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The Month in Closed-End Funds: November 2021

Performance

For the second month in three, equity CEFs on average witnessed negative performance on a NAV basis, declining 2.61% (their worst one-month return since March 2020), while also for the second month in three they declined on a market basis, losing 2.92% for the month. However, for the first month in three, their fixed income CEF counterparts just squeaked through on the positive side on a NAV basis (+0.12%), while for the second month in three they witnessed losses on a market basis, declining 0.10%. Year to date, the average equity CEF gained 14.44% while the average fixed income CEF rose 4.82%.

After a spectacular October, Wall Street optimism remained steady at the beginning of the month after investors learned that Pfizer said its COVID antiviral reduced the risk of hospitalization or death by 89% in a phase 2/3 study. The markets got an additional shot in the arm, sending all three broad-based indices to record closing highs after the Department of Labor said that the U.S. economy created 531,000 jobs in October, beating analyst expectations of 450,000. The Dow, S&P 500, and NASDAQ notched their fifth consecutive week of gains as the unemployment rate declined to 4.6% from 4.8% the month before. However, inflationary concerns were supported after investors learned that wages showed a 5% year-over-year rise. Oil futures rose on the day, settling at \$81.27 per barrel (bbl).

The following week, the Dow closed above the 36,000 mark, but the broad U.S. indices booked weekly loses on inflationary concerns as investors digested news the Consumer Price Index rose 6.2% on a year-over-year basis, hitting a nearly 31-year high. The 10-year Treasury yield closed up 13 bps for the week to close out the day at 1.58%. Oil futures slipped for the week, settling at \$80.79/bbl.

Despite techs increasing COVID jitters, the Nasdaq ended at a record high in the following week as interest in the stay-at-home stocks pushed tech issues to new highs while reopening stocks declined. The Austrian government spooked investors after it announced a 20-day nationwide COVID lockdown amid growing concerns over rising case counts in Europe and the U.S. Energy prices tumbled 3.7% on the day, with front-month oil futures settling at \$76.10/bbl. The 10-year Treasury yield declined five bps to 1.54% as investors piled into safe-haven plays.

The Dow booked its worst one-day decline in more than a year, plunging 905 points on Black Friday following the Thanksgiving holiday break after the World Health Organization declared the new COVID variant, omicron, a concern. Energy prices tumbled 12% on the day, with front-month oil futures settling at \$68.27/bbl, while the 10-year Treasury yield declined to 1.48%

On the last day of trading, the Dow closed 650 points lower on the day after Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell told lawmakers it would be appropriate to consider winding down monthly asset purchases more quickly than originally planned. Equities were also pressured by comments from Moderna's CEO, who predicted that current vaccines would be less effective against the new omicron variant, leading to additional risk-off flows. Crude oil prices tumbled an additional 5% to settle at \$66.18/bbl, while the 10-year Treasury yield fell to 1.43%.

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- For the second month in three, equity closed-end funds (CEFs) on average witnessed negative returns, falling 2.61% on a net-asset-value (NAV) basis for November, while for the first month three fixed income CEFs posted returns in the black (+0.12%).
- Thirty-six percent of all CEFs traded at a premium to their NAV, with 34% of equity CEFs and 38% of fixed income CEFs trading in premium territory. The world income CEFs macro-classification witnessed the largest widening of discounts for the month among Lipper's CEF macro-groups—150 basis points (bps) to a 0.94% median discount.
- Real Estate CEFs (+0.38%), for the first month in four, posted the strongest one-month returns of the equity classifications in the CEF universe for November.
- For the first month in seven, the High Yield Municipal Debt CEFs (+1.80%) classification posted the strongest plus-side returns in the fixed income CEF universe for November.
- The municipal bond CEF macro-group (+1.46%) posted a gain for the first month in four, with all nine classifications experiencing plus-side performance.



