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Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM N-CSR

CERTIFIED SHAREHOLDER REPORT OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT  
INVESTMENT COMPANIES

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FIRST TRUST VALUE LINE(R) 100 FUND  
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(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

1001 Warrenville Road  
Suite 300  
LISLE, IL 60532  
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(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

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(Name and address of agent for service)

registrant's telephone number, including area code: (630) 241-4141  
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Date of fiscal year end: DECEMBER 31  
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Date of reporting period: DECEMBER 31, 2005  
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ITEM 1. REPORTS TO STOCKHOLDERS.

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The Report to Shareholders is attached herewith.

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ANNUAL REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005

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CAUTION REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This Annual Report contains certain forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933. Forward-looking statements include statements regarding the goals, beliefs, plans or current expectations of First Trust Advisors L.P. (the "Advisor") and its representatives, taking into account the information currently available to them. Forward-looking statements include all statements that do not relate solely to current or historical fact. For example, forward-looking statements include the use of words such as "anticipate," "estimate," "intend," "expect," "believe," "plan," "may," "should," "would" or other words that convey uncertainty of future events or outcomes.

Forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause the First Trust Value Line(R) 100 Fund's (the "Fund") actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. When evaluating the information included in this Annual Report, you are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which reflect the judgment of the Advisor and its representatives only as of the date hereof. We undertake no obligation to publicly revise or update these forward-looking statements to reflect events and circumstances that arise after the date hereof.

HOW TO READ THIS REPORT

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This report contains information that can help you evaluate your investment. It includes details about the Fund and presents data and analysis that provide insight into the Fund's performance and investment approach.

By reading the letter from the Fund's President, James A. Bowen, together with the commentary by Robert F. Carey, who is the Chief Investment Officer of the Advisor, you will obtain an understanding of how the market environment affected the Fund's performance. The statistical information that follows can help you understand the Fund's performance compared to that of relevant market benchmarks.

It is important to keep in mind that the opinions expressed by Mr. Bowen, Mr. Carey and personnel of the Advisor are just that: informed opinions. They should not be considered to be promises or advice. The opinions, like the statistics, cover the period through the date on the cover of this report. Of course, the risks of investing in the Fund are spelled out in the prospectus.

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SHAREHOLDER LETTER  
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FIRST TRUST VALUE LINE(R) 100 FUND (FVL)  
ANNUAL REPORT  
DECEMBER 31, 2005

Dear Shareholders:

We are pleased to present this annual report to shareholders of the First Trust Value Line(R) 100 Fund (AMEX: FVL). The Fund's objective is to provide capital appreciation. It seeks to outperform the S&P 500 Index by adhering to a disciplined strategy of investing in a diversified portfolio of the 100 common stocks ranked #1 in the Value Line(R) Timeliness™ Ranking System. For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2005, FVL posted a net asset value (NAV) total return of 11.9% and a market value total return of 7.5%. This compared to a gain of 4.8% for the S&P 500 Index. The Fund's market price closed at \$15.62 per share on December 31, 2005, above its IPO price of \$15.00 per share.

This was a year marked by significant events. The markets were confronted with many obstacles including rising energy and oil prices, several short-term rate increases and natural disasters. In spite of some of the difficulties of this past year, the American economy continued to grow, posting an overall growth rate of 3.5% for 2005, although this is down from 4.2% for 2004. According to U.S. News & World Report, since April 2003 the economy has created a net 5.1 million new jobs and unemployment, which was 4.9% in December 2005, is lower than the average for the 1970s, 1980s and 1990s. For calendar year 2005, core inflation was only 2.2%, and oil prices have come down from their post-hurricane peaks.

It is difficult to predict what events will take place in the future or how the markets and economy will respond. One of the few certainties of equity investing is that returns will fluctuate over time. We believe the key to long-term success relies on discipline such as that employed by the Fund. I encourage you to read the commentary from Bob Carey, the Chief Investment Officer of First Trust Advisors L.P., found on the following pages. It includes a review of the Fund's performance and Bob's insight on the markets.

We thank you for your confidence in First Trust Advisors L.P. and will work diligently to keep earning it.

Sincerely,

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/s/ James A. Bowen

James A. Bowen  
President of the First Trust Value Line(R) 100 Fund  
February 10, 2006

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[PHOTO OMITTED] ROBERT F. CAREY, CFA  
SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT, CHIEF INVESTMENT OFFICER  
FIRST TRUST ADVISORS L.P.

Mr. Carey is responsible for the overall management of research and analysis of the First Trust product line. Mr. Carey has over 19 years of experience as an Equity and Fixed-Income Analyst and is a recipient of the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) designation. He is a graduate of the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana with a B.S. in Physics. He is also a member of the Investment Analysts Society of Chicago and the CFA Institute.

Mr. Carey has appeared as a guest on such programs as Bloomberg TV and CNBC and has been quoted by several publications, including The Wall Street Journal, The Wall Street Reporter, Bloomberg News Service, and Registered Rep.

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## PORTFOLIO COMMENTARY

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### OVERVIEW

The First Trust Value Line(R) 100 Fund ("FVL" or the "Fund") posted a market price total return of 7.5% for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2005. Its net asset value ("NAV") total return was 11.9% for the same period. Over the same one-year period, the S&P 500 Index, S&P 400 (mid-cap) Index and S&P 600 (small-cap) Index gained 4.8%, 12.5% and 7.7%, respectively. The Fund distributed \$1.804 per share in short-term capital gains and \$1.008 per share in long-term capital gains during fiscal year 2005. FVL traded at a 9.0% discount to its NAV on December 31, 2005.

Following is a review of the portfolio strategy and composition, investment environment and performance results of FVL for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2005.

### INVESTMENT STRATEGY

The Fund adheres to a disciplined strategy of investing in the 100 common stocks ranked #1 in the Value Line(R) Timeliness(TM) Ranking System. The Value Line(R) Timeliness(TM) Ranking System was introduced in 1965. Each week, Value Line(R) applies its Timeliness(TM) Ranking System to screen a wide array of data using a series of proprietary calculations to rank each of the approximately 1,700 stocks in the Value Line(R) universe for expected price performance over the next 6 to 12 months. Only 100 stocks are given Value Line's #1 ranking for Timeliness(TM) at any given time. Each week the Fund makes portfolio adjustments to match changes initiated by Value Line(R) to the 100 stocks ranked #1 for Timeliness(TM). When a new stock attains a #1 ranking, it is added to the Fund's portfolio and stocks no longer ranked #1 are removed from the Fund's portfolio.

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Over the last three years, including 2005, the average number of stocks changed in a given year was 4.4 stocks. The Fund rebalances its holdings on a quarterly basis so that each stock is equally weighted on the rebalancing date.

### DISTRIBUTIONS

On June 15, 2005, the Fund distributed capital gains of \$0.412 per share, which represented \$0.314 in short-term capital gains and \$0.098 per share in long-term capital gains. On December 30, 2005, the Fund distributed capital gains of \$2.40 per share, which represented \$1.49 in short-term capital gains and \$0.91 per share in long-term capital gains.

### COMPOSITION OF THE FUND

The Fund had a large capitalization orientation to its portfolio holdings as of December 31, 2005. The average market capitalization of the issuers of the stocks in the portfolio was approximately \$13.8 billion, up from \$11.7 billion at the end of 2004 and \$9.7 billion at the end of 2003. The breakdown of the 100 stocks in the portfolio as of December 31, 2005, was as follows: large-cap stocks (34), mid-cap stocks (35) and small-cap stocks (31). The breakdown of the 100 stocks in the portfolio as of December 31, 2004, was as follows: large-cap stocks (26), mid-cap stocks (35) and small-cap stocks (39). The Fund's beta averaged about 1.12 for 2005, according to Bloomberg. That implies a market volatility or risk level slightly higher than the overall market.

### MARKET AND ECONOMIC OVERVIEW

In 2005, the U.S. equity markets posted modest positive returns on the whole. Although returns were not as good as those in the last couple of years, the markets performed rather well. Throughout the year, the markets were challenged by record oil and natural gas prices and inflationary pressures. Another negative was steady increases in short-term interest rates, which paved the way for an inverted yield curve late in the year. This rare occurrence is considered to be a predictor of economic recession although at this point, we do not anticipate such an economic reversal in 2006.

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### PORTFOLIO COMMENTARY - (CONTINUED)

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In spite of significantly higher energy prices and interest rates that are sharply higher than one year ago, the economy continues to grow, turning in a strong performance in the summer (July - September) with the fastest growth pace in 1 1/2 years, according to the Commerce Department. Real Gross Domestic Product, the output of goods and services produced by labor and property located in the United States, increased at an annual rate of 4.1% in the third quarter of 2005, according to final estimates released by the Bureau of Economic Analysis.

Strong productivity gains have helped curb inflation. Despite the sharp rise in commodity prices in 2005, the core CPI rate, as of December 2005, was just 2.2%. Higher production costs have been offset to a large degree by productivity gains. Since the last recession ended in the fourth quarter of 2001, productivity gains have averaged 3.4% annually, far exceeding any similar period since the 1960s.

Strong corporate earnings were another factor that positively influenced the stock markets. According to Standard & Poor's, fourth quarter 2005 earnings on

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the S&P 500 Index of \$20.62, or \$186 billion in aggregate, will represent a 14.9% gain over the \$17.95 reported for the fourth quarter of 2004 - marking the 15th consecutive quarter of double-digit earnings gains for the S&P 500 Index.

Another positive for the markets was an increase in corporate mergers and acquisitions (M&A). M&A activity surpassed \$1 trillion for 2005, according to Thomson Financial. Companies have announced 8,489 M&A deals valued at roughly \$1.1 trillion, a level not seen since 2000.

The oil and energy sectors significantly outperformed other sectors of the market in large part due to high energy prices. Correlating to this event has been a notable underperformance by the auto and consumer discretionary sectors, which are most affected by high prices of oil and gasoline.

### IN CLOSING

As we look out to a new year, we are encouraged that core inflation remains stable despite significantly higher oil prices and the economy continues to grow. The S&P 500 Index set records in 2005 including both earnings per share and dividend payouts. It will be interesting to monitor the progress and see whether this positive momentum will continue into 2006.

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PORTFOLIO COMPONENTS+  
DECEMBER 31, 2005

[THE FOLLOWING TABLE WAS REPRESENTED AS A BAR CHART IN THE PRINTED MATERIAL.]

Communications Equipment	8.0%
Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels	7.0%
Electronic Equipment & Instruments	7.0%
Health Care Equipment & Supplies	6.1%
Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment	6.0%
Specialty Retail	5.0%
IT Services	5.0%
Machinery	5.0%
Commercial Services & Supplies	4.0%
Computers & Peripherals	4.0%
Capital Markets	4.0%
Energy Equipment & Services	4.0%
Software	4.0%
Trading Companies & Distributors	3.0%
Pharmaceuticals	3.0%
Biotechnology	3.0%
Health Care Providers & Services	3.0%
Air Freight & Logistics	2.9%
Construction & Engineering	2.0%
Aerospace/Defense	2.0%
Insurance	2.0%
Textiles, Apparel & Luxury Goods	1.0%
Multiline Retail	1.0%
Building Products	1.0%
Household Durables	1.0%
Road & Rail	1.0%
Electrical Equipment	1.0%
Auto Components	1.0%
Gas Utilities	1.0%
Internet Software & Services	1.0%

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Diversified Financial Services

1.0%

+ Percentages are based on total investments. Please note that the percentages shown on the Portfolio of Investments are based on net assets.

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See Notes to Financial Statements.

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 PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS  
 DECEMBER 31, 2005

SHARES		MARKET VALUE
COMMON STOCKS - 99.6%		
AEROSPACE/DEFENSE - 2.0%		
126,420	AAR Corp.* .....	\$ 3,027,759
66,963	Ceradyne, Inc.* .....	2,932,979
		5,960,738
AIR FREIGHT & LOGISTICS - 2.9%		
78,983	C.H. Robinson Worldwide, Inc. ....	2,924,740
43,561	Expeditors International of Washington, Inc.....	2,940,803
79,319	Forward Air Corp .....	2,907,041
		8,772,584
AUTO COMPONENTS - 1.0%		
171,452	The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company* .....	2,979,836
BIOTECHNOLOGY - 3.0%		
38,127	Amgen, Inc.* .....	3,006,695
32,516	Genentech, Inc.* .....	3,007,730
56,882	Gilead Sciences, Inc.* .....	2,993,700
		9,008,125
BUILDING PRODUCTS - 1.0%		
54,571	Universal Forest Products, Inc.....	3,015,048
CAPITAL MARKETS - 4.0%		
140,787	E*TRADE Financial Corp.* .....	2,936,817
31,915	Franklin Resources, Inc.....	3,000,329
25,158	Legg Mason, Inc. ....	3,011,161
202,729	The Charles Schwab Corp.....	2,974,034
		11,922,341
COMMERCIAL SERVICES & SUPPLIES - 4.0%		
72,696	Monster Worldwide Inc.* .....	2,967,451
190,346	Steelcase Inc., Class A .....	3,013,177
50,513	Stericycle, Inc.* .....	2,974,205
62,986	The Advisory Board Company* .....	3,002,543

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		11,957,376
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	COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT - 7.9%	
98,684	ADTRAN, Inc. ....	2,934,862
122,376	Belden CDT Inc.....	2,989,646
151,362	Corning Inc.* .....	2,975,777
134,942	Juniper Networks, Inc.* .....	3,009,207
131,880	Motorola, Inc.....	2,979,169
236,148	Powerwave Technologies, Inc.* .....	2,968,380
68,807	QUALCOMM, Inc.....	2,964,206
113,507	ViaSat, Inc.* .....	3,034,042
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		23,855,289
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 PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS - (CONTINUED)  
 DECEMBER 31, 2005

SHARES		MARKET VALUE
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COMMON STOCKS - CONTINUED		
	COMPUTERS & PERIPHERALS - 4.0%	
41,912	Apple Computer, Inc.* .....	\$ 3,013,054
104,845	Hewlett-Packard Company .....	3,001,712
59,373	Intergraph Corp.* .....	2,957,369
47,437	SanDisk Corp.* .....	2,979,992
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		11,952,127
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	CONSTRUCTION & ENGINEERING - 2.0%	
70,739	McDermott International, Inc.* .....	3,155,667
227,441	Quanta Services, Inc.* .....	2,995,398
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		6,151,065
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	DIVERSIFIED FINANCIAL SERVICES - 1.0%	
8,061	Chicago Mercantile Exchange Holdings Inc. ....	2,962,337
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	ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT - 1.0%	
71,022	Thomas & Betts Corp.* .....	2,980,083
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	ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT & INSTRUMENTS - 6.9%	
89,400	Agilent Technologies, Inc.* .....	2,976,126
106,809	Brightpoint, Inc.* .....	2,961,813
152,047	Ingram Micro Inc., Class A* .....	3,030,297
73,803	Itron, Inc.* .....	2,955,072
80,562	Jabil Circuit, Inc.* .....	2,988,045
133,100	Plexus Corp.* .....	3,026,694
114,496	The Lamson & Sessions Company* .....	2,864,690
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		20,802,737
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	ENERGY EQUIPMENT & SERVICES - 4.0%	
81,103	BJ Services Company .....	2,974,047

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81,783	Cal Dive International, Inc.* .....	2,935,192
30,659	Schlumberger Ltd. ....	2,978,522
67,216	Tidewater Inc. ....	2,988,423
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		11,876,184
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	GAS UTILITIES - 1.0%	
39,271	Questar Corp. ....	2,972,815
		-----
	HEALTH CARE EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES - 6.0%	
23,323	Alcon, Inc. ....	3,022,661
71,815	ArthroCare Corp.* .....	3,026,284
52,115	Medtronic, Inc.....	3,000,261
108,069	Molecular Devices Corp.* .....	3,126,436
77,684	ResMed Inc.* .....	2,976,074
58,830	Varian Medical Systems, Inc.* .....	2,961,502
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		18,113,218
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	HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS & SERVICES - 3.0%	
32,959	Cerner Corp.* .....	2,996,303
35,486	Express Scripts, Inc.* .....	2,973,727
62,029	LCA-Vision, Inc. ....	2,946,998
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		8,917,028
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 PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS - (CONTINUED)  
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SHARES		MARKET VALUE
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	COMMON STOCKS - CONTINUED	
	HOUSEHOLD DURABLES - 1.0%	
220,313	Champion Enterprises, Inc.* .....	\$ 3,000,663
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	INSURANCE - 2.0%	
40,743	Prudential Financial, Inc. ....	2,981,980
62,193	W.R. Berkley Corp. ....	2,961,631
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		5,943,611
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	INTERNET SOFTWARE & SERVICES - 1.0%	
75,871	Yahoo! Inc.* .....	2,972,626
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	IT SERVICES - 5.0%	
105,174	Accenture Ltd., Class A .....	3,036,373
65,310	CheckFree Corp.* .....	2,997,729
106,998	ManTech International Corp., Class A* .....	2,980,964
222,748	MPS Group, Inc.* .....	3,044,965
77,585	Paychex, Inc. ....	2,957,540
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		15,017,571

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	MACHINERY - 5.0%	
137,708	Columbus McKinnon Corp.* .....	3,026,822
63,502	JLG Industries, Inc. ....	2,899,501
74,250	Joy Global, Inc. ....	2,969,980
58,118	Tennant Company .....	3,022,136
68,248	Trinity Industries, Inc. ....	3,007,689
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		14,926,128
		-----
	MULTILINE RETAIL - 1.0%	
80,627	Nordstrom, Inc. ....	3,015,450
		-----
	OIL, GAS & CONSUMABLE FUELS - 7.0%	
38,069	Arch Coal, Inc. ....	3,026,486
94,696	Chesapeake Energy Corp. ....	3,004,704
40,400	EOG Resources, Inc. ....	2,964,148
36,617	Peabody Energy Corp. ....	3,017,973
81,168	Southwestern Energy Company* .....	2,917,178
62,999	Western Gas Resources, Inc. ....	2,966,623
67,637	XTO Energy, Inc. ....	2,971,970
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		20,869,082
		-----
	PHARMACEUTICALS - 3.0%	
27,795	Allergan, Inc. ....	3,000,748
48,010	Barr Pharmaceuticals, Inc.* .....	2,990,543
128,571	Biovail Corp. ....	3,050,990
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		9,042,281
		-----
	ROAD & RAIL - 1.0%	
58,739	CSX Corp. ....	2,982,179
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SHARES		MARKET VALUE
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COMMON STOCKS - CONTINUED		
	SEMICONDUCTORS	
	& SEMICONDUCTOR EQUIPMENT - 6.0%	
120,330	Intersil Corp., Class A .....	\$ 2,993,810
52,955	Marvell Technology Group Ltd.* .....	2,970,246
92,721	Microchip Technology Inc. ....	2,980,980
81,124	NVIDIA Corp.* .....	2,965,893
92,721	Texas Instruments Inc. ....	2,973,562
174,000	Veeco Instruments Inc.* .....	3,015,420
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		17,899,911
		-----
	SOFTWARE - 3.9%	
144,350	BMC Software, Inc.* .....	2,957,732

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67,486	Fair Isaac Corp. ....	2,980,857
141,050	Internet Security Systems, Inc.* .....	2,954,998
108,302	Red Hat, Inc.* .....	2,950,146
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		11,843,733
		-----
	SPECIALTY RETAIL - 5.0%	
67,501	Chico's FAS, Inc.* .....	2,965,319
84,386	Guess ?, Inc.* .....	3,004,141
78,739	The Dress Barn, Inc.* .....	3,040,113
128,900	The Gymboree Corp.* .....	3,016,260
74,048	The Home Depot, Inc. ....	2,997,463
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		15,023,296
		-----
	TEXTILES, APPAREL & LUXURY GOODS - 1.0%	
55,697	Oxford Industries, Inc. ....	3,046,626
		-----
	TRADING COMPANIES & DISTRIBUTORS - 3.0%	
77,051	Fastenal Company .....	3,019,629
75,435	MSC Industrial Direct Company, Inc., Class A .....	3,033,996
50,178	Watsco, Inc. ....	3,001,146
		-----
		9,054,771
		-----
	TOTAL COMMON STOCKS .....	298,836,859
		-----
	(Cost \$262,236,752)	
	TOTAL INVESTMENTS - 99.6% .....	298,836,859
	(Cost \$262,236,752)**	
	NET OTHER ASSETS & LIABILITIES - 0.4% .....	1,211,903
		-----
	NET ASSETS - 100.0% .....	\$300,048,762
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\* Non-income producing security.

