

VAN KAMPEN SENIOR INCOME TRUST

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

FORM N-CSR

CERTIFIED SHAREHOLDER REPORT OF REGISTERED  
MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES

Investment Company Act file number 811-08743

Van Kampen Senior Income Trust  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

522 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10036  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

Jerry W. Miller  
522 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10036  
(Name and address of agent for service)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 212-762-4000

Date of fiscal year end: 7/31

Date of reporting period: 7/31/08

Item 1. Reports to Shareholders.

The Trust's annual report transmitted to shareholders pursuant to Rule 30e-1 under the Investment Company Act of 1940 is as follows:

Welcome, Shareholder

In this report, you'll learn about how your investment in Van Kampen Senior Income Trust performed during the annual period. The portfolio management team will provide an overview of the market conditions and discuss some of the factors that affected investment performance during the reporting period. In addition, this report includes the trust's financial statements and a list of trust investments as of July 31, 2008.

MARKET FORECASTS PROVIDED IN THIS REPORT MAY NOT NECESSARILY COME TO PASS. THERE IS NO ASSURANCE THAT THE TRUST WILL ACHIEVE ITS INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE. TRUSTS ARE SUBJECT TO MARKET RISK, WHICH IS THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE MARKET VALUES OF SECURITIES OWNED BY THE TRUST WILL DECLINE AND THAT THE VALUE OF THE TRUST SHARES MAY THEREFORE BE LESS THAN WHAT YOU PAID FOR THEM. ACCORDINGLY, YOU CAN LOSE MONEY INVESTING IN THIS TRUST.

AN INVESTMENT IN SENIOR LOANS IS SUBJECT TO CERTAIN RISKS SUCH AS LOAN DEFAULTS AND ILLIQUIDITY DUE TO INSUFFICIENT COLLATERAL BACKING.

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OFFER NO BANK GUARANTEE

MAY LOSE VALUE

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Performance Summary as of 7/31/08

SENIOR INCOME TRUST

SYMBOL: VVR

AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS	BASED ON NAV	BASED ON MARKET PRICE
Since Inception (6/23/98)	3.38%	1.72%
10-year	3.35	1.67
5-year	2.77	0.10
1-year	-11.59	-24.32

PERFORMANCE DATA QUOTED REPRESENTS PAST PERFORMANCE, WHICH IS NO GUARANTEE OF FUTURE RESULTS, AND CURRENT PERFORMANCE MAY BE LOWER OR HIGHER THAN THE FIGURES SHOWN. FOR THE MOST RECENT MONTH-END PERFORMANCE FIGURES, PLEASE VISIT VANKAMPEN.COM OR SPEAK WITH YOUR FINANCIAL ADVISOR. INVESTMENT RETURNS AND PRINCIPAL VALUE WILL FLUCTUATE AND TRUST SHARES, WHEN REDEEMED, MAY BE WORTH MORE OR LESS THAN THEIR ORIGINAL COST.

The NAV per share is determined by dividing the value of the trust's portfolio securities, cash and other assets, less all liabilities and preferred shares, by the total number of common shares outstanding. The common share market price is the price the market is willing to pay for shares of the trust at a given time. Common share market price is influenced by a range of factors, including supply and demand and market conditions. Total return assumes an investment at the beginning of the period, reinvestment of all distributions for the period in accordance with the trust's dividend reinvestment plan, and sale of all shares at the end of the period.

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Trust Report

FOR THE 12-MONTH PERIOD ENDED JULY 31, 2008

MARKET CONDITIONS

The U.S. economic picture weakened over the course of the 12-month reporting period as the pace of growth slowed while inflationary pressures, particularly rising food and oil prices, began to grow. These factors, coupled with the declining housing market, weighed on consumers and translated into slower earnings growth for many corporate borrowers in the senior loan market as demand for their products and services declined. At the same time, the dislocations stemming from the problems in the subprime mortgage sector permeated the capital markets, leading to a significant contraction in credit and liquidity and

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considerable losses for many financial firms.

The Federal Reserve (the "Fed") took several steps to help support both the economy and market liquidity, including reducing the target federal funds rate a total of 325 basis points during the period, bringing the rate to 2.0 percent by the end of April. In the final months of the period the Fed held rates steady in an effort to limit inflationary pressures, although concerns of an economic recession remained.

In the aggregate, it was a volatile and challenging period for the financial markets. The uncertain environment prompted many investors to shun riskier assets, which resulted in diminished performance for most sectors of the market. The senior loan market faced additional challenges. While demand for senior loans was declining, the supply of loans coming to market--particularly in the fourth quarter of 2007--was rising, creating a technical demand/supply imbalance that put considerable pressure on prices, which reached a low for the period in March. Tighter lending standards and increased selling by retail and relative value investors also contributed to price declines. In April, the technical picture began to improve as large underwriting banks made substantial progress working down the inventory of underwritten but not yet syndicated leveraged loans while low loan prices attracted new money into the asset class from private equity and credit opportunity funds. As a result, loan prices rose, reaching their highest level for the calendar year so far in mid-June. At the end of June, however, the market reversed course again due in large part to concerns about underlying credit fundamentals amid negative news regarding the auto industry and mortgage lenders Fannie Mae (FNMA) and Freddie Mac (FHLMC). Although the default rate in the senior loan market increased to approximately three percent by period end, it still remained below the historical average. Given the weaker economic outlook, we anticipate defaults may continue to rise, but we believe the senior loan asset class remains compelling due to the senior secured nature of loans and their attractive current yields.

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### PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

The Trust's return can be calculated based upon either the market price or the net asset value (NAV) of its shares. NAV per share is determined by dividing the value of the Trust's portfolio securities, cash and other assets, less all liabilities and preferred shares, by the total number of common shares outstanding, while market price reflects the supply and demand for the shares. As a result, the two returns can differ, as they did during the reporting period. For the 12 months ended July 31, 2008, the Trust returned -24.32 percent on a market price basis and -11.59 percent on an NAV basis.

TOTAL RETURN FOR THE 12-MONTH PERIOD ENDED JULY 31, 2008

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	BASED ON
BASED ON NAV	MARKET PRICE
-11.59%	-24.32%
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Performance data quoted represents past performance, which is no guarantee of future results, and current performance may be lower or higher than the figures shown. Investment return, net asset value and common share market price will

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fluctuate and Trust shares, when sold, may be worth more or less than their original cost. See Performance Summary for additional performance information.

We continued to adhere to our research-intensive investment process, employing a bottom-up asset selection process driven by thorough analysis of individual company fundamentals, and have not relaxed our rigorous credit standards. We believe this approach may enable us to limit our credit losses during this down cycle and allow us to take advantage of opportunities that arise during volatile periods such as that we are currently experiencing.

We continued to position the portfolio defensively, generally avoiding sectors or industries that we believe are vulnerable to cyclical economic downturns. For example, the Trust remained underweighted in the auto and airline industries because of their susceptibility to high fuel prices. We made relatively few changes to the portfolio during the reporting year, and as of the end of the period, the Trust's largest sector weightings were Printing & Publishing; Beverage, Food & Tobacco; and Hotels, Motels, Inns & Gaming.

The Trust remained fully invested in senior secured loans, and used a modest amount of leverage which may allow us to enhance the Trust's yield while keeping credit standards high. Leverage involves borrowing at a floating short-term rate and reinvesting the proceeds at a higher rate. Unlike other fixed-income asset classes, using leverage in conjunction with senior loans does not involve the same degree of risk from rising short-term interest rates since the income from senior loans adjusts to changes in interest rates, as do the rates which determine the Trust's borrowing costs. (Similarly, should short-term rates fall, borrowing costs would also decline.) While we believe this portfolio structure (fully invested, modest leverage) adds value for shareholders over a full cycle, it has been a drag on performance in the short term. Because the recent

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market volatility has been driven as much by technical factors as by changes in underlying fundamentals, we have not altered the use of leverage in the Trust as we believe it is difficult to "time" technical events in the market. Therefore, portfolio composition continues to be driven by fundamental credit research.

Although it has been a difficult period, we believe it has created attractive investment opportunities. Loans coming to market today are offering better spreads and stronger credit structures than we have seen in the past few years. These more investor-friendly terms may lead to attractive risk/reward characteristics for investors going forward. Current prices and yields in the secondary market also offer compelling opportunities. In addition, merger and acquisition activity continues, which has historically meant continued deal flows for senior secured lenders. Going forward, we will remain focused on ensuring the Trust has sufficient liquidity while maintaining a high quality, well-diversified portfolio of issuers with stable cash flows, strong management teams.

The Trust's procedure for reinvesting all dividends and distributions in common shares is through purchases in the open market. This method helps support the market value of the Trust's shares. In addition, we would like to remind you that the Trustees have approved a procedure whereby the Trust may, when appropriate, purchase shares in the open market or in privately negotiated transactions at a price not above market value or net asset value, whichever is lower at the time of purchase.

There is no guarantee that any sectors mentioned will continue to perform as discussed herein or that securities in such sectors will be held by the Trust in the future.

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### SUMMARY OF INVESTMENTS BY INDUSTRY CLASSIFICATION AS OF 7/31/08

Printing & Publishing	9.5%
Beverage, Food & Tobacco	7.6
Hotels, Motels, Inns & Gaming	7.4
Healthcare	6.7
Chemicals, Plastics & Rubber	4.5
Entertainment & Leisure	4.5
Finance	4.1
Business Equipment & Services	3.8
Broadcasting -- Cable	3.7
Containers, Packaging & Glass	3.2
Broadcasting -- Television	3.1
Automotive	3.0
Retail -- Stores	2.9
Utilities	2.8
Insurance	2.5
Buildings & Real Estate	2.5
Broadcasting -- Radio	2.3
Education & Child Care	2.3
Electronics	2.2
Non-Durable Consumer Products	2.1
Construction Material	1.8
Aerospace/Defense	1.7
Restaurants & Food Service	1.5
Medical Products & Services	1.4
Natural Resources	1.1
Textiles & Leather	1.1
Telecommunications -- Local Exchange Carriers	0.9
Telecommunications -- Wireless	0.9
Diversified Manufacturing	0.9
Home & Office Furnishings, Housewares & Durable Consumer Products	0.8
Broadcasting -- Diversified	0.8
Paper & Forest Products	0.7
Retail -- Specialty	0.7
Banking	0.5
Health & Beauty	0.5
Ecological	0.5
Transportation -- Cargo	0.4
Machinery	0.4
Grocery	0.3
Transportation-Rail Manufacturing	0.3
Telecommunications -- Long Distance	0.3
Pharmaceuticals	0.2
Retail -- Oil & Gas	0.2
Mining, Steel, Iron & Non-Precious Metals	0.2
Durable Consumer Products	0.2
Transportation -- Personal	0.1
Farming & Agriculture	0.1
Personal & Miscellaneous Services	0.1
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Total Long-Term Investments	99.3
Short-Term Investments	0.7
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Total Investments	100.0%

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Subject to change daily. Provided for informational purposes only and should not be deemed as a recommendation to buy or sell the securities mentioned or securities in the sectors shown above. Summary of investments by industry classification percentages are as a percentage of total investments. Securities are classified by sectors that represent broad groupings of related industries. Van Kampen is a wholly owned subsidiary of a global securities firm which is engaged in a wide range of financial services including, for example, securities trading and brokerage activities, investment banking, research and analysis, financing and financial advisory services.

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### PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT CHANGES

Van Kampen Senior Income Trust is managed by members of the Adviser's Senior Loan Group, which currently includes Howard Tiffen, Senior Adviser of the Adviser, Philip Yarrow, Executive Director and portfolio manager of the Adviser, Gerard Fogarty, Vice President and assistant portfolio manager of the Adviser, and Jeffrey Scott, Vice President and assistant portfolio manager of the Adviser. Mr. Yarrow, who previously managed the Trust with Christina Jamieson, is primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the Trust's portfolio. Mr. Tiffen is currently associated with the Adviser and members of the Senior Loan Group in a senior adviser capacity.

Mr. Yarrow joined the Adviser in 2005 and began managing the Trust in March 2007. Mr. Yarrow has over 13 years of investment experience. Prior to joining the Adviser, Mr. Yarrow was a credit analyst and a portfolio manager at Bank One/JPMorgan. Mr. Yarrow received a bachelor's degree in mathematics and economics from the University of Nottingham and an M.B.A. in finance from Northwestern University. Mr. Yarrow also holds the Chartered Financial Analyst designation.

Mr. Fogarty joined the Adviser in 2007 and began managing the Trust in July 2008. Mr. Fogarty has approximately 11 years of investment experience. From 2003 to 2007 and prior to joining the Adviser, Mr. Fogarty was employed by JPMorgan and held a number of positions including Director in the financial institutions group, and, most recently as a Credit Executive in the commercial real estate group. Prior to joining JPMorgan, Mr. Fogarty was employed as an Associate in the financial institutions group at Bank of America. Mr. Fogarty received a B.S. from Indiana University and an M.B.A. from the University of Chicago Graduate School of Business.

Mr. Scott joined the Adviser in 2005 and began managing the Trust in July 2008. Mr. Scott has approximately 18 years of investment industry experience. Prior to joining the Adviser, Mr. Scott was employed by State Farm Insurance Companies where he served as an Assistant Vice President in the Mutual Fund Group responsible for product development and strategy as well as a Regional Vice President for Sales for the Financial Services Division. Mr. Scott received a B.S. from Elmhurst College and an M.B.A. from the University of Chicago Graduate School of Business. Mr. Scott also holds the Chartered Financial Analyst designation.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS

Each Van Kampen fund provides a complete schedule of portfolio holdings in its semiannual and annual reports within 60 days of the end of the fund's second and fourth fiscal quarters. The semiannual reports and the annual reports are filed electronically with the Securities

and Exchange Commission (SEC) on Form N-CSRS and Form N-CSR, respectively. Van Kampen also delivers the semiannual and annual reports to fund shareholders, and makes these reports available on its public Web site, [www.vankampen.com](http://www.vankampen.com). In addition to the semiannual and annual reports that Van Kampen delivers to shareholders and makes available through the Van Kampen public Web site, each fund files a complete schedule of portfolio holdings with the SEC for the fund's first and third fiscal quarters on Form N-Q. Van Kampen does not deliver the reports for the first and third fiscal quarters to shareholders, nor are the reports posted to the Van Kampen public Web site. You may, however, obtain the Form N-Q filings (as well as the Form N-CSR and N-CSRS filings) by accessing the SEC's Web site, <http://www.sec.gov>. You may also review and copy them at the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington, D.C. Information on the operation of the SEC's Public Reference Room may be obtained by calling the SEC at (800) SEC-0330. You can also request copies of these materials, upon payment of a duplicating fee, by electronic request at the SEC's e-mail address ([publicinfo@sec.gov](mailto:publicinfo@sec.gov)) or by writing the Public Reference section of the SEC, Washington, DC 20549-0102.

You may obtain copies of a fund's fiscal quarter filings by contacting Van Kampen Client Relations at (800) 341-2929.

#### PROXY VOTING POLICY AND PROCEDURES AND PROXY VOTING RECORD

You may obtain a copy of the Trust's Proxy Voting Policy and Procedures without charge, upon request, by calling toll free (800) 341-2929 or by visiting our Web site at [www.vankampen.com](http://www.vankampen.com). It is also available on the Securities and Exchange Commission's Web site at <http://www.sec.gov>.

You may obtain information regarding how the Trust voted proxies relating to portfolio securities during the most recent twelve-month period ended June 30 without charge by visiting our Web site at [www.vankampen.com](http://www.vankampen.com). This information is also available on the Securities and Exchange Commission's Web site at <http://www.sec.gov>.

#### Investment Advisory Agreement Approval

Both the Investment Company Act of 1940 and the terms of the Fund's investment advisory agreement require that the investment advisory agreement between the Fund and its investment adviser be approved annually both by a majority of the Board of Trustees and by a majority of the independent trustees voting separately.

At meetings held on April 15, 2008 and May 8, 2008, the Board of Trustees, and the independent trustees voting separately, considered and ultimately determined that the terms of the investment advisory agreement are fair and reasonable and approved the continuance of the investment advisory agreement as being in the best interests of the Fund and its shareholders. In making its determination, the Board of Trustees considered materials that were specifically prepared by the investment adviser at the request of the Board and Fund counsel, and by an independent provider of investment company data contracted to assist the Board, relating to the investment advisory agreement review process. The Board also considered information received periodically about the portfolio, performance, the investment strategy, portfolio management team and fees and expenses of the

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Fund. The Board of Trustees considered the investment advisory agreement over a period of several months and the trustees held sessions both with the investment adviser and separate from the investment adviser in reviewing and considering the investment advisory agreement.

In approving the investment advisory agreement, the Board of Trustees considered, among other things, the nature, extent and quality of the services provided by the investment adviser, the performance, fees and expenses of the Fund compared to other similar funds and other products, the investment adviser's expenses in providing the services and the profitability of the investment adviser and its affiliated companies. The Board of Trustees considered the extent to which any economies of scale experienced by the investment adviser are shared with the Fund's shareholders, and the propriety of breakpoints in the Fund's investment advisory fee schedule. The Board of Trustees considered comparative advisory fees of the Fund and other investment companies and/or other products at different asset levels, and considered the trends in the industry. The Board of Trustees evaluated other benefits the investment adviser and its affiliates derive from their relationship with the Fund. The Board of Trustees reviewed information about the foregoing factors and considered changes, if any, in such information since its previous approval. The Board of Trustees discussed the financial strength of the investment adviser and its affiliated companies and the capability of the personnel of the investment adviser, and specifically the strength and background of its portfolio management personnel. The Board of Trustees reviewed the statutory and regulatory requirements for approval and disclosure of investment advisory agreements. The Board of Trustees, including the independent trustees, evaluated all of the foregoing and does not believe any single factor or group of

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factors control or dominate the review process, and, after considering all factors together, has determined, in the exercise of its business judgment, that approval of the investment advisory agreement is in the best interests of the Fund and its shareholders. The following summary provides more detail on certain matters considered but does not detail all matters considered.

**Nature, Extent and Quality of the Services Provided.** On a regular basis, the Board of Trustees considers the roles and responsibilities of the investment adviser as a whole and for those specific portfolio management, support and trading functions servicing the Fund. The trustees discuss with the investment adviser the resources available and used in managing the Fund and changes made in the Fund's portfolio management team and the Fund's portfolio management strategy over time. The trustees also discuss certain other services which are provided on a cost-reimbursement basis by the investment adviser or its affiliates to the Van Kampen funds including certain accounting, administrative and legal services. The Board has determined that the nature, extent and quality of the services provided by the investment adviser support its decision to approve the investment advisory agreement.

**Performance, Fees and Expenses of the Fund.** On a regular basis, the Board of Trustees reviews the performance, fees and expenses of the Fund compared to its peers and to appropriate benchmarks. In addition, the Board spends more focused time on the performance of the Fund and other funds in the Van Kampen complex, paying specific attention to underperforming funds. The trustees discuss with the investment adviser the performance goals and the actual results achieved in managing the Fund. When considering a fund's performance, the trustees and the investment adviser place emphasis on trends and longer-term returns (focusing on one-year, three-year and five-year performance with special attention to three-year performance) and, when a fund's weighted performance is under the fund's benchmark, they discuss the causes and where necessary seek to make specific changes to investment strategy or investment personnel. The Fund



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discloses more information about its performance elsewhere in this report. The trustees discuss with the investment adviser the level of advisory fees for this Fund relative to comparable funds and other products advised by the adviser and others in the marketplace. The trustees review not only the advisory fees but other fees and expenses (whether paid to the adviser, its affiliates or others) and the Fund's overall expense ratio. The Board has determined that the performance, fees and expenses of the Fund support its decision to approve the investment advisory agreement.

Investment Adviser's Expenses in Providing the Service and Profitability. At least annually, the trustees review the investment adviser's expenses in providing services to the Fund and other funds advised by the investment adviser and the profitability of the investment adviser. These profitability reports are put together by the investment adviser with the oversight of the Board. The trustees discuss with the investment adviser its revenues and expenses, including among other things, revenues for advisory services, portfolio management-related

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expenses, revenue sharing arrangement costs and allocated expenses both on an aggregate basis and per fund. The Board has determined that the analysis of the investment adviser's expenses and profitability support its decision to approve the investment advisory agreement.

Economies of Scale. On a regular basis, the Board of Trustees considers the size of the Fund and how that relates to the Fund's expense ratio and particularly the Fund's advisory fee rate. In conjunction with its review of the investment adviser's profitability, the trustees discuss with the investment adviser how more (or less) assets can affect the efficiency or effectiveness of managing the Fund's portfolio and whether the advisory fee level is appropriate relative to current asset levels and/or whether the advisory fee structure reflects economies of scale as asset levels change. The Board has determined that its review of the actual and potential economies of scale of the Fund support its decision to approve the investment advisory agreement.

Other Benefits of the Relationship. On a regular basis, the Board of Trustees considers other benefits to the investment adviser and its affiliates derived from its relationship with the Fund and other funds advised by the investment adviser. These benefits include, among other things, fees for transfer agency services provided to the funds, in certain cases research received by the adviser generated from commission dollars spent on funds' portfolio trading, and in certain cases distribution or service related fees related to funds' sales. The trustees review with the investment adviser each of these arrangements and the reasonableness of its costs relative to the services performed. The Board has determined that the other benefits received by the investment adviser or its affiliates support its decision to approve the investment advisory agreement.

