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U.S.\$328,000,000 Class A-1 First Priority Senior Secured Floating Rate Delayed Draw Notes Due March 2042
U.S.\$46,000,000 Class A-2 Second Priority Senior Secured Floating Rate Notes Due March 2042
U.S.\$14,000,000 Class B Third Priority Secured Floating Rate Notes Due March 2042
U.S.\$7,000,000 Class C Mezzanine Secured Floating Rate Notes Due March 2042
7,700 Preference Shares with an Aggregate Liquidation Preference of U.S.\$7,700,000
Backed by a Portfolio of Asset-Backed Securities and Related Synthetic Securities

Cascade Funding CDO I, Ltd. **Cascade Funding CDO I, Inc.**

Cascade Funding CDO I, Ltd., an exempted company incorporated under the laws of the Cayman Islands (the "Issuer"), and Cascade Funding CDO I, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Co-Issuer" and, together with the Issuer, the "Co-Issuers"), will issue U.S.\$328,000,000 Class A-1 First Priority Senior Secured Floating Rate Delayed Draw Notes due March 2042 (the "Class A-1 Notes"), U.S.\$46,000,000 Class A-2 Second Priority Senior Secured Floating Rate Notes due March 2042 (the "Class A-2 Notes"), U.S.\$14,000,000 Class B Third Priority Secured Floating Rate Notes due March 2042 (the "Class B Notes"), U.S.\$7,000,000 Class C Mezzanine Secured Floating Rate Notes due March 2042 (the "Class C Notes" and, together with the Class A-1 Notes, the Class A-2 Notes and the Class B Notes, the "Notes"). The Notes will be issued and secured pursuant to an Indenture dated as of July 26, 2004 (the "Indenture") among the Issuer, the Co-Issuer and JPMorgan Chase Bank, as trustee (the "Trustee"). Concurrently with the issuance of the Notes, the Issuer will issue 7,700 Preference Shares with an aggregate liquidation preference of U.S.\$7,700,000 (as more fully described herein, the "Preference Shares", and together with the Notes, the "Offered Securities"). The Collateral (as defined herein) securing the Notes will be managed by Terwin Money Management LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "Collateral Manager"), and a member of The Winter Group. *(continued on next page)*



It is a condition to the issuance of the Offered Securities that the Class A-1 Notes be rated no lower than "Aaa" by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. ("Moody's"), no lower than "AAA" by Standard & Poor's Ratings Services, a division of The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc. ("Standard & Poor's") and no lower than "AAA" by Fitch Ratings ("Fitch," and together with Moody's and Standard & Poor's, the "Rating Agencies"), that the Class A-2 Notes be rated no lower than "Aaa" by Moody's, no lower than "AAA" by Standard and Poor's and no lower than "AAA" by Fitch, that the Class B Notes be rated no lower than "Aa3" by Moody's, that the Class C Notes be rated no lower than "Baa2" by Moody's and no lower than "BBB" by Fitch and that the Preference Shares be rated no lower than "Baa3" by Moody's. The ratings assigned by Moody's to the Class A-1 Notes, the Class A-2 Notes, the Class B Notes and the Class C Notes address the ultimate cash receipt of all required interest (including, in the case of the Class C Notes, interest on all Class C Deferred Interest Amounts) and principal payments on each such Class of Notes, in each case as provided in the governing documents, and are based on the expected loss posed to the Noteholders relative to the promise of receiving the present value of such payments. The ratings assigned by Standard & Poor's to the Class A-1 Notes and the Class A-2 Notes address the timely payment of interest and ultimate payment of principal on each such Class of Notes. The ratings assigned by Fitch to the Class A-1 Notes and the Class A-2 Notes address the timely payment of interest and ultimate payment of principal on each such Class of Notes. The rating assigned by Fitch to the Class C Notes addresses the ultimate payment of interest and principal on such Class of Notes. No application will be made to list the Notes or the Preference Shares on any stock exchange. The rating assigned by Moody's to the Preference Shares addresses the ultimate receipt of the Rated Balance of the Preference Shares as provided by the governing documents, and is based on the expected loss posed to the holders of the Preference Shares relative to the promise of receiving the present value of such payments.

SEE "RISK FACTORS" IN THIS OFFERING CIRCULAR FOR A DESCRIPTION OF CERTAIN FACTORS THAT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED IN CONNECTION WITH AN INVESTMENT IN THE OFFERED SECURITIES. THE PLEDGED ASSETS OF THE ISSUER ARE THE SOLE SOURCE OF PAYMENTS ON THE OFFERED SECURITIES. THE OFFERED SECURITIES DO NOT REPRESENT AN INTEREST IN OR OBLIGATIONS OF, AND ARE NOT INSURED OR GUARANTEED BY, THE TRUSTEE, THE COLLATERAL MANAGER, MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED OR ANY OF THEIR RESPECTIVE AFFILIATES.

THE OFFERED SECURITIES BEING OFFERED HEREBY HAVE NOT BEEN AND WILL NOT BE REGISTERED UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED (THE "SECURITIES ACT"), UNDER APPLICABLE STATE SECURITIES LAWS OR UNDER THE LAWS OF ANY OTHER JURISDICTION. THE OFFERED SECURITIES ARE BEING OFFERED (A) IN THE UNITED STATES IN RELIANCE UPON AN EXEMPTION FROM THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE SECURITIES ACT TO QUALIFIED PURCHASERS (AS DEFINED HEREIN) WHO ARE ALSO (I) "QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYERS" (AS DEFINED IN RULE 144A UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT) OR (II) ACCREDITED INVESTORS WITHIN THE MEANING OF RULE 501(a) UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT; AND (B) OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES TO PERSONS WHO ARE NOT U.S. PERSONS (AS DEFINED IN REGULATION S) IN OFFSHORE TRANSACTIONS IN RELIANCE ON REGULATION S ("REGULATION S") UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT AND, IN EACH CASE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAWS. EACH ORIGINAL PURCHASER OF A PREFERENCE SHARE WILL BE REQUIRED IN AN INVESTOR APPLICATION FORM DELIVERED TO THE ISSUER (AN "INVESTOR APPLICATION FORM") TO MAKE CERTAIN ACKNOWLEDGMENTS, REPRESENTATIONS, WARRANTIES AND AGREEMENTS SET FORTH UNDER "TRANSFER RESTRICTIONS." A TRANSFER OF OFFERED SECURITIES (OR ANY INTEREST THEREIN) IS SUBJECT TO CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS DESCRIBED HEREIN, INCLUDING THAT NO SALE, PLEDGE, TRANSFER OR EXCHANGE MAY BE MADE IN A DENOMINATION LESS THAN THE REQUIRED MINIMUM DENOMINATION. SEE "TRANSFER RESTRICTIONS."

The Offered Securities are offered by Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated ("MLPFS" or the "Initial Purchaser") subject to prior sale, when, as and if issued. The Initial Purchaser reserves the right to withdraw, cancel or modify such offer and to reject orders in whole or in part. It is expected that the Offered Securities will be delivered on or about July 26, 2004 (the "Closing Date"), in the case of the Notes and the Regulation S Global Preference Shares, through the facilities of The Depository Trust Company ("DTC") and in the case of the Definitive Preference Shares, in the offices of Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, against payment therefor in immediately available funds.

Merrill Lynch & Co.

The date of this Offering Circular is July 23, 2004.

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The Preference Shares are being issued pursuant to the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Issuer (the "Issuer Charter") and in accordance with a Preference Share Paying Agency Agreement dated as of the Closing Date (the "Preference Share Paying Agency Agreement") among the Issuer and JPMorgan Chase Bank, as preference share paying agent (in such capacity, the "Preference Share Paying Agent") and Maples Finance Limited, as preference share registrar (in such capacity, the "Preference Share Registrar"). Subject in each case to the Priority of Payments, (a) holders of the Class A-1 Notes will be entitled to receive interest at a floating rate per annum equal to the applicable London interbank offered rate in effect from time to time plus 0.37%, (b) holders of the Class A-2 Notes will be entitled to receive interest and certain third parties will be entitled to receive compensation at an aggregate floating rate per annum not to exceed the applicable London interbank offered rate in effect from time to time plus 1.04%, (c) holders of the Class B Notes will be entitled to receive interest at a floating rate per annum equal to the applicable London interbank offered rate in effect from time to time plus 1.05% and (d) holders of the Class C Notes will be entitled to receive interest at a floating rate per annum equal to the applicable London interbank offered rate in effect from time to time plus 3.15%. See "Description of the Notes—Priority of Payments."

Interest on the Notes will be payable in U.S. dollars quarterly in arrears on each March 3, June 3, September 3 and December 3, commencing December 3, 2004 (each, a "Quarterly Distribution Date"), *provided* that (i) the final Quarterly Distribution Date with respect to the Notes will be the Stated Maturity, (ii) if any such date is not a Business Day, the relevant Quarterly Distribution Date will be the next succeeding Business Day and (iii) the Accelerated Maturity Date will be a Quarterly Distribution Date. Payments of principal of and interest and Commitment Fee on the Notes on any Quarterly Distribution Date will be made if and to the extent that funds are available on such Quarterly Distribution Date in accordance with the Priority of Payments set forth herein. See "Description of the Notes—Interest" and "Description of the Notes—Principal." The principal of each of the Class A-1 Notes, Class A-2 Notes, Class B Notes and Class C Notes is required to be paid by their applicable Stated Maturity, unless redeemed or repaid prior thereto. See "Description of the Notes—Principal." Each of the Class A-1 Notes, Class A-2 Notes, Class B Notes and Class C Notes is referred to herein as a "Class" of Notes.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Issuer will enter into the Basis Swap (as defined herein) in order to finance the periodic payment of interest on the Class A-2 Notes on dates other than on each Quarterly Distribution Date, all as described in a supplement to this Offering Circular relating to the Class A-2 Notes (the "Class A-2 Notes Supplement").

All of the Class A-1 Notes are entitled to receive payments *pari passu* among themselves, all of the Class A-2 Notes are entitled to receive payments *pari passu* among themselves, all of the Class B Notes are entitled to receive payments *pari passu* among themselves, all of the Class C Notes are entitled to receive payments *pari passu* among themselves and all of the Preference Shares are entitled to receive payments *pari passu* among themselves. Except as otherwise described in the Priority of Payments, the relative order of seniority of payment of each Class of Notes on each Quarterly Distribution Date is as follows: *first*, Class A-1 Notes, including payment of the Commitment Fee, *second*, Class A-2 Notes, *third*, Class B Notes and *fourth*, Class C Notes with (a) each Class of Notes (other than the Class C Notes) in such list being "Senior" to each other Class of Notes that follows such Class of Notes in such list (e.g., the Class A-1 Notes are Senior to the Class A-2 Notes, Class B Notes and Class C Notes) and (b) each Class of Notes (other than the Class A-1 Notes) in such list being "Subordinate" to each other Class of Notes that precedes such Class of Notes in such list (e.g., the Class C Notes are Subordinate to the Class A-1 Notes, Class A-2 Notes and Class B Notes). No payment of interest on any Class of Notes will be made until all accrued and unpaid interest and Commitment Fee on the Notes of each Class that is Senior to such Class and that remain outstanding has been paid in full. Except as otherwise described in the Priority of Payments, no payment of principal of any Class of Notes will be made until all principal of, and accrued and unpaid interest and Commitment Fee on, the Notes of each Class that is Senior to such Class and that remain outstanding have been paid in full. See "Description of the Notes—Priority of Payments."

The assets of the Issuer, which will be pledged to secure the Notes, will be comprised of (a) the Custodial Account, the Collateral Debt Securities and the Equity Securities, (b) the Interest Collection Account, the Uninvested Proceeds Account, the Principal Collection Account, the Payment Account, the Expense Account, the Interest Reserve Account, the Semi-Annual Interest Reserve Account, each Hedge Counterparty Collateral Account, each

Synthetic Security Counterparty Account, each Synthetic Security Issuer Account, all funds and other property standing to the credit of each such account, Eligible Investments purchased with funds standing to the credit of each such account and all income from the investment of funds therein, (c) the rights of the Issuer under each Hedge Agreement, (d) the rights of the Issuer under the Collateral Management Agreement, the Collateral Administration Agreement, the Administration Agreement, the Investor Application Forms and the Class A-1 Note Purchase Agreement, (e) all cash delivered to the Trustee and (f) all proceeds, accessions, profits, income benefits, substitutions and replacements, whether voluntary or involuntary, of and to any of the property of the Issuer described in the preceding clauses (collectively, the "Collateral"). The security interest granted under the Indenture in each Synthetic Security Counterparty Account is subject to and subordinate to the security interest and rights of the relevant Synthetic Security Counterparty in and to such Synthetic Security Counterparty Account.

The Notes are subject to redemption under the circumstances described under "Description of the Notes—Optional Redemption and Tax Redemption," "—Auction Call Redemption," "—Mandatory Redemption" and "—Priority of Payments."

On each Quarterly Distribution Date, to the extent funds are available therefor, Interest Proceeds will be released from the lien of the Indenture for payment to the Preference Share Paying Agent only after the payment of interest on the Notes and certain other amounts in accordance with the Priority of Payments. Any Interest Proceeds permitted to be released from the lien of the Indenture on any Quarterly Distribution Date in accordance with the Priority of Payments and paid to the Preference Share Paying Agent will be distributed to the holders of the Preference Shares (the "Preference Shareholders") on such Quarterly Distribution Date. Until the Notes have been paid in full, Principal Proceeds will not be available to make distributions in respect of the Preference Shares. Subject to provisions of Cayman Islands law governing the declaration and payment of dividends (as described herein), after the Notes have been paid in full, Interest Proceeds and Principal Proceeds remaining after all other applications under the Priority of Payments will be released from the lien of the Indenture in accordance with the Priority of Payments and paid to the Preference Share Paying Agent for distribution to the Preference Shareholders on each Quarterly Distribution Date. Distributions (other than certain liquidating distributions described herein) will be made in cash. The Directors of the Issuer currently intend, in the event that the Preference Shares are not redeemed at the option of a Majority-in-Interest of Preference Shareholders following the repayment in full of the Notes, to liquidate all of the Issuer's remaining investments in an orderly manner and distribute the proceeds of such liquidation to the Preference Shareholders. See "Description of the Preference Shares—Distributions."

The Notes are being offered at an issue price equal to 100% of the principal amount thereof. The Notes offered by the Co-Issuers in the United States will be offered in reliance on an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act and will initially be represented by one or more global notes ("Restricted Global Notes") in fully registered form without interest coupons deposited with, and registered in the name of, DTC (or its nominee). The Notes offered by the Co-Issuers outside the United States will be offered in reliance upon Regulation S and will be represented by one or more global notes ("Regulation S Global Notes") in fully registered form without interest coupons deposited with, and registered in the name of, DTC (or its nominee). Except in the limited circumstances described herein, certificated Notes will not be issued in exchange for beneficial interests in a Restricted Global Note or a Regulation S Global Note. The Preference Shares offered by the Issuer in the United States will be offered in reliance upon an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act ("Restricted Definitive Preference Shares"). All Restricted Definitive Preference Shares will be represented by certificates in fully registered definitive form, registered in the name of the legal and beneficial owner thereof (or a nominee acting on behalf of the disclosed legal and beneficial owner thereof). The Preference Shares offered by the Issuer outside the United States will be offered in reliance upon Regulation S ("Regulation S Preference Shares"). Regulation S Preference Shares will be represented by either (i) one or more global preference shares ("Regulation S Global Preference Shares") in fully registered form without interest coupons deposited with, and registered in the name of, DTC (or its nominee) and deposited with or on behalf of DTC initially for the accounts of Euroclear, and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg or (ii) preference share certificates in definitive, fully registered form, registered in the name of the legal and beneficial owner thereof ("Regulation S Definitive Preference Shares"). See "Description of the Notes—Form, Denomination, Registration and Transfer" and "Description of the Preference Shares—Form, Registration and Transfer." No application will be made to list the Notes or Preference Shares on any stock exchange.

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THE DELIVERY OF THIS OFFERING CIRCULAR NOR ANY SALE OF ANY SECURITY OFFERED HEREBY SHALL UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES IMPLY THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN THE AFFAIRS OF THE CO-ISSUERS OR THAT THE INFORMATION HEREIN IS CORRECT AS OF ANY DATE SUBSEQUENT TO THE DATE AS OF WHICH SUCH INFORMATION IS GIVEN HEREIN. THE CO-ISSUERS AND THE INITIAL PURCHASER RESERVES THE RIGHT, FOR ANY REASON, TO REJECT ANY OFFER TO PURCHASE IN WHOLE OR IN PART, TO ALLOT TO ANY OFFEREE LESS THAN THE FULL AMOUNT OF OFFERED SECURITIES SOUGHT BY SUCH OFFEREE OR TO SELL LESS THAN THE AGGREGATE STATED PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF ANY CLASS OF NOTES OR THE NUMBER OF PREFERENCE SHARES.

THE NOTES ARE LIMITED RECOURSE OBLIGATIONS OF THE CO-ISSUERS. THE NOTES ARE PAYABLE SOLELY FROM THE COLLATERAL DEBT SECURITIES AND OTHER COLLATERAL PLEDGED BY THE ISSUER TO SECURE THE NOTES. NONE OF THE SECURITY HOLDERS, MEMBERS, OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, MANAGERS OR INCORPORATORS OF THE ISSUER, THE CO-ISSUER, THE TRUSTEE, THE ADMINISTRATOR, THE COLLATERAL MANAGER, ANY RATING AGENCY, THE SHARE TRUSTEE, THE INITIAL PURCHASER, ANY HEDGE COUNTERPARTY, ANY OF THEIR RESPECTIVE AFFILIATES OR ANY OTHER PERSON OR ENTITY WILL BE OBLIGATED TO MAKE PAYMENTS ON THE NOTES. CONSEQUENTLY, THE NOTEHOLDERS MUST RELY SOLELY ON AMOUNTS RECEIVED IN RESPECT OF THE COLLATERAL DEBT SECURITIES AND OTHER COLLATERAL PLEDGED TO SECURE THE NOTES FOR THE PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL THEREOF AND INTEREST AND COMMITMENT FEE THEREON.

NOTWITHSTANDING ANYTHING HEREIN TO THE CONTRARY, EFFECTIVE FROM THE DATE OF COMMENCEMENT OF DISCUSSIONS, RECIPIENTS OF THIS OFFERING CIRCULAR AND EACH EMPLOYEE, REPRESENTATIVE OR OTHER AGENT OF ANY SUCH RECIPIENT MAY DISCLOSE TO ANY AND ALL PERSONS, WITHOUT LIMITATION OF ANY KIND, THE U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX TREATMENT AND TAX STRUCTURE OF THIS OFFERING AND ALL MATERIALS OF ANY KIND, INCLUDING OPINIONS OR OTHER TAX ANALYSES, THAT ARE PROVIDED TO THE RECIPIENTS RELATING TO SUCH TAX TREATMENT AND TAX STRUCTURE. THIS AUTHORIZATION TO DISCLOSE SUCH TAX TREATMENT AND TAX STRUCTURE DOES NOT PERMIT DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION IDENTIFYING THE ISSUER, THE CO-ISSUER, THE COLLATERAL MANAGER OR ANY OTHER PARTY TO THE TRANSACTION, THIS OFFERING OR THE PRICING (EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT PRICING IS RELEVANT TO TAX STRUCTURE OR TAX TREATMENT) OF THIS OFFERING.

THE OFFERED SECURITIES HAVE NOT BEEN AND WILL NOT BE REGISTERED UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OR THE SECURITIES LAWS OF ANY STATE OF THE UNITED STATES OR ANY OTHER JURISDICTION. THE OFFERED SECURITIES ARE TO BE PURCHASED FOR INVESTMENT ONLY AND MAY NOT BE SOLD, PLEDGED OR OTHERWISE TRANSFERRED BY AN INVESTOR DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY

WITHIN THE UNITED STATES OR TO OR FOR THE ACCOUNT OF U.S. PERSONS (AS DEFINED IN REGULATION S) EXCEPT PURSUANT TO AN EXEMPTION FROM THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE SECURITIES ACT. PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE SELLER OF ANY OFFERED SECURITY MAY BE RELYING ON THE EXEMPTION FROM THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 5 OF THE SECURITIES ACT PROVIDED BY RULE 144A THEREOF ("RULE 144A") OR ANOTHER EXEMPTION FROM THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE SECURITIES ACT AND ON ANY APPLICABLE STATE SECURITIES LAWS. FOR CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS ON RESALE, SEE "DESCRIPTION OF THE NOTES—FORM, DENOMINATION, REGISTRATION AND TRANSFER," "DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERENCE SHARES—FORM, REGISTRATION AND TRANSFER," AND "TRANSFER RESTRICTIONS." A TRANSFER OF OFFERED SECURITIES IS SUBJECT TO THE RESTRICTIONS DESCRIBED HEREIN, INCLUDING THAT NO SALE, PLEDGE, TRANSFER OR EXCHANGE MAY BE MADE OF AN OFFERED SECURITY (1) EXCEPT AS PERMITTED UNDER (A) THE SECURITIES ACT PURSUANT TO AN EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION AS DESCRIBED HEREIN, (B) APPLICABLE STATE SECURITIES LAWS AND (C) APPLICABLE SECURITIES LAWS OF ANY OTHER JURISDICTION, (2) EXCEPT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE CERTIFICATION AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN THE INDENTURE AND THE PREFERENCE SHARE PAYING AGENCY AGREEMENT, RESPECTIVELY AND (3) IN A DENOMINATION LESS THAN THE REQUIRED MINIMUM DENOMINATION (IN THE CASE OF THE NOTES) OR A NUMBER LESS THAN THE REQUIRED MINIMUM NUMBER (IN THE CASE OF THE PREFERENCE SHARES). THE OFFERED SECURITIES ARE SUBJECT TO FURTHER RESTRICTIONS ON TRANSFER. SEE "TRANSFER RESTRICTIONS."