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At month end, investors focused on expectations for a tighter Federal Reserve monetary policy and continued flattening of the Treasury yield curve after Powell's testimony before the Senate Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee. In a late-month flight to safety, investors pushed the 10-year Treasury yield down 12 bps for the month to close the day at 1.43%. The one-year Treasury yield witnessed the largest increase for the month, climbing nine bps to 0.24%. The 30-year Treasury yield witnessed the largest decline, falling 15 bps to 1.78%.

During the month, the dollar strengthened against the euro (+2.45%) and the pound (+3.34%) but weakened against the yen (-0.73%). Commodity prices declined for the month, with near-month gold prices falling just 0.53% to close the month at \$1,773.60/oz. and front-month crude oil prices sagging 20.81% to close at \$66.18/bbl.

For the month, only 36% of all CEFs posted NAV-based returns in the black, with just 14% of equity CEFs and 53% of fixed income CEFs chalking up returns in the plus column. For the second month in three, Lipper's mixed-assets CEFs (-2.08%) macro-group mitigated losses better than or outpaced its two equity-based brethren: domestic equity CEFs (-2.26%) and world equity CEFs (-4.20%).

The Real Estate CEFs classification (+0.38%) for the first month in four outperformed all other equity classifications, followed by Options Arbitrage/Options Strategies CEFs (-1.28%) and Income & Preferred Stock CEFs (-1.64%). Energy MLP CEFs (-6.55%, October's leader) posted the largest monthly losses in the equity universe and was bettered by Developed Markets CEFs (-5.66%) and Natural Resources CEFs (-5.65%). For the remaining equity classifications, returns ranged from negative 4.70% (Emerging Markets CEFs) to negative 2.30% (Diversified Equity CEFs).

Six of the 10 top performing CEFs for November were warehoused in Lipper's Real Estate CEFs classification. However, at the top of the charts were **Bow River Capital Evergreen Fund, Class I Shares (EVERX)**, an interval hybrid CEF housed in the Diversified Equity CEFs classification, rising 4.49% on a NAV basis; **Taiwan Fund Inc. (TWN)**, warehoused in the Emerging Markets CEF classification, rising 3.96% and traded at a 17.83% discount on November 30; and **Columbia Seligman Premium Technology Growth (STK)**, housed in the Options Arbitrage/Options Strategies CEF classification, gaining 3.69% and trading at a 5.81% premium at month end. Following those three were **Bluerock Total Income+ Real Estate Fund, Class I Shares (TIPWX)**, an interval hybrid CEF housed in Lipper's Real Estate CEF classification, rising 2.60% and **Bluerock Total Income+ Real Estate Fund, Class A Shares (TIPRX)**, an interval hybrid CEF also housed in the Real Estate CEF classification, posting a 2.59% return.

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TABLE 1
CURRENT-MONTH PERFORMANCE, P&D, P&D SHIFTS (% OF UNIVERSE)

	NAV RETURNS POSITIVE	PREMIUM/DISCOUNT		NOW TRADING AT	
		BETTER	WORSE	PREMIUM	DISCOUNT
Equity CEFs	14	58	41	34	65
Bond CEFs	53	44	56	38	62
ALL CEFs	36	50	50	36	63

TABLE 2
AVERAGE NAV RETURNS, SELECTED PERIODS (%)

	NOVEMBER	YTD	3-MONTH	CALENDAR-2020
Equity CEFs	-2.61	14.44	-0.86	2.34
Bond CEFs	0.12	4.82	-0.41	4.33
ALL CEFs	-1.06	8.98	-0.60	3.48

TABLE 3
NUMBER OF IPOs, YTD VERSUS PRIOR YEAR

	NOVEMBER 2021	CALENDAR-2020
Conventional CEFs	12	10
Interval CEFs	23	19

TABLE 4
AVERAGE SIZE OF IPOs, SELECTED PERIODS, \$MIL

THREE MONTHS THROUGH 10/31/2021	1,113
COMPARABLE YEAR-EARLIER THREE MONTHS	1,343
CALENDAR 2020 AVERAGE	848

TABLE 5
NUMBER OF MERGERS & LIQUIDATIONS, YTD VERSUS PRIOR YEAR

	NOVEMBER 2021	CALENDAR-2020
ALL CEFs	51	30

TABLE 6
MEDIAN PREMIUMS AND DISCOUNTS (%)

