# UNITED STATES <br> SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION 

Washington, D.C. 20549

## FORM N-CSR

## CERTIFIED SHAREHOLDER REPORT OF REGISTERED

## MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES

Investment Company Act file number: 811-10603
Name of Registrant: Western Asset Premier Bond Fund
Address of Principal Executive Offices: 385 East Colorado Boulevard, Pasadena, CA 91101
Name and address of agent for service:

Charles A. Ruys de Perez

385 East Colorado Boulevard

Pasadena, CA 91101

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (410) 539-0000
Date of fiscal year end: 12/31/2007
Date of reporting period: 06/30/2007

Item 1. Report to Shareholders.

## Western Asset

## Premier Bond Fund

## Semi-Annual Report to Shareholders

June 30, 2007

## Semi-Annual Report to Shareholders

## Fund Highlights

(Amounts in Thousands, except per share amounts) (Unaudited)

|  | Six Months Ended <br> June 30, 2007 | Year Ended <br> December 31, 2006 <br> Det Asset Value <br> $\$ 171,948$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Per Share | $\$ 14.99$ | $\$ 153.15$ |
| Market Value Per Share | $\$ 14.77$ | $\$ 15.15$ |
| Net Investment Income | $\$ 7,526$ | $\$ 15,717$ |
| Per Common Share | $\$ 0.66$ | $\$ 1.37$ |
| Dividends Paid to Common Shareholders: | $\$ 6,450$ | $\$ 12,619$ |
| Ordinary Income | $\$ 0.56$ | $\$ 1.10$ |
| Per Common Share | $\$ 666$ | $\$ 2,219$ |
| Long-Term Capital Gains | $\$ 0.06$ | $\$ 0.19$ |
| Per Common Share | $\$ 1,387$ | $\$ 3,468$ |
| Dividends Paid to Preferred Shareholders: | $\$ 0.12$ | $\$ 0.30$ |
| Ordinary Income | $\$ 472$ | $\$ 62$ |
| Per Common Share | $\$ 0.04$ | $\$ 0.01$ |
| Long-Term Capital Gains |  |  |

## The Fund

Western Asset Premier Bond Fund ( WEA or the Fund ) is a diversified, closed-end management investment company which seeks to provide current income and capital appreciation for its shareholders by investing primarily in a diversified portfolio of investment grade bonds. Substantially all of the Fund s net investment income (after payment of dividends to holders of preferred shares and interest in connection with other forms of leverage (if applicable)) is distributed to the Fund s common shareholders. A Dividend Reinvestment Plan is available to those common shareholders of record desiring it. The Fund s common shares are listed on the New York Stock Exchange ( NYSE ) where they trade under the symbol WEA.

## Dividend Reinvestment Plan

The Fund and Computershare Trust Company N.A. ( Agent ), as the Transfer Agent and Registrar of the Fund, offer a convenient way to add shares of the Fund to your account. The Fund offers to all common shareholders a Dividend Reinvestment Plan ( Plan ). Under the Plan, cash distributions (e.g., dividends and capital gains) on the common shares are automatically invested in shares of the Fund unless the shareholder elects otherwise by contacting the Agent at the address set forth below.

As a participant in the Dividend Reinvestment Plan you will automatically receive your dividend or net capital gains distribution in newly issued shares of the Fund if the market price of a share on the date of the distribution is at or above the NAV of a Fund share, minus estimated brokerage commissions that would be incurred upon the purchase of common shares on the open market. The number of shares to be issued to you will be determined by dividing the amount of the cash distribution to which you are entitled (net of any applicable withholding taxes) by the greater of the NAV per share on such date or $95 \%$ of the market price of a share on such date. If the market price of a share on such distribution date is below the NAV, minus estimated brokerage commissions that would be incurred upon the purchase of common shares on the open market, the Agent will, as agent for the participants, buy shares of the Fund through a broker on the open market. The price per share of shares purchased for each participant s account with respect to a particular dividend or other distribution will be the average price (including brokerage commissions, transfer taxes and any other costs of purchase) of all shares purchased with respect to that dividend or other distribution. All common shares acquired on your behalf through the Plan will be automatically credited to an account maintained on the books of the Agent. Full and fractional shares will be voted by Computershare in accordance with your instructions.

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## Additional Information Regarding the Plan

The Fund will pay all costs applicable to the Plan, except for brokerage commissions for open market purchases by the Agent under the Plan, which will be charged to participants. All shares acquired through the Plan receive voting rights and are eligible for any stock split, stock dividend, or other rights accruing to shareholders that the Board of Trustees may declare.

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You may terminate participation in the Plan at any time by giving written notice to the Agent. Such termination will be effective prior to the record date next succeeding the receipt of such instructions or by a later date of termination specified in such instructions. Upon termination, a participant will receive a certificate for the full shares credited to his or her account or may request the sale of all or part of such shares. Fractional shares credited to a terminating account will be paid for in cash at the current market price at the time of termination.

Dividends and other distributions invested in additional shares under the Plan are subject to income tax just as if they had been received in cash. After year end, dividends paid on the accumulated shares will be included in the Form 1099-DIV information return to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and only one Form 1099-DIV will be sent to participants each year.

Inquiries regarding the Plan, as well as notices of termination, should be directed to Computershare Trust Company, N.A. P.O. Box 43010, Providence, Rhode Island 02940-3010 Investor Relations telephone number 1-800-426-5523.

## Schedule of Portfolio Holdings

The Fund files a complete schedule of its portfolio holdings with the SEC for the first and third quarters of each fiscal year on Form N-Q. You may obtain a free copy of the Fund s Form N-Q by calling 1-800-799-4932 or by writing to the Fund, or you may obtain a copy of this report (and other information relating to the Fund) from the Securities and Exchange Commission s ( SEC ) website (http://www.sec.gov). Additionally, the Fund s Form N-Q can be viewed or copied at the SEC s Public Reference Room in Washington D.C. Information about the operation of the Public Reference Room can be obtained by calling 1-202-551-8090.

## Proxy Voting

You may request a free description of the policies and procedures that the Fund uses to determine how proxies relating to the Fund sportfolio securities are voted by calling 1-800-799-4932 or by writing to the Fund, or you may obtain a copy of these policies and procedures (and other information relating to the Fund) from the SEC s web site (http://www.sec.gov). You may request a free report regarding how the Fund voted proxies relating to portfolio securities during the most recent twelve-month period ended June 30 by calling 1-800-799-4932 or by writing to the Fund, or you may obtain a copy of this report (and other information relating to the Fund), from the SEC s website (http://www.sec.gov).

Quarterly Comparison of Market Price and Net Asset Value ( NAV ), Discount or Premium to NAV and Average Daily Volume of Shares Traded

|  | Market <br> Value | Net Asset <br> Value | Premium/ <br> (Discount) | Average <br> Daily Volume/(Shares) |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | ---: |
| September 30, 2006 | $\$ 15.13$ | $\$ 15.06$ | $0.47 \%$ | 6,200 |
| December 31, 2006 | $\$ 15.15$ | $\$ 15.15$ | $0.00 \%$ | 28,900 |
| March 31, 2007 | $\$ 15.29$ | $\$ 15.31$ | $(0.13) \%$ | 17,438 |
| June 30, 2007 | $\$ 14.77$ | $\$ 14.99$ | $(1.47) \%$ | 16,432 |

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## Portfolio Diversification

June 30, 2007 ${ }^{\text {A }}$

The pie chart and bar chart above represent the Fund s portfolio as of June 30, 2007. The Fund sportfolio is actively managed, and its portfolio composition, credit quality breakdown, and other portfolio characteristics will vary from time to time.

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## Portfolio of Investments

June 30, 2007 (Unaudited)
(Amounts in Thousands)

Western Asset Premier Bond Fund

|  | \% OF <br> NET ASSETS | RATE | MATURITY DATE | PAR/ SHARES | VALUE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Long-Term Securities | 145.3\% |  |  |  |  |
| Corporate Bonds and Notes | 77.4\% |  |  |  |  |
| Aerospace and Defense | 1.4\% |  |  |  |  |
| DRS Technologies Inc. |  | 6.625\% | 2/1/16 | \$ 300 | \$ 290 |
| L-3 Communications Corp. |  | 6.375\% | 10/15/15 | 430 | 406 |
| Northrop Grumman Corp. |  | 7.750\% | 2/15/31 | 1,000 | 1,189 |
| The Boeing Co. |  | 6.125\% | 2/15/33 | 600 | 618 |
|  |  |  |  |  | 2,503 |
| Airlines | 9.7\% |  |  |  |  |
| America West Airlines Inc. |  | 8.057\% | 7/2/20 | 3,135 | 3,390 |
| Continental Airlines Inc. |  | 7.160\% | 3/24/13 | 931 | 931 |
| Continental Airlines Inc. |  | 6.900\% | 1/2/18 | 1,024 | 1,044 |
| Continental Airlines Inc. |  | 6.820\% | 5/1/18 | 959 | 973 |
| Continental Airlines Inc. |  | 6.545\% | 2/2/19 | 1,870 | 1,903 |
| Continental Airlines Inc. |  | 8.048\% | 11/1/20 | 708 | 766 |
| Continental Airlines Inc. |  | 6.703\% | 6/15/21 | 965 | 972 |
| Northwest Airlines Inc. |  | 5.848\% | 8/6/13 | 2,436 | 2,387 ${ }_{\text {A }}$ |
| United Air Lines Inc. |  | 7.032\% | 10/1/10 | 288 | 290 |
| United Air Lines Inc. |  | 7.186\% | 4/1/11 | 60 | 62 |
| United Air Lines Inc. |  | 6.602\% | 9/1/13 | 1,168 | 1,177 |
| US Airways Pass-Through Trust |  | 6.850\% | 1/30/18 | 2,674 | 2,774 |
|  |  |  |  |  | 16,669 |
| Auto Components | 0.2\% |  |  |  |  |
| Visteon Corp. |  | 8.250\% | 8/1/10 | 435 | 432 |
| Automobiles | 1.6\% |  |  |  |  |
| DaimlerChrysler NA Holding Corp. |  | 7.300\% | 1/15/12 | 1,000 | 1,061 |
| DaimlerChrysler NA Holding Corp. |  | 8.500\% | 1/18/31 | 1,000 | 1,264 |
| Ford Motor Co. |  | 4.250\% | 12/15/36 | 80 | $100{ }_{B}$ |
| General Motors Corp. |  | 8.375\% | 7/15/33 | 420 | 383 |

[^2]0.3\%

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| Nortek Inc. | $8.500 \%$ | $9 / 1 / 14$ | 180 | 171 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| NTK Holdings Inc. | $0.000 \%$ | $3 / 1 / 14$ | 550 | 399 C |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Capital Markets | $2.4 \%$ |  |  |  |
| Credit Suisse USA Inc. | $6.500 \%$ | $1 / 15 / 12$ | 1,125 | 1,165 |
| E*Trade Financial Corp. | $7.375 \%$ | $9 / 15 / 13$ | 160 | 162 |

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|  | \% OF <br> NET ASSETS | RATE | MATURITY <br> DATE | PAR/ <br> SHARES | VALUE |


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|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Commercial Services and Supplies | $1.4 \%$ |  |  |  |  |
| Allied Security Escrow Corp. |  | $11.375 \%$ | $7 / 15 / 11$ | 60 | 61 |
| Rental Service Corp. | $9.500 \%$ | $12 / 1 / 14$ | 200 | 204 E |  |
| Waste Management Inc. | $7.375 \%$ | $5 / 15 / 29$ | 2,000 | 2,106 |  |
| Waste Management Inc. | $7.750 \%$ | $5 / 15 / 32$ | 40 | 44 |  |


| Communications Equipment | N.M. |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Motorola Inc. |  | 7.625\% | 11/15/10 | 64 | 67 |
| Computers and Peripherals | 0.1\% |  |  |  |  |
| International Business Machines Corp. |  | 4.750\% | 11/29/12 | 240 | 232 |


| Consumer Finance | $2.0 \%$ |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Ford Motor Credit Co. | $8.105 \%$ | $1 / 13 / 12$ | 70 | $70_{\mathrm{A}}$ |
| GMAC LLC | $6.875 \%$ | $8 / 28 / 12$ | 150 | 147 |
| GMAC LLC | $8.000 \%$ | $11 / 1 / 31$ | 1,530 | 1,564 |
| HSBC Finance Corp. | $4.750 \%$ | $7 / 15 / 13$ | 1,670 | 1,577 |

