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### SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

### **FORM N-CSR**

# CERTIFIED SHAREHOLDER REPORT OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES

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Cohen & Steers REIT and Preferred Income Fund, Inc. (Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

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Date of fiscal year December 31

end:

Date of reporting period: June 30, 2008

Item 1. Reports to Stockholders.

August 8, 2008

#### To Our Shareholders:

We are pleased to submit to you our report for the six months ended June 30, 2008. The net asset value at that date was \$19.41 per common share. The fund's common stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) and its share price can differ from its net asset value; at period end, the fund's closing price on the NYSE was \$19.10. The total returns, including income, for the fund and the comparative benchmarks were:

	Six Months Ended June 30, 2008
Cohen & Steers REIT and Preferred Income Fund at Market Value <sup>a</sup>	6.95%
Cohen & Steers REIT and Preferred Income Fund at Net Asset Value <sup>a</sup>	6.11%
FTSE NAREIT Equity REIT Index <sup>b</sup>	3.59%
S&P 500 Index <sup>b</sup>	11.91%
Merrill Lynch Fixed Rate Preferred Index <sup>b</sup>	0.71%
Blended benchmark 50% FTSE NAREIT Equity REIT Index,	
50% Merrill Lynch Fixed Rate Preferred Index <sup>b</sup>	1.81%

The performance data quoted represent past performance. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. The investment return and the principal value of an investment will fluctuate and shares, if sold, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted. Performance results reflect the effects of leverage, resulting from the issuance of preferred shares.

Three monthly distributions of \$0.20 per common share were declared and will be paid to common shareholders on July 31, 2008, August 29, 2008 and September 30, 2008. The fund makes regular monthly cash distributions to common shareholders at a level rate based on the projected performance of the fund, which rate is a fixed dollar amount which may be adjusted from time to time (the "Policy"). As a result of this Policy, the fund may pay distributions in excess of the fund's investment company taxable income and net realized capital gains. This

- <sup>a</sup> As a closed-end investment company, the price of the fund's New York Stock Exchange-traded shares will be set by market forces and at times may deviate from the net asset value per share of the fund.
- <sup>b</sup> The FTSE NAREIT Equity REIT Index is an unmanaged, market capitalization weighted index of all publicly traded REITs that invest predominantly in the equity ownership of real estate. The index is designed to reflect the performance of all publicly traded equity REITs as a whole. The S&P 500 Index is an unmanaged index of common stocks that is frequently used as a general measure of stock market performance. The Merrill Lynch Fixed Rate Preferred Index is an unmanaged index of preferred securities.
- <sup>c</sup> Please note that distributions paid by the fund to shareholders are subject to recharacterization for tax purposes. The final tax treatment of these distributions is reported to shareholders after the close of the calendar year.

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excess would be a "return of capital" distributed from the fund's assets. Distributions of capital decrease the fund's total assets and, therefore, could have the effect of increasing the fund's expense ratio. In addition, in order to make these distributions, the fund may have to sell portfolio securities at a less than opportune time.

#### Investment Review

The six-month period was a negative and volatile one for U.S. real estate securities, although they outperformed the broader U.S. stock market by a wide margin. Having underperformed in 2007, REITs entered the period with considerable pessimism priced into their shares. They performed well in both absolute and relative terms through May, as fundamentals remained supportive: demand was moderate, there was limited new supply and earnings were generally in line with expectations. REITs also received a larger boost in a March-April "relief rally," after the Federal Reserve helped arrange the purchase of Bear Stearns by JPMorgan Chase while taking other steps to avert possible failures in the financial system.

However, sentiment toward REITs, and securities in general, including preferreds, rapidly deteriorated late in the period. Surging oil prices contributed to fears of global stagflation an unwelcome mix of rising inflation along with slowing economic growth. This led the U.S. Federal Reserve to leave interest rates unchanged at 2% at its June meeting, after steadily lowering rates from 5.25% beginning in September 2007. In addition, there were renewed concerns over the financial sector, with a heightened focus on the local and regional banking systems.

#### Self storage and apartments outperformed

Self storage was the top-performing sector with a total return of 12.2%, aided by favorable earnings and generally strong balance sheets. Apartments (+4.4%) outperformed as well, with share prices validated by recent property sales, which in most sectors have been scarce. The regional mall (2.7%) and health care (2.6%) sectors declined but outperformed the benchmark, aided by their relatively stable earnings.

The hotel sector (20.8%) was the poorest performer, due to concerns over the economy in general and the rising cost and reduced availability of air travel in particular. The industrial sector (11.8%) had a sizable decline, reflecting investors' concerns over a slowing global economy and business models driven by transactional income, in contrast to recurring income from long-term leases. The office sector (4.2%) underperformed amid concerns that employment levels could decline, particularly in areas with high concentrations of financial services tenants.

#### Preferred securities were positive contributors

Following their worst-ever annual performance in 2007 (double-digit declines), preferred securities, which are not included in the index, were strong performers early in the period. However, issuance from stressed financial institutions continued to set and break records in the period as banks sought to shore up their capital bases. Coupons shot up and security prices fell back; investors were truly being "paid to wait" for calmer markets. The abundance of supply from blue-chip names not only depressed secondary market prices it also prevented regional banks (which face their own mortgage-related losses) from accessing capital. REIT preferreds outperformed the broader preferred index.

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Leverage and AMPS complicated a difficult period

The fund employs leverage as part of a yield-enhancement strategy, as is the case with many closed-end funds. While leverage can increase total return in strong markets, it can have the opposite effect in declining markets. In the six-month period ended June 30, the fund's leverage detracted from performance.

The fund issued auction market preferred securities (AMPS) perpetual securities with dividend rates that are reset at weekly or monthly auctions. When there is an insufficient number of bids at an auction, the dividends are reset at the maximum rates allowed under the governing documents (See Note 5 in Notes to the Financial Statements). In February, the auctions stalled when the financial institutions that had often absorbed excess supply suspended their bids for AMPS. This triggered unsuccessful auctions that have resulted in an illiquid market for AMPS, including those issued by the fund.

Because leverage enhances current income even at current AMPS borrowing costs and because markets tend to trend upward over time, we believe that leverage will still help fulfill the fund's long-term objectives. To that end, the fund's board of directors is evaluating ways to recapitalize the fund to add other forms of financing, at an attractive cost of capital. Cohen & Steers will keep all shareholders informed of our progress. For more information and periodic updates, please visit cohenandsteers.com.

Preferreds boosted the fund's returns

On a pre-leverage basis, the fund significantly outperformed the FTSE NAREIT Equity REIT Index. The difference was the positive impact of the preferred holdings. Preferred securities have a designated objective of enhancing income and moderating volatility, and the fund's preferreds achieved that in the period. REIT preferreds, which were not directly affected by troubles in financial services, led the fund's performance.

Common stock selection in the office and regional mall sectors were the fund's biggest detractors, largely due to our overweight in a mall REIT that underperformed as a result of concerns over its exposure to areas with weak housing markets. However, the company also owns several malls in some of the strongest markets in the country and has a compelling development pipeline, so we believe the stock is attractively valued as investors have overlooked these characteristics. Our underweight in self storage also dragged on returns.

Based on valuations as well as our concerns over earnings stability, we maintained an underweight position in the industrial sector, which helped the fund's relative return. Performance was also aided by our underweight in the hotel sector, along with stock selection in the health care, apartment and shopping center sectors.

The fund's market price return was +7.0% for the period, despite its decline in net asset value, reflecting a general trend of narrowing discounts to underlying asset values among closed-end funds that invest in real estate securities. Discounts had widened considerably in 2007.

#### Investment Outlook

We expect REITs to generate earnings growth in the 4% to 6% range this year and in 2009, with demand and supply for commercial real estate remaining largely in balance. With REITs continuing to trade at historically greater-than-average discounts to NAV, we view them as attractive, given their moderate growth, relatively stable earnings and compelling yields. As of June 30, REITs had an average dividend yield of 5.3%, compared with a dividend yield of 2.4% for the S&P 500 Index and a yield of 4.0% for the 10-year Treasury.

High oil and gasoline prices, the specter of rising inflation and a credit crunch that has yet to fully run its course suggest that challenging macroeconomic conditions could persist over the next 12 to 18 months.

Companies we favor in this context include well-managed retail REITs, which typically have inflation pass-through provisions in their leases, and self storage companies, whose short-term leases allow for frequent mark-to-market rent increases. Our general focus remains on financially stronger companies whose business models, in our view, can be sustained despite what we expect to be a prolonged consumer recession and moderate corporate slowdown.

Record-breaking preferred issuance is likely to continue

The next six months will likely be unsettled as banks (especially regional banks) recognize more mortgage-related loan losses. As the largest financial institutions hit regulatory limits (preferred securities are generally limited to about 25% of capital), regional banks and REITs may begin to issue preferreds once again.

We will evaluate offerings from global institutions that have the diversification and access to credit and capital needed to ride out current market volatility, and will balance our portfolios with defensive sectors such as telecom and utilities. As always, we remain focused on management strength, transparency and sound balance sheets as we seek to maximize value while limiting risk.

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For more information about any of our funds, visit cohenandsteers.com, where you will find daily net asset values, fund fact sheets and portfolio highlights. You can also access newsletters, education tools and market updates covering the global real estate, listed infrastructure, utilities, large cap value and preferred securities sectors.

In addition, our Web site contains comprehensive information about our firm, including our most recent press releases, profiles of our senior investment professionals and an overview of our investment approach.

