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Western Asset High Yield Defined Opportunity Fund Inc.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

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Date of fiscal year end: May 31

Date of reporting period: November 30, 2017

ITEM 1. REPORT TO STOCKHOLDERS.

The **Semi-Annual** Report to Stockholders is filed herewith.

Semi-Annual Report

November 30, 2017

WESTERN ASSET

HIGH YIELD DEFINED

OPPORTUNITY FUND INC. (HYI)

INVESTMENT PRODUCTS: NOT FDIC INSURED NO BANK GUARANTEE MAY LOSE VALUE

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Fund objectives

The Fund's primary investment objective is to provide high income. As a secondary investment objective, the Fund will seek capital appreciation.

The Fund seeks to achieve its investment objectives by investing, under normal market conditions, at least 80% of its net assets in a portfolio of high-yield corporate fixed-income securities with varying maturities. Corporate securities include those securities that are issued or originated by U.S. or foreign public or private corporations and other business entities.

The Fund intends to liquidate on or about September 30, 2025 and distribute substantially all of its net assets to stockholders, after making appropriate provisions for any liabilities of the Fund.

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Letter from the president

Dear Shareholder,

We are pleased to provide the semi-annual report of Western Asset High Yield Defined Opportunity Fund Inc. for the six-month reporting period ended November 30, 2017. Please read on for Fund performance information and a detailed look at prevailing economic and market conditions during the Fund's reporting period.

As always, we remain committed to providing you with excellent service and a full spectrum of investment choices. We also remain committed to supplementing the support you receive from your financial advisor. One way we accomplish these goals is through our website, www.lmcef.com. Here you can gain immediate access to market and investment information, including:

Fund prices and performance,

Market insights and commentaries from our portfolio managers, and

A host of educational resources.

We look forward to helping you meet your financial goals.

Sincerely,

Jane Trust, CFA

Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer

December 29, 2017

Investment commentary

Economic review

Economic activity in the U.S. improved during the six months ended November 30, 2017 (the reporting period). Looking back, the U.S. Department of Commerce reported that first quarter 2017 U.S. gross domestic product (GDP) growth, as revised, was 1.2%. Second quarter 2017 GDP growth then accelerated to 3.1%. Finally, the U.S. Department of Commerce's final reading for third quarter 2017 GDP growth released after the reporting period ended was 3.2%. Stronger growth was attributed to a number of factors, including positive contributions from private inventory investment and upturns in state and local government spending. These positive factors were partly offset by a decrease in personal consumption expenditures, nonresidential fixed investment and exports.

Job growth in the U.S. was solid overall and supported the economy during the reporting period. When the reporting period ended on November 30, 2017, the unemployment rate was 4.1%, as reported by the U.S. Department of Labor. This equaled the lowest unemployment rate since December 2000. The percentage of longer-term unemployed declined during the reporting period. In November 2017, 23.8% of Americans looking for a job had been out of work for more than six months, versus 24.3% when the period began.

Market review

Q. How did the Federal Reserve Board (the Fed) respond to the economic environment?

A. Looking back, after an extended period of maintaining the federal funds rateⁱⁱⁱ at a historically low range between zero and 0.25%, the Fed increased the rate at its meeting on December 16, 2015. In particular, the U.S. central bank raised the federal funds rate to a range between 0.25% and 0.50%. The Fed then kept rates on hold at each meeting prior to its meeting on December 14, 2016, at which time, the Fed raised rates to a range between 0.50% and 0.75%.

The Fed's next rate hike occurred at its meeting that ended on March 15, 2017, as it raised rates to a range between 0.75% and 1.00%. At its meeting that concluded on June 14, 2017, the Fed then raised rates to a range between 1.00% and 1.25%. During its meeting that concluded on September 20, 2017, the Fed kept rates on hold, but reiterated its intention to begin reducing its balance sheet, saying, "In October, the Committee will initiate the balance sheet normalization program." Finally, at its meeting that ended on December 13, 2017, after the reporting period ended, the Fed raised rates to a range between 1.25% and 1.50%.

Q. Did Treasury yields trend higher or lower during the reporting period?

A. Both short-term and longer-term Treasury yields moved higher during the six-month reporting period ended November 30, 2017. The yield for the two-year Treasury note began the reporting period at 1.28%. The low for the period of 1.27% occurred on September 7 and September 8, 2017. The yield for the two-year Treasury note ended the reporting period at 1.78% equaling its high for the period. The yield for the ten-year Treasury began the reporting period at 2.21% and ended the period at 2.42%. The low for the period of 2.05% occurred on September 7, 2017 and the peak of 2.46% took place on October 26, 2017.