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PRINCIPAL AMOUNT (000)	BORROWER	COUPON	STATED MATURITY*	VALUE
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VARIABLE RATE** SENIOR LOAN INTERESTS 176.9%				
AEROSPACE/DEFENSE 3.0%				
\$ 9,636	Alion Science and Technology Corp., Term Loan.....	5.37 to 5.49%	02/06/13	\$ 8,190,474
2,634	Apptis, Inc., Term Loan....	5.72 to 6.06	12/20/12	2,317,785
2,170	Atlantic Marine Services, Term Loan.....	6.00	03/22/14	2,083,104
3,341	DeCrane Aircraft Holdings, Inc., Term Loan.....	5.54	02/21/13	3,090,724
8,027	IAP Worldwide Services, Inc., Term Loan (a).....	8.25 to 10.50	12/30/12 to 06/30/13	6,291,652
4,416	ILC Industries, Inc., Term Loan.....	4.80	02/24/12	4,217,280
2,677	Primus International, Inc., Term Loan.....	4.96	06/07/12	2,436,215
1,086	Tri-Star Electronics International, Term Loan...	5.80 to 6.11	02/02/13	966,762
4,819	Vangent, Inc., Term Loan...	4.64	02/14/13	4,530,168
625	Wesco Aircraft Hardware Corp., Term Loan.....	8.56	03/28/14	610,547
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AUTOMOTIVE 5.4%				
3,283	Acument Global Technologies, Inc., Term Loan.....	6.30	08/11/13	3,086,304
2,992	Dana Corp., Term Loan.....	6.75	01/31/15	2,776,463
1,714	Delphi Corp., Term Loan....	7.25	12/31/08	1,708,608
21,865	Ford Motor Co., Term Loan..	5.46	12/15/13	17,273,642
3,403	Heartland Automotive Holdings, Inc., Term Loan (b).....	7.75	02/27/12	2,296,829
7,790	Metokote Corp., Term Loan.....	5.47 to 5.80	11/27/11	7,322,722
2,180	Navistar International Corp., Revolving Credit Agreement.....	5.90 to 6.05	01/19/12	2,024,675
5,995	Navistar International Corp., Term Loan.....	6.05 to 6.29	01/19/12	5,567,856
611	Performance Transportation Services, Inc., Revolving Credit Agreement (b) (c) (d).....	7.29	01/26/12	183,446
420	Performance Transportation Services, Inc., Term Loan (b) (c) (d).....	9.25	01/26/12	125,971
6,930	Polypore, Inc., Term Loan.....	4.72	07/03/14	6,514,200
1,105	Precision Partners, Inc., Term Loan.....	10.00	10/27/13	1,091,445

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AUTOMOTIVE (CONTINUED)				
\$ 7,355	Sensata Technologies, Inc., Term Loan.....	4.41 to 4.54%	04/27/13	\$ 6,429,432
2,000	United Components, Inc., Term Loan.....	4.58 to 4.72	06/30/12	1,930,000
4,854	Veyance Technologies, Inc., Term Loan.....	4.97 to 5.30	07/31/14	4,307,703
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				62,639,296
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BANKING 1.0%				
13,455	Dollar Financial Corp., Term Loan.....	5.56 to 5.81	10/30/12	11,436,607
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BEVERAGE, FOOD & TOBACCO 13.6%				
7,759	Acosta Sales Co., Inc., Term Loan (e).....	4.72	07/28/13	7,269,194
3,301	BE Foods Investments, Inc., Term Loan (a).....	7.17	07/11/12	3,045,375
5,953	Birds Eye Foods, Inc., Term Loan.....	4.56	03/22/13	5,685,379
11,298	Coleman Natural Foods, LLC, Term Loan (a).....	6.96 to 12.16	08/22/12 to 08/22/13	10,062,967
7,412	Culligan International Co., Term Loan.....	4.71 to 5.05	11/24/12	5,207,248
4,913	DCI Cheese Co., Term Loan..	8.05	08/07/13	4,298,437
37,582	Dole Food Co., Inc., Term Loan.....	4.50 to 6.00	04/12/13	34,748,767
10,290	DS Waters of America, Inc., Term Loan.....	4.71	10/25/12	9,620,976
4,950	DSW Holdings, Inc., Term Loan.....	6.47	03/07/12	4,306,500
9,964	Farley's & Sathers Candy Co., Inc., Term Loan.....	6.53 to 11.12	06/15/10 to 03/24/11	9,556,880
5,903	FSB Holdings, Inc., Term Loan.....	4.94 to 8.44	09/29/13 to 03/29/14	5,269,162
6,462	Bellisio Foods, Inc., Term Loan.....	5.75	04/02/11	6,203,410
6,210	OSI Group, LLC, Term Loan.....	4.80	09/02/11	6,132,830
6,665	PBM Products, LLC, Term Loan.....	4.97	09/29/12	6,164,964
8,495	Pierre Foods, Inc., Term Loan (b).....	6.97	06/30/10	6,774,511

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BEVERAGE, FOOD & TOBACCO (CONTINUED)				
\$36,405	Pinnacle Foods Finance, LLC, Term Loan.....	5.21 to 5.56%	04/02/14	\$ 33,340,877
1,093	Smart Balance, Inc., Term Loan.....	5.80	05/18/14	1,049,455
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BROADCASTING--CABLE 6.6%				
4,184	Cequel Communications, LLC, Term Loan.....	4.69 to 6.00	11/05/13	3,892,763
56,250	Charter Communications Operating, LLC, Term Loan.....	4.67 to 5.30	03/06/14 to 09/06/14	49,335,163
744	CW Media Holdings, Inc., (Canada) Term Loan.....	6.05	02/15/15	712,739
7,383	Knology, Inc., Term Loan...	5.04	06/30/12	6,866,173
8,502	MCC Iowa, LLC, Term Loan...	3.96 to 4.22	03/31/10 to 01/31/15	7,843,569
2,364	Mediacom Illinois, LLC, Term Loan.....	4.21 to 4.22	01/31/15	2,168,970
7,444	RCN Corp., Term Loan.....	5.06	05/25/14	6,705,533
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				77,524,910
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BROADCASTING--DIVERSIFIED 1.4%				
8,438	Alpha Topco, Ltd., (United Kingdom) Term Loan (e)....	4.71 to 6.63	12/31/13 to 06/30/14	7,677,705
4,843	Cumulus Media, Inc., Term Loan.....	4.21	06/11/14	4,181,469
4,607	NEP II, Inc., Term Loan....	5.05	02/16/14	4,180,658
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				16,039,832
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BROADCASTING--RADIO 4.1%				
5,000	Citadel Broadcasting Corp., Term Loan.....	4.10 to 4.44	06/12/14	4,100,000
6,781	CMP KC, LLC, Term Loan....	6.50	05/03/11	4,407,530
14,812	CMP Susquehanna Corp., Term Loan.....	4.49	05/05/13	12,220,124
6,042	Emmis Operating Co., Term Loan.....	4.46 to 4.80	11/01/13	5,335,584
1,759	LBI Media, Inc., Term Loan.....	3.96	03/31/12	1,521,968
4,874	Multicultural Radio Broadcasting, Inc., Term Loan.....	5.42 to 8.42	12/18/12 to 06/18/13	4,536,181
8,023	Nextmedia Operating, Inc., Term Loan (a).....	6.46 to 10.46	11/15/12 to 11/15/13	7,114,233
2,624	Regent Broadcasting, LLC, Term Loan.....	5.05	11/21/13	2,381,076
8,346	Spanish Broadcasting Systems, Inc., Term Loan...	4.56	06/11/12	6,551,708
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				48,168,404
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PRINCIPAL AMOUNT (000)	BORROWER	COUPON	STATED MATURITY*	VALUE
	BROADCASTING--TELEVISION 5.5%			
\$ 970	Barrington Broadcasting, LLC, Term Loan.....	4.97 to 5.05%	08/12/13	\$ 907,009
3,000	FoxCo Acquisition, LLC, Term Loan.....	7.25	07/14/15	2,955,000
4,605	Newport Television, LLC, Term Loan.....	8.00	09/14/16	4,346,415
4,135	NV Broadcasting, LLC, Term Loan.....	5.69	11/01/13	3,732,214
3,632	Sunshine Acquisition, Ltd., Term Loan.....	4.79	03/20/12	3,159,777
58,852	Univision Communications, Inc., Term Loan.....	4.71 to 5.05	03/29/09 to 09/29/14	48,855,361
				----- 63,955,776 -----
	BUILDINGS & REAL ESTATE 4.5%			
2,370	California Coastal Communities, Inc., Term Loan.....	5.22	09/15/11	2,157,064
4,836	Contech Construction Products, Inc., Term Loan.....	4.47 to 4.77	01/31/13	4,231,649
2,500	El Ad IDB Las Vegas, LLC, Term Loan.....	5.21	02/10/09	2,312,500
20,820	Ginn LA CS Borrower, LLC, Term Loan (a) (c).....	5.97 to 13.50	06/08/11 to 06/08/12	7,867,200
6,583	Kuilima Resort Co., Term Loan (c).....	19.46 to 27.48	10/01/08 to 09/30/11	795,665
5,200	Kyle Acquisition Group, LLC, Term Loan (c).....	6.00	07/20/09 to 07/20/11	1,807,000
602	Lake at Las Vegas Joint Venture, LLC, Revolving Credit Agreement (a) (b) (c).....	16.10	06/20/12	120,370
1,000	Lake at Las Vegas Joint Venture, LLC, Term Loan (b) (f).....	12.00	03/17/08	1,000,000
5,164	Lake at Las Vegas Joint Venture, LLC, Term Loan (a) (b) (c).....	16.10	06/20/12	1,032,810
3,926	Landsource Communities Development, LLC, Term Loan (a) (b) (c).....	8.25	05/31/09	2,708,959
4,224	LNR Property Corp., Term Loan.....	6.03	07/12/11	3,407,362
4,208	NLV Holdings, LLC, Term			

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	Loan.....	6.46 to 10.71	05/09/11 to 05/30/12	1,854,075
4,938	Realogy Corp., Term Loan...	5.46	10/10/13	4,061,145
1,744	Shea Capital I, LLC, Term Loan.....	4.46 to 5.00	10/27/11	1,238,394

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PRINCIPAL AMOUNT (000)	BORROWER	COUPON	STATED MATURITY*	VALUE
BUILDINGS & REAL ESTATE (CONTINUED)				
\$ 1,546	Shea Mountain House, LLC, Term Loan.....	4.46%	05/11/11	\$ 1,190,482
3,908	South Edge, LLC, Term Loan.....	5.25	10/31/08 to 10/31/09	2,603,307
540	Standard Pacific Corp., Term Loan.....	4.47	05/05/13	443,700
5,946	Tamarack Resorts, LLC, Term Loan (c).....	8.05 to 9.25	05/19/11	3,924,360
5,533	WCI Communities, Inc., Term Loan.....	7.72	12/23/10	5,034,928
5,260	Yellowstone Mountain Club, LLC, Term Loan.....	4.84	09/30/10	4,457,724
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				52,248,694
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BUSINESS EQUIPMENT & SERVICES				
5,509	Affinion Group, Inc., Term Loan (e).....	4.96 to 5.18	10/17/12	5,286,588
1,638	Audio Visual Services Corp., Term Loan.....	5.06	02/28/14	1,396,075
736	BakerCorp, Term Loan.....	4.71 to 5.27	05/08/14	675,867
4,097	First American Payment Systems, LP, Term Loan....	5.63 to 5.69	10/06/13	3,871,901
2,179	GSI Holdings, LLC, Term Loan.....	5.65	08/01/14	2,005,044
4,950	HydroChem Industrial Services, Inc., Term Loan.....	4.97	07/12/13	4,776,750
1,149	Information Resources, Inc., Term Loan.....	4.40 to 5.75	05/16/14	999,204
3,348	InfoUSA, Inc., Term Loan...	4.81	02/14/12	3,197,354
3,418	KAR Holdings, Inc., Term Loan.....	5.06	10/20/13	3,056,013
2,564	Katun Corp., Term Loan....	8.30	06/30/09	2,461,049
8,062	NCO Financial Systems, Term Loan.....	6.89 to 7.06	05/15/13	7,845,650
27,418	Nielsen Finance, LLC, Term Loan.....	4.73	08/09/13	25,553,050
6,890	RGIS Services, LLC Term Loan.....	4.96 to 5.30	04/30/14	5,753,318
10,211	Sedgwick CMS Holdings,			

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	Inc., Term Loan.....	5.05	01/31/13	9,726,373
1,980	SMG Holdings, Inc., Term Loan.....	5.63 to 6.19	07/27/14	1,861,200
1,418	Valassis Communications, Inc., Term Loan.....	4.56	03/02/14	1,332,781
				79,798,217

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AMOUNT  
(000)

	BORROWER	COUPON	STATED MATURITY*	VALUE
	CHEMICALS, PLASTICS & RUBBER	8.1%		
\$ 1,027	Arizona Chemical Co., Term Loan.....	4.64%	02/28/13	\$ 888,676
3,964	Becker-Underwood, Inc., Term Loan.....	6.21 to 6.55	03/31/10 to 09/30/11	3,855,145
1,300	Bond US Holdings, Inc., Term Loan.....	5.47	07/10/14	1,020,500
11,400	Brenntag Holdings GmbH & Co. KG, (Germany) Term Loan.....	5.07 to 7.07	01/17/14 to 07/17/15	10,213,500
995	Cristal Inorganic Chemicals US, Inc., Term Loan.....	5.05	05/15/14	843,263
9,839	Ferro Corp., Term Loan.....	4.47 to 4.80	06/06/12	9,371,296
4,119	Fibervisions Delaware Corp., Term Loan.....	7.05	03/31/13	3,089,416
2,305	Foamex, LP, Term Loan.....	5.71 to 7.25	02/12/13	1,814,956
15,145	Hexion Specialty Chemicals, Inc., Term Loan.....	5.06	05/05/13	13,213,731
5,005	Huntsman International, LLC, Term Loan.....	4.21	04/19/14	4,707,236
8,562	Ineos Holdings, Ltd., (United Kingdom) Term Loan.....	4.88 to 5.38	12/16/13 to 12/23/14	7,160,180
2,450	ISP Chemco, Inc., Term Loan.....	4.00 to 4.25	06/04/14	2,264,325
9,827	Kraton Polymers, LLC, Term Loan.....	4.50	05/12/13	9,316,982
1,250	Lyondell Chemical Co., Revolving Credit Agreement.....	5.97	12/20/13	968,750
4,156	Lyondell Chemical Co., Term Loan.....	7.00	12/20/14	3,492,405
3,100	MACDermid, Inc., Term Loan.....	4.80	04/12/14	2,867,054
2,892	OMNOVA Solutions, Inc., Term Loan.....	4.96 to 5.15	05/22/14	2,385,925
5,000	PQ Corp., Term Loan.....	5.92 to 6.05	07/30/14	4,701,565
896	Solutia, Inc., Term Loan...	8.50	02/28/14	853,804

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4,975	Univar, Inc., Term Loan....	5.80	10/11/14	4,578,557
4,474	Valley National Gases, Inc., Term Loan.....	4.71 to 5.05	02/28/14	4,071,658
7,950	Wellman, Inc., Term Loan (b) (c).....	7.24 to 9.99	02/10/09 to 02/10/10	2,715,000
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				94,393,924
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	CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL 2.4%			
11,019	AXIA, Inc., Term Loan.....	5.00	12/21/12	8,264,282
4,323	Beacon Sales Acquisition, Inc., Term Loan.....	4.65 to 4.78	09/30/13	3,890,700
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PRINCIPAL AMOUNT (000)	BORROWER	COUPON	STATED MATURITY*	VALUE
	CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL (CONTINUED)			
\$ 9,789	Building Materials Corp. of America, Term Loan.....	5.44 to 8.25%	02/22/14 to 09/15/14	\$ 8,413,500
5,291	Building Materials Holding Corp., Term Loan.....	7.30 to 7.50	11/10/11	4,127,348
1,500	Custom Building Products, Inc., Term Loan.....	7.80	04/29/12	1,192,500
2,993	Panolam Industries International, Inc., Term Loan.....	5.55	09/30/12	2,693,981
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				28,582,311
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	CONTAINERS, PACKAGING & GLASS	5.7%		
3,119	Anchor Glass Container Corp., Term Loan (e).....	7.75	06/20/14	3,066,413
3,476	Berlin Packaging, LLC, Term Loan.....	5.46 to 5.96	08/17/14	3,250,282
5,382	Berry Plastics Group, Inc., Term Loan (e).....	4.78	04/03/15	4,753,347
11,454	Consolidated Container Co., LLC, Term Loan.....	4.71 to 8.30	03/28/14 to 09/28/14	7,764,650
9,224	Graham Packaging Co., Term Loan.....	4.88 to 5.06	10/07/11	8,806,995
688	Graphic Packaging International, Inc., Revolving Credit Agreement.....	4.71 to 5.04	05/16/13	639,375
6,223	Graphic Packaging International, Inc., Term Loan.....	4.79 to 4.80	05/16/14	5,856,049
1,181	Kranson Industries, Inc., Revolving Credit Agreement.....	4.71 to 6.25	07/31/13	1,071,568



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13,359	Kranson Industries, Inc., Term Loan.....	5.05	07/31/13	12,424,190
5,885	Packaging Dynamics Operating Co., Term Loan...	4.80	06/09/13	4,472,543
4,045	Pertus Sechzehnte GmbH, (Germany) Term Loan.....	4.84 to 5.09	06/13/15 to 06/13/16	3,112,945
5,967	Smurfit-Stone Container Corp., Revolving Credit Agreement.....	4.75 to 6.25	11/01/09	5,459,805
4,765	Tegrant Holding Corp., Term Loan.....	5.56 to 8.31	03/08/14 to 03/08/15	2,868,542
2,550	Unifrax Corp., Term Loan...	4.75	05/02/13	2,409,530
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				65,956,234
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PRINCIPAL AMOUNT (000)	BORROWER	COUPON	STATED MATURITY*	VALUE
	DIVERSIFIED MANUFACTURING	1.6%		
\$ 2,486	Arnold Magnetic Technologies Corp., Term Loan.....	8.56 to 10.25%	03/06/11 to 03/06/12	\$ 2,435,817
4,500	Euramax International, Inc., Term Loan.....	10.79	06/29/13	3,172,500
2,406	Jason, Inc., Term Loan....	4.96	04/30/10	2,165,091
1,492	Mueller Water Products, Inc., Term Loan.....	4.21 to 4.55	05/24/14	1,401,671
6,714	MW Industries, Inc., Term Loan.....	5.81 to 7.56	11/01/13	6,339,944
2,718	Wire Rope Corp. of America, Inc., Term Loan.....	5.05	02/08/14	2,514,133
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				18,029,156
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	DURABLE CONSUMER PRODUCTS	0.3%		
3,888	Brown Jordan International, Inc., Term Loan.....	6.66 to 8.00	04/30/12	3,634,879
	ECOLOGICAL	0.8%		
1,471	Energy Solutions, LLC, Term Loan.....	4.71	05/28/13	1,437,630
1,751	Environmental Systems Products Holdings, Term Loan.....	13.50	09/12/12	1,663,189
4,034	LVI Services, Inc., Term Loan.....	7.67 to 7.80	11/16/11	3,398,805
1,650	Synagro Technologies, Inc., Term Loan.....	7.44	10/02/14	1,130,250

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2,278	Waste Services, Inc., Term Loan.....	5.15	03/31/11	2,263,474
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				9,893,348
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6,000	EDUCATION & CHILD CARE 4.1% Bright Horizons Family Solutions, Inc., Term Loan.....	7.50	05/28/15	5,919,378
26,840	Cengage Learning Holdings II, LP, Term Loan.....	4.96	07/05/14	23,782,630
1,709	Educate, Inc., Term Loan...	5.05 to 8.06	06/14/13 to 06/14/14	1,561,067
6,170	Education Management, LLC, Term Loan.....	4.56	06/01/13	5,666,851
12,406	Nelson Education, Ltd., (Canada) Term Loan.....	5.30	07/05/14	11,010,547
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				47,940,473
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PRINCIPAL AMOUNT (000)	BORROWER	COUPON	STATED MATURITY*	VALUE
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\$10,496	ELECTRONICS 4.0% Dealer Computer Services, Inc., Term Loan.....	4.80 to 8.30%	10/26/12 to 10/26/13	\$ 9,757,565
1,439	Deutsche Connector Group, (France) Term Loan.....	5.38 to 5.63	06/22/14 to 06/22/15	1,328,577
4,303	Edwards (Cayman Islands II) Ltd., Term Loan.....	4.64 to 8.39	05/31/14 to 11/30/14	3,236,223
815	H3C Holdings, Ltd., (Cayman Islands) Term Loan.....	5.63	09/28/12	704,975
4,913	Infor Enterprise Solutions Holdings, Inc., Term Loan.....	6.55	07/28/12	4,101,938
1,382	Intergraph Corp., Term Loan.....	4.65	05/29/14	1,319,503
7,371	Kronos, Inc., Term Loan....	5.05	06/11/14	6,781,714
2,621	Network Solutions, LLC, Term Loan.....	4.97 to 5.31	03/07/14	2,201,605
2,462	Nuance Communications, Inc., Term Loan.....	4.97	03/31/13	2,321,666
9,894	Open Solutions, Inc., Term Loan.....	5.15	01/23/14	8,781,332
588	Stratus Technologies, Inc., Term Loan.....	6.55	03/29/11	464,520
296	Sungard Data Systems, Inc., Revolving Credit Agreement.....	4.46 to 6.00	08/11/11	267,441
3,841	Verint Systems, Inc., Term			