\*\* Aggregate cost for federal income tax purposes is \$263,263,611.

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES  
DECEMBER 31, 2005

ASSETS:

Investments, at value

(Cost \$262,236,752) .....

Cash .....

Prepaid expenses .....

Receivables:

Investment securities sold .....

Dividends .....

Interest .....

Total Assets .....

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LIABILITIES:

Payables:

Investment securities purchased .....  
 Investment advisory fees .....  
 Licensing fee .....  
 Printing fees .....  
 Audit and legal fees .....  
 Administrative fees .....  
 Custodian fees .....  
 Accrued expenses .....  
  
 Total Liabilities .....

NET ASSETS .....

NET ASSETS CONSIST OF:

Accumulated net realized gain on investments sold .....  
 Net unrealized appreciation of investments .....  
 Par value .....  
 Paid-in capital .....  
  
 Total Net Assets .....

NET ASSET VALUE, per Common Share (par value \$0.01 per Common Share) .....

Number of Common Shares outstanding (unlimited number of Common Shares has been authorized) .....

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 STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005

INVESTMENT INCOME:

Dividends (net of foreign withholding tax of \$4,140) .....  
 Interest .....  
  
 Total investment income .....

EXPENSES:

Investment advisory fees .....  
 Licensing fee .....  
 Administration fees .....  
 Printing fees .....  
 Audit and legal fees .....  
 Custodian fees .....  
 Trustees' fees and expenses .....  
 Transfer agent fees .....  
 Other .....  
  
 Total expenses .....

NET INVESTMENT LOSS .....

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NET REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN/(LOSS) ON INVESTMENTS:

Net realized gain/(loss) on:	
Securities transactions .....	
Foreign currency transactions .....	
Net realized gain on investments .....	
Net change in unrealized appreciation/(depreciation) of investments during the year .....	
Net realized and unrealized gain on investments .....	
NET INCREASE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS .....	

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STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

	YEAR ENDED 12/31/2005	12/
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OPERATIONS:		
Net investment loss .....	\$ (1,352,309)	\$ (1
Net realized gain on investments during the year .....	56,759,952	15
Net change in unrealized appreciation/(depreciation) of investments during the year .....	(21,808,712)	22
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Net increase in net assets resulting from operations .....	33,598,931	36
DISTRIBUTIONS TO SHAREHOLDERS FROM:		
Net realized gains .....	(49,181,880)	(11
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Total distributions to shareholders .....	(49,181,880)	(11
CAPITAL TRANSACTIONS:		
Offering costs adjustment (Note 2G) .....	--	
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Net increase/(decrease) in net assets .....	(15,582,949)	25
NET ASSETS:		
Beginning of year .....	315,631,711	290
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End of year .....	\$ 300,048,762	\$ 315
	=====	=====
Undistributed net investment income at end of year .....	\$ --	\$
	=====	=====

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FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS  
FOR A COMMON SHARE OUTSTANDING THROUGHOUT EACH PERIOD

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	YEAR ENDED 12/31/2005	YEAR ENDED 12/31/2004
Net asset value, beginning of period .....	\$ 18.05	\$ 16.00
INCOME FROM INVESTMENT OPERATIONS:		
Net investment loss .....	(0.08)	(0.00)
Net realized and unrealized gain on investments .....	2.00	2.00
Total from investment operations .....	1.92	2.00
DISTRIBUTIONS PAID TO SHAREHOLDERS FROM:		
Net realized gains .....	(2.81)	(0.00)
Total from distributions .....	(2.81)	(0.00)
Common shares offering costs charged to paid-in capital .....	--	0.00
Net asset value, end of period .....	\$ 17.16	\$ 18.00
Market value, end of period .....	\$ 15.62	\$ 17.00
TOTAL RETURN BASED ON NET ASSET VALUE (A)+ .....	11.86%	13.00%
TOTAL RETURN BASED ON MARKET VALUE (B)+ .....	7.48%	7.00%
RATIOS TO AVERAGE NET ASSETS/SUPPLEMENTAL DATA:		
Net assets, end of period (in 000's) .....	\$ 300,049	\$ 315,600
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets .....	0.95%	0.95%
Ratio of net investment loss to average net assets .....	(0.43)%	(0.00)%
Portfolio turnover rate .....	239.70%	220.00%

\* The Fund commenced operations on June 12, 2003.

\*\* Annualized.

# Amount represents less than \$0.01 per share.

(a) Total return based on net asset value is the combination of reinvested dividend distributions and reinvested capital gains distributions, at prices obtained by the Dividend Reinvestment Plan, if any, and changes in net asset value per share and does not reflect sales load.

(b) Total return based on market value is the combination of reinvested dividend distributions and reinvested capital gains distributions, at prices obtained by the Dividend Reinvestment Plan, if any, and changes in stock price per share, all based on market price per share.

+ Total return is not annualized for periods less than one year.

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FIRST TRUST VALUE LINE(R) 100 FUND  
DECEMBER 31, 2005

## 1. FUND DESCRIPTION

First Trust Value Line(R) 100 Fund (the "Fund") is a diversified closed-end management investment company organized as a Massachusetts business trust on April 18, 2003 and is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"). The Fund trades under the ticker symbol FVL on the American Stock Exchange.

The Fund's investment objective is to provide capital appreciation. The Fund seeks to outperform the Standard & Poor's 500 Composite Stock Price Index (the "S&P 500 Index") by adhering to a disciplined strategy of investing in a diversified portfolio of the 100 common stocks ranked #1 in Value Line's(R) Timeliness(TM) Ranking System. There can be no assurance that the Fund's investment objective will be achieved.

The Value Line(R) Timeliness(TM) Ranking System was introduced in its present form in 1965. Each week, Value Line(R) Publishing, Inc. ("Value Line(R) ") screens a wide array of data, using a series of proprietary calculations, to rank each of the approximately 1,700 stocks in the Value Line(R) universe from #1 (highest) to #5 (lowest) based on their expected price performance relative to the other stocks in the universe over the following 6 to 12 months. At any one time, only 100 stocks are ranked #1 in the Value Line(R) Timeliness(TM) Ranking System.

The Fund invests substantially all, but in no event less than 80%, of its net assets in the stocks that are ranked #1 in the Value Line(R) Timeliness(TM) Ranking System. Each week, the Fund will make portfolio adjustments to match the changes made to the #1 ranked stocks by Value Line(R). The Fund also rebalances its holdings on a quarterly basis so that each stock is equally weighted on the rebalancing date.

## 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

### A. PORTFOLIO VALUATION:

The Fund determines the net asset value ("NAV") of its shares daily, as of the close of regular session trading on the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE"), normally 4:00 p.m. Eastern time, on each day the NYSE is open for trading. The NAV is computed by dividing the value of all assets of the Fund (including accrued interest and dividends), less all liabilities (including accrued expenses and dividends declared but unpaid), by the total number of shares outstanding.

The Fund's investments are valued at market value or, in the absence of market value with respect to any portfolio securities, at fair value according to procedures adopted by the Fund's Board of Trustees. Portfolio securities listed on any exchange other than the NASDAQ National Market ("NASDAQ") are valued at the last sale price on the business day as of which such value is being determined. If there has been no sale on such day, the securities are valued at the mean of the most recent bid and asked prices on such day. Securities traded on the NASDAQ are valued at the NASDAQ Official Closing Price as determined by

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NASDAQ. Portfolio securities traded on more than one securities exchange are valued at the last sale price on the business day as of which such value is being determined at the close of the exchange representing the principal market for such securities. Portfolio securities traded in the over-the-counter market, but excluding securities trading on the NASDAQ, are valued at the closing bid prices. Short-term investments that mature in less than 60 days are valued at amortized cost.

Foreign securities traded outside the United States are generally valued as of the time their trading is complete, which is usually different from the close of the NYSE. Occasionally, events affecting the value of such securities may occur between such times and the close of the NYSE that will not always be reflected in such securities' value. If events materially affecting the value of such securities occur during such period, these securities will be valued at their fair value according to procedures adopted by the Fund's Board of Trustees. All securities and other assets of the Fund denominated in foreign currencies will be converted to U.S. dollars using exchange rates in effect at the time of valuation.

### B. SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS AND INVESTMENT INCOME:

Securities transactions are recorded as of the trade date. Realized gains and losses from securities transactions are recorded on the identified cost basis. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis.

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Securities purchased or sold on a when-issued or delayed-delivery basis may be settled a month or more after the trade date; interest income on such securities is not accrued until settlement date. The Fund instructs the custodian to segregate assets of the Fund with a current value at least equal to the amount of its when-issued purchase commitments.

### C. FOREIGN CURRENCY:

The books and records of the Fund are maintained in U.S. Dollars. Foreign currencies, investments and other assets and liabilities are translated into U.S. Dollars at the exchange rates prevailing at the end of the period. Purchases and sales of investment securities and items of income and expense are translated on the respective dates of such transactions. Net realized foreign currency gains and losses include the effect of changes in exchange rates between trade date and settlement date on investment security transactions, foreign currency transactions and interest and dividends received. The portion of foreign currency gains and losses related to fluctuation in exchange rates between the initial purchase trade date and subsequent sale trade date is included in "Net realized gain/(loss) on foreign currency transactions" on the Statement of Operations.

### D. DIVIDENDS AND DISTRIBUTIONS TO SHAREHOLDERS:

Dividends from net investment income and net realized long-term and short-term capital gains of the Fund will be paid at least annually or as the Board of

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Trustees may determine from time to time. Distributions will automatically be reinvested into additional Common Shares pursuant to the Fund's Dividend Reinvestment Plan unless cash distributions are elected by the shareholder.

Distributions from income and capital gains are determined in accordance with the income tax regulations, which may differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. These differences are primarily due to differing treatments of income and gains on various investment securities held by the Fund, timing differences and differing characterization of distributions made by the Fund. Permanent differences incurred during the year ended December 31, 2005, resulting in book and tax accounting differences, have been reclassified at year end to reflect a decrease to accumulated net investment loss by \$1,352,309 and a decrease in accumulated net realized gains on investments sold by \$1,352,309. Net assets were not affected by this reclassification.

The tax character of distributions paid during the fiscal years ended December 31, 2005 and December 31, 2004 is as follows:

Distributions paid from:

	2005	2004
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Ordinary Income .....	\$31,551,960	\$7,345,800
Long-Term Capital Gains .....	\$17,629,920	\$4,197,600

As of December 31, 2005, the components of distributable earnings on a tax basis were as follows:

Undistributed Ordinary Income .....	\$ 9,545,640
Undistributed Long-Term Capital Gains .....	\$ 4,903,922
Net Unrealized Appreciation .....	\$35,573,248

### E. INCOME TAXES:

The Fund intends to continue to qualify as a regulated investment company by complying with the requirements under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and by distributing substantially all of its net investment income and net realized gains to shareholders. Accordingly, no provision has been made for federal or state income taxes.

### F. EXPENSES:

The Fund pays all expenses directly related to its operations. First Trust Advisors L.P. ("First Trust") has entered into a non-exclusive license agreement with Value Line(R) Publishing, Inc. which allows for the use by First Trust of the Value Line(R) Timeliness(TM) Ranking System and certain trademarks and trade names of Value Line(R) Publishing, Inc. The Fund is a sub-licensee to this license agreement. In exchange, Value Line(R) Publishing, Inc. receives an annual fee, payable on a quarterly basis, equal to 10 basis points of the Fund's average gross daily assets during such calendar quarter. This license fee is paid by the Fund to First Trust, which in turn pays Value Line(R) Publishing, Inc. The terms of the license agreement provide that it shall continue in effect for a term of one year and will be automatically renewed for successive one year terms unless either party elects not to renew the agreement.

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### G. ORGANIZATION AND OFFERING COSTS:

Organization costs consist of costs incurred to establish the Fund and enable it to legally do business. These costs included filing fees, listing fees, legal services pertaining to the organization of the business and audit fees relating to the initial registration and auditing the initial statement of assets and liabilities, among other fees. Offering costs consisted of legal fees pertaining to the Fund's shares offered for sale, registration fees, underwriting fees, and printing of the initial prospectus, among other fees. First Trust has paid all organization expenses and offering costs of the Fund (other than sales load) that exceeded \$0.03 per Common Share.

During the year ended December 31, 2004, it was determined that actual offering costs from the initial public offering of the Fund's Common Shares in June 2003 were less than the estimated offering costs by \$1,161. Therefore, paid-in capital in excess of par value of Common Shares was increased by this amount.

### 3. INVESTMENT ADVISORY FEE AND OTHER AFFILIATED TRANSACTIONS

First Trust is a limited partnership with one limited partner, Grace Partners of DuPage L.P., and one general partner, The Charger Corporation. First Trust serves as investment advisor to the Fund pursuant to an Investment Management Agreement. First Trust is responsible for implementing the Fund's overall investment strategy, including the allocation and periodic reallocation of the portion of the Fund's assets to be invested in common stocks, managing the Fund's business affairs and certain administrative services necessary for the management of the Fund. For these services, First Trust is entitled to a monthly fee calculated at an annual rate of 0.65% of the Fund's average daily net assets.

PFPC Inc. ("PFPC"), an indirect, majority-owned subsidiary of The PNC Financial Services Group, Inc., serves as the Fund's Administrator and Transfer Agent in accordance with certain fee arrangements. PFPC Trust Company, an indirect, majority-owned subsidiary of The PNC Financial Services Group, Inc., serves as the Fund's Custodian in accordance with certain fee arrangements.

The Fund paid each Trustee who is not an officer or employee of First Trust or any of its affiliates an annual retainer of \$10,000 which included compensation for all regular quarterly board meetings and regular committee meetings. No additional meeting fees were paid in connection with regular quarterly board meetings or regular committee meetings. Additional fees of \$1,000 and \$500 were paid to non-interested Trustees for special board meetings and non-regular committee meetings, respectively. These additional fees were shared by the funds in the First Trust fund complex that participated in the particular meeting and are not per fund fees. Trustees are also reimbursed for travel and out-of-pocket expenses in connection with all meetings. Effective January 1, 2006, the non-interested Trustees will no longer be paid additional fees of \$1,000 and \$500 for special board meetings and non-regular committee meetings, respectively.

### 4. PURCHASES AND SALES OF SECURITIES

Cost of purchases and proceeds from sales of investment securities, excluding short-term investments, for the year ended December 31, 2005, were \$755,196,724 and \$806,316,195, respectively.

As of December 31, 2005, the aggregate gross unrealized appreciation for all securities in which there was an excess of value over tax cost was \$39,984,824, and the aggregate gross unrealized depreciation for all securities in which

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there was an excess of tax cost over value was \$4,411,576.

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM  
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TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND SHAREHOLDERS OF FIRST TRUST VALUE LINE(R) 100 FUND:

We have audited the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities of First Trust Value Line 100(R) Fund (the "Fund"), including the portfolio of investments, as of December 31, 2005, the related statement of operations for the year then ended and the statements of changes in net assets and the financial highlights for the periods presented. These financial statements and financial highlights are the responsibility of the Fund'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 Fund 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 Fund'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 of securities owned as of December 31, 2005, by correspondence with the Fund's custodian and broker. 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 the Fund as of December 31, 2005, the results of its operations, the changes in its net assets, and the financial highlights for the respective stated periods, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

/s/ Deloitte & Touche LLP

Chicago, Illinois  
February 14.2006

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DIVIDEND REINVESTMENT PLAN

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If your Common Shares are registered directly with the Fund or if you hold your Common Shares with a brokerage firm that participates in the Fund's Dividend Reinvestment Plan (the "Plan"), unless you elect by written notice to the Fund, to receive cash distributions, all dividends, including any capital gain distributions, on your Common Shares will be automatically reinvested by PFPC Inc. (the "Plan Agent"), in additional Common Shares under the Plan. If you elect to receive cash distributions, you will receive all distributions in cash paid by check mailed directly to you by PFPC Inc., as dividend paying agent.

If you decide to participate in the Plan, the number of Common Shares you will receive will be determined as follows:

- (1) If the Common Shares are trading at or above net asset value ("NAV") at the time of valuation, the Fund will issue new shares at a price equal to the greater of (i) NAV per Common Share on that date or (ii) 95% of the market price on that date.
- (2) If Common Shares are trading below NAV at the time of valuation, the Plan Agent will receive the dividend or distribution in cash and will purchase Common Shares in the open market, on the American Stock Exchange or elsewhere, for the participants' accounts. It is possible that the market price for the Common Shares may increase before the Plan Agent has completed its purchases. Therefore, the average purchase price per share paid by the Plan Agent may exceed the market price at the time of valuation, resulting in the purchase of fewer shares than if the dividend or distribution had been paid in Common Shares issued by the Fund. The Plan Agent will use all dividends and distributions received in cash to purchase Common Shares in the open market within 30 days of the valuation date except where temporary curtailment or suspension of purchases is necessary to comply with federal securities laws. Interest will not be paid on any uninvested cash payments.

You may elect to opt-out of or withdraw from the Plan at any time by giving written notice to the Plan Agent, or by telephone at (800) 331-1710, in accordance with such reasonable requirements as the Plan Agent and Fund may agree upon. If you withdraw or the Plan is terminated, you will receive a certificate for each whole share in your account under the Plan, and you will receive a cash payment for any fraction of a share in your account. If you wish, the Plan Agent will sell your shares and send you the proceeds, minus brokerage commissions.