Q. What factors impacted the spread sectors (non-Treasuries) during the reporting period?

A. The spread sectors posted mixed results during the reporting period. Performance fluctuated given shifting expectations for global growth, questions regarding future central bank monetary policy, uncertainties pertaining to U.S. fiscal policy and several geopolitical issues. The broad U.S. bond market, as measured by the Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Index^{iv}, returned 0.68% during the six-month reporting period ended November 30, 2017.

Q. How did the high-yield bond market perform over the reporting period?

A. The U.S. high-yield bond market, as measured by the Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Corporate High Yield 2% Issuer Cap Index^v, gained 2.29% for the six months ended November 30, 2017. The high-yield market rallied in June and July 2017. This was driven by overall robust demand from investors looking to generate incremental yield in the low interest rate environment. The high yield market was then relatively flat in August 2017, and again moved higher in September and October 2017. However, the high-yield market then experienced a modest setback in November 2017.

Q. How did the emerging market debt asset class perform over the reporting period?

A. The JPMorgan Emerging Markets Bond Index Global (EMBI Global)^{vi} returned

Investment commentary (cont d)

2.03% during the six months ended November 30, 2017. The asset class posted positive results during four of the six months of the reporting period. This was triggered by overall strong investor demand, less concern over a significant shift in U.S. trade policy and a weakening U.S. dollar.

Performance review

For the six months ended November 30, 2017, Western Asset High Yield Defined Opportunity Fund Inc. returned 2.74% based on its net asset value (NAVⁱⁱ) and 0.96% based on its New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) market price per share. The Fund's unmanaged benchmarks, the Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Corporate High Yield 2% Issuer Cap Index B Componentⁱⁱⁱ and the Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Corporate High Yield 2% Issuer Cap Index Caa Component^{ix}, returned 1.66% and 2.27%, respectively, over the same time frame. The Lipper High Yield Closed-End Funds Category Average^x returned 2.85% for the same period. Please note that Lipper performance returns are based on each fund's NAV.

During this six-month period, the Fund made distributions to shareholders totaling \$0.59 per share. As of November 30, 2017, the Fund estimates that 95% of the distributions were sourced from net investment income and 5% constituted a return of capital.* The performance table shows the Fund's six-month total return based on its NAV and market price as of November 30, 2017. **Past performance is no guarantee of future results.**

Performance Snapshot as of November 30, 2017 (unaudited)

	6-Month Total Return**
Price Per Share	
\$16.80 (NAV)	2.74%
\$15.01 (Market Price)	0.96%

All figures represent past performance and are not a guarantee of future results. Performance figures for period shorter than one year represent cumulative figures and are not annualized.

**** Total returns are based on changes in NAV or market price, respectively. Returns reflect the deduction of all Fund expenses, including management fees, operating expenses, and other Fund expenses. Returns do not reflect the deduction of brokerage commissions or taxes that investors may pay on distributions or the sale of shares.**

Total return assumes the reinvestment of all distributions, including returns of capital, if any, at NAV.

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Looking for additional information?

The Fund is traded under the symbol HYI and its closing market price is available in most newspapers under the NYSE listings. The daily NAV is available on-line under the symbol XHYIX on most financial websites. *Barron's* and the *Wall Street Journal's* Monday edition both carry closed-end fund tables that provide additional information. In addition, the Fund issues a quarterly press

*This estimate is not for tax purposes. The Fund will issue a Form 1099 with final composition of the distributions for tax purposes after year-end. A return of capital is not taxable and results in a reduction in the tax basis of a shareholder's investment. For more information about a distribution's composition, please refer to the Fund's distribution press release or, if applicable, the Section 19 notice located in the press release section of our website, www.lmcef.com (click on the name of the Fund).

release that can be found on most major financial websites as well as www.lmcef.com (click on the name of the Fund).

In a continuing effort to provide information concerning the Fund, shareholders may call 1-888-777-0102 (toll free), Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Eastern Time, for the Fund's current NAV, market price and other information.

Thank you for your investment in Western Asset High Yield Defined Opportunity Fund Inc. As always, we appreciate that you have chosen us to manage your assets and we remain focused on achieving the Fund's investment goals.

