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## ING PRIME RATE TRUST

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August 31, 2004

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PORTFOLIO MANAGERS' REPORT

Dear Shareholders:

ING Prime Rate Trust (the "Trust") is a diversified, closed-end management investment company that seeks to provide investors with as high a level of current income as is consistent with the preservation of capital. The Trust seeks to achieve this objective by investing in a professionally managed portfolio comprised primarily of senior loans.

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Net Assets
$ 1,037,826,321
Total Assets
$ 2,019,939,151
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Assets Invested in Senior Loans
Senior Loans Represented
Average Amount Outstanding per Loan
Industries Represented
Average Loan Amount per Industry
Portfolio Turnover Rate (YTD)
Weighted Average Days to Interest Rate Reset

PEFORMANCE SUMMARY

The Trust declared $\$ 0.11$ of dividends during the second fiscal quarter and $\$ 0.21$ for the six months ended August 31, 2004 . Based on the average month-end net asset value ("NAV") per share of $\$ 7.38$, this resulted in an annualized distribution rate of $5.74 \%(1)$ for the quarter and $5.68 \%(1)$ for the six months. The Trust's total return for the second fiscal quarter, based on NAV, was $1.70 \%$,
 quarter. For the six months, the total return, based on NAV, was $3.36 \%$, versus 2.08\% for the S\&P/LSTA Leveraged Loan Index. The total market value return (based on full reinvestment of dividends) for the Trust's common shares during the second fiscal quarter was $2.96 \%$ and $5.03 \%$ for the six months ended August 31, 2004.

## MARKET OVERVIEW

The non-investment grade loan market continued to exhibit both technical and fundamental strength during the most recent quarter. The primary drivers of loan performance continue to be credit market conditions and liquidity, the overall vigor of the U.S. economy, and the directional nature of short-term interest rates. Each of these elements has been favorably aligned for virtually all of this year; the most recent quarter offered no exception.

During the second calendar quarter of 2004 , domestic GDP expanded at an approximate $2.8 \%$ pace. While revised downward from earlier estimates, this pace provides a solid footing from which most economists envision renewed acceleration into 2005. Clearly, a vigorous economic backdrop is an essential ingredient to a sustained level of corporate merger and acquisition ("M\&A") activity, and in turn, a hearty pipeline of new loan transactions. Coinciding with increasingly robust growth, third quarter M\&A-related loan volumes posted their highest totals
(1) The distribution rate is calculated by annualizing dividends declared during the period and dividing the resulting annualized dividend by the Trust's average month-end net asset value (in the case of NAV) or the average month-end NYSE Composite closing price (in the case of Market). The distribution rate is based solely on the actual dividends and distributions, which are made at the discretion of management. The distribution rate may or may not include all investment income and ordinarily will not include capital gains or losses, if any.

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since the second quarter of 2000. Further, as the economy continues to expand, even at a somewhat uneven pace, and as commodity prices move ever upward, so has the expectation of a continued rise in short-term interest rates. Importantly, unlike fixed rate bonds, returns for which are inversely related to changes in interest rates, the loan asset class, by way of its floating rate profile, is expected to benefit as rates rise. Rounding out the triumvirate of positive factors affecting the loan market, credit trends continue to look relatively stable. Trailing default rates continue to hover near historical lows, and the percentage of the market comprised of loans rated CCC+ or lower by Standard \& Poor's recently fell to a level not seen in roughly six years.

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TOP TEN SENIOR LOAN INDUSTRY
SECTORS AS OF AUGUST 31, 2004
AS A PERCENTAGE OF:
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|  | TOTAL <br> ASSETS | NET |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
|  | ------ | ----- |
| Cable Television |  |  |
| Healthcare, Education and Childcare | $9.1 \%$ | $17.7 \%$ |
| Printing and Publishing | $7.3 \%$ | $14.2 \%$ |
| Automobile | $6.2 \%$ | $12.1 \%$ |
| Chemicals, Plastics and Rubber | $5.6 \%$ | $10.9 \%$ |
| Cellular | $5.4 \%$ | $10.5 \%$ |
| Containers, Packaging and Glass | $5.2 \%$ | $10.1 \%$ |
| Leisure, Amusement, Entertainment | $4.5 \%$ | $8.7 \%$ |
| Radio and TV Broadcasting | $4.3 \%$ | $8.4 \%$ |
| Retail Stores | $3.7 \%$ | $7.2 \%$ |

## PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DAILY.

For the considerable number of favorable trends impacting the loan market, there are a small number of emerging issues that offer a degree of pause. The price of oil, for one, if sustained at current levels, will certainly have a crimping effect on the pace of economic growth, and more specifically, those corporations that use crude oil as a direct or indirect input. Moreover, strong demand for loans, coupled with high levels of uninvested cash in the hands of investors, has bred a bit of an issuer's market. Not unexpectedly, as a result, we've seen both the compression of borrowing spreads to historical lows over the last few quarters and an increasing inflow of slightly lower quality loans coming to market. We are actively monitoring each of these developments.

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TOP TEN SENIOR LOAN ISSUERS AS
    OF AUGUST 31, 2004
    AS A PERCENTAGE OF:
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TOTAL
ASSETS

NET
ASSETS

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| Charter Communications Operating, LLC | $2.8 \%$ | $5.4 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Nextel Finance Company | $1.4 \%$ | $2.8 \%$ |
| Dex Media West, LLC | $1.3 \%$ | $2.5 \%$ |
| Century Cable Holdings, LLC | $1.3 \%$ | $2.5 \%$ |
| Olympus Cable Holdings, LLC | $1.3 \%$ | $2.4 \%$ |
| GGPLP, LLC | $1.1 \%$ | $2.1 \%$ |
| Insight Midwest Holdings, LLC | $1.0 \%$ | $2.0 \%$ |
| Federal-Mogul Corporation | $1.0 \%$ | $1.9 \%$ |
| Davita, Inc. | $1.0 \%$ | $1.9 \%$ |
| Allegheny Energy Supply Company | $1.0 \%$ | $1.9 \%$ |

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## PORTFOLIO OVERVIEW

The Trust during the quarter benefited from the robust supply of new loans (permitting continued full investment), ongoing broad-based price support due to strong demand for floating rate assets, and solid performance by several of the Trust's larger individual holdings. Early in the quarter, the Trust increased its exposure to the healthcare sector to $7.3 \%$ of total assets at quarter-end, as several large cap issuers in the medical device sub-sector came to market. We continue to view favorably this component of the healthcare industry due to high barriers to entry and relative stability of cash flows. Conversely, exposure to the cellular industry declined to $5.2 \%$ of total assets as Nextel Finance Company, the bellwether issuer in the sector, significantly reduced its loan facility. Following in Nextel's path, several other issuers in the sector also took advantage of robust market conditions to refinance existing debt balances and improve liquidity.

We continue to maintain a high level of diversification of the portfolio, across both issuer and industry lines. As of August 31, 2004, the average individual position accounted for approximately

PORTFOLIO MANAGERS' REPORT (continued)
$0.23 \%$ of the Trust's total assets, while the average amount invested per industry amounted to approximately $2.60 \%$ of total assets.

USE OF LEVERAGE

The Trust utilizes financial leverage to seek to increase the yield to the holders of common shares. As of August 31, 2004 , the Trust had $\$ 450$ million of "Aaa/AAA(2)" rated cumulative auction rate preferred shares outstanding, and $\$ 473$ million of borrowings outstanding under $\$ 525$ million in available credit facilities. Total leverage, as a percentage of total assets (including preferred shares), was $45.69 \%$ at period end. The use of leverage for investment purposes increases both investment opportunity and investment risk.
[CHART]

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| Equities and Other Assets | $1.4 \%$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Other Corporate Debt | $0.5 \%$ |
| Senior Loans | $98.1 \%$ |

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OUTLOOK

Fundamentally, our near-term outlook for the loan asset class remains positive. Investor demand for floating rate loans, already at a level not seen in several years, is expected to remain quite healthy if the Federal Reserve continues on its path of systematically increasing short-term interest rates. Strong demand typically translates into firm loan prices and stable net asset values. Further, at this point, there appears to be little on the immediate horizon that would threaten what is currently viewed as a fairly benign non-investment grade credit environment. We are on watch, however, for increasingly aggressive transaction structures (e.g., second lien and covenant-light loan facilities). Our strategy remains focused on delivering attractive risk-adjusted returns. As in the past, we will continue to forfeit yield in order to maintain credit discipline.

We thank you for your investment in ING Prime Rate Trust.

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/s/ Jeffrey A. Bakalar /s/ Daniel A. Norman
Jeffrey A. Bakalar Daniel A. Norman
SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT
SENIOR PORTFOLIO MANAGER SENIOR PORTFOLIO MANAGER
ING INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT CO. ING INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT CO.
ING Prime Rate Trust
September 27, 2004
(2) Obligations rated Aaa by Moody's Investors Service are judged to be of the highest quality, with minimal credit risk. An obligator rated 'AAA' has extremely strong capacity to meet its financial commitments. 'AAA' is the highest Issuer Credit Rating assigned by Standard \& Poor's. Credit quality refers to the Trust's underlying investments, not to the stability or safety of this Trust.
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|  | AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS PERIODS ENDED AUGUST 31, |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1 YEAR | 3 YEARS | 5 YEARS |
| Based on Net Asset Value (NAV) | 11.24\% | $5.42 \%$ | $3.70 \%$ |
| Based on Market Value | 13.16\% | 9.00\% | 4.67\% |
| Credit Suisse First Boston Leveraged Loan Index | $7.04 \%$ | $4.85 \%$ | $4.82 \%$ |
| S\&P/LSTA Leveraged Loan Index(a) | $6.55 \%$ | $4.78 \%$ | $4.99 \%$ |

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ASSUMES RIGHTS WERE EXERCISED AND EXCLUDES SALES CHARGES AND COMMISSIONS (b) , (c), (d)
(a) Performance since inception for the index is 5.30\% from January 1, 1997.
(b) Calculation of total return assumes a hypothetical initial investment at the net asset value (in the case of NAV) or the NYSE Composite closing price (in the case of Market Value) on the last business day before the first day of the stated period, with all dividends and distributions reinvested at the actual reinvestment price.
(c) On December 27, 1994, the Trust issued to its shareholders transferable rights which entitled the holders to subscribe for $17,958,766$ shares of the Trust's common stock at the rate of one share of common stock for each four rights held. On January 27,1995 , the offering expired and was fully subscribed. The Trust issued $17,958,766$ shares of its common stock to exercising rights holders at a subscription price of $\$ 8.12$. Offering costs of $\$ 4,470,955$ were charged against the offering proceeds.
(d) On October 18, 1996, the Trust issued to its shareholders non-transferable rights which entitled the holders to subscribe for $18,122,963$ shares of the Trust's common stock at the rate of one share of common stock for each five rights held. On November 12, 1996, the offering expired and was fully subscribed. The Trust issued $18,122,963$ shares of its common stock to exercising rights holders at a subscription price of $\$ 9.09$. Offering costs of $\$ 6,972,203$ were charged against the offering proceeds.

SENIOR LOANS ARE SUBJECT TO CREDIT RISKS AND THE POTENTIAL FOR NON-PAYMENT OF SCHEDULED PRINCIPAL OR INTEREST PAYMENTS, WHICH MAY RESULT IN A REDUCTION OF THE TRUST'S NAV.

THIS REPORT CONTAINS STATEMENTS THAT MAY BE "FORWARD-LOOKING" STATEMENTS. ACTUAL RESULTS COULD DIFFER MATERIALLY FROM THOSE PROJECTED IN THE "FORWARD-LOOKING" STATEMENTS.

THE VIEWS EXPRESSED IN THIS REPORT REFLECT THOSE OF THE PORTFOLIO MANAGERS, ONLY THROUGH THE END OF THE PERIOD OF THE REPORT AS STATED ON THE COVER. THE PORTFOLIO MANAGERS' VIEWS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT ANY TIME BASED ON MARKET AND OTHER CONDITIONS.

## INDEX DESCRIPTIONS

The CREDIT SUISSE FIRST BOSTON LEVERAGED LOAN INDEX is an unmanaged index of below investment grade loans designed to mirror the investable universe of the U.S. dollar-denominated leveraged loan market. An investor cannot invest directly in an index.

The S\&P/LSTA LEVERAGED LOAN INDEX ("LLI") is an unmanaged total return index that captures accrued interest, repayments, and market value changes. It represents a broad cross section of leveraged loans syndicated in the United States, including dollar-denominated loans to overseas issuers. Standard \& Poor's and the Loan Syndications \& Trading Association ("LSTA") conceived the LLI to establish a performance benchmark for the syndicated leveraged loan industry. An investor cannot invest directly in an index.