The Plan Agent maintains all Common Shareholders' accounts in the Plan and gives written confirmation of all transactions in the accounts, including information you may need for tax records. Common Shares in your account will be held by the Plan Agent in non-certificated form. The Plan Agent will forward to each participant any proxy solicitation material and will vote any shares so held only in accordance with proxies returned to the Fund. Any proxy you receive will include all Common Shares you have received under the Plan.

There is no brokerage charge for reinvestment of your dividends or distributions in Common Shares. However, all participants will pay a pro rata share of brokerage commissions incurred by the Plan Agent when it makes open market purchases.

Automatically reinvesting dividends and distributions does not mean that you do not have to pay income taxes due upon receiving dividends and distributions. Capital gains and income are realized, although cash is not received by you. Consult your financial advisor for more information.

If you hold your Common Shares with a brokerage firm that does not participate

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in the Plan, you will not be able to participate in the Plan and any dividend reinvestment may be effected on different terms than those described above.

The Fund reserves the right to amend or terminate the Plan if in the judgment of the Board of Trustees the change is warranted. There is no direct service charge to participants in the Plan; however, the Fund reserves the right to amend the Plan to include a service charge payable by the participants. Additional information about the Plan may be obtained by writing PFPC Inc., 301 Bellevue Parkway, Wilmington, Delaware 19809.

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### PROXY VOTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

A description of the policies and procedures that the Fund uses to determine how to vote proxies and information how the Fund voted proxies relating to portfolio securities during the most recent 12-month period ended June 30 is available (1) without charge, upon request, by calling (800) 988-5891; (2) on the Fund's website located at <http://www.ftportfolios.com>; and (3) on the Securities and Exchange Commission's website at <http://www.sec.gov>.

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##### PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS

The Fund files its complete schedule of portfolio holdings with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") for the first and third quarters of each fiscal year on Form N-Q. The Fund's Forms N-Q are available (1) by calling (800) 988-5891; (2) on the Fund's website located at <http://www.ftportfolios.com>; (3) on the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov>; and (4) for review and copying at the SEC's Public Reference Room ("PRR") in Washington, DC. Information regarding the operation of the PRR may be obtained by calling 1-800-SEC-0330.

##### TAX INFORMATION

Of the ordinary income (including short-term capital gain) distributions made by the Fund during the year ended December 31, 2005, 4.80% qualify for the corporate dividend received deduction available to corporate shareholders.

The Fund hereby designates as qualified dividend income distributions 4.77% of the ordinary income (including short-term capital gain), for the year ended December 31, 2005.

For the year ended December 31, 2005, the amount of long-term capital gain distributions designated by the Fund was \$20,821,688, which is taxable at a 15% rate gain for federal income tax purposes.

##### SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SHAREHOLDERS

The Joint Annual Meeting of Shareholders of Energy Income and Growth Fund, First Trust Value Line(R) 100 Fund, First Trust/Fiduciary Asset Management Covered Call Fund and First Trust/Aberdeen Global Opportunity Income Fund was held on April 18, 2005. At the Annual Meeting, the Fund's Board of Trustees, consisting of James A. Bowen, Niel B. Nielson, Thomas R. Kadlec, Richard E. Erickson and

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David M. Oster, was elected to serve an additional one-year term. The number of votes cast for James A. Bowen was 14,682,200, the number of votes withheld was 163,562 and the number of abstentions was 2,644,238. The number of votes cast for Niel B. Nielson was 14,676,301, the number of votes withheld was 169,461 and the number of abstentions was 2,644,238. The number of votes cast for Richard E. Erickson was 14,670,469, the number of votes withheld was 175,293 and the number of abstentions was 2,644,238. The number of votes cast for Thomas R. Kadlec was 14,682,817, the number of votes withheld was 162,945 and the number of abstentions was 2,644,238. The number of votes cast for David M. Oster was 14,680,477, the number of votes withheld was 165,285 and the number of abstentions was 2,644,238.

BY-LAW AMENDMENT

On December 12, 2005, the Board of Trustees of the Fund approved certain changes to the By-Laws of the Fund that may have the effect of delaying or preventing a change of control of the Fund. To receive a copy of the revised By-Laws, investors may call the Fund at (800) 988-5891.

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 TRUSTEES AND OFFICERS  
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BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND OFFICERS

Information pertaining to the Trustees and officers\* of the Fund is set forth below. The statement of additional information includes additional information about the Trustees and is available without charge, upon request, by calling (800) 988-5891.

NAME, D.O.B., ADDRESS AND POSITION(S) WITH THE FUND	TERM OF OFFICE AND LENGTH OF TIME SERVED	PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION(S) DURING PAST 5 YEARS	NUM POR IN FUN OVERSEEN
----- DISINTERESTED TRUSTEES -----			
Richard E. Erickson, Trustee D.O.B. 04/51 c/o First Trust Advisors L.P. 1001 Warrenville Road Suite 300 Lisle, IL 60532	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o One year term</li> <li>o 2 1/2 years served</li> </ul>	Physician; President, Wheaton Orthopedics; Co-owner and Co-Director, Sports Med Center for Fitness; Limited Partner, Gundersen Real Estate Partnership	24 por
Thomas R. Kadlec, Trustee D.O.B. 11/57 c/o First Trust Advisors L.P. 1001 Warrenville Road Suite 300 Lisle, IL 60532	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o One year term</li> <li>o 2 1/2 years served</li> </ul>	Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (1990 to present), ADM Investor Services, Inc. (Futures Commission Merchant); Registered Representative (2000 to present),	24 por

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Segerdahl & Company,  
Inc., an NASD member  
(Broker-Dealer); President,  
ADM Derivatives, Inc.  
(May 2005 to present)

Niel B. Nielson, Trustee  
D.O.B. 03/54  
c/o First Trust Advisors L.P.  
1001 Warrenville Road  
Suite 300  
Lisle, IL 60532

- o One year term
- o 2 1/2 years served

President, Covenant  
College (June 2002 to  
present); Pastor, College  
Church in Wheaton (1997  
to June 2002)

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David M. Oster, Trustee  
D.O.B. 03/64  
c/o First Trust Advisors L.P.  
1001 Warrenville Road  
Suite 300  
Lisle, IL 60532

- o One year term
- o 2 1/2 years served

Trader (self-employed)  
(1987 to present (Options  
Trading and Market  
Making)

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NAME, D.O.B., ADDRESS AND POSITION(S) WITH THE FUND	TERM OF OFFICE AND LENGTH OF TIME SERVED	PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION(S) DURING PAST 5 YEARS	P IN OVERS
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INTERESTED TRUSTEE

James A. Bowen, Trustee  
President, Chairman of the  
Board and CEO  
D.O.B. 09/55  
1001 Warrenville Road  
Suite 300  
Lisle, IL 60532

- o One year Trustee  
term and indefinite  
officer term
- o 2 1/2 years served

President, First Trust  
Advisors L.P. and First  
Trust Portfolios L.P.;  
Chairman of the Board,  
BondWave LLC and  
Stonebridge Advisors LLC

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OFFICERS WHO ARE NOT TRUSTEES  
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Mark R. Bradley, Treasurer,  
Controller, Chief Financial  
Officer, Chief Accounting  
Officer  
D.O.B. 11/57  
1001 Warrenville Road

- o Indefinite term
- o 2 1/2 years served

Chief Financial Officer,  
Managing Director, First  
Trust Advisors L.P. and  
First Trust Portfolios L.P.;  
Chief Financial Officer,  
BondWave LLC and

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Stonebridge Advisors LLC

Susan M. Brix  
Assistant Vice President  
D.O.B. 01/60  
1001 Warrenville Road  
Suite 300  
Lisle, IL 60532

- o Indefinite term
- o 2 1/2 years served

Representative, First Trust  
Portfolios L.P.; Assistant  
Portfolio Manager, First  
Trust Advisors L.P.

Robert F. Carey, Vice President  
D.O.B. 07/63  
1001 Warrenville Road  
Suite 300  
Lisle, IL 60532

- o Indefinite term
- o 2 1/2 years served

Senior Vice President, First  
Trust Advisors L.P. and  
First Trust Portfolios L.P.

James M. Dykas  
Assistant Treasurer  
D.O.B. 01/66  
1001 Warrenville Road  
Suite 300  
Lisle, IL 60532

- o Indefinite term
- o 1 month served

Vice President, First Trust  
Advisors L.P. and First  
Trust Portfolios L.P.  
(January 2005 to present);  
Executive Director, Van  
Kampen Asset  
Management and Morgan  
Stanley Investment  
Management (1999-2005)

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND OFFICERS (CONTINUED)

NAME, D.O.B., ADDRESS AND POSITION(S) WITH THE FUND	TERM OF OFFICE AND LENGTH OF TIME SERVED	PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION(S) DURING PAST 5 YEARS	IN OVERS
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OFFICERS WHO ARE NOT TRUSTEES - (CONTINUED)

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and Chief Compliance Officer  
D.O.B. 05/60  
1001 Warrenville Road  
Suite 300  
Lisle, IL 60532

- o Indefinite term
- o 2 1/2 years served

General Counsel, First  
Trust Advisors L.P. and  
First Trust Portfolios L.P.;  
Secretary, BondWave LLC  
and Stonebridge Advisors  
LLC

Daniel J. Lindquist  
Vice President  
D.O.B. 02/70  
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- o Indefinite term
- o 1 month served

Senior Vice President,  
First Trust Advisors L.P.;  
Vice President, First Trust  
Portfolios L.P. (April 2004  
to present); Chief Operating

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Lisle, IL 60532

Officer, Mina Capital Management, LLC (January 2004-April 2004); Chief Operating Officer, Samaritan Asset Management Services, Inc. (April 2000-January 2004)

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Lisle, IL 60532

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Assistant General Counsel, First Trust Advisors L.P. and First Trust Portfolios L.P. (March 2004 to present); Associate, Chapman and Cutler LLP (1995-2004)

Roger F. Testin  
Vice President  
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Lisle, IL 60532

- o Indefinite term
- o 2 1/2 years served

Senior Vice President, First Trust Advisors L.P. and First Trust Portfolios L.P. (August 2001 to present); Analyst, Dolan Capital Management (1998-2001)

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\* The term "officer" means the president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, controller or any other officer who performs a policy making function.

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### ITEM 2. CODE OF ETHICS.

- (a) The registrant, as of the end of the period covered by this report, has adopted a code of ethics that applies to the registrant's 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 registrant or a third party.
- (c) There have been no amendments, during the period covered by this report, to a provision of the code of ethics that applies to the registrant's 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 registrant or a third party, and that relates to any element of the code of ethics description.
- (d) The registrant has not granted any waivers, including an implicit waiver, from a provision of the code of ethics that applies to the registrant's 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 registrant or a third party, that relates to one or more of the items set forth in paragraph (b) of this item's instructions.

### ITEM 3. AUDIT COMMITTEE FINANCIAL EXPERT.

As of the end of the period covered by the report, the registrant's board of trustees has determined that Thomas R. Kadlec is qualified to serve as an audit committee financial expert serving on its audit committee and that he is "independent," as defined by Item 3 of Form N-CSR.

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### ITEM 4. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT FEES AND SERVICES.

(a) AUDIT FEES (REGISTRANT) -- The aggregate fees billed for each of the last two fiscal years ending December 31, 2005 and December 31, 2004 for professional services rendered by the principal accountant for the audit of the Registrant's annual financial statements or services that are normally provided by the accountant in connection with statutory and regulatory filings or engagements for such fiscal years were \$26,250, and \$9,000, respectively.

(b) AUDIT-RELATED FEES (REGISTRANT) -- The aggregate fees billed for each of the last two fiscal years ending December 31, 2005 and December 31, 2004 for assurance and related services by the principal accountant that are reasonably related to the performance of the audit of the Registrant's financial statements and are not reported under paragraph (a) of this Item were \$0 and \$0, respectively.

AUDIT-RELATED FEES (INVESTMENT ADVISER) -- The aggregate fees billed for each of the last two fiscal years ending December 31, 2005 and December 31, 2004 for assurance and related services

by the principal accountant that are reasonably related to the performance of the audit of the Registrant's financial statements and are not reported under paragraph (a) of this Item were \$0 and \$0, respectively.

(c) TAX FEES (REGISTRANT) -- The aggregate fees billed in each of the last two fiscal years ending December 31, 2005 and December 31, 2004 for professional services rendered by the principal accountant for tax compliance, tax advice, and tax planning to the Registrant were \$8,500 and \$0, respectively.

TAX FEES (INVESTMENT ADVISER) -- The aggregate fees billed in each of the last two fiscal years ending December 31, 2005 and December 31, 2004 for professional services rendered by the principal accountant for tax compliance, tax advice, and tax planning to the Registrant's adviser were \$0 and \$0, respectively.

(d) ALL OTHER FEES (REGISTRANT) -- The aggregate fees billed in each of the last two fiscal years ending December 31, 2005 and December 31, 2004 for products and services provided by the principal accountant to the Registrant, other than the services reported in paragraphs (a) through (c) of this Item were \$5,770 and \$0, respectively. These fees were for services related to compliance program evaluation.

ALL OTHER FEES (INVESTMENT ADVISER) -- The aggregate fees billed in each of the last two fiscal years ending December 31, 2005 and December 31, 2004 for products and services provided by the principal accountant to the Registrant's investment adviser, other than services reported in paragraphs (a) through (c) of this Item were \$68,619 and \$0. These fees were for services related to compliance program evaluation.

(e) (1) Disclose the audit committee's pre-approval policies and procedures described in paragraph (c) (7) of Rule 2-01 of Regulation S-X.

Pursuant to its charter and its Audit and Non-Audit Services Pre-Approval Policy adopted December 12, 2005, the Audit Committee (the "COMMITTEE") is responsible for the pre-approval of all audit services and permitted non-audit services (including the fees and terms thereof) to be performed for the Registrant by its independent auditors. The Chairman of the Committee is authorized to give such pre-approvals on behalf of the Committee up

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to \$25,000 and report any such pre-approval to the full Committee.

The Committee is also responsible for the pre-approval of the independent auditor's engagements for non-audit services with the Registrant's adviser (not including a sub-adviser whose role is primarily portfolio management and is sub-contracted or overseen by another investment adviser) and any entity controlling, controlled by or under common control with the investment adviser that provides ongoing services to the Registrant, if the engagement relates directly to the operations and financial reporting of the Registrant, subject to the DE MINIMIS exceptions for non-audit services described in Rule 2-01 of Regulation S-X. If the independent auditor has provided non-audit services to the Registrant's adviser (other than any sub-adviser whose role is primarily portfolio management and is sub-contracted with or overseen by another investment adviser) and any entity controlling, controlled by or under common control with the investment adviser that provides ongoing services to the Registrant that were not pre-approved pursuant to the DE MINIMIS exception, the Committee will consider whether the provision of such non-audit services is compatible with the auditor's independence.

(e)(2) The percentage of services described in each of paragraphs (b) through (d) for the Registrant and the Registrant's investment adviser of this Item that were approved by the audit committee pursuant to the pre-approval exceptions included in paragraph (c)(7)(i)(C) or paragraph(C)(7)(ii) of Rule 2-01 of Regulation S-X are as follows:

(b) 0%.

(c) 0%.

(d) 0%.

(f) The percentage of hours expended on the principal accountant's engagement to audit the Registrant's financial statements for the most recent fiscal year that were attributed to work performed by persons other than the principal accountant's full-time, permanent employees was less than fifty percent.

(g) The aggregate non-audit fees billed by the Registrant's accountant for services rendered to the Registrant, and rendered to the Registrant's investment adviser (not including any sub-adviser whose role is primarily portfolio management and is subcontracted with or overseen by another investment adviser), and any entity controlling, controlled by, or under common control with the adviser that provides ongoing services to the Registrant for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2004, were \$0 for the Registrant and \$0 for the Registrant's investment adviser, and for the fiscal year ending January 1, 2005, were \$16,354 for the Registrant and \$68,619 for the Registrant's investment adviser.

(h) Not applicable. The audit committee pre-approved all non-audit services rendered to the Registrant's investment adviser and any entity controlling, controlled by or under common control with the adviser that provides ongoing services to the Registrant.

### ITEM 5. AUDIT COMMITTEE OF LISTED REGISTRANTS.

(a) The registrant has a separately designated audit committee consisting of all the independent trustees of the registrant. The members of the audit committee are: Thomas R. Kadlec. Niel B. Nielson and Richard E. Erickson. Effective March 6, 2006, David M. Oster resigned from his position as independent trustee and member of the audit committee of

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the registrant.

### ITEM 6. SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS.

Schedule of Investments in securities of unaffiliated issuers as of the close of the reporting period is included as part of the report to shareholders filed under Item 1 of this form.

### ITEM 7. DISCLOSURE OF PROXY VOTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR CLOSED-END MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES.

The Proxy Voting Policies are attached herewith.

FIRST TRUST ADVISORS, L.P.  
FIRST TRUST FUNDS  
PROXY VOTING GUIDELINES

First Trust Advisors, L.P. (the "ADVISER") serves as investment adviser providing discretionary investment advisory services for several open or closed-end investment companies (the "FUNDS"). As part of these services, the Adviser has full responsibility for proxy voting and related duties. In fulfilling these duties, the Adviser and Funds have adopted the following policies and procedures:

1. It is the Adviser's policy to seek to ensure that proxies for securities held by a Fund are voted consistently and solely in the best economic interests of the respective Fund.
2. The Adviser shall be responsible for the oversight of a Fund's proxy voting process and shall assign a senior member of its staff to be responsible for this oversight.
3. The Adviser has engaged the services of Institutional Shareholder Services, Inc. ("ISS") to make recommendations to the Adviser on the voting of proxies related to securities held by a Fund. ISS provides voting recommendations based on established guidelines and practices. The Adviser has adopted these ISS Proxy Voting Guidelines.
4. The Adviser shall review the ISS recommendations and generally will vote the proxies in accordance with such recommendations. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Adviser may not vote in accordance with the ISS recommendations if the Adviser believes that the specific ISS recommendation is not in the best interests of the respective Fund.
5. If the Adviser manages the assets or pension fund of a company and any of the Adviser's clients hold any securities in that company, the Adviser will vote proxies relating to such company's securities in accordance with the ISS recommendations to avoid any conflict of interest. In addition, if the Adviser has actual knowledge of any other type of material conflict of interest between itself and the respective Fund with respect to the voting of a proxy, the Adviser shall vote the applicable proxy in accordance with the ISS recommendations to avoid such conflict of interest.
6. If a Fund requests the Adviser to follow specific voting guidelines or additional guidelines, the Adviser shall review the

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request and follow such guidelines, unless the Adviser determines that it is unable to follow such guidelines. In such case, the Adviser shall inform the Fund that it is not able to follow the Fund's request.

