UK Finance PLC[6]

During the year, the Fund s use of leverage increased from 29.8% to 31.6% as a percentage of Managed Assets and the leverage amount decreased from $100,000,000 to $90,000,000.

Market Outlook

While the Adviser focuses the majority of its research on fundamental company and industry analysis, it is also cognizant of the macro risks that could positively or negatively impact the asset classes we invest in and risk assets in general. The following is a summary of the key macro risks we are currently monitoring:

Ø Monetary policy divergence is underway as the Federal Reserve is widely expected to move away from zero rates on December 16, when it moves to raise the Fed Funds rate upward by an estimated 25 basis points; while on December 3, the European Central Bank expanded its Quantitative Easing program via a reduction of deposit rates from -0.2% to -0.3% as it extended its asset purchase program by adding EUR 10bn per month to its planned purchases, and extended the program by six additional months.[7] This could result in a further deterioration of the Euro into 2016.

Ø We believe overcapacity and reduced demand continue to put more downward pressure on commodity prices, which will likely result in an increase in distressed exchanges and defaults, especially in the energy sector.

Ø The Chinese economy is expected to slow further to a sub 7% growth rates[8], which could lead to lower demand for commodities and a possible further devaluation of emerging market currencies.

Ø Strengthening of the US Dollar continues to be a major concern for corporate earnings, especially for multinational firms that rely on non-US revenues.

While there is likely to be continued volatility in the near term for credit and risk assets[9], we believe that the current yield to worst for the high yield market is attractive for the medium-to-long term.

The Adviser s investment team will continue working diligently to identify attractive investment opportunities across the performing, stressed and distressed universe on a global basis. We appreciate your continued interest and support.

Avenue Capital Management II, L.P.

December, 2015

Alternative investments are speculative and involve substantial risks. It is possible that investors may lose some or all of their investment. An investment in the Fund is not appropriate for all investors, and the Fund is not intended to be a complete investment program.

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Manager Commentary (concluded)

October 31, 2015

The views and opinions in the preceding discussion are subject to change. There is no guarantee that any market forecast set forth in the discussion will be realized. This material represents an assessment of the market environment at a specific point in time, should not be relied upon as investment advice and is not intended to predict or depict performance of any investment.

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2 Includes dilution of approximately $0.97 to NAV per share resulting from the Fund s transferable rights offering, which expired on May 17, 2013. In connection with such offering, the Fund issued 3,268,518 additional common shares at a subscription price per share below the then-current NAV per share of the Fund.

3 Includes dilution of approximately $0.94 to NAV per share resulting from the Fund s transferable rights offering, which expired on March 23, 2012. In connection with such offering, the Fund issued 2,450,466 additional common shares at a subscription price per share below the then-current NAV per share of the Fund.

4 Index information was compiled from sources that Avenue Capital Management II, L.P. believes to be reliable. No representation or guarantee is made hereby with respect to the accuracy or completeness of such data. The Barclays U.S. Corporate High Yield Index comprises issues that have at least $150 million par value outstanding, a maximum credit rating of Ba1 or BB+ (excluding defaulted issues) and at least one year to maturity. The CS Leveraged Loan Index is designed to mirror the investible universe of the $US-denominated leveraged loan market. Investors cannot invest directly in an index, and index performance does not reflect the deduction of any fees or expenses. There are material differences between such indices and the Fund, including without limitation that such indices are unmanaged, broadly-based indices, do not reflect payment of management or brokerage fees and differ in numerous other respects from the portfolio composition of the Fund; as a result, the Fund s investment portfolio is materially different from any given index. Indices include reinvestment of dividends and other income.

5 The top contributors are evaluated on a total profit and loss basis, which includes realized and unrealized market value gains and losses, impact from foreign exchange transactions, and accrued interest. The list of top contributors does not represent all investments held, purchased or sold during the reporting period and is based on the Adviser s books and records. As of the reporting date of October 31, 2015, the positions listed represented the following percentages of the Fund on a market value basis: Accellent Inc. 0.0%, JC Penney Corporation Inc. 2.2%, Stackpole International Intermediate Co SA / Stackpole International Powder Metal 1.7%, Surgery Center Holdings, Inc. 1.7%

and KIK Custom Products Inc. 0.0%.

6 The top detractors are evaluated on a total profit and loss basis, which includes realized and unrealized market value gains and losses, impact from foreign exchange transactions, and accrued interest. The list of top detractors does not represent all investments held, purchased or sold during the reporting period and is based on the Adviser s books and records. As of the reporting date of October 31, 2015, the positions listed represented the following percentages of the Fund on a market value basis: Connacher Oil and Gas Limited 0.2%, Bennu Holdings LLC 1.1%, Chassix Inc. 4.5%, iHeart Communications, Inc. 4.4%, and KCA Deutag UK Finance PLC 0.4%.

7 *European Central Bank, Introductory Statement to the Press Conference (with Q&A),* December 3, 2015.

8 Bloomberg, December 16, 2015.

9 Risk assets generally refer to assets that have a significant degree of price volatility, such as equities, commodities, high-yield bonds and loans, and currencies.

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Financial Data(a)

October 31, 2015 (unaudited)

Security Type(b) **Ratings(c)** **Geographic Allocation(d)**

Top Five Industries(f)

Top 10 Largest Holdings(g)

1	Inventiv Health Inc.	3.3%
2	Endemol NV	3.2%
3	Chassix Inc.	3.1%
4	iHeart Communications, Inc.	3.0%
5	IMG Worldwide Inc.	2.6%
6	ConvaTec Finance International	2.6%
7	K Hovanian Enterprises Inc.	2.6%
8	Faenza GMBH	2.6%
9	Ardagh Glass	2.2%
10	BWAY Holding Company	2.0%
	Total Top 10:	**27.2%**

(a) Holdings are subject to change without notice. Calculated as a percent of managed assets as of the date of this document. Where applicable, percentages may not add to 100% due to rounding.

(b) Security Type, as defined by Avenue Capital Management II, L.P. (the Investment Adviser), is sourced from Bloomberg as well as developed via internal classifications.

(c) Ratings information represent Standard & Poor s ratings on instruments in the portfolio. Ratings are provided for informational purposes only and may change over time. Standard & Poor s rates securities from AAA (highest quality) to C (lowest quality), and D to indicate securities in default. BB and below are considered below investment grade securities. Greater risk, such as increased volatility, limited liquidity, prepayment, non-payment and increased default risk, is inherent in portfolios that invest in high yield (junk) bonds. The Fund may invest all or a substantial portion of its assets in below investment grade securities which are often referred to as high yield or junk securities.

(d) The geographic allocation is based on where the Investment Adviser believes the country of risk to be. Country of risk is the country where the majority of the company s operations are based or where it is headquartered. Investment in non-U.S. securities is subject to the risk of currency fluctuations and to economic and political risks associated with such foreign countries.

(e) Cash and Cash Equivalents includes cash as well as other non-investment asset and liabilities (net), excluding borrowings under credit facilities.

(f) Industries are represented using GICS classifications.

(g) The holdings of the Fund are calculated based on Issuer as opposed to Issue. The number of Issues the Fund owns will be significantly higher than the number of Issuers set forth herein.

(h) Loans may include senior secured, senior unsecured and subordinated loan obligations.

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Schedule of Investments

October 31, 2015

Security Description	Coupon	Maturity	Principal Amount (000)	Value
CORPORATE BONDS & NOTES 94.3%				
Aerospace & Defense 3.6%				
Accudyne Industries Borrower / Accudyne Industries LLC (a)	7.75%	12/15/2020	$ 1,914	$ 1,660,395
US Airways 2000-3C Pass Through Trust (b)	8.39%	3/1/2022	4,956	5,401,750
				7,062,145
Auto Components 1.7%				
Stackpole International Intermediate Co. SA (a)	7.75%	10/15/2021	2,902	3,250,240
Banks 0.9%				
Royal Bank of Scotland Group PLC	7.65%	(c)	1,400	1,743,000
Chemicals 3.2%				
Hexion, Inc.:				
	6.63%	4/15/2020	3,177	2,692,507
	10.00%	4/15/2020	1,000	950,000
Perstorp Holding AB (a)	8.75%	5/15/2017	2,425	2,503,813
				6,146,320
Commercial Services & Supplies 1.8%				
Light Tower Rentals, Inc. (a)	8.13%	8/1/2019	5,017	3,461,730
Communications Equipment 2.0%				
Avaya, Inc.:				
	9.00%	4/1/2019(a)	3,700	3,015,500
	10.50%	3/1/2021(a)	2,199	852,113
				3,867,613
Construction Materials 3.7%				
CeramTec Group GmbH (a)	8.25%	8/15/2021	EUR 6,100	7,269,651
Consumer Finance 2.2%				
Springleaf Finance Corp.	6.90%	12/15/2017	$ 4,000	4,210,000
Containers & Packaging 6.1%				
Ardagh Finance Holdings SA (d)	8.38%	6/15/2019	EUR 652	710,096
Ardagh Finance Holdings SA PIK (a)	8.63%	6/15/2019	$ 5,357	5,437,377
BWAY Holding Co. (a)	9.13%	8/15/2021	6,001	5,835,973
				11,983,446
Diversified Telecommunication Services 4.8%				
Frontier Communications Corp.:				
	8.88%	9/15/2020(a)	181	187,900
	10.50%	9/15/2022(a)	181	187,788
	11.00%	9/15/2025(a)	2,903	3,042,692
Intelsat Jackson Holdings SA:				
	6.63%	12/15/2022	2,398	1,894,420
	7.50%	4/1/2021	565	509,912
Wind Acquisition Finance SA (a)	7.38%	4/23/2021	3,550	3,576,625
				9,399,337
Energy Equipment & Services 4.2%				
CHC Helicopter SA	9.38%	6/1/2021	2,007	802,620
Drill Rigs Holdings, Inc. (a)	6.50%	10/1/2017	2,250	1,534,230
Globe Luxembourg SCA (a)	9.63%	5/1/2018	1,015	857,675
Pacific Drilling V Ltd. (a)	7.25%	12/1/2017	1,610	1,094,800
Tervita Corp.:				
	8.00%	11/15/2018(a)	4,225	3,105,375
	10.88%	2/15/2018(a)	1,422	711,000
				8,105,700
Health Care Equipment & Supplies 4.0%				
ConvaTec Finance International SA PIK (a)	8.25%	1/15/2019	7,500	7,481,250