	31-AUG	30-SEP	29-OCT	30-NOV
Equity CEFs	-4.00	-6.11	-4.67	-4.94
Bond CEFs	-0.95	-1.58	-1.57	-1.56
ALL CEFs	-1.58	-2.40	-2.31	-2.40

Source: Refinitiv Lipper, an LSEG Business

For the month, the dispersion of performance in individual equity CEFs—ranging from negative 11.36% to positive 4.49%—was narrower than October's spread and skewed to the negative side. The 20 top-performing equity CEFs posted returns at or above 1.60%, while the 20-lagging equity CEFs were at or below negative 6.68%.

For the month, only 36 CEFs in the equity universe posted plus-side returns. The worst performing fund was housed in the Sector Equity CEFs classification. At the bottom of the heap was **BlackRock Innovation and Growth Trust (BIGZ)**, shedding 11.36% of its October-closing NAV and traded at a 9.65% discount on November 30. The second worst performing equity CEF was **Central and Eastern Europe Fund Inc. (CEE)**, housed in the Emerging Markets CEF classification), posting a 11.06% loss and traded at a 14.96% discount at month end.

With the Fed talking about tapering its monthly asset purchases earlier than previously thought, data showing inflation is still on the rise, and issues revolving around supply chain disruptions still not resolved, the Treasury yield curve flattened during the month, with yields at the short end of the curve witnessing the largest increases. The 10-year Treasury yield declined 12 bps to 1.43% at month end after hitting a monthly high of 1.67% on November 23. For maturities less than three years, only the two-month Treasury yield experienced a decline, falling three bps to 0.05%. The two- and 10-year Treasury yield spread (91 bps) narrowed 16 bps for November. For the first month in four, the municipal bond CEFs macro-group chalked up the strongest returns in the fixed income universe, posting a 1.46% return on average, followed by domestic taxable fixed income CEFs (-0.50%) and world income CEFs (-2.02%).

Fixed income investors became more risk averse during the month. They pushed U.S. Mortgage CEFs (+0.02%) to the top of the domestic taxable fixed income leaderboard for the first month since September 2020, followed by Corporate Debt BBB-Rated CEFs (Leveraged) (-0.07%) and Corporate Debt BBB-Rated CEFs (-0.23%). High Yield CEFs (Leveraged) (-1.29%) posted the weakest returns of the group and was bettered by High Yield CEFs (-0.85%). On the world income side, weak performance from Emerging Markets Hard Currency Debt CEFs (-3.69%) and Global Income CEFs (-1.37%) weighed on the macro-group for the month.

For the first month in four, the municipal debt CEFs macro-group posted a positive return (+1.46%) on average, with all nine classifications in the group experiencing plus-side performance for November. The High Yield Municipal Debt CEFs (+1.80%), General & Insured Municipal Debt CEFs (Leveraged) (+1.51%), and New York Municipal Debt CEFs (+1.47%) classifications posted the strongest returns in the group, while General & Insured Municipal Debt CEFs (+0.97%) was the relative group laggard. National municipal debt CEFs (+1.51%) outshined their single-state municipal debt CEF counterparts (+1.38%).

Three of the five top-performing individual fixed income CEFs were housed in Lipper's High Yield Municipal Debt CEFs classification. At the top of the chart was **Nuveen Enhanced High Yield Municipal Bond Fund, Class I Shares (NMSSX)**, an interval hybrid CEF, returning 2.85%; **Nuveen Enhanced High**

Yield Municipal Bond Fund, Class A Shares (NHYEX), also an interval hybrid CEF, returning 2.69%; and **Nuveen Municipal Credit Opportunities Fund (NMCO)**, returning 2.41% and traded at a 1.58% discount on November 30. Following those three were **PIMCO California Municipal Income Fund II (MCK)**, housed in the California Municipal Debt CEFs classification), returning 2.26% and traded at a 5.60% premium at month end and **PIMCO Municipal Income Fund III (PMX)**, housed in the General & Insured Municipal Debt CEFs [Leveraged] classification), adding 2.19% to its October month-end value and traded at a 7.70% premium on November 30.