Our Leverage Strategy (Unaudited)

While we do not attempt to predict what future interest rates will be, it has been our philosophy to utilize interest rate swap transactions to seek to reduce the interest rate risk inherent in our utilization of leverage. Our leverage strategy involves issuing auction market preferred shares (AMPS) to raise additional capital for the fund, with an objective of increasing the net income available for shareholders. As of June 30, 2008, AMPS represented 44% of the fund's managed assets. Considering that AMPS have variable dividend rates, we seek to lock in the rate on a significant portion of this additional capital through interest rate swap agreements (where we effectively convert our variable rate obligation to a fixed rate obligation for the term of the swap agreements). Specifically, we have fixed the rate on 69% of our borrowings at an average interest rate of 3.8% for an average remaining period of 2.9 years (when we first entered into the swaps, the average term was 5.9 years). By locking in a significant portion or our leveraging costs, we have endeavored to adequately protect the dividend-paying ability of the fund. The use of leverage increases the volatility of the fund's net asset value in both up and down markets. However, we believe that locking in a portion of the fund's leveraging costs for the term of the swap agreements partially protects the fund from any impact that an increase in short-term interest rates may have as a result of the use of leverage.

#### Leverage Facts<sup>a</sup>

Leverage (as a % of managed assets)	44%
% Fixed Rate	69%
% Variable Rate	31%
Weighted Average Rate on Swaps	3.8%
Weighted Average Term on Swaps	2.9 years
Current Rate on AMPS <sup>b</sup>	3.8%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Data as of June 30, 2008. Information subject to change.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> The Articles Supplementary (the "Articles") creating each series of Auction Market Preferred Shares ("AMPS") provide for dividends to be paid at either the rate set in the current auction, or at the maximum rate as defined in the Articles if sufficient clearing bids for the AMPS are not received in the current auction. Beginning on February 13, 2008, sufficient clearing bids were not received for a number of auctions for certain AMPS series of the fund, and therefore, the maximum rates were declared on the respective AMPS series. For further information, please see Note 5 in Notes to Financial Statements or visit our Web site at cohenandsteers.com.

JUNE 30, 2008

Top Ten Holdings<sup>a</sup> (Unaudited)

		% of
	Market	Managed
Security	Value	Assets
Health Care REIT	\$ 71,088,750	4.3%
HCP	54,325,118	3.3
Boston Properties	48,781,232	2.9
Vornado Realty Trust	44,668,800	2.7
Mack-Cali Realty Corp.	40,621,296	2.4
Nationwide Health Properties	38,805,127	2.3
General Growth Properties	38,741,534	2.3
Home Properties	33,695,827	2.0
Macerich Co.	31,276,987	1.9
SL Green Realty Corp.	31,020,000	1.9

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Top ten holdings are determined on the basis of the market value of individual securities held. The fund may also hold positions in other types of securities issued by the companies listed above. See the Schedule of Investments for additional details on such other positions.

Sector Breakdown

(Based on Managed Assets) (Unaudited)

### SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

June 30, 2008 (Unaudited)

		Number of Shares	Value
COMMON STOCK	84.6%		
DIVERSIFIED	10.0%		
Boston Properties <sup>b</sup>		540,692	\$ 48,781,232
Vornado Realty Trust		507,600	44,668,800
			93,450,032
HEALTH CARE	21.5%		
HCP <sup>a</sup>		1,707,800	54,325,118
Health Care REIT		1,597,500	71,088,750
Nationwide Health Properties		1,232,300	38,805,127
Omega Healthcare Investors		637,700	10,617,705
Senior Housing Properties Trust		614,977	12,010,501
Ventas		335,000	14,260,950
			201,108,151
HOTEL	2.6%		
DiamondRock Hospitality Co.		612,900	6,674,481
Hospitality Properties Trust		477,200	11,672,312
Strategic Hotels & Resorts		695,400	6,515,898
			24,862,691
INDUSTRIAL	1.4%		
EastGroup Properties		105,500	4,525,950
ING Industrial Fund (Australia)		3,109,455	4,679,978
Segro PLC (United Kingdom)		532,745	4,175,617
			13,381,545
MORTGAGE	0.2%		
Gramercy Capital Corp.		150,000	1,738,500
OFFICE	14.4%		
BioMed Realty Trust		319,488	7,837,041
Brandywine Realty Trust		782,300	12,329,048
Derwent London PLC (United Kingdom)		123,876	2,487,163
Highwoods Properties		910,200	28,598,484
ING Office Fund (Australia)		1,428,040	1,574,338
Mack-Cali Realty Corp.		1,188,800	40,621,296
Maguire Properties		576,334	7,013,985
Parkway Properties		114,500	3,862,085
SL Green Realty Corp.		375,000	31,020,000
			135,343,440

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

### SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (Continued)

June 30, 2008 (Unaudited)

		Number of Shares	Value
OFFICE/INDUSTRIAL	3.0%		
Liberty Property Trust		585,299	\$ 19,402,662
Mission West Properties		778,800	8,535,648
			27,938,310
RESIDENTIAL APARTMENT	14.0%		
American Campus Communities		422,624	11,765,852
Apartment Investment & Management Co.		629,076	21,426,329
Camden Property Trust		556,800	24,643,968
Education Realty Trust		420,500	4,898,825
Home Properties		701,120	33,695,827
Mid-America Apartment Communities		376,000	19,191,040
UDR		706,600	15,813,708
			131,435,549
SELF STORAGE	2.7%		
Extra Space Storage		532,400	8,177,664
Sovran Self Storage		413,200	17,172,592
			25,350,256
SHOPPING CENTER	14.0%		
COMMUNITY CENTER	4.4%		
Cedar Shopping Centers		398,600	4,671,592
Developers Diversified Realty Corp.		651,100	22,599,681
Inland Real Estate Corp.		395,700	5,705,994
Ramco-Gershenson Properties Trust		390,000	8,010,600
			40,987,867
REGIONAL MALL	9.6%		
General Growth Properties		1,105,953	38,741,534
Glimcher Realty Trust		1,780,500	19,905,990
Macerich Co.		503,412	31,276,987
			89,924,511
TOTAL SHOPPING CENTER			130,912,378

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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### SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (Continued)

June 30, 2008 (Unaudited)

		Number of Shares	Value
SPECIALTY	0.8%	or shares	, arac
Entertainment Properties Trust		147,898	\$ 7,312,077
TOTAL COMMON STOCK (Identified cost \$718,385,918)			792,832,929
PREFERRED SECURITIES \$25 PAR VALUE	43.7%		
BANK	9.0%		
BAC Capital Trust XII, 6.875%, due 8/2/55,		161 247	2 521 200
Series C		161,247	3,531,309
Bank of America Corp., 8.20%		378,100	9,380,661
Citigroup, 8.125%, Series AA		290,759	6,513,002
Citigroup Capital VIII, 6.95%, due 9/15/31 (TruPS)		220,048	4,403,161
Cobank ACB, 7.00%, 144A, (\$50 par value) <sup>c,d</sup>		120,000	5,566,200
Deutsche Bank Contingent Capital Trust III,		.,	.,,
7.60%		400,000	9,148,000
Deutsche Bank Contingent Capital Trust V, 8.05%		240,000	5,745,600
JPMorgan Chase Capital XXVI, 8.00%, due		210,000	3,7 13,000
5/15/48, Series Z		450,000	11,650,500
M&T Capital Trust IV, 8.50%		90,000	2,178,000
PNC Capital Trust E, 7.75%		150,000	3,370,500
U.S. Bancorp Capital XI, 6.60%, due 9/15/66		269,968	5,715,223
U.S. Bancorp, 7.875%		225,000	5,710,500
Wachovia Corp., 8.00%		209,000	4,685,780
Wells Fargo Capital XII, 7.875%		280,000	6,997,200
			84,595,636
BANK FOREIGN	6.1%		
Barclays Bank PLC, 8.125%		579,500	14,249,905
Credit Suisse Guernsey, 7.90%		160,000	3,936,400
HSBC Holdings PLC, 8.125%		300,000	7,812,000
Royal Bank of Scotland Group PLC, 7.25%, Series T		165,211	3,378,565
Santander Finance Preferred, 4.00%, Series 6		140 400	2 222 124
(FRN)		140,490	2,332,134
Santander Finance Preferred, 6.50%		315,200	6,650,720
Santander Finance Preferred, 6.80%		846,607	18,591,490
ELECTRIC INTEGRATED	2.00		56,951,214
ELECTRIC INTEGRATED Constellation Energy Group, 8.625%, due	2.8%		
6/15/63, Series A		360,000	8,960,400
FPC Capital I, 7.10%, due 5/13/39, Series A		,	- /
(QUIPS)		150,000	3,525,000

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

### SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (Continued)

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		Number of Shares	Value
EDI Group Conital 6 60% dua 10/1/66 Sarias A		13,037	\$ 322,665
FPL Group Capital, 6.60%, due 10/1/66, Series A		,	, ,,,,,,
FPL Group Capital, 7.45%, due 9/1/67, Series E		130,003	3,380,078
PPL Energy Supply LLC, 7.00%, due 7/15/46		398,422	9,920,708
			26,108,851
ENERGY INTEGRATED OIL & GAS	1.1%		
Nexen, 7.35%, due 11/1/43, Series B		439,968	10,585,630
FINANCE	4.7%		
AGENCY	2.1%		
Federal National Mortgage Association, 8.25%		549,875	12,619,631
Federal National Mortgage Association, 8.25%, Series T		156,350	3,755,527
Freddie Mac, 8.375%, Series Z		127,400	3,095,820
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INVESTMENT BANKER/BROKER	2.3%		19,470,978
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Goldman Sachs Group, 3.75%, Series A (FRN)		121,000	2,163,480
Lehman Brothers Holdings, 7.95%, Series J		519,959	10,581,166
Merrill Lynch & Co., 8.625%		235,000	5,452,000
Morgan Stanley Capital Trust III, 6.25%		186,426	3,366,853
			21,563,499
MORTGAGE LOAN/BROKER	0.3%		
Countrywide Capital IV, 6.75%, due 4/1/33		80,025	1,419,643
Countrywide Capital V, 7.00%		97,220	1,700,378
			3,120,021
TOTAL FINANCE			44,154,498
GAS DISTRIBUTION	1.0%		
Southwest Gas Capital Trust II, 7.70%, due 9/15/43		374,489	9,122,552
INSURANCE	5.5%		
LIFE/HEALTH INSURANCE FOREIGN	0.2%		
Prudential PLC, 6.50%, Series A		100,000	1,850,000
MULTI-LINE	0.7%	·	, , ,
American International Group, 7.70%		296,406	6,636,530