3,358

| Containers and Packaging | $0.3 \%$ |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :--- |
| Graham Packaging Co. Inc. | $9.875 \%$ | $10 / 15 / 14$ | 298 | 301 |
| Graphic Packaging International Corp. | $9.500 \%$ | $8 / 15 / 13$ | 210 | 218 |

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| Distributors | $0.2 \%$ |  |  |  |  |
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| Keystone Automotive Operations Inc. |  | $9.750 \%$ | $11 / 1 / 13$ | 480 | 418 |

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## Portfolio of Investments Continued

Western Asset Premier Bond Fund Continued

|  | $\%$ OF <br> NET ASSETS | RATE | MATURITY <br> DATE | PAR/ <br> SHARES | VALUE |
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|  |  |  |  | 549 |
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| Diversified Financial Services | 6.3\% |  |  |  |
| AAC Group Holding Corp. | 0.000\% | 10/1/12 | 440 | 396c |
| Air 2 US | 8.027\% | 10/1/19 | 506 | 523 E |
| Boeing Capital Corp. | 6.500\% | 2/15/12 | 1,000 | 1,043 |
| Boeing Capital Corp. | 5.800\% | 1/15/13 | 400 | 406 |
| CCM Merger Inc. | 8.000\% | 8/1/13 | 140 | 139 E |
| Citigroup Inc. | 6.625\% | 6/15/32 | 1,000 | 1,042 |
| DI Finance LLC | 9.500\% | 2/15/13 | 502 | 534 |
| Fuji Co. Ltd. | 9.870\% | 6/30/08 | 790 | $821_{\text {C,E }}$ |
| General Electric Capital Corp. | 3.750\% | 12/15/09 | 740 | 713 |
| General Electric Capital Corp. | 6.000\% | 6/15/12 | 700 | 713 |
| General Electric Capital Corp. | 5.450\% | 1/15/13 | 250 | 247 |
| GrafTech Finance Inc. | 10.250\% | 2/15/12 | 41 | 43 |
| JPMorgan Chase and Co. | 5.750\% | 1/2/13 | 1,750 | 1,750 ${ }_{\text {D }}$ |
| JPMorgan Chase and Co. | 5.125\% | 9/15/14 | 1,300 | 1,248D |
| Milacron Escrow Corp. | 11.500\% | 5/15/11 | 410 | 397 |
| Rainbow National Services LLC | 8.750\% | 9/1/12 | 100 | 104 E |
| Vanguard Health Holding Co. II LLC | 9.000\% | 10/1/14 | 735 | 728 |

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| Diversified Telecommunication Services | $2.7 \%$ |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| AT\&T Inc. | $6.250 \%$ | $3 / 15 / 11$ | 1,000 | $1,022_{\mathrm{F}}$ |
| BellSouth Corp. | $6.000 \%$ | $10 / 15 / 11$ | 1,000 | 1,013 |
| Cincinnati Bell Inc. | $7.000 \%$ | $2 / 15 / 15$ | 330 | 323 |
| Cincinnati Bell Inc. | $6.300 \%$ | $12 / 1 / 28$ | 25 | 22 |
| Citizens Communications Co. | $9.250 \%$ | $5 / 15 / 11$ | 90 | 97 |
| Citizens Communications Co. | $7.125 \%$ | $3 / 15 / 19$ | 50 | 47 |
| Citizens Communications Co. | $7.875 \%$ | $1 / 15 / 27$ | 95 | 92 |
| Citizens Communications Co. | $7.050 \%$ | $10 / 1 / 46$ | 25 | 21 |
| Hawaiian Telcom Communications Inc. | $12.500 \%$ | $5 / 1 / 15$ | 215 | 244 |
| Level 3 Financing Inc. | $9.250 \%$ | $11 / 1 / 14$ | 120 | 121 |

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| Level 3 Financing Inc. | $9.150 \%$ | $2 / 15 / 15$ | 50 | $50_{\text {A.E }}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Qwest Communications International Inc. | $7.250 \%$ | $2 / 15 / 11$ | 160 | 161 |

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|  | $\%$ OF <br> NET ASSETS | RATE | MATURITY <br> DATE | PAR/ <br> SHARES | VALUE |
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| AmeriGas Partners LP | $7.250 \%$ | $5 / 20 / 15$ | 90 | 89 |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Co. | $4.800 \%$ | $8 / 15 / 08$ | 400 | 396 |

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## Portfolio of Investments Continued

Western Asset Premier Bond Fund Continued

|  | $\%$ <br> NET ASSETS | RATE | MATURITY <br> DATE | PAR/ <br> SHARES | VALUE |
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|  |  |  |  |  | 1,068 |
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| Health Care Equipment and Supplies | 0.1\% |  |  |  |  |
| Fresenius Medical Care Capital Trust II |  | 7.875\% | 2/1/08 | 250 | 251 |
| Health Care Providers and Services | 2.7\% |  |  |  |  |
| Community Health Systems Inc. |  | 8.875\% | 7/15/15 | 600 | 608 E |
| DaVita Inc. |  | 6.625\% | 3/15/13 | 100 | 98 E |
| DaVita Inc. |  | 7.250\% | 3/15/15 | 300 | 296 |
| HCA Inc. |  | 6.250\% | 2/15/13 | 85 | 77 |
| HCA Inc. |  | 6.500\% | 2/15/16 | 105 | 89 |
| HCA Inc. |  | 9.250\% | 11/15/16 | 195 | 208 E |
| HCA Inc. |  | 9.625\% | 11/15/16 | 175 | $188 \mathrm{e}, \mathrm{H}$ |
| HCA Inc. |  | 7.690\% | 6/15/25 | 90 | 78 |
| HCA Inc. |  | 7.500\% | 11/15/95 | 185 | 147 |
| Tenet Healthcare Corp. |  | 9.250\% | 2/1/15 | 2,810 | 2,669 |
| Triad Hospitals Inc. |  | 7.000\% | 11/15/13 | 150 | 158 |



| Household Durables | $0.7 \%$ |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| American Greetings Corp. | $7.375 \%$ | $6 / 1 / 16$ | 20 | 20 |
| Interface Inc. | $10.375 \%$ | $2 / 1 / 10$ | 400 | 430 |
| K Hovnanian Enterprises Inc. | $8.625 \%$ | $1 / 15 / 17$ | 300 | 288 |

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|  | $\%$ OF <br> NET ASSETS | RATE | MATURITY <br> DATE | PAR/ <br> SHARES | VALUE |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Corporate Bonds and Notes Continued |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Household Durables Continued |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Norcraft Cos. | $9.000 \%$ | $11 / 1 / 11$ | $\$$ | 360 | $\$$ | 372 |
| Norcraft Holdings LP | $0.000 \%$ | $9 / 1 / 12$ |  | 155 | 142 c |  |


| Household Products Nutro Products Inc. | 0.1\% |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 10.750\% | 4/15/14 | 95 | 110 E |
| Independent Power Producers and Energy |  |  |  |  |  |
| Traders | 2.3\% |  |  |  |  |
| Dynegy Holdings Inc. |  | 7.750\% | 6/1/19 | 450 | 419 E |
| Exelon Generation Co. LLC |  | 6.950\% | 6/15/11 | 2,000 | 2,076 |
| Mirant North America LLC |  | 7.375\% | 12/31/13 | 350 | 358 |
| NRG Energy Inc. |  | 7.375\% | 2/1/16 | 505 | 506 |
| NRG Energy Inc. |  | 7.375\% | 1/15/17 | 225 | 226 |
| The AES Corp. |  | 9.000\% | 5/15/15 | 440 | 466 E |

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| Internet and Catalog Retail | $0.1 \%$ |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| FTD Inc. |  | $7.750 \%$ | $2 / 15 / 14$ | 140 | 139 |


| IT Services | $1.1 \%$ |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | :--- |
| Electronic Data Systems Corp. | $7.125 \%$ | $10 / 15 / 09$ | 700 | 721 |
| Electronic Data Systems Corp. | $7.450 \%$ | $10 / 15 / 29$ | 500 | 509 |
| SunGard Data Systems Inc. | $10.250 \%$ | $8 / 15 / 15$ | 630 | 666 |


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| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Leisure Equipment and Products | $1.0 \%$ |  |  |  |  |
| Eastman Kodak Co. |  | $7.250 \%$ | $11 / 15 / 13$ | 1,800 | 1,800 |


| Media | $7.0 \%$ |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Affinion Group Inc. | $10.125 \%$ | $10 / 15 / 13$ | 180 | 192 |
| Affinion Group Inc. | $11.500 \%$ | $10 / 15 / 15$ | 225 | 243 |
| AMC Entertainment Inc. | $11.000 \%$ | $2 / 1 / 16$ | 425 | 470 |
| CCH I Holdings LLC | $11.750 \%$ | $5 / 15 / 14$ | 470 | 462 C |
| CCH I Holdings LLC | $12.125 \%$ | $1 / 15 / 15$ | 125 | 126 |
| CCH I Holdings LLC | $11.000 \%$ | $10 / 1 / 15$ | 337 | 352 |
| CCH II Holdings LLC | $10.250 \%$ | $9 / 15 / 10$ | 280 | 293 |
| Charter Communications Holdings LLC | $11.750 \%$ | $5 / 15 / 11$ | 110 | 112 C |

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| Charter Communications Holdings LLC | $12.125 \%$ | $1 / 15 / 12$ | 60 | 62 C |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Clear Channel Communications Inc. | $4.900 \%$ | $5 / 15 / 15$ | 700 | 565 |

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## Portfolio of Investments Continued

Western Asset Premier Bond Fund Continued

|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { \% OF } \\ \text { NET ASSETS } \end{gathered}$ | RATE | MATURITY <br> DATE |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { AR/ } \\ & \text { ARES } \end{aligned}$ | VALUE |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Corporate Bonds and Notes Continued |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Media Continued |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| CMP Susquehanna Corp. |  | 9.875\% | 5/15/14 | \$ |  | \$ | 190 E |
| Comcast Cable Communications Inc. |  | 6.750\% | 1/30/11 |  | 500 |  | 517 |
| Comeast Corp. |  | 5.900\% | 3/15/16 |  | 400 |  | 393 |
| Comcast Corp. |  | 7.050\% | 3/15/33 |  | 1,000 |  | 1,032 |
| CSC Holdings Inc. |  | 8.125\% | 7/15/09 |  | 30 |  | 31 |
| CSC Holdings Inc. |  | 8.125\% | 8/15/09 |  | 40 |  | 41 |
| CSC Holdings Inc. |  | 7.625\% | 4/1/11 |  | 50 |  | 50 |
| CSC Holdings Inc. |  | 6.750\% | 4/15/12 |  | 250 |  | 237 |
| CSC Holdings Inc. |  | 7.875\% | 2/15/18 |  | 45 |  | 43 |
| Dex Media East LLC |  | 12.125\% | 11/15/12 |  | 122 |  | 131 |
| EchoStar DBS Corp. |  | 7.000\% | 10/1/13 |  | 600 |  | 591 |
| Idearc Inc. |  | 8.000\% | 11/15/16 |  | 180 |  | 182 |
| ION Media Networks Inc. |  | 11.606\% | 1/15/13 |  | 55 |  | $57 \mathrm{~A}, \mathrm{E}$ |
| Lamar Media Corp. |  | 6.625\% | 8/15/15 |  | 120 |  | 114 |
| Liberty Media LLC |  | 3.750\% | 2/15/30 |  | 1,860 |  | 1,155 ${ }_{\text {B }}$ |
| News America Holdings Inc. |  | 8.875\% | 4/26/23 |  | 400 |  | 482 |
| News America Inc. |  | 6.625\% | 1/9/08 |  | 300 |  | 301 |
| PRIMEDIA Inc. |  | 8.875\% | 5/15/11 |  | 115 |  | 118 |
| Time Warner Inc. |  | 6.875\% | 5/1/12 |  | 1,400 |  | 1,461 |
| Time Warner Inc. |  | 7.700\% | 5/1/32 |  | 1,150 |  | 1,244 |
| TL Acquisitions Inc. |  | 10.500\% | 1/15/15 |  | 270 |  | 268E |
| Univision Communications Inc. |  | 9.750\% | 3/15/15 |  | 115 |  | $114 \mathrm{E}, \mathrm{H}$ |
| WMG Acquisition Corp. |  | 7.375\% | 4/15/14 |  | 170 |  | 158 |
| XM Satellite Radio Inc. |  | 9.750\% | 5/1/14 |  | 190 |  | 186 |