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YIELDS AND DISTRIBUTIONS RATES

(A) Yield is calculated by dividing the Trust's net investment income per share for the most recent thirty days by the net asset value (in the case of NAV) or the NYSE Composite closing price (in the case of market) at quarter-end. Yield calculations do not include any commissions or sales charges, and are compounded for six months and annualized for a twelve-month period to derive the Trust's yield consistent with the SEC standardized yield formula for investment companies.
(B) The distribution rate is calculated by annualizing each monthly dividend, then averaging the annualized dividends declared for each month during the quarter and dividing the resulting average annualized dividend amount by the Trust's average net asset value (in the case of NAV) or the NYSE Composite closing price (in the case of Market) at the end of the period.

PRINCIPAL RISK FACTOR(s) : This closed-end Fund may invest in below investment grade senior loans. Investment in the Fund involves the risk that borrowers may default on obligations, or that lenders may have difficulty liquidating the collateral securing the loans or enforcing their rights under the terms of the senior loans. Senior loans are subject to credit risks and the potential for non-payment of scheduled principal or interest payments, which may result in a reduction of the Fund's NAV. The use of leverage for investment purposes increases both investment opportunity and investment risk. In the event of a general market decline in the value of assets such as those in which the fund invests, the effect of that decline will be magnified in the fund because of the additional assets purchased with the proceeds of the leverage.

INTEREST RATE RISK: Changes in market interest rates will affect the yield on the Fund's Common Shares. If market interest rates fall, the yield on the Fund's Common Shares will also fall. In addition, changes in market interest rates may cause the Fund's NAV to experience moderate volatility because of the lag between changes in market rates and the resetting of the floating rates on assets in the Fund's portfolio. To the extent that market interest rate changes are reflected as a change in the market spreads for loans of the type and quality in which the Fund invests, the value of the Fund's portfolio may decrease in response to an increase in such spreads. Finally, substantial increases in interest rates may cause an increase in loan defaults as borrowers may lack the resources to meet higher debt service requirements.

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES as of August 31, 2004 (Unaudited)
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ASSETS:
Investments in securities at value (Cost $1,971,365,393)
Cash
Receivables:
    Investment securities sold
    Interest
    Other
Prepaid expenses
Total assets
LIABILITIES:
Notes payable
Payable for investments purchased
Deferred arrangement fees on senior loans
Dividends payable - preferred shares
Payable to affiliates
Accrued trustee fees
Other accrued expenses and liabilities
    Total liabilities
Preferred shares, $25,000 stated value per share at liquidation
    value (18,000 shares outstanding)
NET ASSETS
Net assets value per common share outstanding (net assets less preferred shares
    at liquidation value, divided by 140,648,915 shares of beneficial interest
    authorized and outstanding, no par value)
NET ASSETS CONSIST OF:
Paid-in capital
Undistributed net investment income
Accumulated net realized loss on investments
Net unrealized appreciation on investments
NET ASSETS
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STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS for the Six Months Ended August 31, 2004 (Unaudited)
INVESTMENT INCOME:
Interest
Arrangement fees earned
\$
42,224
Dividends

\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|}
\hline FROM DISTRIBUTIONS TO COMMON SHAREHOLDERS: From net investment income & & \((28,802,518)\) \\
\hline Total Distributions & & \((28,802,518)\) \\
\hline \multicolumn{3}{|l|}{FROM CAPITAL SHARE TRANSACTIONS:} \\
\hline Dividends reinvested for common shares & & 3,755,812 \\
\hline Sales of shares in connection with shelf offering & & 20,276,188 \\
\hline Net increase from capital share transactions & & 24,032,000 \\
\hline Net increase in net assets & & 27,500,880 \\
\hline \multicolumn{3}{|l|}{NET ASSETS:} \\
\hline Beginning of period & & 1,010,325,441 \\
\hline End of period (including undistributed net investment income of \(\$ 7,407,132\) and \(\$ 9,661,472\), respectively) & \$ & 1,037,826,321 \\
\hline SUMMARY OF CAPITAL SHARE TRANSACTIONS: & & \\
\hline Shares issued in payment of distributions from net investments income & & 164,979 \\
\hline Shares sold in connection with shelf offering & & \(2,845,665\) \\
\hline Net increase in shares outstanding & & 3,010,644 \\
\hline
\end{tabular}

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS for the Six Months Ended August 31, 2004 (Unaudited)

INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:
Interest received
Dividends received
Dividends paid to preferred shareholders
Arrangement fee paid
Other income received
Interest paid
Other operating expenses paid
Purchases of securities
Proceeds from sales of securities
Net cash used in operating activities

CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:
Distributions paid to common shareholders
Proceeds from shelf offerings
Net issuance of notes payable

Net cash flows provided by financing activities
Net increase in cash

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Cash at beginning of period
Cash at end of period
RECONCILIATION OF NET INCREASE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS TO NET
CASH USED IN OPERATING ACTIVITIES:
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations
Adjustments to reconcile net increase in net assets resulting from operations to
net cash provided by operating activities:
Change in unrealized depreciation on securities
Net accretion of discounts on securities
Realized loss on sale of securities
Purchase of securities
Proceeds on sale of securities
Increase in other assets
Decrease in interest receivable
Increase in prepaid expenses
Decrease in deferred arrangement fees on senior loans
Increase in preferred shareholder dividend payable
Increase in affiliate payable
Increase in accrued trustee fees
Increase in accrued expenses
Total adjustments
Net cash used in operating activities
NONCASH FINANCING ACTIVITIES
Reinvestment of dividends S

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FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

For a common share outstanding throughout the period
SIX MONTHS
ENDED
AUGUST 31,
2004
(UNAUDITED)
YEARS ENDED FEB
(UNA
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline \multicolumn{5}{|l|}{PER SHARE OPERATING PERFORMANCE} \\
\hline Net asset value, beginning of period & \$ & 7.34 & 6.73 & 7.20 \\
\hline Income from investment operations: & & & & \\
\hline Net investment income & \$ & 0.23 & 0.46 & 0.50 \\
\hline Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments & \$ & 0.04 & 0.61 & (0.47) \\
\hline Total from investment operations & \$ & 0.27 & 1.07 & 0.03 \\
\hline Distributions to Common Shareholders from net investment income & \$ & (0.21) & (0.42) & (0.45) \\
\hline Distribution to Preferred Shareholders & \$ & (0.02) & (0.04) & (0.05) \\
\hline Reduction in net asset value from Preferred Shares offerings & \$ & - & - & -- \\
\hline
\end{tabular}
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    Net asset value, end of year
    Closing market price at end of period
    | $\$$ | 7.38 | 7.34 | 6.73 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $\$$ | 8.01 | 7.84 | 6.46 |
| $\%$ | 5.03 | 28.77 | 2.53 |
| $\%$ | 3.36 | 15.72 | 0.44 |
|  |  |  |  |
| $\$$ | $1,037,826$ | $1,010,325$ | 922,383 |
| $\$$ | 450,000 | 450,000 | 450,000 |
|  |  |  |  |
| $\$$ | 25,000 | 25,000 | 25,000 |
| $\$$ | 473,000 | 225,000 | 167,000 |
| $\$$ | 2,120 | 2,500 | 2,500 |
| $\$$ | 387,448 | 143,194 | 190,671 |

    Average borrowings (000's)
    RATIOS TO AVERAGE NET ASSETS INCLUDING PREFERRED
SHARES (5)
Expenses (before interest and other fees related to
revolving credit facility)(6)
Expenses(6)
Net investment income(6)
RATIOS TO AVERAGE NET ASSETS PLUS BORROWINGS
Expenses (before interest and other fees related to
revolving credit facility)(6)
Expenses(6)
Net investment income(6)
RATIOS TO AVERAGE NET ASSETS
Expenses (before interest and other fees related to
revolving credit facility)(6)
Expenses(6)
Net investment income(6)
Portfolio turnover rate
Common shares outstanding at end of period (000's)

| $\%$ | 1.61 | 1.45 | 1.49 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $\%$ | 2.06 | 1.65 | 1.81 |
| $\%$ | 2.01 | 4.57 | 4.97 |
|  |  |  |  |
| $\%$ | 1.67 | 1.84 | 1.82 |
| $\%$ | 2.16 | 2.09 | 2.23 |
| $\%$ | 4.17 | 5.82 | 6.10 |
|  |  |  |  |
| $\%$ | 2.30 | 2.11 | 2.19 |
| $\%$ | 5.75 | 2.40 | 2.68 |
| $\%$ | 50 | 8.68 | 7.33 |
| $\%$ | 140,649 | 137,638 | 136,973 |

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(1) Total investment return calculations are attributable to common shares.
(2) Total investment return measures the change in the market value of your investment assuming reinvestment of dividends and capital gain distributions, if any, in accordance with the provisions of the Trust's dividend reinvestment plan.
(3) Total investment return at net asset value has been calculated assuming a purchase at net asset value at the beginning of each period and a sale at net asset value at the end of each period and assumes reinvestment of dividends and capital gain distributions in accordance with the provisions of the dividend reinvestment plan. This calculation differs from total investment return because it excludes the effects of changes in the market values of the Trust's shares.
(4) Asset coverage represents the total assets available for settlement of Preferred Stockholder's interest and notes payables in relation to the Preferred Shareholder interest and notes payable balance outstanding. The Preferred Shares were first offered November 2, 2000.
(5) Ratios do not reflect the effect of dividend payments to Preferred Shareholders; income ratios reflect income earned on assets attributable to the Preferred Shares.
(6) Annualized for periods less than one year.
(7) Calculated on total expenses before impact on earnings credits.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS as of August 31, 2004 (Unaudited)

NOTE 1 -- ORGANIZATION

ING Prime Rate Trust (the "Trust"), a Massachusetts business trust, is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 , as amended (the "1940 Act"), as a diversified, closed-end, management investment company. The Trust invests primarily in senior loans which are exempt from registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "`33 Act"), but which contain certain restrictions on resale and cannot be sold publicly. These loans bear interest (unless otherwise noted) at rates that float periodically at a margin above the Prime Rate of a U.S. bank specified in the credit agreement, the London Inter-Bank Offered Rate ("LIBOR"), the certificate of deposit rate, or in some cases another base lending rate.

\section*{NOTE 2 -- SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES}

The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies consistently followed by the Fund in the preparation of its financial statements. The policies are in conformity with accounting principals generally accepted in the United States of America for investment companies.
A. SENIOR LOAN AND OTHER SECURITY VALUATION. Senior loans held by the Trust are normally valued at the mean of the means of one or more bid and ask quotations obtained from an independent pricing service or other sources determined by the Board of Trustees to be independent and believed to be reliable. Loans for which reliable market value quotations are not readily available may be valued with reference to another loan or a group of loans for which reliable quotations are readily available and whose characteristics are comparable to the loan being valued. Under this approach, the comparable loan or loans serve as a proxy for changes in value of the loan being valued.

The Trust has engaged an independent pricing service to provide readily available, reliable market value quotations from dealers in loans and, when such quotations are not readily available, to calculate values under the proxy procedure described above. As of August 31, 2004, 98.4\% of total investments were valued based on these procedures. It is expected that most of the loans held by the Trust will continue to be valued with reference to quotations from the independent pricing service or with reference to the proxy procedure described above.

Prices from a pricing source may not be available for all loans and ING Investments, LLC (the "Investment Manager") or ING Investment Management Co. (formerly, Aeltus Investment Management, Inc.) ("ING IM" the "Sub-Adviser"), may believe that the price for a loan derived from market quotations or the proxy procedure described above is not reliable or accurate. Among other reasons, this may be the result of information about a particular loan or borrower known to the Investment Manager or the Sub-Adviser that the Investment Manager or the Sub-Adviser believes may not be known to the pricing service or reflected in a price quote. In this event, the loan is valued at fair value as determined in good faith under procedures established by the Trust's Board of Trustees and in accordance with the provisions of the 1940 Act. Under these procedures, fair value is determined by the Investment Manager and monitored by the Trust's Board of Trustees through its Valuation and Proxy Voting Committee. In fair valuing a loan, consideration is given to several factors, which may include, among others, the following: (i) the characteristics of and fundamental analytical data relating to the loan, including the cost, size, current interest rate, period until the next interest rate reset, maturity and base lending rate of the loan, the terms and conditions of the loan and any related agreements, and the position of the loan in the borrower's debt

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structure; (ii) the nature, adequacy and value of the collateral, including the Trust's rights, remedies and interests with respect to the collateral; (iii) the creditworthiness of the borrower and the cash flow coverage of outstanding principal and interest, based on an evaluation of its financial condition, financial statements and information about the borrower's business, cash flows, capital structure and future prospects;

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS as of August 31, 2004 (Unaudited) (continued)
NOTE 2 -- SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)
(iv) information relating to the market for the loan, including price quotations for, and trading in, the loan and interests in similar loans; (v) the reputation and financial condition of the agent for the loan and any intermediate participants in the loan; (vi) the borrower's management; and (vii) the general economic and market conditions affecting the fair value of the loan. Securities for which the primary market is a national securities exchange are valued at the last reported sale price. Securities reported by NASDAQ will be valued at the NASDAQ official closing price. Securities traded in the over-the-counter market and listed securities for which no sale was reported on a valuation date are valued at the mean between the last reported bid and ask price on such exchange. Securities other than senior loans for which reliable market value quotations are not readily available and all other assets will be valued at their respective fair values as determined in good faith by, and under procedures established by, the Board of Trustees of the Trust. Investments in securities maturing in less than 60 days from the date of valuation are valued at amortized cost, which, when combined with accrued interest approximates market value.
B. FEDERAL INCOME TAXES. It is the Trust's policy to comply with subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code and related excise tax provisions applicable to regulated investment companies and to distribute substantially all of its net investment income and net realized capital gains to its shareholders. Therefore, no federal income tax provision is required. No capital gain distributions will be made by the Trust until any capital loss carryforwards have been fully utilized or expire.
C. SECURITY TRANSACTIONS AND REVENUE RECOGNITION. Revolver and delayed draw loans are booked on a settlement date basis. Security transactions and senior loans are accounted for on trade date (date the order to buy or sell is executed). Realized gains or losses are reported on the basis of identified cost of securities sold. Dividend income is recognized on the ex-dividend date. Interest income is recorded on an accrual basis at the then-current interest rate of the loan. The accrual of interest on loans is discontinued when, in the opinion of management, there is an indication that the borrower may be unable to meet payments as they become due. Upon such discontinuance, all unpaid accrued interest is reversed. Cash collections on non-accrual senior loans are generally applied as a reduction to the recorded investment of the loan. Senior loans are generally returned to accrual status only after all past due amounts have been received. For all loans acquired prior to March 1, 2001, arrangement fees received, which represent non-refundable fees associated with the acquisition of loans, are deferred and recognized over the shorter of 2.5 years or the actual terms of the loan. For all loans, except revolving credit facilities, acquired subsequent to February 28, 2001, fees received are treated as discounts and are accreted whereas premiums are amortized.