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### SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (Continued)

June 30, 2008 (Unaudited)

		Number of Shares	Value
MULTI-LINE FOREIGN	2.5%		
Allianz SE, 8.375%		439,000	\$ 10,931,100
ING Groep N.V., 6.375%		100,000	1,855,000
ING Groep N.V., 7.375%		475,000	10,397,750
			23,183,850
PROPERTY CASUALTY	0.7%		
Berkley W R Capital Trust II, 6.75%, due 7/26/45		309,513	6,762,859
PROPERTY CASUALTY FOREIGN	0.7%		
Arch Capital Group Ltd., 7.875%, Series B		90,443	2,098,278
Arch Capital Group Ltd., 8.00%		175,500	4,087,395
			6,185,673
REINSURANCE FOREIGN	0.7%		
Aspen Insurance Holdings Ltd., 7.401%, Series A		160,000	3,456,000
Axis Capital Holdings Ltd., 7.50%, Series B			
(\$100 par value)		40,000	3,432,500
			6,888,500
TOTAL INSURANCE			51,507,412
MEDIA DIVERSIFIED SERVICES	2.6%		
Comcast Corp., 6.625%, due 5/15/56		249,685	5,375,718
Comcast Corp., 7.00%, due 5/15/55		122,694	2,895,578
Comcast Corp., 7.00%, due 9/15/55, Series B		516,394	11,980,341
Viacom, 6.85%, due 12/5/55		198,988	4,347,888
			24,599,525
REAL ESTATE	8.8%		
DIVERSIFIED	1.9%		
Duke Realty Corp., 6.95%, Series M		157,600	3,155,152
Duke Realty Corp., 7.25%, Series N		141,900	2,998,347
Duke Realty Corp., 8.375%, Series O		144,800	3,456,376
iStar Financial, 7.875%, Series E		185,000	3,459,500
iStar Financial, 7.80%, Series F		168,600	2,792,016
iStar Financial, 7.65%, Series G		56,291	906,285
Vornado Realty Trust, 6.75%, Series H		60,000	1,186,200
			17,953,876

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

### SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (Continued)

June 30, 2008 (Unaudited)

		Number of Shares	Value
HEALTH CARE	0.4%		
Omega Healthcare Investors, 8.375%, Series D		159,669	\$ 3,832,056
INDUSTRIAL	0.3%		
First Industrial Realty Trust, 7.25%, Series J		150,000	3,150,000
OFFICE	1.3%		
BioMed Realty Trust, 7.375%, Series A		55,000	1,100,000
Cousins Properties, 7.75%, Series A		357,300	8,039,250
SL Green Realty Corp., 7.625%, Series C		80,000	1,784,400
SL Green Realty Corp., 7.875%, Series D		60,000	1,380,000
			12,303,650
OFFICE/INDUSTRIAL	0.5%		
PS Business Parks, 7.00%, Series H		108,864	2,220,826
PS Business Parks, 7.95%, Series K		88,000	2,071,520
			4,292,346
RESIDENTIAL APARTMENT	0.7%		
Apartment Investment & Management Co., 8.00%, Series T		93,700	2,178,525
Apartment Investment & Management Co., 8.00%, Series V		101,000	2,302,800
Apartment Investment & Management Co., 7.875%, Series Y		110,000	2,483,800
			6,965,125
SELF STORAGE	1.3%		
Public Storage, 7.25%, Series I		185,107	4,146,397
Public Storage, 7.25%, Series K		267,035	5,890,792
Public Storage, 6.625%, Series M		120,000	2,384,400
			12,421,589
SHOPPING CENTER	2.2%		
COMMUNITY CENTER	1.7%		
Developers Diversified Realty Corp., 7.50%, Series I		62,720	1,347,225
Kimco Realty Corp., 7.75%, Series G		199,996	4,753,905
Regency Centers Corp., 7.25%, Series D		160,200	3,452,310
Saul Centers, 8.00%, Series A		60,000	1,434,000
Weingarten Realty Investors, 6.50%, Series F		250,000	4,987,500
			15,974,940

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### SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (Continued)

June 30, 2008 (Unaudited)

		Number of Shares	Value
REGIONAL MALL	0.5%		
CBL & Associates Properties, 7.75%, Series C		62,600	\$ 1,370,940
Glimcher Realty Trust, 8.75%, Series F		57,747	1,154,363
Glimcher Realty Trust, 8.125%, Series G		100,000	1,645,000
			4,170,303
TOTAL SHOPPING CENTER			20,145,243
SPECIALTY	0.2%		
Digital Realty Trust, 8.50%, Series A		29,000	669,320
Digital Realty Trust, 7.875%, Series B		46,900	988,183
			1,657,503
TOTAL REAL ESTATE			82,721,388
TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES	1.1%		
Telephone & Data Systems, 7.60%, due 12/1/41,			
Series A		297,505	6,211,904
United States Cellular Corp., 7.50%, due 6/15/34		152,400	3,546,348
			9,758,252
UTILITIES	1.0%		
American Electric Power Co., 8.75%		127,309	3,279,480
Xcel Energy, 7.60%		240,000	5,920,800
TOTAL PREFERRED SECURITIES \$25 PAR VALUE			9,200,280
(Identified cost \$446,390,438)			409,305,238
PREFERRED SECURITIES CAPITAL SECURITIES	38.0%		
BANK	15.0%		
AgFirst Farm Credit Bank, 6.585%, due 6/29/49, 144A <sup>c</sup>		3,000,000	2,185,983
AgFirst Farm Credit Bank, 7.30%, due 10/14/49, 144A <sup>c</sup>		18,000,000	16,689,312
Astoria Capital Trust I, 9.75%, due 11/1/29, Series B		10,000,000	10,347,120
Bank of America Corp., 8.125%, due 12/29/49		5,500,000	5,205,805
Bank of America Corp., 8.00%, due 12/29/49		23,000,000	21,582,970
BB&T Capital Trust IV, 6.82%, due 6/12/77		3,500,000	2,982,455
CBG Florida REIT Corp., 7.114%, due 2/15/49, 144A <sup>c,d</sup>		3,000,000	815,208
Citigroup, 8.40%, due 4/29/49		26,500,000	25,224,290
Citigroup Capital XXI, 8.30%, due 12/21/57		5,000,000	4,734,095

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### SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (Continued)

June 30, 2008 (Unaudited)

		Number of Shares	Value
JP Morgan Chase Capital XVIII, 6.45%, due 12/15/65, Series R		5,000,000	\$ 4,625,545
JPMorgan Chase, 7.90%, due 4/29/49			. , ,
PNC Preferred Funding Trust I, 8.70%, due		27,250,000	25,626,718
12/31/49, 144A <sup>c</sup>		8,000,000	7,975,656
Regions Financing Trust II, 6.625%, due 5/15/47		3,000,000	2,055,087
Sovereign Capital Trust VI, 7.908%, due 6/13/36		5,250,000	4,203,596
Washington Mutual Preferred Funding Cayman, 7.25%,			
due 3/29/49, Series A-1, 144A <sup>c</sup>		1,900,000	1,074,505
Webster Capital Trust IV, 7.65%, due 6/15/37		7,500,000	4,873,605
			140,201,950
BANK FOREIGN	4.9%		
Barclays Bank PLC, 7.434%, due 9/29/49, 144Ac		5,430,000	5,101,605
BNP Paribas, 7.195%, due 12/31/49, 144A <sup>c</sup>		10,000,000	9,068,330
Credit Agricole SA/London, 6.637%, due 12/31/49, 144A <sup>c</sup>		4,500,000	3,753,477
HSBC Capital Funding LP, 10.176%, due		1,500,000	3,733,177
12/29/49, 144A <sup>c</sup>		3,680,000	4,525,686
Royal Bank of Scotland Group PLC, 7.64%, due 3/31/49		10,550,000	9,661,563
Royal Bank of Scotland Group PLC, 6.99%, due 10/29/49, 144A <sup>c</sup>		8,000,000	7,212,008
Standard Chartered PLC, 7.014%, due 12/30/49, 144A <sup>c</sup>		8,000,000	6,909,432
			46,232,101
ELECTRIC INTEGRATED	3.6%		
Dominion Resources, 7.50%, due 6/30/66, Series		11,000,000	10,249,041
Dominion Resources Capital Trust I, 7.83%, due			
12/1/27		2,464,000	2,444,818
DPL Capital Trust II, 8.125%, due 9/1/31		3,000,000	3,423,945
FPL Group Capital, 7.30%, due 9/1/67, Series D		6,250,000	5,890,375
PPL Capital Funding, 6.70%, due 3/30/67, Series A		5,000,000	4,271,885
Puget Sound Energy, 6.974%, due 6/1/67, Series		5,000,000	4,295,965
Wisconsin Energy Corp., 6.25%, due 5/15/67		4,000,000	3,446,160
in iscensial Energy Corp., 0.23 %, due 3/13/07		1,000,000	34,022,189
FINANCE	2.3%		34,022,107
CREDIT CARD	0.3%		
Capital One Capital III, 7.686%, due 8/15/36		4,000,000	3,208,472
DIVERSIFIED FINANCIAL SERVICES	1.0%		
ZFS Finance USA Trust II, 6.45%, due 12/15/65, 144A <sup>c</sup>		10,500,000	9,327,412