NEITHER OF THE CO-ISSUERS NOR THE COLLATERAL HAS BEEN REGISTERED UNDER THE INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT OF 1940, AS AMENDED (THE "INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT"), BY REASON OF THE EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION CONTAINED IN SECTION 3(c)(7) THEREOF. NO TRANSFER OF THE OFFERED SECURITIES WHICH WOULD HAVE THE EFFECT OF REQUIRING EITHER OF THE CO-ISSUERS OR THE COLLATERAL TO REGISTER AS AN INVESTMENT COMPANY UNDER THE INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT WILL BE PERMITTED. ANY TRANSFER OF A REGULATION S NOTE OR A RESTRICTED NOTE THAT IS A DEFINITIVE NOTE MAY BE EFFECTED ONLY ON THE NOTE REGISTER MAINTAINED BY THE NOTE REGISTRAR PURSUANT TO THE INDENTURE. ANY TRANSFER OF AN INTEREST IN A RESTRICTED GLOBAL NOTE OR A REGULATION S GLOBAL NOTE WILL BE SHOWN ON, AND TRANSFERS THEREOF WILL BE EFFECTED ONLY THROUGH, RECORDS MAINTAINED BY DTC AND ITS DIRECT AND INDIRECT PARTICIPANTS (INCLUDING, IN THE CASE OF REGULATION S GLOBAL NOTES, EUROCLEAR AND CLEARSTREAM, LUXEMBOURG). ANY TRANSFER OF PREFERENCE SHARES MAY BE EFFECTED ONLY ON THE PREFERENCE SHARE REGISTER MAINTAINED BY THE PREFERENCE SHARE REGISTRAR (THE "PREFERENCE SHARE REGISTRAR") PURSUANT TO THE PREFERENCE SHARE PAYING AGENCY AGREEMENT.

EACH ORIGINAL PURCHASER AND EACH TRANSFEREE OF A NOTE OR AN INTEREST THEREIN WILL BE REQUIRED TO CERTIFY (OR IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES DEEMED TO REPRESENT AND WARRANT) EITHER THAT (A) IT IS NOT (AND FOR SO LONG AS IT HOLDS ANY NOTE OR ANY INTEREST THEREIN WILL NOT BE), AND IS NOT ACTING ON BEHALF OF (AND FOR SO LONG AS IT HOLDS ANY NOTE OR INTEREST THEREIN WILL NOT BE) AN "EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN" AS DEFINED IN SECTION 3(3) OF THE UNITED STATES EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY ACT OF 1974, AS AMENDED ("ERISA") THAT IS SUBJECT TO TITLE I OF ERISA, A PLAN DESCRIBED IN SECTION 4975(E)(1) OF THE UNITED STATES INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED (THE "CODE"), AN ENTITY WHICH IS DEEMED TO HOLD THE ASSETS OF ANY SUCH PLAN PURSUANT TO 29 C.F.R. SECTION 2510.3 101, WHICH PLAN OR ENTITY IS SUBJECT TO TITLE I OF ERISA OR SECTION 4975 OF THE CODE, OR A GOVERNMENTAL OR CHURCH PLAN WHICH IS SUBJECT TO ANY FEDERAL, STATE OR LOCAL LAW THAT IS SIMILAR TO THE PROHIBITED TRANSACTION PROVISIONS OF SECTION 406 OF ERISA OR SECTION 4975 OF THE CODE ("SIMILAR LAW"), OR (B) ITS ACQUISITION AND HOLDING OF SUCH NOTE WILL NOT CONSTITUTE A NON-EXEMPT PROHIBITED TRANSACTION IN VIOLATION OF SECTION 406 OF ERISA OR SECTION 4975 OF THE CODE (OR, IN THE CASE OF A GOVERNMENTAL OR CHURCH PLAN, WILL NOT RESULT IN A VIOLATION OF ANY SUCH SIMILAR LAW). AN INVESTOR THAT IS A BENEFIT PLAN INVESTOR SUBJECT TO TITLE I OF ERISA, SECTION 4975 OF THE CODE OR ANY SIMILAR LAW WILL BE REQUIRED TO CERTIFY THAT ITS INVESTMENT IN PREFERENCE SHARES WILL NOT RESULT IN A NON-EXEMPT PROHIBITED TRANSACTION UNDER SECTION 406 OF ERISA OR SECTION 4975 OF THE CODE (OR, IN THE CASE OF A GOVERNMENTAL OR CHURCH PLAN, WILL NOT RESULT IN A VIOLATION OF ANY SUCH SIMILAR LAW).

EACH ORIGINAL PURCHASER OF AN INTEREST IN A REGULATION S GLOBAL PREFERENCE SHARE OR IN A PREFERENCE SHARE WILL BE REQUIRED TO CERTIFY, AND EACH TRANSFEREE WILL BE REQUIRED TO REPRESENT, THAT IT IS NOT A BENEFIT PLAN INVESTOR (AS DEFINED IN THE PLAN ASSET REGULATIONS OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, 29 C.F.R. SECTION 2510.3-101(f)) (THE "PLAN ASSET REGULATION"), INCLUDING THE GENERAL ACCOUNT OF AN INSURANCE COMPANY ANY OF THE UNDERLYING ASSETS OF WHICH CONSTITUTE PLAN ASSETS UNDER SECTION 401(C) OF ERISA (ANY SUCH PERSON, "U.S. BENEFIT PLAN INVESTOR"), UNLESS IT IS A BENEFIT PLAN INVESTOR WHICH IS NOT A U.S. PERSON AND WHICH IS NOT SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF TITLE I OF ERISA AND/OR THE PROHIBITED TRANSACTION PROVISIONS OF SECTION 4975 OF THE CODE (ANY SUCH PERSON, A "FOREIGN BENEFIT PLAN INVESTOR"). EXCEPT FOR AN ORIGINAL PURCHASER OF AN INTEREST IN A REGULATION S GLOBAL PREFERENCE SHARE FROM THE ISSUER OR INITIAL PURCHASER THAT IS A NOT A U.S. BENEFIT PLAN INVESTOR, NO HOLDER OF A PREFERENCE SHARE MAY BE A BENEFIT PLAN INVESTOR.

FOR THESE REASONS, AMONG OTHERS, AN INVESTMENT IN THE OFFERED SECURITIES IS NOT SUITABLE FOR ALL INVESTORS AND IS APPROPRIATE ONLY FOR AN INVESTOR CAPABLE OF (A) ANALYZING AND ASSESSING THE RISKS

ASSOCIATED WITH DEFAULTS, LOSSES AND RECOVERIES ON, REINVESTMENT OF PROCEEDS OF AND OTHER CHARACTERISTICS OF ASSETS SUCH AS THOSE INCLUDED IN THE COLLATERAL AND (B) BEARING SUCH RISKS AND THE FINANCIAL CONSEQUENCES THEREOF AS THEY RELATE TO AN INVESTMENT IN THE OFFERED SECURITIES.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT PROSPECTIVE INVESTORS INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN THIS OFFERING ARE WILLING AND ABLE TO CONDUCT AN INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION OF THE RISKS POSED BY AN INVESTMENT IN THE OFFERED SECURITIES.

THE OFFERED SECURITIES HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED BY THE UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OR ANY SECURITIES COMMISSION OR OTHER REGULATORY AUTHORITY OF ANY STATE OR OTHER JURISDICTION, AND NONE OF THE FOREGOING AUTHORITIES HAS CONFIRMED THE ACCURACY OR DETERMINED THE ADEQUACY OF THIS OFFERING CIRCULAR. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

This Offering Circular has been prepared by the Co-Issuers solely for use in connection with the offering of the Offered Securities described herein (the "Offering"). The Co-Issuers have taken all reasonable care to confirm that the information contained in this Offering Circular is true and accurate in all material respects and is not misleading in any material respect and that there are no other facts relating to the Co-Issuers or the Offered Securities, the omission of which makes this Offering Circular as a whole or any such information contained herein, in light of the circumstances under which it was made, misleading in any material respect. The Co-Issuers accept responsibility for the information contained in this document accordingly. To the best knowledge and belief of the Co-Issuers the information contained in this document is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information. The Co-Issuers disclaim any obligation to update such information and do not intend to do so. Neither the Initial Purchaser nor any of its affiliates makes any representation or warranty as to, has independently verified or assumes any responsibility for, the accuracy or completeness of the information contained herein. Neither the Collateral Manager nor any of its affiliates makes any representation or warranty as to, has independently verified or assumes any responsibility for, the accuracy or completeness of the information contained herein (other than the information set forth herein describing the Collateral Manager). None of the Hedge Counterparties, any of their guarantors nor any of their respective affiliates makes any representation or warranty as to, has independently verified or assumes any responsibility for, the accuracy and completeness of the information contained herein. Nothing contained in this Offering Circular is or should be relied upon as a promise or representation as to future results or events. The Trustee has not participated in the preparation of this Offering Circular and assumes no responsibility for its contents.

All of the statements in this Offering Circular with respect to the business of the Co-Issuers, and any financial projections or other forecasts, are based on information furnished by the Co-Issuers. See "Forward Looking Statements." Neither the Initial Purchaser, the Collateral Manager nor any of their respective affiliates assumes any responsibility for the performance of any obligations of either of the Co-Issuers or any other person described in this Offering Circular or for the due execution, validity or enforceability of the Offered Securities, instruments or documents delivered in connection with the Offered Securities (other than in respect of its own obligations), or for the value or validity of any collateral or security interests pledged in connection therewith. None of the Hedge Counterparties or their respective guarantors assume any responsibility for the performance of any obligations of any other person described in this Offering Circular or for the due execution, validity or enforceability of the Offered Securities, instruments or documents delivered in connection with the Offered Securities (other than its own obligations under documents entered into by it) or for the value or validity of any collateral or security interests pledged in connection therewith.

This Offering Circular contains summaries of certain documents. The summaries do not purport to be complete and are qualified in their entirety by reference to such documents, copies of which will be made available to offerees upon request. Requests and inquiries regarding this Offering Circular or such documents should be directed to Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated at 4 World Financial Center, New York, New York 10080; Attention: Global Structured Credit Products.

The Co-Issuers will make available to any offeree of the Offered Securities, prior to the issuance thereof, the opportunity to ask questions of and to receive answers from the Co-Issuers or a person acting on their behalf concerning the terms and conditions of the Offering, the Co-Issuers or any other relevant matters and to obtain any additional information to the extent the Co-Issuers possess such information or can obtain it without unreasonable expense.

Each purchaser in the initial distribution (an "Original Purchaser") of an Offered Security offered and sold in the United States will be required (or, in the case of the Notes, deemed) to represent to the Initial Purchaser and the Co-Issuers (or, in the case of the Preference Shares, the Issuer) that it is either (a) (i) a "Qualified Institutional Buyer" (as defined in Rule 144A under the Securities Act) or (ii) an Accredited Investor within the meaning of Rule 501(a) (an "Accredited Investor") under the Securities Act, and (b) in each case, a Qualified Purchaser (as defined herein) acquiring the Offered Security for its own account for investment purposes and not with a view to the distribution thereof (except in accordance with Rule 144A). Each Original Purchaser of an Offered Security offered and sold in reliance on Regulation S will be required (or, in the case of the Notes, deemed) to represent to the Initial Purchaser and the Co-Issuers (or, in the case of the Preference Shares, the Issuer) that it is not a U.S. Person, as such term is defined in Regulation S (a "U.S. Person"), and is acquiring the Offered Security in an offshore transaction in accordance with Regulation S, for its own account and not for the account or benefit of a U.S. Person. Each Original Purchaser of Offered Securities will also be required (or in certain circumstances deemed) to acknowledge that the Offered Securities have not been and will not be registered under the Securities Act and may not be reoffered, resold, pledged or otherwise transferred except (a)(i) to a person (A) whom the seller reasonably believes is a Qualified Institutional Buyer, purchasing for its own account, to whom notice is given that the resale, pledge or other transfer is being made in reliance on the exemption from Securities Act

registration provided by Rule 144A and (B) that is a Qualified Purchaser, (ii) in an offshore transaction in accordance with Rule 903 or Rule 904 of Regulation S or (iii) in the case of a Preference Share, in accordance with another exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act (subject to the delivery of such certifications, legal opinions or other information as the Issuer may reasonably require to confirm that such transfer is being made pursuant to an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the registration requirements of the Securities Act), (b) in compliance with the certification and other requirements set forth in the Indenture or the Preference Share Paying Agency Agreement and (c) in accordance with any applicable securities laws of any state of the United States and any other relevant jurisdiction. Notwithstanding the foregoing, each Original Purchaser of Class A-2 Notes will be deemed to (a) make the representations set forth in the supplement to this Offering Circular setting forth additional information with respect to the Class A-2 Notes and (b) acknowledge that the Class A-2 Notes may not be reoffered, resold, pledged or otherwise transferred except as described in the Class A-2 Notes Supplement. The Class A-2 Notes Supplement will be delivered to each Original Purchaser of Class A-2 Notes. Each Original Purchaser of an Offered Security that is a U.S. Person will be required (or in certain circumstances deemed) to represent that it or the account for which it is purchasing such Offered Security is a Qualified Purchaser. A "Qualified Purchaser" is (i) a "qualified purchaser" as defined in the Investment Company Act, (ii) a "knowledgeable employee" with respect to the Issuer within the meaning of Rule 3c-5 of the Investment Company Act or (iii) a company beneficially owned exclusively by one or more such "qualified purchasers" and/or "knowledgeable employees." For a description of these and certain other restrictions on offers and sales of the Offered Securities and distribution of this Offering Circular, see "Transfer Restrictions."

Although the Initial Purchaser may from time to time make a market in any Class of Notes or the Preference Shares, the Initial Purchaser is under no obligation to do so. In the event that the Initial Purchaser commences any market-making, it may discontinue the same at any time. There can be no assurance that a secondary market for any Class of the Notes or the Preference Shares will develop, or if a secondary market does develop, that it will provide the holders of such Offered Securities with liquidity of investment or that it will continue for the life of such Offered Securities.

THIS OFFERING CIRCULAR IS FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY AND IS NOT INTENDED TO BE RELIED UPON ALONE AS THE BASIS FOR AN INVESTMENT DECISION. IN MAKING AN INVESTMENT DECISION, PROSPECTIVE INVESTORS MUST RELY ON THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF THE CO-ISSUERS AND THE TERMS OF THE OFFERING, INCLUDING THE MERITS AND RISKS INVOLVED AND MUST NOT RELY UPON INFORMATION PROVIDED BY OR STATEMENTS MADE BY THE INITIAL PURCHASER OR ANY OF ITS AFFILIATES. INVESTORS SHOULD BE AWARE THAT THEY MAY BE REQUIRED TO BEAR THE FINANCIAL RISKS OF AN INVESTMENT IN OFFERED SECURITIES FOR AN INDEFINITE PERIOD OF TIME.

NONE OF THE CO-ISSUERS, THE INITIAL PURCHASER, THE COLLATERAL MANAGER OR THEIR RESPECTIVE AFFILIATES MAKES ANY REPRESENTATION TO ANY OFFEREE OR PURCHASER OF OFFERED SECURITIES REGARDING THE

LEGALITY OF INVESTMENT THEREIN BY SUCH OFFEREE OR PURCHASER UNDER APPLICABLE LEGAL INVESTMENT OR SIMILAR LAWS OR REGULATIONS OR THE PROPER CLASSIFICATION OF SUCH AN INVESTMENT THEREUNDER.

THE CONTENTS OF THIS OFFERING CIRCULAR ARE NOT TO BE CONSTRUED AS LEGAL, BUSINESS OR TAX ADVICE. EACH PROSPECTIVE INVESTOR SHOULD CONSULT ITS OWN ATTORNEY, BUSINESS ADVISOR AND TAX ADVISOR AS TO LEGAL, BUSINESS AND TAX ADVICE.

In this Offering Circular, references to "U.S. Dollars," "Dollars" and "U.S.\$" are to United States dollars.

Offers, sales and deliveries of the Offered Securities are subject to certain restrictions in the United States, the United Kingdom, the Cayman Islands and other jurisdictions. See "Plan of Distribution" and "Transfer Restrictions."

No invitation may be made to the public in the Cayman Islands to subscribe for the Offered Securities.

NOTICE TO FLORIDA RESIDENTS

THE OFFERED SECURITIES ARE OFFERED PURSUANT TO A CLAIM OF EXEMPTION UNDER SECTION 517.061 OF THE FLORIDA SECURITIES ACT (THE "FLORIDA ACT") AND HAVE NOT BEEN REGISTERED UNDER THE FLORIDA ACT IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA. FLORIDA RESIDENTS WHO ARE NOT INSTITUTIONAL INVESTORS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 517.061(7) OF THE FLORIDA ACT HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOID THEIR PURCHASES OF THE OFFERED SECURITIES WITHOUT PENALTY WITHIN THREE DAYS AFTER THE FIRST TENDER OF CONSIDERATION.

NOTICE TO CONNECTICUT RESIDENTS

THE OFFERED SECURITIES HAVE NOT BEEN REGISTERED UNDER THE CONNECTICUT SECURITIES LAW. THE OFFERED SECURITIES ARE SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS ON TRANSFERABILITY AND SALE.

NOTICE TO GEORGIA RESIDENTS

THE OFFERED SECURITIES HAVE BEEN ISSUED OR SOLD IN RELIANCE ON PARAGRAPH (13) OF CODE SECTION 10-5-9 OF THE GEORGIA SECURITIES ACT OF 1973, AND MAY NOT BE SOLD OR TRANSFERRED EXCEPT IN A TRANSACTION WHICH IS EXEMPT UNDER SUCH ACT OR PURSUANT TO AN EFFECTIVE REGISTRATION UNDER SUCH ACT.

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS OF AUSTRIA

THIS OFFERING CIRCULAR IS NOT A PROSPECTUS UNDER THE AUSTRIAN CAPITAL MARKETS ACT OR THE AUSTRIAN INVESTMENT FUNDS ACT. THIS OFFERING CIRCULAR HAS NOT BEEN EXAMINED BY A PROSPECTUS AUDITOR AND NO PROSPECTUS ON THE PRIVATE PLACEMENT OF THE OFFERED SECURITIES HAS BEEN PUBLISHED OR WILL BE PUBLISHED IN AUSTRIA. THE OFFERED SECURITIES ARE OFFERED IN AUSTRIA ONLY TO A RESTRICTED AND SELECTED NUMBER OF PROFESSIONAL AND SOPHISTICATED INDIVIDUAL INVESTORS, AND NO PUBLIC OFFERING OF THE OFFERED SECURITIES IN AUSTRIA IS BEING MADE OR IS INTENDED TO BE MADE. THE OFFERED SECURITIES CAN ONLY BE ACQUIRED FOR A COMMITMENT EXCEEDING 50,000 EUROS OR ITS EQUIVALENT VALUE IN ANY FOREIGN CURRENCY. THE INTERESTS ISSUED BY THE CO-ISSUERS ARE NOT OFFERED IN AUSTRIA, AND THE CO-ISSUERS ARE NOT AND WILL NOT BE REGISTERED AS A FOREIGN INVESTMENT FUND IN AUSTRIA.

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS OF BELGIUM

THE OFFERED SECURITIES MAY NOT BE OFFERED, SOLD, TRANSFERRED OR DELIVERED IN OR FROM BELGIUM AS PART OF THEIR INITIAL DISTRIBUTION OR AT ANY TIME THEREAFTER, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, OTHER THAN TO PERSONS OR ENTITIES MENTIONED IN ARTICLE 3 OF THE ROYAL DECREE OF JANUARY 9, 1991 RELATING TO THE PUBLIC CHARACTERISTIC OF OPERATIONS CALLING FOR SAVINGS AND ON THE ASSIMILATION OF CERTAIN OPERATIONS TO A PUBLIC OFFER (BELGIAN OFFICIAL JOURNAL OF JANUARY 12, 1991). THEREFORE, THE OFFERED SECURITIES ARE EXCLUSIVELY DESIGNED FOR CREDIT INSTITUTIONS, STOCK EXCHANGE COMPANIES, COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT FUNDS, COMPANIES OR INSTITUTIONS, INSURANCE COMPANIES AND/OR PENSION FUNDS ACTING FOR THEIR OWN ACCOUNT ONLY.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN THE CAYMAN ISLANDS

PURSUANT TO S. 194 OF THE COMPANIES LAW (2003 REVISION) OF THE CAYMAN ISLANDS, THE OFFERED SECURITIES MAY NOT BE OFFERED TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN THE CAYMAN ISLANDS.

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS OF DENMARK

EACH OF THE CO-ISSUERS AND THE INITIAL PURCHASER HAS AGREED THAT IT HAS NOT OFFERED OR SOLD AND WILL NOT OFFER, SELL OR DELIVER ANY OFFERED SECURITIES IN THE KINGDOM OF DENMARK, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, BY WAY OF PUBLIC OFFER, UNLESS SUCH OFFER, SALE OR DELIVERY IS, OR WAS, IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE DANISH ACT NO. 1072 OF DECEMBER, 20, 1995 ON SECURITIES TRADING, CHAPTER 12 ON PROSPECTUSES ON FIRST PUBLIC OFFER OF CERTAIN EXECUTIVE SECURITIES AND ANY EXECUTIVE ORDERS ISSUED IN PURSUANCE THEREOF.

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS OF FINLAND

THIS OFFERING CIRCULAR HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR PRIVATE INFORMATION PURPOSES OF INTERESTED INVESTORS ONLY. IT MAY NOT BE USED FOR AND SHALL NOT BE DEEMED A PUBLIC OFFERING OF THE OFFERED SECURITIES. THE RAHOITUSTARKASTUS HAS NOT AUTHORIZED ANY OFFERING OF THE SUBSCRIPTION OF THE OFFERED SECURITIES; ACCORDINGLY, THE OFFERED SECURITIES MAY NOT BE OFFERED OR SOLD IN FINLAND OR TO RESIDENTS THEREOF EXCEPT AS PERMITTED BY FINNISH LAW. THIS OFFERING CIRCULAR IS STRICTLY FOR PRIVATE USE BY ITS HOLDER AND MAY NOT BE PASSED ON TO THIRD PARTIES.

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS OF FRANCE

THE OFFERED SECURITIES HAVE NOT BEEN AND WILL NOT BE OFFERED, MARKETED, DISTRIBUTED, SOLD, RESOLD OR OTHERWISE TRANSFERRED, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY IN THE REPUBLIC OF FRANCE OR TO THE PUBLIC IN THE REPUBLIC OF FRANCE OTHER THAN TO QUALIFIED INVESTORS (INVESTISSEURS QUALIFIES) ACTING FOR THEIR OWN ACCOUNT AND/OR A LIMITED CIRCLE OF INVESTORS (CERCLE RESTREINT D'INVESTISSEURS), ALL AS DEFINED IN AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE L. 411-2 OF THE FRENCH CODE MONÉTAIRE ET FINANCIER AND DÉCRET NO. 98-880 DATED 1 OCTOBER 1998.

THE OFFERED SECURITIES WILL NOT BE SUBJECT TO ANY APPROVAL BY OR REGISTRATION (VISA) WITH THE FRENCH AUTORITÉ DES MARCHÉS FINANCIERS.