Greatbatch Ltd. (a)	9.13%	11/1/2023	320	326,000
				7,807,250

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Security Description	Coupon	Maturity		Principal Amount (000)		Value
Health Care Providers & Services 7.1%						
HCA, Inc.:						
	7.05%	12/1/2027	$	745	$	789,700
	7.50%	11/6/2033		120		127,800
	7.58%	9/15/2025		555		604,950
	7.69%	6/15/2025		900		994,500
inVentiv Health, Inc. (a)	9.00%	1/15/2018		5,075		5,239,937
inVentiv Health, Inc. PIK (a)	10.00%	8/15/2018		4,155		4,026,153
Kindred Healthcare, Inc.	8.75%	1/15/2023		1,412		1,472,010
Tenet Healthcare Corp.	8.13%	4/1/2022		525		555,188
						13,810,238
Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure 8.5%						
Caesars Entertainment Operating Co, Inc.:						
	9.00%	2/15/2020(e)(f)		3,245		2,612,225
	11.25%	6/1/2017(e)(f)		2,820		2,234,850
Gala Electric Casinos PLC (d)	11.50%	6/1/2019	GBP	2,900		4,755,641
Scientific Games International, Inc.:						
	7.00%	1/1/2022(a)	$	310		311,550
	10.00%	12/1/2022		3,723		3,294,855
The Unique Pub Finance Co. Plc	6.46%	3/30/2032	GBP	2,530		3,354,212
						16,563,333
Household Durables 6.2%						
Beazer Homes USA, Inc.:						
	7.25%	2/1/2023	$	2,225		2,097,062
	7.50%	9/15/2021		2,639		2,573,025
K Hovnanian Enterprises, Inc.:						
	7.00%	1/15/2019(a)		1,353		1,075,635
	8.00%	11/1/2019(a)		213		164,010
	9.13%	11/15/2020(a)		7,000		6,160,000
						12,069,732
Independent Power and Renewable Electricity Producers 1.7%						
Illinois Power Generating Co.:						
	6.30%	4/1/2020		2,536		2,003,440
	7.95%	6/1/2032		1,750		1,365,000
						3,368,440
Industrial Conglomerates 0.1%						
Trinseo Materials Operating SCA / Trinseo Materials Finance, Inc. (a)	6.38%	5/1/2022	EUR	135		147,970
IT Services 1.1%						
Syniverse Holdings, Inc.	9.13%	1/15/2019	$	2,672		2,237,800
Machinery 0.9%						
Waterjet Holdings, Inc. (a)	7.63%	2/1/2020		1,840		1,853,800
Marine 3.4%						
Navios Maritime Acquisition Corp. / Navios Acquisition Finance US, Inc.	8.13%	11/15/2021(a)		1,544		1,478,380
Navios Maritime Holdings, Inc. / Navios Maritime Finance II US, Inc.:						
	7.38%	1/15/2022(a)		3,711		2,917,774
	8.13%	2/15/2019		3,179		2,320,670
						6,716,824

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Security Description	Coupon	Maturity	Principal Amount (000)	Value
Media 11.4%				
Altice Finco SA	7.63%	2/15/2025(a)	$ 1,800	$ 1,705,500
Altice Luxembourg SA:				
	6.25%	2/15/2025(a)	EUR 100	97,594
	7.63%	2/15/2025(a)	$ 1,540	1,416,030
Altice SA	7.75%	5/15/2022(a)	2,030	1,953,875
Altice US Finance II Corp.	7.75%	7/15/2025(a)	5,101	4,909,713
Clear Channel Communications, Inc.:				
	10.63%	3/15/2023	410	344,400
	11.25%	3/1/2021	8,610	7,361,550
Clear Channel Communications, Inc. PIK	14.00%	2/1/2021	1,909	782,750
Clear Channel Worldwide Holdings, Inc.	7.63%	3/15/2020	3,500	3,631,250
				22,202,662
Metals & Mining 3.7%				
Constellium NV:				
	7.00%	1/15/2023(d)	EUR 800	727,616
	8.00%	1/15/2023(a)	$ 1,500	1,271,250
Schmolz & Bickenbach Luxembourg SA (a)	9.88%	5/15/2019	EUR 2,157	2,424,878
Wise Metals Group LLC / Wise Alloys Finance Corp. (a)	8.75%	12/15/2018	$ 820	774,900
Wise Metals Intermediate Holdings LLC/Wise Holdings Finance Corp. PIK (a)	9.75%	6/15/2019	2,263	2,104,590
				7,303,234
Multiline Retail 4.1%				
JC Penney Corp, Inc.	5.65%	6/1/2020	4,595	4,204,425
The Neiman Marcus Group, Inc. PIK (a)	8.75%	10/15/2021	3,645	3,786,061
				7,990,486
Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels 2.4%				
Halcon Resources Corp. (a)	8.63%	2/1/2020	2,411	2,079,488
Memorial Production Partners LP / Memorial Production Finance Corp.	6.88%	8/1/2022	78	49,140
Northern Oil and Gas, Inc.:				
	8.00%	6/1/2020	1,590	1,314,930
	8.00%	6/1/2020	872	721,144
US Shale Solutions, Inc. (f)	12.50%	9/1/2017	1,781	445,250
				4,609,952
Pharmaceuticals 2.6%				
JLL/Delta Dutch Pledgeco BV (a)	8.75%	5/1/2020	4,926	5,030,677
Wireless Telecommunication Services 2.9%				
Arqiva Broadcast Finance PLC (a)	9.50%	3/31/2020	GBP 3,375	5,651,648
TOTAL CORPORATE BONDS & NOTES (Cost $200,807,627)				183,863,228
SENIOR LOANS 27.1% (g)(h)				
Aerospace & Defense 0.8%				
AM General LLC Term Loan	10.25%	3/22/2018	$ 2,000	1,540,000
Auto Components 1.6%				
Chassix Holdings Inc. Exit Term Loan	12.00%	7/29/2019	2,993	3,023,380
Chemicals 2.2%				
Solenis International, LP USD 2nd Lien Term Loan	7.75%	7/31/2022	4,633	4,319,806
Containers & Packaging 2.6%				
Mauser Holdings Term Loan	8.75%	7/31/2022	5,481	5,141,178
Diversified Consumer Services 0.9%				
Cengage Learning Acquisitions, Inc. Term Loan	7.00%	3/31/2020	1,649	1,637,419

Electric Utilities 1.5%				
La Paloma Generating Co. LLC 2nd Lien Term Loan (b)	9.25%	2/20/2020	4,000	2,920,000
Health Care Providers & Services 1.7%				
Surgery Center Holdings Inc. 2nd Lien Term Loan	8.50%	11/3/2021	3,377	3,334,539

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Media 8.5%				
Endemol (AP NMT Acquisition) 2nd Lien Term Loan	10.00%	8/13/2022	$ 6,899	$ 6,105,615
Endemol (AP NMT Acquisition) USD 1st Lien Term Loan	6.75%	8/13/2021	3,079	2,929,220
IMG Worldwide, Inc. 2nd Lien Term Loan	8.25%	5/6/2022	7,900	7,524,750
				16,559,585
Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels 1.8%				
Bennu Oil & Gas LLC Replacement Loans PIK	9.75%	11/1/2018	5,389	2,155,696
Connacher Oil And Gas Ltd. Term Loan PIK (b)	9.00%	5/23/2018	180	133,759
Endeavour International Holdings Term Loan	11.00%	1/2/2017	2,280	1,014,521
Southern Pacific Resource Corp. 1st Lien Term Loan (b)(e)(f)	14.25%	3/31/2019	1,519	277,131
				3,581,107
Technology Hardware, Storage & Peripherals 2.5%				
Eastman Kodak Co. 2nd Lien Term Loan	10.75%	9/3/2020	5,130	4,905,754
Trading Companies & Distributors 3.0%				
Neff Rental LLC 2nd Lien Term Loan	7.25%	6/9/2021	6,434	5,822,496
TOTAL SENIOR LOANS (Cost $62,528,319)				52,785,264
CONVERTIBLE BONDS 6.5%				
Banks 4.1%				
Lloyds Banking Group PLC	7.50%	(c)	2,900	3,081,250
Societe Generale SA (a)(h)	7.88%	(c)	2,185	2,191,839
UniCredit SpA (d)(h)	8.00%	(c)	2,905	2,857,794
				8,130,883
Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels 0.1%				
Connacher Oil and Gas Ltd. (b)	12.00%	8/31/2018	201	150,601
Thrifts & Mortgage Finance 2.3%				
MGIC Investment Corp. (a)	9.00%	4/1/2063	3,625	4,492,734
TOTAL CONVERTIBLE BONDS (Cost $12,455,099)				12,774,218
MUNICIPAL BONDS 0.5%				
Puerto Rico 0.5%				
Commonwealth of Puerto Rico	8.00%	7/1/2035	1,300	944,125
TOTAL MUNICIPAL BONDS (Cost $1,222,073)				944,125
			Shares	
EQUITY 3.7%				
Auto Components 2.9%				
Chassix Holdings, Inc.			224,629	5,643,804
Index 0.8%				
iShares iBoxx High Yield Corporate Bond ETF			9,000	770,130
SPDR Barclays High Yield Bond ETF			23,000	838,810
				1,608,940
Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels 0.0% (i)				
Connacher Oil and Gas Ltd.			133,652	53,150
TOTAL EQUITY (Cost $10,648,398)				7,305,894

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Security Description	Coupon	Maturity	Shares	Value
WARRANTS 0.1%				
Auto Components 0.1%				
Chassix Holdings, Inc. Call Expires 7/29/2020 (b)			19,932	$ 153,277
Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels 0.0% (i)				
US Shale Solution, Inc. Call Expires 9/1/2024 (b)			1,781	
TOTAL WARRANTS (Cost $153,676)				153,277
TOTAL LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS 132.2% (Cost $287,815,192)				257,826,006
			Principal Amount (000)	
SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS 10.0%				
REPURCHASE AGREEMENT 10.0%				
State Street Repurchase Agreement, dated 10/30/2015, due 11/2/2015 at 0.01%, collateralized by Fannie Mae Pool, 2.5% due 1/1/2023, valued at $19,796,527 (repurchase proceeds $19,404,676)			$ 19,405	19,404,659
TOTAL SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS 10.0% (Cost $19,404,659)				19,404,659
TOTAL INVESTMENTS 142.2% (Cost $307,219,851)				277,230,665
	Coupon	**Maturity**		
CORPORATE BONDS SOLD SHORT (0.9)%				
Independent Power and Renewable Electricity Producers (0.9)%				
Dynegy, Inc.	7.38%	11/1/2022	(900)	(911,250)
Dynegy, Inc.	7.63%	11/1/2024	(900)	(911,250)
TOTAL CORPORATE BONDS SOLD SHORT (Proceeds $1,777,512)				(1,822,500)
TOTAL SECURITIES SOLD SHORT (0.9)% (Proceeds $1,777,512)				(1,822,500)
OTHER ASSETS & LIABILITIES (41.3)%				(80,471,147)
NET ASSETS 100.0%				$ 194,937,018

Percentages are calculated as a percentage of net assets as of October 31, 2015.