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Fees associated with revolving credit facilities acquired subsequent to February 28, 2001 are deferred and recognized over the shorter of four years or the actual term of the loan.
D. DISTRIBUTIONS TO COMMON SHAREHOLDERS. The Trust declares dividends monthly for net investment income. Distributions from capital gains, if any, are declared and paid annually. The Trust may make additional distributions to comply with the distribution requirements of the Internal Revenue Code. The character and amounts of income and gains to be distributed are determined in accordance with federal income tax regulations, which may differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for investment companies. Dividends paid by the Trust from net investment income and distributions of net realized short-term capital gains are, for federal income tax purposes, taxable as ordinary income to shareholders. The Trust records distributions to its shareholders on the ex-dividend date.

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NOTE 2 -- SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)
E. DIVIDEND REINVESTMENTS. Pursuant to the Trust's Shareholder Investment Program (formerly known as the Automatic Dividend Reinvestment Plan), DST Systems, Inc., the Plan Agent, purchases, from time to time, shares of beneficial interest of the Trust on the open market to satisfy dividend reinvestments. Such shares are purchased on the open market only when the closing sale or bid price plus commission is less than the net asset value per share of the Trust's common shares on the valuation date. If the market price plus commissions is equal to or exceeds the net asset value, new shares are issued by the Trust at the greater of (i) net asset value or (ii) the market price of the shares during the pricing period, minus a discount of \(5 \%\).
F. USE OF ESTIMATES. Management of the Trust has made certain estimates and assumptions relating to the reporting of assets, liabilities, revenues, expenses and contingencies to prepare these financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America for investment companies. Actual results could differ from these estimates.
G. SHARE OFFERINGS. Beginning in the year ended February 28, 1999, the Trust began issuing shares under various shelf registration statements, whereby the net proceeds received by the Trust from share sales may not be less than the greater of (i) the NAV per share or (ii) \(94 \%\) of the average daily market price over the relevant pricing period.

NOTE 3 -- INVESTMENTS

For the six months ended August 31, 2004 , the cost of purchases and the proceeds from principal repayment and sales of investments, excluding short-term notes, totaled \(\$ 1,217,889,982\) and \(\$ 934,673,546\), respectively. At August 31, 2004 , the Trust held senior loans valued at \(\$ 1,945,548,616\) representing \(98.1 \%\) of its total investments. The market value of these assets is established as set forth in Note 2.

The senior loans acquired by the Trust typically take the form of a direct lending relationship with the borrower, and are typically acquired through an

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assignment of another lender's interest in a loan. The lead lender in a typical corporate loan syndicate administers the loan and monitors the collateral securing the loan.

Common and preferred shares, and stock purchase warrants held in the portfolio were acquired in conjunction with loans held by the Trust. Certain of these stocks and warrants are restricted and may not be publicly sold without registration under the ` 33 Act, or without an exemption under the ` 33 Act. In some cases, these restrictions expire after a designated period of time after issuance of the shares or warrants.

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NOTE 3 -- INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Dates of acquisition and cost or assigned basis of restricted securities are as follows:

DATE OF ACQUISITION
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|}
\hline Acterna, LLC -- Common Shares & 11/24/03 \\
\hline Acterna, Inc. -- Contingent Right & 11/24/03 \\
\hline Allied Digital Technologies Corporation -- Residual Interest in & \\
\hline Bankruptcy Estate & 06/05/02 \\
\hline AM Cosmetics Corporation -- Liquidation Interest & 03/07/03 \\
\hline Block Vision Holdings Corporation -- Common Shares & 09/30/02 \\
\hline Boston Chicken, Inc. -- Residual Interest in Boston Chicken Plan Trust & 12/26/00 \\
\hline Cedar Chemical -- Liquidation Interest & 12/31/02 \\
\hline Covenant Care, Inc. -- Warrants & 12/22/95 \\
\hline Covenant Care, Inc. -- Warrants & 01/18/02 \\
\hline Decision One Corporation -- Common Shares & 06/16/00 \\
\hline Electro Mechanical Solutions -- Residual Interest in Bankruptcy Estate & 10/02/02 \\
\hline Enginen Realty -- Common Shares & 11/24/03 \\
\hline Enterprise Profit Solutions -- Liquidation Interest & 10/21/02 \\
\hline Euro United Corporation -- Residual Interest in Bankruptcy Estate & 06/21/02 \\
\hline Exide Technologies -- Warrants & 11/30/01 \\
\hline Galey \& Lord -- Common Shares & 03/31/04 \\
\hline Gate Gourment Borrower, LLC -- Common Shares & 12/04/03 \\
\hline Gemini Leasing, Inc. -- Common Shares & 01/08/04 \\
\hline Grand Union Company -- Residual Interest in Bankruptcy Estate & 07/01/02 \\
\hline Holmes Group -- Common Shares & 05/26/04 \\
\hline Humphreys, Inc. -- Residual Interest in Bankruptcy Estate & 05/15/02 \\
\hline Imperial Home Decor Group, Inc. -- Common Shares & 05/02/01 \\
\hline Imperial Home Decor Group, Inc. -- Liquidation Interest & 01/22/04 \\
\hline Insilco Technologies -- Residual Interest in Bankruptcy Estate & 05/02/03 \\
\hline Intera Group, Inc. -- Common Shares & 11/29/02 \\
\hline IT Group, Inc. -- Residual Interest in Bankruptcy Estate & 09/12/03 \\
\hline Kevco, Inc. -- Residual Interest in Bankruptcy Estate & 06/05/02 \\
\hline Lincoln Paper And Tissue, LLC -- Residual Interest in Bankruptcy Estate & 06/08/04 \\
\hline Malden Mills Industries, Inc. -- Common Shares & 11/04/03 \\
\hline Malden Mills Industries, Inc. -- Preferred Shares & 11/04/03 \\
\hline Morris Material Handling, Inc. -- Common Shares & 10/09/01 \\
\hline MP Holdings, Inc. -- Common Shares & 04/16/01 \\
\hline
\end{tabular}

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\begin{tabular}{|c|c|}
\hline Murray's Discount Auto Stores, Inc. -- Escrow & 08/11/03 \\
\hline Neoplan USA Corporation -- Common Shares & 08/29/03 \\
\hline Neoplan USA Corporation -- Series B Preferred Shares & 08/29/03 \\
\hline Neoplan USA Corporation -- Series C Preferred Shares & 08/29/03 \\
\hline Neoplan USA Corporation -- Series D Preferred Shares & 08/29/03 \\
\hline New Piper Aircraft -- Residual Interest in Litigation Proceeds & 07/02/03 \\
\hline New World Restaurant Group, Inc. -- Warrants & 09/27/01 \\
\hline Norwood Promotional Products, Inc. -- Common Shares & 08/23/04 \\
\hline Safelite Glass Corporation -- Common Shares & 10/17/00 \\
\hline Safelite Realty -- Common Shares & 10/17/00 \\
\hline Scientific Games Corporation -- Common Shares & 10/30/03 \\
\hline Soho Publishing -- Common Shares & 01/10/02 \\
\hline Stellex Aerostructures, Inc. -- Common Shares & 10/17/01 \\
\hline Targus Group, Inc. -- Common Shares & 03/11/03 \\
\hline Tartan Textile Services, Inc. -- Series D Preferred Shares & 07/16/01 \\
\hline Tartan Textile Services, Inc. -- Series E Preferred Shares & 07/16/01 \\
\hline Telinget, Inc. -- Common Shares & 09/18/02 \\
\hline Tembec, Inc. -- Common Shares & 01/08/02 \\
\hline Transtar Metals -- Residual Interest in Bankruptcy Estate & 01/09/03 \\
\hline TSR Wireless, LLC -- Residual Interest in Bankruptcy Estate & 10/15/02 \\
\hline U.S. Aggregates -- Residual Interest in Bankruptcy Estate & 04/07/03 \\
\hline U.S. Office Products Company -- Residual Interest in Bankruptcy Estate & 02/11/04 \\
\hline
\end{tabular}

TOTAL RESTRICTED SECURITIES EXCLUDING SENIOR LOANS (MARKET VALUE OF \(\$ 25,445,720\) WAS \(2.5 \%\) OF NET ASSETS AT AUGUST 31, 2004)

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NOTE 4 -- MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION AGREEMENTS

The Trust has entered into an Investment Management Agreement with the Investment Manager, a wholly-owned subsidiary of ING Fund Services, LLC (the "Administrator"), to provide advisory and management services. The Investment Management Agreement compensates the Investment Manager with a fee, computed daily and payable monthly, at an annual rate of \(0.80 \%\) of the Trust's Managed Assets. For purposes of this Agreement, "Managed Assets" shall mean the Trust's average daily gross asset value, minus the sum of the Trust's accrued and unpaid dividends on any outstanding preferred shares and accrued liabilities (other than liabilities for the principal amount of any borrowings incurred, commercial paper or notes issued by the Trust and the liquidation preference of any outstanding preferred shares).

The Investment Manager entered into a Sub-Advisory Agreement with ING IM, a wholly-owned subsidiary of ING Groep N.V., effective August 19, 2003. Subject to such policies as the Board or the Investment Manager may determine, ING IM manages the Trust's assets in accordance with the Trust's investment objectives, policies, and limitations.

The Trust has also entered into an Administration Agreement with the Administrator to provide administrative services and also to furnish facilities. The Administrator is compensated with a fee, computed daily and payable monthly, at an annual rate of \(0.25 \%\) of the Trust's average daily Managed Assets.

NOTE 5 -- TRANSACTIONS WITH AFFILIATES AND RELATED PARTIES

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At August 31, 2004, the Trust had the following amounts recorded in payables to affiliates on the accompanying Statement of Assets and Liabilities:
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|}
\hline ACCRUED INVESTMENT & ACCRUED & \\
\hline MANAGEMENT FEES & ADMINISTRATIVE FEES & TOTAL \\
\hline \$ 1,317,860 & \$ 411,832 & 1,729,692 \\
\hline
\end{tabular}

The Trust has adopted a Retirement Policy covering all independent trustees of the Trust who will have served as a independent trustee for at least five years at the time of retirement. Benefits under this plan are based on an annual rate as defined in the plan agreement.

NOTE 6 -- COMMITMENTS

The Trust has entered into both a \(\$ 90\) million 364 -day revolving credit agreement which matures on August 25, 2005 and a \(\$ 435\) million 364 -day revolving securitization facility which matures on June 13, 2005, collateralized by assets of the Trust. Borrowing rates under these agreements are based on a fixed spread over LIBOR, the federal funds rate, or a commercial paper-based rate. Prepaid arrangement fees for these facilities are amortized over the term of the agreements. The amount of borrowings outstanding at August 31, 2004, was \(\$ 473\) million. Weighted average interest rate on outstanding borrowings was \(1.99 \%\), excluding fees related to the unused portion of the facilities, and other fees. The amount of borrowings represented \(23.42 \%\) of total assets at August 31, 2004. Average borrowings for the six months ended August 31, 2004 were \(\$ 387,448,370\) and the average annualized interest rate was \(1.93 \%\) excluding other fees related to the unused portion of the facilities, and other fees.