THE DIRECT OR INDIRECT OFFER, MARKETING, DISTRIBUTION, SALE, RE-SALE OR OTHER TRANSFER OF THE OFFERED SECURITIES TO THE PUBLIC IN THE REPUBLIC OF FRANCE MUST COMPLY WITH ARTICLES L.411-1, L.411-2, L.412-1 AND L.621-8 OF THE FRENCH CODE MONÉTAIRE ET FINANCIER.

IN RESPECT OF OFFERED SECURITIES OFFERED, MARKETED, DISTRIBUTED SOLD, RESOLD OR OTHERWISE TRANSFERRED TO A LIMITED CIRCLE OF MORE THAN 100 INVESTORS (CERCLE RESTREINT D'INVESTISSEURS) IN THE REPUBLIC OF FRANCE, EACH INVESTOR IN SUCH LIMITED CIRCLE OF INVESTORS (CERCLE RESTREINT D'INVESTISSEURS) MUST CERTIFY HIS/HER PERSONAL, PROFESSIONAL OR FAMILY RELATIONSHIP WITH ONE OF THE DIRECTORS.

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS OF GERMANY

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE OFFERED SECURITIES IN GERMANY IS SUBJECT TO THE RESTRICTIONS CONTAINED IN THE GERMAN FOREIGN INVESTMENT ACT (*AUSLANDSINVESTMENTGESETZ*); IN PARTICULAR, THEY MAY NOT BE PUBLICLY DISTRIBUTED.

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS OF HONG KONG

NO PERSON MAY OFFER OR SELL ANY OFFERED SECURITIES IN HONG KONG BY MEANS OF THIS OFFERING CIRCULAR OR ANY OTHER DOCUMENT OTHERWISE THAN TO PERSONS WHOSE ORDINARY BUSINESS IT IS TO BUY OR SELL SHARES OR DEBENTURES (WHETHER AS PRINCIPAL OR AGENT) OR IN CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH DO NOT CONSTITUTE AN OFFER TO THE PUBLIC WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 32 OF THE LAWS OF HONG KONG). UNLESS IT IS A PERSON WHO IS PERMITTED TO DO SO UNDER THE SECURITIES LAWS OF HONG KONG, NO PERSON MAY IN HONG KONG ISSUE, OR HAVE IN ITS POSSESSION FOR THE PURPOSES OF ISSUE, THIS OFFERING CIRCULAR OR ANY OTHER ADVERTISEMENT, INVITATION OR DOCUMENT RELATING TO THE OFFERED SECURITIES OTHER THAN (I) IN RESPECT OF OFFERED SECURITIES TO BE DISPOSED OF TO PERSONS OUTSIDE HONG KONG OR ONLY TO PERSONS WHOSE BUSINESS INVOLVES THE ACQUISITION, DISPOSAL OR HOLDING OF SECURITIES, WHETHER AS PRINCIPAL OR AGENT, OR (II) IN CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH DO NOT CONSTITUTE AN INVITATION TO THE PUBLIC WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE PROTECTION OF INVESTORS ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 335 OF THE LAWS OF HONG KONG).

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS OF JAPAN

THE OFFERED SECURITIES HAVE NOT BEEN, AND WILL NOT BE, REGISTERED UNDER THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE LAW OF JAPAN. NEITHER THE OFFERED SECURITIES NOR ANY INTEREST THEREIN MAY BE OFFERED, SOLD, RESOLD OR OTHERWISE TRANSFERRED, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, IN JAPAN OR TO OR FOR THE ACCOUNT OF ANY RESIDENT OF JAPAN (WHICH TERM AS USED HEREIN MEANS ANY PERSON RESIDENT IN JAPAN, INCLUDING ANY CORPORATION OR OTHER ENTITY ORGANIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF JAPAN), OR TO OTHERS FOR RE-OFFERING OR SALE, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, IN JAPAN OR TO A RESIDENT OF JAPAN EXCEPT PURSUANT TO AN EXEMPTION FROM THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS OF, AND OTHERWISE IN COMPLIANCE WITH, THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE LAW AND ANY OTHER APPLICABLE LAW, REGULATIONS AND MINISTERIAL GUIDELINES OF JAPAN.

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS OF THE NETHERLANDS

THE OFFERED SECURITIES MAY NOT BE OFFERED, SOLD, TRANSFERRED OR DELIVERED, WHETHER DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, TO ANY INDIVIDUAL OR LEGAL ENTITY IN THE NETHERLANDS OTHER THAN TO INDIVIDUALS WHO, OR LEGAL ENTITIES WHICH, IN THE COURSE OF THEIR OCCUPATION OR BUSINESS, DEAL OR INVEST IN SECURITIES (AS SET OUT IN SECTION 1 OF THE REGULATION OF 9 OCTOBER 1990 IN IMPLEMENTATION OF SECTION 14 OF THE ACT ON THE SUPERVISION OF INVESTMENT INSTITUTIONS).

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS OF SINGAPORE

THIS OFFERING CIRCULAR WILL, PRIOR TO ANY SALE OF SECURITIES PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 106D OF THE COMPANIES ACT (CAP. 50), BE LODGED, PURSUANT TO SAID SECTION 106D, WITH THE REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES IN SINGAPORE, WHICH TAKES NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR ITS CONTENTS, BUT HAS NOT BEEN AND WILL NOT BE REGISTERED AS A PROSPECTUS WITH THE REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES IN SINGAPORE. ACCORDINGLY, THE OFFERED SECURITIES MAY NOT BE OFFERED, AND NEITHER THIS OFFERING CIRCULAR NOR ANY OTHER OFFERING DOCUMENT OR MATERIAL RELATING TO THE OFFERED SECURITIES MAY BE CIRCULATED OR DISTRIBUTED, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, TO THE PUBLIC OR ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC IN SINGAPORE OTHER THAN TO INSTITUTIONAL INVESTORS OR OTHER PERSONS OF THE KIND SPECIFIED IN SECTION 106C AND SECTION 106D OF THE COMPANIES ACT OR ANY OTHER APPLICABLE EXEMPTION INVOKED UNDER DIVISION 5A OF PART IV OF THE COMPANIES ACT. THE FIRST SALE OF

SECURITIES ACQUIRED UNDER A SECTION 106C OR SECTION 106D EXEMPTION IS SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 106E OF THE COMPANIES ACT.

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS OF SWITZERLAND

THE CO-ISSUERS HAVE NOT BEEN AUTHORIZED BY THE SWISS FEDERAL BANKING COMMISSION AS A FOREIGN INVESTMENT FUND UNDER ARTICLE 45 OF THE SWISS FEDERAL LAW ON INVESTMENT FUNDS OF 18 MARCH 1994. ACCORDINGLY, THE OFFERED SECURITIES MAY NOT BE OFFERED OR DISTRIBUTED ON A PROFESSIONAL BASIS IN OR FROM SWITZERLAND, AND NEITHER THIS OFFERING CIRCULAR NOR ANY OTHER OFFERING MATERIALS RELATING TO THE OFFERED SECURITIES MAY BE DISTRIBUTED IN CONNECTION WITH ANY SUCH OFFERING OR DISTRIBUTION. THE OFFERED SECURITIES MAY, HOWEVER, BE OFFERED AND THIS OFFERING CIRCULAR MAY BE DISTRIBUTED IN SWITZERLAND ON A PROFESSIONAL BASIS TO A LIMITED NUMBER OF PROFESSIONAL INVESTORS IN CIRCUMSTANCES SUCH THAT THERE IS NO PUBLIC OFFER.

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM

THE OFFERED SECURITIES MAY NOT BE OFFERED OR SOLD AND, PRIOR TO THE EXPIRY OF THE PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS FROM THE CLOSING DATE, WILL NOT BE OFFERED OR SOLD TO PERSONS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM EXCEPT TO PERSONS WHOSE ORDINARY ACTIVITIES INVOLVE THEM IN ACQUIRING, HOLDING, MANAGING OR DISPOSING OF INVESTMENTS (AS PRINCIPAL OR AGENT) FOR THE PURPOSE OF THEIR BUSINESS OR OTHERWISE IN CIRCUMSTANCES THAT HAVE NOT RESULTED AND WILL NOT RESULT IN AN OFFER TO THE PUBLIC IN THE UNITED KINGDOM WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE PUBLIC OFFERS OF SECURITIES REGULATIONS 1995. THIS OFFERING CIRCULAR AND ANY OTHER DOCUMENT IN

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To permit compliance with Rule 144A under the Securities Act in connection with the sale of the Offered Securities, each of the Co-Issuers (or the Issuer, in the case of the Preference Shares) will be required to furnish, upon request of a holder of an Offered Security, to such holder and a prospective purchaser designated by such holder the information required to be delivered under Rule 144A(d)(4) under the Securities Act if at the time of the request such Co-Issuer is not a reporting company under Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or exempt from reporting pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Exchange Act. Such information may be obtained from (a) in the case of the Notes, the Trustee or (b) in the case of the Preference Shares, the Preference Share Paying Agent. It is not contemplated that either of the Co-Issuers will be such a reporting company or so exempt.

FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS

Any projections, forecasts and estimates contained herein are forward looking statements and are based upon certain assumptions specified herein. Projections are necessarily speculative in nature, and it can be expected that some or all of the assumptions underlying the projections will not materialize or will vary significantly from actual results. Accordingly, the projections are only an estimate. Actual results may vary from the projections, and the variations may be material.

Some important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in any forward looking statements include changes in interest rates, market, financial or legal uncertainties, differences in the actual allocation of the Collateral Debt Securities among asset categories from those assumed, the timing of acquisitions of the Collateral Debt Securities, the timing and frequency of defaults on the Collateral Debt Securities, mismatches between the timing of accrual and receipt of Interest Proceeds and Principal Proceeds from the Collateral Debt Securities (particularly prior to the Ramp-Up Completion Date), defaults under Collateral Debt Securities and the effectiveness of the Interest Rate Hedge Agreement, among others. Consequently, the inclusion of projections herein should not be regarded as a representation by the Issuer, the Co-Issuer, the Trustee, the Collateral Manager, the Initial Purchaser or any of their respective affiliates or any other person or entity of the results that will actually be achieved by the Issuer.

None of the Issuer, the Co-Issuer, the Collateral Manager, the Initial Purchaser or their respective affiliates has any obligation to update or otherwise revise any projections, including any revisions to reflect changes in economic conditions or other circumstances arising after the date hereof or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events, even if the underlying assumptions do not come to fruition.

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THE OFFERING

The following summary is qualified in its entirety by, and should be read in conjunction with, the more detailed information appearing elsewhere in this Offering Circular. An index of defined terms appears at the back of this Offering Circular.

Securities Offered:

U.S.\$328,000,000 aggregate principal amount Class A-1 First Priority Senior Secured Floating Rate Delayed Draw Notes due March 2042 (the "Class A-1 Notes").

U.S.\$46,000,000 aggregate principal amount Class A-2 Second Priority Senior Secured Floating Rate Notes due March 2042 (the "Class A-2 Notes").

U.S.\$14,000,000 aggregate principal amount Class B Third Priority Secured Floating Rate Notes due March 2042 (the "Class B Notes").

U.S.\$7,000,000 aggregate principal amount Class C Mezzanine Secured Floating Rate Notes due March 2042 (the "Class C Notes" and, together with the Class A-1 Notes, Class A-2 Notes and Class B Notes, the "Notes").

7,700 Preference Shares, par value U.S.\$0.01 per share, having a liquidation preference of U.S.\$1,000 per share (the "Preference Shares" and, together with the Notes, the "Offered Securities").

The Notes will be issued and secured pursuant to an Indenture dated as of the Closing Date (the "Indenture"), among the Issuer, the Co-Issuer and JPMorgan Chase Bank, as trustee (in such capacity, together with its successors in such capacity, the "Trustee"). Each of the Hedge Counterparties, certain Synthetic Security Counterparties, the Collateral Manager and each Preference Shareholder will be an express third party beneficiary of the Indenture. See "Description of the Notes—Status and Security" and "—The Indenture." The Notes will be limited-recourse debt obligations of the Co-Issuers secured solely by a pledge of the Collateral by the Issuer to the Trustee pursuant to the Indenture for the benefit of the holders from time to time of the Notes, the Hedge Counterparties, certain Synthetic Security Counterparties, the Collateral Manager and the Trustee (collectively, the "Secured Parties"). See "Description of the Notes—Status and Security."

All Notes and the Preference Shares will be issued on the Closing Date. U.S.\$276,000,000 of the principal amount of

the Class A-1 Notes will be advanced on the Closing Date. Further advances may be made under the Class A-1 Notes after the Closing Date as provided in the Class A-1 Note Purchase Agreement, subject to the conditions set forth therein.

The terms of the Preference Shares will be set out in the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Issuer (the "Issuer Charter") and will be issued in accordance with a Preference Share Paying Agency Agreement dated as of the Closing Date (the "Preference Share Paying Agency Agreement") among the Issuer, Maples Finance Limited, as preference share registrar, and JPMorgan Chase Bank, as preference share paying agent (in such capacity, the "Preference Share Paying Agent") and the resolutions of the board of directors of the Issuer.

All of the Class A-1 Notes are entitled to receive payments *pari passu* among themselves, all of the Class A-2 Notes are entitled to receive payments *pari passu* among themselves, all of the Class B Notes are entitled to receive payments *pari passu* among themselves, all of the Class C Notes are entitled to receive payments *pari passu* among themselves and all of the Preference Shares are entitled to receive payments *pari passu* among themselves. Except as otherwise described in the Priority of Payments, the relative order of seniority of payment of each Class of Notes on each Quarterly Distribution Date is as follows: *first*, Class A-1 Notes, including payment of the Commitment Fee, *second*, Class A-2 Notes, *third*, Class B Notes and, *fourth*, Class C Notes with (a) each Class of Notes (other than the Class C Notes) in such list being "Senior" to each other Class of Notes that follows such Class of Notes in such list and (b) each Class of Notes (other than the Class A-1 Notes) in such list being "Subordinate" to each other Class of Notes that precedes such Class of Notes in such list.

No payment of interest on any Class of Notes will be made until all accrued and unpaid interest and Commitment Fee on the Notes of each Class that is Senior to such Class and that remain outstanding has been paid in full. Except as otherwise described herein, no payment of principal of any Class of Notes will be made until all principal of, and accrued and unpaid interest and Commitment Fee on, the Notes of each Class that is Senior to such Class and that remain outstanding have been paid in full. See "Description of the Notes—Priority of Payments."

**Drawdown of the
Class A-1 Notes:**

Pursuant to a Class A-1 Note Purchase Agreement dated as of the Closing Date (the "Class A-1 Note Purchase Agreement") among the Issuer, the Co-Issuer, the Trustee and the holders from time to time of the Class A-1 Notes, the holders of the Class A-1 Notes (or the Liquidity Provider(s) with respect to any such holder) will commit to make monthly advances under the Class A-1 Notes, on and subject to the terms and conditions specified therein, provided that the aggregate principal amount advanced under the Class A-1 Notes will not exceed U.S.\$328,000,000 (including amounts advanced on the Closing Date). Subject to compliance with certain borrowing conditions specified in the Class A-1 Note Purchase Agreement and described herein under "Description of the Notes—Drawdown—Class A-1 Notes," the Issuer may borrow amounts under the Class A-1 Notes during the Commitment Period (as defined herein). The aggregate principal amount that may be borrowed on any day (other than any borrowing of the entire unused amount of the Commitments under the Class A-1 Note Purchase Agreement) will be an integral multiple of U.S.\$1,000 and at least U.S.\$5,000,000. See "Description of the Notes—Drawdown—Class A-1 Notes."

Prior to the Commitment Period Termination Date, each holder of Class A-1 Notes will be required to satisfy the Rating Criteria. If any holder of Class A-1 Notes fails at any time prior to the Commitment Period Termination Date to comply with the Rating Criteria, the Issuer will have the right under the Class A-1 Note Purchase Agreement to, and will be obligated under the Indenture to, replace such holder with another entity that meets such ratings requirement (by requiring the replaced holder to transfer all of its rights and obligations in respect of the Class A-1 Notes to the transferee entity). The "Rating Criteria" will be satisfied on any date with respect to any holder of Class A-1 Notes if (a) the short-term debt, deposit or similar obligations of such holder (or the obligations of the guarantor of such holder's obligations) are on such date rated "P-1" by Moody's and at least "A-1" by Standard & Poor's or (b) such holder is then entitled under a Liquidity Facility to borrow loans from, or sell Class A-1 Notes to, one or more financial institutions (each, a "Liquidity Provider") so long as the short-term debt, deposit or similar obligations of each such Liquidity Provider are on such date rated "P-1" by Moody's and at least "A-1" by Standard & Poor's. A "Liquidity Facility" is a liquidity facility agreement providing for the several

commitments of the Liquidity Providers party thereto to make loans to, or purchase Class A-1 Notes from, a holder of Class A-1 Notes up to in an aggregate principal amount at any one time outstanding equal to the aggregate undrawn principal amount of Class A-1 Notes held by such holder. The purchase of Class A-1 Notes (whether in connection with the initial placement or in a subsequent transfer) by any purchaser who does not satisfy the Rating Criteria set forth in clause (a) of the definition thereof at the time of such purchase but who is then entitled to the benefits of a Liquidity Facility described in clause (b) of such definition will be subject to the requirement that each Rating Agency confirm that the acquisition of Class A-1 Notes by such purchaser will not result in a downgrade or withdrawal of its then current rating, if any, of any Class of Notes.

The Co-Issuers:

Cascade Funding CDO I, Ltd. (the "Issuer") is an exempted company incorporated under Cayman Islands law pursuant to the Issuer Charter. The entire share capital of the Issuer consists of (a) 1,000 ordinary shares, par value U.S.\$1.00 per share, each of which will be held in trust for charitable purposes by Maples Finance Limited in the Cayman Islands (the "Share Trustee") under the terms of a declaration of trust, and (b) 7,700 Preference Shares, par value U.S.\$0.01 per share, having a liquidation preference of U.S.\$1,000 per share. The Indenture and Issuer Charter will provide that the activities of the Issuer are limited to (1) acquiring and disposing of, and investing and reinvesting in, Collateral Debt Securities and Equity Securities acquired by the Issuer in the limited circumstances described herein and Eligible Investments, (2) entering into and performing its obligations under the Indenture, the Hedge Agreements, the Collateral Management Agreement, the Administration Agreement, the Collateral Administration Agreement, the Class A-1 Note Purchase Agreement, the Purchase Agreement, the Synthetic Securities, the Investor Application Forms, the Class A-2 Agency and Amending Agreement and the Preference Share Paying Agency Agreement, (3) issuing and selling the Offered Securities, (4) pledging the Collateral as security for its obligations in respect of the Notes and otherwise for the benefit of the Secured Parties, (5) owning the shares of the Co-Issuer and (6) other activities incidental to the foregoing.

Cascade Funding CDO I, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Co-Issuer" and, together with the Issuer, the "Co-Issuers"), was incorporated for the sole purpose of co issuing the Notes.

The entire authorized share capital of the Co-Issuer is owned by the Issuer.

The Issuer will not have any material assets other than the Collateral Debt Securities, Equity Securities, Eligible Investments, the Accounts and rights under the Hedge Agreements, the Class A-1 Note Purchase Agreement and under certain other agreements entered into as described herein.

The Co-Issuer will not have any assets (other than the proceeds of its shares, being U.S.\$1,000) and will not pledge any assets to secure the Notes. The Co-Issuer will not have any interest in the Collateral Debt Securities or other assets held by the Issuer and will have no claim against the Issuer in respect of the Collateral Debt Securities or otherwise.

The Collateral Manager:

Prior to the Closing Date, the Issuer will enter into a Collateral Management Agreement (the "Collateral Management Agreement") with Terwin Money Management LLC (together with any successor thereto, the "Collateral Manager") pursuant to which the Collateral Manager will perform certain advisory, consulting, administrative and other tasks for the Issuer and the Trustee. See "Collateral Manager—Terwin Money Management LLC."

Use of Proceeds:

The gross proceeds received from the issuance and sale of the Offered Securities, together with the Up Front Payment to be made to the Issuer under the Interest Rate Hedge Agreement, will be approximately U.S.\$404,930,000 (after giving effect to all Borrowings under the Class A-1 Notes through the Ramp-Up Completion Date). The net proceeds from the issuance and sale of the Offered Securities, together with the Up Front Payment made to the Issuer under the Interest Rate Hedge Agreement, are expected to be approximately U.S.\$399,000,000, which reflects the payment from such gross proceeds of organizational and structuring fees and expenses of the Co-Issuers (including, without limitation, the legal fees and expenses of counsel to the Co-Issuers, the Collateral Manager and the Initial Purchaser), the expenses, fees and commissions incurred in connection with the acquisition of the Collateral Debt Securities for inclusion in the Collateral on or prior to the Closing Date, the expenses of offering the Offered Securities (including fees payable to the Initial Purchaser in connection with the offering of the Offered Securities) and the initial deposit into the Expense Account and the Interest Reserve

Account. Such net proceeds will be used by the Issuer to purchase a diversified portfolio of interests in (a) certain Asset-Backed Securities and (b) Synthetic Securities that, in each case, satisfy the investment criteria described herein. See "Security for the Notes."

Interest Payments on the Notes:

The Class A-1 Notes will bear interest at a floating rate per annum equal to LIBOR (determined as described herein) plus 0.37%. The Class A-2 Notes will bear interest, and certain third parties will be entitled to compensation, at a floating rate per annum not to exceed LIBOR plus 1.04% (determined as described in the Class A-2 Notes Supplement and including payment of certain other amounts described therein). The Class B Notes will bear interest at a floating rate per annum equal to LIBOR plus 1.05%. The Class C Notes will bear interest at a floating rate per annum equal to LIBOR plus 3.15%. Interest on the Notes will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year and the actual number of days elapsed.

Interest will accrue (i) in the case of the initial Interest Period, for the period from and including the Closing Date (or, in the case of a Class A-1 Note, the period from and including the Borrowing Date of the relevant Borrowing) to but excluding the first applicable Quarterly Distribution Date and (ii) thereafter, for the period from and including the Quarterly Distribution Date immediately following the last preceding Interest Period, to but excluding the next succeeding Quarterly Distribution Date. Accrued and unpaid interest will be payable quarterly in arrears on each Quarterly Distribution Date, if and to the extent that funds are available on such Quarterly Distribution Date in accordance with the Priority of Payments set forth herein. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Issuer will enter into the Basis Swap in order to finance the periodic payment of interest on the Class A-2 Notes on dates other than on each Quarterly Distribution Date, all as described in the Class A-2 Notes Supplement. See "Description of the Notes—Interest."