11,973

| Metals and Mining | $1.5 \%$ |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Alcoa Inc. | $5.375 \%$ | $1 / 15 / 13$ | 750 | 726 |
| Chaparral Steel Co. | $10.000 \%$ | $7 / 15 / 13$ | 20 | 1,025 |
| Freeport-McMoRan Copper \& Gold Inc. | $8.375 \%$ | $4 / 1 / 17$ | 960 | 485 |
| Metals USA Inc. | $11.125 \%$ | $12 / 1 / 15$ | 445 | $151_{\text {A,E,H }}$ |
| Noranda Aluminium Holding Corp. | $11.146 \%$ | $11 / 15 / 14$ | 155 | $133_{\mathrm{E}}$ |
| Tube City IMS Corp. | $9.750 \%$ | $2 / 1 / 15$ | 130 | 2,542 |
|  |  |  |  |  |

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|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { \% OF } \\ \text { NET ASSETS } \end{gathered}$ | RATE | MATURITY DATE | PAR/ SHARES |  | VALUE |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Corporate Bonds and Notes Continued |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Multiline Retail | 0.2\% |  |  |  |  | \$ |  |
| The Neiman-Marcus Group Inc. |  | 9.000\% | 10/15/15 | \$ | 260 |  |  |


| Oil, Gas and Consumable Fuels | 10.5\% |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Belden and Blake Corp. | 8.750\% | 7/15/12 | 750 | 769 |
| Chesapeake Energy Corp. | 6.375\% | 6/15/15 | 480 | 458 |
| Chesapeake Energy Corp. | 6.625\% | 1/15/16 | 30 | 29 |
| Colorado Interstate Gas Co. | 6.800\% | 11/15/15 | 150 | 154 |
| Complete Production Services Inc. | 8.000\% | 12/15/16 | 150 | 151 E |
| ConocoPhillips | 4.750\% | 10/15/12 | 1,000 | 969 |
| DCP Midstream LP | 7.875\% | 8/16/10 | 750 | 796 |
| Devon Energy Corp. | 7.950\% | 4/15/32 | 1,000 | 1,169 |
| Devon Financing Corp. ULC | 6.875\% | 9/30/11 | 2,000 | 2,088 |
| El Paso Corp. | 6.375\% | 2/1/09 | 333 | 334 |
| El Paso Corp. | 7.750\% | 6/15/10 | 1,496 | 1,552 |
| El Paso Corp. | 7.800\% | 8/1/31 | 190 | 192 |
| Encore Acquisition Co. | 6.000\% | 7/15/15 | 45 | 40 |
| Exco Resources Inc. | 7.250\% | 1/15/11 | 275 | 274 |
| Gazprom | 6.790\% | 10/29/09 | 31,200 RUB | 1,227 |
| Gazprom | 7.000\% | 10/27/11 | 10,400 RUB | 410 |
| Hess Corp. | 7.875\% | 10/1/29 | 1,640 | 1,849 |
| Hess Corp. | 7.300\% | 8/15/31 | 60 | 64 |
| International Coal Group Inc. | 10.250\% | 7/15/14 | 220 | 227 |
| Kinder Morgan Energy Partners LP | 7.125\% | 3/15/12 | 500 | 526 |
| Occidental Petroleum Corp. | 6.750\% | 1/15/12 | 500 | 526 |
| Parker Drilling Co. | 9.625\% | 10/1/13 | 300 | 320 |
| Petrohawk Energy Corp. | 9.125\% | 7/15/13 | 145 | 153 |
| Pogo Producing Co. | 6.875\% | 10/1/17 | 290 | 288 |
| SemGroup LP | 8.750\% | 11/15/15 | 305 | 307 E |
| SESI LLC | 6.875\% | 6/1/14 | 10 | 10 |
| Sonat Inc. | 7.625\% | 7/15/11 | 500 | 519 |
| St Acquisition Corp. | 12.500\% | 5/15/17 | 375 | 354 E |
| Stone Energy Corp. | 8.250\% | 12/15/11 | 160 | 160 |
| Texas Eastern Transmission | 5.250\% | 7/15/07 | 750 | 750 |
| The Williams Cos. Inc. | 7.500\% | 1/15/31 | 902 | 934 |
| The Williams Cos. Inc. | 8.750\% | 3/15/32 | 85 | 98 |
| Valero Energy Corp. | 7.500\% | 4/15/32 | 400 | 437 |

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## Portfolio of Investments Continued

Western Asset Premier Bond Fund Continued

|  | \% OF <br> NET ASSETS | RATE | MATURITY <br> DATE | PAR/ <br> SHARES | VALUE |
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| 4,337 |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Pharmaceuticals | 0.1\% |  |  |  |  |
| Leiner Health Products Inc. |  | 11.000\% | 6/1/12 | 280 | 265 |
| Real Estate Investment Trusts | 0.2\% |  |  |  |  |
| Ventas Inc. |  | 6.750\% | 4/1/17 | 260 | 257 |
| Real Estate Management and Development | 0.3\% |  |  |  |  |
| Ashton Woods USA LLC |  | 9.500\% | 10/1/15 | 125 | 115 |
| Kimball Hill Inc. |  | 10.500\% | 12/15/12 | 45 | 41 |
| Realogy Corp. |  | 12.375\% | 4/15/15 | 460 | 420 E |
|  |  |  |  |  | 576 |
| Road and Rail | 1.8\% |  |  |  |  |
| Hertz Corp. |  | 10.500\% | 1/1/16 | 645 | 713 |
| Horizon Lines LLC |  | 9.000\% | 11/1/12 | 244 | 258 |
| Kansas City Southern Railway |  | 7.500\% | 6/15/09 | 150 | 149 |
| Union Pacific Corp. |  | 6.125\% | 1/15/12 | 2,000 | 2,026 |
|  |  |  |  |  | 3,146 |

Semiconductors and Semiconductor

| Equipment $0.1 \%$   <br> Freescale Semiconductor Inc.  $8.875 \%$ $12 / 15 / 14$ | 235 |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Software | $0.1 \%$ |  |  |  |  |
| Activant Solutions Inc. |  | $9.500 \%$ | $5 / 1 / 16$ | 165 | 162 |

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| Specialty Retail | 0.1\% |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Blockbuster Inc. |  | 9.000\% | 9/1/12 | 140 | 130 |
| Eye Care Centers of America Inc. |  | 10.750\% | 2/15/15 | 40 | 44 |
|  |  |  |  |  | 174 |
| Textiles, Apparel and Luxury Goods | 0.3\% |  |  |  |  |
| Levi Strauss and Co. |  | 9.750\% | 1/15/15 | 120 | 128 |
| Levi Strauss and Co. |  | 8.875\% | 4/1/16 | 50 | 51 |

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|  | \% OF <br> NET ASSETS | RATE | MATURITY <br> DATE | PAR/ <br> SHARES |  | VALUE |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Corporate Bonds and Notes Continued |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Textiles, Apparel and Luxury Goods Continued |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Oxford Industries Inc. |  | 8.875\% | 6/1/11 | \$ | 180 | \$ | 186 |
| Simmons Co. |  | 0.000\% | 12/15/14 |  | 90 |  | 76 c |


| Thrifts and Mortgage Finance | $0.3 \%$ |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Washington Mutual Bank |  | $5.500 \%$ | $1 / 15 / 13$ | 440 |


| Tobacco | $0.9 \%$ |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Alliance One International Inc. | $11.000 \%$ | $5 / 15 / 12$ | 130 | 143 |
| Altria Group Inc. | $7.000 \%$ | $11 / 4 / 13$ | 250 | 265 |
| Altria Group Inc. | $7.750 \%$ | $1 / 15 / 27$ | 1,000 | 1,169 |


|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :--- |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Trading Companies and Distributors | $0.5 \%$ |  |  |  |  |
| Ashtead Capital Inc. |  | $9.000 \%$ | $8 / 15 / 16$ | 129 | 135 E |
| H\&E Equipment Services Inc. | $8.375 \%$ | $7 / 15 / 16$ | 300 | 315 |  |
| Penhall International Corp. | $12.000 \%$ | $8 / 1 / 14$ | 390 | $421_{\mathrm{E}}$ |  |


|  |  |  |  |  | 871 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Transportation Infrastructure | 0.4\% |  |  |  |  |
| H-Lines Finance Holding Corp. |  | 0.000\% | 4/1/13 | 247 | 242 C |
| Hawker Beechcraft Acquisition Co. |  | 9.750\% | 4/1/17 | 380 | 397 E |
|  |  |  |  |  | 639 |
| Wireless Telecommunication Services | 1.5\% |  |  |  |  |
| AT\&T Mobility LLC |  | 6.500\% | 12/15/11 | 250 | 258 |
| New Cingular Wireless Services Inc. |  | 8.125\% | 5/1/12 | 500 | 550 |
| Rural Cellular Corp. |  | 9.875\% | 2/1/10 | 100 | 104 |
| Rural Cellular Corp. |  | 8.250\% | 3/15/12 | 135 | 138 |
| Sprint Capital Corp. |  | 8.375\% | 3/15/12 | 1,450 | 1,580 |

2,630


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| BankAmerica Manufactured Housing Contract |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $1997-2 ~ M ~$ | $6.900 \%$ | $4 / 10 / 28$ | 100 | 119 |
| Captiva CBO 1997-1A A | $6.860 \%$ | $11 / 30 / 09$ | 326 | $326_{\mathrm{E}, \mathrm{J}}$ |

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## Portfolio of Investments Continued

Western Asset Premier Bond Fund Continued

|  | $\%$ OF <br> NET ASSETS | RATE | MATURITY <br> DATE | PAR/ <br> SHARES | VALUE |
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$$
12,524
$$

| Indexed Securities |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| ACE Securities Corp. 2005-SD1 A1 | $1.4 \%$ |  |  |  |
| Bayview Financial Asset Trust 2004-SSRA A1 | $5.720 \%$ | $11 / 25 / 50$ | 336 | 336 |
| CS First Boston Mortgage Securities Corp. 2004-CF2 | $5.920 \%$ | $12 / 25 / 39$ | 776 | 777 E |
| 2A1 | $5.790 \%$ | $5 / 25 / 44$ | 180 | 180 E |
| Residential Asset Mortgage Products Inc. 2004-RZ1 |  |  |  |  |
| AII | $5.560 \%$ | $3 / 25 / 34$ | 528 | 529 |
| Residential Asset Securities Corp. 2001-KS3 AII | $5.780 \%$ | $9 / 25 / 31$ | 506 | 506 |



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| GSAMP Trust 2003-SEA2 A1 | $4.422 \%$ | 2,869 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Total Asset-Backed Securities |  |  |
| $($ Cost $\$ 20,247)$ | 19,034 |  |

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| Indexed Securities |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| A | $2.3 \%$ |  |  |  |  |
| Banc of America Commercial Mortgage Inc. |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2005-5 A4 | $5.115 \%$ | $10 / 10 / 45$ | 1,050 | 1,002 |  |
| BlackRock Capital Finance LP 1997-R2 B5 | $6.867 \%$ | $12 / 25 / 35$ | 742 | 445 E |  |
| Harborview Mortgage Loan Trust 2004-8 3A2 | $5.720 \%$ | $11 / 19 / 34$ | 401 | 402 |  |
| Harborview Mortgage Loan Trust 2005-9 B10 | $7.070 \%$ | $6 / 20 / 35$ | 1,406 | 1,168 |  |
| Merit Securities Corp. 11PA B3 | $7.570 \%$ | $9 / 28 / 32$ | 850 | 212 E |  |
| Regal Trust IV 1999-1 A | $5.892 \%$ | $9 / 29 / 31$ | 227 | 225 E |  |
| Washington Mutual Inc. 2004-AR12 A2A | $5.765 \%$ | $10 / 25 / 44$ | 409 | 411 |  |

3,865

| Stripped Securities | $1.0 \%$ |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| LB-UBS Commercial Mortgage Trust 2001-C3 X |  | $0.947 \%$ | $6 / 15 / 36$ | 2,696 |
| Prime Mortgage Trust 2005-2 2XB | $1.743 \%$ | $10 / 25 / 32$ | 4,090 | $46_{\mathrm{E}, \mathrm{K} 1}$ |
| Prime Mortgage Trust 2005-5 1X | $0.866 \%$ | $7 / 25 / 34$ | 16,287 | $331_{\mathrm{K} 1}^{\mathrm{K} 1}$ |
| Prime Mortgage Trust 2005-5 1XB | $1.570 \%$ | $7 / 25 / 34$ | 3,295 | $337_{\mathrm{K} 1}$ |
| Residential Asset Mortgage Products, Inc. | $0.000 \%$ | $2 / 25 / 32$ | 714 | $563_{\mathrm{K} 2}$ |
| 2005-SL2 AP0 |  |  | 1,760 |  |