Sincerely,

Jane Trust, CFA

Chairman, President and

Chief Executive Officer

December 29, 2017

***RISKS:** The Fund is a non-diversified, limited term, closed-end management investment company designed primarily as a long-term investment and not as a trading vehicle. The Fund is not intended to be a complete investment program and, due to the uncertainty inherent in all investments, there can be no assurance that the Fund will achieve its investment objective. The Fund's common stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange. Similar to stocks, the Fund's share price will fluctuate with market conditions and, at the time of sale, may be worth more or less than the original investment. Shares of closed-end funds often trade at a discount to their net asset value. Because the Fund is non-diversified, it may be more susceptible to economic, political or regulatory events than a diversified fund. The Fund's investments are subject to a number of risks, including credit risk, inflation risk and interest rate risk. As interest rates rise, bond prices fall, reducing the value of the Fund's share price. The Fund may invest in lower-rated high-yield bonds, commonly known as "junk bonds," which are subject to greater liquidity and credit risk (risk of default) than higher-rated obligations. The Fund is also permitted purchases of equity securities. Equity securities generally have greater price volatility than fixed income securities. Investments in foreign securities involve risks, including the possibility of losses due to changes in currency exchange rates and negative developments in the political, economic, or regulatory structure of specific countries or regions. These risks are greater in emerging markets. The Fund may make significant investments in derivative instruments. Derivative instruments can be illiquid, may disproportionately increase losses, and may have a potentially large impact on Fund performance. The Fund may invest in securities or engage in transactions that have the economic effects of leverage which can increase the risk and volatility of the Fund.*

All investments are subject to risk including the possible loss of principal. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. All index performance reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes. Please note that an investor cannot invest directly in an index.

The information provided is not intended to be a forecast of future events, a guarantee of future results or investment advice. Views expressed may differ from those of the firm as a whole.

Investment commentary (cont d)

- ⁱ Gross domestic product (GDP) is the market value of all final goods and services produced within a country in a given period of time.
- ⁱⁱ The Federal Reserve Board (the Fed) is responsible for the formulation of U.S. policies designed to promote economic growth, full employment, stable prices and a sustainable pattern of international trade and payments.
- ⁱⁱⁱ The federal funds rate is the rate charged by one depository institution on an overnight sale of immediately available funds (balances at the Federal Reserve) to another depository institution; the rate may vary from depository institution to depository institution and from day to day.
- ^{iv} The Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Index is a broad-based bond index comprised of government, corporate, mortgage- and asset-backed issues, rated investment grade or higher, and having at least one year to maturity.
- ^v The Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Corporate High Yield 2% Issuer Cap Index is an index of the 2% Issuer Cap component of the Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Corporate High Yield Index, which covers the U.S. dollar-denominated, non-investment grade, fixed-rate, taxable corporate bond market.
- ^{vi} The JPMorgan Emerging Markets Bond Index Global (EMBI Global) tracks total returns for U.S. dollar-denominated debt instruments issued by emerging market sovereign and quasi-sovereign entities: Brady bonds, loans, Eurobonds and local market instruments.
- ^{vii} Net asset value (NAV) is calculated by subtracting total liabilities, including liabilities associated with financial leverage (if any), from the closing value of all securities held by the Fund (plus all other assets) and dividing the result (total net assets) by the total number of the common shares outstanding. The NAV fluctuates with changes in the market prices of securities in which the Fund has invested. However, the price at which an investor may buy or sell shares of the Fund is the Fund's market price as determined by supply of and demand for the Fund's shares.
- ^{viii} The Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Corporate High Yield 2% Issuer Cap B Component is an index of the 2% Issuer Cap component of the broader Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Corporate High Yield Index and is comprised of B-rated securities included in this index.
- ^{ix} The Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Corporate High Yield 2% Issuer Cap Caa Component is an index of the 2% Issuer Cap component of the broader Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Corporate High Yield Index and is comprised of Caa-rated securities included in this index.
- ^x Lipper, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Reuters, provides independent insight on global collective investments. Returns are based on the six-month period ended November 30, 2017, including the reinvestment of all distributions, including returns of capital, if any, calculated among the 11 funds in the Fund's Lipper category.