Additionally, so long as any Notes are outstanding, if the Interest Coverage Test is not satisfied on any Determination Date related to a Quarterly Distribution Date after the Ramp-Up Completion Date, then Interest Proceeds that would otherwise be distributed to the Preference Shareholders will be used instead to redeem, *first*, the Class A-1 Notes, *second*, the Class A-2 Notes, *third*, the Class B Notes and, *fourth* the

Class C Notes, until the Interest Coverage Test is satisfied. Furthermore, if the Overcollateralization Test is not satisfied and any Notes remain outstanding, Interest Proceeds remaining after application in accordance with the immediately preceding sentence will be used to redeem *first*, the Class C Notes, *second*, the Class B Notes, *third*, the Class A-2 Notes and *fourth*, the Class A-1 Notes, until the Overcollateralization Test is satisfied. See "Description of the Notes—Priority of Payments

Commitment Fee on the Class A-1 Notes:

A commitment fee ("Commitment Fee") will accrue on the undrawn principal amount of the Class A-1 Notes for each day from and including the Closing Date to but excluding the date the Aggregate Undrawn Amount of the Class A-1 Notes is reduced to zero, at a rate per annum equal to 0.05%. Commitment Fee will be payable quarterly in arrears on each Quarterly Distribution Date and will rank *pari passu* with the payment of interest on the Class A-1 Notes. Commitment Fee will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year and the actual number of days elapsed. No Class of Notes other than the Class A-1 Notes will be entitled to a commitment fee. See "Description of the Notes—Commitment Fee on Class A-1 Notes."

Distributions on the Preference Shares:

On each Quarterly Distribution Date, to the extent funds are available therefor, Interest Proceeds will be released from the lien of the Indenture for payment to the Preference Share Paying Agent only after the payment of interest on the Notes, the Commitment Fee and certain other amounts in accordance with the Priority of Payments, *provided* that if the Preference Shareholders shall have received an annualized Dividend Yield of 12% per annum and the Class C Notes have not been redeemed, Interest Proceeds that would otherwise be released from the lien of the Indenture and paid to the Preference Share Paying Agent for distribution to the Preference Shareholders will be applied to pay principal of the Class C Notes, until the Class C Notes have been paid in full.

Any Interest Proceeds permitted to be released from the lien of the Indenture on any Quarterly Distribution Date in accordance with the Priority of Payments and paid to the Preference Share Paying Agent will be distributed to the Preference Shareholders on each Quarterly Distribution Date. Until the Notes have been paid in full, Principal Proceeds are not permitted to be released from the lien of the Indenture and will not be available to make distributions in

respect of the Preference Shares. Subject to provisions of The Companies Law (2003 Revision) of the Cayman Islands governing the declaration and payment of dividends (as described herein), after the Notes have been paid in full, Interest Proceeds and Principal Proceeds remaining after all other applications under the Priority of Payments will be released from the lien of the Indenture in accordance with the Priority of Payments and paid to the Preference Share Paying Agent for distribution to the Preference Shareholders on each Quarterly Distribution Date. Distributions will be made in cash (except certain liquidating distributions). See "Description of the Preference Shares—Distributions."

If either of the Coverage Tests is not satisfied on the Determination Date related to any Quarterly Distribution Date, then Interest Proceeds that would otherwise be distributed to Preference Shareholders on the related Quarterly Distribution Date (subject to the payment of certain other amounts prior thereto) will be used instead to repay principal of the Notes to the extent and as described herein. If a Rating Confirmation Failure occurs, funds that would otherwise be distributed to Preference Shareholders (subject to the payment of certain other amounts prior thereto) will be applied to the payment of principal of *first*, the Class A-1 Notes, *second*, the Class A-2 Notes, *third*, the Class B Notes and *fourth*, the Class C Notes, to the extent specified by each relevant Rating Agency in order to obtain a Rating Confirmation. See "Description of the Notes—Priority of Payments."

Average Life and Duration:

The stated maturity of the Notes is the Quarterly Distribution Date in March 2042 (with respect to each Class of Notes, the "Stated Maturity"). Each Class of Notes will mature at the applicable Stated Maturity unless redeemed or repaid prior thereto. The average life of each Class of Notes and the duration of the Preference Shares will be less than the number of years until the Stated Maturity of the Notes. See "Maturity, Prepayment and Yield Considerations" and "Risk Factors—Projections, Forecasts and Estimates."

Substitution Period:

Until the end of the Substitution Period, the Collateral Manager may reinvest the Sale Proceeds of Credit Risk Securities, Credit Improved Securities and Discretionary Sales in substitute Collateral Debt Securities in compliance with the Eligibility Criteria. See "Description of the Notes—Substitution Period," "Security for the Notes—Eligibility Criteria" and "—Dispositions of Collateral Debt Securities."

The "Substitution Period" is the period from (and including) the Closing Date to (but excluding) the earliest of (a) the Quarterly Distribution Date occurring in December 2006, (b) the Quarterly Distribution Date on which the Collateral Manager specifies (by notice to the Trustee) that no further investments in substitute Collateral Debt Securities will occur, (c) the date on which an Event of Default occurs or (d) the date on which Terwin Money Management LLC gives notice of its resignation as or the Issuer gives it notice of termination as, the Collateral Manager.

Principal Repayment:

During the Substitution Period, Specified Principal Proceeds will be used to pay principal of the Notes in accordance with the Priority of Payments. Sale Proceeds (other than proceeds of the sale of Defaulted Securities, Written Down Securities and Equity Securities) may be reinvested in (or held for reinvestment in) substitute Collateral Debt Securities. On any Quarterly Distribution Date prior to the last day of the Substitution Period, the Collateral Manager may elect, by written notice to the Trustee prior to the relevant Determination Date, to apply all or a portion of Sale Proceeds received by the Issuer during the related Due Period to the payment of principal of the Notes in accordance with the Priority of Payments. After the Substitution Period, all Principal Proceeds (including all Sale Proceeds) will be applied on each Quarterly Distribution Date in accordance with the Priority of Payments to pay principal of each Class of Notes, with principal of a Class of Notes being paid prior to the payment of principal of each other Class of Notes then outstanding that is Subordinate to the Class of Notes being paid, except as described below. The amount and frequency of principal payments of a Class of Notes will depend upon, among other things, the amount and frequency of payments of such principal and interest received with respect to the Collateral Debt Securities.

"Specified Principal Proceeds" means, during the Substitution Period, (i) any Principal Proceeds that are not Sale Proceeds, (ii) Sale Proceeds of Defaulted Securities, Written Down Securities or Equity Securities and, in circumstances described under "Security for the Notes—Dispositions of Collateral Debt Securities," Sale Proceeds of Discretionary Sales required to be treated as Specified Principal Proceeds or (iii) any other Sale Proceeds that the Collateral Manager elects, by written notice to the Trustee given prior to the relevant Determination Date, to treat as Specified Principal Proceeds.

Payments of principal may be made on the Notes only in the following circumstances (subject, in each case, to the Priority of Payments): (a) during the Substitution Period, from Specified Principal Proceeds, (b) in connection with an Optional Redemption, Tax Redemption or Auction Call Redemption, (c) upon the failure of the Issuer to meet either Coverage Test, (d) in the event of a Rating Confirmation Failure, (e) in the case of the Class C Notes, if the Preference Shareholders have received an annualized Dividend Yield of 12% per annum, from Interest Proceeds as provided in paragraph(11) under the heading "Description of the Notes—Priority of Payments—Interest Proceeds" and (f) on each Quarterly Distribution Date after the end of the Substitution Period, from Principal Proceeds in accordance with the Priority of Payments to pay principal of each Class of Notes, with principal of Class A-1 Notes being paid prior to the payment of principal of Class A-2 Notes, the principal of Class A-2 Notes being paid prior to the payment of the principal of Class B Notes and the principal of Class B Notes being paid prior to the payment of the principal of Class C Notes in the circumstances listed above, except that (i) upon the failure of the Issuer to meet the Overcollateralization Test, Interest Proceeds will be applied to pay principal of the Notes in reverse order of seniority, with principal of the Class C Notes being paid prior to the payment of principal of the Class B Notes, principal of the Class B Notes being paid prior to the payment of principal on the Class A-2 Notes and principal on the Class A-2 Notes being paid prior to the payment of principal on the Class A-1 Notes and (ii) in the circumstances described in clause (e) above, principal of Class C Notes will be paid prior to the payment of principal of Class B Notes, Class A-2 Notes and Class A-1 Notes, in each case as described in "Description of the Notes—Priority of Payments—Principal Proceeds," "—Priority of Payments—Interest Proceeds," "—Optional Redemption and Tax Redemption" "—Mandatory Redemption" and "—Auction Call Redemption."

Mandatory Redemption:

Each Class of Notes shall, on any Quarterly Distribution Date, be subject to mandatory redemption in the event that either Coverage Test is not satisfied on the related Determination Date. Any such redemption will be effected from Interest Proceeds and then Principal Proceeds to the extent necessary to cause each Coverage Test to be satisfied. Any such redemption will be applied to each outstanding Class of Notes and will be effected as described below under "Description of the Notes—Priority of Payments."

In the event of a Rating Confirmation Failure, as described under "Description of the Notes—Mandatory Redemption," the Issuer will be required to apply on the first Quarterly Distribution Date following such Rating Confirmation Failure, Uninvested Proceeds (which are not required to complete purchases of Collateral Debt Securities) and, to the extent that such Uninvested Proceeds are insufficient to redeem the Notes in full, Interest Proceeds and, to the extent that Interest Proceeds are insufficient to redeem the Notes in full, Principal Proceeds to the repayment of first, the Class A-1 Notes, second, the Class A-2 Notes, third, the Class B Notes and fourth, the Class C Notes, to the extent specified by each relevant Rating Agency in order to obtain a Rating Confirmation.

Optional Redemption and Tax Redemption of the Notes:

Subject to certain conditions described herein, on the Quarterly Distribution Date occurring in September 2007 or on any Quarterly Distribution Date thereafter, the Issuer may redeem the Notes (such redemption, an "Optional Redemption"), in whole but not in part, at the direction of a Majority-in-Interest of Preference Shareholders at the applicable Redemption Price therefor. See "Description of the Notes—Optional Redemption and Tax Redemption."

In addition, upon the occurrence of a Tax Event, the Issuer may redeem, subject to the satisfaction of the Tax Materiality Condition, the Notes (such redemption, a "Tax Redemption") on any Quarterly Distribution Date, in whole but not in part, at the applicable Redemption Price therefor (i) at the direction of the holders of a majority in aggregate outstanding principal amount of any Class of Notes that, as a result of the occurrence of a Tax Event, has not received 100% of the aggregate amount of principal and interest payable to such Class on any Quarterly Distribution Date (each such Class, an "Affected Class") or (ii) at the direction of a Majority-in-Interest of Preference Shareholders.

No Optional Redemption or Tax Redemption may be effected, however, unless proceeds from the sale of Collateral Debt Securities, together with all cash and Eligible Investments maturing on or prior to the scheduled Redemption Date credited to the Interest Collection Account, the Principal Collection Account, the Uninvested Proceeds Account, the Interest Reserve Account, the Expense Account, the Semi-Annual Interest Reserve Account and the Payment Account (including any amounts in the Synthetic

Security Counterparty Account in excess of any termination payment payable to the Synthetic Security Counterparty) ("Available Redemption Funds") are at least equal to an amount sufficient to pay (in accordance with the Priority of Payments) the Total Senior Redemption Amount.

The "Total Senior Redemption Amount" means, as of any Quarterly Distribution Date, the aggregate amount required (a) to make all payments of accrued and unpaid amounts under the Indenture as of such date (including any termination payments payable by the Issuer pursuant to the Hedge Agreements and any fees and expenses incurred by the Trustee in connection with the sale of Collateral Debt Securities), (b) to redeem all the Notes on the scheduled Redemption Date at the applicable Redemption Prices, together with all accrued and unpaid interest and Commitment Fee to the date of redemption and (c) solely in the case of an Auction Call Redemption pursuant to the Indenture, to make a payment to the Preference Share Paying Agent for distribution to the Preference Shareholders in an amount equal to the Preference Share Redemption Date Amount (or such lesser amount as is agreed by Preference Shareholders whose aggregate Voting Percentages at such time equal 100% of all Preference Shareholders' Voting Percentages at such time).

Auction Call Redemption:

If the Notes have not been redeemed in full prior to the Quarterly Distribution Date occurring in September 2012, then an auction of the Collateral Debt Securities will be conducted by the Trustee on behalf of the Issuer and, *provided* that certain conditions are satisfied, the Collateral Debt Securities will be sold and the Notes will be redeemed on such Quarterly Distribution Date. If such conditions are not satisfied and the auction is not successfully conducted on such Quarterly Distribution Date, the Trustee will conduct auctions on a quarterly basis until the Notes are redeemed in full. See "Description of the Notes—Auction Call Redemption."

Optional Redemption of the Preference Shares:

Subject to certain conditions described herein, on any Quarterly Distribution Date on or after the Quarterly Distribution Date on which the Notes have been paid in full, the Preference Shares may be redeemed, in whole but not in part, at the direction of a Majority-in-Interest of Preference Shareholders, at the redemption price therefor. See "Description of the Preference Shares—Optional Redemption."

Security for the Notes:

Pursuant to the Indenture, the Notes (together with the Issuer's obligations to the Hedge Counterparties under the Hedge Agreements, to certain of the Synthetic Security Counterparties under the Synthetic Securities, to the Collateral Manager under the Collateral Management Agreement and to the Trustee), will be secured by: (a) the Custodial Account, the Collateral Debt Securities and the Equity Securities, (b) the Interest Collection Account, the Uninvested Proceeds Account, the Principal Collection Account, the Payment Account, the Expense Account, the Interest Reserve Account, the Semi-Annual Interest Reserve Account, each Hedge Counterparty Collateral Account, each Synthetic Security Counterparty Account, each Synthetic Security Issuer Account, all funds and other property standing to the credit of each such account, Eligible Investments purchased with funds standing to the credit of each such account and all income from the investment of funds therein, (c) the rights of the Issuer under each Hedge Agreement, (d) the rights of the Issuer under the Collateral Management Agreement, the Collateral Administration Agreement, the Administration Agreement, the Investor Application Forms and the Class A-1 Note Purchase Agreement, (e) all cash delivered to the Trustee, and (f) all proceeds, accessions, profits, income benefits, substitutions and replacements, whether voluntary or involuntary, of and to any of the property of the Issuer described in the preceding clauses (collectively, the "Collateral"), *provided* that each Synthetic Security Counterparty Account shall be held by the Trustee for the exclusive benefit of the related Synthetic Security Counterparty. In the event of any realization on the Collateral, proceeds will be allocated to the payment of each Class of Notes in accordance with the respective priorities established by the Priority of Payments. The security interest granted under the Indenture in each Synthetic Security Counterparty Account is subject to and subordinate to the security interest and rights of the relevant Synthetic Security Counterparty in and to such Synthetic Security Counterparty Account.

Acquisitions and Dispositions of Collateral:

On the Closing Date, the Issuer will have purchased (or entered into agreements to purchase for settlement following the Closing Date) Collateral Debt Securities having an aggregate Principal Balance (together with certain other amounts) of not less than U.S.\$340,000,000. The Issuer expects that, no later than the Ramp-Up Completion Date, it will have purchased (or entered into agreements to purchase

for settlement following the Ramp-Up Completion Date) Collateral Debt Securities having an aggregate Principal Balance of at least U.S.\$400,000,000.

The Collateral Debt Securities purchased by the Issuer will, on the Closing Date, have the characteristics and satisfy the criteria set forth herein under "Security for the Notes — Collateral Debt Securities" and "—Eligibility Criteria."

Although the Issuer expects that the Collateral Debt Securities purchased by it will, on the Ramp-Up Completion Date, satisfy the Eligibility Criteria, Collateral Quality Tests, Coverage Tests and Weighted Average Purchase Price Test described herein, there is no assurance that such criteria and such tests will be satisfied on such date. Failure to satisfy such criteria and such tests on the Ramp-Up Completion Date, or failure to satisfy a Coverage Test after the Ramp-Up Completion Date, may result in the repayment or redemption of a portion of the Notes (according to the priority specified in the Priority of Payments), but will not constitute an Event of Default. See "Description of the Notes—Mandatory Redemption."

No Uninvested Proceeds will be used to invest in Collateral Debt Securities after the Ramp-Up Completion Date, except to complete any purchase which the Issuer committed to make during the Ramp-Up Period. During the Substitution Period, the Collateral Manager may reinvest Sale Proceeds of any Collateral Debt Security that is not a Defaulted Security, Written Down Security or Equity Security (subject to the conditions specified under "Description of the Notes—Substitution Period") in substitute Collateral Debt Securities.

No reinvestment in substitute Collateral Debt Securities will be made by the Issuer after the last day of the Substitution Period, although the Issuer will complete any purchase which it committed to make on or prior to the end of the Substitution Period. Unless terminated earlier as described under "Description of the Notes—Substitution Period," the Substitution Period will end on the Quarterly Distribution Date in December 2006.

During the Substitution Period, any Specified Principal Proceeds will be used to pay principal *first*, on the Class A-1 Notes, *second*, on the Class A-2 Notes, *third*, on the Class B Notes and *fourth*, on the Class C Notes.

Although the entire aggregate principal amount of the

Class A-2 Notes, Class B Notes and Class C Notes will be advanced on the Closing Date, less than the entire aggregate principal amount will be advanced under the Class A-1 Notes on the Closing Date.

During the period (the "Ramp-Up Period") from and including the Closing Date to, and including, the Ramp-Up Completion Date, the Class A-1 holders will, subject to the conditions of borrowing set forth in the Class A-1 Note Purchase Agreement, be required to make advances under the Class A-1 Notes on the third day of each month (or if such day is not a Business Day, the next Business Day) upon receipt of a notice from the Issuer as described in the Class A-1 Note Purchase Agreement. The Issuer will then be required to purchase eligible Collateral Debt Securities (for inclusion in the Collateral) having an aggregate Principal Balance of not less than the aggregate Principal Balance necessary for the Issuer to comply with its obligations under the Indenture and the Master Forward Sale Agreement.

On the Closing Date, the Issuer will enter into the Initial Interest Rate Hedge Agreement. Thereafter, the Issuer may enter into one or more additional Hedge Agreements. See "Security for the Notes—The Hedge Agreements."

Liquidation of Collateral Debt Securities:

On March 3, 2042, or in connection with any Optional Redemption, Tax Redemption or Auction Call Redemption, the Collateral Debt Securities, Eligible Investments and other collateral will be liquidated. All net proceeds from such liquidation and all available cash will be applied to the payment (in the order of priorities set forth under "Description of the Notes—Priority of Payments") of all (i) fees, (ii) expenses (including the amounts due to the Hedge Counterparties) and (iii) principal of and interest (including the Class C Deferred Interest Amount, Defaulted Interest and interest on Defaulted Interest, if any) and Commitment Fee on the Notes. Net proceeds from such liquidation and available cash remaining after all payments required pursuant to the Indenture and the payment of the costs and expenses of such liquidation, the establishment of adequate reserves to meet all contingent, unliquidated liabilities or obligations of the Issuer, the payment to the Preference Shareholders of the aggregate liquidation preference of the Preference Shares, the return of U.S.\$1,000 of capital contributed to the Issuer by, and the payment of a

U.S.\$1,000 profit fee to, the owner of the Issuer's ordinary shares will be distributed to the Preference Shareholders in accordance with the Issuer Charter.

The Issuer Charter provides that the Issuer will be wound up on the earliest to occur of (i) at any time on or after the date falling one year and two days after the Stated Maturity of the Notes, upon the shareholders' determination to dissolve the Issuer, (ii) at any time after the sale or other disposition of all of the Issuer's assets, upon the shareholders' determination to dissolve the Issuer, (iii) at any time after the Notes are paid in full, upon the shareholders' determination to dissolve the Issuer and (iv) on the date of a winding up pursuant to the provisions of or as contemplated by the Companies Law (2003 Revision) of the Cayman Islands as then in effect.

The Directors of the Issuer currently intend, in the event that the Preference Shares are not redeemed at the option of a Majority in Interest of Preference Shareholders following the repayment in full of the Notes, to liquidate all of the Issuer's remaining investments in an orderly manner and distribute the proceeds of such liquidation to the Preference Shareholders.

Plan of Distribution:

The Offered Securities are being offered for sale by Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated ("MLPFS" or the "Initial Purchaser") to investors (the "Original Purchasers") (a) in the United States who are Qualified Institutional Buyers or Accredited Investors and, in each case, Qualified Purchasers in reliance on an exemption from registration under the Securities Act, in each case acquiring the Offered Security for its own account for investment purposes and not with a view to the distribution thereof (except in accordance with Rule 144A) and (b) outside the United States who are not U.S. Persons in offshore transactions in reliance on Regulation S and, in each case, in accordance with any applicable securities laws of any state of the United States and any other relevant jurisdiction. Offered Securities offered for sale to a U.S. Person will be offered only to Qualified Purchasers. A "Qualified Purchaser" is (i) a "qualified purchaser" as defined in the Investment Company Act, (ii) a "knowledgeable employee" with respect to the Issuer within the meaning of Rule 3c-5 of the Investment Company Act or (iii) a company beneficially owned exclusively by one or more such "qualified purchasers" and/or "knowledgeable employees." See "Plan of Distribution" and "Transfer Restrictions." Investors in the

Class A-2 Notes must satisfy the requirements in the Class A-2 Notes Supplement, which differ in some respects from the foregoing.

Ratings:

It is a condition to the issuance of the Offered Securities that the Class A-1 Notes be rated no lower than "Aaa" by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. ("Moody's"), no lower than "AAA" by Standard & Poor's Ratings Services, a division of The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc. ("Standard & Poor's") and no lower than "AAA" by Fitch Ratings ("Fitch," and together with Moody's and Standard & Poor's, the "Rating Agencies"), that the Class A-2 Notes be rated no lower than "Aaa" by Moody's, no lower than "AAA" by Standard and Poor's and no lower than "AAA" by Fitch, that the Class B Notes be rated no lower than "Aa3" by Moody's, that the Class C Notes be rated no lower than "Baa2" by Moody's and no lower than "BBB" by Fitch and that the Preference Shares be rated no lower than "Baa3" by Moody's. The ratings assigned by Moody's to the Class A-1 Notes, the Class A-2 Notes, the Class B Notes and the Class C Notes address the ultimate cash receipt of all required interest (including, in the case of the Class C Notes, interest on all Class C Deferred Interest Amounts) and principal payments on each such Class of Notes, in each case as provided in the governing documents, and are based on the expected loss posed to the Noteholders relative to the promise of receiving the present value of such payments. The ratings assigned by Standard & Poor's to the Class A-1 Notes and the Class A-2 Notes address the timely payment of interest and ultimate payment of principal on each such Class of Notes at its Stated Maturity. The ratings assigned by Fitch to the Class A-1 Notes and the Class A-2 Notes address the timely payment of interest and ultimate payment of principal on each such Class of Notes at its Stated Maturity. The rating assigned by Fitch to the Class C Notes addresses the ultimate payment of interest and principal on such Class of Notes at its Stated Maturity. The rating assigned by Moody's to the Preference Shares addresses the ultimate receipt of the Rated Balance of the Preference Shares as provided by the governing documents, and is based on the expected loss posed to the holders of the Preference Shares relative to the promise of receiving the present value of such payments. The "Rated Balance" of the Preference Shares will initially be \$7,700,000, and will be reduced by all payments on the Preference Shares pursuant to the Priority of Payments.