Total Mortgage-Backed Securities

| (Cost $\$ 10,663$ ) |  |  |  | 10,664 |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| U.S. Government and Agency Obligations | $8.4 \%$ |  |  |  |  |
| Fixed Rate Securities | $3.1 \%$ |  |  |  |  |
| United States Treasury Bonds |  | $5.375 \%$ | $2 / 15 / 31$ | 2,500 | $2,567 \mathrm{D}$ |
| United States Treasury Bonds |  | $4.500 \%$ | $2 / 15 / 36$ | 850 | 769 D |
| United States Treasury Notes | $4.625 \%$ | $2 / 15 / 17$ | 610 | 591 D |  |

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## Portfolio of Investments Continued

Western Asset Premier Bond Fund Continued

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|  | $\%$ <br> NET ASSETS | RATE | MATURITY <br> DATE | PAR/ <br> SHARES | VALUE |

Total U.S. Government and Agency Obligations
(Cost \$14,600)
U.S. Government Agency Mortgage-Backed

Securities 7.5\%

|  | $7.5 \%$ |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Fixed Rate Securities |  | $6.000 \%$ | $12 / 1 / 37$ | 12,000 | $11,869_{\mathrm{N}}$ |
| Fannie Mae | $6.500 \%$ | $8 / 25 / 44$ | 974 | 981 |  |
| Fannie Mae |  |  |  |  |  |

Total U.S. Government Agency
Mortgage-Backed Securities

| (Cost $\$ 12,949$ ) |  |  | 12,850 |
| :--- | ---: | :--- | :--- |
| Yankee Bonds $^{\text {J }}$ | $\mathbf{2 2 . 7 \%}$ |  |  |
| Aerospace and Defense | $0.1 \%$ |  |  |
| Systems 2001 Asset Trust |  | $6.664 \%$ | $9 / 15 / 13$ |


| Chemicals | $0.2 \%$ |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Methanex Corp. |  | $8.750 \%$ | $8 / 15 / 12$ | 195 | 215 |
| Montell Finance Co. BV | $8.100 \%$ | $3 / 15 / 27$ | 200 | 182 E |  |


| Commercial Banks | $1.2 \%$ |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :--- |
| ATF Capital BV |  | $9.250 \%$ | $2 / 21 / 14$ | 660 | $703_{\mathrm{E}}$ |
| HSBK Europe BV | $7.250 \%$ | $5 / 3 / 17$ | 600 | $589_{\mathrm{E}}$ |  |
| ICICI Bank Ltd. | $6.375 \%$ | $4 / 30 / 22$ | 284 | $270_{\mathrm{C}, \mathrm{E}}$ |  |

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|  | $\%$ <br> NET ASSETS | RATE | MATURITY <br> DATE | PAR/ <br> SHARES | VALUE |


| Diversified Telecommunication Services | 1.8\% |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Axtel SA |  | 11.000\% | 12/15/13 | 221 | 243 |
| Deutsche Telekom International Finance BV |  | 5.250\% | 7/22/13 | 600 | 580 |
| France Telecom SA |  | 8.500\% | 3/1/31 | 600 | $754{ }_{\text {G }}$ |
| Intelsat Bermuda Ltd. |  | 9.250\% | 6/15/16 | 225 | 239 |
| Intelsat Bermuda Ltd. |  | 11.250\% | 6/15/16 | 340 | 381 |
| Nordic Telephone Co. Holdings ApS |  | 8.875\% | 5/1/16 | 130 | 138 E |
| NTL Cable PLC |  | 9.125\% | 8/15/16 | 140 | 146 |
| Wind Acquisition Finance SA |  | 10.750\% | 12/1/15 | 500 | 574 E |
|  |  |  |  |  | 3,055 |
| Electric Utilities | 1.0\% |  |  |  |  |
| Hydro-Quebec |  | 6.300\% | 5/11/11 | 1,700 | 1,755 |


| Energy Equipment and Services | $0.1 \%$ |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Compagnie Generale de Geophysique-Veritas |  | $7.500 \%$ | $5 / 15 / 15$ | 210 |


| Foreign Government | $8.3 \%$ |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Dominican Republic | $9.500 \%$ | $9 / 27 / 11$ | 366 | 389 E |  |
| Federative Republic of Brazil | $7.125 \%$ | $1 / 20 / 37$ | 856 | 925 |  |
| Republic of Argentina | $7.000 \%$ | $9 / 12 / 13$ | 818 | 777 |  |
| Republic of Colombia | $11.750 \%$ | $2 / 25 / 20$ | 768 | 1,135 |  |
| Republic of Ecuador | $10.000 \%$ | $8 / 15 / 30$ | 605 | $496 \mathrm{C}, \mathrm{E}$ |  |
| Republic of El Salvador | $8.250 \%$ | $4 / 10 / 32$ | 412 | $505_{\mathrm{E}}$ |  |
| Republic of Honduras | $5.827 \%$ | $10 / 1 / 11$ | 151 | 149 A |  |
| Republic of Panama | $9.375 \%$ | $4 / 1 / 29$ | 1,147 | 1,520 |  |
| Republic of Panama | $6.700 \%$ | $1 / 26 / 36$ | 242 | 247 |  |
| Republic of Peru | $8.750 \%$ | $11 / 21 / 33$ | 700 | 907 |  |
| Republic of Peru | $6.550 \%$ | $3 / 14 / 37$ | 427 | 429 |  |
| Republic of Venezuela | $9.375 \%$ | $1 / 13 / 34$ | 2 | 2 | 2 |

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| Russian Federation | $7.500 \%$ | $3 / 31 / 30$ | 4,005 | $4,411_{\mathrm{C}, \mathrm{E}}$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: |
| United Mexican States | $7.500 \%$ | $4 / 8 / 33$ | 49 | 57 |

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## Portfolio of Investments Continued

Western Asset Premier Bond Fund Continued

|  | $\%$ OF <br> NET ASSETS | RATE | MATURITY <br> DATE | PAR/ <br> SHARES | VALUE |
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| Oil, Gas and Consumable Fuels | $4.0 \%$ |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Anadarko Finance Co. | $6.750 \%$ | $5 / 1 / 11$ | 750 | 774 |
| Anadarko Finance Co. | $7.500 \%$ | $5 / 1 / 31$ | 1,000 | 1,075 |
| Burlington Resources Finance Co. | $7.400 \%$ | $12 / 1 / 31$ | 450 | 514 |
| Gazprom | $6.212 \%$ | $11 / 22 / 16$ | 540 | $526_{\mathrm{E}}$ |
| Gazprom | $6.510 \%$ | $3 / 7 / 22$ | 230 | $227_{\mathrm{E}}$ |
| OPTI Canada Inc. | $7.875 \%$ | $12 / 15 / 14$ | 320 | $321_{\mathrm{E}}$ |
| OPTI Canada Inc. | $8.250 \%$ | $12 / 15 / 14$ | 125 | $127_{\mathrm{E}}$ |
| Petrozuata Finance Inc. | $8.220 \%$ | $4 / 1 / 17$ | 2,880 | $2,880_{\mathrm{E}}$ |
| Western Oil Sands Inc. | $8.375 \%$ | $5 / 1 / 12$ | 342 | 374 |



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| Road and Rail | $0.7 \%$ |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Canadian Pacific Railway Co. | $6.250 \%$ | $10 / 15 / 11$ | 1,000 | 1,021 |
| Grupo Transportacion Ferroviaria Mexicana SA de CV | $9.375 \%$ | $5 / 1 / 12$ | 170 | 182 |

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| Yankee Bonds ${ }^{\text {J }}$ Continued |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Semiconductors and Semiconductor |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Equipment | 0.1\% |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| NXP BV/NXP Funding LLC |  | 7.875\% | 10/15/14 | \$ |  | \$ | 148 |
| NXP BV/NXP Funding LLC |  | 9.500\% | 10/15/15 |  | 45 |  | 44 |
| 192 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Wireless Telecommunication Services | 0.3\% |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| True Move Co. Ltd. |  | 10.750\% | 12/16/13 |  | 200 |  | 212 E |
| Vodafone Group PLC |  | 7.750\% | 2/15/10 |  | 250 |  | 263 |


| Total Yankee Bonds (Cost \$36,274) |  |  |  |  | 39,049 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Foreign Government Obligations | 4.5\% |  |  |  |  |
| Federative Republic of Brazil |  | 6.000\% | 5/15/15 | 4 BRL | 3,028o |
| Federative Republic of Brazil |  | 6.000\% | 5/15/45 | 4 BRL | 3,347o |
| Republic of Argentina |  | 3.904\% | 1/3/10 | 2,067 ARS | 1,282o |


| Total Foreign Governm (Cost \$5,992) |  |  | 7,657 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Preferred Stocks | 3.8\% |  |  |  |
| Chesapeake Energy Corp. |  | 6.250\% | 0.3 shs | 96B |
| Fannie Mae |  | 5.375\% | P | 1,487 ${ }_{\text {B }}$ |
| Freddie Mac |  | 3.850\% | P | 5 A |
| Freddie Mac |  | 5.000\% | P | 9 |
| General Motors Corp. |  | 5.250\% | 225 | 4,972 ${ }_{\text {B }}$ |


| Total Preferred Stocks (Cost \$5,140) |  |  | 6,569 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Trust Preferred Securities | 3.7\% |  |  |
| Corp-Backed Trust Certificates | 7.375\% | 34 | 695 |
| Corp-Backed Trust Certificates | 8.000\% | 16 | 318 |
| CORTS Trust for Ford Motor Co. | 8.000\% | 155 | 3,159 |
| PreferredPlus TR-CCR1 | 8.250\% | 5 | 109 |
| SATURNS-F 2003-5 | 8.125\% | 104 | 2,134 |

Total Trust Preferred Securities
(Cost $\$ 5,033$ ) 6,415
Total Long-Term Securities
(Cost \$241,403) 249,848

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## Portfolio of Investments Continued

Western Asset Premier Bond Fund Continued

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| Short-Term Securities | 13.6\% |  |  |  |  |
| Foreign Government Obligations | 1.0\% |  |  |  |  |
| Egypt Treasury Bills |  | 0.000\% | 11/6/07 | 450 EGP | \$ 77 ${ }_{\text {I }}$ |
| Egypt Treasury Bills |  | 0.000\% | 10/30/07 | 9,375 EGP | 1,598 |
|  |  |  |  |  | 1,675 |
| Repurchase Agreement | 12.6\% |  |  |  |  |
| Merrill Lynch Government Securities Inc. $5.15 \%$, dated 06/29/07, to be repurchased at \$21,725 on 7/2/07 (Collateral: \$21,986 Fannie |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mae notes, $5.3 \%$, due 4/16/10, value $\$ 22,150$ ) |  |  |  | \$ 21,716 | 21,716 |
| Total Short-Term Securities (Cost \$23,379) |  |  |  |  | 23,391 |
| Total Investments (Cost \$264,782) | 158.9\% |  |  |  | 273,239 |
| Other Assets Less Liabilities | (17.0)\% |  |  |  | $(29,291)$ |
| Liquidation value of preferred shares | (41.9)\% |  |  |  | $(72,000)$ |
| Net Assets Applicable to Common Shareholders | 100.0\% |  |  |  | \$ 171,948 |


|  |  | ACTUAL |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Futures Contracts Written ${ }^{Q}$ | EXPIRATION | CONTRACTS | APPRECIATION |
| U.S. Treasury Bond Futures | September 2007 | 104 | $\$$ |

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E Rule 144 a Security A security purchased pursuant to Rule 144 a under the Securities Act of 1933 which may not be resold subject to that rule except to qualified institutional buyers. These securities, which the Fund s investment adviser has determined to be liquid, represent $20.75 \%$ of net assets.
$F$ All or a portion of this security is collateral to cover futures and options contracts written.
$G$ Credit Linked Security The rates of interest earned on these securities are tied to the credit rating assigned by Standard \& Poor sating Service and/or Moody s Investors Services.

$I$ Zero coupon bond A bond with no periodic interest payments which is sold at such a discount as to produce a current yield to maturity.