For the remaining funds in the fixed income CEF universe, monthly NAV-based performance ranged from negative 6.31% for **Stone Harbor Emerging Markets Income Fund (EDF)**, housed in Lipper's Emerging Markets Hard Currency Debt CEFs classification and traded at a 6.57% premium at month end) to positive 2.10% for **Nuveen Municipal High Income Opportunity Fund (NMZ)**, housed in the High Yield Municipal CEFs classification and traded at a 0.47% premium on November 30). The 20 top-performing fixed income CEFs posted returns at or above 1.86%, while the 20 lagging CEFs posted returns at or below negative 1.87% for the month. There were 182 fixed income CEFs that witnessed negative NAV-based performance for November.

Premium and Discount Behavior

For November, the median discount of all CEFs widened nine bps to 2.40%—still narrower than the 12-month moving average median discount (3.69%). Equity CEFs' median discount widened 26 bps to 4.94%, while fixed income CEFs' median discount narrowed one bp to 1.56%. World income CEFs' median discounts witnessed the largest widening among the CEF macro-groups—150 bps to 0.94%—while the world equity CEFs witnessed the largest narrowing of discounts—101 bps to 8.19%.

Gabelli Utility Trust (GUT), housed in the Utility CEFs classification) traded at the largest premium (+95.11%) in the CEF universe on November 30, while **Foxby Corp. (FXBY)**, housed in the Diversified Equity CEFs classification) traded at the largest discount (-29.40%) at month end.

For the month, 50% of all closed-end funds' discounts or premiums improved, while 50% worsened. In particular, 58% of equity CEFs and 44% of fixed income CEFs saw their individual discounts narrow, premiums widen, or premiums replace discounts. The number of funds traded at premiums on November 30 (162) was two less than the number on October 29 (164).

CEF Events and Corporate Actions IPOs

The reorganizations of Nuveen Diversified Dividend and Income Fund (JDD), Nuveen Tax-Advantaged Total Return Strategy Fund (JTA), and Nuveen Tax-Advantaged Dividend Growth Fund (JTD) into a new fund, **Nuveen Multi-Asset Income Fund (NMAI)**, was successfully completed prior to the opening of the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) on November 22, 2021. The combined fund, NMAI, seeks to provide total return through high current income and capital appreciation, employing a dynamic multi-asset allocation strategy that is designed to improve diversification and take into account changing market conditions.

In the reorganizations, NMAI acquired substantially all of the assets and liabilities of the acquired funds JDD, JTA, and JTD as set forth above in tax-free transactions in exchange for newly issued common shares in an aggregate amount equal to the value of the net assets transferred. The exchanges took place based upon the acquired funds' closing net asset values (NAVs) on November 19, 2021, and NMAI's initial NAV per common share of \$20. The exchange ratios at which common shares of each acquired fund were exchanged for common shares of NMAI are as follows: JDD: 0.58638500, JTA: 0.62830000, and JTD: 0.91062500.

Guggenheim Active Allocation Fund (GUG) is a newly organized, diversified, closed-end investment management company. The fund's investment objective is to maximize total return through a combination of current income and capital appreciation. The fund will pursue both a tactical asset allocation strategy, dynamically allocating across asset classes, and a relative value-based investment strategy, utilizing quantitative and qualitative analysis to seek to identify securities with attractive relative value and risk/reward characteristics. The fund's subadvisor seeks to combine a credit-managed fixed-income portfolio with a diversified pool of alternative investments and equity strategies.

The fund will seek to achieve its investment objective by investing in a wide range of both fixed-income and other debt and senior equity securities selected from a variety of sectors and credit qualities, including but not limited to, government and agency securities, corporate bonds, loans and loan participations, structured finance investments (including residential and commercial mortgage-related securities, asset-backed securities, collateralized debt obligations, and risk-linked securities), mezzanine and preferred securities, and convertible securities. The fund may also invest in common stocks, limited liability company interests, trust certificates, and other equity investments that the fund's subadvisor believes offer attractive yield and/or capital appreciation potential.