Minimum Denominations:

The Notes will be issuable in minimum denominations of

U.S.\$500,000 for Class A-1 Notes, U.S.\$100,000 for Class A-2 Notes and U.S.\$250,000 for Class B Notes and Class C Notes, and will be offered only in such minimum denominations or integral multiples of U.S.\$1,000 in excess thereof for Class A-1 Notes, Class B Notes and Class C Notes, and integral multiples of U.S.\$25,000 in excess thereof for Class A-2 Notes.

After issuance, a Note may fail to be in compliance with the minimum denomination requirement stated above as a result of the repayment of principal thereof in accordance with the Priority of Payments, or in the case of the Class A-1 Notes, due to Borrowings thereunder. Class C Notes may fail to be in an amount which is an integral multiple of U.S.\$1,000 due to the addition to the principal amount thereof of Class C Deferred Interest Amount. See "Transfer Restrictions."

The Issuer is authorized to issue 7,700 Preference Shares, par value U.S.\$0.01 per share. Each Preference Share will have a liquidation preference of U.S.\$1,000 per share.

The minimum number of Preference Shares to be issued to an investor shall initially be 100 representing an aggregate liquidation preference of U.S.\$100,000. Preference Shares may not be transferred if, after giving effect to such transfer, the transferee (or, if the transferor retains any Preference Shares, the transferor) would own less than 100 Preference Shares.

**Form, Registration and
Transfer of the Notes:**

The Notes offered in reliance upon Regulation S ("Regulation S Notes") will be represented by one or more global notes ("Regulation S Global Notes") in fully registered form without interest coupons deposited with, and registered in the name of, The Depository Trust Company ("DTC") (or its nominee) and deposited with or on behalf of DTC initially for the accounts of Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V., as operator of the Euroclear System ("Euroclear"), and/or Clearstream Banking, société anonyme ("Clearstream, Luxembourg"). Interests in the Regulation S Global Notes will be shown on, and transfers thereof will be effected only through, records maintained by DTC and its direct and Indirect Participants (including Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg).

The Notes offered in the United States pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of the

Securities Act ("Restricted Notes") will be represented by one or more global notes ("Restricted Global Notes") in fully registered form without interest coupons deposited with the Trustee as custodian for, and registered in the name of, DTC (or its nominee). Interests in Restricted Global Notes will be shown on, and transfers thereof will be effected only through, records maintained by DTC and its direct and Indirect Participants.

The Regulation S Global Notes and the Restricted Global Notes are collectively referred to herein as "Global Notes." Under certain limited circumstances described herein, definitive registered Notes may be issued in exchange for Global Notes.

No Note (or any interest therein) may be transferred to a transferee acquiring an interest in a Restricted Note except (a) to a transferee whom the seller reasonably believes is a qualified institutional buyer (as defined in Rule 144A) (a "Qualified Institutional Buyer") purchasing for its own account, to whom notice is given that the resale, pledge or other transfer is being made in reliance on the exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act provided by Rule 144A, (b) to a transferee that is a Qualified Purchaser, (c) in compliance with the certification (if any) and other requirements set forth in the Indenture and (d) in accordance with any applicable securities laws of any state of the United States and any other relevant jurisdiction.

No Note (or any interest therein) may be transferred to a transferee acquiring an interest in a Regulation S Note unless such transfer is (a) not made to a U.S. Person or for the account or benefit of a U.S. Person and (b) effected in an offshore transaction (within the meaning of Regulation S) in accordance with Rule 903 or Rule 904 of Regulation S, (c) in compliance with the certification (if any) and other requirements set forth in the Indenture and (d) in accordance with any applicable securities laws of any state of the United States and any other relevant jurisdiction.

No Note (or any interest therein) may be transferred, and neither the Trustee nor the Note Registrar will recognize any such transfer, unless (a) such transfer is made in a manner exempt from registration under the Securities Act, (b) such transfer is made in denominations greater than or equal to the minimum denomination therefor, (c) such transfer would not have the effect of requiring either of the Co-Issuers or the

Collateral to register as an investment company under the Investment Company Act and (d) the transferee is able to make all applicable certifications and representations required by the relevant transfer certificate attached as an exhibit to the Indenture (if the Indenture requires that a transfer certificate be delivered in connection with such a transfer). Notwithstanding the foregoing, (x) an owner of a beneficial interest in a Regulation S Global Note may transfer such interest in the form of a beneficial interest in such Regulation S Global Note without the provision of written certification, *provided* that (1) such transfer is not made to a U.S. Person or for the account or benefit of a U.S. Person and is effected through Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg in an offshore transaction as required by Regulation S and only in accordance with the Applicable Procedures and (2) any transfer not effected in an offshore transaction in accordance with Rule 904 of Regulation S may be made only upon provision to the Note Registrar of written certification from the transferee and transferor in the form provided for in the Indenture and (y) an owner of a beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note may transfer such interest in the form of a beneficial interest in such Restricted Global Note without the provision of written certification. See "Description of the Notes—Form, Denomination, Registration and Transfer" and "Transfer Restrictions."

The Indenture provides that if, notwithstanding the restrictions on transfer contained therein, either of the Co-Issuers determines that any beneficial owner of a Restricted Note (or any interest therein) (A) is a U.S. Person and (B) is not a Qualified Institutional Buyer (unless such beneficial owner is an Accredited Investor that purchased such Restricted Note (or any interest therein) directly from the Co-Issuers or the Initial Purchaser), and also a Qualified Purchaser, then either of the Co-Issuers may require, by notice to such holder, that such holder sell all of its right, title and interest to such Restricted Note (or any interest therein) to a person that is both a Qualified Institutional Buyer, and a Qualified Purchaser, with such sale to be effected within 30 days after notice of such sale requirement is given. If such beneficial owner fails to effect the transfer required within such 30-day period, (i) upon direction from the Issuer, the Trustee, on behalf of and at the expense of the Issuer, shall cause such beneficial owner's interest in such Note to be transferred in a commercially reasonable sale (conducted by the Trustee in accordance with Section 9-610(b) of the Uniform Commercial Code as in effect in the

State of New York as applied to securities that are sold on a recognized market or that may decline speedily in value) to a person that certifies to the Trustee and the Co-Issuers, in connection with such transfer, that such person is both a Qualified Institutional Buyer and a Qualified Purchaser and (ii) pending such transfer, no further payments will be made in respect of such Note held by such beneficial owner.

**Form, Registration and
Transfer of the Preference
Shares:**

The Preference Shares offered by the Issuer in the United States will be offered in reliance upon an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act ("Restricted Definitive Preference Shares"). All Restricted Definitive Preference Shares will be represented by certificates in fully registered, definitive form registered in the name of the legal and beneficial owner thereof (or a nominee acting on behalf of the disclosed legal and beneficial owner thereof).

The Preference Shares offered by the Issuer outside the United States will be offered in reliance upon Regulation S ("Regulation S Preference Shares"). Regulation S Preference Shares will be represented by either (i) one or more global preference shares ("Regulation S Global Preference Shares") in fully registered form without interest coupons deposited with, and registered in the name of, DTC (or its nominee) and deposited with or on behalf of DTC initially for the accounts of Euroclear, and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg or (ii) preference share certificates in definitive, fully registered form, registered in the name of the legal and beneficial owner thereof ("Regulation S Definitive Preference Shares"). Interests in the Regulation S Global Preference Shares will be shown on, and transfers thereof will be effected only through, records maintained by DTC and its direct and Indirect Participants (including Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg). By acquisition of a Regulation S Preference Share, any purchaser thereof will be required to represent in a transfer certificate (in the case of the Regulation S Definitive Preference Shares) or be deemed to represent (in the case of the Regulation S Global Preference Shares) that (a) it is not a U.S. Person and is purchasing such Regulation S Preference Share for its own account and not for the account or benefit of a U.S. Person and (b) if in the future it decides to transfer such Regulation S Preference Share, it will transfer such Regulation S Preference Share to a person that is not a U.S. Person only in an offshore transaction in accordance with Regulation S or to a person who takes delivery in the form of a Restricted Definitive Preference Share.

No Preference Share may be transferred to a U.S. Person or within the United States except (a) to a transferee (i) whom the seller reasonably believes is a Qualified Institutional Buyer, purchasing for its own account, to whom notice is given that the resale, pledge or other transfer is being made in reliance on the exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act provided by Rule 144A or (ii) pursuant to any other exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act (subject to the delivery of such certifications, legal opinions or other information as the Issuer may reasonably require to confirm that such transfer is being made pursuant to an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the registration requirements of the Securities Act), (b) to a transferee that is a Qualified Purchaser, (c) to a transferee that is not a Benefit Plan Investor, (d) to a transferee that is not a Flow Through Investment Vehicle (other than a Qualifying Investment Vehicle), (e) if such transfer is made in compliance with the certification and other requirements set forth in the Preference Share Paying Agency Agreement, and (f) if such transfer is made in accordance with any applicable securities laws of any state of the United States and any other relevant jurisdiction.

No Preference Share may be transferred to a transferee who is acquiring an interest in a Regulation S Preference Share unless (a) such transfer is (i) not made to a U.S. Person or for the account or benefit of a U.S. Person and (ii) effected in an offshore transaction (within the meaning of Regulation S), (b) such transferee is, in the case of an Original Purchaser, not a U.S. Benefit Plan Investor and, in the case of any other transferee, not a Benefit Plan Investor, (c) such transferee is not a Flow Through Investment Vehicle (other than a Qualifying Investment Vehicle), (d) such transfer is made in compliance with the certification, if any, and other requirements set forth in the Preference Share Paying Agency Agreement, (e) such transfer is made in accordance with any applicable securities laws of any state of the United States and any other relevant jurisdiction, and (f) such transferee executes a letter in the form of Exhibit A.

No Preference Shares may be held by or transferred to a person that is not a Benefit Plan Investor but which has discretionary authority or control with respect to the assets of the Issuer or provides investment advice with respect to the assets of the Issuer for a fee, direct or indirect, with respect to such assets or who is an Affiliate of any such person (a

"Controlling Person") except an Original Purchaser of a Restricted Preference Share.

In addition, no Reg Y Institution may transfer any Preference Shares held by it to any person other than (a) a person or group of persons under common control that controls the Issuer without reference to any Preference Shares transferred to such person or group by such Reg Y Institution (a "Controlling Party"), (b) a person or persons designated by a Controlling Party, (c) in a widespread public distribution as part of a public offering, (d) in amounts such that, after giving effect thereto, no single transferee and its affiliates will hold more than 2% of the aggregate number of Preference Shares (including all options, warrants and similar rights exercisable or convertible into Preference Shares) or (e) as otherwise permitted by applicable U.S. Federal banking law and regulations. See "Transfer Restrictions."

Listing: No application will be made to list any Class of Notes or the Preference Shares on any stock exchange.

Governing Law: The Notes, the Indenture, the Investor Application Forms, the Collateral Management Agreement, the Hedge Agreements, the Collateral Administration Agreement, the Preference Share Paying Agency Agreement, the Class A-1 Note Purchase Agreement and the Purchase Agreement will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the law of the State of New York. The Issuer Charter, the Preference Shares and the Administration Agreement will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the law of the Cayman Islands.

Tax Matters: See "Income Tax Considerations."

Benefit Plan Investors: See "ERISA Considerations."

RISK FACTORS

An investment in the Offered Securities involves certain risks. Prospective investors should carefully consider the following factors, in addition to the matters set forth elsewhere in this Offering Circular, prior to investing in the Offered Securities.

Limited Liquidity. There is currently no market for the Offered Securities. Although the Initial Purchaser may from time to time make a market in any Class of Notes or the Preference Shares, the Initial Purchaser is under no obligation to do so. In the event that the Initial Purchaser commences any market making, it may discontinue the same at any time. There can be no assurance that a secondary market for any of the Offered Securities will develop, or if a secondary market does develop, that it will provide the holders of such Offered Securities with liquidity of investment or that it will continue for the life of the Offered Securities. In addition, the Offered Securities are subject to certain transfer restrictions and can only be transferred to certain transferees as described under "Transfer Restrictions." Consequently, an investor in the Offered Securities must be prepared to hold its Offered Securities for an indefinite period of time or until the Stated Maturity of the Notes (or in the case of the Preference Shares, liquidation of the Issuer).

Limited Recourse Obligations. The Notes are limited recourse obligations of the Co-Issuers. The Notes are payable solely from the Collateral Debt Securities and other Collateral pledged by the Issuer to secure the Notes. None of the security holders, members, officers, directors, managers or incorporators of the Issuer, the Co-Issuer, the Trustee, the Collateral Manager, the Administrator, any Rating Agency, the Share Trustee, the Initial Purchaser, any of their respective affiliates and any other person or entity will be obligated to make payments on the Notes. Consequently, the Noteholders must rely solely on amounts received in respect of the Collateral Debt Securities and other Collateral pledged to secure the Notes for the payment of principal thereof and interest and Commitment Fee thereon. There can be no assurance that the distributions on the Collateral Debt Securities and other Collateral pledged by the Issuer to secure the Notes will be sufficient to make payments on any Class of Notes, in particular after making payments on more Senior Classes of Notes and certain other required amounts ranking Senior to such Class. The Issuer's ability to make payments in respect of any Class of Notes will be constrained by the terms of the Notes of Classes more Senior to such Class and the Indenture. If distributions on the Collateral are insufficient to make payments on the Notes, no other assets will be available for payment of the deficiency and, following liquidation of all the Collateral, the obligations of the Co-Issuers to pay such deficiencies will be extinguished. The Preference Shares will be part of the issued share capital of the Issuer and will not be secured pursuant to the lien of the Indenture.

Subordination of Each Class of Subordinate Notes. No payment of interest on any Class of Notes will be made until all accrued and unpaid interest and Commitment Fee on the Notes of each Class that is Senior to such Class and that remain outstanding has been paid in full. Except as otherwise described in, and subject to, the Priority of Payments with respect to Interest Proceeds, no payment of principal of any Class of Notes will be made until all principal of, and all accrued and unpaid interest on, the Notes of each Class that is Senior to such Class and that

remain outstanding have been paid in full. See "Description of the Notes—Priority of Payments." If an Event of Default occurs, so long as any Notes are outstanding (or until the Commitment Period Termination Date has occurred), the holders of the most Senior Class of Notes then outstanding will be entitled to determine the remedies to be exercised under the Indenture. The failure to make payment in respect of interest on the Class C Notes on any Quarterly Distribution Date by reason of the Priority of Payments will not constitute an Event of Default under the Indenture. Any interest on the Class C Notes that is not paid when due by operation of the Priority of Payments will be deferred. In the event of any realization on the Collateral, proceeds will be allocated to the Notes and other amounts in accordance with the Priority of Payments prior to any distribution to the Preference Shareholders. See "Description of the Notes—The Indenture" and "—Priority of Payments." Remedies pursued by the holders of the Class or Classes of Notes entitled to determine the exercise of such remedies could be adverse to the interest of the holders of the other Classes of Notes. Generally, to the extent that any losses are suffered by any of the holders of any Offered Securities, such losses will be borne, *first*, by the holders of the Preference Shares, *second*, by the holders of the Class C Notes, *third*, by the holders of the Class B Notes, *fourth*, by the holders of the Class A-2 Notes and *fifth*, by the holders of the Class A-1 Notes.

Payments in Respect of the Preference Shares. The Issuer, pursuant to the Indenture, has pledged substantially all of its assets to secure the Notes and certain other obligations of the Issuer. The proceeds of such assets will only be available to make payments in respect of the Preference Shares as and when such proceeds are released in accordance with the Priority of Payments. There can be no assurance that, after payment of principal of and interest and Commitment Fee on the Notes and other fees and expenses of the Co-Issuers in accordance with the Priority of Payments, the Issuer will have funds remaining to make distributions in respect of the Preference Shares. See "Description of the Notes—Priority of Payments." Cayman Islands law provides that dividends may only be paid by the Issuer if the Issuer has funds lawfully available for such purpose. Dividends may be paid out of profit and out of the Issuer's share premium account (which includes subscription monies in excess of the par value of each share) *provided* that the Issuer will be solvent immediately following the date of such payment.

Any amounts that are released from the lien of the Indenture for distribution to the Preference Shareholders in accordance with the Priority of Payments on any Quarterly Distribution Date will not be available to make payments in respect of the Notes on any subsequent Quarterly Distribution Date.

Yield Considerations. The yield to each holder of the Preference Shares will be a function of the purchase price paid by such holder for the Preference Shares and the timing and amount of dividends and other distributions made in respect of the Preference Shares during the term of the transaction. Each prospective purchaser of the Preference Shares should make its own evaluation of the yield that it expects to receive on the Preference Shares. Prospective investors should be aware that the timing and amount of dividends and other distributions will be affected by, among other things, the performance of the Collateral Debt Securities. Each prospective investor should consider the risk that an Event of Default will result in a lower yield on the Preference Shares than that anticipated by the investor. In addition, if the Issuer fails any of the Coverage Tests, amounts that would otherwise be distributed as dividends to the holders of

the Preference Shares on any Quarterly Distribution Date may be paid to other investors in accordance with the Priority of Payments. Each prospective purchaser should consider that any such adverse developments could result in its failure to recover fully its initial investment in the Preference Shares.

Volatility of the Preference Shares. The Preference Shares represent a leveraged investment in the underlying Collateral. Therefore, it is expected that changes in the value of the Preference Shares will be greater than the change in the value of the underlying Collateral Debt Securities, which themselves are subject to credit, liquidity, interest rate and other risks. Utilization of leverage is a speculative investment technique and involves certain risks to investors. The indebtedness of the Issuer under the Notes will result in interest expense and other costs incurred in connection with such indebtedness that may not be covered by proceeds received from the Collateral. The use of leverage generally magnifies the Issuer's opportunities for gain and risk of loss.

Diversion of Interest Proceeds. On each Quarterly Distribution Date until the Class C Notes have been paid in full, the amount of Interest Proceeds released from the lien of the Indenture for payment to the Preference Shareholders will be limited to the amount necessary to permit the Preference Shareholders to achieve on such Quarterly Distribution Date an annualized Dividend Yield equal to 12% per annum on the original aggregate liquidation preference of the Preference Shares. This may result in a reduction in the average annual return on the Preference Shares until the redemption thereof. See "Description of the Notes—Principal," "—Mandatory Redemption" and "—Priority of Payments—Interest Proceeds."

Ongoing Commitments—Class A-1 Notes. Holders of the Class A-1 Notes will be obligated during the Commitment Period, subject to compliance by the Issuer with certain borrowing conditions specified in the Class A-1 Note Purchase Agreement, to advance funds to the Issuer until the aggregate principal amount advanced under the Class A-1 Notes equals the aggregate amount of Commitments to make advances under the Class A-1 Note Purchase Agreement, *provided* that (i) the aggregate amount advanced under the Class A-1 Notes may not in any event exceed U.S.\$328,000,000 (including amounts advanced on the Closing Date) and (ii) at the time of and immediately after giving effect to such Borrowing, no Event of Default or Default has occurred and is continuing or would result from such Borrowing. See "Description of the Notes—Drawdown—Class A-1 Notes."

Nature of Collateral. The Collateral is subject to credit, liquidity, interest rate, market, operations, fraud and structural risks. A portion of the Collateral will be acquired by the Issuer after the Closing Date, and, accordingly, the financial performance of the Issuer may be affected by the price and availability of Collateral to be purchased. The amount and nature of the Collateral securing the Notes have been established to withstand certain assumed deficiencies in payment occasioned by defaults in respect of the Collateral Debt Securities. See "Rating of the Offered Securities." If any deficiencies exceed such assumed levels, however, payment of the Notes and distributions on the Preference Shares could be adversely affected. To the extent that a default occurs with respect to any Collateral Debt Security securing the Notes and the Issuer sells or otherwise disposes of such Collateral Debt Security, it is not likely that the proceeds of

such sale or disposition will be equal to the amount of principal and interest owing to the Issuer in respect of such Collateral Debt Security.

Reliable sources of statistical information do not exist with respect to the default rates for many of the types of Collateral Debt Securities eligible to be purchased by the Issuer. In addition, historical economic performance of a particular type of Collateral Debt Securities is not necessarily indicative of its future performance. Prospective purchasers of the Offered Securities should consider and determine for themselves the likely level of defaults and the level of recoveries on the Collateral Debt Securities and the resulting consequences on their investment in the Offered Securities.

The market value of the Collateral Debt Securities generally will fluctuate with, among other things, the financial condition of the obligors on or issuers of the Collateral Debt Securities or, with respect to Synthetic Securities, of the obligors on or issuers of the Reference Obligations, general economic conditions, the condition of certain financial markets, political events, developments or trends in any particular industry and changes in prevailing interest rates.

Although the Issuer expects that the Collateral Debt Securities purchased by it will, on the Ramp-Up Completion Date, satisfy the Collateral Quality Tests, Coverage Tests and Weighted Average Purchase Price Test described herein, there is no assurance that such tests will be satisfied on such date. Failure to satisfy such tests on the Ramp-Up Completion Date, or failure to satisfy a Coverage Test after the Ramp-Up Completion Date, may result in the repayment or redemption of all or a portion of the Notes (according to the priority specified in the Priority of Payments). See "Description of the Notes—Mandatory Redemption."

During the Substitution Period, subject to the conditions described under "Description of the Notes—Substitution Period" and "Security for the Notes—Dispositions of Collateral Debt Securities," the Collateral Manager may sell Collateral Debt Securities, including Discretionary Sales, and reinvest the Sale Proceeds thereof (other than Sale Proceeds of Defaulted Securities, Written Down Securities and Equity Securities) in substitute Collateral Debt Securities in accordance with the Eligibility Criteria. After the end of the Substitution Period, the Issuer will not reinvest Principal Proceeds in Collateral Debt Securities, although the Issuer will complete any purchases of Collateral Debt Securities which it committed to make on or prior to the end of the Substitution Period. In addition, after the Substitution Period, the Collateral Manager will not be entitled to sell Collateral Debt Securities (other than Defaulted Securities, Written Down Securities, Credit Risk Securities and Credit Improved Securities or Equity Securities) prior to the maturity or early redemption thereof except in connection with an Optional Redemption, Auction Call Redemption, a Tax Redemption or the winding up of the Issuer following the payment in full of the Notes.