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$J$ Yankee Bond A dollar-denominated bond issued in the U.S. by foreign entities.
$K$ Stripped Security Security with interest-only or principal-only payment streams, denoted by a 1 or 2, respectively. For interest-only securities, the amount shown as principal is the notional balance used to calculate the amount of interest due.
$L$ The coupon rates shown on variable rate securities are the rates at June 30, 2007. These rates vary with the weighted average coupon of the underlying loans.
$M$ Treasury Inflation-Protected Security Treasury security whose principal value is adjusted daily in accordance with changes to the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers. Interest is calculated on the basis of the current adjusted principal value.
$N$ When-issued Security Security purchased on a delayed delivery basis. Final settlement amount and maturity date have not yet been announced.
$O$ Inflation-Protected Security Security whose principal value is adjusted daily or monthly in accordance with changes to the relevant country $s$ Consumer Price Index or its equivalent used as an inflation proxy. Interest is calculated on the basis of the current adjusted principal value.
P Amount represents less than 50.
$Q$ Futures are described in more detail in the notes to financial statements. Securities are denominated in U.S. Dollars, unless otherwise noted.
ARS Argentine Peso

BRL Brazilian Real

EGP Egyptian Pound

RUB Russian Ruble

See notes to financial statements.

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## Statement of Assets and Liabilities

June 30, 2007 (Unaudited)
(Amounts in Thousands)

Western Asset Premier Bond Fund


Net Assets Applicable to Common Shareholders \$ 171,948

Net asset value per common share:
( $\$ 171,948 \div 11,468$ common shares issued and outstanding)
\$ 14.99

See notes to financial statements.

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## Statement of Operations

For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2007 (Unaudited)
(Amounts in Thousands)

## Western Asset Premier Bond Fund


Net realized and unrealized gain/(loss) on investments ..... $(2,395)$
Change in net assets resulting from operations ..... (369)
Dividends to Preferred Shareholders from: ..... 7,157
Net investment income ..... $(1,387)$
Net realized gain on investments ..... (472)
Change in Net Assets Applicable to Common Shareholders Resulting From Operations ..... 5,298

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## Statement of Changes in Net Assets Applicable to Common Shareholders

(Amounts in Thousands)

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## Financial Highlights

Contained below is per share operating performance data for a share of common stock outstanding throughout each period shown, total investment return, ratios to average net assets and other supplemental data. This information has been derived from information in the financial statements.

| Investment Operations: | FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2007 <br> (Unaudited) |  | 2006 |  | FOR THE YEA$2005$ |  | S ENDED DE$2004$ |  | CEMBER 31,$2003$ |  | $2002{ }^{\text {A }}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Net asset value per common share, beginning of period | \$ | 15.15 | \$ | 14.93 | \$ | 15.52 | \$ | 15.00 | \$ | 13.57 | \$ | 14.32 B |
| Net investment income ${ }^{\text {C }}$ |  | . 66 |  | 1.37 |  | 1.37 |  | 1.33 |  | 1.32 |  | 1.02 |
| Net realized and unrealized gain/(loss) |  | (.04) |  | . 45 |  | (.55) |  | . 56 |  | 1.51 |  | (.63) |
| Dividends paid to preferred shareholders: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| From net investment income |  | (.12) |  | (.30) |  | (.21) |  | (.09) |  | (.08) |  | (.03) |
| From net realized gain on investments |  | (.04) |  | (.01) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total from investment operations applicable to Common Shareholders |  | . 46 |  | 1.51 |  | . 61 |  | 1.80 |  | 2.75 |  | . 36 |
| Distributions paid to common shareholders from: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Net investment income |  | (.56) |  | (1.10) |  | (1.20) |  | (1.28) |  | (1.31) |  | (.97) |
| Net realized gain on investments |  | (.06) |  | (.19) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total distributions paid to common shareholders |  | (.62) |  | (1.29) |  | (1.20) |  | (1.28) |  | (1.31) |  | (.97) |
| Offering costs charged to paid in capital |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | (.01) |  | (.14) |
| Net asset value per common share, end of period | \$ | 14.99 | \$ | 15.15 | \$ | 14.93 | \$ | 15.52 | \$ | 15.00 | \$ | 13.57 |
| Market value, end of period | \$ | 14.77 | \$ | 15.15 | \$ | 13.72 | \$ | 16.14 | \$ | 15.85 | \$ | 14.45 |
| Total investment return based on: ${ }^{\text {D }}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Market value |  | 1.54\% ${ }^{\mathrm{H}}$ |  | 20.43\% |  | (7.83)\% |  | 10.79\% |  | 21.56\% |  | 1.98\% ${ }^{\mathrm{H}}$ |
| Net asset value |  | 3.06\% ${ }^{\text {H }}$ |  | 10.67\% |  | 4.31\% |  | 12.57\% |  | 20.81\% |  | $1.87 \%{ }^{\text {H }}$ |
| Ratios to Average Net Assets Applicable to Common Shareholders: ${ }^{\text {E }}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total expenses (including interest expense) |  | 1.92\% ${ }^{\mathrm{F}}$ |  | 1.86\% |  | 1.63\% |  | 1.17\% |  | 1.24\% |  | $1.55 \%{ }^{\text {F }}$ |
| Expenses (including interest expense) net of waivers, if any |  | 1.92\% ${ }^{\mathrm{F}}$ |  | 1.86\% |  | 1.63\% |  | 1.17\% |  | 1.24\% |  | 1.55\% ${ }^{\mathrm{F}}$ |
| Expenses (including interest expense) net of all reductions |  | 1.92\% ${ }^{\mathrm{F}}$ |  | 1.86\% |  | 1.63\% |  | 1.17\% |  | 1.24\% |  | $1.55 \%{ }^{\text {F }}$ |
| Expenses (excluding interest expense) net of all reductions |  | 1.17\% ${ }^{\mathrm{F}}$ |  | 1.15\% |  | 1.13\% |  | 1.13\% |  | 1.24\% |  | 1.07\% ${ }^{\text {F }}$ |
| Net investment income ${ }^{\text {G }}$ |  | 7.05\% ${ }^{\text {F }}$ |  | 7.18\% |  | 7.58\% |  | 8.22\% |  | 8.55\% |  | 9.37\% ${ }^{\text {F }}$ |
| Supplemental Data: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Portfolio turnover rate |  | 38.3\% ${ }^{\text {H }}$ |  | 65.0\% |  | 41.0\% |  | 39.0\% |  | 38.0\% |  | $111.0 \%^{\mathrm{H}}$ |

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Net assets applicable to common shareholders,

| end of period (in thousands) | \$ | 171,948 |  | 73,707 |  | 71,010 |  | 77,288 |  | 69,772 |  | 50,614 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Preferred share information at the end of the period: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Aggregate amount outstanding (in thousands) | \$ | 72,000 | \$ | 72,000 | \$ | 72,000 | \$ | 72,000 | \$ | 72,000 | \$ | 72,000 |
| Asset coverage on preferred shares, end of period ${ }^{\text {I }}$ |  | 339\% |  | 341\% |  | 337\% |  | 346\% |  | 336\% |  | 309\% |
| Liquidation and market value per share (in thousands) | \$ | 25 | \$ | 25 | \$ | 25 | \$ | 25 | \$ | 25 | \$ | 25 |

A For the period March 28, 2002 (commencement of operations) to December 31, 2002.
B Net of sales load of $\$ 0.68$ on initial shares issued.
C Computed using average daily shares outstanding.
$D$ Total investment return is calculated assuming a purchase of common shares on the opening of the first day and a sale on the closing of the last day of each period reported. Dividends and distributions are assumed, for purposes of this calculation, to be reinvested at prices obtained under the Fund sdividend reinvestment plan. Total investment return is not annualized for periods of less than one year. Brokerage commissions are not reflected.
$E$ Total expenses reflects operating expenses prior to any voluntary expense waivers and/or compensating balance credits. Expenses net of waivers reflects total expenses before compensating balance credits but net of any voluntary expense waivers. Expenses net of all reductions reflects expenses less any compensating balance credits and/or voluntary expense waivers.
$F$ Annualized.
$G$ Ratios are calculated on the basis of income and expenses applicable to both the common and preferred shares relative to the average net assets of common shareholders. Ratios of net investment income before preferred share dividends to average net assets of common shareholders are $8.64 \%, 9.21 \%$, $8.99 \%$, $8.85 \%, 9.11 \%$ and $9.66 \%$, respectively.
${ }_{H}$ Not annualized.
I Asset coverage on preferred shares equals the net assets of common shares plus the redemption value of the preferred shares divided by the value of outstanding preferred stock.

See notes to financial statements.

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## Notes to Financial Statements

(Amounts in Thousands) (Unaudited)

## 1. Significant Accounting Policies:

Western Asset Premier Bond Fund (the Fund ) is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the 1940 Act ), as a diversified, closed-end management investment company. The Fund commenced investment operations on March 28, 2002.


#### Abstract

The Fund $s$ investment objective is to provide current income and capital appreciation by investing primarily in a diversified portfolio of investment grade bonds. The Fund currently seeks to achieve its investment objective by investing substantially all of its assets in bonds, including corporate bonds, U.S. government and agency securities and mortgage-related securities. The ability of the issuers of the securities held by the Fund to meet their obligations might be affected by, among other things, economic developments in a specific state, industry or region.


Preparation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates. The following is a summary of significant accounting policies followed by the Fund in the preparation of its financial statements:

## Security Valuation

The Fund s securities are valued on the basis of readily available market quotations or, lacking such quotations, at fair value as determined under policies approved by and under the general oversight of the Board of Trustees. In determining fair value, all relevant qualitative and quantitative factors available are considered. These factors are subject to change over time and are reviewed periodically. The Fund may use fair value pricing instead of market quotations to value one or more securities if the Fund believes that, because of special circumstances, doing so would more accurately reflect the prices the Fund expects to realize on the current sale of those securities. Further, because of the inherent uncertainty of valuation, those estimated values may differ significantly from quoted or published values or from the values that would have been used had a ready market for the investments existed, and the differences could be material.

With respect to the Fund, where a security is traded on more than one market, which may include foreign markets, the securities are generally valued on the market considered by the Fund s adviser to be the primary market. The Fund will value its foreign securities in U.S. dollars on the basis of the then-prevailing exchange rates.

## Security Transactions

Security transactions are accounted for as of the trade date. Realized gains and losses from security transactions are reported on an identified cost basis for both financial reporting and federal income tax purposes.

For the six months ended June 30, 2007, security transactions (excluding short-term investments) were as follows:

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| Purchases | Proceeds from Sales |  | Other |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| U.S. Gov t. Securities | Other | U.S. Gov t. Securities | $\$ 28,971$ |

## Foreign Currency Translation

Assets and liabilities initially expressed in non-U.S. currencies are translated into U.S. dollars using currency exchange rates determined prior to the close of trading on the New York Stock Exchange, usually at 2:00 p.m. Eastern time. Purchases and sales of securities and income and expenses are translated into U.S. dollars at the prevailing market rates on the dates of such transactions. The effects of changes in non-U.S. currency exchange rates on investment securities and other assets and liabilities are included with the net realized and unrealized gain or loss on investment securities.

## Repurchase Agreements

The Fund may engage in repurchase agreement transactions. Under the terms of a typical repurchase agreement, a fund takes possession of an underlying debt obligation subject to an obligation of the seller to repurchase, and a fund to resell, the obligation at an agreed-upon price and time, thereby determining the yield during a fund $s$ holding period. This arrangement results in a

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fixed rate of return that is not subject to market fluctuations during the fund s holding period. The value of the collateral is at all times at least equal to the total amount of the repurchase obligation, including interest. In the event of counterparty default, a fund has the right to use the collateral to satisfy the terms of the repurchase agreement. However, there could be potential loss to the fund in the event the fund is delayed or prevented from exercising its right to dispose of the collateral securities, including the risk of a possible decline in the value of the collateral securities during the period in which the fund seeks to assert its rights. The Fund s investment adviser reviews the value of the collateral and the creditworthiness of those banks and dealers with which the Fund enters into repurchase agreements to evaluate potential risks.

## Reverse Repurchase Agreements

The Fund may enter into reverse repurchase agreements. Under the terms of a typical reverse repurchase agreement, a fund sells a security subject to an obligation to repurchase the security from the buyer at an agreed-upon time and price, thereby determining the yield to the buyer during the buyer sholding period. A reverse repurchase agreement involves the risk, among others, that the market value of the collateral retained by the fund may decline below the price of the securities the fund has sold but is obligated to repurchase under the agreement. In the event the buyer of securities under a reverse repurchase agreement files for bankruptcy or becomes insolvent, the fund suse of the proceeds of the agreement may be restricted pending a determination by the party, or its trustee or receiver, whether to enforce the Fund s obligation to repurchase the securities. In entering into reverse repurchase agreements, the Fund will maintain cash, U.S. government securities or other liquid debt obligations at least equal in value to its obligations with respect to reverse repurchase agreements or will take other actions permitted by law to cover its obligations.