(a) Securities exempt from registration under Rule 144a of the Securities Act of 1933. These securities may be resold in transactions exempt from registration, to Qualified Institutional Investors as defined in Rule 144a promulgated under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.
(b) For fair value measurement disclosure purposes, security is categorized as Level 3.
(c) Perpetual Maturity.
(d) Security exempt from registration under Regulation S of the Securities Act of 1933, which exempts from registration securities offered and sold outside the United States. Security may not be offered or sold in the United States except pursuant to an exemption from, or in a

transaction not subject to, the registration requirements of the Securities Act of 1933.

(e) Defaulted security. Issuer in bankruptcy.

(f) Non-income producing.

(g) Interest rates on Senior Loans may be fixed or may float periodically. On floating rate Senior Loans, the interest rates typically are adjusted based on a base rate plus a premium or spread over the base rate. The base rate usually is a standard inter-bank offered rate, such as a LIBOR, the prime rate offered by one or more major U.S. banks, or the certificate of deposit rate or other base lending rates used by commercial lenders. Floating rate Senior Loans adjust over different time periods, including daily, monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or annually.

(h) Variable Rate Security. Rate shown is rate in effect at October 31, 2015.

(i) Amount shown represents less than 0.05% of net assets.

PIK Payment in Kind

PLC Public Limited Company

SCA Societe en Commandite par Actions

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Schedule of Investments (concluded)

October 31, 2015

Geographic Allocation of Investments:

Country	Percentage of Net Assets	Value
United States (Includes Short-Term Investments)	87.7%	$170,231,470
Luxembourg	14.2	27,776,162
United Kingdom	9.9	19,443,426
Netherlands	8.7	17,078,899
Germany	6.3	12,410,829
Canada	4.0	7,681,256
Greece	3.4	6,716,824
Italy	3.2	6,434,419
Sweden	1.3	2,503,813
Switzerland	1.2	2,424,878
France	1.1	2,191,839
Cyprus	0.8	1,534,230
Norway	0.4	802,620
Total Investments	142.2%	$277,230,665
United States (securities sold short)	(0.9)%	$ (1,822,500)
Total Securities Sold Short	(0.9)%	$ (1,822,500)

The geographic allocation is based on where Avenue Capital Management II L.P., the Investment Adviser , believes the country of risk to be. Country of risk is traditionally the country where the majority of the company s operations are based or where it is headquartered or where the primary source of revenue risk is determined by the Investment Adviser.

Forward Foreign Currency Contracts:

Settlement Date		Amount	Value	In Exchange for U.S. $	Net Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)	Counterparty
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts to Buy:						
11/10/2015	EUR	511,166	$ 562,150	$ 558,762	$ 3,388	State Street Bank and Trust Co.
11/10/2015	GBP	3,783,310	5,832,083	5,858,600	(26,517)	

					(23,129)	State Street Bank and Trust Co.
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts to Sell:						
11/10/2015	CAD	167,065	127,757	126,730	(1,027)	State Street Bank and Trust Co.
11/10/2015	EUR	11,486,823	12,632,522	12,544,529	(87,993)	State Street Bank and Trust Co.
11/10/2015	GBP	13,033,836	20,092,039	20,327,049	235,010	State Street Bank and Trust Co.
					145,990	
	Total				**$122,861**	

CAD Canadian Dollar

EUR Euro Currency

GBP Great British Pound

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Avenue Income Credit Strategies Fund

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

October 31, 2015

Assets		
Investments in securities of unaffiliated issuers, at value (cost $307,219,851)	$	277,230,665
Interest receivable unaffiliated issuers		5,112,251
Cash collateral held at broker		3,138,616
Receivable for investments sold		1,859,755
Net unrealized appreciation on open forward foreign currency contracts		122,861
Cash		26,250
Prepaid expenses		18,461
Total Assets		287,508,859
Liabilities		
Payable for line of credit		90,000,000
Securities sold short, at value (proceeds of $1,777,512)		1,822,500
Accrued investment advisory fee		325,563
Interest payable short sales		67,500
Accrued Trustee s fees and expenses		22,500
Accrued expenses		333,778
Total Liabilities		92,571,841
Net Assets	$	194,937,018
Net Assets Consist of:		
Common shares, $0.001 par value, unlimited number of shares authorized, 13,074,072 shares issued and outstanding	$	13,074
Paid in capital		227,747,776
Undistributed net investment income		65,764
Accumulated net realized loss on investments, securities sold short, forward foreign currency contracts, foreign currency transactions and swap contracts		(2,950,176)
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments, forward foreign currency contracts and foreign currency translations		(29,939,420)
Net Assets	$	194,937,018
Net Asset Value Per Common Share		
$194,937,018 divided by 13,074,072 common shares outstanding	$	14.91

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Avenue Income Credit Strategies Fund

Statement of Operations

For the year ended October 31, 2015

Investment Income		
Interest income	$	25,424,893
Total Investment Income		25,424,893
Expenses		
Investment Advisory fee		3,853,543
Interest expense and commitment fee on credit facility		1,067,995
Professional fees		302,559
Fund Accounting and Custody fees		163,207
Administration fees		150,933
Trustee s fees and expenses		100,171
Interest expense related to securities sold short		66,638
Shareholder reporting expenses		65,657
Insurance expense		59,473
Loan servicing fees		12,244
Dividend expense on securities sold short		10,640
Transfer agent fees		9,753
Other expenses		108,326
Total expenses		5,971,139
Expenses recouped by Investment Adviser (Note 4)		128,971
Net Expenses		6,100,110
Net Investment Income		19,324,783
Realized And Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments, Securities Sold Short, Forward Foreign Currency Contracts, Foreign Currency Transactions and Swap Contracts:		
Net realized gain (loss) on:		
Investments in securities		(9,358,990)
Investments in securities sold short		438,276
Forward foreign currency contracts		6,529,100
Foreign currency transactions		(314,284)
Swap contracts		237,038
		(2,468,860)
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on:		
Investments in securities		(30,957,015)
Investments in securities sold short		(81,432)
Forward foreign currency contracts		(2,627,415)
Foreign currency transactions		12,726
Swap contracts		32,716
		(33,620,420)
Net realized and unrealized loss on investments, securities sold short, forward foreign currency contracts, foreign currency transactions and swap contracts:		(36,089,280)
Net decrease in net assets resulting from operations	$	(16,764,497)

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Statement of Changes In Net Assets

	Year Ended October 31, 2015	Year Ended October 31, 2014
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets from Operations:		
Net investment income	$ 19,324,783	$ 20,469,378
Net realized gain (loss) on investments, securities sold short, forward foreign currency contracts, foreign currency transactions and swap contracts	(2,468,860)	(309,806)
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments, securities sold short, forward foreign currency contracts, foreign currency transactions and swap contracts	(33,620,420)	(6,911,548)
Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations	(16,764,497)	13,248,024
Distributions to Shareholders from:		
Net investment income	(20,735,478)	(20,128,991)
Net realized gains	(3,375,725)	(907,191)
Total distributions to shareholders	(24,111,203)	(21,036,182)
Net decrease in net assets during the year	(40,875,700)	(7,788,158)
Net assets at beginning of year	235,812,718	243,600,876
Net assets, end of year (including undistributed net investment income of $65,764 and $3,768,108, respectively)	$ 194,937,018	$ 235,812,718

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Avenue Income Credit Strategies Fund

Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ended October 31, 2015

Cash Flows From Operating Activities		
Net decrease in net assets from operations	$	(16,764,497)
Adjustments to reconcile net decrease in net assets from operations to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Investments purchased		(182,043,513)
Investments sold and principal repayments		166,116,446
PIK interest income		(2,330,178)
Decrease in short-term investments, excluding foreign government securities		23,265,383
Net amortization/accretion of premium (discount)		(609,850)
Decrease in cash held at broker		3,498,696
Decrease in interest receivable		148,576
Net unrealized (appreciation) depreciation on open forward foreign currency transactions		2,627,415
Decrease in prepaid expenses		358
Decrease in payable to affiliate for investment adviser fee		(43,888)
Increase in payable to affiliate for Trustees fees		10,171
Increase in accrued expenses		104,895
Premiums received for swap contracts		228,676
Payments for investments in securities sold short		(1,809,374)
Proceeds from sales of investments in securities sold short		1,777,500
Net realized gain from securities sold short		(438,276)
Net change in unrealized (appreciation) depreciation from securities sold short		81,432
Net change in unrealized (appreciation) depreciation from swap contracts		(32,716)
Net change in unrealized (appreciation) depreciation from investments		30,957,015
Net realized loss from investments		9,358,990
Net cash provided by operating activities		34,103,261
Cash Flows From Financing Activities		
Decrease in interest payable		(44,457)
Distributions paid to shareholders		(24,111,203)
Repayment of secured borrowings		(10,000,000)
Net cash used in financing activities		(34,155,660)
Net decrease in cash		(52,399)
Cash at beginning of year1		78,649
Cash at end of year1	$	26,250

1 Balance includes foreign currency, at value.

* Includes net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on foreign currency of $12,726.

Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:

Cash paid for interest and fees on borrowings: $ 1,090,176

Non-cash transactions for the year ended October 31, 2015 include $35,362,680 of non-cash exchanges and $2,330,178 of payment in-kind interest income.