- 7. The Adviser may have clients in addition to the Funds which have provided the Adviser with discretionary authority to vote proxies on their behalf. In such cases, the Adviser shall follow the same policies and procedures.

Dated: September 15, 2003

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The following is a condensed version of the proxy voting recommendations contained in the ISS Proxy Voting Manual.

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1. OPERATIONAL ITEMS

ADJOURN MEETING

Generally vote AGAINST proposals to provide management with the authority to adjourn an annual or special meeting absent compelling reasons to support the proposal.

Vote FOR proposals that relate specifically to soliciting votes for a merger or transaction if supporting that merger or transaction. Vote AGAINST proposals if the wording is too vague or if the proposal includes "other business."

AMEND QUORUM REQUIREMENTS

Vote AGAINST proposals to reduce quorum requirements for shareholder meetings below a majority of the shares outstanding unless there are compelling reasons to support the proposal.

AMEND MINOR BYLAWS

Vote FOR bylaw or charter changes that are of a housekeeping nature (updates or corrections).

CHANGE COMPANY NAME

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Vote FOR proposals to change the corporate name.

CHANGE DATE, TIME, OR LOCATION OF ANNUAL MEETING

Vote FOR management proposals to change the date/time/location of the annual meeting unless the proposed change is unreasonable.

Vote AGAINST shareholder proposals to change the date/time/location of the annual meeting unless the current scheduling or location is unreasonable.

RATIFYING AUDITORS

Vote FOR proposals to ratify auditors, unless any of the following apply:

- o An auditor has a financial interest in or association with the company, and is therefore not independent,
- o There is reason to believe that the independent auditor has rendered an opinion which is neither accurate nor indicative of the company's financial position, or
- o Fees for non-audit services ("Other" fees) are excessive.

Non-audit fees are excessive if:

Non-audit ("other") fees > audit fees + audit-related fees + tax compliance/preparation fees

Tax compliance and preparation include the preparation of original and amended tax returns, refund claims and tax payment planning. All other services in the tax category, such as tax advice, planning or consulting should be added to "Other" fees. If the breakout of tax fees cannot be determined, add all tax fees to "Other" fees.

Vote CASE-BY-CASE on shareholder proposals asking companies to prohibit or limit their auditors from engaging in non-audit services.

Vote CASE-BY-CASE on shareholder proposals asking for audit firm rotation, taking into account the tenure of the audit firm, the length of rotation specified in the proposal, any significant audit-related issues at the company, the number of Audit Committee meetings held each year, the number of financial experts serving on the committee, and whether the company has a periodic renewal process where the auditor is evaluated for both audit quality and competitive price.

TRANSACT OTHER BUSINESS

Vote AGAINST proposals to approve other business when it appears as voting item.

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2. BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

VOTING ON DIRECTOR NOMINEES IN UNCONTESTED ELECTIONS

Vote CASE-BY-CASE on director nominees, examining, but not limited to, the

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following factors:

- o Composition of the board and key board committees;
- o Attendance at board and committee meetings;
- o Corporate governance provisions and takeover activity;
- o Disclosures under Section 404 of Sarbanes-Oxley Act;
- o Long-term company performance relative to a market and peer index;
- o Extent of the director's investment in the company;
- o Existence of related party transactions;
- o Whether the chairman is also serving as CEO;
- o Whether a retired CEO sits on the board;
- o Number of outside boards at which a director serves.

WITHHOLD from individual directors who:

- o Attend less than 75 percent of the board and committee meetings without a valid excuse (such as illness, service to the nation, work on behalf of the company);
- o Sit on more than six public company boards;
- o Are CEOs of public companies who sit on the boards of more than two public companies besides their own-- withhold only at their outside boards.

WITHHOLD from the entire board of directors, (excepting new nominees, who should be considered on a CASE-BY-CASE basis) if:

- o The company's poison pill has a dead-hand or modified dead-hand feature. Withhold every year until this feature is removed;
- o The board adopts or renews a poison pill without shareholder approval since the beginning of 2005, does not commit to putting it to shareholder vote within 12 months of adoption or reneges on a commitment to put the pill to a vote and has not yet been withheld from for this issue;
- o The board failed to act on a shareholder proposal that received approval by a majority of the shares outstanding the previous year;
- o The board failed to act on a shareholder proposal that received approval of the majority of shares cast for the previous two consecutive years;
- o The board failed to act on takeover offers where the majority of the shareholders tendered their shares;
- o At the previous board election, any director received more than 50 percent withhold votes of the shares cast and the company has failed to address the issue(s) that caused the high withhold rate;
- o A Russell 3000 company underperformed its industry group (GICS group). The test will consist of the bottom performers within each

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industry group (GICS) based on a weighted average TSR. The weightings are as follows: 20 percent weight on 1-year TSR; 30 percent weight on 3-year TSR; and 50 percent weight on 5-year TSR. Company's response to performance issues will be considered before withholding.

WITHHOLD from Inside Directors and Affiliated Outside Directors (per the Classification of Directors below) when:

- o The inside or affiliated outside director serves on any of the three key committees: audit, compensation, or nominating;
- o The company lacks an audit, compensation, or nominating committee so that the full board functions as that committee;
- o The full board is less than majority independent.

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WITHHOLD from the members of the Audit Committee if:

- o The non -audit fees paid to the auditor are excessive (see discussion under Ratifying Auditors);
- o A material weakness identified in the Section 404 Sarbanes-Oxley Act disclosures rises to a level of serious concern; there are chronic internal control issues and an absence of established effective control mechanisms.

WITHHOLD from the members of the Compensation Committee if:

- o There is a negative correlation between chief executive pay and company performance (see discussion under Equity Compensation Plans);
- o The company fails to submit one-time transfers of stock options to a shareholder vote;
- o The company fails to fulfill the terms of a burn rate commitment they made to shareholders;
- o The company has poor compensation practices, which include, but are not limited to:
  - Egregious employment contracts including excessive severance provisions;
  - Excessive perks that dominate compensation;
  - Huge bonus payouts without justifiable performance linkage;
  - Performance metrics that are changed during the performance period;
  - Egregious SERP (Supplemental Executive Retirement Plans) payouts;

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- New CEO with overly generous new hire package;
- Internal pay disparity;
- Other excessive compensation payouts or poor pay practices at the company.

WITHHOLD from directors, individually or the entire board, for egregious actions or failure to replace management as appropriate.

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2006 CLASSIFICATION OF DIRECTORS

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INSIDE DIRECTOR (I)

- o Employee of the company or one of its affiliates; 1
- o Non-employee officer of the company if among the five most highly paid individuals (excluding interim CEO);
- o Listed as a Section 16 officer; 2
- o Current interim CEO;
- o Beneficial owner of more than 50 percent of the company's voting power (this may be aggregated if voting power is distributed among more than one member of a defined group).

AFFILIATED OUTSIDE DIRECTOR (AO)

- o Board attestation that an outside director is not independent;
- o Former CEO of the company;
- o Former CEO of an acquired company within the past five years;
- o Former interim CEO if the service was longer than 18 months. If the service was between twelve and eighteen months an assessment of the interim CEO's employment agreement will be made; 3
- o Former executive of the company, an affiliate or an acquired firm within the past five years;
- o Executive of a former parent or predecessor firm at the time the company was sold or split off from the parent/predecessor within the past five years;
- o Executive, former executive, general or limited partner of a joint venture or partnership with the company;
- o Relative 4 of a current employee of company or its affiliates;
- o Relative 4 of former executive, including CEO, of company or its

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affiliate within the last five years;

- o Currently provides (or a relative provides) professional services directly to the company, to an affiliate of the company or an individual officer of the company or one of its affiliates;
- o Employed by (or a relative is employed by) a significant customer or supplier; 5
- o Has (or a relative has) any transactional relationship with the company or its affiliates excluding investments in the company through a private placement; 5
- o Any material financial tie or other related party transactional relationship to the company;
- o Party to a voting agreement to vote in line with management on proposals being brought to shareholder vote;
- o Has (or a relative has) an interlocking relationship as defined by the SEC involving members of the board of directors or its Compensation and Stock Option Committee; 6
- o Founder 7 of the company but not currently an employee;
- o Is (or a relative is) a trustee, director or employee of a charitable or non-profit organization that receives grants or endowments 5 from the company or its affiliates. 1

INDEPENDENT OUTSIDE DIRECTOR (IO)

- o No material 8 connection to the company other than a board seat.

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FOOTNOTES:

- 1 "Affiliate" includes a subsidiary, sibling company, or parent company. ISS uses 50 percent control ownership by the parent company as the standard for applying its affiliate designation.
- 2 "Executives" (officers subject to Section 16 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934) include the chief executive, operating, financial, legal, technology, and accounting officers of a company (including the president, treasurer, secretary, controller, or any vice president in charge of a principal business unit, division or policy function).
- 3 ISS will look at the terms of the interim CEO's employment contract to determine if it contains severance pay, long-term health and pension benefits or other such standard provisions typically contained in contracts of permanent, non-temporary CEOs. ISS will also consider if a formal search process was underway for a full-time CEO at the time.

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- 4 "Relative" follows the NYSE definition of "immediate family members" which covers: spouses, parents, children, siblings, in-laws, and anyone sharing the director's home.
- 5 If the company makes or receives annual payments exceeding the greater of \$200,000 or five percent of the recipient's gross revenues. (The recipient is the party receiving the financial proceeds from the transaction).
- 6 Interlocks include: (a) executive officers serving as directors on each other's compensation or similar committees (or, in the absence of such a committee, on the board) or (b) executive officers sitting on each other's boards and at least one serves on the other's compensation or similar committees (or, in the absence of such a committee, on the board).
- 7 The operating involvement of the Founder with the company will be considered. Little to no operating involvement may cause ISS to deem the Founder as an independent outsider.
- 8 For purposes of ISS' director independence classification, "material" will be defined as a standard of relationship (financial, personal or otherwise) that a reasonable person might conclude could potentially influence one's objectivity in the boardroom in a manner that would have a meaningful impact on an individual's ability to satisfy requisite fiduciary standards on behalf of shareholders.
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### AGE LIMITS

Vote AGAINST shareholder or management proposals to limit the tenure of outside directors through mandatory retirement ages.

### BOARD SIZE

Vote FOR proposals seeking to fix the board size or designate a range for the board size. Vote AGAINST proposals that give management the ability to alter the size of the board outside of a specified range without shareholder approval.

### CLASSIFICATION/DECLASSIFICATION OF THE BOARD

Vote AGAINST proposals to classify the board.

Vote FOR proposals to repeal classified boards and to elect all directors annually.

### CUMULATIVE VOTING

Generally vote AGAINST proposals to eliminate cumulative voting. Vote CASE-BY-CASE if the company has in place one of the three corporate governance structures that are listed below.

Vote CASE-BY-CASE on proposals to restore or permit cumulative voting. If one of these three structures is present, vote AGAINST the proposal:

- o the presence of a majority threshold voting standard;
- o a proxy access provision in the company's bylaws or governance documents; or
- o a counterbalancing governance structure coupled with acceptable relative performance.

The counterbalancing governance structure coupled with acceptable relative

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performance should include all of the following:

- o Annually elected board;
- o Two-thirds of the board composed of independent directors;
- o Nominating committee composed solely of independent directors;
- o Confidential voting; however, there may be a provision for suspending confidential voting during proxy contests;
- o Ability of shareholders to call special meetings or act by written consent with 90 days' notice;
- o Absence of superior voting rights for one or more classes of stock;
- o Board does not have the right to change the size of the board beyond a stated range that has been approved by shareholders;
- o The company has not under-performed its peers and index on a one-year and three-year basis, unless there has been a change in the CEO position within the last three years;

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- o No director received WITHHOLD votes of 35% or more of the votes cast in the previous election.

DIRECTOR AND OFFICER INDEMNIFICATION AND LIABILITY PROTECTION

Vote CASE-BY-CASE on proposals on director and officer indemnification and liability protection using Delaware law as the standard.

Vote AGAINST proposals to eliminate entirely directors' and officers' liability for monetary damages for violating the duty of care.

Vote AGAINST indemnification proposals that would expand coverage beyond just legal expenses to acts, such as negligence, that are more serious violations of fiduciary obligation than mere carelessness.

Vote FOR only those proposals providing such expanded coverage in cases when a director's or officer's legal defense was unsuccessful if both of the following apply:

- o The director was found to have acted in good faith and in a manner that he reasonably believed was in the best interests of the company; and
- o If only the director's legal expenses would be covered.

ESTABLISH/AMEND NOMINEE QUALIFICATIONS

Vote CASE-BY-CASE on proposals that establish or amend director qualifications. Votes should be based on how reasonable the criteria are and to what degree they may preclude dissident nominees from joining the board.

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Vote AGAINST shareholder proposals requiring two candidates per board seat.

FILLING VACANCIES/REMOVAL OF DIRECTORS

Vote AGAINST proposals that provide that directors may be removed only for cause.

Vote FOR proposals to restore shareholders' ability to remove directors with or without cause.

Vote AGAINST proposals that provide that only continuing directors may elect replacements to fill board vacancies.

Vote FOR proposals that permit shareholders to elect directors to fill board vacancies.

INDEPENDENT CHAIR (SEPARATE CHAIR/CEO)

Generally vote FOR shareholder proposals requiring the position of chair be filled by an independent director unless there are compelling reasons to recommend against the proposal, such as a counterbalancing governance structure. This should include all of the following:

- o Designated lead director, elected by and from the independent board members with clearly delineated and comprehensive duties. (The role may alternatively reside with a presiding director, vice chairman, or rotating lead director; however the director must serve a minimum of one year in order to qualify as a lead director.) At a minimum these should include:
  - Presides at all meetings of the board at which the chairman is not present, including executive sessions of the independent directors,
  - Serves as liaison between the chairman and the independent directors,
  - Approves information sent to the board,
  - Approves meeting agendas for the board,
  - Approves meetings schedules to assure that there is sufficient time for discussion of all agenda items,

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- Has the authority to call meetings of the independent directors,
  - If requested by major shareholders, ensures that he is available for consultation and direct communication;
  - o Two-thirds independent board;
  - o All-independent key committees;

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- o Established governance guidelines;
- o The company does not under-perform its peers.

### MAJORITY OF INDEPENDENT DIRECTORS/ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMITTEES

Vote FOR shareholder proposals asking that a majority or more of directors be independent unless the board composition already meets the proposed threshold by ISS's definition of independence.

Vote FOR shareholder proposals asking that board audit, compensation, and/or nominating committees be composed exclusively of independent directors if they currently do not meet that standard.

### MAJORITY VOTE SHAREHOLDER PROPOSALS

Generally vote FOR reasonably crafted shareholders proposals calling for directors to be elected with an affirmative majority of votes cast and/or the elimination of the plurality standard for electing directors (including binding resolutions requesting that the board amend the company's bylaws), provided the proposal includes a carve-out for a plurality voting standard when there are more director nominees than board seats (e.g. contested elections).

Consider voting AGAINST the shareholder proposal if the company has adopted formal corporate governance principles that present a meaningful alternative to the majority voting standard and provide an adequate response to both new nominees as well as incumbent nominees who fail to receive a majority of votes cast.

Policies should address the specific circumstances at each company. At a minimum, a company's policy should articulate the following elements to adequately address each director nominee who fails to receive an affirmative of majority of votes cast in an election:

- o Established guidelines disclosed annually in the proxy statement concerning the process to follow for nominees who receive majority withhold votes;
- o The policy needs to outline a clear and reasonable timetable for all decision-making regarding the nominee's status;
- o The policy needs to specify that the process of determining the nominee's status will be managed by independent directors and must exclude the nominee in question;
- o An outline of a range of remedies that can be considered concerning the nominee needs to be in the policy (for example, acceptance of the resignation, maintaining the director but curing the underlying causes of the withheld votes, etc.);
- o The final decision on the nominee's status should be promptly disclosed via an SEC filing. The policy needs to include the timeframe in which the decision will be disclosed and a full explanation of how the decision was reached.

In addition, the company should articulate to shareholders why this alternative to a full majority threshold voting standard is the best structure at this time for demonstrating accountability to shareholders. Also evaluate the company's history of accountability to shareholders in its governance structure and in its actions. In particular, a classified board structure or a history of ignoring majority supported shareholder proposals will be considered at a company which receives a shareholder proposal requesting the elimination of plurality voting

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in favor of majority threshold for electing directors.

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OFFICE OF THE BOARD

Generally vote FOR shareholders proposals requesting that the board establish an Office of the Board of Directors in order to facilitate direct communications between shareholders and non-management directors, unless the company has all of the following:

- o Established a communication structure that goes beyond the exchange requirements to facilitate the exchange of information between shareholders and members of the board;
- o Effectively disclosed information with respect to this structure to its shareholders;
- o Company has not ignored majority supported shareholder proposals or a majority WITHHOLD on a director nominee; and
- o The company has an independent chairman or a lead/presiding director, according to ISS' definition. This individual must be made available for periodic consultation and direct communication with major shareholders.

OPEN ACCESS

Generally vote FOR reasonably crafted shareholder proposals providing shareholders with the ability to nominate director candidates to be included on management's proxy card, provided the proposal substantially mirrors the SEC's proposed two-trigger formulation (see the proposed "Security Holder Director Nominations" rule ([HTTP://WWW.SEC.GOV/RULES/PROPOSED/34-48626.HTM](http://www.sec.gov/rules/proposed/34-48626.htm)) or ISS' comment letter to the SEC dated 6/13/2003, available on ISS website under Governance Center- ISS Position Papers).

STOCK OWNERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

Generally vote AGAINST shareholder proposals that mandate a minimum amount of stock that directors must own in order to qualify as a director or to remain on the board. While stock ownership on the part of directors is desired, the company should determine the appropriate ownership requirement.

Vote CASE-BY-CASE on shareholder proposals asking that the company adopt a holding or retention period for its executives (for holding stock after the vesting or exercise of equity awards), taking into account any stock ownership requirements or holding period/retention ratio already in place and the actual ownership level of executives.

TERM LIMITS

Vote AGAINST shareholder or management proposals to limit the tenure of outside directors through term limits. However, scrutinize boards where the average tenure of all directors exceeds 15 years for independence from management and for sufficient turnover to ensure that new perspectives are being added to the board.

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3. PROXY CONTESTS

VOTING FOR DIRECTOR NOMINEES IN CONTESTED ELECTIONS

Vote CASE-BY-CASE on the election of directors in contested elections, considering the following factors:

- o Long-term financial performance of the target company relative to its industry;
- o Management's track record;
- o Background to the proxy contest;
- o Qualifications of director nominees (both slates);
- o Strategic plan of dissident slate and quality of critique against management;
- o Likelihood that the proposed goals and objectives can be achieved (both slates);
- o Stock ownership positions.