## Options, Futures and Swap Agreements

The current market value of an exchange traded option is the last sale price or, in the absence of a sale, the mean between the closing bid and asked price. Futures contracts are valued daily at the settlement price established by the board of trade or exchange on which they are traded. Futures contracts are marked-to-market on a daily basis. As the contract $s$ value fluctuates, payments known as variation margin are made or received by the Fund each day, depending on the daily fluctuation in the value of the contract. The daily changes in contract value are recorded as unrealized gains or losses, and the Fund recognizes a gain or loss when the contract is closed. Swap agreements are generally priced daily based upon valuations furnished by an independent pricing service and the change, if any, is recorded as unrealized appreciation or depreciation.

## Forward Currency Exchange Contracts

As part of its investment program, the Fund may utilize forward currency exchange contracts. Forward foreign exchange contracts are marked-to-market daily using foreign currency exchange rates supplied by an independent pricing service. The change in the contract s market value is recorded by the Fund as an unrealized gain or loss. When a contract is closed or delivery is taken, the Fund records a realized gain or loss equal to the difference between the value of the contact at the time it was opened and the value at the time it was closed.

The use of forward foreign currency exchange contracts does not eliminate fluctuations in the underlying prices of the Fund s securities, but it does establish a rate of exchange that can be achieved in the future. These forward foreign currency exchange contracts involve market risk in excess of amounts reflected in the financial statements. Although forward foreign currency exchange contracts used for hedging purposes limit the risk of loss due to the decline in the value of the hedged currency, they also limit any potential gain that might result should the value of the currency increase. In addition, the Fund could be exposed to risks if the counterparties to the contracts are unable to meet the terms of their contracts.

The Fund had no outstanding forward foreign currency exchange contracts as of June 30, 2007.

## Short Sales

The Fund may sell a security it does not own in anticipation of a decline in the market price of that security. The Fund must then borrow the security sold short and deliver it to the dealer that brokered the short sale. A gain, limited to the price at which the security was sold short, or a loss, potentially unlimited in size, will be recognized upon the termination of the short sale. With respect to each short sale, the Fund must maintain collateral in a segregated account consisting of liquid assets with a value at least equal to the current market value of the shorted securities, marked-to-market daily, or take other actions permitted by law to

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cover its obligations. Dividend expenses and fees paid to brokers to borrow securities in connection with short sales are considered part of the cost of short sale transactions. Dividends declared on securities sold short are recorded as an expense on the ex-dividend date.

The Fund had no open short sales as June 30, 2007.

## Distributions to Common Shareholders

Investment income and distributions to shareholders are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Dividends from net investment income are declared and paid monthly. Net capital gain distributions are declared and paid after the end of the tax year in which the gain is realized. An additional distribution may be made in December to the extent necessary in order to comply with federal excise tax requirements. Distributions are determined in accordance with federal income tax regulations, which may differ from those determined in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; accordingly, periodic reclassifications are made within the Fund s capital accounts to reflect income and gains available for distribution under federal income tax regulations. Interest income and expenses are recorded on the accrual basis. Bond discounts and premiums are amortized and included in interest income for financial reporting and federal income tax purposes.

## Compensating Balance Credits

The Fund has an arrangement with its custodian bank, whereby a portion of the custodian s fee is paid indirectly by credits earned on the Fund s cash on deposit with the bank. This deposit arrangement is an alternative to purchasing overnight investments.

## Use of Estimates

The preparation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

## Credit and Market Risk

Investments in structured securities collateralized by residential real estate mortgages are subject to certain credit and liquidity risks. When market conditions result in an increase in default rates of the underlying mortgages and the foreclosure values of underlying real estate properties are materially below the outstanding amount of these underlying mortgages, collection of accrued interest and principal on these investments may be doubtful. Such market conditions may significantly impair the value of these investments resulting in a lack of correlation between their credit ratings and values.

## Other

In the normal course of business, the Fund enters into contracts that provide general indemnifications. The Fund s maximum exposure under these arrangements is dependent upon claims that may be made against the Fund in the future and, therefore, cannot be estimated; however,

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based on experience, the risk of material loss from such claims is considered remote.

## 2. Federal Income Taxes:

No provision for federal income or excise taxes is required since the Fund intends to continue to qualify as a regulated investment company and distribute substantially all of its taxable income and capital gain to its shareholders. Because federal income tax regulations differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, income and capital gain distributions determined in accordance with tax regulations may differ from net investment income and realized gains recognized for financial reporting purposes. Accordingly, the character of distributions and composition of net assets for tax purposes differs from those reflected in the accompanying financial statements.

## 3. Financial Instruments:

## Option Transactions

As part of its investment program, the Fund may utilize options. Options may be written (sold) or purchased by the Fund. When the Fund purc hases a put or call option, the premium paid is recorded as an investment and its value is marked-to-market

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daily. When the Fund writes a put or call option, an amount equal to the premium received by the Fund is recorded as a liability and its value is marked-to-market daily.

When options, whether written or purchased, expire, are exercised or are closed (by entering into a closing purchase or sale transaction), the Fund realizes a gain or loss as described in the chart below:

## Purchased option:

The option expires
The option is closed through a closing sale transaction
The Fund exercises a call option
The Fund exercises a put option

## Written option:

The option expires
The option is closed through a closing purchase transaction

A written call option is exercised by the option purchaser
A written put option is exercised by the option purchaser

## Impact on the Fund:

Realize a loss in the amount of the cost of the option.
Realize a gain or loss depending on whether the proceeds from the closing sale transaction are greater or less than the cost of the option.
The cost of the security purchased through the exercise of the option will be increased by the premium originally paid to purchase the option.
Realize a gain or loss from the sale of the underlying security. The proceeds of that sale will be reduced by the premium originally paid to purchase the put option.

## Impact on the Fund:

Realize a gain equal to the amount of the premium received.
Realize a gain or loss without regard to any unrealized gain or loss on the underlying security and eliminate the option liability. The Fund will realize a loss in this transaction if the cost of the closing purchase exceeds the premium received when the option was written.
Realize a gain or loss from the sale of the underlying security. The proceeds of that sale will be increased by the premium originally received when the option was written.
The amount of the premium originally received will reduce the cost of the security that the Fund purchased when the option was exercised.

The risk associated with purchasing options is limited to the premium originally paid. Options written by the Fund involve, to varying degrees, risk of loss in excess of the option value reflected in the statement of assets and liabilities. The risk in writing a covered call option is that the Fund may forgo the opportunity of profit if the market price of the underlying security increases and the option is exercised. The risk in writing a put option is that the Fund may incur a loss if the market price of the underlying security decreases and the option is exercised. In addition, there is the risk the Fund may not be able to enter into a closing transaction because of an illiquid secondary market or, for over-the-counter options, because of the counterparty s inability to perform.

There was no activity in written options during the six months ended June 30, 2007.

## Futures

Upon entering into a futures contract, the Fund is required to deposit with the broker cash or cash equivalents in an amount equal to a certain percentage of the contract amount. This is known as the initial margin. Subsequent payments ( variation margin ) are made or received by the Fund each day, depending on the daily fluctuation in the value of the contract. The daily changes in contract value are recorded as unrealized gains or losses and the Fund recognizes a realized gain or loss when the contract is closed. Futures contracts are valued daily at the settlement price established by the board of trade or exchange on which they are traded.

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The Fund may enter into futures contracts as a hedge against anticipated changes in interest rates. There are several risks in connection with the use of futures contracts as a hedging device. Futures contracts involve, to varying degrees, risk of loss in excess of the amounts reflected in the financial statements. The change in the value of futures contracts primarily corresponds with the value of their underlying instruments, which may not correlate with the change in the value of the hedged instruments. In addition, there is the risk that a Fund may not be able to enter into a closing transaction because of an illiquid secondary market.

The open futures positions and related appreciation or depreciation at June 30, 2007 are listed at the end of the Fund sportfolio of investments.

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## Reverse Repurchase Agreements

As of June 30, 2007, the Fund had entered into a reverse repurchase agreement ( Reverse Repurchase Agreement ) with Deutsche Bank. The Reverse Repurchase Agreement which matured on July 10, 2007, was recorded at cost and was collateralized by U.S. Government securities and corporate bonds with a par value of $\$ 21,432$ and a market value as of June 30, 2007, of $\$ 21,263$.

For the six months ended June 30, 2007, the average amount of reverse repurchase agreements outstanding was $\$ 21,369$ and the daily weighted average interest rate was $5.22 \%$.

| Broker | Interest Rate | Maturity | Amount |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Deutsche Bank | $4.50 \%$ | $7 / 10 / 07$ | $\$ 1,509$ |
| Deutsche Bank | 4.95 | $7 / 10 / 07$ | 1,391 |
| Deutsche Bank | 5.05 | $7 / 10 / 07$ | 2,631 |
| Deutsche Bank | 5.17 | $7 / 10 / 07$ | 9,189 |
| Deutsche Bank | 5.45 | $7 / 10 / 07$ | 5,362 |

## Swap Agreements

The Fund may invest in swaps for the purpose of managing its exposure to interest rate, credit or market risk, or for other purposes. The use of swaps involves risks that are different from those associated with ordinary portfolio transactions.

Total return swaps are agreements to exchange the return generated by one instrument for the return generated by another instrument, for example, the agreement to pay interest in exchange for a market-linked return based on a notional amount. To the extent the total return of the index exceeds the offsetting interest obligation, the Fund will receive a payment from the counterparty. To the extent it is less, the Fund will make a payment to the counterparty. Periodic payments received or made by the Fund are recorded in the accompanying statements of operations as realized gains or losses, respectively.

Credit default swaps involve the exchange of a fixed rate premium for protection against the loss in value of an underlying debt instrument in the event of a defined credit event (such as payment default or bankruptcy). Under the terms of the swap, one party acts as a guarantor, receiving a periodic payment that is a fixed percentage applied to a notional principal amount. In return, the party agrees to purchase the notional amount of the underlying instrument, at par, if a credit event occurs during the term of the swap. The Fund may enter into credit default swaps in which the Fund or its counterparty act as guarantors. By acting as the guarantor of a swap, the Fund assumes the market and credit risk of the underlying instrument, including liquidity and loss of value. Interest rate swap contracts involve the exchange of commitments to pay and receive interest based on a notional principal amount.

Swaps are marked-to-market daily and changes in value are recorded as unrealized appreciation/(depreciation). Gains or losses are realized upon termination of the swap agreement. Swaps may be considered to be illiquid. Periodic payments and premiums received or made by a Fund are

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recorded in the accompanying statements of operations as realized gains or losses, respectively. Collateral, in the form of restricted cash or securities, may be required to be held in segregated accounts with the Funds custodian in compliance with swap contracts. Risks may exceed amounts recognized on the statements of assets and liabilities. These risks include changes in the returns of the underlying instruments, failure of the counterparties to perform under the contracts terms, and the possible lack of liquidity with respect to the swap agreements.