Fund at a glance (unaudited)

Investment breakdown (%) as a percent of total investments

The bar graph above represents the composition of the Fund's investments as of November 30, 2017 and May 31, 2017 and does not include derivatives, such as forward foreign currency contracts. The Fund is actively managed. As a result, the composition of the Fund's investments is subject to change at any time.

Spread duration (unaudited)

Economic exposure November 30, 2017

Total Spread Duration

HYI 4.26 years

Benchmark 3.34 years

Spread duration measures the sensitivity to changes in spreads. The spread over Treasuries is the annual risk-premium demanded by investors to hold non-Treasury securities. Spread duration is quantified as the % change in price resulting from a 100 basis points change in spreads. For a security with positive spread duration, an increase in spreads would result in a price decline and a decline in spreads would result in a price increase. This chart highlights the market sector exposure of the Fund's sectors relative to the selected benchmark sectors as of the end of the reporting period.

Benchmark	60% Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Corporate High Yield 2% Issuer Cap Index B Component & 40% Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Corporate High Yield 2% Issuer Cap Index Caa Component
EM	Emerging Markets
HY	High Yield
HYI	Western Asset High Yield Defined Opportunity Fund Inc.
IG Credit	Investment Grade Credit

Effective duration (unaudited)

Interest rate exposure November 30, 2017

Total Effective Duration

HYI 4.26 years

Benchmark 3.33 years

Effective duration measures the sensitivity to changes in relevant interest rates. Effective duration is quantified as the % change in price resulting from a 100 basis points change in interest rates. For a security with positive effective duration, an increase in interest rates would result in a price decline and a decline in interest rates would result in a price increase. This chart highlights the interest rate exposure of the Fund's sectors relative to the selected benchmark sectors as of the end of the reporting period.

Benchmark	60% Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Corporate High Yield 2% Issuer Cap Index B Component & 40% Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Corporate High Yield 2% Issuer Cap Index Caa Component
EM	Emerging Markets
HY	High Yield
HYI	Western Asset High Yield Defined Opportunity Fund Inc.
IG Credit	Investment Grade Credit

Schedule of investments (unaudited)

November 30, 2017

Western Asset High Yield Defined Opportunity Fund Inc.

Security	Rate	Maturity Date	Face Amount	Value
Corporate Bonds & Notes 81.1%				
Consumer Discretionary 14.2%				
<i>Auto Components</i> 1.1%				
Adient Global Holdings Ltd., Senior Notes	4.875%	8/15/26	2,070,000	\$ 2,133,383 ^(a)
Delphi Technologies PLC, Senior Notes	5.000%	10/1/25	570,000	580,334 ^(a)
ZF North America Capital Inc., Senior Notes	4.750%	4/29/25	1,500,000	1,603,695 ^(a)
<i>Total Auto Components</i>				<i>4,317,412</i>
<i>Diversified Consumer Services</i> 1.0%				
Prime Security Services Borrower LLC/Prime Finance Inc., Secured Notes	9.250%	5/15/23	1,390,000	1,537,687 ^(a)
Service Corp. International, Senior Notes	7.500%	4/1/27	1,030,000	1,228,275
Weight Watchers International Inc., Senior Notes	8.625%	12/1/25	1,020,000	1,042,950 ^(a)
<i>Total Diversified Consumer Services</i>				<i>3,808,912</i>
<i>Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure</i> 3.8%				
1011778 BC ULC/New Red Finance Inc., Secured Notes	5.000%	10/15/25	950,000	977,906 ^(a)
Aramark Services Inc., Senior Notes	5.000%	4/1/25	630,000	671,738 ^(a)
Bossier Casino Venture Holdco Inc., Senior Secured Bonds (14.000% PIK)	14.000%	2/9/18	1,023,758	1,023,758 ^{(a)(b)(c)(d)}
Brinker International Inc., Senior Notes	5.000%	10/1/24	930,000	934,650 ^(a)
Carrols Restaurant Group Inc., Secured Notes	8.000%	5/1/22	1,490,000	1,581,262
CCM Merger Inc., Senior Notes	6.000%	3/15/22	103,000	106,090 ^(a)
Downstream Development Authority of the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma, Senior Secured Notes	10.500%	7/1/19	890,000	878,875 ^(a)
Golden Nugget Inc., Senior Notes	8.750%	10/1/25	920,000	959,100 ^(a)
Hilton Worldwide Finance LLC/Hilton Worldwide Finance Corp., Senior Notes	4.625%	4/1/25	1,000,000	1,036,250
Hilton Worldwide Finance LLC/Hilton Worldwide Finance Corp., Senior Notes	4.875%	4/1/27	810,000	855,846
Scientific Games International Inc., Senior Notes	10.000%	12/1/22	880,000	972,400
Scientific Games International Inc., Senior Secured Notes	7.000%	1/1/22	820,000	867,150 ^(a)
Scientific Games International Inc., Senior Secured Notes	5.000%	10/15/25	190,000	192,613 ^(a)
Silversea Cruise Finance Ltd., Senior Secured Notes	7.250%	2/1/25	902,000	976,415 ^(a)
Sugarhouse HSP Gaming Prop Mezz LP/Sugarhouse HSP Gaming Finance Corp., Senior Secured Notes	5.875%	5/15/25	800,000	762,000 ^(a)
Viking Cruises Ltd., Senior Notes	5.875%	9/15/27	1,680,000	1,703,100 ^(a)
<i>Total Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure</i>				<i>14,499,153</i>
<i>Household Durables</i> 0.5%				
Lennar Corp., Senior Notes	4.500%	4/30/24	460,000	475,525
Lennar Corp., Senior Notes	4.750%	11/29/27	750,000	770,625 ^(a)
Weekley Homes LLC/Weekley Finance Corp., Senior Notes	6.625%	8/15/25	650,000	637,098 ^(a)
<i>Total Household Durables</i>				<i>1,883,248</i>