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### SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (Continued)

June 30, 2008 (Unaudited)

		Number of Shares	Value
INVESTMENT BANKER/BROKER	0.8%		
Schwab Capital Trust I, 7.50%, due 11/15/37		8,500,000	\$ 7,716,249
INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT	0.2%		
Aberdeen Asset Management, 7.90%, due 12/31/49		2,000,000	1,552,500
TOTAL FINANCE			21,804,633
FOOD	0.7%		
Dairy Farmers of America, 7.875%, 144A <sup>c,d</sup>		75,000	6,121,875
GAS UTILITIES	1.2%		
Southern Union Co., 7.20%, due 11/1/66		14,000,000	11,367,034
INSURANCE	7.2%		
LIFE/HEALTH INSURANCE	2.1%		
Great-West Life & Annuity Insurance Co., 7.153%,			
due 5/16/46, 144A <sup>c</sup>		5,000,000	4,480,415
Liberty Mutual Group, 7.00%, due 3/15/37, 144A <sup>c</sup>		8,000,000	6,749,256
Liberty Mutual Group, 7.80%, due 3/15/37, 144A <sup>c</sup>		11,000,000	8,803,465
			20,033,136
MULTI-LINE	4.9%		
AFC Capital Trust I, 8.207%, due 2/3/27, Series B <sup>d</sup>		10,750,000	9,008,522
AXA SA, 6.463%, due 12/31/49, 144A <sup>c</sup>		9,000,000	7,212,420
AXA SA, 6.379%, due 12/14/49, 144A <sup>c</sup> Catlin Insurance Co., 7.249%, due 12/1/49,		2,000,000	1,608,700
144A <sup>c</sup>		4,000,000	2,923,928
Metlife Capital Trust IV, 7.875%, due 12/15/67, 144A <sup>c</sup>		12,500,000	12,284,362
Old Mutual Capital Funding, 8.00%, due 5/29/49, (Eurobond)		5,000,000	4,762,500
QBE Capital Funding II LP, 6.797%, due 6/1/49, 144A <sup>c</sup>		5,000,000	4,198,195
USF&G Capital, 8.312%, due 7/1/46, 144Ac		3,845,000	4,079,641
			46,078,268
PROPERTY CASUALTY	0.2%		
Everest Reinsurance Holdings, 6.60%, due 5/15/37		2,500,000	1,786,362
TOTAL INSURANCE			67,897,766

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### SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (Continued)

June 30, 2008 (Unaudited)

		Number	
		of Shares	Value
PIPELINES	1.7%		
Enbridge Energy Partners LP, 8.05%, due 10/1/37		6,000,000	\$ 5,591,724
Enterprise Products Operating LP, 8.375%, due 8/1/66		10,000,000	10,011,610
		.,,	15,603,334
TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES	1.4%		,,
Centaur Funding Corp., 9.08%, due 4/21/20, 144A <sup>c,d</sup>		12,954	12,812,316
TOTAL PREFERRED SECURITIES CAPITAL SECURITIES		, -	, , , , , ,
(Identified cost \$399,183,968)			356,063,198
		Principal Amount	
CORPORATE BONDS	8.0%		
BANK	3.7%		
CoBank ACB, 7.875%, due 4/16/18, 144A <sup>c</sup>		\$ 4,000,000	3,978,656
PNC Financial Services Group, 8.25%, due			
5/29/49		4,000,000	3,995,404
Sovereign Bank, 8.75%, due 5/30/18		2,500,000	2,388,155
Wachovia Corp., 7.98%, due 12/31/49		16,000,000	14,736,800
Wells Fargo Capital XIII, 7.70%, due 12/29/49		10,000,000	9,950,160
			35,049,175
BANK FOREIGN	1.1%		
Barclays Bank PLC, 7.70%, due 4/25/49, 144Ac		4,250,000	4,345,578
Natixis, 10.00%, due 4/29/49, 144A <sup>c</sup>		6,000,000	6,000,000
			10,345,578
INSURANCE	2.5%		
ACE Capital Trust II, 9.70%, due 4/1/30		3,410,000	3,719,014
American International Group, 8.175%, due 5/15/58, 144A <sup>c</sup>		10,000,000	9,436,230
Hartford Financial Services Group, 8.125%, due 6/15/38		2,250,000	2,193,485
Liberty Mutual Group Inc, 10.75%, due 6/15/58,			
144A <sup>c</sup>		8,000,000	7,676,488
			23,025,217
MEDIA	0.2%		
Rogers Cable, 8.75%, due 5/1/32		2,000,000	2,237,237

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#### SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (Continued)

June 30, 2008 (Unaudited)

		Principal	
		Amount	Value
REAL ESTATE	0.5%		
BF Saul REIT, 7.50%, due 3/1/14		\$ 5,000,000	\$ 4,350,000
TOTAL CORPORATE BONDS (Identified			
cost \$78,039,478)			75,007,207
COMMERCIAL PAPER	1.1%		
San Paolo US Financial, 1.05%, due 7/1/08			
(Identified cost \$9,979,000)		9,979,000	9,979,000
TOTAL INVESTMENTS (Identified			
cost \$1,651,978,802)	175.4%		1,643,187,572
OTHER ASSETS IN EXCESS OF LIABILITIES	2.1%		19,624,090
LIQUIDATION VALUE OF PREFERRED SHARES	(77.5)%		(726,000,000)
NET ASSETS APPLICABLE TO COMMON SHARES			
(Equivalent to \$19.41			
per share based on 48,270,812 shares of common			
stock outstanding)	100.0%		\$ 936,811,662

### Glossary of Portfolio Abbreviations

FRN Floating Rate Note

QUIPS Quarterly Income Preferred Securities

REIT Real Estate Investment Trust

TruPS Trust Preferred Securities

Note: Percentages indicated are based on the net assets applicable to common shares of the fund.

- <sup>a</sup> 75,000 shares segregated as collateral for interest rate swap transactions.
- <sup>b</sup> 255,000 shares segregated as collateral for interest rate swap transactions.
- <sup>c</sup> Resale is restricted to qualified institutional investors. Aggregate holdings equal 19.5% of net assets applicable to common shares.
- <sup>d</sup> Illiquid security. Aggregate holdings equal 4.1% of net assets applicable to common shares.

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### SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (Continued)

June 30, 2008 (Unaudited)

Interest rate swaps outstanding at June 30, 2008 are as follows:

Counterparty Merrill Lynch	Notional Amount	Fixed Rate Payable	Rate (reset monthly)		Unrealized Appreciation/ (Depreciation)
Derivative Products AG	\$ 58,500,000	3.208%	2.459%	October 2, 2008	\$ (99,455)
Merrill Lynch Derivative Products AG	\$ 20,000,000	3.410%	2.477%	January 13, 2009	(50,377)
Merrill Lynch Derivative Products AG	\$ 30,000,000	2.934%	2.483%	July 25, 2012	1,242,520
Merrill Lynch Derivative Products AG	\$ 45,000,000	3.510%	2.481%	December 22, 2012	1,066,059
Royal Bank of Canada Royal Bank of	\$ 43,250,000	3.453%	2.471%	September 16, 2008 July 17,	(84,120)
Canada	\$ 60,000,000	3.653%	2.482%	2013	1,362,389
Royal Bank of Canada	\$ 70,000,000	3.615%	2.483%	March 29, 2014	2,258,031
UBS AG	\$ 58,125,000	3.990%	2.483%	August 25, 2009	(568,568)
UBS AG	\$ 58,125,000	4.398%	2.483%	August 25, 2010	(1,071,618)
UBS AG	\$ 58,125,000	4.595%	2.483%	August 25, 2011	(1,348,997)
					\$ 2,705,864

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Based on LIBOR (London Interbank Offered Rate). Represents rates in effect at June 30, 2008.