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	Loan.....	5.87	05/25/14	3,494,890
1,985	X-Rite, Inc., Term Loan....	9.50	10/24/12	1,707,100
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				46,469,049
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	ENTERTAINMENT & LEISURE 8.0%			
7,382	Bombardier Capital, Inc., Term Loan.....	5.29	06/28/13	6,754,785
4,071	Cedar Fair, LP, Term Loan.....	4.46 to 6.00	08/30/12	3,839,792
2,407	Cinemark USA, Inc., Term Loan.....	4.43 to 4.93	10/05/13	2,275,285
8,741	Fender Musical Instruments Corp., Term Loan.....	5.05 to 5.17	06/09/14	8,085,733
2,442	Gibson Guitar Corp., Term Loan.....	5.30	12/29/13	2,270,719
6,000	Hicks Sports Group, LLC, Term Loan.....	5.31	12/22/10	5,280,000
48,257	Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Studios, Inc., Term Loan...	6.05	04/08/12	37,036,940
4,871	Mets, LP, Term Loan.....	4.46	07/25/10	4,433,000
5,670	Panavision, Inc., Term Loan.....	6.15 to 6.30	03/30/11	4,819,669
2,056	Playcore Holdings, Inc., Term Loan.....	5.31 to 6.50	02/21/14	1,871,272

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PRINCIPAL AMOUNT (000)	BORROWER	COUPON	STATED MATURITY*	VALUE
	ENTERTAINMENT & LEISURE (CONTINUED)			
\$ 5,187	Regal Cinemas, Inc., Term Loan.....	4.30%	10/27/13	\$ 4,898,507
750	True Temper Sports, Inc., Revolving Credit Agreement.....	6.05	03/15/09	660,000
12,431	True Temper Sports, Inc., Term Loan.....	5.89 to 8.30	03/15/11 to 06/30/11	11,056,895
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				93,282,597
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	FARMING & AGRICULTURE 0.2%			
3,000	Wm. Bolthouse Farms, Inc., Term Loan.....	8.30	12/16/13	2,865,000
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	FINANCE 7.3%			
3,270	DCS Business Services, Inc., Term Loan.....	8.50 to 11.25	02/04/11 to 08/04/11	2,831,151
27,845	First Data Corp., Term Loan.....	5.21 to 5.55	09/24/14	25,678,556

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4,690	Grosvenor Capital Management Holdings, LLP, Term Loan.....	4.46 to 4.68	12/05/13	4,479,004
6,144	iPayment, Inc., Term Loan.....	4.47 to 4.80	05/10/13	5,314,577
11,509	LPL Holdings, Inc., Term Loan.....	4.46 to 4.80	06/28/13	10,933,214
3,491	Metavante Corp., Term Loan.....	4.62	11/03/14	3,277,411
10,267	National Processing Company Group, Inc., Term Loan.....	5.47 to 9.30	09/29/12 to 09/29/14	8,527,750
3,325	Nuveen Investments, Inc., Term Loan.....	5.46	11/13/14	3,083,937
10,244	Oxford Acquisition III, Ltd., (United Kingdom) Term Loan.....	4.55	05/11/14	9,324,472
7,463	RJO Holdings Corp., Term Loan.....	5.47 to 9.22	07/12/14 to 07/12/15	4,787,188
7,301	Transfirst Holdings, Inc., Term Loan.....	5.56 to 8.81	06/15/14 to 06/15/15	6,338,219
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				84,575,479
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7,544	GROCERY 0.6% Roundy's Supermarkets, Inc., Term Loan.....	5.21	11/03/11	7,252,047
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PRINCIPAL AMOUNT (000)	BORROWER	COUPON	STATED MATURITY*	VALUE
\$ 6,125	HEALTH & BEAUTY 1.0% American Safety Razor Co., Term Loan.....	4.97 to 8.89%	07/31/13 to 01/30/14	\$ 5,683,416
6,817	Marietta Intermediate Holding Corp., Term Loan (a).....	7.67 to 12.00	12/17/10 to 12/17/11	2,002,382
4,242	Philosophy, Inc., Term Loan.....	4.47	03/16/14	3,733,382
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				11,419,180
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6,849	HEALTHCARE 12.1% American Medical Systems, Inc., Term Loan.....	4.94	07/20/12	6,455,480
7,425	Catalent Pharma Solutions, Inc., Term Loan.....	5.05	04/10/14	6,515,438
10,922	Community Health Systems, Inc., Term Loan.....	4.71 to 4.90	07/25/14	10,357,150
2,228	Concentra, Inc., Term			

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	Loan.....	5.05	06/25/14	1,932,356
5,347	CRC Health Group, Inc., Term Loan.....	5.05	02/06/13	4,959,146
8,824	DSI Renal, Inc., Term Loan.....	5.05	03/31/13	7,632,541
1,041	Genoa Healthcare Group, LLC, Term Loan.....	6.75 to 7.00	08/10/12	1,005,840
542	Golden Living, Term Loan...	5.21	03/14/11	510,768
8,165	Harlan Sprague Dawley, Inc., Term Loan.....	4.96 to 6.50	07/11/14	7,634,700
8,438	HCA, Inc., Term Loan.....	4.30 to 5.05	11/17/12 to 11/17/13	7,934,922
7,409	HCR Healthcare, LLC, Term Loan.....	4.96	11/09/14	6,871,785
15,234	Health Management Associates, Inc., Term Loan.....	4.55	02/28/14	14,115,460
5,948	Iasis Healthcare, LLC, Term Loan.....	4.46	03/15/14	5,558,577
10,890	Inverness Medical Innovations, Inc., Term Loan.....	4.81	06/26/14	10,291,050
23,818	Multiplan, Inc., Term Loan.....	5.00	04/12/13	22,574,940
1,500	Select Medical Corp., Revolving Credit Agreement.....	4.96 to 5.37	02/24/11	1,271,250
2,941	Sterigenics International, Inc., Term Loan.....	5.03 to 5.39	11/21/13	2,705,508
2,423	Sun Healthcare Group, Inc., Term Loan.....	4.65 to 5.04	04/12/14	2,268,836
336	Surgical Care Affiliates, LLC, Revolving Credit Agreement.....	5.05	06/29/13	278,880
11,880	Surgical Care Affiliates, LLC, Term Loan.....	5.05	12/29/14	10,513,800

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\$ 5,750	HEALTHCARE (CONTINUED) United Surgical Partners International, Inc., Term Loan.....	4.47 to 5.02%	04/19/14	\$ 5,232,233
4,455	Viant Holdings, Inc., Term Loan.....	5.05	06/25/14	3,831,300
				----- 140,451,960 -----
	HOME & OFFICE FURNISHINGS, HOUSEWARES & DURABLE CONSUMER PRODUCTS 1.5%			

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7,802	Generation Brands, LLC, Term Loan.....	7.13 to 9.06	12/20/12 to 06/20/13	4,395,399
125	Hunter Fan Co., Revolving Credit Agreement.....	4.46	04/16/13	96,250
2,207	Hunter Fan Co., Term Loan.....	5.18 to 9.47	04/16/14 to 10/16/14	1,672,725
494	Lenox, Inc., Term Loan.....	7.30 to 7.31	04/20/13	357,969
2,617	Mattress Holdings Corp., Inc., Term Loan.....	4.72	01/18/14	1,897,282
11,100	National Bedding Co., LLC, Term Loan.....	7.46	08/31/12	7,936,500
1,250	Sealy Mattress Co., Revolving Credit Agreement.....	4.21 to 4.55	04/06/10	1,112,500
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				17,468,625
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	HOTELS, MOTELS, INNS & GAMING	13.2%		
7,610	BLB Worldwide Holdings, Inc., Term Loan (a).....	6.72 to 7.19	08/23/11 to 07/18/12	4,988,194
11,434	Cannery Casino Resorts, LLC, Term Loan.....	4.93 to 6.95	05/18/13 to 05/18/14	10,939,184
6,833	Golden Nugget, Inc., Term Loan.....	4.46 to 5.72	06/30/14 to 12/31/14	5,264,583
8,751	Greektown Casino, LLC, Term Loan (b).....	7.44 to 7.50	12/03/12	8,031,551
883	Greektown Holdings, LLC, Term Loan.....	9.75	06/01/09	887,202
6,667	Green Valley Ranch Gaming, LLC, Term Loan.....	4.64 to 4.80	02/16/14	5,344,406
1,625	Greenwood Racing, Inc., Term Loan.....	4.72	11/28/11	1,519,609
62,481	Harrah's Operating Co., Inc., Bridge Loan.....	5.80 to 9.25	01/28/15 to 01/28/18	50,917,946
7,953	Isle of Capri Casinos, Inc., Term Loan.....	4.55	07/26/14	6,886,371
22,709	Las Vegas Sands, LLC/Venetian Casino, Term Loan.....	4.56	05/23/14	19,674,864
3,700	Magnolia Hill, LLC, Term Loan.....	5.72	10/30/13	3,478,000

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PRINCIPAL AMOUNT (000)	BORROWER	COUPON	STATED MATURITY*	VALUE
	HOTELS, MOTELS, INNS & GAMING (CONTINUED)			
\$ 8,962	New World Gaming Partners Holdings, Ltd., Term Loan.....	5.28%	09/30/14	\$ 7,741,360
2,315	Penn National Gaming, Inc,			

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	Term Loan.....	4.55	10/03/12	2,227,066
12,300	Venetian Macau, Ltd., Term Loan.....	5.06	05/25/12 to 05/26/13	11,893,657
6,667	Wynn Resorts, Ltd., Term Loan.....	4.72	06/21/10	6,233,333
7,997	Yonkers Racing Corp., Term Loan.....	10.50	08/12/11	7,956,916
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				153,984,242
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	INSURANCE 4.5%			
5,624	Alliant Holdings I, Inc., Term Loan.....	5.80	11/01/14	5,202,354
9,900	AmWins Group, Inc., Term Loan.....	4.96 to 5.15	06/08/13	8,068,500
653	Applied Systems, Inc., Term Loan.....	5.30	09/26/13	620,496
2,377	Audatex North America, Inc., Term Loan.....	4.79	05/16/14	2,234,517
3,069	Conseco, Inc., Term Loan (e).....	4.46	10/10/13	2,691,008
7,822	HMSC Holdings Corp., Term Loan.....	5.04 to 8.29	04/03/14 to 10/03/14	5,730,437
8,423	Mitchell International, Inc., Term Loan.....	4.80 to 8.06	03/28/14 to 03/28/15	8,081,506
2,083	USI Holdings Corp., Revolving Credit Agreement.....	4.97	05/05/13	1,812,500
6,600	USI Holdings Corp., Term Loan.....	5.56	05/05/14	6,105,000
12,882	Vertafore, Inc., Term Loan.....	5.14 to 8.64	01/31/12 to 01/31/13	11,727,665
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				52,273,983
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	MACHINERY 0.7%			
3,510	Gleason, Inc., Term Loan...	4.44 to 4.56	06/30/13	3,334,199
1,930	Goodman Global, Inc., Term Loan.....	7.50	02/13/14	1,909,494
2,978	Mold-Masters Luxembourg Holdings SA, Term Loan.....	6.00	10/11/14	2,709,525
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				7,953,218
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	MEDICAL PRODUCTS & SERVICES 2.5%			
2,340	Accellent, Inc., Term Loan.....	5.14	11/22/12	2,117,700
3,703	Advanced Medical Optics, Inc., Term Loan.....	4.42 to 4.63	04/02/14	3,402,246
8,170	AGA Medical Corp., Term Loan.....	4.70 to 4.72	04/28/13	7,761,555

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PRINCIPAL AMOUNT (000)	BORROWER	COUPON	STATED MATURITY*	VALUE
MEDICAL PRODUCTS & SERVICES (CONTINUED)				
\$ 8,880	Carestream Health, Inc., Term Loan.....	4.46 to 4.80%	04/30/13	\$ 7,836,795
8,500	VWR Funding, Inc., Term Loan.....	4.96	06/29/14	7,724,375
				28,842,671
MINING, STEEL, IRON & NON-PRECIOUS METALS 0.3%				
947	John Maneely Co., Term Loan.....	6.02 to 6.04	12/08/13	869,730
2,913	Novelis Corp., Term Loan...	4.81	07/06/14	2,776,673
				3,646,403
NATURAL RESOURCES 2.0%				
741	Boston Generating, LLC, Revolving Credit Agreement (e).....	5.05	12/20/13	692,313
15,828	Boston Generating, LLC, Term Loan (e).....	5.05 to 5.18	12/20/13	14,783,572
1,680	CDX Funding, LLC, Term Loan (c).....	12.25	03/31/13	1,360,800
2,912	Dresser, Inc., Term Loan...	4.71 to 4.97	05/04/14	2,800,115
4,240	Western Refining, Inc., Term Loan.....	7.75	05/30/14	3,842,909
				23,479,709
NON-DURABLE CONSUMER PRODUCTS 3.8%				
4,049	Amscan Holdings, Inc., Term Loan.....	4.89 to 5.05	05/25/13	3,562,900
6,441	Easton-Bell Sports, Inc., Term Loan.....	4.39 to 4.40	03/16/12	5,853,350
9,311	Huish Detergents, Inc., Term Loan.....	4.81 to 7.06	04/26/14 to 10/26/14	8,506,098
8,764	KIK Custom Products, Inc., Term Loan.....	4.72 to 7.46	05/31/14 to 11/30/14	5,350,640
2,746	Mega Brands, Inc., (Canada) Term Loan.....	8.25	07/26/12	2,402,750
646	Spectrum Brands, Inc., Revolving Credit Agreement.....	6.47	03/30/13	578,879
12,770	Spectrum Brands, Inc., Term Loan.....	6.46 to 6.79	03/30/13	11,434,508
2,200	Targus Group International, Inc., Term Loan.....	11.35	05/22/13	1,721,500
5,231	Yankee Candle Co., Inc., Term Loan.....	4.46 to 4.81	02/06/14	4,734,455
				44,145,080



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PRINCIPAL AMOUNT (000)	BORROWER	COUPON	STATED MATURITY*	VALUE
	PAPER & FOREST PRODUCTS 1.2%			
\$ 2,400	Ainsworth Lumber Co., Ltd., Term Loan.....	7.50%	06/26/14	\$ 2,133,000
2,410	Tidi Products, LLC, Term Loan.....	5.79 to 7.29	12/31/11	2,265,014
373	Verso Paper Holdings, LLC, Term Loan.....	9.03	02/01/13	310,797
7,606	White Birch Paper Co., (Canada) Term Loan.....	5.56	05/08/14	5,590,762
4,004	Xerium Technologies, Inc., Term Loan.....	8.30	05/18/12	3,533,928
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				13,833,501
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	PERSONAL & MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES 0.2%			
2,226	Omniflight Helicopters, Inc., Term Loan.....	7.86 to 9.25	06/30/11 to 09/30/12	2,069,761
				-----
	PHARMACEUTICALS 0.4%			
4,478	Generics International, Inc., Term Loan.....	6.30	10/31/14	4,208,850
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	PRINTING & PUBLISHING 17.1%			
4,950	Advanstar Communications, Inc., Term Loan.....	5.05	05/31/14	3,786,750
4,848	American Media Operations, Inc., Term Loan.....	5.99	01/31/13	4,520,952
1,960	Ascend Media Holdings, LLC, Term Loan.....	6.68 to 6.81	01/31/12	1,029,023
1,929	Black Press Group, Ltd., (Canada) Term Loan.....	4.65	08/02/13	1,755,120
6,538	Canon Communications, LLC, Term Loan.....	5.46	05/31/11	6,341,868
1,583	Caribe Media, Inc., Term Loan.....	4.72 to 5.04	03/31/13	1,416,689
10,684	Cygnus Business Media, Inc., Term Loan.....	6.46 to 6.79	07/13/09	10,149,562
2,500	Dex Media West, LLC, Term Loan.....	7.00	10/24/14	2,369,533
995	DRI Holdings, Inc., Term Loan.....	5.81	07/03/14	885,622
11,298	Endurance Business Media, Inc., Term Loan.....	5.22 to 9.72	07/26/13 to 01/26/14	9,003,938
1,624	Hanley-Wood, LLC, Term Loan.....	4.71	03/08/14	1,283,311
11,727	F&W Publications, Inc., Term Loan.....	5.02 to 7.05	02/05/13 to 08/05/13	8,290,775
1,385	Gatehouse Media, Inc., Revolving Credit			

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Agreement..... 4.46 to 6.00 02/28/14 900,250

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PRINCIPAL AMOUNT (000)	BORROWER	COUPON	STATED MATURITY*	VALUE
PRINTING & PUBLISHING (CONTINUED)				
\$11,125	Gatehouse Media, Inc., Term Loan.....	4.65 to 4.80%	08/28/14	\$ 6,688,906
9,978	Hights Cross Operating Co., Term Loan.....	6.18 to 7.18	08/20/08	9,678,753
5,418	Idearc, Inc., Term Loan....	4.47 to 4.80	11/17/14	4,056,353
1,896	Intermedia Outdoor, Inc., Term Loan.....	5.80	01/31/13	1,578,524
1,598	Knowledgepoint360 Group, LLC, Term Loan.....	5.93 to 9.68	04/26/14 to 04/26/15	1,508,130
2,500	Local Insight Regatta Holdings, Inc., Term Loan.....	7.75	04/23/15	2,281,250
3,393	MC Communications, LLC, Term Loan.....	4.97 to 5.52	12/31/10	1,781,188
4,167	MediaNews Group, Inc., Term Loan.....	5.75 to 6.25	12/30/10 to 08/02/13	3,444,266
13,362	Merrill Communications, LLC, Term Loan.....	4.92 to 9.52	05/15/11 to 11/15/13	10,972,785
5,567	Network Communications, Inc., Term Loan.....	4.81 to 5.18	11/30/12	4,870,807
8,496	Penton Media, Inc., Term Loan.....	4.71 to 7.80	02/01/13 to 02/01/14	6,425,125
477	Proquest CSA, LLC, Term Loan.....	5.14 to 5.30	02/09/14	455,217
3,703	Questex Media Group, Inc., Term Loan.....	5.68 to 5.72	05/04/14	3,406,300
13,330	Reader's Digest Association, Inc., Term Loan.....	4.46 to 4.68	03/02/14	11,263,937
1,118	SGS International, Inc., Term Loan.....	5.31	12/30/11	1,040,505
2,437	Source Media, Inc., Term Loan.....	7.81	11/08/11	2,278,474
1,489	Summit Business Media Intermediate, Term Loan....	5.22	07/06/14	1,265,438
3,740	Thomas Nelson Publishers, Term Loan.....	6.25	06/12/12	3,235,094
66,667	Tribune Co., Bridge Loan....	8.29	12/20/15	40,000,000
29,700	Tribune Co., Term Loan....	5.79	05/19/14	21,328,313
11,313	Yell Group, PLC, (United Kingdom) Term Loan.....	3.71 to 4.46	04/30/11 to 02/10/13	9,867,292
				199,160,050

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	RESTAURANTS & FOOD SERVICE 2.7%			
9,233	Advantage Sales & Marketing, Inc., Term Loan (e).....	4.46 to 4.81	03/29/13	8,659,901
7,193	Arby's Restaurant Group, Inc., Term Loan (e).....	4.71 to 5.05	07/25/12	6,785,547

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PRINCIPAL AMOUNT (000)	BORROWER	COUPON	STATED MATURITY*	VALUE
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	RESTAURANTS & FOOD SERVICE (CONTINUED)			
\$ 3,168	Center Cut Hospitality, Inc., Term Loan.....	5.16%	07/06/14	\$ 2,882,880
3,216	NPC International, Inc., Term Loan.....	4.21 to 4.56	05/03/13	2,974,342
262	OSI Restaurant Partners, LLC, Revolving Credit Agreement.....	4.85	06/14/13	220,054
2,938	OSI Restaurant Partners, LLC, Term Loan.....	5.13	06/14/14	2,468,203
2,446	Sagittarius Restaurants, LLC, Term Loan.....	9.50	03/29/13	1,926,382
2,031	Sbarro, Inc., Term Loan....	4.96	01/31/14	1,675,184
1,091	Volume Services America, Inc., Revolving Credit Agreement.....	7.50 to 8.50	04/01/10	992,535
3,571	Volume Services America, Inc., Term Loan.....	7.50 to 8.50	10/01/10	3,249,692
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				31,834,720
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	RETAIL--OIL & GAS 0.3%			
4,466	The Pantry, Inc., Term Loan.....	4.22	05/15/14	4,019,734
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	RETAIL--SPECIALTY 1.3%			
15,190	Nebraska Book Co., Inc., Term Loan.....	5.13	03/04/11	14,278,778
718	Visant Holding Corp., Revolving Credit Agreement.....	4.21 to 5.75	10/04/10	710,325
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				14,989,103
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	RETAIL--STORES 5.2%			
20,000	Dollar General Corp., Term Loan.....	5.21 to 5.55	07/06/14	18,572,920
11,492	General Nutrition Centers, Inc., Term Loan.....	5.04 to 5.06	09/16/13	10,228,157

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9,500	Guitar Center, Inc., Term Loan.....	5.96	10/09/14	8,288,750
13,577	Michael's Stores, Inc., Term Loan.....	4.75	10/31/13	10,960,815
3,496	Rite Aid Corp, Term Loan...	6.00 to 7.45	06/04/14	3,144,181
5,763	Sally Holdings, Inc., Term Loan.....	4.96 to 5.14	11/16/13	5,515,261
4,318	Savers, Inc., Term Loan....	5.55	08/11/12	4,101,945
				60,812,029