See Notes to Financial Statements.

Western Asset High Yield Defined Opportunity Fund Inc.

Security	Rate	Maturity Date	Face Amount	Value
<i>Leisure Products 0.2%</i>				
Gibson Brands Inc., Senior Secured Notes				\$
	8.875%	8/1/18	1,070,000	896,125 ^(a)
<i>Media 5.9%</i>				
AMC Entertainment Holdings Inc., Senior Subordinated Notes	6.125%	5/15/27	640,000	638,400
Carmike Cinemas Inc., Secured Notes	6.000%	6/15/23	440,000	464,200 ^(a)
Charter Communications Operating LLC/Charter Communications Operating Capital Corp., Senior Secured Notes	4.908%	7/23/25	1,010,000	1,068,645
Charter Communications Operating LLC/Charter Communications Operating Capital Corp., Senior Secured Notes	4.200%	3/15/28	1,270,000	1,251,586
Charter Communications Operating LLC/Charter Communications Operating Capital Corp., Senior Secured Notes	6.484%	10/23/45	640,000	738,502
DISH DBS Corp., Senior Notes	7.875%	9/1/19	200,000	214,542
DISH DBS Corp., Senior Notes	5.875%	7/15/22	280,000	289,100
DISH DBS Corp., Senior Notes	5.875%	11/15/24	220,000	222,475
DISH DBS Corp., Senior Notes	7.750%	7/1/26	250,000	270,625
EW Scripps Co., Senior Notes	5.125%	5/15/25	630,000	630,000 ^(a)
SFR Group SA, Senior Secured Bonds	6.250%	5/15/24	2,730,000	2,692,462 ^(a)
SFR Group SA, Senior Secured Notes	7.375%	5/1/26	6,150,000	6,218,449 ^(a)
Time Warner Cable LLC, Senior Notes	8.250%	4/1/19	550,000	591,630
Univision Communications Inc., Senior Secured Notes	6.750%	9/15/22	554,000	576,160 ^(a)
UPC Holding BV, Senior Secured Notes	5.500%	1/15/28	2,080,000	2,074,800 ^(a)
Viacom Inc., Senior Notes	4.375%	3/15/43	1,690,000	1,418,051
Virgin Media Finance PLC, Senior Notes	6.375%	4/15/23	1,260,000	1,311,975 ^(a)
Virgin Media Finance PLC, Senior Notes	6.000%	10/15/24	1,500,000	1,558,125 ^(a)
Ziggo Secured Finance BV, Senior Secured Notes	5.500%	1/15/27	430,000	434,967 ^(a)
<i>Total Media</i>				22,664,694
<i>Specialty Retail 1.5%</i>				
American Greetings Corp., Senior Notes	7.875%	2/15/25	1,230,000	1,340,700 ^(a)
Guitar Center Inc., Senior Secured Bonds	6.500%	4/15/19	1,540,000	1,453,375 ^(a)
Hertz Corp., Senior Notes	5.875%	10/15/20	1,580,000	1,582,686
PetSmart Inc., Senior Notes	8.875%	6/1/25	1,550,000	1,170,250 ^(a)
<i>Total Specialty Retail</i>				5,547,011
<i>Textiles, Apparel & Luxury Goods 0.2%</i>				
Hanesbrands Inc., Senior Notes	4.875%	5/15/26	900,000	922,230 ^(a)
Total Consumer Discretionary				54,538,785
<i>Consumer Staples 2.3%</i>				
<i>Beverages 0.6%</i>				
Carolina Beverage Group LLC/Carolina Beverage Group Finance Inc., Secured Notes	10.625%	8/1/18	900,000	912,937 ^(a)
Cott Holdings Inc., Senior Notes	5.500%	4/1/25	420,000	433,860 ^(a)