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NOTE 6 -- COMMITMENTS (CONTINUED)

As of August 31, 2004 , the Trust had unfunded loan commitments pursuant to the terms of the following loan agreements:

Allied Waste North America, Inc. Apria Healthcare Group, Inc.
Baker \& Taylor, Inc. Block Vision Holdings Corporation
Cincinnati Bell, Inc.
Entravision Communications Corporation
Envirosolutions, Inc.
Federal-Mogul Corporation
Geo Specialty Chemicals, Inc.
Green Valley Ranch Gaming, LLC
IESI Corporation
Innophos, Inc.
Neoplan USA Corporation Nutrasweet Acquisition Company Outsourcing Solutions, Inc.
\(\$ \quad 1,440,650\)
\(2,000,000\)
525,000
118,771
\(2,918,429\)
750,000
\(1,363,636\)
437,903
670,000
800,000
\(1,055,625\)
286,364
427,500
472,250
63,692

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}
\begin{tabular}{lr} 
Peabody Energy Corporation & \(2,500,000\) \\
Pinnacle Entertainment & 778,812 \\
Ply Gem Industries & 991,883 \\
Primedia Inc. & \(4,714,105\) \\
Saguaro Utility Group & \(4,500,000\) \\
SBA Senior Finance, Inc. & 780,769 \\
Six Flags Theme Parks, Inc. & \(3,000,000\) \\
United Defense Industries, Inc. & \(3,000,000\) \\
United Industries Corporation & \(1,796,923\) \\
Venetian Casino Resorts, LLC & \(1,363,636\) \\
& \begin{tabular}{l}
\(--=--=----\) \\
\end{tabular} \\
& \begin{tabular}{l}
\(\$ 36,755,948\) \\
\\
\end{tabular}
\end{tabular}

NOTE 7 -- RIGHTS AND OTHER OFFERINGS

As of August 31, 2004, outstanding share offerings pursuant to shelf registrations were as follows:
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|}
\hline REGISTRATION & SHARES & SHARES \\
\hline DATE & REGISTERED & REMAINING \\
\hline 9/15/98 & 25,000,000 & 19,055,149 \\
\hline 3/04/99 & 5,000,000 & 3,241,645 \\
\hline
\end{tabular}

On November 2, 2000, the Trust issued 3,600 shares each of Series M, Series W and Series F Auction Rate Cumulative Preferred Shares, \$. 01 Par Value, \(\$ 25,000\) liquidation preference, for a total issuance of \(\$ 270\) million. Also, on November 16, 2000, the Trust issued 3,600 shares of Series \(T\) and Series Th Auction Rate Cumulative Preferred Shares, \$.01 Par Value, \$25,000, liquidation preference, for a total issuance of \(\$ 180\) million. Costs associated with the offering of approximately \(\$ 5,438,664\) were charged against the proceeds received. The Trust used the net proceeds of the offering to partially pay down the then existing indebtedness and to purchase additional senior loans. Preferred Shares pay dividends based on a rate set at auctions, normally held every 7 days. In most instances dividends are also payable every 7 days, on the first business day following the end of the rate period.

NOTE 8 -- CUSTODIAL AGREEMENT

State Street Bank and Trust Company ("SSB") serves as the Trust's custodian and recordkeeper. Custody fees paid to \(S\) SB are reduced by earnings credits based on the cash balances held by SSB for the Trust. There were no earnings credits for the six months ended August 31, 2004.

NOTE 9 -- SUBORDINATED LOANS AND UNSECURED LOANS

The Trust may invest in subordinated loans and in unsecured loans. The primary risk arising from investing in subordinated loans or in unsecured loans is the potential loss in the event of default by the issuer of the loans. The Trust may acquire a subordinated loan only if, at the time of acquisition, it acquires or holds a senior loan from the same borrower. The Trust will acquire unsecured loans only where the Investment Manager believes, at the time of acquisition, that the Trust would have the right to payment upon default that is not subordinate to any other creditor. The Trust may invest up to \(5 \%\) of its total assets, measured at the time of investment, in subordinated loans and unsecured
loans. As of August 31, 2004, the Trust held \(0.48 \%\) of its total assets in subordinated loans and unsecured loans.

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NOTE 10 -- FEDERAL INCOME TAXES

Permanent differences are reclassified within the capital accounts based on their federal tax-basis treatment; temporary differences are not reclassified. Key differences include the treatment of short-term capital gains and wash sale deferrals. Distributions in excess of net investment income and/or net realized capital gains for tax purposes are reported as distributions of paid-in capital.

Dividends paid by the Trust from net investment income and distributions of net realized short-term capital gains are, for federal income tax purposes, taxable as ordinary income to shareholders.

The tax composition of dividends and distributions to shareholders was as follows:

SIX MONTHS ENDED AUGUST 31, 2004
YEAR ENDED FEBRUARY 29, 2004

ORDINARY INCOME
ORDINARY INCOME
\(\$ 31,732,499 \quad \$ \quad 62,849,228\)

The tax-basis components of distributable earnings and the expiration dates of the capital loss carryforwards which may be used to offset future realized capital gains for federal income tax purposes as of February 29, 2004 were as follows:
\begin{tabular}{cccc} 
& UNDISTRIBUTED & & POST-OCTOBER \\
UNDISTRIBUTED & LONG-TERM & UNREALIZED & CAPITAL LOSSES \\
ORDINARY INCOME & CAPITAL GAINS & DEPRECIATION & DEFERRED
\end{tabular}

NOTE 11 -- SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Subsequent to August 31, 2004, the Trust paid to Common Shareholders the

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following dividends from net investment income:


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SENIOR LOANS*: \(187.5 \%\) BANK LOAN

PRINCIPAL AMOUNT BORROWER/TRANCHE DESCRIPTION
RATINGS +
MOODY'S S\&P

AEROSPACE AND DEFENSE: \(1.8 \%\)


AUTOMOBILE: \(10.9 \%\)

956,171
\(1,314,797\)
AFTERMARKET TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION Ba3 BB-
Term Loan, maturing February 08, 2008
Term Loan, maturing February 08, 2008
CCC INFORMATION SERVICES, INC.
B1
B+

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\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{\multirow[t]{2}{*}{\(3,000,000\)}} & Term Loan, maturing August 20, 2010 & & \\
\hline & & COLLINS \& AIKMAN PRODUCTS & B1 & B+ \\
\hline \multirow[t]{2}{*}{1,229,416} & & Term Loan, maturing December 31, 2005 & & \\
\hline & & DAYCO PRODUCTS, LLC & B1 & BB- \\
\hline \multirow[t]{2}{*}{6,500,000} & & Term Loan, maturing June 23, 2011 & & \\
\hline & & DURA OPERATING CORPORATION & Ba3 & BB \\
\hline 3,136,000 & (2) & Term Loan, maturing December 31, 2008 FEDERAL-MOGUL CORPORATION & Ca & NR \\
\hline 8,502,361 & & Revolver, maturing February 24, 2004 & & \\
\hline 4,583,621 & & Term Loan, maturing February 24, 2004 & & \\
\hline \multirow[t]{2}{*}{7,975,500} & & Term Loan, maturing February 24, 2005 & & \\
\hline & & GOODYEAR TIRE \& RUBBER COMPANY & B1 & BB \\
\hline \multirow[t]{2}{*}{5,500,000} & & Term Loan, maturing March 31, 2006 & & \\
\hline & & GOODYEAR TIRE \& RUBBER COMPANY & B2 & B \\
\hline \multirow[t]{2}{*}{1,500,000} & & Term Loan, maturing March 31, 2006 & & \\
\hline & & GRAND VEHICLE WORKS HOLDINGS CORPORATION & B2 & B+ \\
\hline \multirow[t]{2}{*}{\(3,000,000\)} & & Term Loan, maturing July 31, 2010 & & \\
\hline & & GUILFORD MILLS, INC. & B2 & B+ \\
\hline \multirow[t]{2}{*}{2,739,130} & & Term Loan, maturing May 31, 2010 & & \\
\hline & & HLI OPERATING COMPANY, INC. & Ba3 & BB- \\
\hline \multirow[t]{2}{*}{4,772,222} & & Term Loan, maturing June 03, 2009 & & \\
\hline & & JL FRENCH AUTOMOTIVE CASTINGS & B3 & B \\
\hline \multirow[t]{2}{*}{\(3,500,000\)} & & Term Loan, maturing July 31, 2011 & & \\
\hline & & JL FRENCH AUTOMOTIVE CASTINGS & Caal & CCC+ \\
\hline \multirow[t]{2}{*}{1,500,000} & & Term Loan, maturing July 31, 2012 & & \\
\hline & & KEY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP & B1 & BB- \\
\hline \multirow[t]{2}{*}{1,500,000} & & Term Loan, maturing June 29, 2010 & & \\
\hline & & KEYSTONE AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRIES, INC. & B1 & B+ \\
\hline 1,428,261 & & Term Loan, maturing October 30, 2009 & & \\
\hline
\end{tabular}

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BANK LOAN
PRINCIPAL AMOUNT \(\quad\) BORROWER/TRANCHE DESCRIPTION

AUTOMOBILE: (CONTINUED)
\[
\$ \quad 2,995,000
\]
\[
\text { 4,397,435 Term Loan, maturing December 31, } 2009
\]
PLASTECH, INC. Ba3 BB-
\[
\text { 1,979,310 Term Loan, maturing February 12, } 2010
\]
RJ TOWER CORPORATION B1 B+
\[
\text { 6,000,000 Term Loan, maturing May 21, } 2009
\]
\[
\begin{array}{lll}
\text { SAFELITE GLASS CORPORATION } & \text { B3 }
\end{array}
\]
\[
\text { Term Loan, maturing September 30, } 2007
\]
\[
\text { Term Loan, maturing September 30, } 2007
\]
TENNECO AUTOMOTIVE, INC. B1 B+

Term Loan, maturing December 12, 2010TRANSPORTATION TECHNOLOGIES INDUSTRIES, INC.

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\begin{tabular}{lll}
\(2,493,750\) & Term Loan, maturing March 14, 2009 & Ba2 \\
\(1,600,000\) & TRW AUTOMOTIVE ACQUISITIONS CORPORATION & \\
\(9,888,261\) & Term Loan, maturing February 28, 2009 & BB+ \\
\(2,998,333\) & Term Loan, maturing February 28, 2011 & B1
\end{tabular}


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PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS as of August 31, 2004 (Unaudited) (continued)
\begin{tabular}{cc} 
BANK LOAN \\
PRINCIPAL AMOUNT & \\
BORATINGS+ & MOODY'S
\end{tabular}

BEVERAGE, FOOD AND TOBACCO: (CONTINUED)
MICHAEL FOODS, INC. B1 B+
\$ 3,970,000 Term Loan, maturing November 21, 2010
PIERRE FOODS, INC. B1
\(B 1 \quad B+\)
5,000,000 Term Loan, maturing June 30, 2010

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\begin{tabular}{llll} 
& PINNACLE FOODS CORPORATION & B1 & BB- \\
2,992,500 & \begin{tabular}{l} 
Term Loan, maturing November 25, 2010 \\
SOUTHERN WINE \& SPIRITS OF AMERICA, INC.
\end{tabular} & Ba3 & BB+ \\
\(2,952,486\) & Term Loan, maturing July 02, 2008 & &
\end{tabular}

BUILDINGS AND REAL ESTATE: 5.9\%
ASSOCIATED MATERIALS, INC. Ba3 B+
Term Loan, maturing August 02, 2010 ATRIUM COMPANIES, INC.

B+
Term Loan, maturing December 10, 2008 BUILDERS FIRSTSOURCE, INC.

B+
Term Loan, maturing February 25, 2010 BUILDING MATERIALS HOLDING CORPORATION

BB-
Term Loan, maturing August 21, 2010 CRESCENT REAL ESTATE EQUITIES, L.P.