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### STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

June 30, 2008 (Unaudited)

ASSETS:		
Investments in securities, at value (Identified cost \$1,651,978,802)	\$ 1,643,187,572	
Dividends and interest receivable	12,091,499	
Receivable for investment securities sold	9,548,440	
Unrealized appreciation on interest rate swap transactions	5,928,999	
Other assets	42,989	
Total Assets	1,670,799,499	
LIABILITIES:		
Unrealized depreciation on interest rate swap transactions	3,223,135	
Payable for dividends declared on preferred shares	1,312,207	
Payable for investment securities purchased	1,171,245	
Payable for dividends declared on common shares	1,161,141	
Payable for investment management fees	926,950	
Payable for administration fees	69,505	
Payable for directors' fees	4,546	
Other liabilities	119,108	
Total Liabilities	7,987,837	
LIQUIDATION VALUE OF PREFERRED SHARES	726,000,000	
TOTAL NET ASSETS APPLICABLE TO COMMON SHARES	\$ 936,811,662	
NET ASSETS APPLICABLE TO COMMON SHARES consist of:		
Paid-in-capital	\$ 1,007,519,141	
Dividends in excess of net investment income	(38,969,062)	
Accumulated net realized loss	(25,658,095)	
Net unrealized depreciation	(6,080,322)	
	\$ 936,811,662	
NET ASSET VALUE PER COMMON SHARE:		
(\$936,811,662 ÷ 48,270,812 shares outstanding)	\$ 19.41	
MARKET PRICE PER COMMON SHARE	\$ 19.10	
MARKET PRICE DISCOUNT TO NET ASSET VALUE PER	4.50	
COMMON SHARE	(1.60)%	

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### STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2008 (Unaudited)

Investment Income:		
Dividend income (net of \$80,331 of foreign withholding tax)	\$	29,368,619
Interest income		17,184,620
Total Income		46,553,239
Expenses:		
Investment management fees		5,688,919
Preferred remarketing fee		918,554
Administration fees		535,605
Custodian fees and expenses		114,952
Professional fees		102,186
Directors' fees and expenses		26,872
Registration and filing fees		24,406
Transfer agent fees and expenses		4,582
Miscellaneous		124,937
Total Expenses		7,541,013
Net Investment Income		39,012,226
Net Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss)		
Net realized gain (loss) on:		
Investments		(24,067,291)
Foreign currency transactions		44,293
Interest rate swap transactions		(1,345,886)
Net realized loss		(25,368,884)
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on:		
Investments		(64,124,031)
Foreign currency translations		1,545
Interest rate swap transactions		4,211,475
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation)		(59,911,011)
Net realized and unrealized loss		(85,279,895)
Net Decrease in Net Assets Resulting from Operations		(46,267,669)
Less Dividends and Distributions to Preferred Shareholders		(15,038,328)
Net Decrease in Net Assets from Operations Applicable to Common	¢	(61 205 007)
Shares	\$	(61,305,997)

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS (Unaudited)

	For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2008		De	For the Year Ended ecember 31, 2007
Change in Net Assets Applicable to Common Shares:				
From Operations:				
Net investment income	\$	39,012,226	\$	89,266,006
Net realized gain (loss)		(25,368,884)		87,906,185
Net change in unrealized appreciation				
(depreciation)		(59,911,011)		(444,170,513)
Net decrease in net assets resulting				
from operations		(46,267,669)		(266,998,322)
Less Dividends and Distributions to Preferred Shareholders from	n:			
Net investment income		(15,038,328)		(22,070,289)
Net realized gain on investments				(17,705,946)
Total dividends and distributions to preferred				
shareholders		(15,038,328)		(39,776,235)
Net decrease in net assets from operations				
applicable to common shares		(61,305,997)		(306,774,557)
Less Dividends and Distributions to Common Shareholders from	n:			
Net investment income		(57,913,488)		(77,461,540)
Net realized gain on investments				(62,775,625)
Tax return of capital				(42,395,405)
Total dividends and distributions to common				
shareholders		(57,913,488)		(182,632,570)
Capital Stock Transactions:				
Increase in net assets from fund share				
transactions		396,514		
Total decrease in net assets applicable to				
common shares		(118,822,971)		(489,407,127)
Net Assets Applicable to Common Shares:				
Beginning of period		1,055,634,633		1,545,041,760
End of period <sup>a</sup>	\$	936,811,662	\$	1,055,634,633

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Includes dividends in excess of net investment income of \$38,969,062 and \$5,029,472, respectively.

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### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS (Unaudited)

The following table includes selected data for a common share outstanding throughout each period and other performance information derived from the financial statements. It should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and notes thereto.

	For the Six					For the Period June 27, 2003 <sup>a</sup>
T. 61	Months Ended		For the Year End	led December 31,	through	
Per Share Operating Performance: Net asset value per	June 30, 2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	December 31, 2003
common share, beginning of period	\$ 21.88	\$ 32.02	\$ 28.25	\$ 30.11	\$ 26.68	\$ 23.88
Income from investment	operations:					
Net investment income	0.81	2.03	1.92	1.76 <sup>b</sup>	1.87	0.74 <sup>b</sup>
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)						
on investments Total income (loss) from investment	(1.77)	(7.56)	6.61	0.31	3.97	3.23
operations	(0.96)	(5.53)	8.53	2.07	5.84	3.97
Less dividends and distri	` '	` ′	0.55	2.07	3.01	3.71
Net investment	outlons to preferred shall	choiders Holli.				
income	(0.31)	(0.46)	(0.35)	(0.27)	(0.17)	(0.06)
Net realized gain on		,				
investments		(0.36)	(0.39)	(0.24)	(0.05)	(0.01)
Total dividends and distributions to						
preferred shareholders	(0.31)	(0.82)	(0.74)	(0.51)	(0.22)	(0.07)
Total from	(0.31)	(0.82)	(0.74)	(0.31)	(0.22)	(0.07)
investment						
operations applicable						
to common shares	(1.27)	(6.35)	7.79	1.56	5.62	3.90
Less: Preferred share offering cost					0.04	
adjustment Offering costs					0.01	
Offering costs charged to paid-in capital common						
shares						(0.06)
Offering costs charged to paid-in						(0.00)
capital preferred						
shares					(0.02)	(0.18)
Dilutive effect of common share offering						(0.01)
	0.00				(0.01)	
Total offering costs Anti-dilutive effect from issuance of reinvested common	0.00				(0.01)	(0.25)
shares	$0.00^{c}$					
Less dividends and distri Net investment		eholders from:				
income	(1.20)	(1.61)	(1.60)	(1.48)	(1.43)	(0.55)
	`	(1.30)	(1.66)	(1.34)	(0.46)	(0.06)

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Net realized gain on investments												
Tax return of capital				(0.88)		(0.76)		(0.60)		(0.29)		(0.24)
Total dividends and												
distributions to common												
shareholders		(1.20)		(3.79)		(4.02)		(3.42)		(2.18)		(0.85)
Net increase		(1.20)		(3.79)		(4.02)		(3.42)		(2.10)		(0.83)
(decrease) in net												
asset value per												
common share		(2.47)		(10.14)		3.77		(1.86)		3.43		2.80
Net asset value, per												
common share, end of period	\$	19.41	\$	21.88	\$	32.02	\$	28.25	\$	30.11	\$	26.68
Market value, per	Ф	19.41	Ф	21.00	Ф	32.02	Ф	20.23	Þ	30.11	Ф	20.08
common share, end												
of period	\$	19.10	\$	18.90	\$	31.00	\$	25.85	\$	27.18	\$	25.90
Net asset value total												
returne		6.11%		20.00%		29.40%		6.52%		22.94%		15.56%d
Market value returne		$6.95\%^{d}$		28.62%		36.91%		7.98%		14.32%		7.16% <sup>d</sup>

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### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS (Unaudited) (Continued)

	For the Six  Months Ended For the Year Ended December 31,										or the Period une 27, 2003 <sup>a</sup> through	
Ratios/Supplemental Data:	June 30, 2008									2004	December 31, 2003	
Net assets applicable to common shares, end of period	Ju	iic 30, 2006		2007		2000		2003		2004	Dec	ST, 2003
(in millions)	\$	936.8		\$ 1,055.6		\$ 1,545.0		\$ 1,363.3	\$	1,453.0	\$	1,287.2
Ratio of expenses to average daily net assets applicable												
to common shares f		1.47%g		1.27%		1.25%		1.27%		1.29%		1.17%g
Ratio of net investment income to average daily net assets												
applicable to												
common shares <sup>f</sup> Ratio of expenses		7.59%g		6.34%		5.92%		6.03%		6.62%		5.51%g
to average daily managed assets <sup>f</sup>		0.86%g		0.84%		0.84%		0.84%		0.85%		0.84%g
Portfolio turnover		34% <sup>d</sup>		52%		34%		20%		9%		8%d
rate		34%ª		32%		34%		20%		9%		8%ª
Preferred Shares: Liquidation value, end of period (in 000's)	\$	726,000		\$ 726,000		\$ 726,000		\$ 726,000	\$	726,000	\$	671,000
Total shares outstanding (in 000's)		29		29		29		29		29		27
Asset coverage ratio for auction market preferred shares		229%		245%		313%		288%		300%		292%
Asset coverage per share for auction market preferred				b (1.271							_	<b>72</b> 0 <b>7</b> 0
shares Liquidation preference per	\$	57,259		\$ 61,351		\$ 78,204		\$ 71,946	\$	,	\$	72,958
share	\$	25,000		\$ 25,000		\$ 25,000		\$ 25,000	\$	25,000	\$	25,000
Average market value per share <sup>h</sup>	\$	25,000	:	\$ 25,000		\$ 25,000		\$ 25,000	\$	25,000	\$	25,000

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Commencement of operations.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> Calculation based on average shares outstanding.

c Amount is less than \$0.005.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>d</sup> Not annualized.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>e</sup> Total market value return is computed based upon the New York Stock Exchange market price of the fund's shares and excludes the effects of brokerage commissions. Total net asset value return measures the changes in value over the period indicated, taking into account dividends as reinvested. Dividends and

distributions, if any, are assumed for purposes of these calculations, to be reinvested at prices obtained under the fund's dividend reinvestment plan.

- $^{\rm f}\,$  Ratios do not reflect dividend payments to preferred shareholders.
- g Annualized.
- <sup>h</sup> Based on weekly prices.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Unaudited)

Note 1. Significant Accounting Policies

Cohen & Steers REIT and Preferred Income Fund, Inc. (the fund) was incorporated under the laws of the State of Maryland on March 25, 2003 and is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, as a nondiversified, closed-end management investment company. The fund's investment objective is high current income.

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

Portfolio Valuation: Investments in securities that are listed on the New York Stock Exchange are valued, except as indicated below, at the last sale price reflected at the close of the New York Stock Exchange on the business day as of which such value is being determined. If there has been no sale on such day, the securities are valued at the mean of the closing bid and asked prices for the day or, if no asked price is available, at the bid price.