The strategy may use options and other derivatives. The fund plans to use various valuation models to determine the appropriate allocation among asset classes. As part of its common equity securities strategy, the fund may employ a strategy of writing (selling) covered call options and may, from time to time, buy or sell put options on individual common equity securities.

Eagle Point Income Company Inc. (EIC) announced—in connection with its previously disclosed underwritten public offering of 600,000 shares of its common stock at a public offering price of \$18.45 per share that closed on November 2, 2021—that B. Riley Securities, Inc., the underwriter of such offering, had partially exercised its overallotment option to purchase an additional 48,000 shares of common stock. The exercise of the overallotment option resulted in additional net proceeds to the company of approximately \$900,000 after payment of underwriting discounts and commissions.

Rights, Repurchases, Tender Offers

RiverNorth Opportunities Fund, Inc. (RIV) announced the successful completion of its transferable rights offering and the final results thereof. The fund will issue a total of 4,373,407 new common shares as a result of the offering, which closed on November 5, 2021. The subscription price of \$16.81 per share in the offering was established on the expiration date based upon a formula equal to 97.5% of the fund's reported NAV per share on the expiration date. Gross proceeds received by the fund, before any expenses of the offering, are expected to total approximately \$73,516,972. Shares of common stock issued pursuant to the rights offering will be record date shares for the purposes of the fund's November 2021 distribution payable. The offering was oversubscribed, and the oversubscription requests exceeded the oversubscription shares available. Accordingly, the shares issued as part of the oversubscription privilege of the offering will be allocated pro rata among record date stockholders who submitted oversubscription requests based on the number of rights originally issued to them by the fund.

Templeton Global Income Fund (GIM) announced that it has commenced an issuer tender offer to purchase for cash up to 93,900,910 of its common shares, representing 70% of its issued and outstanding common shares. Unless extended, the tender offer will expire, on Tuesday, December 7, 2021. Subject to various terms and conditions described in offering materials distributed to shareholders: (1) purchases will be made at a price per share equal to 99% of the fund's NAV per share as of the close of trading on the first business day after the expiration of the offer; and (2) if more shares are tendered than the amount the board has authorized to purchase, the fund will purchase the number of shares equal to the



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offer amount on a prorated basis. The fund will likely sell portfolio instruments during the tender offer to raise cash for the purchase of common shares. Thus, during the pendency of the tender offer, the fund will likely hold a greater than normal percentage of its net assets in cash and cash equivalents and may not be able to meet its investment goals and invest consistent with its investment strategy. Upon conclusion of the tender offer, the fund is expected to have sufficient assets to continue to meet its investment goals while also continuing to deliver on its mandate to provide high current income by paying monthly distributions to shareholders who remain invested in the fund.

Thomas J. Herzfeld Advisors, Inc., an SEC-registered investment advisor, and **The Herzfeld Caribbean Basin Fund, Inc. (CUBA)** announced the final results of the fund's offer to purchase up to 5% of outstanding shares of the fund at 97.5% of NAV as of the close of ordinary trading on the NASDAQ on November 8, 2021, the expiration date. Based on the final count by American Stock Transfer & Trust Co., LLC, the depository for the tender offer, a total of 2,261,361.322 common shares of the fund were validly tendered and not withdrawn. The total amount of shares tendered exceeded the offer amount, and the fund will purchase tendered shares on a pro rata basis. Subject to final delivery of all tendered shares, the proration factor for shares purchased pursuant to the offer is 13.3642%. In accordance with the terms and conditions of the tender offer, the fund has accepted for payment all 302,216 common shares subject to the tender offer. The purchase price per share is determined to be \$6.9810. Payment for the shares accepted for purchase under the tender offer and return of all other shares tendered and not purchased will occur promptly.