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Avenue Income Credit Strategies Fund

Financial Highlights

Selected data for a share outstanding throughout each period

	Year Ended October 31, 2015	Year Ended October 31, 2014	Year Ended October 31, 2013	Year Ended October 31, 2012	For the period January 27, 2011*- October 31, 2011
Net asset value, beginning of period	$ 18.04	$ 18.63	$ 18.46	$ 17.22	$ 19.101
Income (loss) from investment operations:					
Net investment income2	1.48	1.57	1.56	1.51	1.01
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	(2.76)	(0.55)	1.02	2.13	(1.94)
Total from investment operations	(1.28)	1.02	2.58	3.64	(0.93)
Distributions to shareholders from:					
Net investment income	(1.59)	(1.54)	(1.39)	(1.46)	(0.91)
Net realized gains	(0.26)	(0.07)	(0.05)		
Total distributions	(1.85)	(1.61)	(1.44)	(1.46)	(0.91)
Capital Share Transactions					
Dilutive effect on net asset value as a result of rights offering			(0.93)	(0.90)	
Offering costs charged to paid-in-capital			(0.04)	(0.04)	(0.04)
Net asset value, end of period	$ 14.91	$ 18.04	$ 18.63	$ 18.46	$ 17.22
Market value, end of period	$ 13.09	$ 16.35	$ 17.20	$ 18.22	$ 16.40
Total return on net asset value3	(6.36)%	6.19%	9.29%6	16.94%5	(5.12)%4
Total return on market value3	(9.29)%	4.24%	2.23%6	21.19%5	(13.71)%4
Net assets, end of period (in 000 s)	$ 194,937	$ 235,813	$ 243,601	$ 180,991	$ 126,587
Ratio of expenses to average net assets	2.86%	2.89%	2.70%	2.50%	2.50%7
Ratio of expenses to average net assets excluding interest expense, commitment fee and loan servicing fees	2.32%8	2.27%8	2.27%	2.12%	2.09%7
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets	9.07%	8.31%	8.40%	8.61%	7.28%7

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Avenue Income Credit Strategies Fund

Financial Highlights

Selected data for a share outstanding throughout each period

	Year Ended October 31, 2015	Year Ended October 31, 2014	Year Ended October 31, 2013	Year Ended October 31, 2012	For the period January 27, 2011*- October 31, 2011
Ratios before expense limitation/repayment:					
Ratio of expenses to average net assets	2.80%	2.77%	2.64%	2.77%	3.00%7
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets	9.13%	8.43%	8.46%	8.34%	6.78%7
Portfolio turnover rate	56%	48%	89%	60%	56%4
Loans Outstanding, End of Year (000s)	$ 90,000	$ 100,000	$ 95,000	$ 59,000	$ 43,000
Asset Coverage per $1,000 unit of senior indebtedness9	$ 3,166	$ 3,358	$ 3,564	$ 4,068	$ 3,944

* Commencement of operations.

1 Net asset value, (NAV), at beginning of period reflects the deduction of the underwriters discount of $0.90 per share from the $20.00 offering price.

2 Per share amounts have been calculated using average shares outstanding.

3 Total market value return is computed based upon the New York Stock Exchange market price of the Fund s shares and excludes the effects of brokerage commissions. Total net asset value return measures the changes in value over the period indicated, taking into account dividends as reinvested. Dividends and distributions are assumed for purposes of these calculations to be reinvested at prices obtained under the Fund s dividend reinvestment plan.

4 Not annualized.

5 Includes dilution (net of offering costs) of approximately $0.94 to NAV per share resulting from the Fund s transferrable rights offering, which expired on March 23, 2012. In connection with such offering, the Fund issued 2,450,466 additional common shares at a subscription price per share below the then-current NAV per share of the Fund.

6 Includes dilution (net of offering costs) of approximately $0.97 to NAV per share resulting from the Fund s transferrable rights offering, which expired on May 17, 2013. In connection with such offering, the Fund issued 3,268,518 additional common shares at a subscription price per share below the then-current NAV per share of the Fund.

7 Annualized.

8 For the years ended October 31, 2015 and October 31 2014, the ratio of expenses to average net assets excludes dividend and interest expenses on securities sold short, interest expense, commitment fee and loan servicing fees.

9 Calculated by subtracting the Fund s total liabilities (not including borrowings) from the Fund s total assets and dividing by the total number of senior indebtedness units, where one unit equals $1,000 of senior indebtedness.

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1. Organization

Avenue Income Credit Strategies Fund (the Fund) is a Delaware statutory trust registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the 1940 Act), as a non-diversified, closed-end management investment company. The Fund s primary investment objective is to seek a high level of current income, with a secondary objective of capital appreciation. The Fund commenced operations on January 27, 2011.

2. Significant Accounting Policies

The following is a summary of significant accounting policies of the Fund in preparation of the financial statements.

The net asset value (NAV) per Common Share is generally determined daily by State Street Bank and Trust Company (State Street) as of the close of the regular trading session on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) on the days the NYSE is open for business. The NAV per share of the Common Shares is determined by calculating the total value of the Fund assets (the value of the securities, plus cash and/or other assets, including interest accrued but not yet received), deducting its total liabilities (including accrued expenses and liabilities), and dividing the result by the number of Common Shares outstanding at the Fund.

SECURITY VALUATION Corporate Bonds and Notes (including convertible and municipal bonds) and unlisted equities are valued using an evaluated quote provided by independent pricing services. Evaluated quotes provided by the pricing services may be determined without exclusive reliance on quoted prices, and may reflect appropriate factors such as institutional-size trading in similar groups of securities, developments related to specific securities, dividend rate, yield, quality, type of issue, coupon rate, maturity, individual trading characteristics and other market data. Short-term debt securities purchased with a remaining maturity of sixty days or less are generally valued at amortized cost, which approximates market value.

Senior Loans are valued using an evaluated quote provided by an independent pricing service. Evaluated quotes provided by the pricing service may be determined without exclusive reliance on quoted prices, and may reflect appropriate factors such as ratings, tranche type, industry, company performance, spread, individual trading characteristics, institutional-size trading in similar groups of securities and other market data.

Credit default swaps are valued using a pricing service, or, if the pricing service does not provide a value, by quotes provided by the selling dealer or financial institution.

Equity securities listed on a U.S. stock exchange, including shares of exchange-traded funds, are valued at the latest quoted sales price on valuation date. Securities listed on a foreign exchange are valued at their closing price.

Forward foreign currency contracts are valued using quoted foreign exchange rates as of the close of the regular trading session on the NYSE (generally 4:00 pm Eastern Time) on the days the NYSE is open for business. Foreign securities and currencies are valued in U.S. dollars, based on foreign currency exchange rate quotations supplied by a third party pricing service. If events materially affecting the price of foreign portfolio securities occur between the time when their price was last determined on such foreign securities exchange or market and the time when the Fund s net asset value was last calculated, such securities may be valued at their fair value as determined in good faith in accordance with procedures established by the Board of Trustees of the Fund (the Board).

Where reliable market quotes are not readily available from a third party pricing service, investments are valued, where possible, using independent market indicators provided by independent pricing sources approved by the Board. Any investment and other assets or liabilities for which current market quotations are not readily

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available are valued at fair value as determined in good faith in accordance with procedures established by the Board.

SECURITY TRANSACTIONS AND INVESTMENT INCOME   Investment transactions for financial statement purposes are accounted for on a trade date basis. Realized gains and losses on investments sold are determined on the basis of identified cost. Interest income is determined on the basis of coupon interest accrued using the effective interest method which adjusts for amortization of premiums and accretion of discounts. For those issuers who are not paying in full, interest is recognized only if amounts are reasonably estimable and (considered to be) collectable. Discounts or premiums on debt securities purchased are accreted or amortized, respectively, to interest income over the lives of the respective securities, subject to collectability. Dividend income and distributions are recorded on the ex-dividend date (except for certain foreign dividends which may be recorded as soon as the Fund is informed of such dividend) net of applicable withholding taxes.

FEDERAL INCOME TAXES   The Fund has elected to be treated as, and intends to continue to qualify as, a regulated investment company by qualifying with the requirements of Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code applicable to regulated investment companies and distributing substantially all of its ordinary income and long-term capital gains, if any, each year. Accordingly, no provision for U.S. federal income or excise taxes is required in the financial statements.

MUNICIPAL BONDS   The amount of public information available about municipal bonds is generally less than for corporate equities or bonds, meaning that the investment performance of municipal bond investments may be more dependent on the analytical abilities of the investment adviser than stock or corporate bond investments. The secondary market for municipal bonds also tends to be less well-developed and less liquid than many other securities markets, which may limit an owner s ability to sell its bonds at attractive prices. The spread between the price at which an obligation can be purchased and the price at which it can be sold may widen during periods of market distress. Less liquid obligations can become more difficult to value and be subject to erratic price movements. The increased presence of non-traditional participants or the absence of traditional participants in the municipal markets may lead to greater volatility in the markets.

SENIOR LOANS   The Fund purchases assignments of, and participations in, senior secured floating rate and fixed rate loans (Senior Loans) originated, negotiated and structured by a U.S. or foreign commercial bank, insurance company, finance company or other financial institution (the Agent) for a lending syndicate of financial institutions (the Lender). When purchasing an assignment, the Fund typically succeeds to all the rights and obligations under the loan of the assigning Lender and becomes a lender under the credit agreement with respect to the debt obligation purchased. Assignments may, however, be arranged through private negotiations between potential assignees and potential assignors, and the rights and obligations acquired by the purchaser of an assignment may differ from, and be more restricted than, those held by the assigning Lender. Participation typically results in a contractual relationship only with the institution participating out the interest, not with the borrower. In purchasing participations, the Fund generally will have no right to enforce compliance by the borrower with the terms of the loan agreement or any rights of setoff against the borrower, and the Fund may not directly benefit from the collateral supporting the debt obligation in which it has purchased the participation. As a result, the Fund will be exposed to the credit risk of both the borrower and the institution selling the participation.

FOREIGN CURRENCY TRANSLATION Investment valuations, other assets, and liabilities initially expressed in foreign currencies are translated each business day into U.S. dollars based upon current exchange rates. Purchases and sales of foreign investment securities and income and expenses denominated in foreign

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currencies are translated into U.S. dollars based upon currency exchange rates in effect on the respective dates of such transactions. Recognized gains or losses on investment transactions attributable to changes in foreign currency exchange rates are recorded for financial statement purposes as net realized gains and losses on investments. That portion of unrealized gains and losses on investments that results from fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates is not separately presented.