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The following is a summary of open credit default swap contracts outstanding as of June 30, 2007.

| Agreement With: | Termination Date | The Fund Agrees to Pay | The Fund Will Receive |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Credit Suisse First Boston USA <br> (AAMES Mortgage Investment Trust 2005-1, 1-Month LIBOR ${ }^{\text {B }}$ <br> +160 bp*, due 6/25/35) | June 25, 2035 | 1.28\% | Specified Amount upon credit event notice ${ }^{\text {A }}$ | \$ | 43 | \$ |  |
| Credit Suisse First Boston USA <br> (AAMES Mortgage Investment Trust 2005-1, 1-Month LIBOR ${ }^{\text {B }}$ <br> +250 bp*, due 6/25/35) | June 25, 2035 | 2.05\% | Specified Amount upon credit event notice ${ }^{\text {A }}$ |  | 43 |  | 3 |
| Credit Suisse First Boston USA (ACE <br> Securities Corporation, 1-Month LIBOR $^{\text {B }}+138$ bp* $^{*}$, <br> due $2 / 25 / 35$ ) | February 25, 2035 | 1.31\% | Specified Amount upon credit event notice ${ }^{\text {A }}$ |  | 43 |  | 4 |
| Credit Suisse First Boston USA (ACE <br> Securities Corporation 2005-HE1, <br> 1-Month LIBOR ${ }^{\text {B }}$ <br> $+220 \mathrm{bp}^{*}$, due $2 / 25 / 35$ ) | February 25, 2035 | 2.06\% | Specified Amount upon credit event notice ${ }^{\text {A }}$ |  | 43 |  | 5 |
| Credit Suisse First Boston USA (Aegis Asset Backed Securities Trust, 1-Month LIBOR ${ }^{\text {B }}$ <br> + 190 bp*, due 10/25/34) | October 25, 2034 | 1.37\% | Specified Amount upon credit event notice ${ }^{\text {A }}$ |  | 58 |  | 5 |
| Credit Suisse First Boston USA (Aegis Asset Backed Securities Trust 2005-1, 1-Month LIBOR ${ }^{\text {B }}$ <br> +130 bp* $^{*}$, due $3 / 25 / 35$ ) | March 25, 2035 | 1.31\% | Specified Amount upon credit event notice ${ }^{\text {A }}$ |  | 43 |  | 4 |
| Credit Suisse First Boston USA (Aegis Asset Backed Securities Trust 2005-1, 1-Month LIBOR ${ }^{\text {B }}$ <br> + 200 bp*, due $3 / 25 / 35$ ) | March 25, 2035 | 2.18\% | Specified Amount upon credit event notice ${ }^{\mathrm{A}}$ |  | 43 |  | 7 |
| Credit Suisse First Boston USA (Argent Securities Inc. 2004-W4, 1-Month LIBOR $^{\text {B }}+300 \mathrm{bp}^{*}$, due $3 / 25 / 34$ ) | March 25, 2034 | 2.20\% | Specified Amount upon credit event notice ${ }^{\text {A }}$ |  | 58 |  | 4 |
| Credit Suisse First Boston USA (Argent Securities Inc. 2004-W11, 1-Month LIBOR $^{\text {B }}+225$ bp* $^{*}$, due $11 / 25 / 34$ ) | November 25, 2034 | 1.33\% | Specified Amount upon credit event notice ${ }^{\text {A }}$ |  | 43 |  | 2 |
| Credit Suisse First Boston USA (Argent Securities Inc. 2004-W11, 1-Month LIBOR $^{\text {B }}+350$ bp* $^{*}$, due 11/25/34) | November 25, 2034 | 2.15\% | Specified Amount upon credit event notice ${ }^{\mathrm{A}}$ |  | 43 |  | 4 |

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| Agreement With: | Termination Date | The Fund Agrees to Pay | The Fund Will Receive |  |  |  |  |
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| Credit Suisse First Boston USA (Finance America Mortgage Loan Trust 2004-3, 1-Month LIBOR $^{\text {B }}+315$ bp* $^{*}$, due $11 / 25 / 34$ ) | November 25, 2034 | 2.18\% | Specified Amount upon credit event notice ${ }^{A}$ | \$ | 24 | \$ |  |
| Credit Suisse First Boston USA <br> (Finance America Mortgage Loan <br> Trust, 1-Month LIBOR ${ }^{\text {B }}$ <br> +180 bp* $^{*}$, due $11 / 25 / 34$ ) | November 25, 2034 | 1.31\% | Specified Amount upon credit event notice ${ }^{A}$ |  | 43 |  | 3 |
| Credit Suisse First Boston USA <br> (Fremont Home Loan Trust 2005-A, <br> 1-Month LIBOR ${ }^{\text {B }}$ <br> +135 bp* $^{*}$, due $1 / 25 / 35$ ) | January 25, 2035 | 1.31\% | Specified Amount upon credit event notice ${ }^{\text {A }}$ |  | 43 |  | 4 |
| Credit Suisse First Boston USA <br> (Fremont Home Loan Trust 2005-A, <br> 1-Month LIBOR ${ }^{\text {B }}$ <br> $+200 \mathrm{bp}^{*}$, due $1 / 25 / 35$ ) | January 25, 2035 | 2.08\% | Specified Amount upon credit event notice ${ }^{A}$ |  | 43 |  | 5 |
| Credit Suisse First Boston USA (IndyMAC Home Equity Loan Asset-Backed Trust 2004-C, 1-Month LIBOR $^{\text {B }}+190$ bp $^{*}$, due $3 / 25 / 35$ ) | March 25, 2035 | 1.28\% | Specified Amount upon credit event notice ${ }^{A}$ |  | 43 |  | 4 |
| Credit Suisse First Boston USA (IndyMAC Home Equity Loan Asset-Backed Trust 2004-C, 1-Month LIBOR $^{\text {B }}+325$ bp $^{*}$, due $3 / 25 / 35$ ) | March 25, 2035 | 2.05\% | Specified Amount upon credit event notice ${ }^{\mathrm{A}}$ |  | 43 |  | 5 |
| Credit Suisse First Boston USA (Long <br> Beach Mortgage Loan Trust 2004-1, <br> 1 -Month LIBOR ${ }^{\text {B }}$ <br> +350 bp*, due $2 / 25 / 34$ ) | February 25, 2034 | 2.15\% | Specified Amount upon credit event notice ${ }^{\text {A }}$ |  | 22 |  | 1 |
| Credit Suisse First Boston USA (Long <br> Beach Mortgage Loan Trust 2005-1, <br> 1-Month LIBOR ${ }^{\text {B }}$ <br> $+170 \mathrm{bp}^{*}$, due $2 / 25 / 35$ ) | February 25, 2035 | 1.31\% | Specified Amount upon credit event notice ${ }^{\text {A }}$ |  | 43 |  | 3 |
| Credit Suisse First Boston USA (Long <br> Beach Mortgage Loan Trust 2005-1, <br> 1-Month LIBOR ${ }^{\text {B }}$ <br> + 275 bp*, due $2 / 25 / 35$ ) | February 25, 2035 | 2.08\% | Specified Amount upon credit event notice ${ }^{\mathrm{A}}$ |  | 43 |  | 6 |
| Credit Suisse First Boston USA (MASTR Asset Backed Securities Trust 2005-NC1, 1-Month LIBOR ${ }^{\text {B }}+240$ bp*, <br> due $12 / 25 / 34$ ) | December 25, 2034 | 2.08\% | Specified Amount upon credit event notice ${ }^{A}$ |  | 43 |  | 5 |

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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Credit Suisse First Boston USA (MASTR Asset Backed Securities Trust 2005-NC1, 1-Month LIBOR ${ }^{\text {B }}+153$ bp*, <br> due $12 / 25 / 34$ ) | December 25, 2034 | 1.31\% | Specified Amount upon credit event notice ${ }^{A}$ | \$ | 43 | \$ | 3 |
| Credit Suisse First Boston USA (Merrill <br> Lynch Mortgage Investors, Inc. <br> 2004-WMC1, 1-Month LIBOR ${ }^{\text {B }}+225$ bp*, <br> due $9 / 25 / 35$ ) | September 25, 2035 | 2.05\% | Specified Amount upon credit event notice ${ }^{\mathrm{A}}$ |  | 43 |  | 1 |
| Credit Suisse First Boston USA (Merrill Lynch Mortgage Investors, Inc. <br> 2004-WMC4, 1-Month LIBOR ${ }^{\text {B }}+375$ bp*, <br> due $4 / 25 / 35$ ) | April 25, 2035 | 2.15\% | Specified Amount upon credit event notice ${ }^{\mathrm{A}}$ |  | 58 |  | 3 |
| Credit Suisse First Boston USA (Merrill <br> Lynch Mortgage Investors, Inc. <br> 2005-WMC1, 1-Month LIBOR ${ }^{\text {B }}+135$ <br> bp*, <br> due $9 / 25 / 35$ ) | September 25, 2035 | 1.28\% | Specified Amount upon credit event notice ${ }^{A}$ |  | 43 |  | 2 |
| Credit Suisse First Boston USA (Merrill Lynch Mortgage Investors, Inc. 2005-NC1, 1-Month LIBOR ${ }^{\text {B }}+130$ bp*, <br> due $10 / 25 / 35$ ) | October 25, 2035 | 1.28\% | Specified Amount upon credit event notice ${ }^{A}$ |  | 43 |  | 4 |
| Credit Suisse First Boston USA (Merrill Lynch Mortgage Investors, Inc. 2005-NC1, 1-Month LIBOR ${ }^{\text {B }}+205$ bp* $^{*}$, due $10 / 25 / 35$ ) | October 25, 2035 | 2.05\% | Specified Amount upon credit event notice ${ }^{A}$ |  | 43 |  | 5 |
| Credit Suisse First Boston USA (Morgan Stanley ABS Capital I 2005-WMC1, 1-Month LIBOR ${ }^{\text {B }}$ +130 bp*, due $1 / 25 / 35$ ) | January 25, 2035 | 1.31\% | Specified Amount upon credit event notice ${ }^{\mathrm{A}}$ |  | 43 |  | 3 |
| Credit Suisse First Boston USA (Morgan Stanley ABS Capital I 2005-WMC1, 1-Month LIBOR ${ }^{\text {B }}$ $+215 \mathrm{bp} *$, due $1 / 25 / 35$ ) | January 25, 2035 | 2.18\% | Specified Amount upon credit event notice ${ }^{A}$ |  | 43 |  | 4 |
| Credit Suisse First Boston USA (New Century Home Equity Loan Trust 2004-2, 1-Month LIBOR ${ }^{\text {B }}+325$ bp*, due $8 / 25 / 34$ ) | August 25, 2034 | 2.15\% | Specified Amount upon credit event notice ${ }^{A}$ |  | 58 |  | 3 |

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| Agreement With: | Termination Date | The Fund Agrees to Pay | The Fund Will Receive | Contract Notional Amount |  | Unrealized Appreciation |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Credit Suisse First Boston USA (New Century Home Equity Loan Trust 2005-1, 1-Month LIBOR $^{\text {B }}+140$ bp*, due $3 / 25 / 35$ ) | March 25, 2035 | 1.31\% | Specified Amount upon credit event notice ${ }^{\mathrm{A}}$ | \$ | 43 | \$ | 2 |
| Credit Suisse First Boston USA (New Century Home Equity Loan Trust 2005-1, 1-Month LIBOR $^{\text {B }}+205$ bp*, due $3 / 25 / 35$ ) | March 25, 2035 | 2.18\% | Specified Amount upon credit event notice ${ }^{A}$ |  | 43 |  | 4 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Credit Suisse First Boston USA } \\ & \text { (Novastar Home Equity Loan 2005-1, } \\ & \text { 1-Month LIBOR } \\ & +135 \text { bp*}^{*} \text {, due } 6 / 25 / 35 \text { ) } \end{aligned}$ | June 25, 2035 | 1.28\% | Specified Amount upon credit event notice ${ }^{A}$ |  | 43 |  | 3 |
| Credit Suisse First Boston USA <br> (Novastar Home Equity Loan 2005-1, <br> 1-Month LIBOR ${ }^{\text {B }}$ <br> + 195 bp*, due 6/25/35) | June 25, 2035 | 2.05\% | Specified Amount upon credit event notice ${ }^{A}$ |  | 43 |  | 4 |
| Credit Suisse First Boston USA (Park Place Securities, Inc. 2005-WCH1, 1-Month LIBOR ${ }^{\text {B }}$ <br> $+155 \mathrm{bp}^{*}$, due $1 / 25 / 36$ ) | January 25, 2036 | 1.36\% | Specified Amount upon credit event notice ${ }^{\mathrm{A}}$ |  | 43 |  | 4 |
| Credit Suisse First Boston USA (Park Place Securities, Inc. 2005-WCH1, 1 -Month LIBOR ${ }^{\text {B }}$ <br> +250 bp $^{*}$, due $1 / 25 / 36$ ) | January 25, 2036 | 2.18\% | Specified Amount upon credit event notice ${ }^{\mathrm{A}}$ |  | 43 |  | 6 |
| Credit Suisse First Boston USA (People s Choice Home Loan Securities Trust 2004-1, 1-Month LIBOR ${ }^{\text {B }}+230$ bp*, due $6 / 25 / 34$ ) | June 25, 2034 | 1.37\% | Specified Amount upon credit event notice ${ }^{\mathrm{A}}$ |  | 58 |  | 2 |
| Credit Suisse First Boston USA (People s Choice Home Loan Securities Trust 2005-1, 1-Month LIBOR $^{\text {B }}+165 \mathrm{bp}^{*}$, due $1 / 25 / 35$ ) | January 25, 2035 | 1.28\% | Specified Amount upon credit event notice ${ }^{\mathrm{A}}$ |  | 43 |  | 5 |
| Credit Suisse First Boston USA (People s Choice Home Loan Securities Trust 2005-1, 1-Month LIBOR ${ }^{\text {B }}+260$ bp*, due $1 / 25 / 35$ ) | January 25, 2035 | 2.05\% | Specified Amount upon credit event notice ${ }^{\mathrm{A}}$ |  | 43 |  | 6 |
| Merrill Lynch (iBoxx CDX NA IG) | June 20, 2010 | Specified Amount upon credit event notice ${ }^{\text {C }}$ | $0.40 \%$ <br> Quarterly |  | 15,000 |  | 182 |
|  |  |  |  | \$ | 16,669 | \$ | 325 |

[^5]* 100 basis points $=1 \%$


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## 4. Common Shares (amounts are not in thousands):

Of the $11,467,819$ shares of common stock outstanding at June 30, 2007, Western Asset owns 10,539 shares.