REIMBURSING PROXY SOLICITATION EXPENSES

Vote CASE-BY-CASE on proposals to reimburse proxy solicitation expenses. When voting in conjunction with support of a dissident slate, vote FOR the reimbursement of all appropriate proxy solicitation expenses associated with the election.

CONFIDENTIAL VOTING

Vote FOR shareholder proposals requesting that corporations adopt confidential voting, use independent vote tabulators, and use independent inspectors of election, as long as the proposal includes a provision for proxy contests as follows: In the case of a contested election, management should be permitted to request that the dissident group honor its confidential voting policy. If the dissidents agree, the policy remains in place. If the dissidents will not agree, the confidential voting policy is waived.

Vote FOR management proposals to adopt confidential voting.

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4. ANTITAKEOVER DEFENSES AND VOTING RELATED ISSUES

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### ADVANCE NOTICE REQUIREMENTS FOR SHAREHOLDER PROPOSALS/NOMINATIONS

Votes on advance notice proposals are determined on a CASE-BY-CASE basis, giving support to those proposals which allow shareholders to submit proposals as close to the meeting date as reasonably possible and within the broadest window possible.

### AMEND BYLAWS WITHOUT SHAREHOLDER CONSENT

Vote AGAINST proposals giving the board exclusive authority to amend the bylaws.

Vote FOR proposals giving the board the ability to amend the bylaws in addition to shareholders.

### POISON PILLS

Vote FOR shareholder proposals requesting that the company submit its poison pill to a shareholder vote or redeem it UNLESS the company has: (1) A shareholder approved poison pill in place; or (2) The company has adopted a policy concerning the adoption of a pill in the future specifying that the board will only adopt a shareholder rights plan if either:

- o Shareholders have approved the adoption of the plan; or
- o The board, in its exercise of its fiduciary responsibilities, determines that it is in the best interest of shareholders under the circumstances to adopt a pill without the delay in adoption that would result from seeking stockholder approval (i.e. the "fiduciary out" provision). A poison pill adopted under this fiduciary out will be put to a shareholder ratification vote within twelve months of adoption or expire. If the pill is not approved by a majority of the votes cast on this issue, the plan will immediately terminate.

Vote FOR shareholder proposals calling for poison pills to be put to a vote within a time period of less than one year after adoption. If the company has no non-shareholder approved poison pill in place and has adopted a policy with the provisions outlined above, vote AGAINST the proposal. If these conditions are not met, vote FOR the proposal, but with the caveat that a vote within twelve months would be considered sufficient.

Vote CASE-by-CASE on management proposals on poison pill ratification, focusing on the features of the shareholder rights plan. Rights plans should contain the following attributes:

- o No lower than a 20% trigger, flip-in or flip-over;
- o A term of no more than three years;
- o No dead-hand, slow-hand, no-hand or similar feature that limits the ability of a future board to redeem the pill;
- o Shareholder redemption feature (qualifying offer clause); if the board refuses to redeem the pill 90 days after a qualifying offer is announced, ten percent of the shares may call a special meeting or seek a written consent to vote on rescinding the pill.

### SHAREHOLDER ABILITY TO ACT BY WRITTEN CONSENT

Vote AGAINST proposals to restrict or prohibit shareholder ability to take action by written consent.

Vote FOR proposals to allow or make easier shareholder action by written

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consent.

SHAREHOLDER ABILITY TO CALL SPECIAL MEETINGS

Vote AGAINST proposals to restrict or prohibit shareholder ability to call special meetings.

Vote FOR proposals that remove restrictions on the right of shareholders to act independently of management.

SUPERMAJORITY VOTE REQUIREMENTS

Vote AGAINST proposals to require a supermajority shareholder vote.

Vote FOR proposals to lower supermajority vote requirements.

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5. MERGERS AND CORPORATE RESTRUCTURINGS  
OVERALL APPROACH

For mergers and acquisitions, review and evaluate the merits and drawbacks of the proposed transaction, balancing various and sometimes countervailing factors including:

- o VALUATION - Is the value to be received by the target shareholders (or paid by the acquirer) reasonable? While the fairness opinion may provide an initial starting point for assessing valuation reasonableness, emphasis is placed on the offer premium, market reaction and strategic rationale.
- o MARKET REACTION - How has the market responded to the proposed deal? A negative market reaction should cause closer scrutiny of a deal.
- o STRATEGIC RATIONALE - Does the deal make sense strategically? From where is the value derived? Cost and revenue synergies should not be overly aggressive or optimistic, but reasonably achievable. Management should also have a favorable track record of successful integration of historical acquisitions.
- o NEGOTIATIONS AND PROCESS - Were the terms of the transaction negotiated at arm's-length? Was the process fair and equitable? A fair process helps to ensure the best price for shareholders. Significant negotiation "wins" can also signify the deal makers' competency. The comprehensiveness of the sales process (e.g., full auction, partial auction, no auction) can also affect shareholder value.
- o CONFLICTS OF INTEREST - Are insiders benefiting from the transaction disproportionately and inappropriately as compared to non-insider shareholders? As the result of potential conflicts, the directors and officers of the company may be more likely to vote to approve a merger than if they did not hold these interests. Consider whether these interests may have influenced these directors and officers to support or recommend the merger. The CIC figure presented in the "ISS Transaction Summary" section of this report is an aggregate

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figure that can in certain cases be a misleading indicator of the true value transfer from shareholders to insiders. Where such figure appears to be excessive, analyze the underlying assumptions to determine whether a potential conflict exists.

- o GOVERNANCE - Will the combined company have a better or worse governance profile than the current governance profiles of the respective parties to the transaction? If the governance profile is to change for the worse, the burden is on the company to prove that other issues (such as valuation) outweigh any deterioration in governance.

APPRAISAL RIGHTS

Vote FOR proposals to restore, or provide shareholders with, rights of appraisal.

ASSET PURCHASES

Vote CASE-BY-CASE on asset purchase proposals, considering the following factors:

- o Purchase price;
- o Fairness opinion;
- o Financial and strategic benefits;
- o How the deal was negotiated;
- o Conflicts of interest;
- o Other alternatives for the business;
- o Non-completion risk.

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 ASSET SALES

Vote CASE-BY-CASE on asset sales, considering the following factors:

- o Impact on the balance sheet/working capital;
- o Potential elimination of diseconomies;
- o Anticipated financial and operating benefits;
- o Anticipated use of funds;
- o Value received for the asset;
- o Fairness opinion;
- o How the deal was negotiated;

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- o Conflicts of interest.

### BUNDLED PROPOSALS

Vote CASE-BY-CASE on bundled or "conditional" proxy proposals. In the case of items that are conditioned upon each other, examine the benefits and costs of the packaged items. In instances when the joint effect of the conditioned items is not in shareholders' best interests, vote AGAINST the proposals. If the combined effect is positive, support such proposals.

### CONVERSION OF SECURITIES

Vote CASE-BY-CASE on proposals regarding conversion of securities. When evaluating these proposals the investor should review the dilution to existing shareholders, the conversion price relative to market value, financial issues, control issues, termination penalties, and conflicts of interest.

Vote FOR the conversion if it is expected that the company will be subject to onerous penalties or will be forced to file for bankruptcy if the transaction is not approved.

### CORPORATE REORGANIZATION/DEBT RESTRUCTURING/PREPACKAGED BANKRUPTCY PLANS/REVERSE LEVERAGED BUYOUTS/WRAP PLANS

Vote CASE-BY-CASE on proposals to increase common and/or preferred shares and to issue shares as part of a debt restructuring plan, taking into consideration the following:

- o Dilution to existing shareholders' position;
- o Terms of the offer;
- o Financial issues;
- o Management's efforts to pursue other alternatives;
- o Control issues;
- o Conflicts of interest.

Vote FOR the debt restructuring if it is expected that the company will file for bankruptcy if the transaction is not approved.

### FORMATION OF HOLDING COMPANY

Vote CASE-BY-CASE on proposals regarding the formation of a holding company, taking into consideration the following:

- o The reasons for the change;
- o Any financial or tax benefits;
- o Regulatory benefits;
- o Increases in capital structure;
- o Changes to the articles of incorporation or bylaws of the company.

Absent compelling financial reasons to recommend the transaction, vote AGAINST the formation of a holding company if the transaction would include either of the following:

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o Increases in common or preferred stock in excess of the allowable maximum (see discussion under "Capital Structure");  
o Adverse changes in shareholder rights.

GOING PRIVATE TRANSACTIONS (LBOS, MINORITY SQUEEZEOUTS, AND GOING DARK)

Vote CASE-BY-CASE on going private transactions, taking into account the following: offer price/premium, fairness opinion, how the deal was negotiated, conflicts of interest, other alternatives/offers considered, and non-completion risk.

Vote CASE-BY-CASE on "going dark" transactions, determining whether the transaction enhances shareholder value by taking into consideration:

- o Whether the company has attained benefits from being publicly-traded (examination of trading volume, liquidity, and market research of the stock);
- o Cash-out value;
- o Whether the interests of continuing and cashed-out shareholders are balanced; and
- o The market reaction to public announcement of transaction.

JOINT VENTURES

Vote CASE-BY-CASE on proposals to form joint ventures, taking into account the following:

- o Percentage of assets/business contributed;
- o Percentage ownership;
- o Financial and strategic benefits;
- o Governance structure;
- o Conflicts of interest;
- o Other alternatives;
- o Noncompletion risk.

LIQUIDATIONS

Vote CASE-BY-CASE on liquidations, taking into account the following:

- o Management's efforts to pursue other alternatives;
- o Appraisal value of assets; and
- o The compensation plan for executives managing the liquidation.

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Vote FOR the liquidation if the company will file for bankruptcy if the proposal is not approved.

MERGERS AND ACQUISITIONS/ ISSUANCE OF SHARES TO FACILITATE MERGER OR ACQUISITION

Vote CASE-BY-CASE on mergers and acquisitions, determining whether the transaction enhances shareholder value by giving consideration to items listed under "Mergers and Corporate Restructurings: Overall Approach."

PRIVATE PLACEMENTS/WARRANTS/CONVERTIBLE DEBENTURES

Vote CASE-BY-CASE on proposals regarding private placements, taking into consideration:

- o Dilution to existing shareholders' position;
- o Terms of the offer;
- o Financial issues;
- o Management's efforts to pursue other alternatives;
- o Control issues;
- o Conflicts of interest.

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Vote FOR the private placement if it is expected that the company will file for bankruptcy if the transaction is not approved.

SPINOFFS

Vote CASE-BY-CASE on spin-offs, considering:

- o Tax and regulatory advantages;
- o Planned use of the sale proceeds;
- o Valuation of spinoff;
- o Fairness opinion;
- o Benefits to the parent company;
- o Conflicts of interest;
- o Managerial incentives;
- o Corporate governance changes;
- o Changes in the capital structure.

VALUE MAXIMIZATION PROPOSALS

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Vote CASE-BY-CASE on shareholder proposals seeking to maximize shareholder value by hiring a financial advisor to explore strategic alternatives, selling the company or liquidating the company and distributing the proceeds to shareholders. These proposals should be evaluated based on the following factors:

- o Prolonged poor performance with no turnaround in sight;
- o Signs of entrenched board and management;
- o Strategic plan in place for improving value;
- o Likelihood of receiving reasonable value in a sale or dissolution;  
and
- o Whether company is actively exploring its strategic options,  
including retaining a financial advisor.

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### 6. STATE OF INCORPORATION

#### CONTROL SHARE ACQUISITION PROVISIONS

Control share acquisition statutes function by denying shares their voting rights when they contribute to ownership in excess of certain thresholds. Voting rights for those shares exceeding ownership limits may only be restored by approval of either a majority or supermajority of disinterested shares. Thus, control share acquisition statutes effectively require a hostile bidder to put its offer to a shareholder vote or risk voting disenfranchisement if the bidder continues buying up a large block of shares.

Vote FOR proposals to opt out of control share acquisition statutes unless doing so would enable the completion of a takeover that would be detrimental to shareholders.

Vote AGAINST proposals to amend the charter to include control share acquisition provisions.

Vote FOR proposals to restore voting rights to the control shares.

#### CONTROL SHARE CASH-OUT PROVISIONS

Control share cash-out statutes give dissident shareholders the right to "cash-out" of their position in a company at the expense of the shareholder who has taken a control position. In other words, when an investor crosses a preset threshold level, remaining shareholders are given the right to sell their shares to the acquirer, who must buy them at the highest acquiring price.

Vote FOR proposals to opt out of control share cash-out statutes.

#### DISGORGEMENT PROVISIONS

Disgorgement provisions require an acquirer or potential acquirer of more than a certain percentage of a company's stock to disgorge, or pay back, to the company any profits realized from the sale of that company's stock purchased 24 months

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before achieving control status. All sales of company stock by the acquirer occurring within a certain period of time (between 18 months and 24 months) prior to the investor's gaining control status are subject to these recapture-of-profits provisions.

Vote FOR proposals to opt out of state disgorgement provisions.

FAIR PRICE PROVISIONS

Vote CASE-BY-CASE on proposals to adopt fair price provisions (provisions that stipulate that an acquirer must pay the same price to acquire all shares as it paid to acquire the control shares), evaluating factors such as the vote required to approve the proposed acquisition, the vote required to repeal the fair price provision, and the mechanism for determining the fair price.

Generally, vote AGAINST fair price provisions with shareholder vote requirements greater than a majority of disinterested shares.

FREEZE-OUT PROVISIONS

Vote FOR proposals to opt out of state freeze-out provisions. Freeze-out provisions force an investor who surpasses a certain ownership threshold in a company to wait a specified period of time before gaining control of the company.

GREENMAIL

Greenmail payments are targeted share repurchases by management of company stock from individuals or groups seeking control of the company. Since only the hostile party receives

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payment, usually at a substantial premium over the market value of its shares, the practice discriminates against all other shareholders.

Vote FOR proposals to adopt anti-greenmail charter or bylaw amendments or otherwise restrict a company's ability to make greenmail payments.

Vote CASE-BY-CASE on anti-greenmail proposals when they are bundled with other charter or bylaw amendments.

REINCORPORATION PROPOSALS

Vote CASE-BY-CASE on proposals to change a company's state of incorporation, taking into consideration both financial and corporate governance concerns, including the reasons for reincorporating, a comparison of the governance provisions, comparative economic benefits, and a comparison of the jurisdictional laws.

Vote FOR re-incorporation when the economic factors outweigh any neutral or negative governance changes.

STAKEHOLDER PROVISIONS

Vote AGAINST proposals that ask the board to consider non-shareholder

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constituencies or other non-financial effects when evaluating a merger or business combination.

STATE ANTITAKEOVER STATUTES

Vote CASE-BY-CASE on proposals to opt in or out of state takeover statutes (including control share acquisition statutes, control share cash-out statutes, freezeout provisions, fair price provisions, stakeholder laws, poison pill endorsements, severance pay and labor contract provisions, anti-greenmail provisions, and disgorgement provisions).

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7. CAPITAL STRUCTURE

ADJUSTMENTS TO PAR VALUE OF COMMON STOCK

Vote FOR management proposals to reduce the par value of common stock.

COMMON STOCK AUTHORIZATION

Vote CASE-BY-CASE on proposals to increase the number of shares of common stock authorized for issuance using a model developed by ISS.

Vote FOR proposals to approve increases beyond the allowable increase when a company's shares are in danger of being delisted or if a company's ability to continue to operate as a going concern is uncertain.

In addition, for capital requests less than or equal to 300 percent of the current authorized shares that marginally fail the calculated allowable cap (i.e., exceed the allowable cap by no more than 5 percent), on a CASE-BY-CASE basis, vote FOR the increase based on the company's performance and whether the company's ongoing use of shares has shown prudence. Factors should include, at a minimum, the following:

- o Rationale;
- o Good performance with respect to peers and index on a five-year total shareholder return basis;
- o Absence of non-shareholder approved poison pill;
- o Reasonable equity compensation burn rate;
- o No non-shareholder approved pay plans; and
- o Absence of egregious equity compensation practices.

DUAL-CLASS STOCK

Vote AGAINST proposals to create a new class of common stock with superior voting rights.

Vote AGAINST proposals at companies with dual-class capital structures to increase the number of authorized shares of the class of stock that has superior voting rights.

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Vote FOR proposals to create a new class of nonvoting or sub-voting common stock if:

- o It is intended for financing purposes with minimal or no dilution to current shareholders;
- o It is not designed to preserve the voting power of an insider or significant shareholder.

ISSUE STOCK FOR USE WITH RIGHTS PLAN

Vote AGAINST proposals that increase authorized common stock for the explicit purpose of implementing a non-shareholder approved shareholder rights plan (poison pill).

PREEMPTIVE RIGHTS

Vote CASE-BY-CASE on shareholder proposals that seek preemptive rights, taking into consideration: the size of a company, the characteristics of its shareholder base, and the liquidity of the stock.

PREFERRED STOCK

Vote AGAINST proposals authorizing the creation of new classes of preferred stock with unspecified voting, conversion, dividend distribution, and other rights ("blank check" preferred stock).

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Vote FOR proposals to create "declawed" blank check preferred stock (stock that cannot be used as a takeover defense).

Vote FOR proposals to authorize preferred stock in cases where the company specifies the voting, dividend, conversion, and other rights of such stock and the terms of the preferred stock appear reasonable.

Vote AGAINST proposals to increase the number of blank check preferred stock authorized for issuance when no shares have been issued or reserved for a specific purpose.

Vote CASE-BY-CASE on proposals to increase the number of blank check preferred shares after analyzing the number of preferred shares available for issue given a company's industry and performance in terms of shareholder returns.

RECAPITALIZATION

Vote CASE-BY-CASE on recapitalizations (reclassifications of securities), taking into account the following:

- o More simplified capital structure;
- o Enhanced liquidity;
- o Fairness of conversion terms;

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- o Impact on voting power and dividends;
- o Reasons for the reclassification;
- o Conflicts of interest; and
- o Other alternatives considered.

REVERSE STOCK SPLITS

Vote FOR management proposals to implement a reverse stock split when the number of authorized shares will be proportionately reduced.

Vote FOR management proposals to implement a reverse stock split to avoid delisting.

Vote CASE-BY-CASE on proposals to implement a reverse stock split that do not proportionately reduce the number of shares authorized for issue based on the allowable increased calculated using the Capital Structure model.

SHARE REPURCHASE PROGRAMS

Vote FOR management proposals to institute open-market share repurchase plans in which all shareholders may participate on equal terms.

STOCK DISTRIBUTIONS: SPLITS AND DIVIDENDS

Vote FOR management proposals to increase the common share authorization for a stock split or share dividend, provided that the increase in authorized shares would not result in an excessive number of shares available for issuance as determined using a model developed by ISS.