BlackRock Enhanced Government Fund, Inc. (EGF) announced the completion of its annual offer to repurchase a portion of its outstanding shares of common stock from its stockholders. Under the terms of the repurchase offer, the fund offered to repurchase up to 5% of its issued and outstanding shares of common stock for cash at a price equal to the fund's NAV per share calculated as of the close of business of the NYSE on November 16, 2021 (subject to the repurchase fee of 2% of the NAV per share, which was deducted from the repurchase price). As previously announced on November 16, 2021, the expiration date of the repurchase offer, Computershare Trust Company, N.A., the fund's depository agent, indicated that 119,707 shares (approximately 2.8% of the fund's shares outstanding as of November 16, 2021) were validly submitted for tender and not withdrawn. On November 17, 2021, validly tendered shares were repurchased by the fund at \$12.54 per share, the fund's NAV per share determined as of 4:00 p.m. EST, on Wednesday, November 17, 2021, less the repurchase fee. Shares validly tendered and accepted will not be entitled to receive any fund dividend or distribution with a record date on or after November 24, 2021.

The **Liberty All-Star Equity Fund (USA)** announced that based on results provided by the fund's subscription agent, its rights offering, which expired on November 22, 2021, was fully subscribed. The fund will issue 27,979,915 shares, which represents the entire 22,383,932 primary subscription shares in the offering, plus 5,595,983 additional shares made available by means of the secondary oversubscription privilege. Since there were not sufficient shares to honor all oversubscription requests, available shares will be allocated among those shareholders who

oversubscribed based on the number of shares held on the record date. The subscription price per share is \$7.78, which represents 95% of the NAV of a share on the expiration date.

Mergers and Reorganizations

Invesco Advisers, Inc., a subsidiary of Invesco Ltd., announced the completion of the reorganization of **Invesco Dynamic Credit Opportunities Fund (VTA)** into a newly created closed-end interval fund, the **Invesco Dynamic Credit Opportunity Fund**. As previously announced, at the annual meeting of shareholders of the fund held on September 3, 2021, fund shareholders approved the reorganization. The interval fund offers four classes of shares (**Class A, Class AX, Class R6, and Class Y**) and provides liquidity to shareholders in the form of quarterly repurchase offers. The interval fund expects its initial repurchase offer to commence in the first quarter of 2022. The interval fund will be managed with the same investment objective and similar investment strategy as the fund, all as described in the proxy statement/prospectus, which has been filed publicly.

Effective November 1, common shareholders that were remaining in the fund as of the market close on Thursday, October 28, 2021, are shareholders of the interval fund and will receive newly issued Class AX shares of the interval fund priced daily at the interval fund's NAV. In the reorganization, common shareholders of the fund received an amount of interval fund Class AX shares equal to the aggregate NAV of their holdings of the fund's common shares as determined as of the close of business on October 29, 2021. Relevant conversion details pertaining to the reorganization are as follows: Invesco Dynamic Credit Opportunity Fund (XAXCX), NAV/share (\$): \$12.46, share conversion ratio: N/A and Invesco Dynamic Credit Opportunities Fund (VTA), NAV/share (\$): \$12.46, share conversion ratio: 1:1.

The **Nuveen Corporate Income November 2021 Target Term Fund (JHB)** completed its termination and liquidation following the close of business on November 1, 2021. The termination and liquidation were performed in accordance with the fund's investment objectives and organizational documents, consistent with the fund's previously announced liquidation plans. The Nuveen Corporate Income November 2021 Target Term Fund (formerly known as Nuveen High Income November 2021 Target Term Fund) launched on August 23, 2016, as a short duration strategy that invested primarily in high yield corporate debt, with two investment objectives, to provide high current income and return the original NAV of \$9.85 per common share upon termination on or about November 1, 2021. The investment objective relating to original NAV was not a guarantee. In June 2020, the fund's board of trustees approved the change in the fund's name and its investment policy associated with its name. Specifically, the fund's policy to invest primarily in securities rated below investment grade was eliminated and the fund's mandate was expanded to cover all corporate debt securities.