## 5. Preferred Shares (amounts are not in thousands):

There are 2,880 shares of Auction Market Preferred Shares ( Preferred Shares ) authorized. The Preferred Shares have rights as set forth in the Fund s Agreement and Declaration of Trust, as amended to date, and its Bylaws, as amended to date (the Bylaws ), or as otherwise determined by the Trustees. The 2,880 Preferred Shares outstanding consist of two series, 1,440 shares of Series M and 1,440 shares of Series W. The Preferred Shares have a liquidation value of $\$ 25,000$ per share, plus any accumulated but unpaid dividends whether or not earned or declared.

Dividends on the Series M and Series W Preferred Shares are cumulative and are paid at a rate typically reset every seven and twenty-eight days, respectively, based on the results of an auction. Dividend rates ranged from $5.05 \%$ to $5.25 \%$ between January 1, 2007 to June 30, 2007. Under the Investment Company Act of 1940, the Fund may not declare dividends or make other distributions on common shares or purchase any such shares if, at the time of the declaration, distribution or purchase, asset coverage with respect to the outstanding Preferred Shares would be less than $200 \%$.

The Preferred Shares are redeemable at the option of the Fund, in whole or in part, on the second business day preceding any dividend payment date at $\$ 25,000$ per share plus any accumulated but unpaid dividends. The Preferred Shares are also subject to mandatory redemption at $\$ 25,000$ per share plus any accumulated but unpaid dividends, whether or not earned or declared, if certain requirements relating to the composition of the assets and liabilities of the Fund as set forth in the Bylaws are not satisfied.

Preferred shareholders, who are entitled to one vote per Preferred Share, generally vote as a single class with the common shareholders, but will vote separately as a class (and, in certain circumstances, vote separately by series) with respect to certain matters set forth in the Bylaws. The preferred shareholders are entitled to elect two Trustees of the Fund.

## 6. Securities Lending

Subject to applicable restrictions in the Fund s Bylaws, the Fund may lend its securities to approved brokers to earn additional income, and will receive cash and U.S. government securities as collateral against the loans. Cash collateral received is invested in a money market pooled account by the Fund s lending agent. Collateral is maintained over the life of the loan in an amount not less than $100 \%$ of the value of the loaned securities. As of June 30, 2007, there were no securities on loan.

## 7. Transactions with Affiliates:

The Fund has a management agreement with Western Asset Management Company ( Western Asset ). Pursuant to the terms of the management agreement, the Fund pays Western Asset an annual fee, payable monthly, in an amount equal to $0.55 \%$ of the average weekly value of the Fund s total managed assets. Total managed assets means the total assets of the Fund (including any assets attributable to leverage) minus accrued liabilities (other than liabilities representing leverage). The liquidation preference of any Preferred Shares outstanding is not considered a liability. Pursuant to a Portfolio Management Agreement between Western Asset and Western Asset Management Company Limited ( WAML ),

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Western Asset pays a portion of the fees it receives from the Fund to WAML at an annual rate of $0.425 \%$ of the average weekly value of the Fund s total managed assets that WAML manages. Western Asset and WAML are wholly owned subsidiaries of Legg Mason, Inc.

On May 1, 2007, Legg Mason Fund Adviser, Inc. replaced Princeton Administrators, LLC ( Princeton ) as administrator for the Fund. Under the terms of the Administration Agreement among the Fund, Western Asset and Legg Mason Fund Adviser, Inc. ( LMFA ), Western Asset pays LMFA, a monthly fee at an annual rate of $0.125 \%$ of the Fund s average weekly total managed assets, subject to a monthly minimum fee of $\$ 12,500$. The compensation arrangements between the Fund and LMFA are identical to the previous arrangements between the Fund and Princeton.

## 8. Trustee Compensation (amounts are not in thousands):

Each Independent Trustee receives an aggregate fee of $\$ 60,000$ annually for serving on the combined Board of Trustees/Directors of the Fund, Western Asset Income Fund and Western Asset Funds, Inc. Each Trustee also receives a fee of \$7,500 and related expenses for each meeting of the Board attended in-person and a fee of $\$ 2,500$ for participating in each telephonic

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meeting. The Chairman of the Board and the Chairman of the Audit Committee each receive an additional $\$ 25,000$ per year for serving in such capacities. Each member of the Audit Committee receives a fee of $\$ 5,000$ for serving as a member of the Audit Committee. Other committee members receive $\$ 2,500$ for serving as a member of each committee upon which they serve. Committee members also receive a fee of $\$ 2,500$ for participating in each telephonic committee meeting. All such fees are allocated among the Fund, Western Asset Income Fund and Western Asset Funds, Inc. according to each such investment company s average annual net assets. Mr. Olson receives from Western Asset an aggregate fee of $\$ 60,000$ annually for serving on the combined Board of Trustees/Directors of the Fund, Western Asset Income Fund and Western Asset Funds, Inc., as well as a fee of $\$ 7,500$ and related expenses for each meeting of the Board attended in person and a fee of $\$ 2,500$ for participating in each telephonic meeting.

## 9. Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In June 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ( FASB ) issued FASB Interpretation 48 ( FIN 48 or the Interpretation ), Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes an interpretation of FASB Statement 109. FIN 48 supplements FASB Statement 109, Accounting for Income Taxes and establishes financial reporting rules regarding recognition, measurement, presentation, and disclosure in its financial statements of tax positions that a fund has taken or expects to take on a tax return. Management has evaluated the impact of FIN 48 on the Fund and has determined that the adoption of FIN 48 does not have a material impact on the Fund s financial statements. FIN 48 became effective for fiscal periods beginning after December 15, 2006 with implementation for calendar year-end mutual funds required by June 29, 2007.

On September 20, 2006, the FASB released Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 157 Fair Value Measurements ( FAS 157 ). FAS 157 establishes an authoritative definition of fair value, sets out a framework for measuring fair value, and requires additional disclosures about fair-value measurements. The application of FAS 157 is required for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007 and interim periods within those fiscal years. At this time, management is evaluating the implications of FAS 157 and its impact on the financial statements has not yet been determined.

## 10. Shareholder Meeting Results (share amounts are not in thousands):

The Fund s annual meeting of shareholders was held on May 8, 2007. Of the $11,466,519$ common shares outstanding, the following shares were voted at the meeting:

|  | For | Withheld |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Election of Trustees: | $11,123,343$ | 87,796 |
| Ronald J. Arnault | $11,123,882$ | 87,257 |
| Anita L. DeFrantz | $11,118,884$ | 92,255 |
| R. Jay Gerken | $11,125,713$ | 85,426 |
| Ronald L. Olson | $11,120,400$ | 90,738 |
| Avedick B. Poladian |  |  |

Of the 2,880 preferred shares outstanding, the following shares were voted at the meeting:

|  | For |
| :--- | :--- |
| Election of Trustees: | Withheld |
| Ronald J. Arnault | 2,604 |
| Anita L. DeFrantz | 2,604 |

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| R. Jay Gerken | 2,604 |
| :--- | :--- |
| Ronald L. Olson | 2,603 |
| Avedick B. Poladian | 2,603 |
| William E.B. Siart | 2,604 |
| Jaynie Miller Studenmund | 2,604 |

## Western Asset Premier Bond Fund

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This report is transmitted to the shareholders of Western Asset Premier Bond Fund for their information. This is not a prospectus, circular or representation intended for use in the purchase of shares of the Fund or any securities mentioned in this report.

In accordance with Section 23(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, the Fund hereby gives notice that it may, from time to time, repurchase its shares in the open market at the option of the Board of Trustees and on such terms as the Board of Trustees shall determine.

## Item 2. Code of Ethics.

Not applicable for semi-annual reports.

Item 3. Audit Committee Financial Expert.
Not applicable for semi-annual reports.

Item 4. Principal Accountant Fees and Services.
Not applicable for semi-annual reports.

Item 5. Audit Committee of Listed Registrants.
Not applicable for semi-annual reports.

## Item 6. Schedule of Investments

The schedule of investments in securities of unaffiliated issuers is included as part of the report to shareholders filed under Item 1 of this Form.

Item 7. Disclosure of Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures for Closed-End Management Investment Companies.
Not applicable for semi-annual reports.

Item 8. Portfolio Managers of Closed-End Management Investment Companies.
Not applicable for semi-annual reports.

Item 9. Purchases of Equity Securities by Closed-End Management Investment Companies and Affiliated Purchasers. Not applicable.

## Item 10. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.

There have been no material changes to the procedures by which shareholders may recommend nominees to the Registrant s Board of Directors that have been implemented since the Registrant last provided disclosure in response to the requirements of this Item 10.

## Item 11. Controls and Procedures.

(a) The Registrant s principal executive and principal financial officers have concluded, based on their evaluation of the Registrant s disclosure controls and procedures as of a date within 90 days of the filing date of this report, that the Registrant s disclosure controls and procedures are reasonably designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Registrant on Form N-CSR is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the required time periods in the SEC s rules and forms and that information required to be disclosed by the Registrant in the reports that it files or submits on Form N-CSR is accumulated and communicated to the Registrant s management, including its principal executive and principal financial officers, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.
(b) There were no changes in the Registrant $s$ internal control over financial reporting during the Registrant $s$ second fiscal quarter of the period covered by this report that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Registrant sinternal control over financial reporting.

## Item 12. Exhibits.

(a) (1) Not applicable for semi-annual reports.
(a) (2) Certifications pursuant to Rule 30a-2(a) under the Investment Company Act of 1940 filed as an exhibit hereto.
(a) (3) Not applicable.
(b) Certifications pursuant to Rule 30a-2(b) under the Investment Company Act of 1940 filed as an exhibit hereto.

## SIGNATURES

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

Western Asset Premier Bond Fund

By: /s/ R. Jay Gerken
R. Jay Gerken

President

Western Asset Premier Bond Fund

Date: August 20, 2007

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

By: /s/R. Jay Gerken
R. Jay Gerken

President

Western Asset Premier Bond Fund

Date: August 20, 2007

By: /s/ Marie K. Karpinski
Marie K. Karpinski

Principal Financial and Accounting Officer

Western Asset Premier Bond Fund

Date: August 17, 2007


[^0]:    A Amounts not in thousands

[^1]:    A The Fund is actively managed. As a result, the composition of its portfolio holdings and sectors is subject to change at any time.
    B Standard \& Poor s Ratings Services provides capital markets with credit ratings for the evaluation and assessment of credit risk.

[^2]:    Building Products

[^3]:    A Indexed Security The rates of interest earned on these securities are tied to the London Interbank Offered Rate ( LIBOR ), the Euro Interbank Offered Rate ( EURIBOR ) Index, the Consumer Price Index ( CPI ), the one-year Treasury Bill Rate or the ten-year Japanese Government Bond Rate. The coupon rates are the rates as of June 30, 2007.
    ${ }^{B}$ Convertible Security Security may be converted into the issuer s common stock.
    C Stepped Coupon Security A security with a predetermined schedule of interest or dividend rate changes at which time it begins to accrue interest or pay dividends according to the predetermined schedule.
    $D$ Position, or a portion thereof, with an aggregate market value of $\$ 21,263$ has been segregated to collateralize reverse repurchase agreements.

[^4]:    See notes to financial statements.

[^5]:    A Upon bankruptcy or failure to make a scheduled interest payment, the Fund will receive \$1,000 per \$1,000 notional.
    ${ }^{B}$ As of June 30, 2007, the 1 month London Interbank Offered Rate was $5.32 \%$.
    C Upon bankruptcy or failure to make a scheduled interest payment, the Fund will pay \$1,000 per \$1,000 notional.