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PRINCIPAL AMOUNT (000)	BORROWER	COUPON	STATED MATURITY*	VALUE
	TELECOMMUNICATIONS--LOCAL EXCHANGE CARRIERS		1.3%	
\$ 4,187	Global Tel*Link Corp., Term Loan.....	6.30%	02/14/13	\$ 3,935,484
1,364	Hargray Acquisition Co., Term Loan.....	5.05	06/29/14	1,251,416
3,069	NuVox Transition Subsidiary, LLC, Term Loan.....	6.03	05/31/14	2,827,316
1,482	Orius Corp., LLC, Term Loan (b) (c) (d).....	8.50 to 9.00	01/23/09 to 01/23/10	20,160
2,820	Paetec Holding Corp., Term Loan.....	4.96	02/28/13	2,709,187
5,027	Sorenson Communications, Inc., Term Loan.....	5.30 to 9.81	02/16/14 to 04/27/14	4,858,140
				15,601,703
	TELECOMMUNICATIONS--LONG DISTANCE		0.5%	
6,000	Level 3 Communications, Inc., Term Loan.....	4.71 to 5.04	03/13/14	5,460,000
	TELECOMMUNICATIONS--WIRELESS		1.6%	
3,960	Alltel Communications, Inc., Term Loan (e).....	5.21	05/18/15	3,945,797
5,785	Asurion Corp., Term Loan (e).....	5.78	07/03/14	5,456,723
7,481	CommScope, Inc., Term Loan.....	4.96 to 5.30	12/27/14	7,210,009
1,990	MetroPCS Wireless, Inc., Term Loan.....	4.75 to 5.13	11/03/13	1,895,603
				18,508,132
	TEXTILES & LEATHER		1.9%	

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6,001	Gold Toe Investment Corp., Term Loan.....	5.40 to 8.65	10/30/13 to 04/30/14	4,995,578
6,150	HBI Branded Apparel Ltd., Inc., Term Loan.....	6.55	03/05/14	6,018,033
4,850	Levi Strauss & Co., Term Loan.....	4.71	03/27/14	4,192,219
3,682	St. John Knits International, Inc., Term Loan.....	5.46	03/21/12	3,442,639
3,424	Varsity Brands, Inc., Term Loan.....	5.44 to 5.81	02/22/14	3,235,365
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				21,883,834
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1,082	TRANSPORTATION--CARGO 0.8% Cardinal Logistics Management, Inc., Term Loan.....	6.21	09/23/13	908,990
4,950	JHCI Acquisitions, Inc., Term Loan.....	4.99	06/19/14	3,879,562

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PRINCIPAL AMOUNT (000)	BORROWER	COUPON	STATED MATURITY*	VALUE
	TRANSPORTATION--CARGO (CONTINUED)			
\$ 2,081	Kenan Advantage Group, Inc., Term Loan.....	5.80%	12/16/11	\$ 1,914,859
2,425	Rail America, Inc., Term Loan.....	6.79	08/14/09	2,421,969
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				9,125,380
				-----
4,169	TRANSPORTATION--PERSONAL 0.3% Coach America Holdings, Inc., Term Loan.....	5.21 to 5.54	04/20/14	3,043,482
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6,298	TRANSPORTATION--RAIL MANUFACTURING 0.5% Helm Holding Corp., Term Loan.....	4.71 to 5.01	07/08/11	5,888,310
				-----
2,256	UTILITIES 5.0% Bicent Power, LLC, Term Loan.....	4.81	06/30/14	2,107,875
14,470	First Light Power Resources, Inc., Term Loan.....	5.31 to 7.31	11/01/13 to 05/01/14	13,506,173
2,533	InfrastruX Group, Inc., Term Loan (a).....	6.71	11/03/12	2,279,903

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5,500	Longview Power, LLC, Term Loan.....	5.06	02/28/14	4,901,875
2,000	Mach Gen, LLC, Term Loan...	4.81	02/22/13 to 02/22/14	1,920,500
3,278	NRG Energy, Inc., Term Loan.....	4.30	02/01/13	3,126,230
2,112	NSG Holdings, LLC, Term Loan.....	4.28	06/15/14	1,990,651
6,300	Primary Energy Operating, LLC, Term Loan.....	6.47	08/24/09	5,922,000
9,764	Texas Competitive Electric Holdings Co., LLC, Term Loan.....	5.96 to 6.48	10/13/14	9,096,782
9,874	TPF Generation Holdings, LLC, Term Loan.....	4.80 to 7.05	12/15/13 to 12/15/14	9,207,663
4,694	USPF Holdings, LLC, Term Loan.....	4.21	04/11/14	4,318,705
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				58,378,357
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	TOTAL VARIABLE RATE** SENIOR LOAN INTERESTS	176.9%.....		2,060,639,893
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DESCRIPTION	VALUE
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NOTES 1.1%	
Builders FirstSource, Inc. (\$8,700,000 par, 6.93% coupon, maturing 02/15/12) (g).....	\$ 6,068,250
Compression Polymers Corp. (\$2,700,000 par, 9.90% coupon, maturing 07/01/12) (g).....	2,092,500
Environmental Systems Products Holdings, (\$553,129 par, 8.00% coupon, maturing 03/31/15) (a).....	230,489
Qwest Corp. (\$3,500,000 par, 6.03% coupon, maturing 06/15/13) (g).....	3,263,750
Verso Paper Holding, LLC (\$1,500,000 par, 6.55% coupon, maturing 08/01/14) (g) (h).....	1,327,500
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TOTAL NOTES 1.1%.....	12,982,489
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EQUITIES 0.0%	
Aladdin Gaming Holdings, LLC (7.84% ownership interest, Acquired 09/03/04, Cost \$0) (i).....	15,250
Environmental Systems Products Holdings, Inc. (9,333 common shares, Acquired 09/27/07, Cost \$0) (i) (j).....	0
Environmental Systems Products Holdings, Inc. (4,275 preferred shares, Acquired 09/27/07, Cost \$106,875) (i) (j).....	0
Gentek, Inc. (Canada) (1,600 common shares, Acquired 10/17/06, Cost \$0) (i) (j).....	46,176
Gentek, Inc. (Canada) (Warrants for 2,501 common shares, Expiration date ranging from 10/31/08 to 10/31/10, Acquired 10/17/06, Cost \$0) (i) (j).....	87,362

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IAP Worldwide Services, Inc. (Warrants for 57,447 common shares, Expiration date 06/11/15, Acquired 06/18/08, Cost \$0) (i) (j).....	0
IDT Corp. (22,898 common shares) (i).....	40,529
Safelite Realty (28,448 common shares, Acquired 10/26/00, Cost \$0) (i) (j)...	0
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TOTAL EQUITIES 0.0%.....	189,317
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TOTAL LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS 178.0%	
(Cost \$2,390,194,494).....	2,073,811,699
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SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS 1.2%	
REPURCHASE AGREEMENT 1.1%	
State Street Bank & Trust Co. (\$13,200,000 par collateralized by U.S. Government obligations in a pooled cash account, interest rate of 1.82%, dated 07/31/08, to be sold on 08/01/08 at \$13,200,667) (e).....	13,200,000
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TIME DEPOSIT 0.1%	
State Street Bank & Trust Co. (\$1,065,647 par, 0.85% coupon, dated 07/31/08, to be sold on 08/01/08 at \$1,065,672) (e).....	\$ 1,065,647
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TOTAL SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS 1.2%	
(Cost \$14,265,647).....	14,265,647
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TOTAL INVESTMENTS 179.2%	
(Cost \$2,404,460,141).....	2,088,077,346
BORROWINGS (47.3%).....	(551,000,000)
PREFERRED SHARES (INCLUDING ACCRUED DISTRIBUTIONS) (30.0%).....	(350,129,180)
LIABILITIES IN EXCESS OF OTHER ASSETS (1.9%).....	(21,773,475)
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NET ASSETS APPLICABLE TO COMMON SHARES 100.0%.....	\$1,165,174,691
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Percentages are calculated as a percentage of net assets applicable to common shares.

(a) All or a portion of this security is payment-in-kind.

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

(c) This Senior Loan interest is non-income producing.

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- (d) This borrower is currently in liquidation.
- (e) All or a portion of this security is designated in connection with unfunded loan commitments.
- (f) The borrower is in the process of restructuring or amending the terms of this loan.
- (g) Variable rate security. Interest rate shown is that in effect at July 31, 2008.
- (h) 144A-Private Placement security which is exempt from registration under Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. This security may only be resold in transactions exempt from registration which are normally those transactions with qualified institutional buyers.
- (i) Non-income producing security.
- (j) Restricted security. Securities were acquired through the restructuring of senior loans. These securities are restricted as they are not allowed to be deposited via the Depository Trust Company. If at a later point in time, the company wishes to register, the issuer will bear the costs associated with registration. The aggregate value of restricted securities represents less than 0.1% of the net assets applicable to common shares of the Trust.
- \* Senior Loans in the Trust's portfolio generally are subject to mandatory and/or optional prepayment. Because of these mandatory prepayment conditions and because there may be significant economic incentives for a Borrower to prepay, prepayments of Senior Loans in the Trust's portfolio may occur. As a result, the actual remaining maturity of Senior Loans held in the Trust's portfolio may be substantially less than the stated maturities shown. Although the Trust is unable to accurately estimate

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the actual remaining maturity of individual Senior Loans, the Trust estimates that the actual average maturity of the Senior Loans held in its portfolio will be approximately 18-24 months.

- \*\* Senior Loans in which the Trust invests generally pay interest at rates which are periodically redetermined by reference to a base lending rate plus a premium. These base lending rates are generally (i) the lending rate offered by one or more major European banks, such as the London Inter-Bank Offered Rate ("LIBOR"), (ii) the prime rate offered by one or more major United States banks or (iii) the certificate of deposit rate. Senior Loans are generally considered to be restricted in that the Trust ordinarily is contractually obligated to receive approval from the Agent Bank and/or Borrower prior to the disposition of a Senior Loan.

RATINGS ALLOCATION AS OF 7/31/08 (UNAUDITED)

BBB/Baa.....	0.1%
BB/Ba.....	36.0
B/B.....	35.8
CCC/Caa.....	6.4



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CC/Ca..... 0.2  
 Non-Rated..... 21.5

RATINGS ALLOCATIONS ARE AS A PERCENTAGE OF LONG-TERM DEBT OBLIGATIONS. RATINGS ALLOCATIONS BASED UPON RATINGS AS ISSUED BY STANDARD AND POOR'S AND MOODY'S, RESPECTIVELY. BANK LOANS RATED BELOW BBB BY STANDARD AND POOR'S OR BAA BY MOODY'S ARE CONSIDERED TO BE BELOW INVESTMENT GRADE.

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SWAP AGREEMENTS OUTSTANDING AS OF JULY 31, 2008:

CREDIT DEFAULT SWAPS

COUNTERPARTY	REFERENCE ENTITY	BUY/SELL PROTECTION	PAY/RECEIVE FIXED RATE	EXPIRATION DATE	NOTIONAL AMOUNT (000)	UPFRONT PAYMENT
Goldman Sachs Capital Markets, LP.....	Boston Generating, LLC	Sell	2.00%	06/20/09	\$3,000	\$0
Goldman Sachs Capital Markets, LP.....	Texas Competitive Electric Holdings Co., LLC	Sell	2.85	06/20/10	5,000	0
Goldman Sachs Credit Partners, LP.....	K. Hovnanian Enterprises, Inc.	Sell	2.15	06/20/09	1,500	0
Goldman Sachs Credit Partners, LP.....	K. Hovnanian Enterprises, Inc.	Sell	3.75	06/20/12	1,500	0
Goldman Sachs Credit Partners, LP.....	Standard Pacific Corp.	Sell	3.40	03/20/14	2,500	0
Goldman Sachs Credit Partners, LP.....	Standard Pacific Corp.	Sell	3.70	06/20/14	2,500	0
TOTAL CREDIT DEFAULT SWAPS.....						\$0

SWAP COLLATERAL PLEDGED FROM COUNTERPARTY

Goldman Sachs International.....	850,000
Total Swap Agreements.....	\$(61,672)

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities  
July 31, 2008

<b>ASSETS:</b>	
Total Unaffiliated Investments (Cost \$2,404,460,141).....	\$2,088,077,346
Receivables:	
Interest and Fees.....	11,045,704
Investments Sold.....	5,682,084
Other.....	91,934
	-----
Total Assets.....	2,104,897,068
	-----
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>	
Payables:	
Borrowings.....	551,000,000
Investments Purchased.....	24,111,834
Investment Advisory Fee.....	1,493,629
Administrative Fee.....	351,442
Distributor and Other Affiliates.....	313,129
Income Distributions-Common Shares.....	141,126
Unfunded Commitments.....	9,431,217
Accrued Interest Expense.....	1,330,175
Accrued Expenses.....	789,184
Trustees' Deferred Compensation and Retirement Plans.....	569,789
Swap Contracts.....	61,672
	-----
Total Liabilities.....	589,593,197
Preferred Shares (including accrued distributions).....	350,129,180
	-----
NET ASSETS APPLICABLE TO COMMON SHARES.....	\$1,165,174,691
	=====
NET ASSET VALUE PER COMMON SHARE (\$1,165,174,691 divided by 180,010,000 shares outstanding).....	\$ 6.47
	=====
<b>NET ASSETS CONSIST OF:</b>	
Common Shares (\$.01 par value with an unlimited number of shares authorized,180,010,000 shares issued and outstanding).....	\$ 1,800,100
Paid in Surplus.....	1,788,233,938
Accumulated Undistributed Net Investment Income.....	(3,838,900)
Accumulated Net Realized Loss.....	(294,294,763)
Net Unrealized Depreciation.....	(326,725,684)
	-----
NET ASSETS APPLICABLE TO COMMON SHARES.....	\$1,165,174,691
	=====
Preferred Shares (\$0.01 par value, authorized 28,000 shares, 14,000 issued with liquidation preference of \$25,000 per share).....	\$ 350,000,000
	=====
NET ASSETS INCLUDING PREFERRED SHARES.....	\$1,515,174,691
	=====

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Statement of Operations  
For the Year Ended July 31, 2008

INVESTMENT INCOME:	
Interest from Unaffiliated Investments.....	\$ 181,787,222
Dividends.....	36,990
Other.....	7,096,820
	-----
Total Income.....	188,921,032
	-----
EXPENSES:	
Investment Advisory Fee.....	19,487,785
Administration Fee.....	4,585,186
Credit Line.....	1,741,232
Preferred Share Maintenance.....	1,651,904
Custody.....	549,041
Professional Fees.....	521,444
Accounting and Administrative Expenses.....	232,953
Reports to Shareholders.....	191,828
Trustees' Fees and Related Expenses.....	28,811
Transfer Agent.....	25,079
Depreciation in Trustees' Deferred Compensation Accounts....	(65,503)
Other.....	210,333
	-----
Total Operating Expenses.....	29,160,093
Interest Expense.....	16,317,711
	-----
Total Expenses.....	45,477,804
	-----
NET INVESTMENT INCOME.....	\$ 143,443,228
	=====
REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN/LOSS:	
Realized Gain/Loss:	
Unaffiliated Investments.....	\$ (47,048,371)
Affiliated Investments.....	(1,074,607)
Swap Contracts.....	301,942
	-----
Net Realized Loss.....	(47,821,036)
	-----
Unrealized Appreciation/Depreciation:	
Beginning of the Period.....	(92,918,730)
	-----
End of the Period:	
Unaffiliated Investments.....	(316,382,795)
Swap Contracts.....	(911,672)
Unfunded Commitments.....	(9,431,217)
	-----
	(326,725,684)
	-----
Net Unrealized Depreciation During the Period.....	(233,806,954)
	-----
NET REALIZED AND UNREALIZED LOSS.....	\$ (281,627,990)
	=====
DISTRIBUTIONS TO PREFERRED SHAREHOLDERS.....	\$ (31,521,869)
	=====

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NET DECREASE IN NET ASSETS APPLICABLE TO COMMON SHARES FROM  
 OPERATIONS..... \$ (169,706,631)  
 =====

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Statements of Changes in Net Assets

	FOR THE YEAR ENDED JULY 31, 2008	FOR THE YEAR ENDED JULY 31, 2007
	-----	-----
FROM INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES:		
Operations:		
Net Investment Income.....	\$ 143,443,228	\$ 166,683,679
Net Realized Loss.....	(47,821,036)	(7,600,277)
Net Unrealized Depreciation During the Period.....	(233,806,954)	(77,965,886)
Distributions to Preferred Shareholders:		
Net Investment Income.....	(31,521,869)	(36,203,219)
	-----	-----
Change in Net Assets Applicable to Common Shares from Operations.....	(169,706,631)	44,914,297
Distributions to Common Shareholders:		
Net Investment Income.....	(115,188,402)	(137,725,653)
	-----	-----
TOTAL DECREASE IN NET ASSETS APPLICABLE TO COMMON SHARES.....	(284,895,033)	(92,811,356)
NET ASSETS APPLICABLE TO COMMON SHARES:		
Beginning of the Period.....	1,450,069,724	1,542,881,080
	-----	-----
End of the Period (Including accumulated undistributed net investment income of \$(3,838,900) and \$(1,698,123), respectively).....	\$1,165,174,691	\$1,450,069,724
	=====	=====

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Statement of Cash Flows

For the Year Ended July 31, 2008

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS FROM OPERATIONS (INCLUDING PREFERRED

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SHARE DISTRIBUTIONS).....		\$	(169,706,631)
-----			
Adjustments to Reconcile the Change in Net Assets from			
Operations to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:			
Purchases of Investments.....			(1,060,121,855)
Principal Repayments/Sales of Investments.....			1,315,826,769
Net Purchases of Short-Term Investments.....			11,219,271
Amortization of Loan Fees.....			14,927
Net Loan Fees Received.....			19,103,593
Accretion of Discounts.....			(1,873,011)
Net Realized Gain/Loss on Investments.....			48,122,978
Net Change in Unrealized Depreciation on Investments.....			228,561,839
Decrease in Restricted Cash.....			1,002,302
Decrease in Receivables for Investments Sold.....			50,141,683
Decrease in Interest and Fees Receivables and Other			
Assets.....			10,114,319
Decrease in Payable for Investments Purchased.....			(38,527,890)
Decrease in Accrued Expenses and Other Payables.....			(1,637,267)
Net Change in Swap Contracts.....			(1,014,610)
Net Change in Unfunded Commitments.....			5,409,725
Decrease in Trustees' Deferred Compensation and Retirement			
Plans.....			(61,609)
-----			
Total Adjustments.....			586,281,164
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NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES.....			416,574,533
-----			
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:			
Change in Bank Borrowings.....			49,000,000
Change in Preferred Shares.....			(350,000,000)
Cash Distributions Paid.....			(115,574,533)
-----			
Net Cash Used for Financing Activities.....			(416,574,533)
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NET INCREASE IN CASH.....			-0-
Cash at Beginning of the Period.....			-0-
-----			
CASH AT THE END OF THE PERIOD.....		\$	-0-
=====			
SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION			
Cash Paid During the Year for Interest.....		\$	17,499,316
=====			

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### VAN KAMPEN SENIOR INCOME TRUST

#### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

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

	YEAR ENDED JULY 31,			
	2008	2007	2006	2005
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NET ASSET VALUE, BEGINNING OF THE PERIOD.....	\$ 8.06	\$ 8.57	\$ 8.67	\$ 8.63

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Net Investment Income.....	.80 (a)	.93 (a)	.79 (a)	.60
Net Realized and Unrealized Gain/Loss.....	(1.57)	(.47)	(.10)	.01
Common Share Equivalent of Distributions Paid to Preferred Shareholders:				
Net Investment Income.....	(.18)	(.20)	(.17)	(.10)
Total from Investment Operations.....	(.95)	.26	.52	.51
Distributions Paid to Common Shareholders:				
Net Investment Income.....	(.64)	(.77)	(.62)	(.47)
Dilutive Impact from the Offering of Money Market Cumulative Preferred Shares.....	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
NET ASSET VALUE, END OF THE PERIOD.....	\$ 6.47	\$ 8.06	\$ 8.57	\$ 8.67
Common Share Market Price at End of the Period.....	\$ 5.49	\$ 7.98	\$ 8.38	\$ 8.19
Total Return (b).....	-24.32%	3.94%	10.41%	-2.03%
Net Assets Applicable to Common Shares at End of the Period (In millions).....	\$1,165.2	\$1,450.1	\$1,542.9	\$1,560.7
Ratios to Average Net Assets Applicable to Common Shares excluding Borrowings:				
Operating Expense (c).....	2.26%	2.35%	2.31%	2.26%
Interest Expense (c).....	1.26%	1.95%	1.63%	.82%
Gross Expense (c).....	3.52%	4.30%	3.94%	3.08%
Net Investment Income (c).....	11.11%	10.80%	9.17%	6.87%
Net Investment Income (d).....	8.67%	8.46%	7.23%	5.75%
Portfolio Turnover (e).....	46%	85%	75%	94%
SUPPLEMENTAL RATIOS:				
Ratios to Average Net Assets Including Preferred Shares and Borrowings:				
Operating Expense (c).....	1.27%	1.30%	1.28%	1.27%
Interest Expense (c).....	.71%	1.08%	.90%	.46%
Gross Expense (c).....	1.98%	2.37%	2.18%	1.73%
Net Investment Income (c).....	6.26%	5.95%	5.06%	3.86%
Net Investment Income (d).....	4.88%	4.66%	3.99%	3.23%
SENIOR INDEBTEDNESS:				
Total Preferred Shares Outstanding.....	14,000	28,000	28,000	28,000
Asset Coverage Per Preferred Share (f).....	\$108,236	\$ 76,803	\$ 80,119	\$ 80,750
Involuntary Liquidating Preference Per Preferred Share.....	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
Average Market Value Per Preferred Share.....	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
Total Borrowing Outstanding (In thousands)....	\$551,000	\$502,000	\$557,000	\$524,000
Asset Coverage Per \$1,000 Unit of Senior Indebtedness (g).....	\$ 3,750	\$ 5,284	\$ 5,028	\$ 5,315

(a)Based on average shares outstanding.

(b)Total return based on common share market price assumes an investment at the common share market price at the beginning of the period indicated, reinvestment of all distributions for the period in accordance with the Trust's dividend reinvestment plan, and sale of all shares at the closing common share market price at the end of the period indicated.

(c)Ratios do not reflect the effect of distributions to preferred shareholders.

(d)Ratios reflect the effect of distributions to preferred shareholders.