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Schedule of investments (unaudited) (cont d)

November 30, 2017

Western Asset High Yield Defined Opportunity Fund Inc.

Security	Rate	Maturity Date	Face Amount	Value
<i>Beverages continued</i>				
DS Services of America Inc., Secured Notes	10.000%	9/1/21	714,000	\$ 753,447 ^(a)
<i>Total Beverages</i>				<i>2,100,244</i>
<i>Food & Staples Retailing 0.2%</i>				
Beverages & More Inc., Senior Secured Notes	11.500%	6/15/22	850,000	784,125 ^(a)
<i>Food Products 1.0%</i>				
Lamb Weston Holdings Inc., Senior Notes	4.625%	11/1/24	760,000	789,450 ^(a)
Lamb Weston Holdings Inc., Senior Notes	4.875%	11/1/26	420,000	443,100 ^(a)
Marfrig Holding Europe BV, Senior Notes	8.000%	6/8/23	2,000,000	2,112,500 ^(a)
Pilgrim's Pride Corp., Senior Notes	5.875%	9/30/27	610,000	638,213 ^(a)
<i>Total Food Products</i>				<i>3,983,263</i>
<i>Household Products 0.3%</i>				
Central Garden & Pet Co., Senior Notes	6.125%	11/15/23	570,000	608,475
Spectrum Brands Inc., Senior Notes	6.625%	11/15/22	460,000	478,400
<i>Total Household Products</i>				<i>1,086,875</i>
<i>Tobacco 0.2%</i>				
Alliance One International Inc., Secured Notes	9.875%	7/15/21	820,000	751,325
Total Consumer Staples				8,705,832
<i>Energy 15.1%</i>				
<i>Energy Equipment & Services 1.3%</i>				
KCA Deutag UK Finance PLC, Senior Secured Notes	7.250%	5/15/21	440,000	426,800 ^(a)
KCA Deutag UK Finance PLC, Senior Secured Notes	9.875%	4/1/22	1,480,000	1,565,100 ^(a)
Precision Drilling Corp., Senior Notes	7.125%	1/15/26	1,010,000	1,020,110 ^(a)
Transocean Inc., Senior Notes	9.000%	7/15/23	440,000	476,850 ^(a)
Transocean Inc., Senior Notes	7.500%	1/15/26	680,000	700,400 ^(a)
Transocean Inc., Senior Notes	6.800%	3/15/38	920,000	738,300
<i>Total Energy Equipment & Services</i>				<i>4,927,560</i>
<i>Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels 13.8%</i>				
Andeavor Logistics LP/Tesoro Logistics Finance Corp., Senior Notes	6.125%	10/15/21	120,000	123,676
Andeavor Logistics LP/Tesoro Logistics Finance Corp., Senior Notes	6.375%	5/1/24	340,000	370,600
Berry Petroleum Co. Escrow			1,571,000	0 ^{*(c)(d)(e)}
Berry Petroleum Co. Escrow			640,000	0 ^{*(c)(d)(e)}
Blue Racer Midstream LLC/Blue Racer Finance Corp., Senior Notes	6.125%	11/15/22	1,920,000	2,001,600 ^(a)
Calumet Specialty Products Partners LP/Calumet Finance Corp., Senior Secured Notes	11.500%	1/15/21	910,000	1,046,500 ^(a)
Carrizo Oil & Gas Inc., Senior Notes	7.500%	9/15/20	585,000	597,431
Carrizo Oil & Gas Inc., Senior Notes	8.250%	7/15/25	450,000	490,500

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Western Asset High Yield Defined Opportunity Fund Inc.