FORWARD FOREIGN CURRENCY CONTRACTS The Fund may enter into forward foreign currency contracts for the purchase or sale of a specific foreign currency at a fixed price on a future date. The Fund may enter into such forward contracts for hedging purposes. The forward foreign currency contracts are adjusted by the daily exchange rate of the underlying currency and any gains or losses are recorded as unrealized until such time as the contracts have been closed. Risks may arise upon entering these contracts from the potential inability of counterparties to meet the terms of their contracts and from unanticipated movements in the value of a foreign currency relative to the U.S. dollar. In addition, these contracts may involve market risk in excess of the unrealized appreciation (depreciation) reflected in the Fund s Statement of Assets and Liabilities. It is the Fund s policy to net the unrealized appreciation and depreciation amounts for the same counterparty in presenting related amounts in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

Currently, the Fund executes all foreign currency contracts through State Street. Due to the Fund s custodial contract with State Street, the Fund is able to avoid certain transaction fees and collateral requirements normally incurred with executing foreign currency contracts with third party brokers. It is the Fund s policy that execution is done through an automated system with transparency as to other market participants and be monitored for best execution purposes.

SHORT SALES The Fund may engage in short sales. A short sale is a transaction in which the Fund sells an instrument that it does not own in anticipation that the market price will decline. To deliver the securities to the buyer, the Fund arranges through a broker to borrow the securities and, in so doing, the Fund becomes obligated to replace the securities borrowed at their market price at the time of replacement. When selling short, the Fund intends to replace the securities at a lower price and therefore, profit from the difference between the cost to replace the securities and the proceeds received from the sale of the securities. When the Fund makes a short sale, the proceeds it receives from the sale will be held on behalf of a broker until the Fund replaces the borrowed securities. The Fund may have to pay a premium to borrow the securities and must pay any dividends or interest payable on the securities until they are replaced. The Fund s obligation to replace the securities borrowed in connection with a short sale will be secured by collateral deposited with the broker that consists of cash and/or liquid securities. In addition, the Fund will place in a segregated account an amount of cash and/or liquid securities equal to the difference, if any, between (i) the market value of the securities sold at the time they were sold short, and (ii) any cash and/or liquid securities deposited as collateral with the broker in connection with the short sale. Short sales involve certain risks and special considerations. If the Fund incorrectly predicts that the price of the borrowed security will decline, the Fund will have to replace the securities with securities with a greater value than the amount received from the sale. As a result, losses from short sales differ from losses that could be incurred from a purchase of a security, because losses from short sales may be unlimited, whereas losses from purchases can equal only the total amount invested.

CREDIT DEFAULT SWAPS An over the counter (OTC) credit default swap is an agreement between two parties to exchange the credit risk of a particular issuer or reference entity. Certain types of credit default swaps are exchange-listed and subject to clearing. In a credit default swap transaction, a buyer pays periodic fees in return for payment by the seller which is contingent upon an adverse credit event occurring in the underlying

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issuer or reference entity. The seller collects periodic fees from the buyer and profits if the credit of the underlying issuer or reference entity remains stable or improves while the swap is outstanding, but the seller in a credit default swap contract would be required to pay an agreed upon amount to the buyer (which may be the entire notional amount of the swap) in the event of a defined adverse credit event with respect to the reference entity. A buyer of a credit default swap is said to buy protection whereas a seller of a credit default swap is said to sell protection. The Fund uses credit default swaps on corporate issuers to provide a measure of protection against defaults of the issuers (i.e., to reduce risk where the Fund owns or has exposure to the referenced obligation) or to take an active long or short position with respect to the likelihood of a particular issuer s default.

Swaps generally do not involve the delivery of securities, other underlying assets or principal. Accordingly, the risk of loss with respect to swaps is limited to the net amount of payments that the Fund is contractually obligated to make. However, because some swap agreements have a leverage component, adverse changes in the value or level of the underlying asset, reference rate, or index, among other factors, can result in a loss substantially greater than the amount invested in the swap itself. If the other party to a swap defaults, the Fund s risk of loss consists of the net amount of payments that the Fund is contractually entitled to receive and could be in excess of the amounts recognized on the Fund s Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

Implied credit spreads, represented in absolute terms, utilized in determining the market value of credit default swap agreements on corporate or sovereign issues as of period end are disclosed in the Schedule of Investments and serve as an indicator of the current status of the payment/performance risk and represent the likelihood or risk of default for the credit derivative. The implied credit spread of a particular referenced entity reflects the cost of buying/selling protection and may include upfront payments required to be made to enter into the agreement.Wider credit spreads and increasing market values, in absolute terms when compared to the notional amount of the swap, represent a deterioration of the referenced entity s credit soundness and a greater likelihood or risk of default or other credit event occurring as defined under the terms of the agreement.

The maximum potential amount of future payments (undiscounted) that the Fund as a seller of protection could be required to make under a credit default swap agreement would be an amount equal to the notional amount of the agreement. Notional amounts of all credit default swap agreements outstanding as of October 31, 2015 for which the Fund is a seller of protection are disclosed in the Schedule of Investments. These potential amounts would be partially offset by any recovery values of the respective referenced obligations, upfront payments received upon entering into the agreement, or net amounts received from the settlement of buy protection credit default swap agreements entered into by the Fund for the same referenced entity or entities.

OTC swap payments received or made at the beginning of the measurement period are reflected as such and represent payments made or received upon entering into the swap agreement to compensate for differences between the stated terms of the swap agreement and prevailing market conditions (credit spreads, interest rates, and other relevant factors). These upfront payments are amortized to realized gains or losses over the life of the swap or are recorded as realized gains or losses upon termination or maturity of the swap. A liquidation payment received or made at the termination of the swap is recorded as realized gain or loss. Net periodic payments received or paid by the Fund are included as part of realized gains or losses. Changes in market value, if any, are reflected as a component of net changes in unrealized appreciation/depreciation on the Fund s Statement of Operations. The Fund segregates assets in the form of cash or liquid securities (i) in an amount equal to the notional amount of the credit default swaps of which it is the seller and; (ii) in an amount equal to any unrealized depreciation of the credit default swaps of which it is the buyer, marked to market on a daily basis.

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Certain swap contracts may be centrally cleared (centrally cleared swaps), whereby all payments made or received by the Fund pursuant to the contract are with a central clearing party (CCP) rather than the original counterparty. Central clearing is designed to reduce counterparty risk compared to uncleared swaps because central clearing interposes the CCP as the counterparty to each participant s swap, but it does not eliminate those risks completely. For centrally cleared swaps, the daily change in valuation is recorded as a receivable or payable for variation margin and settled in cash with the CCP daily. Upfront payments or receipts, if any, are recorded as Premium paid or received, net for OTC swap contracts, respectively, and amortized over the life of the swap contract as realized gains or losses. For financial reporting purposes, unamortized upfront payments, if any, are netted with unrealized appreciation or depreciation on swap contracts to determine the market value of swaps. Upon entering into centrally cleared swaps, the Fund is required to deposit with the CCP, either in cash or securities, an amount equal to a certain percentage of the notional amount (initial margin), which is subject to adjustment. Credit default swap transactions involve certain risks, including the risk that the seller may be unable to fulfill the transaction.

REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS The Fund may engage in repurchase agreements with broker-dealers, banks and other financial institutions to earn incremental income on temporarily available cash which would otherwise be uninvested. A repurchase agreement is a short-term investment in which the purchaser (i.e., the Fund) acquires ownership of a security and the seller agrees to repurchase the obligation at a future time and set price, thereby determining the yield during the holding period. Such agreements are carried at the contract amount, which is considered to represent fair value. It is the Fund s policy that the value of collateral pledged (the securities received), which consists primarily of U.S. government securities and those of its agencies or instrumentalities, is not less than the repurchase price and is held by the custodian bank for the benefit of the Fund until maturity of the repurchase agreement. Repurchase agreements involve certain risks, including bankruptcy or other default of a seller of a repurchase agreement.

UNFUNDED LOAN COMMITMENTS The Fund may enter into certain credit agreements all or a portion of which may be unfunded. The Fund is obligated to fund these commitments at the borrower s discretion. These commitments are disclosed in the accompanying Schedule of Investments. At October 31, 2015, the Fund had no outstanding unfunded loan commitments.

INDEMNIFICATIONS In the normal course of business, the Fund enters into general business contracts that contain a variety of representations and warranties and which provide general indemnifications. The Fund s maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown. However, the Fund expects the risk of material loss to be remote and no amounts have been recorded for such arrangements.

BASIS OF PREPARATION AND USE OF ESTIMATES These financial statements have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), which require the use of estimates and assumptions by the Investment Adviser that affect the reported amounts and disclosures in these financial statements. Actual amounts and results could differ from these estimates, and such differences could be material.

The Fund is considered an investment company and accordingly follows the investment company accounting and reporting guidance of the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 946, Financial Service Investment Companies

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS The cash amount shown in the Statement of Cash Flows of the Fund is the amount included in the Fund s Statement of Assets and Liabilities and represents the cash (including foreign currency) on hand at State Street, the Fund s custodian.

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INTEREST EXPENSE Interest expense primarily relates to the Fund s participation in a revolving credit facility. Interest expense is recorded as incurred.

3. Distributions

The Fund intends to make regular monthly distributions of net investment income to holders of Common Shares (Common Shareholders). The Fund expects to pay its Common Shareholders annually all or substantially all of its investment company taxable income. In addition, at least annually, the Fund intends to distribute all or substantially all of its net capital gains, if any. Distributions from net realized gains for book purposes may include short-term capital gains which are ordinary income for tax purposes. Distributions to Common Shareholders are recorded on the ex-dividend date. The amount of distributions from net investment income and net realized capital gains are determined in accordance with federal income tax regulations, which may differ from GAAP. These book-tax differences are considered either temporary or permanent in nature. To the extent these differences are permanent in nature, such amounts are reclassified within the capital accounts based on their federal income tax treatment. Temporary differences do not require reclassification. To the extent distributions exceed current and accumulated earnings and profits for federal income tax purposes they are reported to shareholders as return of capital.