As previously announced, due to recent market conditions, JHB did not return the original NAV at its termination. The fund is returning to shareholders an extended NAV of \$9.4061 per common share as its liquidating distribution. Over its five-year term, the fund paid 60 monthly distributions and one long-term capital gain distribution totaling \$2.3789 per share, which equates to an average distribution

rate of 4.65% on NAV and 4.58% on market. The annualized total return on NAV for shareholders who invested at the initial public offering was 3.83% and the market price total return was 3.59%.

In June, BlackRock announced a plan of liquidation for **BlackRock 2022 Global Income Opportunity Trust (BGIO)** in accordance with its investment objective of terminating on or before February 28, 2022. Under BGIO's plan of liquidation, the fund began the process of liquidating portfolio assets and unwinding its affairs and expects to make a final liquidating distribution by December 31, 2021. BGIO is liquidating earlier than anticipated given the favorable market environment for unwinding its assets and returning shareholder capital in a timely manner. Since the adoption of the plan of liquidation, BGIO has declared a total of \$6.6504 per share in liquidating distributions, including the \$0.05 regular monthly distribution per share. All liquidating distributions paid after the date of the adoption of the plan of liquidation (June 30) are return of capital distributions, which lower an investor's cost basis in the shares of the fund. BGIO has a 6.1% market price total return year to date and has delivered an annualized total return of 4.7% on market price since inception through September 30, 2021. The fund has paid \$7.17 per share in distributions since inception (not including the \$2.07 distribution paid on November 30, 2021).

The boards of trustees/directors of **Delaware Investments National Municipal Income Fund (VFL, the acquiring fund), Delaware Investments Colorado Municipal Income Fund, Inc. (VCF), and Delaware Investments Minnesota Municipal Income Fund II, Inc. (VMM)** announced the final results of voting at the joint annual meeting of shareholders held on October 11, 2021, adjourned to November 9, 2021. Shareholders of each fund approved an agreement and plan of acquisition providing for (1) the acquisition by the acquiring fund of substantially all of the property, assets, and goodwill of each the Colorado Muni Fund and the Minnesota Muni Fund in exchange solely for (a) full and fractional shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of the acquiring fund; and (b) Muni-Multi Mode Preferred Shares, Series 2049, liquidation preference \$100,000 per share, of the acquiring fund; (2) the pro rata distribution of such shares of the acquiring fund to the shareholders of each the Colorado Muni Fund and the Minnesota Muni Fund according to their respective interests in liquidation, and (3) the dissolution of each of the Colorado Muni Fund and the Minnesota Muni Fund as soon as is practicable after the closing. In addition, all of the nominees for the boards of trustees/directors were elected.

Each fund is a closed-end fund managed by Delaware Management Company, a series of Macquarie Investment Management Business Trust. The investment objective of the acquiring fund is to provide current income exempt from regular federal income tax consistent with the preservation of capital. The investment objective of the Colorado Muni Fund is to provide current income exempt from federal income tax and from the personal income tax of Colorado, if any, consistent with the preservation of capital. The investment objective of the Minnesota Muni Fund is to provide current income exempt from federal income tax and from the personal income tax of Minnesota, if any, consistent with the preservation of capital. As of October 31, 2021, the total assets of the acquiring fund, Colorado Muni Fund, and Minnesota Muni Fund were approximately \$68.1 million, \$74.2 million, and \$172.2 million, respectively.

The previously announced contemplated reorganizations of each of **PIMCO Dynamic Credit and Mortgage Income Fund (PCI)** and **PIMCO Income Opportunity Fund (PKO)** with and into **PIMCO Dynamic Income**