Security	Rate	Maturity Date	Face Amount	Value
<i>Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels continued</i>				
Cheniere Corpus Christi Holdings LLC, Senior Secured Notes	5.875%	3/31/25	1,110,000	\$ 1,207,125
Chesapeake Energy Corp., Senior Notes	6.875%	11/15/20	1,960,000	2,053,100
Chesapeake Energy Corp., Senior Notes	4.875%	4/15/22	3,320,000	3,104,200
Chesapeake Energy Corp., Senior Notes	5.750%	3/15/23	320,000	296,000
Chesapeake Energy Corp., Senior Notes	8.000%	1/15/25	890,000	887,775 (a)
Chesapeake Energy Corp., Senior Notes	8.000%	6/15/27	360,000	345,708 (a)
Continental Resources Inc., Senior Notes	3.800%	6/1/24	1,490,000	1,475,100
Continental Resources Inc., Senior Notes	4.900%	6/1/44	1,400,000	1,337,000
Covey Park Energy LLC/Covey Park Finance Corp., Senior Notes	7.500%	5/15/25	760,000	796,100 (a)
Ecopetrol SA, Senior Notes	5.875%	5/28/45	1,500,000	1,518,750
Endeavor Energy Resources LP/EER Finance Inc., Senior Notes	5.500%	1/30/26	290,000	294,350 (a)(f)
Endeavor Energy Resources LP/EER Finance Inc., Senior Notes	5.750%	1/30/28	470,000	477,050 (a)(f)
EP Energy LLC/Everest Acquisition Finance Inc., Senior Notes	9.375%	5/1/20	820,000	610,900
EP Energy LLC/Everest Acquisition Finance Inc., Senior Notes	6.375%	6/15/23	2,080,000	1,154,400
Genesis Energy LP/Genesis Energy Finance Corp., Senior Bonds	5.625%	6/15/24	980,000	977,550
Kinder Morgan Inc., Medium-Term Notes	7.750%	1/15/32	810,000	1,040,341
Magnum Hunter Resources Corp. Escrow			3,530,000	0 *(c)(d)(e)
MEG Energy Corp., Senior Notes	7.000%	3/31/24	3,310,000	2,995,550 (a)
Murphy Oil USA Inc., Senior Notes	5.625%	5/1/27	740,000	778,850
NGL Energy Partners LP/NGL Energy Finance Corp., Senior Notes	7.500%	11/1/23	850,000	877,625
NGPL PipeCo LLC, Senior Bonds	4.875%	8/15/27	800,000	833,536 (a)
NGPL PipeCo LLC, Senior Notes	4.375%	8/15/22	540,000	555,525 (a)
NGPL PipeCo LLC, Senior Secured Notes	7.768%	12/15/37	790,000	979,600 (a)
Oasis Petroleum Inc., Senior Notes	7.250%	2/1/19	1,490,000	1,497,450
Oasis Petroleum Inc., Senior Notes	6.500%	11/1/21	2,140,000	2,172,100
Oasis Petroleum Inc., Senior Notes	6.875%	1/15/23	1,553,000	1,587,942
Petrobras Global Finance BV, Senior Notes	6.750%	1/27/41	4,540,000	4,568,375
Rockies Express Pipeline LLC, Senior Notes	7.500%	7/15/38	570,000	666,900 (a)
Rockies Express Pipeline LLC, Senior Notes	6.875%	4/15/40	590,000	667,438 (a)
Sanchez Energy Corp., Senior Notes	7.750%	6/15/21	860,000	819,150
Sanchez Energy Corp., Senior Notes	6.125%	1/15/23	4,020,000	3,411,975
Shelf Drilling Holdings Ltd., Secured Notes	9.500%	11/2/20	738,868	753,645 (a)
Whiting Petroleum Corp., Senior Notes	5.000%	3/15/19	770,000	779,625
Whiting Petroleum Corp., Senior Notes	6.250%	4/1/23	1,750,000	1,758,750
Williams Cos. Inc., Debentures	7.500%	1/15/31	330,000	407,550

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Western Asset High Yield Defined Opportunity Fund Inc.

Security	Rate	Maturity Date	Face Amount	Value
<i>Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels</i> continued				
Williams Cos. Inc., Senior Notes				