Asset-Backed Securities. A significant portion of the Collateral Debt Securities will consist of Asset-Backed Securities or Synthetic Securities the Reference Obligations of which are Asset-Backed Securities. "Asset-Backed Securities" are securities that entitle the holders thereof to receive payments that depend primarily on the cash flow from a specified pool of financial assets or real estate mortgages, either static or revolving, that by their terms convert into cash within a finite time period, together with rights or other assets designed to assure the

servicing or timely distribution of proceeds to holders of such securities. See "Security for the Notes—Asset-Backed Securities."

Holders of Asset-Backed Securities bear various risks, including credit risk, liquidity risk, interest rate risk, market risk, operations risk, structural risk and legal risk. Credit risk is an important issue in Asset-Backed Securities because of the significant credit risks inherent in the underlying collateral and because issuers are primarily private entities. The structure of an Asset-Backed Security and the terms of the investors' interest in the collateral can vary widely depending on the type of collateral, the desires of investors and the use of credit enhancements. Although the basic elements of all Asset-Backed Securities are similar, individual transactions can differ markedly in both structure and execution. Important determinants of the risk associated with issuing or holding the securities include the process by which principal and interest payments are allocated and distributed to investors, how credit losses affect the issuing vehicle and the return to investors in such Asset-Backed Securities, whether collateral represents a fixed set of specific assets or accounts, whether the underlying collateral assets are revolving or closed-end, under what terms (including maturity of the asset-backed instrument) any remaining balance in the accounts may revert to the issuing entity and the extent to which the entity that is the actual source of the collateral assets is obligated to provide support to the issuing vehicle or to the investors in such Asset-Backed Securities.

Concentrations of Asset-Backed Securities of a particular type, as well as concentrations of Asset-Backed Securities issued or guaranteed by affiliated obligors, serviced by the same servicer or backed by underlying collateral located in a specific geographic region, may subject the Offered Securities to additional risk.

A significant portion of the Collateral will consist of Asset-Backed Securities that are subordinate in right of payment and rank junior to other securities that are secured by or represent an ownership interest in the same pool of assets. In addition, many of the transactions have structural features that divert payments of interest and/or principal to more senior classes when the delinquency or loss experience of the pool exceeds certain levels. As a result, such securities have a higher risk of loss as a result of delinquencies or losses on the underlying assets. Additionally, as a result of cash flow being diverted to payments of principal on more senior classes, the average life of such securities may lengthen. Subordinate Asset-Backed Securities generally do not have the right to call a default or vote on remedies following a default unless more senior securities have been paid in full. As a result, a shortfall in payments to subordinate investors in Asset-Backed Securities will generally not result in a default being declared on the transaction and the transaction will not be restructured or unwound. Furthermore, because subordinate Asset-Backed Securities may represent a relatively small percentage of the size of the asset pool being securitized, the impact of a relatively small loss on the overall pool may have a substantial impact on the holders of such subordinate security. See "Security for the Notes—Asset-Backed Securities" below.

Synthetic Securities. As described above, a portion of the Collateral Debt Securities may consist of Synthetic Securities the Reference Obligations of which are Asset-Backed Securities or a specified pool of financial assets, either static or revolving, that by their terms convert into cash within a finite period of time. Investments in such types of assets through the purchase of

Synthetic Securities present risks in addition to those resulting from direct purchases of such Collateral Debt Securities. With respect to Synthetic Securities, the Issuer will usually have a contractual relationship only with the counterparty of such Synthetic Security, and not the Reference Obligor on the Reference Obligation. The Issuer generally will have no right directly to enforce compliance by the Reference Obligor with the terms of either the Reference Obligation or any rights of set off against the Reference Obligor, nor will the Issuer generally have any voting or other consensual rights of ownership with respect to the Reference Obligation. The Issuer will not directly benefit from any collateral supporting the Reference Obligation and will not have the benefit of the remedies that would normally be available to a holder of such Reference Obligation. In addition, in the event of the insolvency of the counterparty, the Issuer will be treated as a general creditor of such counterparty, and will not have any claim of title with respect to the Reference Obligation. Consequently, the Issuer will be subject to the credit risk of the counterparty as well as that of the Reference Obligor. As a result, concentrations of Synthetic Securities entered into with any one counterparty will subject the Offered Securities to an additional degree of risk with respect to defaults by such counterparty as well as by the Reference Obligor. One or more affiliates of the Initial Purchaser may act as counterparty with respect to all or a portion of the Synthetic Securities, which relationship may create certain conflicts of interest. Furthermore, such affiliates of the Initial Purchaser may, in their role as counterparty to all or a portion of the Synthetic Securities, manage a pool of Reference Obligations with respect to the Synthetic Securities and make determinations regarding those Reference Obligations. See "—Certain Conflicts of Interest—Conflicts of Interest Involving the Initial Purchaser."

Illiquidity of Collateral Debt Securities. Some of the Collateral Debt Securities purchased by the Issuer will have no, or only a limited, trading market. The Issuer's investment in illiquid Collateral Debt Securities may restrict its ability to dispose of investments in a timely fashion and for a fair price as well as its ability to take advantage of market opportunities, although the Issuer is generally prohibited by the Indenture from selling Collateral Debt Securities except under certain limited circumstances described under "Security for the Notes—Dispositions of Collateral Debt Securities." Illiquid Collateral Debt Securities may trade at a discount from the price of comparable, more liquid investments. In addition, the Issuer may invest in privately placed Collateral Debt Securities that may or may not be freely transferable under the laws of the applicable jurisdiction or due to contractual restrictions on resale, and even if such privately placed Collateral Debt Securities are transferable, the prices realized from their sale could be less than those originally paid by the Issuer or less than what may be considered the fair value of such securities.

Reinvestment Risk. During the Substitution Period, the Collateral Manager will have discretion to dispose of certain Collateral Debt Securities and to reinvest the Sale Proceeds in substitute Collateral Debt Securities in compliance with the Eligibility Criteria. Such disposal and potential reinvestment (or lack thereof) may have an adverse effect on the value of the Collateral Debt Securities and on the ability of the Issuer to make payments on the Notes and Preferred Shares. See "Security for the Notes—Dispositions of Collateral Debt Securities." The impact, including any adverse impact, of the disposal of such Collateral Debt Securities and the reinvestment (or lack of reinvestment) of the Sale Proceeds thereof on the Noteholders and the Preference Shareholders would be magnified with respect to the Preference Shares by the

leveraged nature of the Preference Shares and, with respect to the respective Classes of Notes, by the leveraged nature of such respective Classes of Notes. See "Description of the Notes—Substitution Period."

The earnings with respect to such substitute Collateral Debt Securities will depend, among other factors, on reinvestment rates available in the marketplace at the time and on the availability of investments satisfying the Eligibility Criteria and acceptable to the Collateral Manager. The need to satisfy such Eligibility Criteria and identify acceptable investments may require the purchase of substitute Collateral Debt Securities having lower yields than those initially acquired or require that such Principal Proceeds be maintained temporarily in cash or Eligible Investments, which may reduce the yield on the Collateral. Further, issuers of Collateral Debt Securities may be more likely to exercise any rights they may have to redeem such obligations when interest rates or spreads are declining. Any decrease in the yield on the Collateral Debt Securities will have the effect of reducing the amounts available to make payments of principal and interest on the Notes and distributions on the Preference Shares.

Prior to the end of the Substitution Period, Sale Proceeds (other than proceeds of the sale of Defaulted Securities, Written Down Securities and Equity Securities) will not, unless the Collateral Manager designates such Sale Proceeds as Specified Principal Proceeds, be applied to redeem the aggregate outstanding principal amount of the Notes (except in certain circumstances described herein). If the Collateral Manager does not promptly reinvest such Principal Proceeds in substitute Collateral Debt Securities, such amounts will be retained in the Principal Collection Account and invested in Eligible Investments, which are likely to have a low yield. This would result in a reduction of the amounts available for payment on the Notes and the Preference Shares.

Unspecified Use of Proceeds. On the Closing Date, proceeds from the issuance and sale of the Notes will be used to purchase Collateral Debt Securities having a principal amount (together with the principal amount of Collateral Debt Securities which the Issuer has committed to purchase) of not less than U.S.\$340,000,000. Most of the remainder of the net proceeds from the issuance and sale of the Notes (including amounts advanced in respect of the Class A-1 Notes after the Closing Date) are expected to be invested in Collateral Debt Securities that may not have been identified by the Collateral Manager on the Closing Date. Purchasers of the Notes and the Preference Shares will not have an opportunity to evaluate for themselves the relevant economic, financial and other information regarding the investments to be made by the Collateral Manager (on behalf of the Issuer) and, accordingly, will be dependent upon the judgment and ability of the Collateral Manager in investing and managing the proceeds of the Notes and in identifying investments over time. No assurance can be given that the Collateral Manager (on behalf of the Issuer) will be successful in obtaining suitable investments or that, if such investments are made, the objectives of the Issuer will be achieved.

Rating Confirmation Failure; Mandatory Redemption. The Issuer will notify the Trustee, each Rating Agency and each Hedge Counterparty within seven Business Days after the Ramp-Up Completion Date (such notification, a "Ramp-Up Notice"). The Issuer will request that each Rating Agency confirm to the Issuer that it has not reduced or withdrawn the rating (including private or confidential ratings, if any) assigned by it on the Closing Date to any Class of Notes (a

"Rating Confirmation"). In the Ramp-Up Notice, the Issuer is required to certify to the Trustee and each Rating Agency whether the Collateral Quality Tests, the Coverage Tests and the Weighted Average Purchase Price Test have been satisfied. If the Collateral Quality Tests, the Coverage Tests and the Weighted Average Purchase Price Test are satisfied, the Issuer shall be deemed to have obtained a Rating Confirmation with respect to the ratings assigned by Fitch if, within 30 days following receipt of the Ramp-up Notice, Fitch has not notified it that any such ratings have been reduced or withdrawn. If the Issuer is unable to obtain a Rating Confirmation from each Rating Agency prior to the first Determination Date that is at least 30 Business Days following receipt by such Rating Agency of such Ramp-Up Notice (a "Rating Confirmation Failure"), on the first Quarterly Distribution Date after a Rating Confirmation Failure, the Issuer will be required to apply Uninvested Proceeds (which are not required to complete purchases of Collateral Debt Securities) and, to the extent that such Uninvested Proceeds are insufficient to redeem the Notes in full, Interest Proceeds and, to the extent that Interest Proceeds are insufficient to redeem the Notes in full, Principal Proceeds, in each case in accordance with the Priority of Payments, to the repayment, of principal of, *first*, the Class A-1 Notes, *second*, the Class A-2 Notes, *third*, the Class B Notes and *fourth*, the Class C Notes, to the extent specified by each relevant Rating Agency in order to obtain a Rating Confirmation. See "Description of the Notes—Mandatory Redemption" and "—Priority of Payments." There can be no assurance that such redemption will result in a Rating Confirmation. The notional amount of the Interest Rate Hedge Agreement may be reduced in connection with a redemption of Notes on any Quarterly Distribution Date by reason of any Rating Confirmation Failure by an amount proportionate to the principal amount of Notes so redeemed, which may require the Issuer to make termination payments to the Hedge Counterparty.

Credit Ratings. Credit ratings of debt securities represent the rating agencies' opinions regarding their credit quality and are not a guarantee of quality. Rating agencies attempt to evaluate the safety of principal and interest payments and do not evaluate the risks of fluctuations in market value, therefore, they may not fully reflect the true risks of an investment. Also, rating agencies may fail to make timely changes in credit ratings in response to subsequent events, so that an issuer's current financial condition may be better or worse than a rating indicates. Consequently, credit ratings of the Collateral Debt Securities will be used by the Issuer only as a preliminary indicator of investment quality.

International Investing. A limited portion of the Collateral Debt Securities may consist of obligations of issuers organized in a Special Purpose Vehicle Jurisdiction or obligations of a Qualifying Foreign Obligor. Moreover, subject to compliance with certain of the Eligibility Criteria described herein, collateral securing Asset-Backed Securities may consist of obligations of issuers or borrowers organized under the laws of various jurisdictions other than the United States. Investing outside the United States may involve greater risks than investing in the United States. These risks may include: (i) less publicly available information; (ii) varying levels of governmental regulation and supervision; (iii) the difficulty of enforcing legal rights in a foreign jurisdiction and uncertainties as to the status, interpretation and application of laws therein; and (iv) risk of economic dislocations in such other country. Moreover, many foreign companies are not subject to accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards, practices and requirements comparable to those applicable to U.S. companies.

In addition, there generally is less governmental supervision and regulation of exchanges, brokers and issuers in foreign countries than there is in the United States. For example, there may be no comparable provisions under certain foreign laws with respect to insider trading and similar investor protection securities laws that apply with respect to securities transactions consummated in the United States.

Foreign markets also have different clearance and settlement procedures, and in certain markets there have been times when settlements have failed to keep pace with the volume of securities transactions, making it difficult to conduct such transactions. Delays in settlement could result in periods when assets of the Issuer are uninvested and no return is earned thereon. The inability of the Issuer to make intended Collateral Debt Security purchases due to settlement problems or the risk of intermediary counterparty failures could cause the Issuer to miss investment opportunities. The inability to dispose of a Collateral Debt Security due to settlement problems could result either in losses to the Issuer due to subsequent declines in the value of such Collateral Debt Security or, if the Issuer has entered into a contract to sell the security, could result in possible liability to the purchaser. Transaction costs of buying and selling foreign securities, including brokerage, tax and custody costs, also are generally higher than those involved in domestic transactions. Furthermore, foreign financial markets, while generally growing in volume, have, for the most part, substantially less volume than U.S. markets, and securities of many foreign companies are less liquid and their prices more volatile than securities of comparable domestic companies.

In many foreign countries there is the possibility of expropriation, nationalization or confiscatory taxation, limitations on the convertibility of currency or the removal of securities, property or other assets of the Issuer, political, economic or social instability or adverse diplomatic developments, each of which could have an adverse effect on the Issuer's investments in such foreign countries. The economies of individual non-U.S. countries may also differ favorably or unfavorably from the U.S. economy in such respects as growth of gross domestic product, rate of inflation, volatility of currency exchange rates, depreciation, capital reinvestment, resource self-sufficiency and balance of payments position.

Insolvency Considerations with Respect to Issuers of Collateral Debt Securities. Various laws enacted for the protection of creditors may apply to obligors under Collateral Debt Securities. The information in this and the following paragraph is applicable with respect to U.S. obligors. If a court in a lawsuit brought by an unpaid creditor or representative of creditors of an obligor under a Collateral Debt Security (such as a trustee in bankruptcy) were to find that the obligor did not receive fair consideration or reasonably equivalent value for incurring the indebtedness constituting the Collateral Debt Security and, after giving effect to such indebtedness, the obligor (i) was insolvent, (ii) was engaged in a business for which the remaining assets of such obligor constituted unreasonably small capital or (iii) intended to incur, or believed that it would incur, debts beyond its ability to pay such debts as they mature, such court could determine to invalidate, in whole or in part, such indebtedness as a fraudulent conveyance, to subordinate such indebtedness to existing and future creditors of the obligor or to recover amounts previously paid by the obligor in satisfaction of such indebtedness. The measure of insolvency for purposes of the foregoing will vary. Generally, an obligor would be considered insolvent at a particular time if the sum of its debts were then greater than all of its

property at a fair valuation or if the present fair saleable value of its assets was then less than the amount that would be required to pay its probable liabilities on its existing debts as they became absolute and matured. There can be no assurance as to what standard a court would apply in order to determine whether the obligor was "insolvent" after giving effect to the incurrence of the indebtedness constituting the Collateral Debt Security or that, regardless of the method of valuation, a court would not determine that the obligor was "insolvent" upon giving effect to such incurrence. In addition, in the event of the insolvency of an obligor of a Collateral Debt Security, payments made on such Collateral Debt Security could be subject to avoidance as a "preference" if made within a certain period of time (which may be as long as one year) before insolvency.

In general, if payments on a Collateral Debt Security are avoidable, whether as fraudulent conveyances or preferences, such payments can be recaptured either from the initial recipient (such as the Issuer) or from subsequent transferees of such payments (such as the holders of the Offered Securities). To the extent that any such payments are recaptured from the Issuer, the resulting loss will be borne in the first instance by the Preference Shareholders, then by the holders of the Class C Notes, then by the holders of the Class B Notes, then by the holders of the Class A-2 Notes and then by the holders of the Class A-1 Notes. However, a court in a bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding would be able to direct the recapture of any such payment from a holder of Offered Securities only to the extent that such court has jurisdiction over such holder or its assets. Moreover, it is likely that avoidable payments could not be recaptured directly from a holder that has given value in exchange for its Offered Securities, in good faith and without knowledge that the payments were avoidable. Nevertheless, since there is no judicial precedent relating to a structured transaction such as the Offered Securities, there can be no assurance that a holder of Offered Securities will be able to avoid recapture on this or any other basis.

The Collateral Debt Securities of obligors not domiciled in the United States will be subject to laws enacted in their home countries for the protection of creditors, which may differ from the U.S. laws described above and be less favorable to creditors than such U.S. laws.

Certain Conflicts of Interest. The activities of the Collateral Manager, the Initial Purchaser and their respective affiliates may result in certain conflicts of interest.

Conflicts of Interest Involving the Collateral Manager. Notwithstanding the internal policies of the Collateral Manager that are meant to reduce the possibility of, or effect of, conflicts of interest, the size and scope of activities of the Collateral Manager create various potential and actual conflicts of interest that may arise from the advisory, investment and other activities of the Collateral Manager, its Affiliates and their respective clients and employees. Various potential and actual conflicts of interest may arise from the overall investment activities of the Collateral Manager and its Affiliates for their own accounts or for the accounts of others. The Collateral Manager and its Affiliates may invest for their own accounts or for the accounts of others in debt obligations that would be appropriate investments for the Issuer and they have no duty, in making such investments, to act in a way that is favorable to the Issuer, the Noteholders or the Preference Shareholders. Such investments may be different from those made on behalf of the Issuer. The Collateral Manager and/or its Affiliates have no affirmative

obligation to offer any investment to the Issuer, or to inform the Issuer of any investment opportunity before offering such investment to other funds or accounts that the Collateral Manager or its affiliates may manage or advise. The Collateral Manager and its Affiliates may have economic interests in or other relationships with issuers in whose obligations or securities the Issuer may invest. In particular, such persons may make and/or hold an investment in an issuer's securities that may be *pari passu*, senior or junior in ranking to an investment in such issuer's securities made and/or held by the Issuer or in which partners, security holders, officers, directors, agents or employees of such persons serve on boards of directors or otherwise have ongoing relationships. Each of such ownership and other relationships may result in securities laws restrictions on transactions in such securities by the Issuer and otherwise create conflicts of interest for the Issuer. In such instances, the Collateral Manager and its Affiliates may in their discretion (except as provided below under "Security for the Notes—Dispositions of Collateral Debt Securities") make investment recommendations and decisions that may be the same as or different from those made with respect to the Issuer's investments.

Although the officers and employees of the Collateral Manager will devote as much time to the Issuer as the Collateral Manager deems appropriate, the principals and employees may have conflicts in allocating their time and services among the Issuer and other accounts now or hereafter advised by the Collateral Manager and/or its affiliates. The policies of the Collateral Manager are such that certain employees of the Collateral Manager may have or obtain information that, by virtue of the Collateral Manager's internal policies relating to confidential communications, cannot or may not be used by the Collateral Manager on behalf of the Issuer. In addition, the Collateral Manager and its Affiliates, in connection with their other business activities, may acquire material non-public confidential information that may restrict the Collateral Manager from purchasing securities or selling securities for itself or its clients (including the Issuer) or otherwise using such information for the benefit of its clients or itself.

The Indenture and the Collateral Management Agreement place significant restrictions on the Collateral Manager's ability to advise the Issuer to buy or sell securities for inclusion in the Collateral, and the Collateral Manager is subject to compliance with such restrictions. Accordingly, during certain periods or in certain specified circumstances, the Issuer may be unable to buy or sell securities or to take other actions that the Collateral Manager might consider in the best interest of the Issuer and the Noteholders.

The Collateral Manager and any of its Affiliates may engage in any other business and furnish investment management and advisory services to others, which may include, without limitation, serving as collateral manager or investment manager for, investing in, lending to, or being affiliated with, other entities organized to issue collateralized bond obligations secured by securities such as the Collateral Debt Securities and other trusts and pooled investment vehicles that acquire interests in, provide financing to, or otherwise deal with securities issued by issuers that would be suitable investments for the Issuer. The Collateral Manager will be free, in its sole discretion, to make recommendations to others, or effect transactions on behalf of itself or for others, that may be the same as or different from those effected on behalf of the Issuer, and the Collateral Manager may furnish investment management and advisory services to others who may have investment policies similar to those followed by the Collateral Manager with respect to

the Issuer and who may own securities of the same class, or which are the same type as, the Collateral Debt Securities.

The Collateral Manager and its Affiliates may enter into, for their own account, or for other accounts for which they have investment discretion, credit swap agreements relating to entities that are issuers of Collateral Debt Securities. The Collateral Manager and its Affiliates and clients may also have equity and other investments in and may be lenders to, and may have other ongoing relationships with such entities. As a result, officers or Affiliates of the Collateral Manager may possess information relating to the Collateral Debt Securities that is not known to the individuals at the Collateral Manager responsible for monitoring the Collateral Debt Securities and performing other obligations under the Collateral Management Agreement. In addition, Affiliates and clients of the Collateral Manager may invest in securities (or make loans) that are included among, rank *pari passu* with or senior to Collateral Debt Securities, or have interests different from or adverse to those of the Issuer.