BB+
\(2,876,806\)
Term Loan, maturing January 12, 2006 DMB NEWCO, LLC

NR
NR
7,443,993 Term Loan, maturing February 28, 2009 GGPLP, LLC

Ba1 BBB-
6,472,265
\(15,101,952\)
\(1,500,000\)
Term Loan, maturing April 16, 2006
Term Loan, maturing April 16, 2006
NCI BUILDING SYSTEMS, INC
Ba2 BB

Term Loan, maturing September 15, 2008 NORTEK, INC.
B1 B+
\(6,000,000\)
Term Loan, maturing August 25, 2011 PLY GEM INDUSTRIES
258,117 Revolver, maturing February 12, 2009
748,125
1,500,000
4,239,375
Term Loan, maturing March 15, 2010

Term Loan, maturing October 01, 2011

2,985,000 Term Loan, maturing December 04, 2009
WERNER HOLDINGS COMPANY, INC.
916,667 Term Loan, maturing June 11, 2009

CABLE TELEVISION: 17.8\%
(2) ADELPHIA COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION NR BBB

Debtor In Possession Term Loan, maturing March 31, 2005
ATLANTIC BROADBAND FINANCE, LLC
B2
B
2,000,000 Term Loan, maturing September 01, 2011 BRAGG COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
2,500,000 Term Loan, maturing August 31, 2011 BRESNAN COMMUNICATIONS, LLC B1

BB-

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\begin{tabular}{cc} 
& BANK LOAN \\
PRINCIPAL AMOUNT & BORROWER/TRANCHE \\
DESCRIPTION & MOODY'S
\end{tabular}

CABLE TELEVISION: (CONTINUED)
\(\$\)\begin{tabular}{r}
\(4,488,750\) \\
\(1,496,250\) \\
\(1,230,000\) \\
\(19,357,940\) \\
\(5,500,000\) \\
\(7,000,000\) \\
\(50,000,000\) \\
\(7,000,000\) \\
\(6,500,000\) \\
\(1,880,000\) \\
\(1,990,000\) \\
\(16,417,500\) \\
\(16,000,000\) \\
\(5,000,000\) \\
\(21,000,000\) \\
\(3,500,000\)
\end{tabular}

CEBRIDGE CONNECTIONS, INC.
NR
NR

Term Loan, maturing February 23, 2009
(2) CENTURY CABLE HOLDINGS, LLC

Caal
NR
Revolver, maturing March 31, 2009
Term Loan, maturing June 30, 2009
Term Loan, maturing December 31, 2009
CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS OPERATING, LLC
B2
B
Term Loan, maturing April 27, 2010
Term Loan, maturing April 27, 2011
(2) HILTON HEAD COMMUNICATIONS, L.P.

Caa1 NR
7,000,000
Revolver, maturing September 30, 2007
Term Loan, maturing March 31, 2008
INSIGHT MIDWEST HOLDINGS, LLC Ba3 BB+
Term Loan, maturing June 30, 2009
Term Loan, maturing December 31, 2009
Term Loan, maturing December 31, 2009
MEDIACOM COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION BA3 BB+
Term Loan, maturing September 30, 2010
(2) OLYMPUS CABLE HOLDINGS, LLC

B2 NR
Term Loan, maturing June 30, 2010
Term Loan, maturing September 30, 2010
PERSONA COMMUNICATION, INC. B2 B+
Term Loan, maturing May 31, 2011

CARGO TRANSPORT: 3.3\%
(2) AMERICAN COMMERCIAL LINES, LLC

Caa1 D
565,187
Debtor In Possession Term Loan,
maturing December 31, 2004
ATLANTIC EXPRESS TRANSPORT
B
\(6,000,000\)
971,000
\(1,942,090\)
\(3,500,000\)
\(2,500,000\)
\(1,822,500\)
5, 387,690
\(2,105,882\)

945,013
1,312,266

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CELLULAR: \(10.1 \%\)
\[
\begin{array}{r}
673,945 \\
9,664,033 \\
2,000,000 \\
10,947,494 \\
4,955,044 \\
3,250,538 \\
10,912,873 \\
6,912,500 \\
997,500 \\
28,859,987 \\
8,000,000 \\
2,500,000 \\
15,000,000
\end{array}
\]

AIRGATE PCS, INC.
Term Loan, maturing June 06,2007
Term Loan, maturing September 30, 2008
CELLULAR SOUTH, INC. Ba3 B+
Term Loan, maturing May 04,2011 CENTENNIAL CELLULAR OPERATING COMPANY B2 B-
Term Loan, maturing February 09, 2011
DOBSON CELLULAR SYSTEMS, INC. B1 B-
Term Loan, maturing March 31, 2010 INDEPENDENT WIRELESS ONE CORPORATION
Caal NR

Term Loan, maturing December 20, 2007
Term Loan, maturing June 20, 2008
MICROCELL SOLUTIONS, INC. B3 B-
Term Loan, maturing March 17, 2011 MICROCELL SOLUTIONS, INC.

Caa2 CCC-
Term Loan, maturing February 15, 2011 NEXTEL FINANCE COMPANY
Ba1 BBB

Term Loan, maturing December 15, 2010
NEXTEL PARTNERS OPERATING CORPORATION
Term Loan, maturing May 31, 2011
RURAL CELLULAR CORPORATION B2 B-
Floating Rate Note, maturing March 15, 2010
WESTERN WIRELESS CORPORATION
B2 B-
Term Loan, maturing May 31, 2011

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS AND RUBBER: 10.5\%
ACADIA ELASTOMERS CORPORATION NR NR
8,430,657 Term Loan, maturing March 31, 2004
BRENNTAG, AG B1 BB-
Term Loan, maturing December 09, 2011
CP KELCO APS
B3 B
2,190,168 Term Loan, maturing March 31, 2008
718,760 Term Loan, maturing September 30, 2008
FMC CORPORATION Ba1 BBB-
3,877,824
Term Loan, maturing December 22, 2007
(2) GEO SPECIALTY CHEMICALS, INC. Caa1 NR
\(1,740,101\)
Term Loan, maturing December 31, 2007
HERCULES, INC. Ba1 BB

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}
\begin{tabular}{ll}
\(9,301,688\) & Term Loan, maturing October 08, 2010 \\
& HUNTSMAN INTERNATIONAL, LLC
\end{tabular} B1 \(\quad\) B

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\begin{tabular}{cc} 
BANK LOAN \\
PRINCIPAL AMOUNT & \\
RATINGS+ \\
BORROWER/TRANCHE DESCRIPTION
\end{tabular}

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS AND RUBBER: (CONTINUED)
HUNTSMAN, LLC B2
Term Loan, maturing March 31, 2007
Term Loan, maturing March 31, 2007
INNOPHOS, INC. B1 B+
Term Loan, maturing August 13, 2010
JOHNSONDIVERSEY, INC. Ba3 BB-
Term Loan, maturing November 03, 2009
KRATON POLYMERS B1 BB-
2,942,502 Term Loan, maturing December 23, 2010
NALCO COMPANY B1 BB-
15,606,138 Term Loan, maturing November 04, 2010
NUTRASWEET ACQUISITION CORPORATION BR3 NR
Term Loan, maturing May 24, 2005
Term Loan, maturing June 30, 2006
Term Loan, maturing May 25, 2009
POLYPORE, INC. B1
B+
Term Loan, maturing November 12, 2011
RIPPLEWOOD HOLDINGS, LLC NR B+
Term Loan, maturing June 21, 2011
ROCKWOOD SPECIALTIES GROUP, INC.
B1
B+
\(12,000,000\)
Term Loan, maturing July 30, 2012

CONTAINERS, PACKAGING AND GLASS: 8.7\%
APPLETON PAPERS, INC. Ba3 BB
1,500,000 Term Loan, maturing June 11, 2010
BERRY PLASTICS CORPORATION B1 B+
Term Loan, maturing June 30, 2010
BWAY CORPORATION B1
B+
Term Loan, maturing June 30, 2011
CROWN CORK \& SEAL COMPANY, INC.
BB-
Term Loan, maturing September 15, 2008
GRAPHIC PACKAGING INTERNATIONAL, INC. B1 B+
Term Loan, maturing August 09, 2010
GREIF BROS. CORPORATION Ba3 BB B B B B B B B
Term Loan, maturing August 23, 2009
INTERTAPE POLYMER GROUP Ba3 B+
Term Loan, maturing July 28, 2011
JEFFERSON SMURFIT CORPORATION B1
B+

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\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{\multirow[t]{2}{*}{1,647,273}} & Term Loan, maturing March 31, 2007 & \multirow[b]{2}{*}{B1} & \multirow[b]{2}{*}{BB-} \\
\hline & & KERR GROUP, INC. & & \\
\hline \multirow[t]{2}{*}{2,178,547} & & Term Loan, maturing August 13, 2010 & & \\
\hline & & KOCH CELLULOSE & \multirow[t]{2}{*}{B1} & \multirow[t]{2}{*}{BB} \\
\hline \multirow[t]{2}{*}{1,808,148} & & Term Loan, maturing May 07, 2011 & & \\
\hline & & LINCOLN PAPER AND TISSUE, LLC & NR & NR \\
\hline 117,581 & & Term Loan, maturing November 28, 2005 & & \\
\hline 6,700,000 & & Term Loan, maturing May 01, 2009 & & \\
\hline 1,800,000 & & Term Loan, maturing May 01, 2009 & & \\
\hline 12,239,568 & (3) & Term Loan, maturing August 28, 2009 & & \\
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\end{tabular}

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DATA AND INTERNET SERVICES: 0.3\%
MCLEODUSA, INC. Caa2 NR
1,316,118 Term Loan, maturing May 30, 2008
MITCHELL INTERNATIONAL, INC. B1 B+
2,500,000 Term Loan, maturing August 15, 2011

DIVERSIFIED / CONGLOMERATE MANUFACTURING: 4.2\%
AXIA, INC. B2
B2 B
1,916,667 Term Loan, maturing November 30, 2010 BRAND SERVICES, INC. B1

B1 B
3,173,490 Term Loan, maturing October 16, 2009 CINRAM INTERNATIONAL, INC. Ba3 BB
3,000,000 Term Loan, maturing September 30, 2009

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\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|}
\hline & DRESSER, INC. & Ba3 & BB- \\
\hline 2,941,579 & Term Loan, maturing April 10, 2009 FLOWSERVE CORPORATION & Ba3 & BB- \\
\hline 1,062,588 & Term Loan, maturing June 30, 2006 & & \\
\hline \multirow[t]{2}{*}{3,270,900} & Term Loan, maturing June 30, 2009 & & \\
\hline & ITRON, INC. & Ba3 & BB- \\
\hline \multirow[t]{2}{*}{1,000,000} & Term Loan, maturing June 28, 2011 & & \\
\hline & MUELLER GROUP, INC. & B2 & B+ \\
\hline \multirow[t]{2}{*}{9,449,541} & Term Loan, maturing April 23, 2011 & & \\
\hline & NORCROSS SAFETY PRODUCTS, LLC & B1 & B+ \\
\hline \multirow[t]{2}{*}{945,913} & Term Loan, maturing March 20, 2009 & & \\
\hline & RLC INDUSTRIES COMPANY & B1 & BB+ \\
\hline \multirow[t]{2}{*}{2,980,000} & Term Loan, maturing February 26, 2010 & & \\
\hline & ROPER INDUSTRIES, INC. & Ba2 & BB+ \\
\hline \multirow[t]{2}{*}{3,266,250} & Term Loan, maturing December 29, 2008 & & \\
\hline & SENSUS METERING SYSTEMS, INC. & B2 & B+ \\
\hline 1,713,043 & Term Loan, maturing December 17, 2010 & & \\
\hline 256,957 & Term Loan, maturing December 17, 2010 & & \\
\hline
\end{tabular}

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\begin{tabular}{ccc} 
BANK LOAN \\
PRINCIPAL AMOUNT & & RATINGS+ \\
BORROWER/TRANCHE & DESCRIPTION & MODY'S
\end{tabular}
\begin{tabular}{rl} 
DIVERSIFIED / CONGLOMERATE MANUFACTURING: (CONTINUED) \\
SPX CORPORATION & Ba2
\end{tabular}
\$ 8,444,726 Term Loan, maturing September 30, 2009

DIVERSIFIED / CONGLOMERATE SERVICE: 1.8\%
AMERCO, INC. NR BB
\begin{tabular}{lll}
\(12,967,280\) & & Term Loan, maturing February 27, 2009 \\
& IRON MOUNTAIN, INC. & NR
\end{tabular}

ECOLOGICAL: 2.5\%
ALLIED WASTE NORTH AMERICA, INC
Revolver, maturing June 30, 2010
Term Loan, maturing January 15, 2010
Term Loan, maturing January 15, 2010
Term Loan, maturing January 15, 2010
ENVIROSOLUTIONS, INC.
Ba3
BB
59,350
\(13,072,321\)
\(1,000,000\)
2,000,000
3,559,091
Term Loan, maturing March 01, 2009
Term Loan, maturing March 31, 2009
GREAT LAKES DREDGE \& DOCK CORPORATION B2 B-

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\begin{tabular}{rll}
\(1,917,081\) & Term Loan, maturing December 22, 2010 & B1 \\
194,375 & IESI COPRORATION & \\
992,500 & Revolver, maturing September 30, 2008 & \\
& Term Loan, maturing September 30, 2010 & Ba2 \\
\(3,000,000\) & WASTE CONNECTIONS, INC. & BB+
\end{tabular}

ELECTRONICS: \(1.1 \%\)
\begin{tabular}{cll} 
& \begin{tabular}{l} 
ACTERNA, LLC \\
635,216 \\
Term Loan, maturing October 14, 2008 \\
ANTEON CORPORATION
\end{tabular} & NR
\end{tabular}

FARMING AND AGRICULTURE: 2.1\%
\begin{tabular}{lll}
\(4,615,833\) & AGCO CORPORATION & Ba1 \\
& \begin{tabular}{l} 
Term Loan, maturing January 31, 2006 \\
SCOTTS COMPANY
\end{tabular} & BB+ \\
\(1,000,000\) & Term Loan, maturing September 30, 2010 & BB
\end{tabular}