(e)Calculation includes the proceeds from principal repayments and sales of

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senior loan interests.

(f) Calculated by subtracting the Trust's total liabilities (not including the preferred shares) from the Trust's total assets and dividing this by the number of preferred shares outstanding.

(g) Calculated by subtracting the Trust's total liabilities (not including the preferred shares and the borrowings) from the Trust's total assets and dividing by the total number of senior indebtedness units, where one unit equals \$1,000 of senior indebtedness.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -- JULY 31, 2008

### 1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Van Kampen Senior Income Trust (the "Trust") is registered as a diversified, closed-end management investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"). The Trust's investment objective is to seek to provide a high level of current income, consistent with preservation of capital. The Trust seeks to achieve its objective by investing primarily in a portfolio of interests in floating or variable rate senior loans to corporations, partnerships and other entities which operate in a variety of industries and geographical regions. The Trust borrows money for investment purposes which will create the opportunity for enhanced return, but also should be considered a speculative technique and may increase the Trust's volatility. The Trust commenced investment operations on June 23, 1998.

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

A. SECURITY VALUATION The Trust's Senior Loans and notes are valued by the Trust following valuation guidelines established and periodically reviewed by the Trust's Board of Trustees. Under the valuation guidelines, Senior Loans and notes for which reliable market quotes are readily available are valued at the mean of such bid and ask quotes. Where reliable market quotes are not readily available, Senior Loans and notes are valued, where possible, using independent market indicators provided by independent pricing sources approved by the Board of Trustees. Other Senior Loans and notes are valued by independent pricing sources approved by the Board of Trustees based upon pricing models developed, maintained and operated by those pricing sources or valued by Van Kampen Asset Management (the "Adviser") by considering a number of factors including consideration of market indicators, transactions in instruments which the Adviser believes may be comparable (including comparable credit quality, interest rate, interest rate redetermination period and maturity), the credit worthiness of the Borrower, the current interest rate, the period until next interest rate redetermination and the maturity of such Senior Loan. Consideration of comparable instruments may include commercial paper, negotiable certificates of deposit and short-term variable rate securities which have adjustment periods comparable to the Senior Loans in the Trust's portfolio. The fair value of Senior Loans are reviewed and approved by the Trust's Valuation Committee and the Board of Trustees.

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Credit default swaps are valued using market quotations obtained from brokers.

Equity securities are valued on the basis of prices furnished by pricing services or as determined in good faith by the Adviser under the direction of the Board of Trustees.

Short-term securities with remaining maturities of 60 days or less are valued at amortized cost, which approximates market value. Short-term loan participations are valued at cost in the absence of any indication of impairment.

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

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expected to result in the restructuring of a plan of reorganization for an investment are recorded as realized losses. The Trust may purchase and sell securities on a "when-issued" or "delayed delivery" basis, with settlement to occur at a later date. The value of the security so purchased is subject to market fluctuations during this period. The Trust will segregate assets with the custodian having an aggregate value at least equal to the amount of the when-issued or delayed delivery purchase commitments until payment is made. At July 31, 2008, the Trust had no when-issued or delayed delivery purchase commitments.

The Trust may invest in repurchase agreements, which are short-term investments in which the Trust acquires ownership of a debt security and the seller agrees to repurchase the security at a future time and specified price. Repurchase agreements are fully collateralized by the underlying debt security. The Trust will make payment for such securities only upon physical delivery or evidence of book entry transfer to the account of the custodian bank. The seller is required to maintain the value of the underlying security at not less than the repurchase proceeds due the Trust.

C. INVESTMENT INCOME Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date and interest income is recorded on an accrual basis. Facility fees received are treated as market discounts. Market premiums are amortized and discounts are accreted over the stated life of each applicable senior loan, note, or other fixed income security. Other income is comprised primarily of amendment fees which are recorded when received. Amendment fees are earned as compensation for agreeing to changes in loan agreements.

D. FEDERAL INCOME TAXES It is the Trust's policy to comply with the requirements of Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code applicable to regulated investment companies and to distribute substantially all of its taxable income to its shareholders. Therefore, no provision for federal income taxes is required. The Trust adopted the provisions of the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Interpretation No. 48 ("FIN 48") Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes on January 31, 2008. FIN 48 sets forth a minimum threshold for financial statement recognition of the benefit of a tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. The implementation of FIN 48 did not result in any unrecognized tax benefits in the accompanying financial statements. If applicable, the Trust recognizes interest accrued related to unrecognized tax



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benefits in "Interest Expense" and penalties in "Other" expenses on the Statement of Operations. The Trust files tax returns with the U.S. Internal Revenue Service and various states. Generally, each of the tax years in the four year period ended July 31, 2008, remains subject to examination by taxing authorities.

The Trust intends to utilize provisions of the federal income tax laws which allow it to carry a realized capital loss forward for eight years following the year of the loss and offset such losses against any future realized capital gains. At July 31, 2008, the Trust had

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an accumulated capital loss carryforward for tax purposes of \$247,685,516 which will expire according to the following schedule.

AMOUNT	EXPIRATION
\$ 4,851,995 .....	July 31, 2009
122,716,095 .....	July 31, 2010
52,014,750 .....	July 31, 2011
29,634,358 .....	July 31, 2012
2,190,907 .....	July 31, 2013
6,730,384 .....	July 31, 2014
11,934,630 .....	July 31, 2015
17,612,397 .....	July 31, 2016

At July 31, 2008, the cost and related gross unrealized appreciation and depreciation are as follows:

Cost of investments for tax purposes.....	\$2,409,849,748
	=====
Gross tax unrealized appreciation.....	\$ 6,263,969
Gross tax unrealized depreciation.....	(328,036,371)
	-----
Net tax unrealized depreciation on investments.....	\$ (321,772,402)
	=====

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

The tax character of distributions paid for the years ended July 31, 2008 and 2007 were as follows:

2008

2007

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Distributions paid from:

Ordinary income.....	\$147,096,403	\$173,875,890
Long-term capital gain.....	-0-	-0-
	-----	-----
	\$147,096,403	\$173,875,890
	=====	=====

Permanent differences, primarily due to overdistribution of ordinary income, resulted in the following reclassifications among the Trust's components of net assets at July 31, 2008:

ACCUMULATED UNDISTRIBUTED NET INVESTMENT INCOME	ACCUMULATED NET REALIZED LOSS	PAID IN SURPLUS
\$1,126,266	\$ (611,912)	\$ (514,354)

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As of July 31, 2008, the components of distributable earnings on a tax basis were as follows:

Undistributed ordinary income..... \$-0-

Net realized gains or losses may differ for financial reporting and tax purposes primarily as a result of the deferral of losses resulting from wash sale transactions, gains and losses recognized on securities for tax purposes but not for book purposes and post October losses which are not realized for tax purposes until the first day of the following fiscal year.

### 2. INVESTMENT ADVISORY AGREEMENT AND OTHER TRANSACTIONS WITH AFFILIATES

Under the terms of the Trust's Investment Advisory Agreement, the Adviser will provide investment advice and facilities to the Trust for an annual fee of .85% of the average daily managed assets. Managed assets are defined as the gross asset value of the Trust minus the sum of accrued liabilities, other than the aggregate amount of borrowings undertaken by the Trust. In addition, the Trust will pay a monthly administrative fee to Van Kampen Investments Inc., the Trust's Administrator, at an annual rate of .20% of the average daily managed assets of the Trust. The administrative services provided by the Administrator include monitoring the provisions of the loan agreements and any agreements with respect to participations and assignments, record keeping responsibilities with respect to interests in Variable Rate Senior Loans in the Trust's portfolio and providing certain services to the holders of the Trust's securities.

For the year ended July 31, 2008, the Trust recognized expenses of approximately \$235,300 representing legal services provided by Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, of which a trustee of the Trust is a partner of such firm and he and his law firm provide legal services as legal counsel to the Trust.

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Under separate Legal Services and Chief Compliance Officer (CCO) Employment agreements, the Adviser provides legal services and the CCO provides compliance services to the Trust. The costs of these services are allocated to each trust. For the year ended July 31, 2008, the Trust recognized expenses of approximately \$131,600 representing Van Kampen Investments Inc.'s or its affiliates' (collectively "Van Kampen") cost of providing legal services to the Trust, as well as the salary, benefits and related costs of the CCO and related support staff paid by Van Kampen. Services provided pursuant to the Legal Services agreement are reported as part of "Professional Fees" on the Statement of Operations. Services provided pursuant to the CCO Employment agreement are reported as part of "Accounting and Administrative Expenses" on the Statement of Operations.

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

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

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As of July 31, 2008, the Trust did not own shares of affiliated companies. Affiliated companies are defined by the 1940 Act, as those companies in which a fund holds 5% or more of the outstanding voting securities.

Affiliate transactions during the year ended July 31, 2008 were as follows:

NAME	PAR/SHARES AS OF 7/31/07	GROSS ADDITIONS	GROSS REDUCTIONS	PAR/SHARES AS OF 7/31/08	REALIZED GA (LOSS)
Neoplan USA Corp., Revolving Credit Agreement.....	\$589,367	\$-0-	\$589,367	\$-0-	\$ -0
Neoplan USA Corp., Common Stock.....	8,517	-0-	8,517	-0-	(8
Neoplan USA Corp., Preferred Stock C.....	532	-0-	532	-0-	(53
Neoplan USA Corp., Preferred Stock D.....	1,730	-0-	1,730	-0-	(1,073,98
					----- \$ (1,074,60 -----

### 3. CAPITAL TRANSACTIONS

The Board of Trustees have approved a share repurchase program whereby the Trust may, when appropriate, repurchase its shares in the open market or in privately negotiated transactions at a price not above market value or NAV, whichever is lower at the time of purchase.

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### 4. INVESTMENT TRANSACTIONS

During the period, the cost of purchases and proceeds from investments sold and repaid, excluding short-term investments, were \$1,060,121,855 and \$1,315,826,769, respectively.

### 5. COMMITMENTS

Pursuant to the terms of certain Senior Loan agreements, the Trust had unfunded loan commitments of approximately \$85,029,397 as of July 31, 2008. The Trust intends to reserve against such contingent obligations by designating cash, liquid securities and liquid Senior Loans as a reserve. The unrealized depreciation on these commitments of \$9,431,217 as of July 31, 2008 is reported as "Unfunded Commitments" on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

### 6. DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

A derivative financial instrument in very general terms refers to a security whose value is "derived" from the value of an underlying asset, reference rate or index.

The Trust may use derivative instruments for a variety of reasons, such as to attempt to protect the Trust against possible changes in the market value of its portfolio or to generate potential gain. All of the Trust's portfolio holdings, including derivative instruments, are marked to market each day with the change in value reflected in unrealized appreciation/depreciation. Risks may arise as a result of the potential inability of the counterparties to meet the terms of their contracts.

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The Trust may enter into credit default swap contracts for hedging purposes or to gain exposure to a credit in which the Trust may otherwise invest. A credit default swap is an agreement between two parties to exchange the credit risk of an issuer. A buyer of a credit default swap is said to buy protection by paying periodic fees in return for a contingent payment from the seller if the issuer has a credit event such as bankruptcy, a failure to pay outstanding obligations or deteriorating credit while the swap is outstanding. A seller of a credit default swap is said to sell protection and thus collects the periodic fees and profits if the credit of the issuer remains stable or improves while the swap is outstanding but the seller in a credit default swap contract would be required to pay an agreed-upon amount, which approximates the notional amount of the swap as disclosed in the table following the Portfolio of Investments, to the buyer in the event of an adverse credit event of the issuer. The Trust accrues for the periodic fees on credit default swaps on a daily basis with the net amount accrued recorded within unrealized appreciation/depreciation of swap contracts. Upon cash settlement of the periodic fees, the net amount is recorded as realized gain/loss on swap contracts on the Statement of Operations. Net unrealized gains are recorded as an asset or net unrealized losses are reported as a liability on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. The change in value of the swap contracts is reported as unrealized gains or losses on the Statement of Operations. Payments received or made upon entering into a credit default swap contract, if any, are recorded as realized gain or loss on the Statement of Operations upon termination or maturity of the swap. Credit default swaps may involve greater risks than if the Trust had invested in the issuer directly. Credit default swaps are subject to general market risk, counterparty risk and

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credit risk.

If there is a default by the counterparty to a swap agreement, the Trust will have contractual remedies pursuant to the agreements related to the transaction. Counterparties are required to pledge collateral daily (based on the valuation of each swap) on behalf of the Trust with a value approximately equal to the amount of any unrealized gain. Reciprocally, when the Trust has an unrealized loss on a swap contract, the Trust has instructed the custodian to pledge cash or liquid securities as collateral with a value approximately equal to the amount of the unrealized loss. Collateral pledges are monitored and subsequently adjusted if and when the swap valuations fluctuate. Cash collateral is disclosed in the table following the Portfolio of Investments. Cash collateral has been offset against open swap contracts under the provisions of FASB Interpretation No. 39: Offsetting of Amounts Related to Certain Contracts an Interpretation of APB Opinion No. 10 and FASB Statement No. 105 and are included within "Swap Contracts" on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. For cash collateral received, the Trust pays a monthly fee to the counterparty based on the effective rate for Federal Funds. This fee, when paid, is included within realized loss on swap contracts on the Statement of Operations.

### 7. SENIOR LOAN PARTICIPATION COMMITMENTS

The Trust invests primarily in participations, assignments, or acts as a party to the primary lending syndicate of a Variable Rate Senior Loan interest to United States and foreign corporations, partnerships, and other entities. When the Trust purchases a participation of a Senior Loan interest, the Trust typically enters into a contractual agreement with the lender or other third party selling the participation, but not with the borrower directly. As such, the Trust assumes the credit risk of the borrower, selling participant or other persons interpositioned between the Trust and the borrower.

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At July 31, 2008, the following sets forth the selling participants with respect to interests in Senior Loans purchased by the Trust on a participation basis.

SELLING PARTICIPANT	PRINCIPAL AMOUNT (000)	VALUE (000)
Merrill Lynch.....	\$20,000	\$12,000
JP Morgan Chase.....	20,000	12,000
Citicorp North America.....	16,667	10,000
Bank of America, NA.....	10,000	6,000
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	\$66,667	\$40,000
	=====	=====

### 8. BORROWINGS

The Trust may utilize financial leverage to the maximum extent allowable under the 1940 Act. Under the 1940 Act, a Trust generally may not (i) borrow money greater than 33 1/3% of the Trust's total assets or (ii) issue preferred shares

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greater than 50% of the Trust's total assets. In using a combination of borrowing money and issuing preferred shares, the maximum allowable leverage is somewhere between 33 1/3% and 50% (but in no event more than 50%) of the Trust's total assets based on the relative amounts borrowed or preferred shares issued.

The Trust has entered into a \$700 million annual revolving credit and security agreement. This revolving credit agreement is secured by the assets of the Trust. In connection with this agreement, for the year ended July 31, 2008, the Trust incurred fees of approximately \$1,741,200. For the year ended July 31, 2008, the average daily balance of borrowings under the Amended and Restated Revolving Credit and Security Agreement was \$370,852,459 with a weighted average interest rate of 4.73%. Effective September 13, 2008, the Trust changed its Credit and Security Agreement to \$625 million.

### 9. PREFERRED SHARES ISSUANCE

The Trust has outstanding 2,800 shares each of Series M, Series T, Series W, Series TH and Series F Auction Preferred Shares (APS), \$.01 Par Value, \$25,000 liquidation preference, for a total issuance of \$350 million. This reflects the Trust's redemption of 2,800 shares of each class, which occurred between May 19, 2008 and May 23, 2008. Dividends are cumulative and the dividend rates are generally reset every seven days through an auction process. Beginning on February 12, 2008 and continuing through July 31, 2008, all series of preferred shares of the Trust were not successfully remarketed. As a result, the dividend rates of these preferred shares were reset to the maximum applicable rate on APS. The average rate in effect on July 31, 2008 was 3.925%. During the year ended July 31, 2008, the rates ranged from 3.794% to 6.300%.

The Trust pays annual fees equivalent to .25% of the preferred share liquidation value for the remarketing efforts associated with the preferred auctions. These fees are included as a component of the "Preferred Share Maintenance" expense on the Statement of Operations.

The APS are redeemable at the option of the Trust in whole or in part at the liquidation value of \$25,000 per share plus accumulated and unpaid dividends. The Trust is subject to certain asset coverage tests and the APS are subject to mandatory redemption if the tests are not met.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -- JULY 31, 2008 continued

### 10. INDEMNIFICATIONS

The Trust enters into contracts that contain a variety of indemnifications. The Trust's maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown. However, the Trust has not had prior claims or losses pursuant to these contracts and expects the risk of loss to be remote.

### 11. ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

In September 2006, Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 157, Fair Value Measurements (FAS 157), was issued and is effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007. FAS 157 defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. As of July 31, 2008, the Adviser does not believe the adoption of FAS 157 will impact the amounts reported in the financial statements, however, additional disclosures will be required about the inputs used to develop the measurements of fair value and the effect of certain measurements reported on

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the Statement of Operations for a fiscal period.

On March 19, 2008, FASB released Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 161, Disclosures about Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities (FAS 161). FAS 161 requires qualitative disclosures about objectives and strategies for using derivatives, quantitative disclosures about fair value amounts of and gains and losses on derivative instruments, and disclosures about credit-risk-related contingent features in derivative agreements. The application of FAS 161 is required for fiscal years and interim periods beginning after November 15, 2008. At this time, management is evaluating the implications of FAS 161 and its impact on the financial statements has not yet been determined.

### 12. LEGAL MATTERS

The Trust is one of numerous defendants ("Lenders") that have been named in an adversary proceeding pending in the Bankruptcy Court of the Southern District of Florida. The action was filed on July 15, 2008, by the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors of home building companies to which the Lenders loaned money through credit agreements. Plaintiff alleges that monies used to repay the Lenders should be avoided as fraudulent and preferential transfers under the bankruptcy laws. More specifically, Plaintiff alleges that subsidiaries of the home building companies were allegedly forced to become co-borrowers and guarantors of the monies used to repay the Lenders, and that the subsidiaries did not receive fair consideration or reasonably equivalent value when they transferred the proceeds to repay the Lenders. Plaintiff seeks to avoid the transfers and other equitable relief. The Lenders have moved to dismiss the complaint. That motion is now pending.

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Shareholders and Board of Trustees of Van Kampen Senior Income Trust

We have audited the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities of Van Kampen Senior Income Trust (the "Trust"), including the portfolio of investments, as of July 31, 2008, the related statements of operations and cash flows for the year then ended, the statements of changes in net assets for each of the two years in the period then ended, and the financial highlights for each of the five years in the period then ended. These financial statements and financial highlights are the responsibility of the Trust's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements and financial highlights based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements and financial highlights are free of material misstatement. The Trust is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. Our audits included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Trust's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. Our procedures included confirmation

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of securities owned as of July 31, 2008, by correspondence with the Trust's custodian, brokers and selling or agent banks; where replies were not received, we performed other auditing procedures. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements and financial highlights referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Van Kampen Senior Income Trust as of July 31, 2008, the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended, the changes in its net assets for each of the two years in the period then ended, and the financial highlights for each of the five years in the period then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP  
September 19, 2008

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### VAN KAMPEN SENIOR INCOME TRUST

#### DIVIDEND REINVESTMENT PLAN

The dividend reinvestment plan (the "Plan") offers you a prompt and simple way to reinvest your dividends and capital gains distributions into additional shares of the Trust. Under the Plan, the money you earn from dividends and capital gains distributions will be reinvested automatically in more shares of the Trust, allowing you to potentially increase your investment over time.

#### PLAN BENEFITS

##### - ADD TO YOUR ACCOUNT

You may increase your shares in the Trust easily and automatically with the Plan.

##### - LOW TRANSACTION COSTS

Transaction costs are low because the new shares are bought in blocks and the brokerage commission is shared among all participants.

##### - CONVENIENCE

You will receive a detailed account statement from Computershare Trust Company, N.A., which administers the Plan, whenever shares are reinvested for you. The statement shows your total distributions, date of investment, shares acquired, and price per share, as well as the total number of shares in your reinvestment account. You can also access your account via the Internet. To do this, please go to [vankampen.com](http://vankampen.com).

##### - SAFEKEEPING

Computershare Trust Company, N.A. will hold the shares it has acquired for you in safekeeping.

#### HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PLAN

If you own shares in your own name, you can participate directly in the Plan. If your shares are held in "street name"--in the name of your brokerage firm, bank, or other financial institution--you must instruct that entity to participate on your behalf. If they are unable to participate on your behalf, you may request that they reregister your shares in your own name so that you



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may enroll in the Plan.

If you choose to participate in the Plan, whenever the Trust declares a dividend or capital gains distribution, it will be invested in additional shares of your Trust that are purchased on the open market.

### HOW TO ENROLL

To enroll in the Plan, please read the Terms and Conditions in the Plan brochure. You can obtain a copy of the Plan Brochure and enroll in the Plan by visiting [vankampen.com](http://vankampen.com), calling toll-free (800) 341-2929 or notifying us in writing at Van Kampen Closed End Funds, Computershare Trust Company,

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#### DIVIDEND REINVESTMENT PLAN continued

N.A., P.O. Box 43078, Providence, RI 02940-3078. Please include the Trust name and account number and ensure that all shareholders listed on the account sign these written instructions. Your participation in the Plan will begin with the next dividend or capital gains distribution payable after Computershare Trust Company, N.A. receives your authorization, as long as they receive it before the "record date," which is generally ten business days before the dividend is paid. If your authorization arrives after such record date, your participation in the Plan will begin with the following dividend or distribution.