The Collateral Manager or an Affiliate of the Collateral Manager may serve as a general partner and/or manager of special-purpose entities organized to issue collateralized debt obligations secured by debt obligations. The Collateral Manager and its Affiliates may make investment decisions for their own account or for the accounts of others, including other special-purpose entities organized to issue collateralized debt obligations, that may be different from those made by the Collateral Manager on behalf of the Issuer. The Collateral Manager or an Affiliate of the Collateral Manager may at certain times simultaneously seek to purchase (or sell) investments from the Issuer and sell (or purchase) the same investment for a similar entity, including other collateralized debt obligation vehicles, for which it serves as manager now or in the future, or for other clients or Affiliates. In the course of managing the Collateral Debt Securities held by the Issuers, the Collateral Manager may consider its relationships with other clients (including companies the securities of which are pledged to secure the Notes) and its Affiliates. The Collateral Manager may decline to make a particular investment for the Issuer in view of such relationships. The effects of some of the actions described in this section may have an adverse impact on the market from which the Collateral Manager seeks to buy, or to which the Collateral Manager seeks to sell securities on behalf of the Issuer. The Collateral Manager may also at certain times simultaneously seek to purchase investments for the Issuer and/or similar entities, including other collateralized debt obligation vehicles for which it serves as manager now or in the future, or for other clients or Affiliates. Such ownership and such other relationships may result in securities laws restrictions on transactions in such securities by the Issuer and create other potential conflicts of interest with respect to the Collateral Manager.

Pursuant to the Collateral Management Agreement, the Issuer is permitted (i) to purchase Collateral Debt Securities from the Collateral Manager or any Affiliate of the Collateral Manager as principal and (ii) to purchase Collateral Debt Securities from any account or portfolio for which the Collateral Manager or any of its Affiliates acts as investment adviser, in each case, only if and to the extent (a) such purchases are made at fair market value and otherwise on arms' length terms and (b) the Collateral Manager determines that such purchases are consistent with the Investment Guidelines and objectives of the Issuer, the restrictions contained in the Indenture and applicable law. The aggregate Principal Balance of Collateral Debt Securities that may be purchased from the Collateral Manager, its Affiliates and funds managed by the Collateral

Manager or its Affiliates is limited to 8.0% of the Net Outstanding Portfolio Collateral Balance. The Collateral Manager or any Affiliate of the Collateral Manager may purchase from the Issuer any Collateral Debt Security, so long as the transaction is conducted on an arms' length basis and is effected in a secondary market transaction on terms at least as favorable to the Noteholders as transactions with unaffiliated third parties. Any acquisition or disposition of Collateral Debt Securities in the manner specified in "Security for the Notes—Dispositions of Collateral Debt Securities" will be considered to have met these standards. The limitations set forth in this paragraph on transactions between the Issuer and the Collateral Manager or any of its Affiliates do not, however, apply to any transactions pursuant to the Warehouse Agreement or the Master Forward Sale Agreement. In the foregoing situations, the Collateral Manager and its Affiliates may have a potentially conflicting division of loyalties regarding both parties in the transaction. If an Affiliate of the Collateral Manager acts as a broker in an agency cross transaction, such person may receive commissions from one or both of the parties in the transaction. While the Collateral Manager anticipates that any such commissions charged will be at competitive market rates, the Collateral Manager may have interests in such transactions that are adverse to those of the Issuer, such as an interest in obtaining favorable commissions.

It is expected that the Collateral Manager or one or more Affiliates of the Collateral Manager will purchase a beneficial interest in up to 13% of the Preference Shares on the Closing Date. The Collateral Manager, its Affiliates and client accounts for which the Collateral Manager or its Affiliates act as investment advisor may at times also own other Offered Securities. The Collateral Manager, its Affiliates and client accounts are not required to own or hold any Offered Securities and may sell any Offered Securities held by them (including any Preference Shares purchased by them on the Closing Date) at any time. The Collateral Manager may pledge or otherwise assign all or a portion of its right to receive payment of Senior Management Fees and dividends and other distributions on Preference Shares owned by it for the purpose of financing its acquisition of Preference Shares.

Pursuant to the Collateral Management Agreement, the Issuer will pay an initial management fee to the Collateral Manager on the Closing Date.

At any given time, the Collateral Manager and its Affiliates will not be entitled to vote the Offered Securities held by any of such Collateral Manager, its Affiliates and accounts for which such Collateral Manager or any Affiliate thereof acts as investment advisor (and for which such Collateral Manager or such Affiliate has discretionary authority) with respect to any assignment or termination of any of the express rights or obligations of the Collateral Manager under the Collateral Management Agreement or the Indenture (including the exercise of any rights to remove the Collateral Manager or terminate the Collateral Management Agreement), or any amendment or other modification of the Collateral Management Agreement or the Indenture increasing the rights or decreasing the obligations of the Collateral Manager. However, at any given time the Collateral Manager and its Affiliates will be entitled to vote Offered Securities held by them and by such accounts with respect to all other matters. For purposes hereof, "Affiliate" means, with respect to the Collateral Manager, (i) any other person who, directly or indirectly, is in control of, or controlled by, or is under common control with, the Collateral Manager or (ii) any other person who is a director, member, officer, employee or general partner of (a) the Collateral Manager or (b) any such other person described in clause (i) above. For the

purposes of the foregoing definition, control of a person shall mean the power, direct or indirect, (x) to vote more than 50% of the securities having ordinary voting power for the election of directors of such person or (y) to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of such person whether by contract or otherwise. The ownership of Preference Shares by the Collateral Manager and its Affiliates may give the Collateral Manager an incentive to take actions that vary from the interests of the holders of the Notes.

No provision in the Collateral Management Agreement prevents the Collateral Manager or any of its Affiliates from rendering services of any kind to any person or entity, including the issuer of any obligation included in the Collateral or any of its affiliates, the Trustee, the holders of the Offered Securities or any Hedge Counterparty. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Collateral Manager, its Affiliates and their respective directors, officers, employees and agents may, among other things: (a) serve as directors, partners, officers, employees, agents, nominees or signatories for any issuer of any obligation included in the Collateral; (b) receive fees for services to be rendered to the issuer of any obligation included in the Collateral or any affiliate thereof; (c) be retained to provide services unrelated to the Collateral Management Agreement to the Issuer or its affiliates and be paid therefor; (d) be a secured or unsecured creditor of, or hold an equity interest in, any issuer of any obligation included in the Collateral; or (e) serve as a member of any "creditors board" with respect to any obligation included in the Collateral which has become or may become a Defaulted Security. Services of this kind may lead to conflicts of interest with the Collateral Manager, and may lead individual officers or employees of the Collateral Manager to act in a manner adverse to the Issuer.

Although the Collateral Manager or one of its Affiliates will at times be a holder of Offered Securities, its interests and incentives will not necessarily be completely aligned with those of the other holders of the Offered Securities (or of the holders of any particular Class of Notes or any Preference Shares).

The Collateral Manager shall use reasonable efforts to obtain the best prices and execution for all orders placed with respect to the Collateral, considering all circumstances that are relevant in its reasonable determination. Subject to the objective of obtaining the best prices and execution, the Collateral Manager may take into consideration research and other brokerage services furnished to the Collateral Manager or its affiliates by brokers and dealers that are not Affiliates of the Collateral Manager. Such services may be used by the Collateral Manager or its Affiliates in connection with its other advisory activities or investment operations. The Collateral Manager may aggregate sales and purchase orders of securities placed with respect to the Collateral with similar orders being made simultaneously for other accounts managed by the Collateral Manager or with accounts of the Affiliates of the Collateral Manager if in the Collateral Manager's judgment such aggregation shall result in an overall economic benefit to the Issuer, taking into consideration the advantageous selling or purchase price, brokerage commission and other expenses. In the event that a sale or purchase of a Collateral Debt Security occurs as part of any aggregate sale or purchase order, the objective of the Collateral Manager (and any of its Affiliates involved in such transactions) shall be to allocate the executions among the relevant accounts in an equitable manner over time (taking into account constraints imposed by the Eligibility Criteria).

Conflicts of Interest Involving the Initial Purchaser. Certain of the Collateral Debt Securities acquired by the Issuer may consist of obligations of issuers or obligors, or obligations sponsored or serviced by companies, for which the Initial Purchaser or an affiliate of the Initial Purchaser has acted as underwriter, agent, placement agent or dealer or for which an affiliate of the Initial Purchaser has acted as lender or provided other commercial or investment banking services. An affiliate of the Initial Purchaser (or an investment vehicle advised by the Initial Purchaser) may purchase the Class A-1 Notes on the Closing Date. The Initial Purchaser or one or more of its affiliates may also act as counterparty with respect to any or all of the Synthetic Securities acquired by the Issuer. Furthermore, such affiliates of the Initial Purchaser may in their role as counterparty to all or a portion of the Synthetic Securities manage a pool of Reference Obligations with respect to the Synthetic Securities and make determinations regarding those Reference Obligations. In addition, an affiliate of the Initial Purchaser may act as a Hedge Counterparty under one or more of the Hedge Agreements. In addition, an affiliate of the Initial Purchaser will sell all or most of the initial portfolio of Collateral Debt Securities to the Issuer on the Closing Date. An affiliate of the Initial Purchaser will also enter into a Master Forward Purchase Agreement with the Issuer on the Closing Date, pursuant to which the Issuer after the Closing Date will agree to acquire securities from such affiliate of the Initial Purchaser on a forward sale basis during the Ramp-Up Period. Notwithstanding anything in the Indenture to the contrary (including the Eligibility Criteria), such security may be acquired by the Issuer on any date during the Ramp-Up Period at the price specified in the Master Forward Sale Agreement, which may not represent the market value of such security on the date on which such security is delivered to the Issuer. Compliance with the Eligibility Criteria at the time of each such transaction will not be independently monitored by such affiliate of the Initial Purchaser.

Purchase of Collateral Debt Securities. All or most of the Collateral Debt Securities purchased by the Issuer on the Closing Date will be purchased from a portfolio of Collateral Debt Securities selected by the Collateral Manager and held by Merrill Lynch International ("MLI"), an affiliate of MLPFS, pursuant to warehousing agreements between MLI and the Collateral Manager. Some of the Collateral Debt Securities subject to such warehousing agreement may have been originally acquired by MLPFS from the Collateral Manager or one of its affiliates or clients and some of the Collateral Debt Securities subject to such warehousing agreements may include securities issued by a fund or other entity owned, managed or serviced by the Collateral Manager or its Affiliates. The Issuer will purchase Collateral Debt Securities included in such warehouse portfolios only to the extent that such purchases are consistent with the investment guidelines of the Issuer, the restrictions contained in the Indenture and the Collateral Management Agreement and applicable law. The purchase price payable by the Issuer for such Collateral Debt Securities will be based on the purchase price paid when such Collateral Debt Securities were acquired under the warehousing agreements, accrued and unpaid interest on such Collateral Debt Securities as of the Closing Date and gains or losses incurred in connection with hedging arrangements entered into with respect to such Collateral Debt Securities. Accordingly, the Issuer will bear the risk of market changes subsequent to the acquisition of such Collateral Debt Securities and related hedging arrangements as if it had acquired such Collateral Debt Securities directly at the time of purchase by MLI of such Collateral Debt Securities and not the Closing Date.

Ramp-Up Period Purchases. The amount of Collateral Debt Securities purchased on the Closing Date and the amount and timing of the purchase of additional Collateral Debt Securities prior to the Ramp-Up Completion Date, will affect the return to holders of, and cash flows available to make payments on, the Offered Securities. Reduced liquidity and lower volumes of trading in certain Collateral Debt Securities, in addition to restrictions on investment contained in the Eligibility Criteria, could result in periods during which the Issuer is unable to be fully invested in Collateral Debt Securities. During any such period, excess cash is expected to be invested in Eligible Investments. Because of the short term nature and credit quality of Eligible Investments, the interest rates payable on Eligible Investments tend to be significantly lower than the rates the Issuer would expect to earn on Collateral Debt Securities. The longer the period before investment or reinvestment in Collateral Debt Securities, the greater the adverse impact may be on aggregate Interest Proceeds collected and distributed by the Issuer, resulting in a lower yield than could have been obtained if the net proceeds associated with the offering of the Offered Securities (the "Offering") remained invested at all times.

In addition, the timing of the purchase of Collateral Debt Securities prior to the Ramp-Up Completion Date, the amount of any purchased accrued interest, the timing of additional Borrowings under Class A-1 Notes, the scheduled interest payment dates of the Collateral Debt Securities and the amount invested in lower-yielding Eligible Investments until reinvested in Collateral Debt Securities, may have an impact on the amount of Interest Proceeds collected during the first Due Period, which could adversely affect interest payments on Notes and distributions on Preference Shares.

Purchases During the Ramp-Up Period. The Issuer will use its best efforts to purchase or enter into binding agreements to purchase, on or before December 3, 2004, Collateral Debt Securities having an aggregate Principal Balance (together with certain other amounts) of not less than U.S.\$400,000,000.

Although the entire aggregate principal amount of the Class A-2 Notes, Class B Notes and Class C Notes will be advanced on the Closing Date, less than the entire aggregate principal amount of the Class A-1 Notes will be advanced on the Closing Date. During the period from and including the Closing Date to, and including, the Ramp-Up Completion Date (the "Ramp-Up Period"), the Issuer will borrow from the holders of the Class A-1 Notes on and subject to the terms and conditions in the Class A-1 Note Purchase Agreement. The Issuer will use the proceeds of such borrowings to purchase Collateral Debt Securities (for inclusion in the Collateral) having an aggregate Principal Balance of not less than the aggregate Principal Balance necessary for the Issuer to comply with its obligations under the Indenture described above. The Issuer is expected to apply most of the proceeds of such borrowings to purchase Collateral Debt Securities from an affiliate of the Initial Purchaser under the Master Forward Purchase Commitment.

Whether or not the Issuer has succeeded in acquiring Collateral Debt Securities having an aggregate Principal Balance (together with certain other amounts) of U.S.\$400,000,000 by the Ramp-Up Completion Date, if any of the Collateral Quality Tests or the Coverage Tests or the Weighted Average Purchase Price Test are not satisfied, a Rating Confirmation Failure may occur. On the first Quarterly Distribution Date following a Rating Confirmation Failure,

Uninvested Proceeds, Interest Proceeds and Principal Proceeds will be applied to redeem the Notes in part. See "Security for the Notes—Ramp-Up Period."

At least one Business Day prior to the first Quarterly Distribution Date after the Ramp-Up Completion Date, all Uninvested Proceeds (other than those required to complete purchases of Collateral Debt Securities) remaining on the first Determination Date following the Ramp-Up Completion Date (which are not required to complete purchases of Collateral Debt Securities) are required to be applied as Principal Proceeds. Accordingly, to the extent that Uninvested Proceeds have not been invested in Collateral Debt Securities during the Ramp-Up Period, such Uninvested Proceeds will be used to pay principal of the Notes on the first Quarterly Distribution Date following the Ramp-Up Completion Date in accordance with the Priority of Payments.

True Sale. If MLI were to become the subject of a case or proceeding under the United States Bankruptcy Code, another applicable insolvency law or a stockbroker liquidation under the Securities Investor Protection Act of 1970, the trustee in bankruptcy, other liquidator or the Securities Investor Protection Corporation could assert that Collateral Debt Securities acquired from MLI are property of the insolvency estate of MLI. Property that MLI has pledged or assigned, or in which MLI has granted a security interest, as collateral security for the payment or performance of an obligation, would be property of the estate of MLI. Property that MLI has sold or absolutely assigned and transferred to another party, however, is not property of the estate of MLI. The Issuer does not expect that the purchase by the Issuer of Collateral Debt Securities, under the circumstances contemplated by this Offering Circular, will be deemed to be a pledge or collateral assignment (as opposed to the sale or other absolute transfer of such Collateral Debt Securities to the Issuer).

Dependence on the Collateral Manager and Key Personnel. The performance of the portfolio of Collateral Debt Securities depends heavily on the skills of the Collateral Manager in analyzing and selecting the Collateral Debt Securities. As a result, the Issuer will be highly dependent on the financial and managerial experience of the Collateral Manager and certain of the officers and employees of the Collateral Manager to whom the task of selecting and monitoring the Collateral has been assigned or delegated. Certain employment arrangements between those officers and employees and the Collateral Manager may exist, but the Issuer is not, and will not be, a direct beneficiary of such arrangements, which arrangements are in any event subject to change without the consent of the Issuer. See "Collateral Manager" and "The Collateral Management Agreement."

Relation to Prior Investment Results. The prior investment results of the Collateral Manager and the persons associated with the Collateral Manager or any other entity or person described herein are not indicative of the Issuer's future investment results. The nature of, and risks associated with, the Issuer's future investments may differ substantially from those investments and strategies undertaken historically by such persons and entities. There can be no assurance that the Issuer's investments will perform as well as the past investments of any such persons or entities.

Projections, Forecasts and Estimates. Any projections, forecasts and estimates contained herein are forward looking statements and are based upon certain assumptions that the Co-

Issuers consider reasonable. Projections are necessarily speculative in nature, and it can be expected that some or all of the assumptions underlying the projections will not materialize or will vary significantly from actual results. Accordingly, the projections are only an estimate. Actual results may vary from the projections, and the variations may be material.

Some important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in any forward looking statements include changes in interest rates, market, financial or legal uncertainties, the timing of acquisitions of Collateral Debt Securities, differences in the actual allocation of the Collateral Debt Securities among asset categories from those assumed, the timing of acquisitions of the Collateral Debt Securities, mismatches between the timing of accrual and receipt of Interest Proceeds and Principal Proceeds from the Collateral Debt Securities (particularly during ramp-up), defaults under Collateral Debt Securities and the effectiveness of the Interest Rate Hedge Agreement, among others. Consequently, the inclusion of projections herein should not be regarded as a representation by the Issuer, the Co-Issuer, the Trustee, the Collateral Manager, the Initial Purchaser or any of their respective affiliates or any other person or entity of the results that will actually be achieved by the Issuer.

None of the Issuer, the Co-Issuer, the Trustee, the Collateral Manager, the Initial Purchaser, any of their respective affiliates and any other person has any obligation to update or otherwise revise any projections, including any revisions to reflect changes in economic conditions or other circumstances arising after the date hereof or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events, even if the underlying assumptions do not come to fruition.

Money Laundering Prevention. "The Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act of 2001" (the "USA PATRIOT Act"), effective as of October 26, 2001, requires broker-dealers registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission and the National Association of Securities Dealers (the "NASD"), such as the Initial Purchaser, to establish and maintain anti-money laundering programs. With respect to the content of those programs, the NASD has enacted a rule that requires broker-dealers to establish and maintain anti-money laundering programs similar to those currently in place at U.S. banks. The Treasury Department has published proposed regulations that, if enacted in their current form, will compel certain "unregistered investment companies" to undertake certain activities including establishing, maintaining and periodically testing an anti-money laundering compliance program, and designating and training personnel responsible for that compliance program. In addition, the Treasury Department has published proposed regulations that would require certain investment managers to establish anti-money laundering programs. The Issuer will continue to monitor the ambit of the proposed regulations, and of the exceptions thereto, and will take all necessary steps (if any) required to comply with those regulations once they are enacted. It is possible that legislation or regulation could be promulgated which will require the Collateral Manager or other service providers to the Co-Issuers to share information with governmental authorities with respect to investors in the Offered Securities in connection with the establishment of anti-money laundering procedures or require the Issuer to implement additional restrictions on the transfer of the Offered Securities. The Issuer reserves the right to request such information as is necessary to verify the identity of the holder of an Offered Security and the source of the payment of subscription monies, or as is necessary to comply with any customer identification programs required by the Treasury

Department or by any other governmental or self-regulatory agency. Legislation and/or regulations could require the Issuer to implement additional restrictions on the transfer of the Offered Securities. In the event of delay or failure by the applicant to produce any information required for verification purposes, an application for or transfer of the Offered Securities and the subscription monies relating thereto may be refused.

Investment Company Act. Neither of the Co-Issuers nor the Collateral Manager has been registered with the SEC as an investment company pursuant to the Investment Company Act. The Issuer has not so registered in reliance on an exception for investment companies organized under the laws of a jurisdiction other than the United States or any state thereof whose investors resident in the United States are Qualified Purchasers (as defined herein). Counsel for the Co-Issuers will opine, in connection with the sale of the Notes and Preference Shares by the Initial Purchaser, that neither the Issuer nor the Co-Issuer is on the Closing Date an investment company required to be registered under the Investment Company Act (assuming, for the purposes of such opinion, that the Notes and Preference Shares are sold by the Initial Purchaser in accordance with the terms of the Purchase Agreement). No opinion or no-action position has been requested of the SEC.

If the SEC or a court of competent jurisdiction were to find that the Issuer, the Co-Issuer or the Collateral Manager is required, but in violation of the Investment Company Act had failed, to register as an investment company, possible consequences include, but are not limited to, the following: (i) the SEC could apply to a district court to enjoin the violation; (ii) investors in the Issuer, the Co-Issuer or the Collateral Manager could sue the Issuer, the Co-Issuer or the Collateral Manager, as the case may be, and recover any damages caused by the violation; and (iii) any contract to which the Issuer, the Co-Issuer or the Collateral Manager, as the case may be, is a party that is made in, or whose performance involves a, violation of the Investment Company Act would be unenforceable by any party to the contract unless a court were to find that under the circumstances enforcement would produce a more equitable result than non-enforcement and would not be inconsistent with the purposes of the Investment Company Act. The Issuer, the Co-Issuer or the Collateral Manager, as applicable, would be materially and adversely affected if it were subjected to any of the foregoing consequences of such a violation of the Investment Company Act.

Each transferee of a beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note will be deemed to represent at the time of purchase that: (i) the purchaser is both a Qualified Institutional Buyer and a Qualified Purchaser; (ii) the purchaser is not a dealer described in paragraph (a)(1)(ii) of Rule 144A unless such purchaser owns and invests on a discretionary basis at least U.S.\$25,000,000 in securities of issuers that are not affiliated persons of the dealer; and (iii) the purchaser is not a plan referred to in paragraph (a)(1)(i)(D) or (a)(1)(i)(E) of Rule 144A, or a trust fund referred to in paragraph (a)(1)(i)(F) of Rule 144A that holds the assets of such a plan, unless investment decisions with respect to the plan are made solely by the fiduciary, trustee or sponsor of such plan; and (iv) the purchaser will provide written notice of the foregoing, and of any applicable restrictions on transfer, to any transferee.

The Indenture provides that if, notwithstanding the restrictions on transfer contained therein, either of the Co-Issuers determines that any beneficial owner of a Restricted Note (or

any interest therein) (A) is a U.S. Person (within the meaning of Regulation S under the Securities Act) and (B) is not both a Qualified Institutional Buyer (unless such beneficial owner is an Accredited Investor that purchased such Restricted Note or interest therein directly from the Co-Issuers or Initial Purchaser) and also a Qualified Purchaser, then either of the Co-Issuers may require, by notice to such holder, that such holder sell all of its right, title and interest to such Restricted Note (or any interest therein) to a person that is both a Qualified Institutional Buyer and a Qualified Purchaser, with such sale to be effected within 30 days after notice of such sale requirement is given. If such beneficial owner fails to effect the transfer required within such 30-day period, (a) upon direction from the Issuer, the Trustee, on behalf of and at the expense of the Issuer, shall cause such beneficial owner's interest in such Note to be transferred in a commercially reasonable sale (conducted by the Trustee in accordance with Section 9-610(b) of the Uniform Commercial Code as in effect in the State of New York as applied to securities that are sold on a recognized market or that may decline speedily in value) to a person that certifies to the Trustee and the Co-Issuers, in connection with such transfer, that such person is a both (i) a Qualified Institutional Buyer and (ii) a Qualified Purchaser and (b) pending such transfer, no further payments will be made in respect of such Note held by such beneficial owner.