Securities not listed on the New York Stock Exchange but listed on other domestic or foreign securities exchanges or admitted to trading on the National Association of Securities Dealers Automated Quotations, Inc. (Nasdaq) national market system are valued in a similar manner. Securities traded on more than one securities exchange are valued at the last sale price on the business day as of which such value is being determined as reflected on the tape at the close of the exchange representing the principal market for such securities.

Readily marketable securities traded in the over-the-counter market, including listed securities whose primary market is believed by Cohen & Steers Capital Management, Inc. (the investment manager) to be over-the-counter, but excluding securities admitted to trading on the Nasdaq National List, are valued at the official closing prices as reported by Nasdaq, the National Quotation Bureau, or such other comparable sources as the Board of Directors deem appropriate to reflect their fair market value. If there has been no sale on such day, the securities are valued at the mean of the closing bid and asked prices for the day, or if no asked price is available, at the bid price. However, certain fixed-income securities may be valued on the basis of prices provided by a pricing service when such prices are believed by the Board of Directors to reflect the fair market value of such securities. Where securities are traded on more than one exchange and also over-the-counter, the securities will generally be valued using the quotations the Board of Directors believes most closely reflect the value of such securities.

Securities for which market prices are unavailable, or securities for which the investment manager determines that bid and/or asked price does not reflect market value, will be valued at fair value pursuant to procedures approved by the fund's Board of Directors. Circumstances in which market prices may be unavailable include, but are not limited to, when trading in a security is suspended, the exchange on which the security is traded is subject to an unscheduled close or disruption or material events occur after the close of the exchange on which the security

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is principally traded. In these circumstances, the fund determines fair value in a manner that fairly reflects the market value of the security on the valuation date based on consideration of any information or factors it deems appropriate. These may include recent transactions in comparable securities, information relating to the specific security and developments in the markets.

The fund's use of fair value pricing may cause the net asset value of fund shares to differ from the net asset value that would be calculated using market quotations. Fair value pricing involves subjective judgments and it is possible that the fair value determined for a security may be materially different than the value that could be realized upon the sale of that security.

Short-term debt securities, which have a maturity date of 60 days or less, are valued at amortized cost, which approximates value.

The fund adopted Financial Accounting Standards Board Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 157, "Fair Value Measurements" ("FAS 157"), effective January 1, 2008. In accordance with FAS 157, fair value is defined as the price that the fund would receive to sell an investment or pay to transfer a liability in a timely transaction with an independent buyer in the principal market, or in the absence of a principal market the most advantageous market for the investment or liability. FAS 157 establishes a single definition of fair value, creates a three-tier hierarchy as a framework for measuring fair value based on inputs used to value the fund's investments, and requires additional disclosure about fair value. The hierarchy of inputs is summarized below.

- Level 1 quoted prices in active markets for identical investments
- Level 2 other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar investments, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, etc.)
- Level 3 significant unobservable inputs (including the fund's own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments)

The inputs or methodology used for valuing securities are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities.

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The following is a summary of the inputs used as of June 30, 2008 in valuing the fund's investments carried at value:

		Fair Value Measurements at June 30, 2008 Using			
		Quoted Prices In	Significant	Significant	
		Active Market for	Other Observable	Unobservable	
		Identical Assets	Inputs	Inputs	
	Total	(Level 1)	(Level 2)	(Level 3)	
Investments in					
Securities	\$ 1,643,187,572	\$ 1,168,756,576	\$ 464,135,031	\$ 10,295,965	
Other Financial					
Instruments*	2,705,864		2,705,864		
Total	\$ 1,645,893,436	\$ 1,168,756,576	\$ 466,840,895	\$ 10,295,965	

<sup>\*</sup> Other financial instruments include interest rate swap contracts.

Following is a reconciliation of investments in which significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) were used in determining fair value:

	Investments
	in Securities
Balance as of December 31, 2007	\$ 50,809,963
Accrued discounts	(107)
Realized loss	(7,352,089)
Change in unrealized appreciation	3,014,213
Net sales	(11,675,625)
Transfers out of Level 3	(24,500,390)
Balance as of June 30, 2008	\$ 10,295,965

Security Transactions and Investment Income: Security transactions are recorded on trade date. Realized gains and losses on investments sold are recorded on the basis of identified cost. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Discounts are accreted and premiums are amortized over the life of the respective securities. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date except for certain dividends on foreign securities, which are recorded as soon as the fund is informed after the ex-dividend date. The fund records distributions received in excess of income from underlying investments as a reduction of cost of investments and/or realized gain. Such amounts are based on estimates if actual amounts are not available, and actual amounts of income, realized gain and return of capital may differ from the estimated amounts. The fund adjusts the estimated amounts of the components of distributions (and consequently its net investment income) as an increase to unrealized appreciation/(depreciation) and realized gain/(loss) on investments as necessary once the issuers provide information about the actual composition of the distributions.

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Foreign Currency Translations: The books and records of the fund are maintained in U.S. dollars as follows: (1) the foreign currency market value of investment securities, other assets and liabilities and foreign currency contracts are translated at the exchange rates prevailing at the end of the period; and (2) purchases, sales, income and expenses are translated at the exchange rates prevailing on the respective dates of such transactions. The resultant exchange gains and losses are recorded as realized and unrealized gain/loss on foreign exchange transactions. Pursuant to U.S. federal income tax regulations, certain foreign exchange gains/losses included in realized and unrealized gain/loss are included in or are a reduction of ordinary income for federal income tax purposes. The fund does not isolate that portion of the results of operations arising as a result of changes in the foreign exchange rates from the changes in the market prices of the securities.

Foreign Securities: The fund may directly purchase securities of foreign issuers. Investing in securities of foreign issuers involves special risks not typically associated with investing in securities of U.S. issuers. The risks include possible revaluation of currencies, the ability to repatriate funds, less complete financial information about companies and possible future adverse political and economic developments. Moreover, securities of many foreign issuers and their markets may be less liquid and their prices more volatile than those of securities of comparable U.S. issuers.

Interest Rate Swaps: The fund uses interest rate swaps in connection with the sale of preferred shares. The interest rate swaps are intended to reduce the risk that an increase in short-term interest rates could have on the performance of the fund's common shares as a result of the floating rate structure of the preferred shares. In these interest rate swaps, the fund agrees to pay the other party to the interest rate swap (which is known as the counterparty) a fixed rate payment in exchange for the counterparty agreeing to pay the fund a variable rate payment that is intended to approximate the fund's variable rate payment obligation on the preferred shares. The payment obligation is based on the notional amount of the swap. Depending on the state of interest rates in general, the use of interest rate swaps could enhance or harm the overall performance of the common shares. The market value of interest rate swaps is based on pricing models that consider the time value of money, volatility, the current market and contractual prices of the underlying financial instrument. Unrealized appreciation is reported as an asset and unrealized depreciation is reported as a liability on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. The change in value of swaps, including the accrual of periodic amounts of interest to be paid or received on swaps, is reported as unrealized appreciation or depreciation in the Statement of Operations. A realized gain or loss is recorded upon payment or receipt of a periodic payment or termination of swap agreements. Swap agreements involve, to varying degrees, elements of market and counterparty risk, and exposure to loss in excess of the related amounts reflected in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

Dividends and Distributions to Shareholders: Dividends from net investment income and capital gain distributions are determined in accordance with U.S. federal income tax regulations, which may differ from GAAP. Dividends from net investment income are declared and paid monthly. Net realized capital gains, unless offset by

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any available capital loss carryforward, are typically distributed to shareholders at least annually. Dividends and distributions to shareholders are recorded on the ex-dividend date and are automatically reinvested in full and fractional shares of the fund unless the shareholder has elected to have them paid in cash.

Distributions paid by the fund are subject to recharacterization for tax purposes. Based upon the results of operations for the six months ended June 30, 2008, the investment manager considers it likely that a portion of the dividends will be reclassified to return of capital and distributions of net realized capital gains upon the final determination of the fund's taxable income for the year.

Series M7, Series T7, Series W7, Series TH7 and Series F7 preferred shares pay dividends based on a variable interest rate set at auctions, normally held every seven days. The dividends are declared and recorded for the subsequent seven day period on the auction date. In most instances, dividends are payable every seven days, on the first business day following the end of the dividend period.

Series T28, Series TH28, Series W28A, Series W28B and Series W28C preferred shares pay dividends based on a variable interest rate set at auctions, normally held every 28 days. The dividends are declared and recorded for the subsequent 28 day period on the auction date. In most instances, dividends are payable every 28 days, on the first business day following the end of the dividend period.

Income Taxes: It is the policy of the fund to continue to qualify as a regulated investment company, if such qualification is in the best interest of the shareholders, by complying with the requirements of Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code applicable to regulated investment companies, and by distributing substantially all of its taxable earnings to its shareholders. Accordingly, no provision for federal income or excise tax is necessary. The fund has adopted the provisions of FASB Interpretation No. 48, Accounting for Uncertainties in Income Taxes (FIN 48). FIN 48 clarifies the accounting for income taxes by prescribing the minimum recognition threshold a tax position must meet before being recognized in the financial statements. An assessment of the fund's tax positions has been made and it has been determined that there is no impact to the fund's financial statements. Each of the fund's federal tax returns for the prior three fiscal years remains subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service.

Note 2. Investment Management Fees, Administration Fees and Other Transactions with Affiliates

Investment Management Fees: The investment manager serves as the fund's investment manager pursuant to an investment management agreement (the management agreement). Under the terms of the management agreement, the investment manager provides the fund with day-to-day investment decisions and generally manages the fund's investments in accordance with the stated polices of the fund, subject to the supervision of the Board of Directors.