#### COSTS OF THE PLAN

There is no direct charge to you for reinvesting dividends and capital gains distributions because the Plan's fees are paid by the Trust. However, when applicable, you will pay your portion of any brokerage commissions incurred when the new shares are purchased on the open market. These brokerage commissions are typically less than the standard brokerage charges for individual transactions, because shares are purchased for all participants in blocks, resulting in lower commissions for each individual participant. Any brokerage commissions or service fees are averaged into the purchase price.

#### TAX IMPLICATIONS

The automatic reinvestment of dividends and capital gains distributions does not relieve you of any income tax that may be due on dividends or distributions. You will receive tax information annually to help you prepare your federal and state income tax returns.

Van Kampen does not offer tax advice. The tax information contained herein is general and is not exhaustive by nature. It was not intended or written to be used, and it cannot be used by any taxpayer, for avoiding penalties that may be imposed on the taxpayer under U.S. federal tax laws. Federal and state tax laws are complex and constantly changing. Shareholders should always consult a legal or tax advisor for information concerning their individual situation.

#### HOW TO WITHDRAW FROM THE PLAN

To withdraw from the Plan please visit [vankampen.com](http://vankampen.com) or call (800) 341-2929 or notify us in writing at the address below.

Van Kampen Closed-End Funds  
Computershare Trust Company, N.A.  
P.O. Box 43078  
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All shareholders listed on the account must sign any written withdrawal

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instructions. If you withdraw, you have three options with regard to the shares held in your account:

1. If you opt to continue to hold your non-certificated shares, they will be held by Computershare Trust Company N.A.
2. If you opt to sell your shares through Van Kampen, we will sell all full and fractional shares and send the proceeds via check to your address of record after deducting brokerage commissions and a \$2.50 service fee.
3. You may sell your shares through your financial advisor through the Direct Registration Systems ("DRS"). DRS is a service within the securities industry that allows Trust shares to be held in your name in electronic format. You retain full ownership of your shares, without having to hold a stock certificate.

The Trust and Computershare Trust Company, N.A. may amend or terminate the Plan. Participants will receive written notice at least 30 days before the effective date of any amendment. In the case of termination, Participants will receive written notice at least 30 days before the record date for the payment of any dividend or capital gains distribution by the Trust. In the case of amendment or termination necessary or appropriate to comply with applicable law or the rules and policies of the Securities and Exchange Commission or any other regulatory authority, such written notice will not be required.

TO OBTAIN A COMPLETE COPY OF THE DIVIDEND REINVESTMENT PLAN, PLEASE CALL OUR CLIENT RELATIONS DEPARTMENT AT 800-341-2929 OR VISIT VANKAMPEN.COM.

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VAN KAMPEN SENIOR INCOME TRUST

BOARD OF TRUSTEES, OFFICERS AND IMPORTANT ADDRESSES

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\* "Interested persons" of the Trust, as defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.

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RESULTS OF SHAREHOLDERS VOTES

The Annual Meeting of Shareholders of the Trust was held on June 18, 2008, where shareholders voted on the election of trustees.

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

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	# OF SHARES	
	IN FAVOR	WITHHELD
David C. Arch.....	161,558,977	4,275,284
Jerry D. Choate.....	161,427,390	4,406,871
Howard J Kerr.....	161,465,608	4,368,653
Suzanne H. Woolsey.....	161,444,114	4,390,147

The other trustees of the Trust whose terms did not expire in 2008 are Rod Dammeyer, Linda Hutton Heagy, R. Craig Kennedy, Jack E. Nelson, Hugo F. Sonnenschein and Wayne W. Whalen.

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TRUSTEE AND OFFICER INFORMATION

The business and affairs of each Trust are managed under the direction of the Trust's Board of Trustees and the Trust's officers appointed by the Board of Trustees. The tables below list the trustees and executive officers of each Trust and their principal occupations during the last five years, other directorships held by trustees and their affiliations, if any, with Van Kampen Investments, the Adviser, the Distributor, Van Kampen Advisors Inc., Van Kampen Exchange Corp. and Investor Services. The term "Fund Complex" includes each of the investment companies advised by the Adviser as of the date of this Annual Report. Trustees of the Trust generally serve three year terms or until their successors are duly elected and qualified. Officers are annually elected by the trustees.

INDEPENDENT TRUSTEES

NAME, AGE AND ADDRESS OF INDEPENDENT TRUSTEE	POSITION(S) HELD WITH EACH TRUST	TERM OF OFFICE AND LENGTH OF TIME SERVED	PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION(S) DURING PAST 5 YEARS	NUMBER OF FUNDS IN FUND COMPLEX OVERSEEN BY TRUSTEE
David C. Arch (63) Blistex Inc. 1800 Swift Drive Oak Brook, IL 60523	Trustee	Trustee since 1998	Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Blistex Inc., a consumer health care products manufacturer.	71

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Jerry D. Choate (70) 33971 Selva Road Suite 130 Dana Point, CA 92629	Trustee	Trustee since 2006	Prior to January 1999, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Allstate Corporation ("Allstate") and Allstate Insurance Company. Prior to January 1995, President and Chief Executive Officer of Allstate. Prior to August 1994, various management positions at Allstate.	71
Rod Dammeyer (67) CAC, L.L.C. 4350 La Jolla Village Drive Suite 980 San Diego, CA 92122-6223	Trustee	Trustee since 1998	President of CAC, L.L.C., a private company offering capital investment and management advisory services.	71

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TERM OF OFFICE AND	NUMBER OF FUNDS IN FUND
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NAME, AGE AND ADDRESS OF INDEPENDENT TRUSTEE	POSITION(S) HELD WITH EACH TRUST	LENGTH OF TIME SERVED	PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION(S) DURING PAST 5 YEARS	COMPLEX OVERSEEN BY TRUSTEE
Linda Hutton Heagy++ (60) 4939 South Greenwood Chicago, IL 60615	Trustee	Trustee since 2006	Prior to February 2008, Managing Partner of Heidrick & Struggles, an international executive search firm. Prior to 1997, Partner of Ray & Berndtson, Inc., an executive recruiting firm. Prior to 1995, Executive Vice President of ABN AMRO, N.A., a bank holding company. Prior to 1990, Executive Vice President of The Exchange National Bank.	71
R. Craig Kennedy (56) 1744 R Street, NW Washington, DC 20009	Trustee	Trustee since 2006	Director and President of the German Marshall Fund of the United States, an independent U.S. foundation created to deepen understanding, promote collaboration and stimulate exchanges of practical experience between Americans and Europeans. Formerly, advisor to the Dennis Trading Group Inc., a managed futures and option company that invests money for individuals and institutions. Prior to 1992, President and Chief Executive Officer, Director and member of the Investment Committee of the Joyce Foundation, a private foundation.	71
Howard J Kerr (72) 14 Huron Trace Galena, IL 61036	Trustee	Trustee since 1998	Prior to 1998, President and Chief Executive Officer of Pocklington Corporation, Inc., an investment holding company.	71

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Jack E. Nelson (72) 423 Country Club Drive Winter Park, FL 32789	Trustee	Trustee since 2006	President of Nelson Investment Planning Services, Inc., a financial planning company and registered investment adviser in the State of Florida. President of Nelson Invest Brokerage Services Inc., a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA"), Securities Investors Protection Corp. and the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board. President of Nelson Sales and Services Corporation, a marketing and services company to support affiliated companies.	71
Hugo F. Sonnenschein (67) 1126 E. 59th Street Chicago, IL 60637	Trustee	Trustee since 1998	President Emeritus and Honorary Trustee of the University of Chicago and the Adam Smith Distinguished Service Professor in the Department of Economics at the University of Chicago. Prior to July 2000, President of the University of Chicago.	71

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Suzanne H. Woolsey, Ph.D. (66) 815 Cumberstone Road	Trustee	Trustee since 2006	Chief Communications Officer of the National	71

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Academy of Sciences/National Research Council, an independent, federally chartered policy institution, from 2001 to November 2003 and Chief Operating Officer from 1993 to 2001. Prior to 1993, Executive Director of the Commission on Behavioral and Social Sciences and Education at the National Academy of Sciences/National Research Council. From 1980 through 1989, Partner of Coopers & Lybrand.

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INTERESTED TRUSTEE\*

NAME, AGE AND ADDRESS OF INTERESTED TRUSTEE	POSITION(S) HELD WITH EACH TRUST	TERM OF OFFICE AND LENGTH OF TIME SERVED	PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION(S) DURING PAST 5 YEARS	NUMBER OF FUNDS IN FUND COMPLEX OVERSEEN BY TRUSTEE
Wayne W. Whalen* (69) 333 West Wacker Drive Chicago, IL 60606	Trustee	Trustee since 1998	Partner in the law firm of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, legal counsel to funds in the Fund Complex.	71

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+ See Table D below.

++ As indicated above, prior to February 2008, Ms. Heagy was an employee of Heidrick and Struggles, an international executive search firm ("Heidrick").



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Heidrick has been (and may continue to be) engaged by Morgan Stanley from time to time to perform executive searches. Such searches have been done by professionals at Heidrick without any involvement by Ms. Heagy. Ethical wall procedures exist to ensure that Ms. Heagy will not have any involvement with any searches performed by Heidrick for Morgan Stanley. Ms. Heagy does not receive any compensation, directly or indirectly, for searches performed by Heidrick for Morgan Stanley.

- \* Mr. Whalen is an "interested person" (within the meaning of Section 2(a)(19) of the 1940 Act) of certain funds in the Fund Complex by reason of he and his firm currently providing legal services as legal counsel to such funds in the Fund Complex.

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### OFFICERS

NAME, AGE AND ADDRESS OF OFFICER	POSITION(S) HELD WITH EACH TRUST	TERM OF OFFICE AND LENGTH OF TIME SERVED	PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION(S) DURING PAST 5 YEARS
Jerry W. Miller (47) 522 Fifth Avenue New York, NY 10036	President and Principal Executive Officer	Officer since 2008	President and Principal Executive Officer of Van Kampen Investment Management Group from March 2008. Chief Operating Officer of the Fund Complex since May 2008. Previously, Chief Operating Officer of the Investment Management Division of Merrill Lynch Investment Management from March 2007 to March 2008.
Kevin Klingert (46) 522 Fifth Avenue New York, NY 10036	Vice President	Officer since 2008	Vice President of funds in the Fund Complex since 2008. Chief Operating Officer of the Investment Management Division of Morgan Stanley Investment Management from March 2008 to March 2007. Head of Global Liquidity Portfolio Management of Morgan Stanley Investment Management from March 2007 to March 2008. Previously, Managing Director and head of Municipal Liquidity at BlackRock from October 2006 to March 2007. Assistant Vice President municipal securities at Merrill Lynch from March 1985 to March 2006.
Amy R. Doberman (46) 522 Fifth Avenue New York, NY 10036	Vice President	Officer since 2004	Managing Director and General Counsel of the Fund Complex since 2004. Managing Director of Institutional and Retail Funds Management Inc., Morgan Stanley Investment Management from 2004 to 2008. Vice President of Institutional and Retail Funds Management from 2003 to 2004. President of funds in the Fund Complex from 2002 to 2003. Previously, Managing Director of Institutional and Retail Funds Management, UBS Global Asset Management from 2001 to 2004 and General Counsel of American Express Company from January 1997 to July 2001.

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Stefanie V. Chang Yu (41) 522 Fifth Avenue New York, NY 10036	Vice President and Secretary	Officer since 2003	Managing Director of Morgan St Inc. Vice President and Secret Complex.
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TRUSTEE AND OFFICER INFORMATION continued

NAME, AGE AND ADDRESS OF OFFICER	POSITION(S) HELD WITH EACH TRUST	TERM OF OFFICE AND LENGTH OF TIME SERVED	PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION(S) DURING PAST 5 YEARS
John L. Sullivan (53) 1 Parkview Plaza -- Suite 100 Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181	Chief Compliance Officer	Officer since 1998	Chief Compliance Officer of fu August 2004. Prior to August 2 Director of Van Kampen Investm Advisors Inc. and certain othe Investments, Vice President, C Treasurer of funds in the Fund Accounting for Morgan Stanley Prior to December 2002, Execut Investments, the Adviser and V
Stuart N. Schuldt (46) 1 Parkview Plaza -- Suite 100 Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181	Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer	Officer since 2007	Executive Director of Morgan S Inc. since June 2007. Chief Fi of funds in the Fund Complex s 2007, Senior Vice President of Treasurer and Principal Financ U.S. mutual fund complex.

In accordance with Section 303A.12(a) of the New York Stock Exchange Listed Company Manual, the Trust's Chief Executive Officer has certified to the New York Stock Exchange that, as of June 25, 2008, he was not aware of any violation by the Trust of NYSE corporate governance listing standards.

The certifications by the Trust's principal executive officer and principal financial officer required by Rule 30a-2 under the 1940 Act were filed with the Trust's report to the SEC on Form N-CSR and are available on the Securities and Exchange Commission's web site at <http://www.sec.gov>.

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An Important Notice Concerning Our U.S. Privacy Policy

We are required by federal law to provide you with a copy of our Privacy Policy annually.

The following Policy applies to current and former individual clients of Van Kampen Investments Inc., Van Kampen Asset Management, Van Kampen Advisors Inc., Van Kampen Funds Inc., Van Kampen Investor Services Inc. and Van

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Kampen Exchange Corp., as well as current and former individual investors in Van Kampen mutual funds, unit investment trusts, and related companies.

This Policy is not applicable to partnerships, corporations, trusts or other non-individual clients or account holders, nor is this Policy applicable to individuals who are either beneficiaries of a trust for which we serve as trustee or participants in an employee benefit plan administered or advised by us. This Policy is, however, applicable to individuals who select us to be a custodian of securities or assets in individual retirement accounts, 401(k) accounts, 529 Educational Savings Accounts, accounts subject to the Uniform Gifts to Minors Act, or similar accounts.

Please note that we may amend this Policy at any time, and will inform you of any changes to this Policy as required by law.

### WE RESPECT YOUR PRIVACY

We appreciate that you have provided us with your personal financial information. We strive to maintain the privacy of such information while we help you achieve your financial objectives. This Policy describes what non-public personal information we collect about you, why we collect it, and when we may share it with others.

We hope this Policy will help you understand how we collect and share non-public personal information that we gather about you. Throughout this Policy, we refer to the non-public information that personally identifies you or your accounts as "personal information."

#### 1. WHAT PERSONAL INFORMATION DO WE COLLECT ABOUT YOU?

To serve you better and manage our business, it is important that we collect and maintain accurate information about you. We may obtain this information from applications and other forms you submit to us, from your dealings with us, from consumer reporting agencies, from our Web sites and from third parties and other sources.

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For example:

- We may collect information such as your name, address, e-mail address, telephone/fax numbers, assets, income and investment objectives through applications and other forms you submit to us.
- We may obtain information about account balances, your use of account(s) and the types of products and services you prefer to receive from us through your dealings and transactions with us and other sources.
- We may obtain information about your creditworthiness and credit history from consumer reporting agencies.
- We may collect background information from and through third-party vendors to verify representations you have made and to comply with various regulatory requirements.
- If you interact with us through our public and private Web sites, we may collect information that you provide directly through online

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communications (such as an e-mail address). We may also collect information about your Internet service provider, your domain name, your computer's operating system and Web browser, your use of our Web sites and your product and service preferences, through the use of "cookies." "Cookies" recognize your computer each time you return to one of our sites, and help to improve our sites' content and personalize your experience on our sites by, for example, suggesting offerings that may interest you. Please consult the Terms of Use of these sites for more details on our use of cookies.

### 2. WHEN DO WE DISCLOSE PERSONAL INFORMATION WE COLLECT ABOUT YOU?

To provide you with the products and services you request, to serve you better and to manage our business, we may disclose personal information we collect about you to our affiliated companies and to non-affiliated third parties as required or permitted by law.

A. INFORMATION WE DISCLOSE TO OUR AFFILIATED COMPANIES. We do not disclose personal information that we collect about you to our affiliated companies except to enable them to provide services on our behalf or as otherwise required or permitted by law.

B. INFORMATION WE DISCLOSE TO THIRD PARTIES. We do not disclose personal information that we collect about you to non-affiliated third parties except to enable them to provide services on our behalf, to perform joint marketing agreements with

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other financial institutions, or as otherwise required or permitted by law. For example, some instances where we may disclose information about you to non-affiliated third parties include: for servicing and processing transactions, to offer our own products and services, to protect against fraud, for institutional risk control, to respond to judicial process or to perform services on our behalf. When we share personal information with these companies, they are required to limit their use of personal information to the particular purpose for which it was shared and they are not allowed to share personal information with others except to fulfill that limited purpose.

### 3. HOW DO WE PROTECT THE SECURITY AND CONFIDENTIALITY OF PERSONAL INFORMATION WE COLLECT ABOUT YOU?

We maintain physical, electronic and procedural security measures to help safeguard the personal information we collect about you. We have internal policies governing the proper handling of client information. Third parties that provide support or marketing services on our behalf may also receive personal information, and we require them to adhere to confidentiality standards with respect to such information.

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Item 2. Code of Ethics.

- (a) The Trust has adopted a code of ethics (the "Code of Ethics") that applies to its principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer or controller, or persons performing similar functions, regardless of whether these individuals are employed by the Trust or a third party.
- (b) No information need be disclosed pursuant to this paragraph.
- (c) Due to personnel changes at the Adviser, the list of covered officers set forth in Exhibit B was amended in June 2008 and the general counsel's designee set forth in Exhibit C was amended in January 2008. Both editions of Exhibit B and both editions of Exhibit C are attached.
- (d) Not applicable.
- (e) Not applicable.
- (f)
  - (1) The Trust's Code of Ethics is attached hereto as Exhibit 12(1).
  - (2) Not applicable.
  - (3) Not applicable.

Item 3. Audit Committee Financial Expert.

The Trust's Board of Trustees has determined that it has three "audit committee financial experts" serving on its audit committee, each of whom are "independent" Trustees: Rod Dammeyer, Jerry D. Choate and R. Craig Kennedy. Under applicable securities laws, a person who is determined to be an audit committee financial expert will not be deemed an "expert" for any purpose, including without limitation for the purposes of Section 11 of the Securities Act of 1933, as a result of being designated or identified as an audit committee financial expert. The designation or identification of a person as an audit committee financial expert does not impose on such person any duties, obligations, or liabilities that are greater than the duties, obligations, and liabilities imposed on such person as a member of the audit committee and Board of Trustees in the absence of such designation or identification.

Item 4. Principal Accountant Fees and Services.

(a) (b) (c) (d) and (g). Based on fees billed for the periods shown:

2008

	REGISTRANT -----	COVERED ENTITIES (1) -----
AUDIT FEES .....	\$ 82,830	N/A
NON-AUDIT FEES		
AUDIT-RELATED FEES ...	\$ 17,850 (2)	\$215,000 (3)

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TAX FEES .....	\$ 3,250 (4)	\$ 0
ALL OTHER FEES .....	\$ 0	\$ 0
TOTAL NON-AUDIT FEES ....	\$ 21,100	\$215,000
TOTAL .....	\$103,930	\$215,000

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	REGISTRANT -----	COVERED ENTITIES (1) -----
AUDIT FEES .....	\$78,175	N/A
NON-AUDIT FEES		
AUDIT-RELATED FEES ...	\$17,000 (2)	\$211,000 (3)
TAX FEES .....	\$ 2,575 (4)	\$ 0
ALL OTHER FEES .....	\$ 0	\$ 0
TOTAL NON-AUDIT FEES ....	\$19,575	\$211,000
TOTAL .....	\$97,750	\$211,000

N/A- Not applicable, as not required by Item 4.

- (1) Covered Entities include the Adviser (excluding sub-advisors) and any entity controlling, controlled by or under common control with the Adviser that provides ongoing services to the Registrant.
- (2) Audit-Related Fees represent agreed upon procedures, and letters provided to underwriters related to the offering and issuance of Preferred Shares by the Registrant.
- (3) Audit-Related Fees represent assurance and related services provided that are reasonably related to the performance of the audit of the financial statements of the Covered Entities' and funds advised by the Adviser or its affiliates, specifically attestation services provided in connection with a SAS 70 Report.
- (4) Tax Fees represent tax advice and compliance services provided in connection with the review of the Registrant's tax.

(e) (1) The audit committee's pre-approval policies and procedures are as follows:

JOINT AUDIT COMMITTEE  
AUDIT AND NON-AUDIT SERVICES  
PRE-APPROVAL POLICY AND PROCEDURES  
OF THE  
VAN KAMPEN FUNDS

AS ADOPTED JULY 23, 2003 AND AMENDED MAY 26, 2004 (1)

1. STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

The Audit Committee of the Board is required to review and, in its sole discretion, pre-approve all Covered Services to be provided by the Independent Auditors to the Fund and Covered Entities in order to assure that services performed by the Independent Auditors do not impair the auditor's independence from the Fund. (2)

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The SEC has issued rules specifying the types of services that an independent auditor may not provide to its audit client, as well as the audit committee's administration of the engagement of the independent auditor. The SEC's rules establish two different approaches to pre-approving services, which the SEC considers to be equally valid. Proposed services either: may be pre-approved without consideration of specific case-by-case services by the Audit Committee ("general pre-approval"); or require the specific pre-approval of the Audit Committee ("specific pre-approval"). The Audit Committee believes that the combination of these two approaches in this Policy will result in an effective and efficient procedure to pre-approve services performed by the Independent Auditors. As set forth in this Policy, unless a type of service has received general pre-approval, it will require specific pre-approval by the Audit Committee (or by any member of the Audit Committee to which pre-approval authority has been delegated) if it is to be provided by the Independent Auditors. Any proposed services exceeding pre-approved cost levels or budgeted amounts will also require specific pre-approval by the Audit Committee.

For both types of pre-approval, the Audit Committee will consider whether such services are consistent with the SEC's rules on auditor independence. The Audit Committee will also consider whether the Independent Auditors are best positioned to provide the most effective and efficient services, for reasons such as its familiarity with the Fund's business, people, culture, accounting systems, risk profile and other factors, and whether the service might enhance the Fund's ability to manage or control risk or improve audit quality. All such factors will be considered as a whole, and no one factor should necessarily be determinative.