TRACKING STOCK

Vote CASE-BY-CASE on the creation of tracking stock, weighing the strategic value of the transaction against such factors as:

- o Adverse governance changes;
- o Excessive increases in authorized capital stock;
- o Unfair method of distribution;
- o Diminution of voting rights;
- o Adverse conversion features;
- o Negative impact on stock option plans; and
- o Alternatives such as spin-off.

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8. EXECUTIVE AND DIRECTOR COMPENSATION

EQUITY COMPENSATION PLANS

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Vote CASE-BY-CASE on equity-based compensation plans. Vote AGAINST the equity plan if any of the following factors apply:

- o The total cost of the company's equity plans is unreasonable;
- o The plan expressly permits the repricing of stock options without prior shareholder approval;
- o There is a disconnect between CEO pay and the company's performance;
- o The company's three year burn rate exceeds the greater of 2% and the mean plus 1 standard deviation of its industry group; or
- o The plan is a vehicle for poor pay practices.

Each of these factors is further described below:

### COST OF EQUITY PLANS

Generally, vote AGAINST equity plans if the cost is unreasonable. For non-employee director plans, vote FOR the plan if certain factors are met (see Director Compensation section).

The cost of the equity plans is expressed as Shareholder Value Transfer (SVT), which is measured using a binomial option pricing model that assesses the amount of shareholders' equity flowing out of the company to employees and directors. SVT is expressed as both a dollar amount and as a percentage of market value, and includes the new shares proposed, shares available under existing plans, and shares granted but unexercised. All award types are valued. For omnibus plans, unless limitations are placed on the most expensive types of awards (for example, full value awards), the assumption is made that all awards to be granted will be the most expensive types. See discussion of specific types of awards.

The Shareholder Value Transfer is reasonable if it falls below the company-specific allowable cap. The allowable cap is determined as follows: The top quartile performers in each industry group (using the Global Industry Classification Standard GICS) are identified. Benchmark SVT levels for each industry are established based on these top performers' historic SVT. Regression analyses are run on each industry group to identify the variables most strongly correlated to SVT. The benchmark industry SVT level is then adjusted upwards or downwards for the specific company by plugging the company-specific performance measures, size and cash compensation into the industry cap equations to arrive at the company's allowable cap.

### REPRICING PROVISIONS

Vote AGAINST plans that expressly permit the repricing of stock options without prior shareholder approval, even if the cost of the plan is reasonable.

Vote AGAINST plans if the company has a history of repricing options without shareholder approval, and the applicable listing standards would not preclude them from doing so.

### PAY-FOR PERFORMANCE DISCONNECT

Generally vote AGAINST plans in which:

- o there is a disconnect between the CEO's pay and company performance (an increase in pay and a decrease in performance);

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- o the main source of the pay increase (over half) is equity-based, and
- o the CEO is a participant of the equity proposal.

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Performance decreases are based on negative one- and three-year total shareholder returns. CEO pay increases are based on the CEO's total direct compensation (salary, cash bonus, present value of stock options, face value of restricted stock, face value of long-term incentive plan payouts, and all other compensation) increasing over the previous year.

WITHHOLD votes from the Compensation Committee members when the company has a pay for performance disconnect.

On a CASE-BY-CASE basis, vote for equity plans and FOR compensation committee members with a pay-for-performance disconnect if compensation committee members can present strong and compelling evidence of improved committee performance. This evidence must go beyond the usual compensation committee report disclosure. This additional evidence necessary includes all of the following:

- o The compensation committee has reviewed all components of the CEO's compensation, including the following:
  - Base salary, bonus, long-term incentives;
  - Accumulative realized and unrealized stock option and restricted stock gains;
  - Dollar value of perquisites and other personal benefits to the CEO and the total cost to the company;
  - Earnings and accumulated payment obligations under the company's nonqualified deferred compensation program;
  - Actual projected payment obligations under the company's supplemental executive retirement plan (SERPs).

A tally sheet setting forth all the above components was prepared and reviewed affixing dollar amounts under the various payout scenarios. (A complete breakdown of pay components also can be found in Disclosure of CEO Compensation - Tally Sheet.)

- o A tally sheet with all the above components should be disclosed for the following termination scenarios:
  - Payment if termination occurs within 12 months: \$\_\_\_\_\_;
  - Payment if "not for cause" termination occurs within 12 months: \$\_\_\_\_\_;
  - Payment if "change of control" termination occurs within 12 months: \$\_\_\_\_\_.
- o The compensation committee is committed to providing additional information on the named executives' annual cash bonus program

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and/or long-term incentive cash plan for the current fiscal year. The compensation committee will provide full disclosure of the qualitative and quantitative performance criteria and hurdle rates used to determine the payouts of the cash program. From this disclosure, shareholders will know the minimum level of performance required for any cash bonus to be delivered, as well as the maximum cash bonus payable for superior performance.

The repetition of the compensation committee report does not meet ISS' requirement of compelling and strong evidence of improved disclosure. The level of transparency and disclosure is at the highest level where shareholders can understand the mechanics of the annual cash bonus and/or long-term incentive cash plan based on the additional disclosure.

- o The compensation committee is committed to granting a substantial portion of performance-based equity awards to the named executive officers. A substantial portion of performance-based awards would be at least 50 percent of the shares awarded to each of the named executive officers. Performance-based equity awards are earned or paid out based on the achievement of company performance targets. The company will disclose the details of the performance criteria (e.g., return on equity) and the hurdle

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rates (e.g., 15 percent) associated with the performance targets. From this disclosure, shareholders will know the minimum level of performance required for any equity grants to be made. The performance-based equity awards do not refer to non-qualified stock options 1 or performance-accelerated grants. 2 Instead, performance-based equity awards are performance-contingent grants where the individual will not receive the equity grant by not meeting the target performance and vice versa.

The level of transparency and disclosure is at the highest level where shareholders can understand the mechanics of the performance-based equity awards based on the additional disclosure.

- o The compensation committee has the sole authority to hire and fire outside compensation consultants. The role of the outside compensation consultant is to assist the compensation committee to analyze executive pay packages or contracts and understand the company's financial measures.

THREE-YEAR BURN RATE/BURN RATE COMMITMENT

Generally vote AGAINST plans if the company's most recent three-year burn rate exceeds one standard deviation in excess of the industry mean (per the following Burn Rate Table) and is over two percent of common shares outstanding. The three-year burn rate policy does not apply to non-employee director plans unless outside directors receive a significant portion of shares each year.

However, vote FOR equity plans if the company fails this burn rate test but the company commits in a public filing to a three-year average burn rate equal to its GICS group burn rate mean plus one standard deviation, assuming all other conditions for voting FOR the plan have been met. If a company fails to fulfill

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its burn rate commitment, vote to WITHHOLD from the compensation committee.

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- 1 Non-qualified stock options are not performance-based awards unless the grant or the vesting of the stock options is tied to the achievement of a pre-determined and disclosed performance measure. A rising stock market will generally increase share prices of all companies, despite of the company's underlying performance.
  - 2 Performance-accelerated grants are awards that vest earlier based on the achievement of a specified measure. However, these grants will ultimately vest over time even without the attainment of the goal(s).

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 2006 PROXY SEASON BURN RATE TABLE

		RUSSELL 3000			NO
GICS	DESCRIPTION	MEAN	STANDARD DEVIATION	MEAN+STDEV	ME
1010	Energy	1.53%	0.96%	2.50%	2.
1510	Materials	1.37%	0.74%	2.11%	2.
2010	Capital Goods	1.84%	1.09%	2.93%	2.
2020	Commercial Services & Supplies	2.73%	1.60%	4.33%	3.
2030	Transportation	1.76%	1.71%	3.47%	2.
2510	Automobiles & Components	1.97%	1.27%	3.24%	2.
2520	Consumer Durables & Apparel	2.04%	1.22%	3.26%	2.
2530	Hotels Restaurants & Leisure	2.22%	1.09%	3.31%	2.
2540	Media	2.14%	1.24%	3.38%	3.
2550	Retailing	2.54%	1.59%	4.12%	4.
3010, 3020, 3030	Food & Staples Retailing	1.82%	1.31%	3.13%	2.
3510	Health Care Equipment & Services	3.20%	1.71%	4.91%	4.
3520	Pharmaceuticals & Biotechnology	3.70%	1.87%	5.57%	5.
4010	Banks	1.46%	1.00%	2.46%	1.
4020	Diversified Financials	3.00%	2.28%	5.28%	4.

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4030	Insurance	1.52%	1.04%	2.56%	2.
4040	Real Estate	1.30%	1.01%	2.31%	1.
4510	Software & Services	5.02%	2.98%	8.00%	6.
4520	Technology Hardware & Equipment	3.64%	2.48%	6.11%	4.
4530	Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equip.	4.81%	2.86%	7.67%	5.
5010	Telecommunication Services	2.31%	1.61%	3.92%	3.
5510	Utilities	0.94%	0.62%	1.56%	2.

For companies that grant both full value awards and stock options to their employees, apply a premium on full value awards for the past three fiscal years as follows:

CHARACTERISTICS	ANNUAL STOCK PRICE VOLATILITY	PREMIUM
High annual volatility	53% and higher	1 full-value award for 1.5 option sha
Moderate annual volatility	25% - 52%	1 full-value award for 2.0 option sha
Low annual volatility	Less than 25%	1 full-value award for 4.0 option sha

POOR PAY PRACTICES

Vote AGAINST equity plans if the plan is a vehicle for poor compensation practices.

WITHOLD from compensation committee members if the company has poor compensation practices.

Poor compensation practices include, but are not limited to, the following:

- o Egregious employment contracts including excessive severance provisions;
- o Excessive perks that dominate compensation;
- o Huge bonus payouts without justifiable performance linkage;
- o Performance metrics that are changed during the performance period;
- o Egregious SERP (Supplemental Executive Retirement Plans) payouts;
- o New CEO with overly generous hiring package;

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- o Internal pay disparity;
  - o Other excessive compensation payouts or poor pay practices at the company.

SPECIFIC TREATMENT OF CERTAIN AWARD TYPES IN EQUITY PLAN EVALUATIONS:

DIVIDEND EQUIVALENT RIGHTS

Equity plans that have Dividend Equivalent Rights (DERs) associated with them will have a higher calculated award value than those without DERs under the binomial model, based on the value of these dividend streams. The higher value will be applied to new shares, shares available under existing plans, and shares awarded but not exercised per the plan specifications. DERs transfer more shareholder equity to employees and non-employee directors and this cost should be captured.

LIBERAL SHARE RECYCLING PROVISIONS

Under net share counting provisions, shares tendered by an option holder to pay for the exercise of an option, shares withheld for taxes or shares repurchased by the company on the open market can be recycled back into the equity plan for awarding again. All awards with such provisions should be valued as full-value awards. Stock-settled stock appreciation rights (SSARs) will also be considered as full-value awards if a company counts only the net shares issued to employees towards their plan reserve.

TRANSFERABLE STOCK OPTION AWARDS

For transferable stock option award types within a new equity plan, calculate the cost of the awards by setting their forfeiture rate to zero when comparing to the allowable cap. In addition, in order to vote FOR plans with such awards, the structure and mechanics of the ongoing transferable stock option program must be disclosed to shareholders; and amendments to existing plans that allow for introduction of transferability of stock options should make clear that only options granted post-amendment shall be transferable.

OTHER COMPENSATION PROPOSALS AND POLICIES

401(K) EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS

Vote FOR proposals to implement a 401(k) savings plan for employees.

DIRECTOR COMPENSATION

Vote CASE-BY-CASE on compensation plans for non-employee directors, based on the cost of the plans against the company's allowable cap.

On occasion, director stock plans that set aside a relatively small number of shares when combined with employee or executive stock compensation plans exceed the allowable cap. Vote for the plan if ALL of the following qualitative factors in the board's compensation are met and disclosed in the proxy statement:

- o Director stock ownership guidelines with a minimum of three times the annual cash retainer.
- o Vesting schedule or mandatory holding/deferral period:

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- A minimum vesting of three years for stock options or restricted stock; or
- Deferred stock payable at the end of a three-year deferral period.
- o Mix between cash and equity:
  - A balanced mix of cash and equity, for example 40% cash/60% equity or 50% cash/50% equity; or

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- If the mix is heavier on the equity component, the vesting schedule or deferral period should be more stringent, with the lesser of five years or the term of directorship.
- o No retirement/benefits and perquisites provided to non-employee directors; and
- o Detailed disclosure provided on cash and equity compensation delivered to each non- employee director for the most recent fiscal year in a table. The column headers for the table may include the following: name of each non-employee director, annual retainer, board meeting fees, committee retainer, committee-meeting fees, and equity grants.

DIRECTOR RETIREMENT PLANS

Vote AGAINST retirement plans for non-employee directors.

Vote FOR shareholder proposals to eliminate retirement plans for non-employee directors.

DISCLOSURE OF CEO COMPENSATION-TALLY SHEET

Encourage companies to provide better and more transparent disclosure related to CEO pay. Consider withhold votes in the future from the compensation committee and voting against equity plans if compensation disclosure is not improved and a tally sheet is not provided.

In addition to the current SEC requirements, the following table sets forth the current minimum standard on CEO pay disclosure according to ISS's guidelines:

COMPONENT	AMOUNT EARNED/GRANTED	DESCRIPTION
Base Salary	Current figure	Explanation of any increase in base salary
Annual Incentive	Target: Actual earned:	Explanation of specific performance measures and actual deliverables.



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on SERPs.

Funding mechanism.

Executive perquisites	Breakdown of the market value of various perquisites	The types of perquisites provided. Examples: com aircraft, company cars,
Gross-ups (if any)	Breakdown of gross-ups for any pay component	
Severance associated with change-in-control	Estimated payout amounts for cash, equity and benefits	Single trigger or double trigger.
Severance (Termination scenario under "for cause" and "not for cause")	Estimated payout amounts for cash, equity and benefits under different scenarios	
Post retirement package	Estimated value of consulting agreement and continuation of benefits	
ESTIMATED TOTAL PACKAGE	\$	

See the remedy for Pay for Performance disconnect for a more qualitative description of certain pay components.

EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLANS (ESOPs)

Vote FOR proposals to implement an ESOP or increase authorized shares for existing ESOPs, unless the number of shares allocated to the ESOP is excessive (more than five percent of outstanding shares).

EMPLOYEE STOCK PURCHASE PLANS-- QUALIFIED PLANS

Vote CASE-BY-CASE on qualified employee stock purchase plans. Vote FOR employee stock purchase plans where all of the following apply:

- o Purchase price is at least 85 percent of fair market value;
- o Offering period is 27 months or less; and
- o The number of shares allocated to the plan is ten percent or less of the outstanding shares.

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Vote AGAINST qualified employee stock purchase plans where any of the following apply:

- o Purchase price is less than 85 percent of fair market value; or
- o Offering period is greater than 27 months; or

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- o The number of shares allocated to the plan is more than ten percent of the outstanding shares.

### EMPLOYEE STOCK PURCHASE PLANS-- NON-QUALIFIED PLANS

Vote CASE-by-CASE on nonqualified employee stock purchase plans. Vote FOR nonqualified employee stock purchase plans with all the following features:

- o Broad-based participation (i.e., all employees of the company with the exclusion of individuals with 5 percent or more of beneficial ownership of the company);
- o Limits on employee contribution, which may be a fixed dollar amount or expressed as a percent of base salary;
- o Company matching contribution up to 25 percent of employee's contribution, which is effectively a discount of 20 percent from market value;
- o No discount on the stock price on the date of purchase since there is a company matching contribution.

Vote AGAINST nonqualified employee stock purchase plans when any of the plan features do not meet the above criteria. If the company matching contribution exceeds 25 percent of employee's contribution, evaluate the cost of the plan against its allowable cap.

### INCENTIVE BONUS PLANS AND TAX DEDUCTIBILITY PROPOSALS (OBRA-RELATED COMPENSATION PROPOSALS)

Vote FOR proposals that simply amend shareholder-approved compensation plans to include administrative features or place a cap on the annual grants any one participant may receive to comply with the provisions of Section 162(m).

Vote FOR proposals to add performance goals to existing compensation plans to comply with the provisions of Section 162(m) unless they are clearly inappropriate.

Vote CASE-BY-CASE on amendments to existing plans to increase shares reserved and to qualify for favorable tax treatment under the provisions of Section 162(m) as long as the plan does not exceed the allowable cap and the plan does not violate any of the supplemental policies.

Generally vote FOR cash or cash and stock bonus plans that are submitted to shareholders for the purpose of exempting compensation from taxes under the provisions of Section 162(m) if no increase in shares is requested.

### OPTION EXCHANGE PROGRAMS/REPRICING OPTIONS

Vote CASE-by-CASE on management proposals seeking approval to exchange/reprice options taking into consideration:

- o Historic trading patterns;
- o Rationale for the repricing;
- o Value-for-value exchange;
- o Treatment of surrendered options;
- o Option vesting;

- o Term of the option;
- o Exercise price;
- o Participation.

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If the surrendered options are added back to the equity plans for re-issuance, then also take into consideration the company's three-year average burn rate.

Vote FOR shareholder proposals to put option repricings to a shareholder vote.

#### STOCK PLANS IN LIEU OF CASH

Vote CASE-by-CASE on plans which provide participants with the option of taking all or a portion of their cash compensation in the form of stock.

Vote FOR non-employee director only equity plans which provide a dollar-for-dollar cash for stock exchange.

Vote CASE-by-CASE on plans which do not provide a dollar-for-dollar cash for stock exchange. In cases where the exchange is not dollar-for-dollar, the request for new or additional shares for such equity program will be considered using the binomial option pricing model. In an effort to capture the total cost of total compensation, ISS will not make any adjustments to carve out the in-lieu-of cash compensation.

#### TRANSFER PROGRAMS OF STOCK OPTIONS

One-time Transfers: WITHHOLD votes from compensation committee members if they fail to submit one-time transfers for to shareholders for approval.

Vote CASE-BY-CASE on one-time transfers. Vote FOR if:

- o Executive officers and non-employee directors are excluded from participating;
- o Stock options are purchased by third-party financial institutions at a discount to their fair value using option pricing models such as Black-Scholes or a Binomial Option Valuation or other appropriate financial models;
- o There is a two-year minimum holding period for sale proceeds (cash or stock) for all participants.

Additionally, management should provide a clear explanation of why options are being transferred and whether the events leading up to the decline in stock price were beyond management's control. A review of the company's historic stock price volatility should indicate if the options are likely to be back "in-the-money" over the near term.

#### SHAREHOLDER PROPOSALS ON COMPENSATION

#### DISCLOSURE/SETTING LEVELS OR TYPES OF COMPENSATION FOR EXECUTIVES AND DIRECTORS

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Generally, vote FOR shareholder proposals seeking additional disclosure of executive and director pay information, provided the information requested is relevant to shareholders' needs, would not put the company at a competitive disadvantage relative to its industry, and is not unduly burdensome to the company.