4. Investment Advisory and Administration Agreements

Under an advisory agreement, Avenue Capital Management II, L.P., the Investment Adviser, an affiliate of Avenue Capital Group, will receive an annual fee, payable monthly, in an amount equal to 1.25% of the Fund s average daily Managed Assets. Managed Assets means the total assets of the Fund (including any assets attributable to money borrowed for investment purposes, including proceeds from (and assets subject to) reverse repurchase agreements, any credit facility and any issuance of preferred shares or notes) minus the sum of the Fund s accrued liabilities (other than Fund liabilities incurred for the purpose of leverage). Other entities advised by the Investment Adviser and its affiliates may have investments in the issuers held by the Fund.

At an in person meeting held on December 11, 2014 the Board unanimously approved the amendment and restatement of the currently effective Letter Agreement (an Expense Limitation Agreement) between the Fund and the Investment Adviser, dated as of December 8, 2011, to extend the term of such Expense Limitation Agreement through and including February 29, 2016. Under the Expense Limitation Agreement, the Investment Adviser has contractually agreed to reimburse the Fund so that the Fund s Other Expenses (as such term is used in the Fund s registration statement on Form N-2) are limited to 0.50% per year of the Fund s average daily assets attributable to Common Shares of the Fund (excluding (i) interest, taxes, brokerage commissions and expenditures capitalized in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, (ii) portfolio transactions and investment related expenses and (iii) extraordinary expenses not incurred in the ordinary course of the Fund s business). The Fund may repay any such reimbursement from the Investment Adviser if, within three years of the reimbursement, the Fund could repay the Investment Adviser without causing the Fund s total Other Expenses to exceed 0.50% per year of the Fund s average daily net assets attributable to Common Shares of the Fund for the fiscal year in which such repayment would occur when such amount repaid to the

Investment Adviser is included in the Fund s total Other Expenses. Thus, until those amounts are repaid, the Fund and the Common Shareholders will not enjoy any benefit of any reduced expenses. As of October 31, 2015 there are no expense reductions that remain subject to reimbursement, after repayment of $128,971 to the Investment Advisor and the expiration of $285,519 during the year ended October 31, 2015.

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State Street provides, or arranges for the provision of certain administrative services for the Fund, including preparing certain reports and other documents required by federal and/or state laws and regulations. State Street also provides legal administration services, including corporate secretarial services and preparing regulatory filings. For administration related services, State Street receives an annual fee, plus certain out-of-pocket expenses.

The Fund has also contracted with State Street to provide custody, fund accounting and transfer agent services to the Fund. Custody, fund accounting and transfer agent fees are payable monthly based on assets held in custody, investment purchases and sales activity and other factors, plus reimbursement for certain out-of-pocket expenses. In addition, the Fund has entered into repurchase agreements and foreign currency transactions with State Street during the period.

5. Related Party Transactions

No shareholder, to the knowledge of the Fund, other than (i) Morgan Stanley and Morgan Stanley Smith Barney LLC (together, MS) (ii) First Trust Portfolios L.P., First Trust Advisors L.P. and The Charger Corporation (together, First Trust), and (iii) Guggenheim Capital, LLC, Guggenheim Partners, LLC, GI Holdco II, LLC, GI Holdco, LLC, Guggenheim Partners Investment Management Holdings, LLC, Guggenheim Funds Services Holdings, LLC, Guggenheim Funds Services, LLC, Guggenheim Funds Distributors, LLC (together, Guggenheim) beneficially owned more than five percent of the Fund s Common Shares.

On February 17, 2015, MS filed an amended beneficial ownership report on Schedule 13G with the SEC stating that as of December 31, 2014 it beneficially owned 1,721,295 Common Shares. Based on the share amounts shown in this filing, the holdings held by MS (assuming the percentage remained constant) represented approximately 13.2%, of the Fund s October 31, 2015 shares outstanding.

On February 11, 2015, First Trust filed an amended beneficial ownership report on Schedule 13G with the SEC stating that as of December 31, 2014 it beneficially owned 2,580,012 Common Shares. Based on the share amounts shown in this filing, the holdings held by First Trust (assuming the percentage remained constant) represented approximately 19.7%, of the Fund s October 31, 2015 shares outstanding.

On February 17, 2015, Guggenheim filed an initial beneficial ownership report on Schedule 13G with the SEC stating that as of December 31, 2014 it beneficially owned 782,434 Common Shares. Based on the share amounts shown in this filing, the holdings held by Guggenheim (assuming the percentage remained constant) represented approximately 6.0%, of the Fund s October 31, 2015 shares outstanding.

Affiliates of the Fund may have lending, brokerage, underwriting, or other business relationships with issuers of securities in which the Fund invests. Morgan Stanley, the global financial services firm, owns an indirect, noncontrolling minority interest in Avenue Capital Group. During the period, the Fund acquired securities in transactions with unaffiliated broker-dealers which were part of underwriting groups in which Morgan Stanley participated.

6. Purchases and Sales of Investments

Purchases and sales of investments, other than short-term obligations and including maturities and principal repayments on Senior Loans, aggregated $169,696,432 and $158,680,487, respectively, for the year ended October 31, 2015.

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7. Share Transactions

The Fund is authorized to issue an unlimited number of common shares of beneficial interest at par value $0.001 per common share.

There were no common share transactions during the years ended October 31, 2015 and October 31, 2014.

8. Federal Tax Information

As of October 31, 2015, the Fund had no uncertain tax positions that would require financial statement recognition, de-recognition, or disclosure. The Fund s federal tax return filings for the years ended October 31, 2015, October 31, 2014 and October 31, 2013, remain subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service for a period of three years.

For the year ended October 31, 2015, permanent book tax differences related to foreign currency gains and losses, distributions, re-designations and reclassifications of credit default swap income were identified and reclassified among the components of the Fund s net assets as follows:

Paid-in Capital	Unidistributed Net Investment Income	Accumulated Net Realized Gain
$	$(2,291,649)	$2,291,649

The tax character of distributions declared for the years ended October 31, 2015 and October 31, 2014, were as follows:

	October 31, 2015	October 31, 2014
Distributions Declared from:		
Ordinary Income*	$ 21,885,569	$ 21,036,182
Long-Term Capital Gains	2,225,634	
	$ 24,111,203	**$ 21,036,182**

* For tax purposes short-term capital gains distributions, if any, are considered ordinary income distributions.

As of October 31, 2015, the components of distributable earnings (accumulated losses) and unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on a tax basis were as follows:

Undistributed Ordinary Income	Capital Loss Carryover	Net Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)*
$77,675	$(2,636,267)	$(30,253,329)

* The differences between book-basis and tax-basis net unrealized appreciation are primarily due to wash sales and forward contracts being treated as realized for tax purposes.

At October 31, 2015, the Fund, for federal income tax purposes, had a capital loss carryforward of $2,636,267, that is long term and will not expire, which will reduce its taxable income arising from future net realized gains on investment transactions, if any, to the extent permitted by the Internal Revenue Code, and thus will reduce the amount of distributions to shareholders, which would otherwise be necessary to relieve the Fund of any liability for federal income or excise tax.

The cost and unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments in securities of the Fund at October 31, 2015, as determined on a federal income tax basis, were as follows:

Aggregate cost of securities held long	**$**	**307,410,899**
Gross unrealized appreciation		4,763,949
Gross unrealized (depreciation)		(34,944,183)
Net unrealized (depreciation) of investments in securities held long	**$**	**(30,180,234)**
Net unrealized (depreciation) on short sales		**(44,988)**
Net unrealized (depreciation) on securities	**$**	**(30,225,222)**

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9. Derivative Instruments & Hedging Activities

The Fund is subject to foreign exchange risk in the normal course of pursuing its investment objectives. Because the Fund holds foreign currency denominated investments, the value of these investments and related receivables and payables may change due to future changes in foreign currency exchange rates. To hedge against this risk, the Fund used forward foreign currency contracts. The derivatives are not accounted for as hedging instruments.

At October 31, 2015, the fair value of derivative instruments whose primary underlying risk exposure is foreign exchange risk at October 31, 2015 was as follows:

	Fair Value	
Derivative	**Asset Derivative1**	**Liability Derivative1**
Forward foreign currency contracts	$238,398	$(115,537)

1 Statement of Assets and Liabilities location: Net unrealized appreciation on open forward foreign currency contracts

The effect of derivative instruments on the Statement of Operations whose primary underlying risk exposure is foreign exchange risk for the year ended October 31, 2015 was as follows:

	Realized Gain (Loss) on Derivatives Recognized in Income1	**Change in Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation) on Derivatives Recognized in Income2**
Forward foreign currency contracts	$6,529,100	$(2,627,415)

1 Statement of Operations location: Net realized gain (loss) on Forward foreign currency contracts

2 Statement of Operations location: Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on Forward foreign currency contracts

The average volume of outstanding forward foreign currency contracts bought and sold measured at each month end and during the year ended October 31, 2015 was approximately $10,684,347 and $47,424,606, respectively.

The following tables present the Fund s derivative assets and liabilities by counterparty, net of amounts available for offset under a master netting agreement and net of the related collateral received by the Fund for assets and pledged by the Fund for liabilities as of October 31, 2015.

Counterparty	Gross Assets in Statement of Assets and Liabilities	Derivatives (Liabilities) Available for Offset	Non-cash Collateral Received(a)	Cash Collateral Received(a)	Net Amount of Derivative Assets(b)
State Street Bank and Trust Co.	$238,398	$(115,537)	$	$	$122,861
	$238,398	$(115,537)	$	$	$122,861

Counterparty	Gross Liabilities in Statement of Assets and Liabilities	Derivatives (Assets) Available for Offset	Non-cash Collateral Pledged(a)	Cash Collateral Pledged(a)	Net Amount of Derivative Liabilities(c)
State Street Bank and Trust Co.	$115,537	$(115,537)	$	$	$
	$115,537	$(115,537)	$	$	$

(a) In some instances, the actual collateral received and/or pledged may be more than the amount shown due to overcollateralization.

(b) Net amount represents the net amount due from the counterparty in the event of default.

(c) Net amount represents the net amount payable to the counterparty in the event of default.