The Audit Committee is also mindful of the relationship between fees for audit and non-audit services in deciding whether to pre-approve any such services and may determine for each fiscal year, the appropriate ratio between the total amount of fees for Audit, Audit-related and Tax services for the Fund (including any Audit-related or Tax service fees for Covered Entities that were subject to pre-approval), and the total amount of fees for certain permissible non-audit services classified as All Other services for the Fund (including any such services for Covered Entities subject to pre-approval).

The appendices to this Policy describe the Audit, Audit-related, Tax and All Other services that have the general pre-approval of the Audit Committee. The term of any general pre-approval is 12 months from the date of pre-approval, unless the Audit Committee considers and provides a different period and states otherwise. The Audit Committee will annually review and pre-approve the services that may be provided by the Independent Auditors without obtaining specific pre-approval

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- (1) This Joint Audit Committee Audit and Non-Audit Services Pre-Approval Policy and Procedures (the "Policy"), amended as of the date above, supercedes and replaces all prior versions that may have been amended from time to time.
- (2) Terms used in this Policy and not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings as defined in the Joint Audit Committee Charter.

from the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee will add to or subtract from the list of general pre-approved services from time to time, based on subsequent determinations.

The purpose of this Policy is to set forth the policy and procedures by which the Audit Committee intends to fulfill its responsibilities. It does not delegate the Audit Committee's responsibilities to pre-approve services performed by the Independent Auditors to management.

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The Fund's Independent Auditors have reviewed this Policy and believes that implementation of the Policy will not adversely affect the Independent Auditors' independence.

### 2. DELEGATION

As provided in the Act and the SEC's rules, the Audit Committee may delegate either type of pre-approval authority to one or more of its members. The member to whom such authority is delegated must report, for informational purposes only, any pre-approval decisions to the Audit Committee at its next scheduled meeting.

### 3. AUDIT SERVICES

The annual Audit services engagement terms and fees are subject to the specific pre-approval of the Audit Committee. Audit services include the annual financial statement audit and other procedures required to be performed by the Independent Auditors to be able to form an opinion on the Fund's financial statements. These other procedures include information systems and procedural reviews and testing performed in order to understand and place reliance on the systems of internal control, and consultations relating to the audit. The Audit Committee will monitor the Audit services engagement as necessary, but no less than on a quarterly basis, and will also approve, if necessary, any changes in terms, conditions and fees resulting from changes in audit scope, Fund structure or other items.

In addition to the annual Audit services engagement approved by the Audit Committee, the Audit Committee may grant general pre-approval to other Audit services, which are those services that only the Independent Auditors reasonably can provide. Other Audit services may include statutory audits and services associated with SEC registration statements (on Forms N-1A, N-2, N-3, N-4, etc.), periodic reports and other documents filed with the SEC or other documents issued in connection with securities offerings.

The Audit Committee has pre-approved the Audit services in Appendix B.1. All other Audit services not listed in Appendix B.1 must be specifically pre-approved by the Audit Committee (or by any member of the Audit Committee to which pre-approval has been delegated).

### 4. AUDIT-RELATED SERVICES

Audit-related services are assurance and related services that are reasonably related to the performance of the audit or review of the Fund's financial statements or, to the extent they are Covered Services, the Covered Entities' financial statements, or that are traditionally performed by the Independent Auditors. Because the Audit Committee believes that the provision of Audit-related services does not impair the independence of the auditor and is consistent with the SEC's rules on auditor independence, the Audit Committee may grant general pre-approval to Audit-related services. Audit-related services include, among others, accounting consultations related to accounting, financial reporting or disclosure matters not classified as "Audit services"; assistance with understanding and implementing new accounting and financial reporting guidance from rulemaking authorities; agreed-upon or expanded audit procedures related to accounting and/or billing records required to respond to or comply with financial, accounting or regulatory reporting matters; and assistance with internal control reporting requirements under Forms N-SAR and/or N-CSR.

The Audit Committee has pre-approved the Audit-related services in Appendix B.2. All other Audit-related services not listed in Appendix B.2 must be



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specifically pre-approved by the Audit Committee (or by any member of the Audit Committee to which pre-approval has been delegated).

### 5. TAX SERVICES

The Audit Committee believes that the Independent Auditors can provide Tax services to the Fund and, to the extent they are Covered Services, the Covered Entities, such as tax compliance, tax planning and tax advice without impairing the auditor's independence, and the SEC has stated that the Independent Auditors may provide such services. Hence, the Audit Committee believes it may grant general pre-approval to those Tax services that have historically been provided by the Independent Auditors, that the Audit Committee has reviewed and believes would not impair the independence of the Independent Auditors, and that are consistent with the SEC's rules on auditor independence. The Audit Committee will not permit the retention of the Independent Auditors in connection with a transaction initially recommended by the Independent Auditors, the sole business purpose of which may be tax avoidance and the tax treatment of which may not be supported in the Internal Revenue Code and related regulations. The Audit Committee will consult with Director of Tax or outside counsel to determine that the tax planning and reporting positions are consistent with this policy.

Pursuant to the preceding paragraph, the Audit Committee has pre-approved the Tax Services in Appendix B.3. All Tax services involving large and complex transactions not listed in Appendix B.3 must be specifically pre-approved by the Audit Committee (or by any member of the Audit Committee to which pre-approval has been delegated), including tax services proposed to be provided by the Independent Auditors to any executive officer or trustee/director/managing general partner of the Fund, in his or her individual capacity, where such services are paid for by the Fund (generally applicable only to internally managed investment companies).

### 6. ALL OTHER SERVICES

The Audit Committee believes, based on the SEC's rules prohibiting the Independent Auditors from providing specific non-audit services, that other types of non-audit services are permitted. Accordingly, the Audit Committee believes it may grant general pre-approval to those permissible non-audit services classified as All Other services that it believes are routine and recurring services, would not impair the independence of the auditor and are consistent with the SEC's rules on auditor independence.

The Audit Committee has pre-approved the All Other services in Appendix B.4. Permissible All Other services not listed in Appendix B.4 must be specifically pre-approved by the Audit Committee (or by any member of the Audit Committee to which pre-approval has been delegated).

A list of the SEC's prohibited non-audit services is attached to this policy as Appendix B.5. The SEC's rules and relevant guidance should be consulted to determine the precise definitions of these services and the applicability of exceptions to certain of the prohibitions.

### 7. PRE-APPROVAL FEE LEVELS OR BUDGETED AMOUNTS

Pre-approval fee levels or budgeted amounts for all services to be provided by the Independent Auditors will be established annually by the Audit Committee. Any proposed services exceeding these levels or amounts will require specific pre-approval by the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee is mindful of the overall relationship of fees for audit and non-audit services in determining whether to pre-approve any such services. For each fiscal year, the Audit Committee may determine the appropriate ratio between the total amount of fees for Audit, Audit-related, and Tax services for the Fund (including any Audit-related or Tax services fees for Covered Entities subject to

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pre-approval), and the total amount of fees for certain permissible non-audit services classified as All Other services for the Fund (including any such services for Covered Entities subject to pre-approval).

### 8. PROCEDURES

All requests or applications for services to be provided by the Independent Auditors that do not require specific approval by the Audit Committee will be submitted to the Fund's Chief Financial Officer and must include a detailed description of the services to be rendered. The Fund's Chief Financial Officer will determine whether such services are included within the list of services that have received the general pre-approval of the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee will be informed on a timely basis of any such services rendered by the Independent Auditors. Requests or applications to provide services that require specific approval by the Audit Committee will be submitted to the Audit Committee by both the Independent Auditors and the Fund's Chief Financial Officer, and must include a joint statement as to whether, in their view, the request or application is consistent with the SEC's rules on auditor independence.

The Audit Committee has designated the Fund's Chief Financial Officer to monitor the performance of all services provided by the Independent Auditors and to determine whether such services are in compliance with this Policy. The Fund's Chief Financial Officer will report to the Audit Committee on a periodic basis on the results of its monitoring. A sample report is included as Appendix B.7. Both the Fund's Chief Financial Officer and management will immediately report to the chairman of the Audit Committee any breach of this Policy that comes to the attention of the Fund's Chief Financial Officer or any member of management.

### 9. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

The Audit Committee has determined to take additional measures on an annual basis to meet its responsibility to oversee the work of the Independent Auditors and to assure the auditor's independence from the Fund, such as reviewing a formal written statement from the Independent Auditors delineating all relationships between the Independent Auditors and the Fund, consistent with Independence Standards Board No. 1, and discussing with the Independent Auditors its methods and procedures for ensuring independence.

### 10. COVERED ENTITIES

Covered Entities include the Fund's investment adviser(s) and any entity controlling, controlled by or under common control with the Fund's investment adviser(s) that provides ongoing services to the Fund(s). Beginning with non-audit service contracts entered into on or after May 6, 2003, the Fund's audit committee must pre-approve non-audit services provided not only to the Fund but also to the Covered Entities if the engagements relate directly to the operations and financial reporting of the Fund. This list of Covered Entities would include:

- Van Kampen Investments Inc.
- Van Kampen Asset Management
- Van Kampen Advisors Inc.
- Van Kampen Funds Inc.
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- Morgan Stanley Investment Management Inc.
- Morgan Stanley Trust Company
- Morgan Stanley Investment Management Ltd.
- Morgan Stanley Investment Management Company
- Morgan Stanley Asset & Investment Trust Management Company Ltd.

(e) (2) Beginning with non-audit service contracts entered into on or after May 6, 2003, the audit committee also is required to pre-approve services to Covered Entities to the extent that the services

are determined to have a direct impact on the operations or financial reporting of the Registrant. 100% of such services were pre-approved by the audit committee pursuant to the Audit Committee's pre-approval policies and procedures (included herein).

(f) Not applicable.

(g) See table above.

(h) The audit committee of the Board of Trustees has considered whether the provision of services other than audit services performed by the auditors to the Registrant and Covered Entities is compatible with maintaining the auditors' independence in performing audit services.

### Item 5. Audit Committee of Listed Registrants.

(a) The Trust has a separately-designated standing audit committee established in accordance with Section 3(a)(58)(A) of the Exchange Act whose members are: R. Craig Kennedy, Jerry D. Choate, Rod Dammeyer

(b) Not applicable.

### Item 6. Schedule of Investments.

(a) Please refer to Item #1.

(b) Not applicable.

### Item 7. Disclosure of Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures for Closed-End Management Investment Companies.

The Trust's and its investment advisor's Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures are as follows:

#### MORGAN STANLEY INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT PROXY VOTING POLICY AND PROCEDURES

##### I. POLICY STATEMENT

Introduction - Morgan Stanley Investment Management's ("MSIM") policy and procedures for voting proxies ("Policy") with respect to securities held in the accounts of clients applies to those MSIM entities that provide discretionary investment management services and for which an MSIM entity has authority to vote proxies. This Policy is reviewed and updated as necessary to address new and evolving proxy voting issues and standards.

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The MSIM entities covered by this Policy currently include the following: Morgan Stanley Investment Advisors Inc., Morgan Stanley AIP GP LP, Morgan Stanley Investment Management Inc., Morgan Stanley Investment Management Limited, Morgan Stanley Investment Management Company, Morgan Stanley Asset & Investment Trust Management Co., Limited, Morgan Stanley Investment Management Private Limited, Van Kampen Asset Management, and Van Kampen Advisors Inc. (each an "MSIM Affiliate" and collectively referred to as the "MSIM Affiliates" or as "we" below).

Each MSIM Affiliate will use its best efforts to vote proxies as part of its authority to manage, acquire and dispose of account assets. With respect to the MSIM registered management investment companies (Van Kampen, Institutional and Advisor Funds--collectively referred to herein as the "MSIM Funds"), each MSIM Affiliate will vote proxies under this Policy pursuant to authority granted under its applicable investment advisory agreement or, in the absence of such authority, as authorized by the Board of Directors/Trustees of the MSIM Funds. An MSIM Affiliate will not vote proxies if the "named fiduciary" for an ERISA account has reserved the authority for itself, or in the case of an account not governed by ERISA, the investment management or investment advisory agreement does not authorize the MSIM Affiliate to vote proxies. MSIM Affiliates will vote proxies

in a prudent and diligent manner and in the best interests of clients, including beneficiaries of and participants in a client's benefit plan(s) for which the MSIM Affiliates manage assets, consistent with the objective of maximizing long-term investment returns ("Client Proxy Standard"). In certain situations, a client or its fiduciary may provide an MSIM Affiliate with a proxy voting policy. In these situations, the MSIM Affiliate will comply with the client's policy.

Proxy Research Services - RiskMetrics Group ISS Governance Services ("ISS") and Glass Lewis (together with other proxy research providers as we may retain from time to time, the "Research Providers") are independent advisers that specialize in providing a variety of fiduciary-level proxy-related services to institutional investment managers, plan sponsors, custodians, consultants, and other institutional investors. The services provided include in-depth research, global issuer analysis, and voting recommendations. While we may review and utilize the recommendations of the Research Providers in making proxy voting decisions, we are in no way obligated to follow such recommendations. In addition to research, ISS provides vote execution, reporting, and recordkeeping.

Voting Proxies for Certain Non-U.S. Companies - Voting proxies of companies located in some jurisdictions, particularly emerging markets, may involve several problems that can restrict or prevent the ability to vote such proxies or entail significant costs. These problems include, but are not limited to: (i) proxy statements and ballots being written in a language other than English; (ii) untimely and/or inadequate notice of shareholder meetings; (iii) restrictions on the ability of holders outside the issuer's jurisdiction of organization to exercise votes; (iv) requirements to vote proxies in person; (v) the imposition of restrictions on the sale of the securities for a period of time in proximity to the shareholder meeting; and (vi) requirements to provide local agents with power of attorney to facilitate our voting instructions. As a result, we vote clients' non-U.S. proxies on a best efforts basis only, after weighing the costs and benefits of voting such proxies, consistent with the Client Proxy Standard. ISS has been retained to provide assistance in connection with voting non-U.S. proxies.

## II. GENERAL PROXY VOTING GUIDELINES

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To promote consistency in voting proxies on behalf of its clients, we follow this Policy (subject to any exception set forth herein), including the guidelines set forth below. These guidelines address a broad range of issues, and provide general voting parameters on proposals that arise most frequently. However, details of specific proposals vary, and those details affect particular voting decisions, as do factors specific to a given company. Pursuant to the procedures set forth herein, we may vote in a manner that is not in accordance with the following general guidelines, provided the vote is approved by the Proxy Review Committee (see Section III for description) and is consistent with the Client Proxy Standard. Morgan Stanley AIP GP LP will follow the procedures as described in Appendix A.

We endeavor to integrate governance and proxy voting policy with investment goals and to follow the Client Proxy Standard for each client. At times, this may result in split votes, for example when different clients have varying economic interests in the outcome of a particular voting matter (such as a case in which varied ownership interests in two companies involved in a merger result in different stakes in the outcome). We also may split votes at times based on differing views of portfolio managers, but such a split vote must be approved by the Proxy Review Committee.

We may abstain on matters for which disclosure is inadequate.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS. We generally support routine management proposals. The following are examples of routine management proposals:

- Approval of financial statements and auditor reports.
- General updating/corrective amendments to the charter, articles of association or bylaws.
- Most proposals related to the conduct of the annual meeting, with the following exceptions. We generally oppose proposals that relate to "the transaction of such other business which may come before the meeting," and open-ended requests for adjournment. However, where management specifically states the reason for requesting an adjournment and the requested

adjournment would facilitate passage of a proposal that would otherwise be supported under this Policy (i.e. an uncontested corporate transaction), the adjournment request will be supported.

We generally support shareholder proposals advocating confidential voting procedures and independent tabulation of voting results.

### B. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. Election of directors: In the absence of a proxy contest, we generally support the board's nominees for director except as follows:
  - a. We consider withholding support from or voting against interested directors if the company's board does not meet market standards for director independence, or if otherwise we believe board independence is insufficient. We refer to prevalent market standards as promulgated by a stock exchange or other authority within a given market (e.g., New York Stock Exchange or Nasdaq rules for most U.S. companies, and The Combined Code on Corporate Governance in the United Kingdom). Thus, for an NYSE company with no controlling shareholder, we would expect that at a minimum a majority of directors should be independent as defined by NYSE.



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requiring that a certain percentage (up to 66 2/3%) of the company's board members be independent directors, and promoting all-independent audit, compensation and nominating/governance committees.

3. Board diversity: We consider on a case-by-case basis shareholder proposals urging diversity of board membership with respect to social, religious or ethnic group.
4. Majority voting: We generally support proposals requesting or requiring majority voting policies in election of directors, so long as there is a carve-out for plurality voting in the case of contested elections.
5. Proxy access: We consider on a case-by-case basis shareholder proposals to provide procedures for inclusion of shareholder nominees in company proxy statements.
6. Proposals to elect all directors annually: We generally support proposals to elect all directors annually at public companies (to "declassify" the Board of Directors) where such action is supported by the board, and otherwise consider the issue on a case-by-case basis based in part on overall takeover defenses at a company.
7. Cumulative voting: We generally support proposals to eliminate cumulative voting in the U.S. market context. (Cumulative voting provides that shareholders may concentrate their votes for one or a handful of candidates, a system that can enable a minority bloc to place representation on a board). U.S. proposals to establish cumulative voting in the election of directors generally will not be supported.
8. Separation of Chairman and CEO positions: We vote on shareholder proposals to separate the Chairman and CEO positions and/or to appoint a non-executive Chairman based in part on prevailing practice in particular markets, since the context for such a practice varies. In many non-U.S. markets, we view separation of the roles as a market standard practice, and support division of the roles in that context.
9. Director retirement age and term limits: Proposals recommending set director retirement ages or director term limits are voted on a case-by-case basis.
10. Proposals to limit directors' liability and/or broaden indemnification of directors. Generally, we will support such proposals provided that the officers and directors are eligible for indemnification and liability protection if they have acted in good faith on company business and were found innocent of any civil or criminal charges for duties performed on behalf of the company.

C. CORPORATE TRANSACTIONS AND PROXY FIGHTS. We examine proposals relating to mergers, acquisitions and other special corporate transactions (i.e., takeovers, spin-offs, sales of assets, reorganizations, restructurings and recapitalizations) on a case-by-case basis. However, proposals for mergers or other significant transactions that are friendly and approved by the Research Providers generally will be supported and in those instances will not need to be reviewed by the Proxy Review

Committee, where there is no portfolio manager objection and where there is no material conflict of interest. We also analyze proxy contests on a case-by-case basis.

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### D. CHANGES IN CAPITAL STRUCTURE.

1. We generally support the following:
  - Management and shareholder proposals aimed at eliminating unequal voting rights, assuming fair economic treatment of classes of shares we hold.
  - Management proposals to increase the authorization of existing classes of common stock (or securities convertible into common stock) if: (i) a clear business purpose is stated that we can support and the number of shares requested is reasonable in relation to the purpose for which authorization is requested; and/or (ii) the authorization does not exceed 100% of shares currently authorized and at least 30% of the total new authorization will be outstanding.
  - Management proposals to create a new class of preferred stock or for issuances of preferred stock up to 50% of issued capital, unless we have concerns about use of the authority for anti-takeover purposes.
  - Management proposals to authorize share repurchase plans, except in some cases in which we believe there are insufficient protections against use of an authorization for anti-takeover purposes.
  - Management proposals to reduce the number of authorized shares of common or preferred stock, or to eliminate classes of preferred stock.
  - Management proposals to effect stock splits.
  - Management proposals to effect reverse stock splits if management proportionately reduces the authorized share amount set forth in the corporate charter. Reverse stock splits that do not adjust proportionately to the authorized share amount generally will be approved if the resulting increase in authorized shares coincides with the proxy guidelines set forth above for common stock increases.
  - Management proposals for higher dividend payouts.
2. We generally oppose the following (notwithstanding management support):
  - Proposals to add classes of stock that would substantially dilute the voting interests of existing shareholders.
  - Proposals to increase the authorized or issued number of shares of existing classes of stock that are unreasonably dilutive, particularly if there are no preemptive rights for existing shareholders.
  - Proposals that authorize share issuance at a discount to market rates, except where authority for such issuance is de minimis, or if there is a special situation that we believe justifies such authorization (as may be the case, for example, at a company under severe stress and risk of bankruptcy).
  - Proposals relating to changes in capitalization by 100% or more.



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We consider on a case-by-case basis shareholder proposals to increase dividend payout ratios, in light of market practice and perceived market weaknesses, as well as individual company payout history and current circumstances. For example, currently we perceive low payouts to shareholders as a

concern at some Japanese companies, but may deem a low payout ratio as appropriate for a growth company making good use of its cash, notwithstanding the broader market concern.

### E. TAKEOVER DEFENSES AND SHAREHOLDER RIGHTS

1. **Shareholder rights plans:** We generally support proposals to require shareholder approval or ratification of shareholder rights plans (poison pills). In voting on rights plans or similar takeover defenses, we consider on a case-by-case basis whether the company has demonstrated a need for the defense in the context of promoting long-term share value; whether provisions of the defense are in line with generally accepted governance principles; and the specific context if the proposal is made in the midst of a takeover bid or contest for control.
2. **Supermajority voting requirements:** We generally oppose requirements for supermajority votes to amend the charter or bylaws, unless the provisions protect minority shareholders where there is a large shareholder. In line with this view, in the absence of a large shareholder we support reasonable shareholder proposals to limit such supermajority voting requirements.
3. **Shareholder rights to call meetings:** We consider proposals to enhance shareholder rights to call meetings on a case-by-case basis.
4. **Reincorporation:** We consider management and shareholder proposals to reincorporate to a different jurisdiction on a case-by-case basis. We oppose such proposals if we believe the main purpose is to take advantage of laws or judicial precedents that reduce shareholder rights.
5. **Anti-greenmail provisions:** Proposals relating to the adoption of anti-greenmail provisions will be supported, provided that the proposal: (i) defines greenmail; (ii) prohibits buyback offers to large block holders (holders of at least 1% of the outstanding shares and in certain cases, a greater amount, as determined by the Proxy Review Committee) not made to all shareholders or not approved by disinterested shareholders; and (iii) contains no anti-takeover measures or other provisions restricting the rights of shareholders.
6. **Bundled proposals:** We may consider opposing or abstaining on proposals if disparate issues are "bundled" and presented for a single vote.