Vote AGAINST shareholder proposals seeking to set absolute levels on compensation or otherwise dictate the amount or form of compensation.

Vote AGAINST shareholder proposals requiring director fees be paid in stock only.

Vote CASE-BY-CASE on all other shareholder proposals regarding executive and director pay, taking into account company performance, pay level versus peers, pay level versus industry, and long term corporate outlook.

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### OPTION EXPENSING

Generally vote FOR shareholder proposals asking the company to expense stock options, unless the company has already publicly committed to expensing options by a specific date.

### OPTION REPRICING

Vote FOR shareholder proposals to put option repricings to a shareholder vote.

### PENSION PLAN INCOME ACCOUNTING

Generally vote FOR shareholder proposals to exclude pension plan income in the calculation of earnings used in determining executive bonuses/compensation.

### PERFORMANCE-BASED AWARDS

Generally vote FOR shareholder proposals advocating the use of performance-based awards like indexed, premium-priced, and performance-vested options or performance-based shares, unless:

- o The proposal is overly restrictive (e.g., it mandates that awards to all employees must be performance-based or all awards to top executives must be a particular type, such as indexed options);
- o The company demonstrates that it is using a substantial portion of performance-based awards for its top executives, where substantial portion would constitute 50 percent of the shares awarded to those executives for that fiscal year.

### SEVERANCE AGREEMENTS FOR EXECUTIVES/GOLDEN PARACHUTES

Vote FOR shareholder proposals to require golden parachutes or executive severance agreements to be submitted for shareholder ratification, unless the proposal requires shareholder approval prior to entering into employment contracts.

Vote on a CASE-BY-CASE basis on proposals to ratify or cancel golden parachutes.

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An acceptable parachute should include, but is not limited to, the following:

- o The triggering mechanism should be beyond the control of management;
- o The amount should not exceed three times base amount (defined as the average annual taxable W-2 compensation during the five years prior to the year in which the change of control occurs;
- o Change-in-control payments should be double-triggered, i.e., (1) after a change in control has taken place, and (2) termination of the executive as a result of the change in control. Change in control is defined as a change in the company ownership structure.

### SUPPLEMENTAL EXECUTIVE RETIREMENT PLANS (SERPS)

Generally vote FOR shareholder proposals requesting to put extraordinary benefits contained in SERP agreements to a shareholder vote unless the company's executive pension plans do not contain excessive benefits beyond what is offered under employee-wide plans.

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## 9. CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY

### CONSUMER ISSUES AND PUBLIC SAFETY

#### ANIMAL RIGHTS

Generally vote AGAINST proposals to phase out the use of animals in product testing unless:

- o The company is conducting animal testing programs that are unnecessary or not required by regulation;
- o The company is conducting animal testing when suitable alternatives are accepted and used at peer firms;
- o The company has been the subject of recent, significant controversy related to its testing programs.

Generally vote FOR proposals seeking a report on the company's animal welfare standards unless:

- o The company has already published a set of animal welfare standards and monitors compliance;
- o The company's standards are comparable to or better than those of peer firms; and
- o There are no serious controversies surrounding the company's treatment of animals.

### DRUG PRICING

Generally vote AGAINST proposals requesting that companies implement specific price restraints on pharmaceutical products unless the company fails to adhere

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to legislative guidelines or industry norms in its product pricing.

Vote CASE-BY-CASE on proposals requesting that the company evaluate their product pricing considering:

- o The existing level of disclosure on pricing policies;
- o Deviation from established industry pricing norms;
- o The company's existing initiatives to provide its products to needy consumers;
- o Whether the proposal focuses on specific products or geographic regions.

DRUG REIMPORTATION

Generally vote FOR proposals requesting that companies report on the financial and legal impact of their policies regarding prescription drug reimportation unless such information is already publicly disclosed.

Generally vote AGAINST proposals requesting that companies adopt specific policies to encourage or constrain prescription drug reimportation.

GENETICALLY MODIFIED FOODS

Vote AGAINST proposals asking companies to voluntarily label genetically engineered (GE) ingredients in their products or alternatively to provide interim labeling and eventually eliminate GE ingredients due to the costs and feasibility of labeling and/or phasing out the use of GE ingredients.

Vote CASE-BY-CASE on proposals asking for a report on the feasibility of labeling products containing GE ingredients taking into account:

- o The relevance of the proposal in terms of the company's business and the proportion of it affected by the resolution;

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- o The quality of the company's disclosure on GE product labeling and related voluntary initiatives and how this disclosure compares with peer company disclosure;
- o Company's current disclosure on the feasibility of GE product labeling, including information on the related costs;
- o Any voluntary labeling initiatives undertaken or considered by the company.

Vote CASE-BY-CASE on proposals asking for the preparation of a report on the financial, legal, and environmental impact of continued use of GE ingredients/seeds. Evaluate the following:

- o The relevance of the proposal in terms of the company's business and the proportion of it affected by the resolution;

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- o The quality of the company's disclosure on risks related to GE product use and how this disclosure compares with peer company disclosure;
- o The percentage of revenue derived from international operations, particularly in Europe, where GE products are more regulated and consumer backlash is more pronounced.

Vote AGAINST proposals seeking a report on the health and environmental effects of genetically modified organisms (GMOs). Health studies of this sort are better undertaken by regulators and the scientific community.

Vote AGAINST proposals to completely phase out GE ingredients from the company's products or proposals asking for reports outlining the steps necessary to eliminate GE ingredients from the company's products. Such resolutions presuppose that there are proven health risks to GE ingredients (an issue better left to federal regulators) that outweigh the economic benefits derived from biotechnology.

HANDGUNS

Generally vote AGAINST requests for reports on a company's policies aimed at curtailing gun violence in the United States unless the report is confined to product safety information. Criminal misuse of firearms is beyond company control and instead falls within the purview of law enforcement agencies.

HIV/AIDS

Vote CASE-BY-CASE on requests for reports outlining the impact of the health pandemic (HIV/AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis) on the company's Sub-Saharan operations and how the company is responding to it, taking into account:

- o The nature and size of the company's operations in Sub-Saharan Africa and the number of local employees;
- o The company's existing healthcare policies, including benefits and healthcare access for local workers;
- o Company donations to healthcare providers operating in the region.

Vote AGAINST proposals asking companies to establish, implement, and report on a standard of response to the HIV/AIDS, TB, and malaria health pandemic in Africa and other developing countries, unless the company has significant operations in these markets and has failed to adopt policies and/or procedures to address these issues comparable to those of industry peers.

PREDATORY LENDING

Vote CASE-BY CASE on requests for reports on the company's procedures for preventing predatory lending, including the establishment of a board committee for oversight, taking into account:

- o Whether the company has adequately disclosed mechanisms in place to prevent abusive lending practices;

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- o Whether the company has adequately disclosed the financial risks of its subprime business;
- o Whether the company has been subject to violations of lending laws or serious lending controversies;
- o Peer companies' policies to prevent abusive lending practices.

### TOBACCO

Most tobacco-related proposals should be evaluated on a CASE-BY-CASE basis, taking into account the following factors:

#### Second-hand smoke:

- o Whether the company complies with all local ordinances and regulations;
- o The degree that voluntary restrictions beyond those mandated by law might hurt the company's competitiveness;
- o The risk of any health-related liabilities.

#### Advertising to youth:

- o Whether the company complies with federal, state, and local laws on the marketing of tobacco or if it has been fined for violations;
- o Whether the company has gone as far as peers in restricting advertising;
- o Whether the company entered into the Master Settlement Agreement, which restricts marketing of tobacco to youth;
- o Whether restrictions on marketing to youth extend to foreign countries.

Cease production of tobacco-related products or avoid selling products to tobacco companies:

- o The percentage of the company's business affected;
- o The economic loss of eliminating the business versus any potential tobacco-related liabilities.

#### Spin-off tobacco-related businesses:

- o The percentage of the company's business affected;
- o The feasibility of a spin-off;
- o Potential future liabilities related to the company's tobacco business.

#### Stronger product warnings:

Vote AGAINST proposals seeking stronger product warnings. Such decisions are better left to public health authorities.

#### Investment in tobacco stocks:

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Vote AGAINST proposals prohibiting investment in tobacco equities. Such decisions are better left to portfolio managers.

TOXIC CHEMICALS

Generally vote FOR resolutions requesting that a company discloses its policies related to toxic chemicals.

Vote CASE-BY-CASE on resolutions requesting that companies evaluate and disclose the potential financial and legal risks associated with utilizing certain chemicals, considering:

- o Current regulations in the markets in which the company operates;
- o Recent significant controversy, litigation, or fines stemming from toxic chemicals or ingredients at the company; and
- o The current level of disclosure on this topic.

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Generally vote AGAINST resolutions requiring that a company reformulate its products within a certain timeframe unless such actions are required by law in specific markets.

ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY

ARCTIC NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Generally vote AGAINST request for reports outlining potential environmental damage from drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) unless:

- o New legislation is adopted allowing development and drilling in the ANWR region;
- o The company intends to pursue operations in the ANWR; and
- o The company does not currently disclose an environmental risk report for their operations in the ANWR.

CERES PRINCIPLES

Vote CASE-BY-CASE on proposals to adopt the CERES Principles, taking into account:

- o The company's current environmental disclosure beyond legal requirements, including environmental health and safety (EHS) audits and reports that may duplicate CERES;
- o The company's environmental performance record, including violations of federal and state regulations, level of toxic emissions, and accidental spills;
- o Environmentally conscious practices of peer companies, including endorsement of CERES;

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- o Costs of membership and implementation.

CONCENTRATED AREA FEEDING OPERATIONS (CAFOS)

Vote FOR resolutions requesting that companies report to shareholders on the risks and liabilities associated with CAFOs unless:

- o The company has publicly disclosed guidelines for its corporate and contract farming operations, including compliance monitoring; or
- o The company does not directly source from CAFOs.

ENVIRONMENTAL-ECONOMIC RISK REPORT

Vote CASE-BY-CASE on proposals requesting an economic risk assessment of environmental performance considering:

- o The feasibility of financially quantifying environmental risk factors;
- o The company's compliance with applicable legislation and/or regulations regarding environmental performance;
- o The costs associated with implementing improved standards;
- o The potential costs associated with remediation resulting from poor environmental performance; and
- o The current level of disclosure on environmental policies and initiatives.

ENVIRONMENTAL REPORTS

Generally vote FOR requests for reports disclosing the company's environmental policies unless it already has well-documented environmental management systems that are available to the public.

GLOBAL WARMING

Generally vote FOR proposals requesting a report on greenhouse gas emissions from company operations and/or products unless this information is already publicly disclosed or such factors are not integral to the company's line of business.

Generally vote AGAINST proposals that call for reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by specified amounts or within a restrictive time frame unless the company lags industry standards

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and has been the subject of recent, significant fines or litigation resulting from greenhouse gas emissions.

KYOTO PROTOCOL COMPLIANCE

Generally vote FOR resolutions requesting that companies outline their

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preparations to comply with standards established by Kyoto Protocol signatory markets unless:

- o The company does not maintain operations in Kyoto signatory markets;
- o The company already evaluates and substantially discloses such information; or,
- o Greenhouse gas emissions do not significantly impact the company's core businesses.

### LAND USE

Generally vote AGAINST resolutions that request the disclosure of detailed information on a company's policies related to land use or development unless the company has been the subject of recent, significant fines or litigation stemming from its land use.

### NUCLEAR SAFETY

Generally vote AGAINST resolutions requesting that companies report on risks associated with their nuclear reactor designs and/or the production and interim storage of irradiated fuel rods unless:

- o The company does not have publicly disclosed guidelines describing its policies and procedures for addressing risks associated with its operations;
- o The company is non-compliant with Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) requirements; or
- o The company stands out amongst its peers or competitors as having significant problems with safety or environmental performance related to its nuclear operations.

### OPERATIONS IN PROTECTED AREAS

Generally vote FOR requests for reports outlining potential environmental damage from operations in protected regions, including wildlife refuges unless:

- o The company does not currently have operations or plans to develop operations in these protected regions; or,
- o The company provides disclosure on its operations and environmental policies in these regions comparable to industry peers.

### RECYCLING

Vote CASE-BY-CASE on proposals to adopt a comprehensive recycling strategy, taking into account:

- o The nature of the company's business and the percentage affected;
- o The extent that peer companies are recycling;
- o The timetable prescribed by the proposal;
- o The costs and methods of implementation;
- o Whether the company has a poor environmental track record, such as violations of federal and state regulations.

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### RENEWABLE ENERGY

In general, vote FOR requests for reports on the feasibility of developing renewable energy sources unless the report is duplicative of existing disclosure or irrelevant to the company's line of business.

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Generally vote AGAINST proposals requesting that the company invest in renewable energy sources. Such decisions are best left to management's evaluation of the feasibility and financial impact that such programs may have on the company.

### SUSTAINABILITY REPORT

Generally vote FOR proposals requesting the company to report on policies and initiatives related to social, economic, and environmental sustainability, unless:

- o The company already discloses similar information through existing reports or policies such as an Environment, Health, and Safety (EHS) report; a comprehensive Code of Corporate Conduct; and/or a Diversity Report; or
- o The company has formally committed to the implementation of a reporting program based on Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) guidelines or a similar standard within a specified time frame.

### GENERAL CORPORATE ISSUES

#### CHARITABLE/POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Generally vote AGAINST proposals asking the company to affirm political nonpartisanship in the workplace so long as:

- o The company is in compliance with laws governing corporate political activities; and
- o The company has procedures in place to ensure that employee contributions to company-sponsored political action committees (PACs) are strictly voluntary and not coercive.

Vote AGAINST proposals to publish in newspapers and public media the company's political contributions as such publications could present significant cost to the company without providing commensurate value to shareholders.

Vote CASE-BY-CASE on proposals to improve the disclosure of a company's political contributions considering:

- o Recent significant controversy or litigation related to the company's political contributions or governmental affairs; and
- o The public availability of a policy on political contributions.

Vote AGAINST proposals barring the company from making political contributions. Businesses are affected by legislation at the federal, state, and local level and barring contributions can put the company at a competitive disadvantage.

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Vote AGAINST proposals restricting the company from making charitable contributions. Charitable contributions are generally useful for assisting worthwhile causes and for creating goodwill in the community. In the absence of bad faith, self-dealing, or gross negligence, management should determine which contributions are in the best interests of the company.

Vote AGAINST proposals asking for a list of company executives, directors, consultants, legal counsels, lobbyists, or investment bankers that have prior government service and whether such service had a bearing on the business of the company. Such a list would be burdensome to prepare without providing any meaningful information to shareholders.

LINK EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION TO SOCIAL PERFORMANCE

Vote CASE-BY-CASE on proposals to review ways of linking executive compensation to social factors, such as corporate downsizings, customer or employee satisfaction, community involvement, human rights, environmental performance, predatory lending, and executive/employee pay disparities. Such resolutions should be evaluated in the context of:

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- o The relevance of the issue to be linked to pay;
- o The degree that social performance is already included in the company's pay structure and disclosed;
- o The degree that social performance is used by peer companies in setting pay;
- o Violations or complaints filed against the company relating to the particular social performance measure;
- o Artificial limits sought by the proposal, such as freezing or capping executive pay
- o Independence of the compensation committee;
- o Current company pay levels.

OUTSOURCING/OFFSHORING

Vote CASE-BY-CASE on proposals calling for companies to report on the risks associated with outsourcing, considering:

- o Risks associated with certain international markets;
- o The utility of such a report to shareholders;
- o The existence of a publicly available code of corporate conduct that applies to international operations.

LABOR STANDARDS AND HUMAN RIGHTS

CHINA PRINCIPLES

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Vote AGAINST proposals to implement the China Principles unless:

- o There are serious controversies surrounding the company's China operations; and
- o The company does not have a code of conduct with standards similar to those promulgated by the International Labor Organization (ILO).

### COUNTRY-SPECIFIC HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTS

Vote CASE-BY-CASE on requests for reports detailing the company's operations in a particular country and steps to protect human rights, based on:

- o The nature and amount of company business in that country;
- o The company's workplace code of conduct;
- o Proprietary and confidential information involved;
- o Company compliance with U.S. regulations on investing in the country;
- o Level of peer company involvement in the country.

### INTERNATIONAL CODES OF CONDUCT/VENDOR STANDARDS

Vote CASE-BY-CASE on proposals to implement certain human rights standards at company facilities or those of its suppliers and to commit to outside, independent monitoring. In evaluating these proposals, the following should be considered:

- o The company's current workplace code of conduct or adherence to other global standards and the degree they meet the standards promulgated by the proponent;
- o Agreements with foreign suppliers to meet certain workplace standards;
- o Whether company and vendor facilities are monitored and how;
- o Company participation in fair labor organizations;
- o Type of business;
- o Proportion of business conducted overseas;
- o Countries of operation with known human rights abuses;
- o Whether the company has been recently involved in significant labor and human rights controversies or violations;
- o Peer company standards and practices;
- o Union presence in company's international factories.

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Generally vote FOR reports outlining vendor standards compliance unless any of the following apply:

- o The company does not operate in countries with significant human rights violations;
- o The company has no recent human rights controversies or violations; or
- o The company already publicly discloses information on its vendor standards compliance.

### MACBRIDE PRINCIPLES

Vote CASE-BY-CASE on proposals to endorse or increase activity on the MacBride Principles, taking into account:

- o Company compliance with or violations of the Fair Employment Act of 1989;
- o Company antidiscrimination policies that already exceed the legal requirements;
- o The cost and feasibility of adopting all nine principles;
- o The cost of duplicating efforts to follow two sets of standards (Fair Employment and the MacBride Principles);
- o The potential for charges of reverse discrimination;
- o The potential that any company sales or contracts in the rest of the United Kingdom could be negatively impacted;
- o The level of the company's investment in Northern Ireland;
- o The number of company employees in Northern Ireland;
- o The degree that industry peers have adopted the MacBride Principles;
- o Applicable state and municipal laws that limit contracts with companies that have not adopted the MacBride Principles.

### MILITARY BUSINESS

#### FOREIGN MILITARY SALES/OFFSETS

Vote AGAINST reports on foreign military sales or offsets. Such disclosures may involve sensitive and confidential information. Moreover, companies must comply with government controls and reporting on foreign military sales.

#### LANDMINES AND CLUSTER BOMBS

Vote CASE-BY-CASE on proposals asking a company to renounce future involvement in antipersonnel landmine production, taking into account:

- o Whether the company has in the past manufactured landmine components;
- o Whether the company's peers have renounced future production.

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Vote CASE-BY-CASE on proposals asking a company to renounce future involvement in cluster bomb production, taking into account:

- o What weapons classifications the proponent views as cluster bombs;
- o Whether the company currently or in the past has manufactured cluster bombs or their components;
- o The percentage of revenue derived from cluster bomb manufacture;
- o Whether the company's peers have renounced future production.