Fund (PDI) are currently expected to be consummated following the scheduled close of regular trading on the NYSE on December 10, 2021, subject to PIMCO's market outlook and operational considerations, the satisfaction of applicable regulatory requirements and customary closing conditions. Upon consummation of the reorganizations, PDI will acquire all of the assets and assume of all the liabilities of each of PKO and PCI in exchange for additional common shares of beneficial interest of PDI, and PCI and PKO common shareholders will receive merger shares (and cash in lieu of fractional merger shares, if any), based on the relative NAV of the funds as of the close of business on December 10, 2021. In connection with the reorganizations, shares of PCI and PKO are expected to cease trading on the NYSE following the close of regular trading on December 10, 2021. Shares of PDI, including the merger shares issued in connection with the reorganizations, will continue to trade on the NYSE upon the opening of regular trading on December 13, 2021. Following the reorganizations, PDI will continue to be managed in accordance with its existing investment objectives and strategies. PDI seeks current income and capital appreciation by utilizing a dynamic asset allocation strategy among multiple sectors of the global credit markets. The PCI, PKO, and PDI NAVs as of December 10, 2021, the share exchange ratios for the reorganizations and any final distributions will be announced in one or more subsequent press releases. Distributions paid by PCI and PKO subsequent to this press release are expected to be paid in cash as the funds' dividend reinvestment program will be suspended in advance of the reorganizations.

Other

Eaton Vance Risk-Managed Diversified Equity Income Fund (ETJ) is a diversified, closed-end investment management company. The fund's investment objective is to provide current income and gains, with a secondary objective of capital appreciation. The fund has entered into a distribution agreement dated November 12, 2021, with Eaton Vance Distributors, Inc. relating to the common shares of beneficial interest offered by this prospectus supplement dated November 12, 2021, and the accompanying prospectus dated November 10, 2021. The distributor has entered into a dealer agreement, dated November 12, 2021, with UBS Securities LLC with respect to the fund relating to the common shares offered by the prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. In accordance with the terms of the dealer agreement, the fund may offer and sell common shares, \$0.01 par value per share, from time to time through the dealer as sub-placement agent for the offer and sale of the common shares. Under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, the fund may not sell any common shares at a price below the current NAV of such common shares, exclusive of any distributing commission or discount. Prior to March 1, 2021, the distributor was a direct, wholly owned subsidiary of Eaton Vance Corp (EVC). On March 1, 2021, Morgan Stanley acquired EVC and the distributor became an indirect, wholly owned subsidiary of Morgan Stanley.

Virtus Global Multi-Sector Income Fund (VGI) announced that it will remove its managed distribution plan, effective with the December distribution. The fund intends to maintain its level payout at the current distribution rate of \$0.08 per share. The fund implemented a managed distribution policy in 2015 when it was utilizing an option overlay strategy that has since been removed from the fund's investment strategy. As a result, the fund will remove the managed distribution plan and associated requirements, which may reduce certain fund expenses. For the distribution with the record date of

December 31, 2021, the fund intends to distribute the greater of \$0.08 per share or all available net investment income and net short- and long-term capital gains, in accordance with requirements under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. The amount of a supplemental distribution over the \$0.08 per share, if any, will be announced on January 3, 2022.

Neuberger Berman MLP and Energy Income Fund Inc. (NML)

announced that it has amended its revolving credit facility to increase the amount of available debt financing in order to bring it more in line with the fund's current asset level. Under the amended terms of the facility, the lender's total commitment increased from \$75 million to \$100 million.

Neuberger Berman Real Estate Securities Income Fund Inc. (NRO)

announced that it has amended its leverage facility to, among other things, increase the amount of available debt financing in order to bring it more in line with the fund's current asset level. Under the amended terms of the facility, the lender's total commitment under the revolving credit facility increased from \$40 million to \$70 million. In addition to the revolving credit facility, the fund continues to have outstanding a \$30 million five-year, fixed-rate term loan, due September 2024.

The board of directors of the **Korea Fund, Inc. (KF)** announced that it will resume the operation of its discount management program, which was temporarily halted on Thursday, December 24, 2020, in advance of the fund's transition of its investment management and administration to JPMorgan Asset Management (Asia Pacific) Limited and its affiliates on Friday, January 1, 2021. The board has determined the resumption of the program would be in the best interest of the fund and its stockholders. The program will operate in accordance with the procedures and parameters adopted by the board of directors and the execution for any stock repurchases will be undertaken by Wells Fargo Advisors Financial Network.

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