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\begin{tabular}{cc} 
& BANK LOAN \\
PRINCIPAL AMOUNT & \\
RORATINGS+ \\
BOWER/TRANCHE & DESCRIPTION
\end{tabular}

FARMING AND AGRICULTURE: (CONTINUED)
UNITED INDUSTRIES CORPORATION B1 B+
Revolver, maturing April 30, 2010
Term Loan, maturing April 29, 2011
VICAR OPERATING, INC. Ba3 BB-
Term Loan, maturing June 30, 2009

FINANCE: 1.1\%
\begin{tabular}{lll} 
REFCO GROUP & B1 & BB- \\
Term Loan, maturing August 05,2011 & & Ba2 \\
RENT-A-CENTER, INC. & BB+
\end{tabular}

6,000,000 Term Loan, maturing June 30, 2010

GAMING: 5.9\%
\(3,869,336\)
\(10,377,506\)
\(7,277,303\)
\(2,625,066\)
\(4,365,000\)
\(6,500,000\)
\(2,962,500\)
200,000
\(1,990,000\)
\(2,158,895\)
\(2,206,377\)
\(4,000,000\)
\(2,957,529\)
(2) ALADDIN GAMING, LLC

Caa1 NR
(3) Term Loan, maturing August 26, 2006
(3) Term Loan, maturing February 26, 2008

ALLIANCE GAMING CORPORATION Ba3 BB-
Term Loan, maturing September 04, 2009
AMERISTAR CASINOS, INC. Ba3 BB-
Term Loan, maturing December 20, 2006
ARGOSY GAMING COMPANY BB2 BB B B B
Term Loan, maturing July 31, 2008
BOYD GAMING CORPORATION Ba2 BB B B B B B B
Term Loan, maturing June 30, 2011
GLOBAL CASH ACCESS, LLC B2 B+
Term Loan, maturing March 10, 2010
GREEN VALLEY RANCH GAMING, LLC B1 B+
Revolver, maturing December 23, 2008
Term Loan, maturing December 22, 2010
ISLE OF CAPRI CASINOS, INC. Ba2 BB-
Term Loan, maturing April 26, 2008
PENN NATIONAL GAMING Ba3 BB-
Term Loan, maturing September 01, 2007
RUFFIN GAMING, LLC NR NR
Term Loan, maturing July 14, 2007
UNITED AUBURN INDIAN COMMUNITY Ba3 BB B B B B B
Term Loan, maturing January 24, 2009
VENETIAN CASINO RESORTS, LLC B1 B+

Term Loan, maturing August 06, 2011
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BANK LOAN
RATINGS+
PRINCIPAL AMOUNT
BORROWER/TRANCHE DESCRIPTION
MOODY'S
S\&P

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\(3,825,000\)
\(4,612,436\)
\(2,506,849\)
\(4,862,500\)
\(6,000,000\)
\(18,420,900\)
\(1,496,250\)
\(3,750,000\)
\(12,388,124\)
\(3,000,000\)
975,000
\(1,400,795\)
\(2,992,500\)
\(2,500,000\)
\(9,204,431\)
\(9,000,000\)
\(4,000,000\)
866,667
200,000
100,000
\(5,275,682\)
\(7,091,250\)
\(4,500,000\)
\(1,541,667\)
\(1,000,000\)
\(1,750,000\)
9

ADVANCED MEDICAL OPTICS, INC.
\begin{tabular}{rc} 
B1 & BB- \\
B1 & B+ \\
Ba1 & BBB-
\end{tabular} APRIA HEALTHCARE GROUP, INC.
Term Loan, maturing July 20, 2006
Term Loan, maturing July 20, 2006
Term Loan, maturing July 20, 2008
ARDENT HEALTHCARE
Term Loan, maturing August 12, 2011 COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC.
\begin{tabular}{rr} 
B1 & \(\mathrm{B}+\) \\
Ba 3 & \(\mathrm{BB}-\) \\
B 1 & \(\mathrm{~B}+\) \\
Ba 2 & BB
\end{tabular}

DAVITA, INC.
Term Loan, maturing March 31, 2007
Term Loan, maturing March 31, 2009
Term Loan, maturing June 30, 2010
DJ ORTHOPEDICS, LLC Ba3 BB-
Term Loan, maturing May 15, 2009
EMPI CORPORATION
\begin{tabular}{cc} 
B1 & \(\mathrm{B}+\) \\
Ba1 & BBB \\
Ba2 & BBB
\end{tabular}

Term Loan, maturing August 02, 2011
FRESENIUS MEDICAL CARE HOLDINGS, INC.
Ba1 BB+
Term Loan, maturing February 21, 2010 IASIS HEALTHCARE CORPORATION

B1 B+
Term Loan, maturing June 30, 2011
INSIGHT HEALTH SERVICES CORPORATION
B1 B+
Term Loan, maturing October 17, 2008
Term Loan, maturing October 17, 2008
Term Loan, maturing October 17, 2008
Term Loan, maturing October 17, 2008 KINETIC CONCEPTS, INC.
Term Loan, maturing August 11, 2010 LEINER HEALTH PRODUCTS GROUP, INC. Term Loan, maturing May 27, 2011 MAGELLAN HEALTH SERVICES, INC.
Term Loan, maturing August 15, 2008 MEDCATH CORPORATION
Term Loan, maturing June 30, 2011 MEDICAL DEVICE MANUFACTURING, INC. Term Loan, maturing June 30, 2010 PACIFICARE HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC. Term Loan, maturing June 03, 2008 SKILLED HEALTHCARE GROUP
\begin{tabular}{cc} 
B1 & BB- \\
B1 & B \\
B1 & B+ \\
B2 & B+ \\
B2 & B+
\end{tabular}

Ba3 BBB-

Term Loan, maturing June 28, 2010

B1
B

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HEALTHCARE, EDUCATION AND CHILDCARE: (CONTINUED)
SOLA INTERNATIONAL, INC. Ba3 BB-
\$ 1,975,000 Term Loan, maturing December 11, 2009
STERIGENICS INTERNATIONAL, INC. B2 B+

4,500,000 Term Loan, maturing June 14, 2011
SYBRON DENTAL MANAGEMENT, INC. BA2 B B
626,706 Term Loan, maturing June 06, 2009
TRIAD HOSPITALS, INC. Ba3 BB B B B B B
1,485,828 Term Loan, maturing September 30, 2008
VANGUARD HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC. Ba3 B
10,000,000 Term Loan, maturing May 18, 2009
VWR INTERNATIONAL, INC.
5,034,334 Term Loan, maturing April 07, 2011

HOME AND OFFICE FURNISHINGS: 3.9\%
BUHRMANN U.S., INC.
3,985,000 Term Loan, maturing December 31, 2010
GLOBAL IMAGING SYSTEMS, INC. Ba3 BB-
2,496,250 Term Loan, maturing May 10, 2010
HILLMAN GROUP, INC
B
2,992,500 Term Loan, maturing March 30, 2011
HOLMES GROUP, INC.
B
5,000,000 Term Loan, maturing November 08, 2010
IDENTITY GROUP, INC.
Term Loan, maturing April 30, 2006
MAAX CORPORATION
NR
4, 016,757
\(4,000,000\)
Term Loan, maturing June 04, 2011
SEALY MATTRESS COMPANY
Term Loan, maturing August 06, 2012 SIMMONS COMPANY

B+
8,323,704 Term Loan, maturing December 19, 2011
XEROX CORPORATION
Ba1 BB-
2,000,000 Term Loan, maturing September 30, 2008

INSURANCE: \(1.5 \%\)
CONSECO, INC
B2
\(15,000,000\)
Term Loan, maturing June 22, 2010

LEISURE, AMUSEMENT, ENTERTAINMENT: 8.4\%
AMF BOWLING WORLDWIDE, INC.
B1 B
2,493,750 Term Loan, maturing August 27, 2009 CINEMARK USA, INC.
Term Loan, maturing March 31, 2011
Term Loan, maturing March 31, 2011
FITNESS HOLDINGS WORLDWIDE, INC.
Ba3 BB-

Term Loan, maturing July 01, 2009 LODGENET ENTERTAINMENT CORPORATION B1 B

Term Loan, maturing June 30, 2006
LOEWS CINEPLEX ENTERTAINMENT CORPORATION B1 BB-
\(1,496,250\)
\(4,975,000\)

3,729,479
B

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LODGING: 3.2\%

7,000,000
\(12,323,944\)
\(14,606,929\)

BOCA RESORTS HOTEL CORPORATION
NR
NR
Term Loan, maturing July 22, 2009
CNL HOSPITALITY PARTNERS, L.P. NR NR
Term Loan, maturing January 02, 2005
WYNDHAM INTERNATIONAL, INC.
Term Loan, maturing June 30, 2006

ALLIANCE LAUNDRY HOLDINGS, LLC B1 B B
Term Loan, maturing August 02, 2007
(2) ANTHONY CRANE RENTAL, L.P. Caa2 CC

Term Loan, maturing July 20, 2006
BLOUNT, INC. B2 B+
Term Loan, maturing July 31, 2010
BUCYRUS INTERNATIONAL, INC. Ba3 BB-
Term Loan, maturing July 28, 2010
ENERSYS, INC. Ba3 BB
Term Loan, maturing March 17, 2011
JUNO LIGHTING, INC.
B1 B+
Term Loan, maturing November 21, 2010
MORRIS MATERIAL HANDLING, INC. NR NR
Term Loan, maturing September 28, 2004
NATIONAL WATERWORKS, INC.
B1 BB-
Term Loan, maturing November 22, 2009 REXNORD CORPORATION
Term Loan, maturing November 25, 2009
B1 B+

6,222,222

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\begin{tabular}{lll}
\(10,307,500\) & UNITED RENTALS (NORTH AMERICA), INC. & Ba3 \\
Term Loan, maturing February 14, 2011 & B1 & B1 \\
\(2,000,000\) & VUTEK, INC. & B+
\end{tabular}

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\begin{tabular}{cc} 
BANK LOAN \\
PRINCIPAL AMOUNT & \\
RATINGS+ & MORROWER/TRANCHE \\
DESCRIPTION & S\&P
\end{tabular}

MINING, STEEL, IRON AND NONPRECIOUS METALS: 0.9\%
FOUNDATION COAL CORPORATION Ba3 BB-
\(\$ 3,750,000\) Term Loan, maturing July 30, 2011
PEABODY ENERGY CORPORATION Ba1 BB+

5,887,500 Term Loan, maturing March 21, 2010

OIL AND GAS: 2.6\%
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|}
\hline & GETTY PETROLEUM MARKETING, INC. & B1 & BB - \\
\hline 6,000,000 & Term Loan, maturing May 19, 2010 & & \\
\hline & LA GRANGE ACQUISTION, L.P. & NR & NR \\
\hline 5,500,000 & Term Loan, maturing January 18, 2008 LYONDELL-CITGO REFINING, L.P. & Ba3 & BB \\
\hline \(2,000,000\) & Term Loan, maturing May 21, 2007 SEMCRUDE, L.P. & B1 & NR \\
\hline \(2,625,000\) & Term Loan, maturing August 31, 2010 TRANSWESTERN PIPELINE COMPANY & B1 & BB \\
\hline \(2,000,000\) & Term Loan, maturing April 30, 2009 VULCAN ENERGY CORPORATION & B1 & BB \\
\hline 4,000,000 & Term Loan, maturing March 31, 2010 WILLIAMS PRODUCTION RMT COMPANY & B2 & BB \\
\hline 3,971,303 & Term Loan, maturing May 30, 2007 & & \\
\hline
\end{tabular}

OTHER BROADCASTING AND ENTERTAINMENT: 4.7\%
DIRECTV HOLDINGS, LLC Ba2 BB B
7,020,306 \(\begin{aligned} & \text { Term Loan, maturing March 06, 2010 Ba3 BB- } \\ & \text { ECHOSTAR DBS CORPORATION }\end{aligned}\)
12,000,000 Floating Rate Note, maturing October 01, 2008
LIBERTY MEDIA CORPORATION Baa3 BBB-
15,000,000 Floating Rate Note, maturing
September 17, 2006
RAINBOW NATIONAL SERVICES, LLC B1 B+
10,000,000 Term Loan, maturing March 31, 2012

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\begin{tabular}{lll} 
& YANKEENETS, LLC & NR \\
Term Loan, maturing June 25, 2007 & NR \\
\(1,257,143\) & YANKEES HOLDINGS, L.P. & NR
\end{tabular}

OTHER TELECOMMUNICATIONS: 5.8\%
CINCINNATI BELL, INC. B1 B+
52,409 Revolver, maturing November 09, 2004
9,353,260 Term Loan, maturing June 30, 2008 CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS, INC. B1 B+
3,500,000 Term Loan, maturing March 31, 2010
2,500,000 Term Loan, maturing October 14, 2011
D\&E COMMUNICATIONS, INC. Ba3 BB-
2,984,921 Term Loan, maturing March 05, 2012 FAIRPOINT COMMUNICATIONS, INC. B2 B+
2,500,000 Term Loan, maturing March 31, 2009