**F. AUDITORS.** We generally support management proposals for selection or ratification of independent auditors. However, we may consider opposing such proposals with reference to incumbent audit firms if the company has suffered from serious accounting irregularities and we believe rotation of the audit firm is appropriate, or if fees paid to the auditor for non-audit-related services are excessive. Generally, to determine if non-audit fees are excessive, a 50% test will be applied (i.e., non-audit-related fees should be less than 50% of the total fees paid to the auditor). We generally vote against proposals to indemnify auditors.

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### G. EXECUTIVE AND DIRECTOR REMUNERATION.

1. We generally support the following proposals:
  - Proposals for employee equity compensation plans and other employee ownership plans, provided that our research does not indicate that approval of the plan would be against shareholder interest. Such approval may be against shareholder interest if it authorizes excessive dilution and shareholder cost, particularly in the context of high usage ("run rate") of equity compensation in the recent past; or if there are objectionable plan design and provisions.
  - Proposals relating to fees to outside directors, provided the amounts are not excessive relative to other companies in the country or industry, and provided that the structure is appropriate within the market context. While stock-based compensation to outside directors is positive if moderate and appropriately structured, we are wary of significant stock option awards or other performance-based awards for outside directors, as well as provisions that could result in significant forfeiture of value on a director's decision to resign from a board (such forfeiture can undercut director independence).
  - Proposals for employee stock purchase plans that permit discounts up to 15%, but only for grants that are part of a broad-based employee plan, including all non-executive employees.
  - Proposals for the establishment of employee retirement and severance plans, provided that our research does not indicate that approval of the plan would be against shareholder interest.
2. Shareholder proposals requiring shareholder approval of all severance agreements will not be supported, but proposals that require shareholder approval for agreements in excess of three times the annual compensation (salary and bonus) generally will be supported. We generally oppose shareholder proposals that would establish arbitrary caps on pay. We consider on a case-by-case basis shareholder proposals that seek to limit Supplemental Executive Retirement Plans (SERPs), but support such proposals where we consider SERPs to be excessive.
3. Shareholder proposals advocating stronger and/or particular pay-for-performance models will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis, with consideration of the merits of the individual proposal within the context of the particular company and its labor markets, and the company's current and past practices. While we generally support emphasis on long-term components of senior executive pay and strong linkage of pay to performance, we consider whether a proposal may be overly prescriptive, and the impact of the proposal, if implemented as written, on recruitment and retention.
4. We consider shareholder proposals for U.K.-style advisory votes on pay on a case-by-case basis.
5. We generally support proposals advocating reasonable senior executive and director stock ownership guidelines and holding requirements for shares gained in option exercises.
6. Management proposals effectively to re-price stock options are considered on a case-by-case basis. Considerations include the

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company's reasons and justifications for a re-pricing, the company's competitive position, whether senior executives and outside directors are excluded, potential cost to shareholders, whether the re-pricing or share exchange is on a value-for-value basis, and whether vesting requirements are extended.

H. SOCIAL, POLITICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES. We consider proposals relating to social, political and environmental issues on a case-by-case basis to determine whether they will have a financial impact on shareholder value. However, we generally vote against proposals requesting reports that are duplicative, related to matters not material to the business, or that would impose unnecessary or excessive costs. We may abstain from voting on proposals that do not have a readily

determinable financial impact on shareholder value. We generally oppose proposals requiring adherence to workplace standards that are not required or customary in market(s) to which the proposals relate.

I. FUND OF FUNDS. Certain Funds advised by an MSIM Affiliate invest only in other MSIM Funds. If an underlying fund has a shareholder meeting, in order to avoid any potential conflict of interest, such proposals will be voted in the same proportion as the votes of the other shareholders of the underlying fund, unless otherwise determined by the Proxy Review Committee.

### III. ADMINISTRATION OF POLICY

The MSIM Proxy Review Committee (the "Committee") has overall responsibility for creating and implementing the Policy, working with an MSIM staff group (the "Corporate Governance Team"). The Committee, which is appointed by MSIM's Chief Investment Officer of Global Equities ("CIO"), consists of senior investment professionals who represent the different investment disciplines and geographic locations of the firm. Because proxy voting is an investment responsibility and impacts shareholder value, and because of their knowledge of companies and markets, portfolio managers and other members of investment staff play a key role in proxy voting, although the Committee has final authority over proxy votes.

The Committee Chairperson is the head of the Corporate Governance Team, and is responsible for identifying issues that require Committee deliberation or ratification. The Corporate Governance Team, working with advice of investment teams and the Committee, is responsible for voting on routine items and on matters that can be addressed in line with these Policy guidelines. The Corporate Governance Team has responsibility for voting case-by-case where guidelines and precedent provide adequate guidance, and to refer other case-by-case decisions to the Proxy Review Committee.

The Committee will periodically review and have the authority to amend, as necessary, the Policy and establish and direct voting positions consistent with the Client Proxy Standard.

#### A. COMMITTEE PROCEDURES

The Committee will meet at least monthly to (among other matters) address any outstanding issues relating to the Policy or its implementation. The Corporate Governance Team will timely communicate to ISS MSIM's Policy (and any amendments and/or any additional guidelines or procedures the Committee may adopt).

The Committee will meet on an ad hoc basis to (among other matters): (1) authorize "split voting" (i.e., allowing certain shares of the same issuer that are the subject of the same proxy solicitation and held by one or more MSIM

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portfolios to be voted differently than other shares) and/or "override voting" (i.e., voting all MSIM portfolio shares in a manner contrary to the Policy); (2) review and approve upcoming votes, as appropriate, for matters for which specific direction has been provided in this Policy; and (3) determine how to vote matters for which specific direction has not been provided in this Policy.

Members of the Committee may take into account Research Providers' recommendations and research as well as any other relevant information they may request or receive, including portfolio manager and/or analyst research, as applicable. Generally, proxies related to securities held in accounts that are managed pursuant to quantitative, index or index-like strategies ("Index Strategies") will be voted in the same manner as those held in actively managed accounts, unless economic interests of the accounts differ. Because accounts managed using Index Strategies are passively managed accounts, research from portfolio managers and/or analysts related to securities held in these accounts may not be available. If the affected securities are held only in accounts that are managed pursuant to Index Strategies, and the proxy relates to a matter that is not described in this Policy, the Committee will consider all available information from the Research Providers, and to the extent that the holdings are significant, from the portfolio managers and/or analysts.

### B. MATERIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

In addition to the procedures discussed above, if the Committee determines that an issue raises a material conflict of interest, the Committee will request a special committee to review, and recommend a course of action with respect to, the conflict(s) in question ("Special Committee").

The Special Committee shall be comprised of the Chairperson of the Proxy Review Committee, the Chief Compliance Officer or his/her designee, a senior portfolio manager (if practicable, one who is a member of the Proxy Review Committee) designated by the Proxy Review Committee, and MSIM's relevant Chief Investment Officer or his/her designee, and any other persons deemed necessary by the Chairperson. The Special Committee may request the assistance of MSIM's General Counsel or his/her designee who will have sole discretion to cast a vote. In addition to the research provided by Research Providers, the Special Committee may request analysis from MSIM Affiliate investment professionals and outside sources to the extent it deems appropriate.

### C. IDENTIFICATION OF MATERIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

A potential material conflict of interest could exist in the following situations, among others:

1. The issuer soliciting the vote is a client of MSIM or an affiliate of MSIM and the vote is on a material matter affecting the issuer.
2. The proxy relates to Morgan Stanley common stock or any other security issued by Morgan Stanley or its affiliates except if echo voting is used, as with MSIM Funds, as described herein.
3. Morgan Stanley has a material pecuniary interest in the matter submitted for a vote (e.g., acting as a financial advisor to a party to a merger or acquisition for which Morgan Stanley will be paid a success fee if completed).

If the Chairperson of the Committee determines that an issue raises a potential material conflict of interest, depending on the facts and circumstances, the Chairperson will address the issue as follows:

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1. If the matter relates to a topic that is discussed in this Policy, the proposal will be voted as per the Policy.
2. If the matter is not discussed in this Policy or the Policy indicates that the issue is to be decided case-by-case, the proposal will be voted in a manner consistent with the Research Providers, provided that all the Research Providers have the same recommendation, no portfolio manager objects to that vote, and the vote is consistent with MSIM's Client Proxy Standard.
3. If the Research Providers' recommendations differ, the Chairperson will refer the matter to the Committee to vote on the proposal. If the Committee determines that an issue raises a material conflict of interest, the Committee will request a Special Committee to review and recommend a course of action, as described above. Notwithstanding the above, the Chairperson of the Committee may request a Special Committee to review a matter at any time as he/she deems necessary to resolve a conflict.

### D. PROXY VOTING REPORTING

The Committee and the Special Committee, or their designee(s), will document in writing all of their decisions and actions, which documentation will be maintained by the Committee and the Special Committee, or their designee(s), for a period of at least 6 years. To the extent these decisions relate to a security held by an MSIM Fund, the Committee and Special Committee, or their designee(s), will report their decisions to each applicable Board of Trustees/Directors of those Funds at each Board's next regularly scheduled Board meeting. The report will contain information concerning decisions made by the Committee and Special Committee during the most recently ended calendar quarter immediately preceding the Board meeting.

The Corporate Governance Team will timely communicate to applicable portfolio managers and to ISS, decisions of the Committee and Special Committee so that, among other things, ISS will vote proxies consistent with their decisions.

MSIM will promptly provide a copy of this Policy to any client requesting it. MSIM will also, upon client request, promptly provide a report indicating how each proxy was voted with respect to securities held in that client's account.

MSIM's Legal Department is responsible for filing an annual Form N-PX on behalf of each MSIM Fund for which such filing is required, indicating how all proxies were voted with respect to such Fund's holdings.

### APPENDIX A

The following procedures apply to accounts managed by Morgan Stanley AIP GP LP ("AIP").

Generally, AIP will follow the guidelines set forth in Section II of MSIM's Proxy Voting Policy and Procedures. To the extent that such guidelines do not provide specific direction, or AIP determines that consistent with the Client Proxy Standard, the guidelines should not be followed, the Proxy Review Committee has delegated the voting authority to vote securities held by accounts managed by AIP to the Liquid Markets investment team and the Private Markets investment team of AIP. A summary of decisions made by the investment teams will be made available to the Proxy Review Committee for its information at the next scheduled meeting of the Proxy Review Committee.

In certain cases, AIP may determine to abstain from determining (or

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recommending) how a proxy should be voted (and therefore abstain from voting such proxy or recommending how such proxy should be voted), such as where the expected cost of giving due consideration to the proxy does not justify the potential benefits to the affected account(s) that might result from adopting or rejecting (as the case may be) the measure in question.

### Waiver of Voting Rights

For regulatory reasons, AIP may either 1) invest in a class of securities of an underlying fund (the "Fund") that does not provide for voting rights; or 2) waive 100% of its voting rights with respect to the following:

1. Any rights with respect to the removal or replacement of a director, general partner, managing member or other person acting in a similar capacity for or on behalf of the Fund (each individually a "Designated Person," and collectively, the "Designated Persons"), which may include, but are not limited to, voting on the election or removal of a Designated Person in the event of such Designated Person's death, disability, insolvency, bankruptcy, incapacity, or other event requiring a vote of interest holders of the Fund to remove or replace a Designated Person; and
2. Any rights in connection with a determination to renew, dissolve, liquidate, or otherwise terminate or continue the Fund, which may include, but are not limited to, voting on the renewal, dissolution, liquidation, termination or continuance of the Fund upon the occurrence of an event described in the Fund's organizational documents; provided, however, that, if the Fund's organizational documents require the consent of the Fund's general partner or manager, as the case may be, for any such termination or continuation of the Fund to be effective, then AIP may exercise its voting rights with respect to such matter.

### APPENDIX B

The following procedures apply to the portion of the Van Kampen Dynamic Credit Opportunities Fund ("VK Fund") sub advised by Avenue Europe International Management, L.P. ("Avenue"). (The portion of the VK Fund managed solely by Van Kampen Asset Management will continue to be subject to MSIM's Policy.)

1. Generally: With respect to Avenue's portion of the VK Fund, the Board of Trustees of the VK Fund will retain sole authority and responsibility for proxy voting. The Adviser's involvement in the voting process of Avenue's portion of the VK Fund is a purely administrative function, and serves to execute and deliver the proxy voting decisions made by the VK Fund Board in connection with the Avenue portion of the VK Fund, which may, from time to time, include related administrative tasks such as receiving proxies, following up on missing proxies, and collecting data related to proxies. As such, the Adviser shall not be deemed to have voting power or shared voting power with Avenue with respect to Avenue's portion of the Fund.
2. Voting Guidelines: All proxies, with respect to Avenue's portion of the VK Fund, will be considered by the VK Fund Board or such subcommittee as the VK Fund Board may designate from time to time for determination and voting approval. The VK Board or its subcommittee will timely communicate to MSIM's Corporate Governance Group its proxy voting decisions, so that among other things the votes will be effected consistent with the VK Board's authority.

Administration: The VK Board or its subcommittee will meet on an

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ad hoc basis as may be required from time to time to review proxies that require its review and determination. The VK Board or its subcommittee will document in writing all of its decisions and actions which will be maintained by the VK Fund, or its designee(s), for a period of at least 6 years. If a subcommittee is designated, a summary of decisions made by such subcommittee will be made available to the full VK Board for its information at its next scheduled respective meetings.

Item 8. Portfolio Managers of Closed-End Management Investment Companies.

VAN KAMPEN DYNAMIC CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES FUND

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FUND MANAGEMENT

PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT. As of the date of this report, the Fund is managed by members of the Adviser's Senior Loan Group, which currently includes Howard Tiffen, Senior Adviser of the Adviser, Philip Yarrow, Executive Director and portfolio manager of the Adviser, Gerard Fogarty, Vice President and assistant portfolio manager of the Adviser, and Jeffrey Scott, Vice President and assistant portfolio manager of the Adviser. Mr. Yarrow is primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund.

Mr. Tiffen joined the Adviser in 1999 and is currently associated with the Adviser and members of the Senior Loan Group in a senior adviser capacity. Mr. Yarrow joined the Adviser in 2005 and began managing the Fund in July 2008. Prior to joining the Adviser in 2005, Mr. Yarrow was a credit analyst and a portfolio manager at Bank One/JPMorgan. Mr. Fogarty joined the Adviser in 2007 and began managing the Fund in July 2008. From 2003 to 2007 and prior to joining the Adviser, Mr. Fogarty was employed by JP Morgan and held a number of positions including Director in the financial institutions group, and, most recently as a Credit Executive in the commercial real estate group. Prior to joining JP Morgan, Mr. Fogarty was employed as an Associate in the financial institutions group at Bank of America. Mr. Scott joined the Adviser in 2005 and began managing the Fund in July 2008. Prior to joining the Adviser, Mr. Scott was employed by State Farm Insurance Companies where he served as an Assistant Vice President in the Mutual Fund Group responsible for product development and strategy as well as a Regional Vice President for Sales for the Financial Services Division.

The composition of the team may change from time to time.

OTHER ACCOUNTS MANAGED BY THE PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

As of July 31, 2008, Mr. Tiffen managed six registered investment companies with a total of approximately \$6 billion in assets; no pooled investment vehicles other than registered investment companies; and one other account with a total of approximately \$597.7 million in assets.

As of July 31, 2008, Phillip Yarrow managed three registered investment companies with a total of approximately \$4.3 billion in assets; no pooled investment vehicles other than registered investment companies; and no other accounts.

As of July 31, 2008, Gerard Fogarty managed three registered investment companies with a total of approximately \$4.3 billion in assets; no pooled investment vehicles other than registered investment companies; and no other accounts.

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As of July 31, 2008, Jeffrey Scott managed three registered investment companies with a total of approximately \$4.3 billion in assets; no pooled investment vehicles other than registered investment companies; and no other accounts.

Because the portfolio managers manages assets for other investment companies, pooled investment vehicles, and/or other accounts (including institutional clients, pension plans and certain high net worth individuals), there may be an incentive to favor one client over another resulting in conflicts of interest. For instance, the Adviser may receive fees from certain accounts that are higher than the fee it receives from the Fund, or it may receive a performance-based fee on certain accounts. In those instances, the portfolio manager may have an incentive to favor the higher and/or performance-based fee accounts over the Fund. In addition, a conflict of interest could exist to the extent the Adviser has proprietary investments in certain accounts, where portfolio managers have personal investments in certain accounts or when certain accounts are investment options in the Adviser's employee benefits and/or deferred compensation plans. The portfolio manager may have an incentive to favor these accounts over others. If the Adviser manages accounts that engage in short sales of securities of the type in which the Fund invests, the Adviser could be seen as harming the performance of the Fund for the benefit of the accounts engaged in short sales if the short sales cause the market value of the securities to fall. The Adviser has adopted trade allocation and other policies and procedures that it believes are reasonably designed to address these and other conflicts of interest.

### PORTFOLIO MANAGERS COMPENSATION STRUCTURE

Portfolio managers receive a combination of base compensation and discretionary compensation, comprised of a cash bonus and several deferred compensation programs described below. The methodology used to determine portfolio manager compensation is applied across all accounts managed by the portfolio manager.

**BASE SALARY COMPENSATION.** Generally, portfolio managers receive base salary compensation based on the level of their position with the Adviser.

**DISCRETIONARY COMPENSATION.** In addition to base compensation, portfolio managers may receive discretionary compensation.

Discretionary compensation can include:

- Cash Bonus;
- Morgan Stanley's Long-Term Incentive Compensation Program awards -- a mandatory program that defers a portion of discretionary year-end compensation into restricted stock units or other awards based on Morgan Stanley common stock that are subject to vesting and other conditions;
- Investment Management Alignment Plan (IMAP) awards -- a mandatory program that defers a portion of discretionary year-end compensation and notionally invests it in designated funds advised by the Adviser or its affiliates. The award is subject to vesting and other conditions. Portfolio managers must notionally invest a minimum of 25% to a maximum of 100% of the IMAP deferral

into a combination of the designated open-end funds they manage that are included in the IMAP Fund menu;

- Voluntary Deferred Compensation Plans -- voluntary programs that permit certain employees to elect to defer a portion of their discretionary year-end compensation and directly or notionally invest the deferred



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amount: (1) across a range of designated investment funds, including funds advised by the Adviser or its affiliates; and/or (2) in Morgan Stanley stock units.

Several factors determine discretionary compensation, which can vary by portfolio management team and circumstances. In order of relative importance, these factors include:

- Investment performance. A portfolio manager's compensation is linked to the pre-tax investment performance of the funds/accounts managed by the portfolio manager. Investment performance is calculated for one-, three- and five-year periods measured against an appropriate securities market index (or indices) for the funds/accounts managed by the portfolio manager. Other funds/accounts managed by the same portfolio manager may be measured against this same index and same rankings or ratings, if appropriate, or against other indices and other rankings or ratings that are deemed more appropriate given the size and/or style of such funds/accounts as set forth in such funds'/accounts' disclosure materials and guidelines. The assets managed by the portfolio manager in funds, pooled investment vehicles and other accounts are described in "Other Accounts Managed by the Portfolio Manager" above. Generally, the greatest weight is placed on the three- and five-year periods.
- Revenues generated by the investment companies, pooled investment vehicles and other accounts managed by the portfolio manager.
- Contribution to the business objectives of the Adviser.
- The dollar amount of assets managed by the portfolio manager.
- Market compensation survey research by independent third parties.
- Other qualitative factors, such as contributions to client objectives.
- Performance of Morgan Stanley and Morgan Stanley Investment Management Inc., and the overall performance of the investment team(s) of which the portfolio manager is a member.

### SECURITIES OWNERSHIP OF PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

As of July 31, 2008, the portfolio managers did not own any shares of the Fund.

Item 9. Purchase of Equity Securities by Closed-End Management Investment Company and Affiliated Purchasers.

Not Applicable.

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

Not Applicable.

Item 11. Controls and Procedures

(a) The Trust's principal executive officer and principal financial officer have concluded that the Trust's disclosure controls and procedures are sufficient to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Trust in this Form N-CSR was recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules and forms, based upon such officers' evaluation of these controls and procedures as of a date within 90 days of the filing date of the report.

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(b) There were no changes in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the second fiscal quarter of the period covered by this report that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Item 12. Exhibits.

(1) The Code of Ethics for Principal Executive and Senior Financial Officers is attached hereto.

(2) (a) A certification for the Principal Executive Officer of the registrant is attached hereto as part of EX-99.CERT.

(2) (b) A certification for the Principal Financial Officer of the registrant is attached hereto as part of EX-99.CERT.

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.

(Registrant) Van Kampen Senior Income Trust

By: /s/ Jerry W. Miller

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Name: Jerry W. Miller  
Title: Principal Executive Officer  
Date: September 18, 2008

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

By: /s/ Jerry W. Miller

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Name: Jerry W. Miller  
Title: Principal Executive Officer  
Date: September 18, 2008

By: /s/ Stuart N. Schuldt

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Name: Stuart N. Schuldt  
Title: Principal Financial Officer  
Date: September 18, 2008