### NUCLEAR WEAPONS

Vote AGAINST proposals asking a company to cease production of nuclear weapons components and delivery systems, including disengaging from current and proposed contracts. Components and delivery systems serve multiple military and non-military uses, and withdrawal from these contracts could have a negative impact on the company's business.

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### OPERATIONS IN NATIONS SPONSORING TERRORISM (E.G., IRAN)

Vote CASE-BY-CASE on requests for a board committee review and report outlining the company's financial and reputational risks from its operations in a terrorism-sponsoring state, taking into account current disclosure on:

- o The nature and purpose of the operations and the amount of business involved (direct and indirect revenues and expenses) that could be affected by political disruption;
- o Compliance with U.S. sanctions and laws.

### SPACED-BASED WEAPONIZATION

Generally vote FOR reports on a company's involvement in spaced-based weaponization unless:

- o The information is already publicly available; or
- o The disclosures sought could compromise proprietary information.

### WORKPLACE DIVERSITY

#### BOARD DIVERSITY

Generally vote FOR reports on the company's efforts to diversify the board, unless:

- o The board composition is reasonably inclusive in relation to companies of similar size and business; or
- o The board already reports on its nominating procedures and diversity initiatives.

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Generally vote AGAINST proposals that would call for the adoption of specific committee charter language regarding diversity initiatives unless the company fails to publicly disclose existing equal opportunity or non-discrimination policies.

Vote CASE-BY-CASE on proposals asking the company to increase the representation of women and minorities on the board, taking into account:

- o The degree of board diversity;
- o Comparison with peer companies;
- o Established process for improving board diversity;
- o Existence of independent nominating committee;
- o Use of outside search firm;
- o History of EEO violations.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY (EEO)

Generally vote FOR reports outlining the company's affirmative action initiatives unless all of the following apply:

- o The company has well-documented equal opportunity programs;
- o The company already publicly reports on its company-wide affirmative initiatives and provides data on its workforce diversity; and
- o The company has no recent EEO-related violations or litigation.

Vote AGAINST proposals seeking information on the diversity efforts of suppliers and service providers, which can pose a significant cost and administration burden on the company.

GLASS CEILING

Generally vote FOR reports outlining the company's progress towards the Glass Ceiling Commission's business recommendations, unless:

- o The composition of senior management and the board is fairly inclusive;
- o The company has well-documented programs addressing diversity initiatives and leadership development;

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- o The company already issues public reports on its company-wide affirmative initiatives and provides data on its workforce diversity; and
  - o The company has had no recent, significant EEO-related violations or litigation.

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SEXUAL ORIENTATION

Vote FOR proposals seeking to amend a company's EEO statement in order to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation, unless the change would result in excessive costs for the company.

Vote AGAINST proposals to extend company benefits to or eliminate benefits from domestic partners. Benefits decisions should be left to the discretion of the company.

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10. MUTUAL FUND PROXIES

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Vote CASE-BY-CASE on the election of directors and trustees, following the same guidelines for uncontested directors for public company shareholder meetings. However, mutual fund boards do not usually have compensation committees, so do not withhold for the lack of this committee.

CONVERTING CLOSED-END FUND TO OPEN-END FUND

Vote CASE-BY-CASE on conversion proposals, considering the following factors:

- o Past performance as a closed-end fund;
- o Market in which the fund invests;
- o Measures taken by the board to address the discount; and
- o Past shareholder activism, board activity, and votes on related proposals.

PROXY CONTESTS

Vote CASE-BY-CASE on proxy contests, considering the following factors:

- o Past performance relative to its peers;
- o Market in which fund invests;
- o Measures taken by the board to address the issues;
- o Past shareholder activism, board activity, and votes on related proposals;
- o Strategy of the incumbents versus the dissidents;
- o Independence of directors;
- o Experience and skills of director candidates;
- o Governance profile of the company;
- o Evidence of management entrenchment.

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INVESTMENT ADVISORY AGREEMENTS

Vote CASE-BY-CASE on investment advisory agreements, considering the following factors:

- o Proposed and current fee schedules;
- o Fund category/investment objective;
- o Performance benchmarks;
- o Share price performance as compared with peers;
- o Resulting fees relative to peers;
- o Assignments (where the advisor undergoes a change of control).

APPROVING NEW CLASSES OR SERIES OF SHARES

Vote FOR the establishment of new classes or series of shares.

PREFERRED STOCK PROPOSALS

Vote CASE-BY-CASE on the authorization for or increase in preferred shares, considering the following factors:

- o Stated specific financing purpose;
- o Possible dilution for common shares;
- o Whether the shares can be used for antitakeover purposes.

1940 ACT POLICIES

Vote CASE-BY-CASE on policies under the Investment Advisor Act of 1940, considering the following factors:

- o Potential competitiveness;
- o Regulatory developments;
- o Current and potential returns; and

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- o Current and potential risk.

Generally vote FOR these amendments as long as the proposed changes do not fundamentally alter the investment focus of the fund and do comply with the current SEC interpretation.

CHANGING A FUNDAMENTAL RESTRICTION TO A NONFUNDAMENTAL RESTRICTION

Vote CASE-BY-CASE on proposals to change a fundamental restriction to a non-fundamental restriction, considering the following factors:

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- o The fund's target investments;
- o The reasons given by the fund for the change; and
- o The projected impact of the change on the portfolio.

### CHANGE FUNDAMENTAL INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE TO NONFUNDAMENTAL

Vote AGAINST proposals to change a fund's fundamental investment objective to non-fundamental.

### NAME CHANGE PROPOSALS

Vote CASE-BY-CASE on name change proposals, considering the following factors:

- o Political/economic changes in the target market;
- o Consolidation in the target market; and
- o Current asset composition.

### CHANGE IN FUND'S SUBCLASSIFICATION

Vote CASE-BY-CASE on changes in a fund's sub-classification, considering the following factors:

- o Potential competitiveness;
- o Current and potential returns;
- o Risk of concentration;
- o Consolidation in target industry.

### DISPOSITION OF ASSETS/TERMINATION/LIQUIDATION

Vote CASE-BY-CASE on proposals to dispose of assets, to terminate or liquidate, considering the following factors:

- o Strategies employed to salvage the company;
- o The fund's past performance;
- o The terms of the liquidation.

### CHANGES TO THE CHARTER DOCUMENT

Vote CASE-BY-CASE on changes to the charter document, considering the following factors:

- o The degree of change implied by the proposal;
- o The efficiencies that could result;
- o The state of incorporation;
- o Regulatory standards and implications.

Vote AGAINST any of the following changes:

- o Removal of shareholder approval requirement to reorganize or

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terminate the trust or any of its series;

- o Removal of shareholder approval requirement for amendments to the new declaration of trust;
- o Removal of shareholder approval requirement to amend the fund's management contract, allowing the contract to be modified by the investment manager and the trust management, as permitted by the 1940 Act;

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- o Allow the trustees to impose other fees in addition to sales charges on investment in a fund, such as deferred sales charges and redemption fees that may be imposed upon redemption of a fund's shares;
- o Removal of shareholder approval requirement to engage in and terminate subadvisory arrangements;
- o Removal of shareholder approval requirement to change the domicile of the fund.

CHANGING THE DOMICILE OF A FUND

Vote CASE-BY-CASE on re-incorporations, considering the following factors:

- o Regulations of both states;
- o Required fundamental policies of both states;
- o The increased flexibility available.

AUTHORIZING THE BOARD TO HIRE AND TERMINATE SUBADVISORS WITHOUT SHAREHOLDER APPROVAL

Vote AGAINST proposals authorizing the board to hire/terminate subadvisors without shareholder approval.

DISTRIBUTION AGREEMENTS

Vote CASE-BY-CASE on distribution agreement proposals, considering the following factors:

- o Fees charged to comparably sized funds with similar objectives;
- o The proposed distributor's reputation and past performance;
- o The competitiveness of the fund in the industry;
- o The terms of the agreement.

MASTER-FEEDER STRUCTURE

Vote FOR the establishment of a master-feeder structure.

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MERGERS

Vote CASE-BY-CASE on merger proposals, considering the following factors:

- o Resulting fee structure;
- o Performance of both funds;
- o Continuity of management personnel;
- o Changes in corporate governance and their impact on shareholder rights.

SHAREHOLDER PROPOSALS FOR MUTUAL FUNDS

ESTABLISH DIRECTOR OWNERSHIP REQUIREMENT

Generally vote AGAINST shareholder proposals that mandate a specific minimum amount of stock that directors must own in order to qualify as a director or to remain on the board.

REIMBURSE SHAREHOLDER FOR EXPENSES INCURRED

Vote CASE-BY-CASE on shareholder proposals to reimburse proxy solicitation expenses. When supporting the dissidents, vote FOR the reimbursement of the proxy solicitation expenses.

TERMINATE THE INVESTMENT ADVISOR

Vote CASE-BY-CASE on proposals to terminate the investment advisor, considering the following factors:

- o Performance of the fund's Net Asset Value (NAV);
- o The fund's history of shareholder relations;
- o The performance of other funds under the advisor's management.

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ITEM 8. PORTFOLIO MANAGERS OF CLOSED-END MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES.

(A) (1) IDENTIFICATION OF PORTFOLIO MANAGER(S) OR MANAGEMENT TEAM MEMBERS AND DESCRIPTION OF ROLE OF PORTFOLIO MANAGER(S) OR MANAGEMENT TEAM MEMBERS

First Trust Advisors L.P. ("First Trust") is the investment adviser of the registrant. The Investment Committee of First Trust is primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the registrant. There are currently five members of the Investment Committee, as follows:

NAME	POSITION WITH FIRST TRUST	LENGTH OF SERVICE WITH FIRST TRUST	PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING PAST FIVE YEARS
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Daniel J. Lindquist	Chairman of the Investment Committee and Senior Vice President	1-1/2 years	Senior Vice President of First Trust and First Trust Portfolios L.P., Chief Operating Officer of Mina Capital Management from 2000 to 2003
Robert F. Carey	Chief Investment Officer and Senior Vice President	14 years	Chief Investment Officer and Senior Vice President of First Trust; Senior Vice President of First Trust Portfolios L.P.
Jon C. Erickson	Senior Vice President	12 years	Senior Vice President of First Trust and First Trust Portfolios L.P. (August 2002 to present); Vice President of First Trust and First Trust Portfolios L.P. (March 1994 to August 2002)
David G. McGarel	Senior Vice President	8 1/2 years	Senior Vice President of First Trust and First Trust Portfolios L.P. (August 2002 to present); Vice President of First Trust and First Trust Portfolios L.P. (August 1997 to August 2002)
Roger F. Testin	Senior Vice President	4 1/2 years	Senior Vice President of First Trust (August 2001 to present); Analyst, Dolan Capital Management (1998-2001)

(A) (2) OTHER ACCOUNTS MANAGED BY PORTFOLIO MANAGER(S) OR MANAGEMENT TEAM MEMBER AND POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

OTHER ACCOUNTS MANAGED BY PORTFOLIO MANAGER(S) OR MANAGEMENT TEAM MEMBER

The Investment Committee manages the investment vehicles with the number of accounts and assets, as of December 31, 2005, set forth in the table below:

TYPE OF INVESTMENT VEHICLE

NUMBER OF ACCOUNTS

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Registered Investment Companies	26
Other Pooled Investment Vehicles	0
Other Accounts	0

None of the accounts managed by the Investment Committee pay an advisory fee that is based upon the performance of the account. In addition, First Trust believes that there are no material conflicts of interest that may arise in connection with the Investment Committee's management of the registrant's investments and the investments of the other accounts managed by the Investment Committee. However, because the investment strategies of the registrant and other accounts managed by the Investment Committee are based on fairly mechanical investment processes, the Investment Committee may recommend that certain clients sell and other clients buy a given security at the same time. In addition, because the investment strategies of the registrant and other accounts managed by the Investment Committee result in the clients investing in readily available securities, First Trust believes that there should not be material conflicts in the allocation of investment opportunities between the registrant and other accounts managed by the Investment Committee.

(A) (3) COMPENSATION STRUCTURE OF PORTFOLIO MANAGER(S) OR MANAGEMENT TEAM MEMBERS

The compensation structure for each member of the Investment Committee is based upon a fixed salary as well as a discretionary bonus determined by the management of First Trust. Salaries are determined by management and are based upon an individual's position and overall value to the firm. Bonuses are also determined by management and are based upon an individual's overall contribution to the success of the firm and the profitability of the firm. Salaries and bonuses for members of the Investment Committee are not based upon criteria such as performance of the registrant or the value of assets of the registrant. In addition, Mr. Carey, Mr. Erickson and Mr. McGarel also have an indirect ownership stake in the firm and will therefore receive their allocable share of ownership related distributions.

(A) (4) DISCLOSURE OF SECURITIES OWNERSHIP

As of December 31, 2005, the Investment Committee held the following shares of the registrant:

Name of Portfolio Manager or TEAM MEMBER	Dollar (\$) Range of Fund Shares Beneficially OWNED
Roger F. Testin	\$1 - \$10,000
Daniel J. Lindquist	\$0
Robert F. Carey	\$0
Jon C. Ericson	\$0
David G. McLarel	\$0

(b) Not applicable.

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ITEM 9. PURCHASES 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.

On December 12, 2005, the Registrant's Board of Trustees adopted an Amended Nominating and Governance Committee Charter which included some material changes to the procedures by which shareholders may recommend nominees to the Registrant's board of trustees as described below:

Any proposal to elect any person nominated by shareholders for election as trustee may only be brought before an annual meeting of the Registrant if timely written notice (the "Shareholder Notice") is provided to the secretary of the Registrant. Unless a greater or lesser period is required under applicable law, to be timely, the Shareholder Notice must be delivered to or mailed and received at Registrant's address, 1001 Warrenville Road, Suite 300, Lisle, Illinois 60532, Attn: W. Scott Jardine, not less than forty-five (45) days nor more than sixty (60) days prior to the first anniversary date of the date of the Registrant's proxy statement released to shareholders for the prior year's annual meeting; provided, however, if and only if the annual meeting is not scheduled to be held within a period that commences thirty (30) days before the first anniversary date of the annual meeting for the preceding year and ends thirty (30) days after such anniversary date (an annual meeting date outside such period being referred to herein as an "Other Annual Meeting Date"), such Shareholder Notice must be given in the manner provided herein by the later of the close of business on (i) the date forty-five (45) days prior to such Other Annual Meeting Date or (ii) the tenth (10th) business day following the date such Other Annual Meeting Date is first publicly announced or disclosed.

Any shareholder submitting a nomination of any person or persons (as the case may be) for election as a trustee or trustees of the Registrant shall deliver, as part of such Shareholder Notice: (i) a statement in writing setting forth (A) the name, age, date of birth, business address, residence address and nationality of the person or persons to be nominated; (B) the class or series and number of all shares of the Registrant owned of record or beneficially by each such person or persons, as reported to such shareholder by such nominee(s); (C) any other information regarding each such person required by paragraphs (a), (d), (e) and (f) of Item 401 of Regulation S-K or paragraph (b) of Item 22 of Rule 14a-101 (Schedule 14A) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act") (or any successor provision thereto); (D) any other information regarding the person or persons to be nominated that would be required to be disclosed in a proxy statement or other filings required to be made in connection with solicitation of proxies for election of trustees or directors pursuant to Section 14 of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder; and (E) whether such shareholder believes any nominee is or will be an "interested person" of the Registrant (as defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940) and, if not an "interested person," information regarding each nominee that will be sufficient for the Registrant to make such determination; and (ii) the written and signed consent of any person to be nominated to be named as a nominee and to serve as a trustee if elected. In addition, the trustees may require any proposed nominee to furnish such other information as they may reasonably require or deem necessary to determine the eligibility of such proposed nominee to serve as a trustee.

Without limiting the foregoing, any shareholder who gives a Shareholder Notice of any matter proposed to be brought before a shareholder meeting (whether or not involving nominees for trustees)

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shall deliver, as part of such Shareholder Notice: (i) the description of and text of the proposal to be presented; (ii) a brief written statement of the reasons why such shareholder favors the proposal; (iii) such shareholder's name and address as they appear on the Registrant's books; (iv) any other information relating to the shareholder that would be required to be disclosed in a proxy statement or other filings required to be made in connection with the solicitation of proxies with respect to the matter(s) proposed pursuant to Section 14 of the Exchange Act; (v) the class or series and number of all shares of the Registrant owned beneficially and of record by such shareholder; (vi) any material interest of such shareholder in the matter proposed (other than as a shareholder); (vii) a representation that the shareholder intends to appear in person or by proxy at the shareholder meeting to act on the matter(s) proposed; (viii) if the proposal involves nominee(s) for trustees, a description of all arrangements or understandings between the shareholder and each proposed nominee and any other person or persons (including their names) pursuant to which the nomination(s) are to be made by the shareholder; and (ix) in the case of a shareholder (a "BENEFICIAL OWNER") that holds shares entitled to vote at the meeting through a nominee or "street name" holder of record, evidence establishing such Beneficial Owner's indirect ownership of, and entitlement to vote, shares at the meeting of shareholders. As used herein, shares "beneficially owned" shall mean all shares which such person is deemed to beneficially own pursuant to Rules 13d-3 and 13d-5 under the Exchange Act.

A copy of the amended Nominating and Governance Committee Charter is available on the Registrant's website at [www.ftportfolios.com](http://www.ftportfolios.com).

### ITEM 11. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES.

- (a) The registrant's principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, have concluded that the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 30a-3(c) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act") (17 CFR 270.30a-3(c))) are effective, as of a date within 90 days of the filing date of the report that includes the disclosure required by this paragraph, based on their evaluation of these controls and procedures required by Rule 30a-3(b) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(b)) and Rules 13a-15(b) or 15d-15(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (17 CFR 240.13a-15(b) or 240.15d-15(b)).
- (b) There were no changes in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(d))) that occurred during the registrant's 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.

- (a) (1) Code of ethics, or any amendment thereto, that is the subject of disclosure required by Item 2 is attached hereto.
- (a) (2) Certifications pursuant to Rule 30a-2(a) under the 1940 Act and Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 are attached hereto.
- (a) (3) Not applicable.

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(b) Certifications pursuant to Rule 30a-2(b) under the 1940 Act and Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 are attached hereto.

SIGNATURES

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

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By (Signature and Title)\* /S/ JAMES A. BOWEN

James A. Bowen, Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer  
(principal executive officer)

Date MARCH 7, 2006

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

By (Signature and Title)\* /S/ JAMES A. BOWEN

James A. Bowen, Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer  
(principal executive officer)

Date MARCH 7, 2006

By (Signature and Title)\* /S/ MARK R. BRADLEY

Mark R. Bradley, Treasurer, Controller, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Accounting Officer  
(principal financial officer)

Date MARCH 7, 2006

\* Print the name and title of each signing officer under his or her signature.