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\begin{tabular}{ccc} 
& & BANK LOAN \\
PRINCIPAL AMOUNT & & RATINGS+ \\
BORROWER/TRANCHE & DESCRIPTION & MOODY'S
\end{tabular}

OTHER TELECOMMUNICATIONS: (CONTINUED)
GCI HOLDINGS, INC. Ba3 BB+
\$ 2,087,144 Term Loan, maturing October 31, 2007
INTERA GROUP, INC. NR NR

2,613,674 (3) Term Loan, maturing December 31, 2005
\(1,020,533\) (3) Term Loan, maturing December 31, 2005
1,991,408 (3) Term Loan, maturing December 31, 2005
PANAMSAT CORPORATION Ba3 BB+

12,000,000 Term Loan, maturing August 20, 2011
QWEST COMMUNICATIONS INTERNATIONAL, INC. B3 CCC+
15,000,000 Floating Rate Note, maturing February 15, 2009
QWEST CORPORATION B2 BB-

2,000,000 Term Loan, maturing June 30, 2007
TIME WARNER TELECOM HOLDINGS B1 B
3,000,000 Floating Rate Note, maturing February 15, 2011
VALOR COMMUNICATIONS GROUP B2 B+
5,000,000 Term Loan, maturing June 15, 2010

PERSONAL AND NONDURABLE CONSUMER PRODUCTS: 3.9\%
AMSCAN HOLDINGS, INC.
B+
3,000,000 Term Loan, maturing April 30, 2012
CHURCH \& DWIGHT COMPANY, INC. Ba2 BB
6,500,000 Term Loan, maturing May 30, 2011
JARDEN CORPORATION Ba3 B+ B B B B

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BANK LOAN
RATINGS+
PRINCIPAL AMOUNT
BORROWER/TRANCHE DESCRIPTION
MOODY'S S\&P

PERSONAL, FOOD AND MISCELLANEOUS: (CONTINUED)
JACK IN THE BOX, INC. Ba2 BB
\$ 5,480,000 Term Loan, maturing January 09, 2010
N.E.W. CUSTOMER SERVICES COMPANIES, INC. B1 B+

1,666,667 Term Loan, maturing August 01, 2009

PRINTING AND PUBLISHING: 12.1\%
ADAMS OUTDOOR ADVERTISING, L.P. B1 B+
5,000,000 Term Loan, maturing October 15, 2011
AMERICAN ACHIEVEMENT CORPORATION B1 B+
Term Loan, maturing March 25, 2011
AMERICAN MEDIA OPERATIONS, INC. Ba3 B+
Term Loan, maturing April 01, 2007
AMERICAN REPROGRAPHICS COMPANY B1 BB B B B

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2,487,500 Term Loan, maturing June 18, 2009 B3 B
948,284 Term Loan, maturing December 18, 2009
CANWEST MEDIA, INC. Ba3 B+
7,530,465 Term Loan, maturing August 15, 2009
DEX MEDIA EAST, LLC Ba2 BB-
7,227,230 Term Loan, maturing November 08, 2008
4,019,135 Term Loan, maturing May 08, 2009
DEX MEDIA WEST, LLC Ba2 BB-
Term Loan, maturing September 09, 2009
Term Loan, maturing March 09, 2010
FREEDOM COMMUNICATIONS Ba3 BB
Term Loan, maturing May 18, 2012
LAMAR MEDIA CORPORATION Ba2 BB-
Term Loan, maturing June 30, 2010
MC COMMUNICATIONS, LLC B2 B
Term Loan, maturing December 31, 2010
PRIMEDIA, INC. B3 B
Revolver, maturing June 30, 2008
Term Loan, maturing June 30, 2009
Term Loan, maturing December 31, 2009
R.H. DONNELLEY, INC. Ba3 BB
Term Loan, maturing June 30, 2010
READER'S DIGEST ASSOCIATIONS, INC. Ba1 BB
Term Loan, maturing May 20, 2008
TRANSWESTERN PUBLISHING COMPANY B1 B+
Term Loan, maturing February 25, 2011
TRANSWESTERN PUBLISHING COMPANY B3 B-
3,990,000 Term Loan, maturing February 25, 2012
ZIFF DAVIS MEDIA, INC. B3 CCC
8,797,982
RADIO AND TV BROADCASTING: 7.2%
BLOCK COMMUNICATIONS, INC. Ba2 BB-
2,797,328 Term Loan, maturing November 15, 2009

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\text { 2,500,000 Term Loan, maturing February 24, } 2012
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FISHER BROADCASTING, INC. Ba3 B+
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\text { Term Loan, maturing February 28, } 2010
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GRAY TELEVISION, INC. Ba2
\[
\text { Term Loan, maturing June 30, } 2011
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\begin{array}{lll}
\text { LIN TELEVISION CORPORATION Bal BB }
\end{array}
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\[
\text { Term Loan, maturing December 31, } 2007
\]
MISSION BROADCASTING, INC. Ba3
\[
\mathrm{Ba} 3 \quad \mathrm{~B}+
\]
\[
\text { Term Loan, maturing December 31, } 2010
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& 3,000,000 \\
& 5,000,000 \\
& 1,990,000 \\
& 7,000,000 \\
& 1,845,714
\end{aligned}
\]NEP BROADCASTINGB1 BTerm Loan, maturing November 30, 2010NEXSTAR BROADCASTING Ba3B+Term Loan, maturing December 31, 2010PAXSON COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATIONB1Floating Rate Note, maturing January 15, 2010SINCLAIR BROADCAST GROUP, INC.Ba2 BB
Term Loan, maturing June 30, 2009
Term Loan, maturing December 31, 2009SPANISH BROADCASTING SYSTEMS
B1 B+
Term Loan, maturing October 30, 2009
SUSQUEHANNA MEDIA COMPANY ..... Ba2 BB-
Term Loan, maturing March 31, 2012TELEVICENTRO OF PUERTO RICO,Ba1
Term Loan, maturing December 31, 2007BB

RETAIL STORES: 7.1\%
\[
5,098,445
\]
\[
1,218,367
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\[
975,000
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\[
1,000,000
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15,000,000
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1,663,339
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2,492,500
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5,000,000
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10,000,000
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BANK LOAN \\
PRINCIPAL AMOUNT & BORROWER/TRANCHE DESCRIPTION
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RETAIL STORES: (CONTINUED)

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\(2,493,750\)
\(2,866,019\)
\(1,000,000\)
\(8,895,652\)
\(2,533,747\)
\(10,945,000\)
\(2,187,166\)
\begin{tabular}{lll} 
NEBRASKA BOOK COMPANY, INC. & B2 & B \\
Term Loan, maturing March 04, 2011 & & B1 \\
ORIENTAL TRADING COMPANY, INC. & B+ \\
Term Loan, maturing August 06,2010 & B2 & B- \\
ORIENTAL TRADING COMPANY, INC. \\
Term Loan, maturing January 08, 2011 & B1 & B+ \\
PANTRY, INC. \\
Term Loan, maturing March 12, 2011 & Ba3 & BB \\
PETCO ANIMAL SUPPLIES, INC. & Ba3 & BB \\
Term Loan, maturing October 26, 2008 & Ba3 & BB \\
RITE AID CORPORATION \\
Term Loan, maturing April 30, 2008 & &
\end{tabular}

TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: 3.7\%
AAT COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION B1 B-
\[
\begin{array}{r}
3,500,000 \\
10,000,000 \\
3,878,996 \\
6,469,231 \\
8,263,258 \\
4,896,488 \\
753,471
\end{array}
\]SPECTRASITE COMMUNICATIONS, INC.Term Loan, maturing December 31, 2007

\section*{Term Loan, maturing January 16, 2012} AMERICAN TOWER, L.P.

B-

Term Loan, maturing August 31, 2011
CROWN CASTLE OPERATING COMPANY
Term Loan, maturing September 15, 2007 SBA SENIOR FINANCE, INC.
B1 B
B1 B-
B2 \(\mathrm{CCC}+\)
\[
\text { 6,469,231 Term Loan, maturing October 31, } 2008
\]
B1 B+

TEXTILES AND LEATHER: 0.7\%
\(2,653,074\)
\(2,573,615\)
735,319
\(3,000,000\)
\(1,512,165\)
(2) GALEY \& LORD, INC.
(3) Term Loan, maturing September 05, 2009 MALDEN MILLS INDUSTRIES, INC.

NR NR

Term Loan, maturing October 01, 2008
(3) Term Loan, maturing October 01, 2008

POLYMER GROUP, INC.
B+
Term Loan, maturing April 27, 2010
WILLIAM CARTER COMPANY Ba3
BB +

UTILITIES: 7.0\%
\(12,631,667\)
\(6,315,833\)
\(14,500,000\)

\section*{ALLEGHENY ENERGY SUPPLY COMPANY}

B1
Term Loan, maturing March 08, 2011
Term Loan, maturing June 08, 2011
ASTORIA ENERGY, LLC
Ba3

B+

B+

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TOTAL OTHER CORPORATE DEBT
(COST \$8,916,961)

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EQUITIES AND OTHER ASSETS: 2.6%
(@), (R) Acterna, LLC (85,722 Common Shares)
(@), (R) Acterna, Inc. - Contingent Stock Value Right
(1), (@), (R) Allied Digital Technologies Corporation
(Residual Interest in Bankruptcy Estate)
(@), (R) AM Cosmetics Corporation (Liquidation Interest)
(@), (R) Block Vision Holdings Corporation (571 Common Shares)
(2), (@), (R) Boston Chicken, Inc. (Residual Interest in Boston Chicken Plan Trust)
(@), (R) Cedar Chemical (Liquidation Interest)
(@), (R) Covenant Care, Inc. (Warrants for 19,000 Common Shares,
Expires January 13, 2005)
(@), (R) Covenant Care, Inc. (Warrants for 26,901 Common Shares,
Expires March 31, 2013)
(@), (R) Decision One Corporation (350,065 Common Shares)
(2), (@), (R) Electro Mechanical Solutions (Residual Interest in Bankruptcy Estate)
(@), (R) Enginen Realty (857 Common Shares)
(@), (R) Enterprise Profit Solutions (Liquidation Interest)
(4), (@), (R) Euro United Corporation (Residual Interest in Bankruptcy Estate)
(2), (@), (R) Exide Technologies (Warrants for 16,501 Common Shares,
March 16, 2006)
(@), (R) Galey \& Lord (203,345 Common Shares)
(@), (R) Gate Gourmet Borrower, LLC (Warrants for 101 Common Shares)
(@), (R) Gemini Leasing, Inc. (143,079 common shares)
(2), (@), (R) Grand Union Company (Residual Interest in Bankruptcy Estate)
(@) Hayes Lemmerz (73,835 Common Shares)
(@) Hayes Lemmerz (246 Preferred Shares)
(@), (R) Holmes Group (2,303, Common Shares)
(2), (@), (R) Humphreys, Inc. (Residual Interest in Bankruptcy Estate)
(2), (@), (R) Imperial Home Decor Group, Inc. (300,141 Common Shares)
(2), (@), (R) Imperial Home Decor Group, Inc. (Liquidation Interest)
(2), (@), (R) Insilco Technologies (Residual Interest in Bankruptcy Estate)
(@), (R) Intera Group, Inc. (864 Common Shares)
(2), (@), (R) IT Group, Inc. (Residual Interest in Bankruptcy Estate)
(2), (@), (R) Kevco, Inc. (Residual Interest in Bankruptcy Estate)
(2), (@), (R) Lincoln Paper And Tissue, LLC (Residual Interest in Bankruptcy Estate)
(@), (R) Malden Mills Industries, Inc. (436,865 Common Shares)
(@), (R) Malden Mills Industries, Inc. (1,427,661 Preferred Shares)
(@), (R) Morris Material Handling, Inc. (481,373 Common Shares)
(@), (R) MP Holdings, Inc. (590 Common Shares)
(@), (R) Murray's Discount Auto Stores, Inc. (Escrow Interest)
(@), (R) Neoplan USA Corporation (17,348 Common Shares)

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(@), & (R) & Neoplan USA Corporation \((1,814,180\) \\
Series B Preferred Shares) \\
(@), & (R) & Neoplan USA Corporation \((1,084,000\) Series C Preferred Shares) \\
(@), (R) & Neoplan USA Corporation (3,524,300 Series D Preferred Shares) \\
(@), (R) & New Piper Aircraft (Residual Interest in Litigation Proceeds)
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\section*{SECURITY DESCRIPTION}


TOTAL FOR EQUITY AND OTHER ASSETS
(COST \$33,919,899)

TOTAL INVESTMENTS
(COST \$1,971,365,393)
PREFERRED SHARES AND LIABILITIES IN EXCESS OF CASH AND OTHER ASSETS, NET

NET ASSETS
(@) Non-income producing security.
(R) Restricted security.
* Senior loans, while exempt from registration under the Security Act of 1933, as amended contain certain restrictions on resale and cannot be sold publicly. These senior loans bear interst (unless otherwise noted) at rates that float periodically at a margin above the London Inter-Bank Offered Rate ("LIBOR") and other short-term rates.
NR Not Rated
+ Bank Loans rated below Baa3 by Moody's Investor Services, Inc. or BBB- by

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standard \& Poor's Group are considered to be below investment grade.
(1) The borrower filed for protection under Chapter 7 of the U.S. Federal bankruptcy code.
(2) The borrower filed for protection under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Federal bankruptcy code.
(3) Loan is on non-accrual basis.
(4) The borrower filed for protection under the Canadian Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act.
(5) For federal income tax purposes, the cost of investments is \(\$ 1,972,850,494\). Net unrealized appreciation consists of the following:
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|}
\hline Gross Unrealized Appreciation & \multirow[t]{2}{*}{\$} & 38,709,633 \\
\hline Gross Unrealized Depreciation & & 29,181, 331 ) \\
\hline Net Unrealized Appreciation & \$ & 9,528,302 \\
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\end{tabular}

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SHAREHOLDER MEETING INFORMATION (Unaudited)

A special meeting of shareholders of the ING Prime Rate Trust was held June 15, 2004, at the offices of ING Funds, 7337 East Doubletree Ranch Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85258.