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For the services under the management agreement, the fund pays the investment manager a management fee, accrued daily and paid monthly, at an annual rate of 0.65% of the fund's average daily managed asset value. Managed asset value is the net asset value of the common shares plus the liquidation preference of the preferred shares.

Administration Fees: The fund has entered into an administration agreement with the investment manager under which the investment manager performs certain administrative functions for the fund and receives a fee, accrued daily and paid monthly, at the annual rate of 0.06% of the fund's average daily managed assets up to \$1 billion, 0.04% of the fund's average daily managed assets in excess of \$1 billion up to \$1.5 billion and 0.02% of the fund's average daily managed assets in excess of \$1.5 billion. For the six months ended June 30, 2008, the fund incurred \$423,677 in administration fees. Additionally, the fund has retained State Street Bank and Trust Company as sub-administrator under a fund accounting and administration agreement.

Directors' and Officers' Fees: Certain directors and officers of the fund are also directors, officers, and/or employees of the advisor. The fund does not pay compensation to any affiliated directors and officers except for the Chief Compliance Officer, who received \$6,629 from the fund for the six months ended June 30, 2008.

#### Note 3. Purchases and Sales of Securities

Purchases and sales of securities, excluding short-term investments, for the six months ended June 30, 2008 totaled \$593,967,099 and \$610,431,078 respectively.

#### Note 4. Income Tax Information

As of June 30, 2008, the federal tax cost and net unrealized depreciation on securities were as follows:

Gross unrealized appreciation	\$ 130,133,407
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Gross unrealized depreciation	(138,924,637)
Net unrealized depreciation	\$ (8,791,230)
Cost for federal income tax purposes	\$ 1,651,978,802

#### Note 5. Capital Stock

The fund is authorized to issue 100 million shares of common stock at a par value of \$0.001 per share.

During the six months ended June 30, 2008 and the year ended December 31, 2007, the fund issued 19,146 and 0 shares of common stock, respectively, for the reinvestment of dividends.

Preferred shares are senior to the fund's common shares and will rank on a parity with shares of any other series of preferred shares, and with shares of any other series of preferred stock of the fund, as to the payment of

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dividends and the distribution of assets upon liquidation. If the fund does not timely cure a failure to (1) maintain a discounted value of its portfolio equal to the preferred shares basic maintenance amount, (2) maintain the 1940 Act preferred shares asset coverage, or (3) file a required certificate related to asset coverage on time, the preferred shares will be subject to a mandatory redemption at the redemption price of \$25,000 per share plus an amount equal to accumulated but unpaid dividends thereon to the date fixed for redemption. To the extent permitted under the 1940 Act and Maryland Law, the fund at its option may without consent of the holders of preferred shares, redeem preferred shares having a dividend period of one year or less, in whole, or in part, on the business day after the last day of such dividend period upon not less than 15 calendar days and not more than 40 calendar days prior to notice. The optional redemption price is \$25,000 per share plus an amount equal to accumulated but unpaid dividends thereon to the date fixed for redemption.

The fund's common shares and preferred shares have equal voting rights of one vote per share and vote together as a single class, except in certain circumstances regarding the election of directors. In addition, the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority, as defined in the 1940 Act, of the outstanding preferred shares shall be required to (1) approve any plan of reorganization that would adversely affect the preferred shares and (2) approve any matter that materially and adversely affects the rights, preferences, or powers of that series.

The following table reflects the preferred shares issued and outstanding as of June 30, 2008 along with the range of dividend rates paid during the six months ended June 30, 2008:

		Value	Range
Auction market preferred shares, Series M7,			
(\$25,000 liquidation value, \$0.001,			
3,280 shares issued and outstanding)	\$	82,000,000	4.93%-6.35%
Auction market preferred shares, Series T7,			
(\$25,000 liquidation value, \$0.001,			
3,280 shares issued and outstanding)	\$	82,000,000	4.90%-6.40%
Auction market preferred shares, Series T28,			
(\$25,000 liquidation value, \$0.001,			
2,040 shares issued and outstanding)	\$	51,000,000	5.05%-6.45%
Auction market preferred shares, Series W7,			
(\$25,000 liquidation value, \$0.001,			
3,280 shares issued and outstanding)	\$	82,000,000	4.90%-6.35%
Auction market preferred shares, Series W28A,			
(\$25,000 liquidation value, \$0.001,			
2,800 shares issued and outstanding)	\$	70,000,000	5.20%-6.75%

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	Value	Range
Auction market preferred shares, Series W28B,		
(\$25,000 liquidation value, \$0.001,		
2,800 shares issued and outstanding)	\$ 70,000,000	5.18%-6.50%
Auction market preferred shares, Series W28C,		
(\$25,000 liquidation value, \$0.001,		
2,800 shares issued and outstanding)	\$ 70,000,000	4.95%-6.75%
Auction market preferred shares, Series TH7,		
(\$25,000 liquidation value, \$0.001,		
3,280 shares issued and outstanding)	\$ 82,000,000	4.90%-6.30%
Auction market preferred shares, Series TH28,		
(\$25,000 liquidation value, \$0.001,		
2,200 shares issued and outstanding)	\$ 55,000,000	4.90%-6.50%
Auction market preferred shares, Series F7,		
(\$25,000 liquidation value, \$0.001,		
3,280 shares issued and outstanding)	\$ 82,000,000	4.80%-6.35%
	\$ 726,000,000	

The Articles Supplementary (the "Articles") creating each series of Auction Market Preferred Shares ("AMPS") provide for dividends to be paid at either the rate set in the current auction, or at the maximum rate as defined in the Articles if sufficient clearing bids for the AMPS are not received in the current auction. Beginning on February 13, 2008, sufficient clearing bids were not received for a number of auctions for certain AMPS series of the fund, and therefore, the maximum rates were declared on the respective AMPS series. Based upon the current ratings of the AMPS, the maximum rate for shares of a series will be the greater of 125% of LIBOR or 125 basis points plus LIBOR.

An existing owner of AMPS may sell, transfer or dispose of AMPS only in an auction, pursuant to a bid or sell order in accordance with the auction procedures, or outside an auction, to or through a broker-dealer. Existing holders will be able to sell all of the AMPS that are the subject of their submitted sell orders only if there are bidders willing to purchase those AMPS in the auction. An auction fails when there is an insufficient number of bidders. A failed auction is not a default. Dividends continue to be paid on the AMPS at the maximum rate rather than an auction rate. Broker-dealers, which have been appointed by the fund to serve as dealers for the auctions, may submit a bid in an auction to avoid an auction failure, but are not obligated to do so.

The AMPS continue to be rated Aaa by Moody's Investor Services and AAA by Standard & Poor's. In addition, the fund continues to meet certain specified asset coverage tests required by the rating agencies as well as the 200% asset coverage test with respect to AMPS set forth in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.

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#### Note 6. Other

In the normal course of business, the fund enters into contracts that provide general indemnifications. The fund's maximum exposure under these arrangements is dependent on claims that may be made against the fund in the future and, therefore, cannot be estimated; however, based on experience, the risk of material loss from such claims is considered remote.

#### Note 7. New Accounting Pronouncement

In March 2008, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 161, Disclosures about Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities ("FAS 161"), an amendment of FASB Statement No. 133. FAS 161 requires enhanced disclosures about (a) how and why an entity uses derivative instruments, (b) how derivative instruments and related hedged items are accounted for, and (c) how derivative instruments and related hedged items affect the fund's financial position, financial performance, and cash flows. Management is currently evaluating the impact the adoption of this pronouncement will have on the fund's financial statements. FAS 161 is effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2008.

### PROXY RESULTS (Unaudited)

During the six months ended June 30, 2008, Cohen & Steers REIT and Preferred Income Fund shareholders voted on the following proposals at the annual meeting held on April 17, 2008. The description of each proposal and number of shares voted are as follows:

### Common Shares

	Shares Voted For	Authority Withheld
To Elect Directors		
Bonnie Cohen	44,581,925	1,573,259
Richard E. Kroon	44,581,925	1,573,259

#### Preferred Shares

	Shares Voted	Authority
	For	Withheld
To Elect Directors		
Bonnie Cohen	22,521	2,549
Richard E. Kroon	22,603	2,466
Williard H. Smith	22,764	2,304

#### AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS

(periods ended June 30, 2008) (Unaudited)

	Based on Net Asset Val	ue		Based on Market Value	
		Since Inception			Since Inception
One Year	Five Years	(6/27/03)	One Year	Five Years	(6/27/03)
21.26%	8.06%	8.01%	15.78%	6.65%	6.68%

The performance data quoted represent past performance. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. The investment return will vary and the principal value of an investment will fluctuate and shares, if sold, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted. Performance results reflect the effect of leverage resulting from the issuance of preferred shares.

#### REINVESTMENT PLAN

On March 18, 2008, the Board of Directors of the fund approved changes to the fund's dividend reinvestment plan (the "Plan"). The revised Plan is set forth below.

The fund has a dividend reinvestment plan commonly referred to as an "opt-out" plan. Each common shareholder who participates in the Plan will have all distributions of dividends and capital gains ("Dividends") automatically reinvested in additional common shares by The Bank of New York Mellon as agent (the "Plan Agent"). Shareholders who elect not to participate in the Plan will receive all Dividends in cash paid by check mailed directly to the shareholder of record (or if the shares are held in street or other nominee name, then to the nominee) by the Plan Agent, as dividend disbursing agent. Shareholders whose common shares are held in the name of a broker or nominee should contact the broker or nominee to determine whether and how they may participate in the Plan.