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10. Revolving Credit Facility

On March 5, 2015, the Fund renewed a senior secured revolving credit facility agreement (the Credit Agreement) with the Bank of Nova Scotia that allows it to borrow up to $122,000,000, and to use the borrowings to make additional investments in the ordinary course of the Fund s business, make dividends and distributions, and for general business purposes of the Fund. The loan is secured by a fully perfected first priority lien on all assets of the Fund capable of being pledged. Interest is charged at a rate equal to LIBOR for the applicable interest period plus a spread. There is a commitment fee for the unused portion on the facility. Commitment fees for the year ended October 31, 2015 totaled $27,222 and are included in the interest expense and commitment fee line item in the Statement of Operations. At October 31, 2015, the Fund had borrowings outstanding under the Credit Agreement of $90,000,000 at an interest rate of 1.094%. For the year ended October 31, 2015, the average borrowings under the Credit Agreement and the average interest rate were $95,150,685 and 1.079%, respectively.

11. Principal Risks

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST RISK Because the Investment Adviser manages assets for other investment companies, pooled investment vehicles and/or other accounts (including institutional clients, pension plans and certain high net worth individuals), certain conflicts of interest are present. For instance, the Investment Adviser receives fees from certain accounts that are higher than the fees received from the Fund, or receives a performance-based fee on certain accounts. In those instances, the Investment Adviser has an incentive to favor the higher and/or performance-based fee accounts over the Fund. In addition, a conflict of interest exists to the extent the Investment Adviser has proprietary investments in certain accounts or where the portfolio manager or other employees of the Investment Adviser have personal investments in certain accounts. The Investment Adviser has an incentive to favor these accounts over the Fund. Because the Investment Adviser manages accounts that engage in short sales of (or otherwise take short positions in) securities or other instruments of the type in which the Fund invests, the Investment Adviser could be seen as harming the performance of the Fund for the benefit of the accounts taking short positions, if such short positions cause the market value of the securities to fall. The Investment Adviser has adopted trade allocation and other policies and procedures that it believes are reasonably designed to address these and other conflicts of interest. These policies and procedures will have the effect of foreclosing certain investment opportunities for the Fund from time to time. The Fund s 20% overlap limit policy, pursuant to which, at the time an investment is made by the Fund, the Fund s portfolio will have no more than 20% overlap, on a market value basis, at the security specific level with the portfolio securities held by the private funds (in the aggregate) advised by the Investment Adviser or its affiliates, may have the same effect.

Conflicts of interest may arise where the Fund and other funds advised by the Investment Adviser or its affiliates (Avenue funds) simultaneously hold securities representing different parts of the capital structure of a stressed or distressed issuer. In such circumstances, decisions made with respect to the securities held by one Avenue fund may cause (or have the potential to cause) harm to the different class of securities of the issuer held by other Avenue funds (including the Fund). For example, if such an issuer goes into bankruptcy or reorganization, becomes insolvent or otherwise experiences financial distress or is unable to meet its payment obligations or comply with covenants relating to credit obligations held by the Fund or by the other Avenue funds, such other Avenue funds may have an interest that conflicts with the interests of the Fund. If additional financing for such an issuer is necessary as a result of financial or other difficulties, it may not be in the best interests of the Fund to provide such additional financing, but if the other Avenue funds were to lose their respective investments as a result of such difficulties, the Investment Adviser may have a conflict in recommending actions in the best interests of the Fund. In such situations, the Investment Adviser will seek to act

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in the best interests of each of the Avenue funds (including the Fund) and will seek to resolve such conflicts in accordance with its compliance procedures.

In addition, the 1940 Act limits the Fund s ability to enter into certain transactions with certain affiliates of the Investment Adviser. As a result of these restrictions, the Fund may be prohibited from buying or selling any security directly from or to any portfolio company of a fund managed by the Investment Adviser or one of its affiliates. Nonetheless, the Fund may under certain circumstances purchase any such portfolio company s loans or securities in the secondary market, which could create a conflict for the Investment Adviser between the interests of the Fund and the portfolio company, in that the ability of the Investment Adviser to recommend actions in the best interest of the Fund might be impaired. The 1940 Act also prohibits certain joint transactions with certain of the Fund s affiliates (which could include other Avenue funds), which could be deemed to include certain types of investments, or restructuring of investments, in the same portfolio company (whether at the same or different times). These limitations may limit the scope of investment opportunities that would otherwise be available to the Fund. The Board has approved various policies and procedures reasonably designed to monitor potential conflicts of interest. The Board will review these policies and procedures and any conflicts that may arise.

In the course of managing the Avenue funds or otherwise, the Investment Adviser or its respective members, officers, directors, employees, principals or affiliates may come into possession of material, non-public information. The possession of such information may limit the ability of the Fund to buy or sell a security or otherwise to participate in an investment opportunity. Situations may occur where the Fund could be disadvantaged because of the investment activities conducted by the Investment Adviser for other clients, and the Investment Adviser will not employ information barriers with regard to its operations on behalf of its registered and private funds, or other accounts. In certain circumstances, employees of the Investment Adviser may serve as board members or in other capacities for portfolio or potential portfolio companies, which could restrict the Fund s ability to trade in the securities of such companies.

MARKET AND INTEREST RATE RISK Market risk is the possibility that the market values of securities owned by the Fund will decline. The values of fixed income securities tend to fall as interest rates rise, and such declines tend to be greater among fixed income securities with longer remaining maturities. Market risk is often greater among certain types of fixed income securities, such as zero coupon bonds which do not make regular interest payments but are instead bought at a discount to their face values and paid in full upon maturity. As interest rates change, these securities often fluctuate more in price than securities that make regular interest payments and therefore subject the Fund to greater market risk than a fund that does not own these types of securities. The values of adjustable, variable or floating rate income securities tend to have less fluctuation in response to changes in interest rates, but will have some fluctuation particularly when the next interest rate adjustment on such security is further away in time or adjustments are limited in number or degree over time. The Fund has no policy limiting the maturity of credit obligations it purchases. Such obligations often have mandatory and optional prepayment provisions and because of prepayments, the actual remaining maturity of loans and debts may be considerably less than their stated maturity. Obligations with longer remaining maturities or durations generally expose the Fund to more market risk. When-issued and delayed delivery transactions are subject to changes in market conditions from the time of the commitment until settlement. This may adversely affect the prices or yields of the securities being purchased. The greater the Fund s outstanding commitments for these securities, the greater the Fund s exposure to market price fluctuations. Interest rate risk can be considered a type of market risk.

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RISKS OF CHANGES IN FIXED INCOME MARKET CONDITIONS Following the financial crisis that began in 2007, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (the Federal Reserve) has attempted to stabilize the U.S. economy and support the U.S. economic recovery by keeping the federal funds rate at or near zero percent. In addition, the Federal Reserve has purchased large quantities of securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. government, its agencies or instrumentalities on the open market (Quantitative Easing). As the Federal Reserve has ended its Quantitative Easing, program and may begin to raise the federal funds rate, there is a risk that interest rates across the U.S. financial system will rise. These policy changes, along with other economic, political or other factors, may cause the fixed income markets to experience increased volatility and reduced liquidity, causing the value of the Fund s investments and its NAV per share to decline. The Fund may also experience increased portfolio turnover, which will increase the costs that the Fund incurs and may further lower the Fund s performance. Certain Fund investments may also be difficult to value during such periods. In addition, to the extent the Fund invests in derivatives tied to fixed income markets, the Fund may be more substantially exposed to these risks than a fund that does not invest in derivatives.

While assets in fixed income markets have grown rapidly in recent years, the capacity for traditional dealer counterparties to engage in fixed income trading has not kept pace and in some cases has decreased. For example, primary dealer inventories of corporate bonds, which provide a core indication of the ability of financial intermediaries to make markets, are at or near historic lows in relation to market size. This reduction in market-marketing capacity may be a persistent change, to the extent it is resulting from broader structural changes, such as fewer proprietary trading desks at broker-dealers and increased regulatory capital requirements. Because market makers provide stability to a market through their intermediary services, the significant reduction in dealer inventories could potentially lead to decreased liquidity and increased volatility in the fixed income markets. Such issues may be exacerbated during periods of economic uncertainty.

LEVERAGE RISK The Fund may utilize leverage to seek to enhance the yield of the Fund by borrowing. There are risks associated with borrowing in an effort to increase yield and distributions to Common Shareholders, including that the costs of the financial leverage may exceed the income from investments made with such leverage, the likelihood of greater volatility of the net asset value and market price of, and distributions on, the Common Shares, and that the fluctuations in the interest rates on the borrowings may affect the yield and distributions to Common Shareholders. There can be no assurance that the Fund s leverage strategy will be utilized or that, if utilized, it will be successful.

RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH FOREIGN INVESTMENTS Investing in securities issued by companies whose principal business activities are outside the United States may involve significant risks not present in domestic investments. For example, there is generally less publicly available financial and other information about foreign companies, particularly those not subject to the disclosure and reporting requirements of the U.S. securities laws. Certain foreign issuers are generally not bound by uniform accounting, auditing, and financial reporting requirements and standards of practice comparable to those applicable to domestic issuers. Investments in foreign securities also involve the risk of possible adverse changes in investment or exchange control regulations, expropriation or confiscatory taxation, limitation on the removal of funds or other assets of the Fund, political or financial instability or diplomatic and other developments which could affect such investments. Foreign securities markets, while growing in volume and sophistication, are generally not as developed as those in the United States, and securities of some foreign issuers (particularly those located in developing countries) may be less liquid and more volatile than securities of comparable U.S. companies. In general, there is less overall governmental supervision and regulation of foreign securities markets, broker-dealers and issuers than in the United States. As a result of the credit crises, in recent years, the risks of investing in certain foreign securities

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have increased dramatically. The credit crises and the ongoing efforts of governments around the world to address the crises have also resulted in increased volatility and uncertainty in the United States and the global economy and securities markets, and it is impossible to predict the effects of these or similar events in the future on the United States and the global economy and securities markets or on the Fund s investments, though it is possible that these or similar events could have a significant adverse impact on the value and risk profile of the Fund.