A brief description of each matter voted upon as well as the results are outlined below:

MATTERS:

ING PRIME RATE TRUST, COMMON SHARES
1. To elect nine members of the Board of Trustees to represent the interests of the holders of Common Shares of the Trust until the election and qualifications of their successors.

ING PRIME RATE TRUST, PREFERRED SHARES
2. To elect two members of the Board of Trustees to represent the interests of the holders of Auction Rate Cumulative Preferred Shares Series M, T, W, TH, and F of the Trust - until the election and qualification of their successors.

RESULTS:
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline \multirow[b]{3}{*}{PROPOSAL} & \multicolumn{4}{|c|}{SHARES VOTED} \\
\hline & SHARES & AGAINST OR & SHARES & BROKER \\
\hline & VOTED FOR & WITHHELD & ABSTAINED & NON-VOTE \\
\hline Paul S. Doherty & 117,790,259 & 2,558,077 & -- & -- \\
\hline Michael Earley & 117,897,099 & 2,451,237 & -- & -- \\
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\end{tabular}

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Trustees \\ R. Barbara Gitenstein Thomas J. McInerney David W.C. Putnam Blaine E. Rieke John G. Turner Roger B. Vincent Richard A. Wedemeyer
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\begin{tabular}{ll}
\(117,787,359\) & \(2,560,977\) \\
\(117,807,436\) & \(2,540,899\) \\
\(117,655,942\) & \(2,692,393\) \\
\(117,747,937\) & \(2,600,399\) \\
\(117,870,513\) & \(2,477,823\) \\
\(117,888,751\) & \(2,459,585\) \\
\(117,806,444\) & \(2,541,892\)
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\section*{ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Unaudited)}

\section*{SHAREHOLDER INVESTMENT PROGRAM}

The Trust offers a Shareholder Investment Program (the "Program," formerly known as the Dividend Reinvestment and Cash Purchase Plan) which allows holders of the Trust's common shares a simple way to reinvest dividends and capital gains distributions, if any, in additional common shares of the Trust. The Program also offers holders of the Trust's common shares the ability to make optional cash investments in any amount from \(\$ 100\) to \(\$ 100,000\) on a monthly basis.

For dividend reinvestment purposes, DST Systems, Inc. will purchase shares of the Trust on the open market when the market price plus estimated commissions is less than the net asset value on the valuation date. The Trust will issue new shares for dividend reinvestment purchases when the market price plus estimated commissions is equal to or exceeds the net asset value on the valuation date. New shares may be issued at the greater of (i) net asset value or (ii) the market price of the shares during the pricing period, minus a discount of \(5 \%\).

For optional cash investments, shares will be purchased on the open market by the DST Systems, Inc. when the market price plus estimated commissions is less than the net asset value on the valuation date. New shares will be issued by the Trust for optional cash investments when the market price plus estimated commissions is equal to or exceeds the net asset value on the valuation date. Such shares will be issued at a discount to market, determined by the Trust, between \(0 \%\) and \(5 \%\).

There is no charge to participate in the Program. Participants may elect to discontinue participation in the Program at any time. Participants will share, on a PRORATA basis, in the fees or expenses of any shares acquired in the open market.

Participation in the Program is not automatic. If you would like to receive more information about the Program or if you desire to participate, please contact your broker or the Trust's Shareholder Services Department at (800) 992-0180.

KEY FINANCIAL DATES -- CALENDAR 2004 DIVIDENDS:

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February 27
March 31
April 30
May 28
June 30
July 30
August 31
September 30
October 29
November 30
December 20

March 8
April 7
May 6
June 8
July 8
August 6
September 8
October 7
November 8
December 8
December 29

March 22
April 22
May 24
June 22
July 22
August 23
September 22
October 22
November 22
December 22
January 12

RECORD DATE WILL BE TWO BUSINESS DAYS AFTER EACH EX-DIVIDEND DATE. THESE DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

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STOCK DATA

The Trust's common shares are traded on the New York Stock Exchange (Symbol: PPR). Effective March 1, 2002, the Trust's name changed to ING Prime Rate Trust and its CUSIP number changed to 44977W106. The Trust's NAV and market price are published daily under the "Closed-End Funds" feature in Barron's, The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal and many other regional and national publications.

REPURCHASE OF SECURITIES BY CLOSED-END COMPANIES

In accordance with Section \(23(c)\) of the 1940 Act, and Rule \(23 c-1\) under the 1940 Act the Trust may from time to time purchase shares of beneficial interest of the Trust in the open market, in privately negotiated transactions and/or purchase shares to correct erroneous transactions.

NUMBER OF SHAREHOLDERS
The approximate number of record holders of Common Stock as of August 31, 2004 was 7,300 which does not include approximately 49,797 beneficial owners of shares held in the name of brokers of other nominees.

PROXY VOTING INFORMATION

A description of the policies and procedures that the Registrant uses to determine how to vote proxies related to portfolio securities is available (1) without charge, upon request, by calling Shareholder Services toll-free at 800-992-0180; (2) on the Registrant's website at www.ingfunds.com and (3) on the SEC's website at www.sec.gov.

Information regarding how the Registrant voted proxies related to portfolio securities during the most recent 12 -month period ended June 30 is available without charge on the Registrant's website at www.ingfunds.com and on the SEC website at www.sec.gov.

\section*{QUARTERLY PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS}

The Registrant files its complete schedule of portfolio holdings with the Commission for the first and third quarters of each fiscal year on Form \(N-Q\). The

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Registrant's Forms N-Q are available on the SEC's website at www.sec.gov. The Registrant's Forms \(N-Q\) may be reviewed and copied at the Commissions Public Reference Room in Washington, DC, and information on the operation of the Public Reference Room may be obtained by calling \(1-800-S E C-0330\); and is available upon request from the Registrant by calling Shareholder Services toll-free at 800-992-0180.

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INVESTMENT MANAGER
ING Investments, LLC
7 3 3 7 E. Doubletree Ranch Road
Scottsdale, Arizona 85258
SUB-ADVISER
ING Investment Management Co.
230 Park Avenue
New York, New York 10169
ADMINISTRATOR
ING Fund Services, LLC
7337 E. Doubletree Ranch Road
Scottsdale, Arizona }8525
1-800-992-0180
INSTITUTIONAL INVESTORS AND ANALYSTS
Call ING Prime Rate Trust
1-800-336-3436, Extension 2217
DISTRIBUTOR
ING Funds Distributor, LLC
7 3 3 7 E. Doubletree Ranch Road
Scottsdale, Arizona }8525
1-800-334-3444
TRANSFER AGENT
DST Systems, Inc.
P.O. Box 219368
Kansas City, Missouri 64141
CUSTODIAN
State Street Bank and Trust Company
8 0 1 ~ P e n n s y l v a n i a ~ A v e n u e
Kansas City, Missouri 64105
LEGAL COUNSEL
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Washington, D.C. 20006
INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM
KPMG LLP
355 S. Grand Avenue, Suite 2000
Los Angeles, CA 90071
WRITTEN REQUESTS
Please mail all account inquiries and other comments to:
ING Prime Rate Trust Account
c/o ING Fund Services, LLC
7337 E. Doubletree Ranch Road
Scottsdale, Arizona 85258

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TOLL-FREE SHAREHOLDER INFORMATION
Call us from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Eastern time on any business day for account or other information, at (800)-992-0180

FOR MORE COMPLETE INFORMATION, OR TO OBTAIN A PROSPECTUS ON ANY ING FUND, PLEASE CALL YOUR INVESTMENT PROFESSIONAL OR ING FUNDS DISTRIBUTOR, LLC AT (800) 992-0180 OR LOG ON TO www.ingfunds.com. THE PROSPECTUS SHOULD BE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE INVESTING. CONSIDER THE FUND'S INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES, RISKS, CHARGES AND EXPENSES CAREFULLY BEFORE INVESTING. THE PROSPECTUS CONTAINS THIS INFORMATION AND OTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE FUND.
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(0804-102904)

ITEM 2. CODE OF ETHICS.

Not required for semi-annual filing.
ITEM 3. AUDIT COMMITTEE FINANCIAL EXPERT.

Not required for semi-annual filing.
ITEM 4. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT FEES AND SERVICES.

Not required for semi-annual filing.
ITEM 5. AUDIT COMMITTEE OF LISTED REGISTRANTS.

Not required for semi-annual filing.
ITEM 6. SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS.

Schedule is included as part of the report to shareholders filed under Item 1 of this Form.

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

Not required for semi-annual filing.

ITEM 8. PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES BY CLOSED-END MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY AND AFFILIATED PURCHASERS.

Not applicable.
ITEM 9. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS.

The Board has a Nominating Committee for the purpose of considering and presenting to the Board candidates it proposes for nomination to fill Independent Trustee vacancies on the Board. The Committee currently consists of all Independent Trustees of the Board (6 individuals). The Nominating Committee operates pursuant to a Charter approved by the Board. The primary purpose of the Nominating Committee is to consider and present to the Board the candidates it proposes for nomination to fill vacancies on the Board. In evaluating candidates, the Nominating Committee may consider a variety of factors, but it has not at this time set any specific minimum qualifications that must be met. Specific qualifications of candidates for Board membership will be based on the needs of the Board at the time of nomination.

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The Nominating Committee is willing to consider nominations received from shareholders and shall assess shareholder nominees in the same manner as it reviews its own nominees. A shareholder nominee for director should be submitted in writing to the Fund's Secretary. Any such shareholder nomination should include at a minimum the following information as to each individual proposed for nomination as trustee: such individual's written consent to be named in the proxy statement as a nominee (if nominated) and to serve as a trustee (if elected), and all information relating to such individual that is required to be disclosed in the solicitation of proxies for election of trustees, or is otherwise required, in each case under applicable federal securities laws, rules and regulations.

The Secretary shall submit all nominations received in a timely manner to the Nominating Committee. To be timely, any such submission must be delivered to the Fund's Secretary not
earlier than the \(90 t h\) day prior to such meeting and not later than the close of business on the later of the \(60 t h\) day prior to such meeting or the 10th day following the day on which public announcement of the date of the meeting is first made, by either disclosure in a press release or in a document publicly filed by the Fund with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

ITEM 10. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES.
(a) Based on our evaluation conducted within 90 days of the filing date, hereof, the design and operation of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures are effective to ensure that material information relating to the registrant is made known to the certifying officers by others within the appropriate entities, particularly during the period in which Forms \(N\)-CSR are being prepared, and the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures allow timely preparation and review of the information for the registrant's Form N-CSR and the officer certifications of such Form N-CSR.
(b) There were no significant changes in the registrant's internal controls that occurred during the second fiscal quarter of the period covered by this report that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

ITEM 11. EXHIBITS.
(a) (1) The Code of Ethics is not required for the semi-annual filing.
(a) (2) A separate certification for each principal executive officer and principal financial officer of the registrant as required by Rule 30a-2 under the Act (17 CFR 270.30a-2) is attached hereto as EX-99.CERT.
(a) (3) Not required for semi-annual filing.
(b) The officer certifications required by Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 are attached hereto as EX-99.906CERT

\section*{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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(Registrant): ING PRIME RATE TRUST
By /s/ James M. Hennessy
James M. Hennessy
President and Chief Executive Officer
Date: November 5, 2004
Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the
Investment Company Act of 1940, this report has been signed below by the
following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the
dates indicated.
By /s/ James M. Hennessy
James M. Hennessy
President and Chief Executive Officer
Date: November 5, 2004
By /s/ Michael J. Roland
Michael J. Roland
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
Date: November 5, 2004

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