The Plan Agent serves as agent for the shareholders in administering the Plan. After the fund declares a Dividend, the Plan Agent will, as agent for the shareholders, either: (i) receive the cash payment and use it to buy common shares in the open market, on the NYSE or elsewhere, for the participants' accounts or (ii) distribute newly issued common shares of the Fund on behalf of the participants.

The Plan Agent will receive cash from the fund with which to buy common shares in the open market if, on the Dividend payment date, the net asset value ("NAV") per share exceeds the market price per share plus estimated brokerage commissions on that date. The Plan Agent will receive the Dividend in newly issued common shares of the fund if, on the Dividend payment date, the market price per share plus estimated brokerage commissions equals or exceeds the NAV per share of the fund on that date. The number of shares to be issued will be computed at a per share rate equal to the greater of (i) the NAV or (ii) 95% of the closing market price per share on the payment date.

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If the market price per share is less than the NAV on a Dividend payment date, the Plan Agent will have until the last business day before the next ex-dividend date for the common stock, but in no event more than 30 days after the Dividend payment date (as the case may be, the "Purchase Period"), to invest the Dividend amount in shares acquired in open market purchases. If at the close of business on any day during the Purchase Period on which NAV is calculated the NAV equals or is less than the market price per share plus estimated brokerage commissions, the Plan Agent will cease making open market purchases and the uninvested portion of such Dividends shall be filled through the issuance of new shares of common stock from the Fund at the price set forth in the immediately preceding paragraph.

Participants in the Plan may withdraw from the plan upon notice to the Plan Agent. Such withdrawal will be effective immediately if received not less than ten days prior to a Dividend record date; otherwise, it will be effective for all subsequent Dividends. When a participant withdraws from the Plan or upon termination of the Plan as provided below, certificates for whole common shares credited to his or her account under the Plan will be issued and a cash payment will be made for any fraction of a common share credited to such account. If any participant elects to have the Plan Agent sell all or part of his or her shares and remit the proceeds, the Plan Agent is authorized to deduct a \$15.00 fee plus \$0.10 per share brokerage commissions.

The Plan Agent's fees for the handling of reinvestment of Dividends will be paid by the fund. However, each participant will pay a pro rata share of brokerage commissions incurred with respect to the Plan Agent's open market purchases in connection with the reinvestment of Dividends. The automatic reinvestment of Dividends will not relieve participants of any income tax that may be payable or required to be withheld on such Dividends.

The fund reserves the right to amend or terminate the Plan. All correspondence concerning the Plan should be directed to the Plan Agent at 800-432-8224.

#### OTHER INFORMATION

A description of the policies and procedures that the fund uses to determine how to vote proxies relating to portfolio securities is available (i) without charge, upon request, by calling 800-330-7348, (ii) on our Web site at cohenandsteers.com or (iii) on the Securities and Exchange Commission's Web site at http://www.sec.gov. In addition, the fund's proxy voting record for the most recent 12-month period ended June 30 is available (i) without charge, upon request, by calling 800-330-7348 or (ii) on the SEC's Web site at http://www.sec.gov.

The fund files its complete schedule of portfolio holdings with the SEC for the first and third quarters of each fiscal year on Form N-Q. The fund's Forms N-Q are available (i) without charge, upon request by calling 800-330-7348, or (ii) on the SEC's Web site at http://www.sec.gov. In addition, the Forms N-Q may be reviewed and copied at the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. Information on the operation of the Public Reference Room may be obtained by calling 800-SEC-0330.

### COHEN & STEERS REIT AND PREFERRED INCOME FUND, INC.

Please note that the distributions paid by the fund to shareholders are subject to recharacterization for tax purposes. The fund may also pay distributions in excess of the fund's net investment company taxable income and this excess would be a tax-free return of capital distributed from the fund's assets. To the extent this occurs, the fund's shareholders of record will be notified of the estimated amount of capital returned to shareholders for each such distribution and this information will also be available at cohenandsteers.com and should not be relied upon or used for tax planning or tax reporting purposes. The final tax treatment of all distributions is reported to shareholders on their 1099-DIV forms, which are mailed after the close of each calendar year. Distributions of capital decrease the fund's total assets and, therefore, could have the effect of increasing the fund's expense ratio. In addition, in order to make these distributions, the fund may have to sell portfolio securities at a less than opportune time.

On June 12, 2008, the Board of Directors of the fund approved the delegation of its authority to management to effect repurchases, pursuant to management's discretion and subject to market conditions and investment considerations, of up to 10% of the fund's total assets through the current fiscal year ending December 31, 2008. During the period of this report, the fund did not effect any repurchases. Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 23(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 that the fund may purchase, from time to time, shares of its common stock in the open market.

On June 18, 2008, the Board of Directors of the fund approved changes to the fund's policies and procedures with respect to the disclosure of the fund's portfolio securities permitting the fund to post an uncertified list of portfolio holdings on the Web site at http://www.cohenandsteers.com, no earlier than 15 days after the end of each calendar quarter. The holdings information remains available until the fund files a report on Form N-Q or Form NCSR for the period that includes the date as of which the information is current. In addition to information on portfolio holdings, other fund statistical information may be found on the Cohen & Steers Funds' Web site or by calling 800-330-7348.

On March 18, 2008, the Board of Directors of the fund approved the expansion of the options strategy to permit the fund to write options on custom baskets of securities and customized indexes and to remove any requirement that a fund must hold an exchange-traded fund ("ETF") as a portfolio security in order to write an option on an ETF.

The fund may write covered call options on securities (including securities of ETFs), stock indices or custom baskets of securities that are traded on U.S. or foreign exchanges or over-the-counter (OTC). An option on a security is a contract that gives the purchaser of the option, in return for the premium paid, the right to buy a specified security (in the case of a call option) from the writer of the option at a designated price during the term of the option. An option on a securities index or basket of securities gives the purchaser of the option, in return for the premium paid, the right to receive from the seller cash equal to the difference between the closing price of the index or basket of securities and the exercise price of the option.

The fund may write a call option on a security (other than securities of ETFs) only if the option is "covered." A call option on a security written by the fund is covered if the fund owns the underlying security covered by the call. The fund will cover call options on ETFs, stock indices or custom baskets by owning securities whose price changes, in the opinion of the Investment Manager, are expected to be similar to those of the ETF, index or basket, or in such other manner as may be in accordance with the rules of any exchange on which the option is traded and other applicable laws and regulations. Nevertheless, where the fund covers a call option on an ETF, stock index or custom basket through ownership of securities, such securities may not match the composition of the ETF, index or basket. In that event, the fund will not be fully covered and could be subject to risk of loss in the event of adverse changes in the value of the ETF, index or basket.

The value of the underlying securities, ETFs, indices and baskets on which options may be written at any one time will not exceed 25% of the total managed assets of the fund.

The fund will receive a premium for writing a call option, which will increase the fund's realized gains in the event the option expires unexercised or is closed out at a profit. If the value of a security, ETF, index or basket on which the fund has written a call option falls or remains the same, the fund will realize a profit in the form of the premium received (less transaction costs) that could offset all or a portion of any decline in the value of the portfolio securities being hedged. A rise in the value of the underlying security, ETF, index or basket, however, exposes the fund to possible loss or loss of opportunity to realize appreciation in the value of the underlying security, ETF, index or basket.

There can be no assurance that a liquid market will exist when the fund seeks to close out an option position. Trading could be interrupted, for example, because of supply and demand imbalances arising from a lack of either buyers or sellers, or the options exchange could suspend trading after the price has risen or fallen more than the maximum specified by the exchange. In addition, when the fund enters into OTC options (including options on custom baskets of securities), these options are not traded on or governed by the rules of any exchange, and the fund's ability to close out an OTC option is subject to the terms of the option contract and the creditworthiness of the option counterparty. Although the fund may be able to offset to some extent any adverse effects of being unable to liquidate an option position, the fund may experience losses in some cases as a result of such inability.

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Item 2. Code of Ethics.
Not applicable.
Item 3. Audit Committee Financial Expert.
Not applicable.
Item 4. Principal Accountant Fees and Services.
Not applicable.
Item 5. Audit Committee of Listed Registrants.
Not applicable.
Item 6. Schedule of Investments.
Included in Item 1 above.
Item 7. Disclosure of Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures for Closed-End Management Investment Companies.
Not applicable.
Item 8. Portfolio Managers of Closed-End Management Investment Companies.

Not applicable.
Item 9. Purchases of Equity Securities by Closed-End Management Investment Company and Affiliated Purchasers.
None.
Item 10. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.
None.
Item 11. Controls and Procedures.
(a) The registrant s principal executive officer and principal financial officer have concluded, based upon their evaluation of the registrant s disclosure controls and procedures as conducted within 90 days of the filing date of this report, that these disclosure controls and procedures provide reasonable assurance that material information required to be disclosed by the registrant in the report it files or submits on Form N-CSR is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission s rules and forms and that such material information is accumulated and communicated to the registrant s management, including its principal executive officer and principal financial officer, as appropriate, in order to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.
(b) There were no changes in the registrant s internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the second fiscal quarter of the period covered by this report that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant s internal control over financial reporting.
Item 12. Exhibits.
(a)(1) Not applicable.
(a) (2) Certifications of principal executive officer and principal financial officer as required by Rule 30a-2(a) under the Investment Company Act of 1940.
(a)(3) Not applicable.


#### **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.

### COHEN & STEERS REIT AND PREFERRED INCOME FUND, INC.

By: /s/ Adam M. Derechin Name: Adam M. Derechin

Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

Date: August 27, 2008

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/ Adam M. Derechin Name: Adam M. Derechin

Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

(principal executive officer)

/s/ James Giallanza By:

Name: James Giallanza Title: Treasurer

(principal financial officer)

Date: August 27, 2008