CREDIT RISK Credit risk refers to the possibility that the issuer of a security will be unable to make timely interest payments and/or repay the principal on its debt. Because the Fund may invest, without limitation, in securities that are below investment grade, the Fund is subject to a greater degree of credit risk than a fund investing primarily in investment grade securities. Lower-grade securities are more susceptible to non-payment of interest and principal and default than higher-grade securities and are more sensitive to specific issuer developments or real or perceived general adverse economic changes than higher-grade securities. Loans and debt obligations of stressed issuers (including those that are in covenant or payment default) are subject to a multitude of legal, industry, market, economic and governmental forces that make analysis of these companies inherently difficult. Obligations of stressed issuers generally trade significantly below par and are considered speculative. The repayment of defaulted obligations is subject to significant uncertainties. Defaulted obligations might be repaid only after lengthy workout or bankruptcy proceedings or result in only partial recovery of cash payments or an exchange of the defaulted obligation for other debt or equity securities of the issuer or its affiliates, which may in turn be illiquid or speculative. In any investment involving stressed obligations, there exists the risk that the transaction involving such debt obligations will be unsuccessful, take considerable time or will result in a distribution of cash or a new security or obligation in exchange for the stressed obligations, the value of which may be less than the Fund s purchase price of such debt obligations. Furthermore, if an anticipated transaction does not occur, the Fund may be required to sell its investment at a loss. However, investments in equity securities obtained through debt restructurings or bankruptcy proceedings may be illiquid and thus difficult or impossible to sell. Credit risk may also exist due to overcollateralization with certain brokers.

RISKS OF SENIOR LOANS There is less readily available and reliable information about most Senior Loans than is the case for many other types of instruments, including listed securities. Senior Loans generally are not registered with the SEC or any state commission and are not listed on any national securities exchange or automated quotation system and as such, many Senior Loans are illiquid, meaning that the Fund may not be able to sell them quickly at a fair price. To the extent that a secondary market does exist for certain Senior Loans, the market is more volatile than for liquid, listed securities and may be subject to irregular trading activity, wide bid/ask spreads and extended trade settlement periods. The market for Senior Loans could be disrupted in the event of an economic downturn or a substantial increase or decrease in interest rates, resulting in fluctuations in the Fund s net asset value and difficulty in valuing the Fund s portfolio of Senior Loans. Senior Loans, like most other debt obligations, are subject to the risk of default. Default in the payment of interest or principal on a Senior Loan will result in a reduction of income to the Fund, a reduction in the value of the Senior Loan and a potential decrease in the Fund s net asset value.

RISKS OF SHORT SALES The Fund may engage in short sales. A short sale is a transaction in which the Fund sells an instrument that it does not own in anticipation that the market price will decline. To deliver the securities to the buyer, the Fund arranges through a broker to borrow the securities and, in so doing, the Fund becomes obligated to replace the securities borrowed at their market price at the time of replacement. When selling short, the Fund intends to replace the securities at a lower price and therefore, profit from the difference between the cost to replace the securities and the proceeds received from the sale of the securities. When the Fund

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makes a short sale, the proceeds it received from the sale will be held on behalf of a broker until the Fund replaces the borrowed securities. The Fund may have to pay a premium to borrow the securities and must pay any dividends or interest payable on the securities until they are replaced. The Fund s obligation to replace the securities borrowed in connection with a short sale will be secured by collateral deposited with the broker that consists of cash and/or liquid securities. In addition, the fund will place in a segregated account an amount of cash and/or liquid securities equal to the difference, if any, between (i) the market value of the securities sold at the time they were sold short, and (ii) any cash and/or liquid securities deposited as collateral with the broker in connection with the short sale. Short sales involve certain risks and special considerations. If the Fund incorrectly predicts that the price of the borrowed security will decline, the Fund will have to replace the securities with securities with a greater value than the amount received from the sale. As a result, losses from short sales differ from losses that could be incurred from a purchase of a security, because losses from short sales may be unlimited, whereas losses from purchases can equal only the total amount invested. In addition, engaging in short selling may limit the Fund s ability to fully benefit from increases in the fixed income markets.

RISKS OF SWAPS The Fund may enter into swap transactions, including credit default, total return, index and interest rate swap agreements, as well as options thereon, and may purchase or sell interest rate caps, floors and collars. Such transactions are subject to market risk, risk of default by the counterparty to the transaction (i.e., counterparty risk), risk of imperfect correlation and manager risk and may involve commissions or other costs. Swaps generally do not involve delivery of securities, other underlying assets or principal. Accordingly, the risk of loss with respect to swaps generally is limited to the net amount of payments that the Fund is contractually obligated to make, or in the case of the other party to a swap defaulting, the net amount of payments that the Fund is contractually entitled to receive. The swap market has grown substantially in recent years with a large number of banks and investment banking firms acting both as principals and as agents utilizing standardized swap documentation. The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and related regulatory developments require the clearing and exchange-trading of certain standardized swap transactions. Mandatory exchange-trading and clearing is occurring on a phased-in basis. If the Investment Adviser is incorrect in its forecast of market values, interest rates, currency exchange rates or counterparty risk, the investment performance of the Fund may be less favorable than it would have been if these investment techniques were not used.

The Fund is party to International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc. Master Agreements (ISDA Master Agreements) with select counterparties that govern transactions, over-the-counter derivatives and foreign exchange contracts entered into by the Fund and those counterparties. The ISDA Master Agreements contain provisions for general obligations, representations, agreements, collateral and events of default or termination. Events of termination include conditions that may entitle counterparties to elect to terminate and cause settlement of all outstanding transactions under the applicable ISDA Master Agreement. Any election to terminate early could be material to the financial statements of the Fund.

12. Fair Value Measurements

GAAP defines fair value as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date, under current market conditions. GAAP establishes a hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation methods giving the highest priority to readily available unadjusted quoted prices in an active market for identical assets (Level 1) and the lowest priority to significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) generally when market prices are not readily available or are

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unreliable. Based on the valuation inputs, the securities or other investments are tiered into one of three levels. Changes in valuation methods may result in transfers in or out of an investment s assigned level:

- Level 1 Prices are determined using quoted prices in an active market for identical assets.

- Level 2 Prices are determined using other significant observable inputs. Observable inputs are inputs that other market participants may use in pricing a security. These may include quoted prices for similar securities, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, yield curves, loss severities, default rates, discount rates, volatilities and others.

- Level 3 Prices are determined using significant unobservable inputs. In situations where quoted prices or observable inputs are unavailable (for example, when there is little or no market activity for an investment at the end of the period), unobservable inputs may be used. Unobservable inputs reflect the Fund s own assumptions about the factors market participants would use in determining fair value of the securities or instruments and would be based on the best available information.

The valuation techniques used by the Fund to measure fair value during the year ended October 31, 2015 maximized the use of observable inputs and minimized the use of unobservable inputs.

The following are certain inputs and techniques that the Fund generally uses to evaluate how to classify each major category of assets and liabilities for Level 2 and Level 3, in accordance with GAAP.

Corporate Bonds & Notes Corporate bonds and notes are generally comprised of two main categories: investment grade bonds and high yield bonds. Investment grade bonds are valued by independent pricing services using various inputs and techniques, which include broker-dealer quotations, active market trading levels, recently executed transactions in securities of the issuer or comparable issuers, and option adjusted spread models that include base curve and spread curve inputs. Adjustments to individual bonds can be applied to recognize trading differences compared to other bonds issued by the same issuer. High yield bonds are valued by independent pricing services based primarily on broker-dealer quotations from relevant market makers and recently executed transactions in securities of the issuer or comparable issuers. To the extent that these inputs are observable, the values of corporate bonds and notes are categorized as Level 2. To the extent that these inputs are unobservable, the values are categorized as Level 3.

Municipal Bonds Municipal bonds are valued by independent pricing services using various inputs and techniques, which include broker-dealer quotations, active market trading levels, recently executed transactions in securities of the issuer or comparable issuers, and option adjusted spread models that include base curve and spread curve inputs. Adjustments to individual bonds can be applied to recognize trading differences compared to other bonds issued by the same issuer. To the extent that these inputs are observable, the values of municipal bonds are categorized as Level 2. To the extent that these inputs are unobservable, the values are categorized as Level 3.

Senior Loans Senior loans are valued using inputs which include broker-dealer quotes or quotes received from independent pricing services that take into account quotes received from broker-dealers or other market sources pertaining to the issuer or security. The Fund may also engage a third party appraiser or other valuation techniques to value these securities. Inputs may include quoted prices for similar investments in active markets, interest rates, coupon rates, yield curves, option adjusted spreads, default rates, credit spreads and other unique security features in order to estimate the relevant cash flows which is then discounted to calculate fair values. To the extent that these inputs are observable, the values of senior loans are categorized as Level 2. To the extent that these inputs are unobservable, the values are categorized as Level 3.

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Forward Foreign Currency Contracts Forward foreign currency contracts are valued by independent pricing services using various inputs and techniques, which include broker-dealer quotations, actual trading information and foreign currency exchange rates gathered from leading market makers and foreign currency exchange trading centers throughout the world. To the extent that these inputs are observable, the values of forward foreign currency contracts are categorized as Level 2. To the extent that these inputs are unobservable, the values are categorized as Level 3.

Equity Securities (Preferred Stock) Equity securities traded in inactive markets are valued using inputs which include broker-dealer quotes, recently executed transactions adjusted for changes in the benchmark index, or evaluated price quotes received from independent pricing services that take into account the integrity of the market sector and issuer, the individual characteristics of the security, and information received from broker-dealers and other market sources pertaining to the issuer or security. To the extent that these inputs are observable, the values of equity securities are categorized as Level 2. To the extent that these inputs are unobservable, the values are categorized as Level 3.

The following is a summary of the tiered valuation input levels, as of October 31, 2015. The Schedule of Investments includes disclosure of each security type by category and/or industry. The level assigned to the securities valuations may not be an indication of the risk or liquidity associated with investing in those securities. Because of the inherent uncertainties of valuation, the values reflected in the Schedule of Investments may materially differ from the value received upon actual sale of those investments.

Investment Securities in an Asset Position	**Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)**	**Other Significant Observable Inputs (Level 2)**	**Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)**	**Total**
Corporate Bonds & Notes	$	$ 178,461,478	$ 5,401,750	$ 183,863,228
Senior Loans		49,454,374	3,330,890	52,785,264
Convertible Bonds		12,623,617	150,601	12,774,218
Municipal Bonds		944,125		944,125
Equity	1,662,090	5,643,804		7,305,894
Warrants			153,277	153,277
Repurchase Agreements		19,404,659		19,404,659
Other Financial Instruments				
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts*		122,861		122,861
Total Asset Position	**$ 1,662,090**	**$ 266,654,918**	**$ 9,036,518**	