The Preference Share Paying Agency Agreement provides that if, notwithstanding the restrictions on transfer contained therein, the Issuer determines that any beneficial owner of Restricted Definitive Preference Shares (A) is a U.S. Person (within the meaning of Regulation S under the Securities Act) and (B) is not both (i) a Qualified Institutional Buyer (unless such beneficial owner is an Accredited Investor that purchased such Restricted Definitive Preference Share in connection with the initial distribution thereof) and (ii) a Qualified Purchaser, then the Issuer may require, by notice to such holder, that such holder sell all of its right, title and interest to such Restricted Definitive Preference Shares (or interest therein) to a person that is both a Qualified Institutional Buyer and a Qualified Purchaser, with such sale to be effected within 30 days after notice of such sale requirement is given. If such beneficial owner fails to effect the transfer required within such 30-day period, (a) upon direction from the Issuer, the Preference Share Paying Agent, on behalf of and at the expense of the Issuer, shall cause such beneficial owner's interest in such Preference Share to be transferred in a commercially reasonable sale (conducted by the Administrator in accordance with Section 9-610(b) of the Uniform Commercial Code as in effect in the State of New York as applied to securities that are sold on a recognized market or that may decline speedily in value) to a person that certifies to the Preference Share Paying Agent and the Issuer, in connection with such transfer, that such person is a both (i) a Qualified Institutional Buyer and (ii) a Qualified Purchaser and (b) pending such transfer, no further payments will be made in respect of such Preference Share held by such beneficial owner.

Mandatory Repayment of the Notes. If either Coverage Test is not met, Interest Proceeds will be used and, after application of Interest Proceeds, Principal Proceeds will be used to the extent that funds are available in accordance with the Priority of Payments and to the extent necessary to restore the relevant Coverage Test(s) to certain minimum required levels, to repay principal of one or more Classes of Notes. See "Description of the Notes—Mandatory Redemption."

So long as a Senior Class of Notes are outstanding, the foregoing could result in an elimination, deferral or reduction in the payments in respect of interest or the principal repayments made to the holders of a Subordinate Class of Notes, which could adversely impact the returns of such holders. In addition, if the Preference Shareholders have received distributions on the Preference Shares sufficient to achieve an annualized Dividend Yield of 12% per annum, any excess amount of Interest Proceeds will be applied to pay principal of the Class C Notes until such Class of Notes has been paid in full. See "Description of the Notes—Principal," "—Mandatory Redemption" and "—Priority of Payments—Interest Proceeds."

If a Rating Confirmation Failure occurs, on the next Quarterly Distribution Date Uninvested Proceeds (which are not required to complete purchases of Collateral Debt Securities) and, after application of such Uninvested Proceeds, Interest Proceeds and, after application of Interest Proceeds, Principal Proceeds, will be used for the payment of principal of, *first*, the Class A-1 Notes, *second*, the Class A-2 Notes, *third*, the Class B Notes and, *fourth*, the Class C Notes, to the extent specified by each relevant Rating Agency in order to obtain a Rating Confirmation.

Auction Call Redemption. In addition, if the Notes have not been redeemed in full prior to the Quarterly Distribution Date occurring in September 2012, then an auction of the Collateral Debt Securities will be conducted and, if certain conditions are satisfied, the Collateral Debt Securities will be sold and the Notes will be redeemed (in whole, but not in part) on such Quarterly Distribution Date. No redemption of the Notes may occur unless proceeds of the auction, together with other Available Redemption Funds, are sufficient to pay the Total Senior Redemption Amount. If such conditions are not satisfied and the auction is not successfully conducted on such Quarterly Distribution Date, the Trustee will conduct auctions on a quarterly basis until the Notes are redeemed in full. See "Description of the Notes—Redemption Price" and "—Auction Call Redemption." Each Hedge Agreement will terminate upon any Auction Call Redemption.

Optional Redemption. Subject to satisfaction of certain conditions, a Majority-in-Interest of Preference Shareholders may require that the Notes be redeemed in whole and not in part as described under "Description of the Notes—Optional Redemption and Tax Redemption," *provided* that no such optional redemption may occur prior to the Quarterly Distribution Date occurring in September 2007. See "Description of the Notes—Optional Redemption and Tax Redemption." Each Hedge Agreement will terminate upon any Tax Redemption.

Tax Redemption. Subject to satisfaction of certain conditions, upon the occurrence of a Tax Event, the Issuer may redeem the Notes (such redemption, a "Tax Redemption") on any Quarterly Distribution Date, in whole but not in part, at the applicable Redemption Price therefor (i) at the direction of the holders of a majority in aggregate outstanding principal amount of any Class of Notes that, as a result of the occurrence of a Tax Event, has not received 100% of the aggregate amount of principal and interest payable to such Class on any Quarterly Distribution Date (each such Class, an "Affected Class") or (ii) at the direction of a Majority-in-Interest of Preference Shareholders, *provided* that certain conditions are satisfied. No Tax Redemption may be effected, however, unless the Tax Materiality Condition is satisfied. See "Description of the

Notes—Optional Redemption and Tax Redemption." Each Hedge Agreement will terminate upon any Tax Redemption.

Interest Rate Risk; Fixed and Floating. The Notes bear interest at a rate based on LIBOR as determined on the relevant LIBOR Determination Date. The Collateral Debt Securities will include obligations that bear interest at fixed rates. Accordingly, the Notes are subject to interest rate risk to the extent that there is an interest rate mismatch between the floating rate at which interest accrues on the Notes and the rates at which interest accrues on the Collateral Debt Securities. In addition, any payments of principal of or interest on Collateral Debt Securities received during a Due Period will be reinvested in Eligible Investments maturing not later than the Business Day immediately preceding the next Quarterly Distribution Date. There is no requirement that Eligible Investments bear interest at LIBOR, and the interest rates available for Eligible Investments are inherently uncertain. As a result of these mismatches, an increase in three-month LIBOR could adversely impact the ability of the Issuer to make payments on the Notes (including by reason of a decline in the value of previously issued fixed rate Collateral Debt Securities as LIBOR increases). To mitigate a portion of such interest rate mismatch, the Issuer will on the Closing Date enter into the Interest Rate Hedge Agreement. However, there can be no assurance that the Collateral Debt Securities and Eligible Investments, together with the Interest Rate Hedge Agreement, will in all circumstances generate sufficient Interest Proceeds to make timely payments of interest on the Notes. Moreover, the benefits of the Interest Rate Hedge Agreement may not be achieved in the event of the early termination of the Interest Rate Hedge Agreement, including termination upon the failure of the related Hedge Counterparty to perform its obligations thereunder. See "Security for the Notes—The Hedge Agreements."

Subject to satisfaction of the Rating Condition with respect to such reduction, the Issuer may reduce the notional amount of the Interest Rate Hedge Agreement. In the event of any such reduction, the Interest Rate Hedge Counterparty or the Issuer may be required to make a termination payment in respect of such reduction to the other party. See "Security for the Notes—The Hedge Agreements."

The Interest Rate Hedge Agreement in effect on the Closing Date will provide that the Interest Rate Hedge Counterparty make an Up Front Payment on the Closing Date to the Issuer. The payments to be made by the Issuer to the Interest Rate Hedge Counterparty under the Interest Rate Hedge Agreement include the repayment by the Issuer of this Up Front Payment together with interest thereon. As a result of this Up Front Payment, the amounts payable under the Interest Rate Hedge Agreement by the Issuer on each Quarterly Distribution Date will be greater than it would have been had the Up Front Payment not been made. Therefore, funds available to pay interest and the Commitment Fee on the Notes and distributions on the Preference Shares will be less on each Quarterly Distribution Date than they otherwise would have been had the Up Front Payment not been made. Moreover, in the event of an early termination of the Interest Rate Hedge Agreement, the Issuer is more likely to be required to make a termination payment to the Interest Rate Hedge Counterparty (and the amount of such termination payment is likely to be larger) as a result of the Up Front Payment. However, the initial cash balance in the Uninvested Proceeds Account will be higher on the Closing Date than it would have been if the Up Front Payment had not been made. The Issuer's obligations to the

Interest Rate Hedge Counterparty in respect of repayment of the Up Front Payment, together with interest thereon, will be secured under the Indenture and will be senior in priority to the Issuer's obligations to pay interest, Commitment Fee and principal on the Notes.

Average Life of the Notes and Prepayment Considerations. The average life of each Class of Notes is expected to be shorter than the number of years until the Stated Maturity. See "Maturity, Prepayment and Yield Considerations."

The average life of each Class of Notes will be affected by the financial condition of the obligors on or issuers of the Collateral Debt Securities and the characteristics of the Collateral Debt Securities, including the existence and frequency of exercise of any prepayment, optional redemption or sinking fund features, the prevailing level of interest rates, the redemption price, the actual default rate and the actual level of recoveries on any Defaulted Securities, the frequency of tender or exchange offers for the Collateral Debt Securities and any sales of Collateral Debt Securities and any dividends or other distributions received in respect of Equity Securities, as well as the risks unique to investments in obligations of foreign issuers described above. During the Substitution Period, Specified Principal Proceeds received by the Issuer will be used to pay principal of the Notes in accordance with the Priority of Payments. Accordingly, the average life of the Notes may be affected by the rate of principal payments on the underlying Collateral Debt Securities and, during the Substitution Period, by the receipt by the Issuer of Specified Principal Proceeds. See "Description of the Notes—Substitution Period," "Maturity, Prepayment and Yield Considerations" and "Security for the Notes."

Distributions on the Preference Shares; Investment Term; Non-Petition Agreement. Prior to the payment in full of the Notes and all other amounts owing under the Indenture, Preference Shareholders will be entitled to receive distributions only to the extent permissible under the Indenture and Cayman Islands law (as described herein). The timing and amount of distributions payable to Preference Shareholders and the duration of the Preference Shareholders' investment in the Issuer therefore will be affected by the average life of the Notes. See "—Average Life of the Notes and Prepayment Considerations" above. Each Original Purchaser of Preference Shares from the Initial Purchaser will be required to covenant in an Investor Application Form (and each transferee of Preference Shares will be required to covenant in a transfer certificate) that it will not cause the filing of a petition in bankruptcy against the Issuer before one year and one day have elapsed since the payment in full of the Notes or, if longer, the applicable preference period then in effect. If such provision failed to be effective to preclude the filing of a petition under applicable bankruptcy laws, then the filing of such a petition could result in one or more payments on the Notes made during the period prior to such filing being deemed to be preferential transfers subject to avoidance by the bankruptcy trustee or similar official exercising authority with respect to the Issuer's bankruptcy estate.

Taxes on the Issuer. The Issuer expects that payments received on the Collateral Debt Securities, Eligible Investments and the Hedge Agreements generally will not be subject to withholding taxes imposed by the United States or other countries from which such payments are sourced. Payments on the Collateral Debt Securities, Eligible Investments and the Hedge Agreements, however, might become subject to U.S. or other withholding tax due to a change in law or other causes. Payments with respect to any Equity Securities held by the Issuer likely will

be subject to withholding taxes imposed by the United States or other countries from which such payments are sourced. The imposition of unanticipated withholding taxes or tax on the Issuer's net income could materially impair the Issuer's ability to pay principal of, interest on and Commitment Fee on the Notes and make distributions on the Preference Shares.

Treatment as a "Variable Interest Entity." On January 17, 2003, the United States Financial Accounting Standards Board issued its Interpretation No. 46, Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities. This interpretation is intended to improve the public understanding and governance of "special-purpose entities." At issue under this interpretation is when a participant in a financial transaction with a special-purpose entity should include the assets, liabilities, revenues, and expenses of such special-purpose entity in its own consolidated financial statements as opposed to accounting for just its investment in or contracts with such special-purpose entity. This interpretation governs the consolidation of so-called "variable interest entities" by reason of factors other than ownership of a majority of the voting stock of a company. The Co-Issuers are likely to be treated as "variable interest entities" under this interpretation.

Early Termination of the Substitution Period. Although the Substitution Period is expected to terminate on the Quarterly Distribution Date occurring in December 2006, the Substitution Period may terminate prior to such date if (i) the Collateral Manager notifies the Trustee of its election to make no further investments in substitute Collateral Debt Securities, (ii) the Notes are redeemed as described under "Description of the Notes—Optional Redemption and Tax Redemption," (iii) an Event of Default occurs or (iv) if Terwin Money Management LLC gives notice of its resignation, or the Issuer gives notice of its termination, as Collateral Manager. If the Substitution Period terminates prior to the Quarterly Distribution Date occurring in December 2006, such early termination may affect the expected average lives of the Notes and the duration of the Preference Shares described under "Maturity, Prepayment and Yield Considerations."

On any Quarterly Distribution Date prior to the last day of the Substitution Period the Collateral Manager, upon notice to the Trustee, may direct the Issuer to apply all or a portion of the Sale Proceeds that would otherwise have been eligible for reinvestment in substitute Collateral Debt Securities to the payment of principal of the Notes in accordance with the Priority of Payments, as if the Substitution Period had ended. The Collateral Manager may take such action with respect to any Quarterly Distribution Date with or without also terminating the Substitution Period.

No Gross Up. The Issuer expects that payments of principal and interest by the Issuer on the Notes, and distributions of dividends and return of capital on the Preference Shares, will ordinarily not be subject to any withholding tax in the Cayman Islands, the United States or any other jurisdiction. See "Income Tax Considerations." In the event that withholding or deduction of any taxes from payments or distributions is required by law in any jurisdiction, neither of the Co-Issuers shall be under any obligation to make any additional payments to the holders of any Notes or Preference Shares in respect of such withholding or deduction.

Tax Treatment of Holders of Preference Shares and Class C Notes. Because the Issuer will be a passive foreign investment company, a U.S. Person holding Preference Shares may be subject to additional taxes unless it elects to treat the Issuer as a qualified electing fund and to recognize currently its proportionate share of the Issuer's income. The Issuer also may be a controlled foreign corporation or a foreign personal holding company, in which case U.S. Persons holding Preference Shares could be subjected to different tax treatments. A U.S. Person holding Preference Shares may be subject to U.S. income taxation on "phantom income" (i.e. taxable income that exceeds the cash distributed to such holder in the relevant period).

The Issuer intends, and the Indenture requires that holders agree, to treat all Classes of Notes as debt for U.S. Federal income tax purposes. The treatment of the Class C Notes as debt of the Issuer could be challenged by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service. If a challenge were successful, the Class C Notes would be treated as equity interests in the Issuer, and the U.S. Federal income tax consequences of investing in the Class C Notes would be the same as the consequences of investing in the Preference Shares. See "Income Tax Considerations."

ERISA Considerations. The Issuer intends to restrict ownership of the Preference Shares so that no assets of the Issuer will be deemed to be "plan assets" subject to ERISA and/or Section 4975 of the Code as such term is defined in the Plan Asset Regulation issued by the United States Department of Labor. The Issuer intends to restrict the acquisition of Preference Shares by Benefit Plan Investors (which is defined in the Plan Asset Regulation to include all employee benefit plans, whether or not the plans are subject to Title I of ERISA, plans within the meaning of Section 4975 of the Code and entities whose underlying assets are deemed to include plan assets and including for this purpose the general account of an insurance company the underlying assets of which constitute "plan assets" under Section 401(c) of ERISA) (i) to Original Purchasers of interests in a Regulation S Global Preference Share that are not U.S. Benefit Plan Investors and (ii) such that no U.S. Benefit Plan Investor may directly or indirectly acquire an interest in a Preference Share. In particular, each owner of an interest in the Regulation S Global Preference Share will be required to execute and deliver to the Issuer and the Preference Share Paying Agent a letter in the form attached as Exhibit A hereto. The Issuer intends to prohibit the acquisition of Restricted Definitive Preference Shares by Benefit Plan Investors. In addition, no holder in a Preference Share, other than an Original Purchaser of Restricted Definitive Preference Shares, may be a Controlling Person. There can be no assurance that an owner will not breach such obligations or that, if such breach occurs, such owner will have the financial capacity and willingness to indemnify the Issuer for any losses that the Issuer may suffer.

If the assets of either of the Co-Issuers were deemed to be "plan assets," certain transactions that the Issuer might enter into, or may have entered into, in the ordinary course of business might constitute non-exempt prohibited transactions under ERISA and/or Section 4975 of the Code and might have to be rescinded. However, it is anticipated that such a result would be unlikely because (1) the Collateral Debt Securities acquired by the Issuer will be limited to securities as to which the assets of the issuers thereof will not be treated as "plan assets," even if the underlying assets of the Issuer are so treated, and (2) the issuers of such securities will be special-purpose entities that are not likely to be Parties In-Interest or Disqualified Persons with respect to any Plans.

Each Original Purchaser and each transferee of a Note will be deemed to represent and (or, if required by the Indenture, a transferee will be required to certify) either that (a) it is not (and, for so long as it holds any Note, will not be), and is not (and, for so long as it holds any Note or any interest therein, will not be) acting on behalf of an employee benefit plan subject to Title I of ERISA, a plan subject to Section 4975 of the Code, an entity that is deemed to hold the assets of any such plan pursuant to 29 C.F.R. Section 2510.3-101 which plan or entity is subject to Title I of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code, or a governmental or church plan subject to any Similar Law or (b) its acquisition and holding of such Note will not constitute a non-exempt prohibited transaction in violation of Section 406 of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code (or, in the case of a governmental or church plan, will not result in a violation of any Similar Law). Each Original Purchaser of a Restricted Definitive Preference Share will be required to certify whether or not it is a Controlling Person and that it is not a Benefit Plan Investor. Each transferee of a Restricted Definitive Preference Share thereafter will be required to certify that it is neither a Benefit Plan Investor nor a Controlling Person. Each Original Purchaser of an interest in a Global Regulation S Preference Share will be required to certify that it is not a U.S. Benefit Plan Investor, and each transferee thereafter will be required to certify that it is not a Benefit Plan Investor. Each Original Purchaser and each transferee of an interest in a Global Regulation S Preference Share will be required to deliver a letter in the form of Exhibit A hereto.

See "ERISA Considerations" herein for a more detailed discussion of certain ERISA and related considerations with respect to an investment in the Notes and Preference Shares.

The Issuer. The Issuer is a recently formed Cayman Islands entity and has no prior operating history other than in connection with the acquisition of certain Collateral Debt Securities prior to the issuance of the Offered Securities and the entering into of arrangements with respect thereto. The Issuer will have no significant assets other than the Collateral Debt Securities, Equity Securities, Eligible Investments and the Accounts and its rights under the Hedge Agreements and certain other agreements entered into as described herein, all of which have been pledged to the Trustee to secure the Issuer's obligations to the holders of the Notes (the "Noteholders"), the Collateral Manager and the Hedge Counterparties. The Issuer will not engage in any business activity other than (i) the issuance of the Notes, the Preference Shares and its ordinary shares, (ii) the acquisition and disposition of, and investment and reinvestment in, Collateral Debt Securities, Equity Securities and Eligible Investments, (iii) the entering into, and the performance of its obligations under the Indenture, the Notes, the Class A-1 Note Purchase Agreement, the Purchase Agreement, the Investor Application Forms, the Account Control Agreement, the Preference Share Paying Agency Agreement, the Hedge Agreements, the Collateral Assignment of the Hedge Agreement, the Collateral Management Agreement, the Collateral Administration Agreement, the Administration Agreement, the Class A-2 Agency and Amending Agreement, the Broker Dealer Agreement, the Class A-2 Account Control Agreement, the Master Forward Sale Agreement and the Reimbursement Agreement, (iv) the pledge of the Collateral as security for its obligations in respect of (inter alia) the Notes, (v) the ownership and management of the Co-Issuer and (vi) certain activities conducted in connection with the payment of amounts in respect of the Offered Securities, the management of the Collateral and other incidental activities. Income derived from the Collateral Debt Securities and other Collateral will be the Issuer's only source of cash.

The Co-Issuer. The Co-Issuer is a newly formed Delaware corporation and has no prior operating history. The Co-Issuer does not have and will not have any substantial assets. The Co-Issuer will not engage in any business activity other than the co-issuance of the Notes and will not be an obligor on the Preference Shares.

Certain Considerations Relating to the Cayman Islands. The Issuer is an exempted company incorporated under the laws of the Cayman Islands. As a result, it may not be possible for purchasers of the Offered Securities to effect service of process upon the Issuer within the United States or to enforce against the Issuer in United States courts judgments predicated upon the civil liability provisions of the securities laws of the United States. The Issuer has been advised by Maples and Calder, its legal advisor in the Cayman Islands, that the United States and the Cayman Islands do not currently have a treaty providing for reciprocal recognition and enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial matters and that a final judgment for the payment of money rendered by any Federal or state court in the United States based on civil liability, whether or not predicated solely upon United States securities laws, would, therefore, not be automatically enforceable in the Cayman Islands and there is doubt as to the enforceability in the Cayman Islands, in original actions or in actions for the enforcement of judgments of the United States courts, of liabilities predicated solely upon United States securities laws. The Issuer will appoint National Corporate Research, Ltd., 225 West 34th Street, Suite 910, New York, New York 10122 as its agent in New York for service of process.

DESCRIPTION OF THE NOTES

The Notes will be issued pursuant to the Indenture. The following summary describes certain provisions of the Notes and the Indenture. This summary does not purport to be complete and is subject to, and qualified in its entirety by reference to, the provisions of the Indenture. After the Closing Date, copies of the Indenture may be obtained by prospective investors upon request to the Trustee at JPMorgan Chase Bank, 600 Travis Street, 50th Floor, Houston, Texas 77002, Attention: Institutional Trust Services – Cascade Funding CDO I, Ltd.

Status and Security

The Notes will be limited recourse debt obligations of the Co-Issuers. All of the Class A-1 Notes are entitled to receive payments *pari passu* among themselves, all of the Class A-2 Notes are entitled to receive payments *pari passu* among themselves, all of the Class B Notes are entitled to receive payments *pari passu* among themselves and all of the Class C Notes are entitled to receive payments *pari passu* among themselves. Except as otherwise described in the Priority of Payments, the relative order of seniority of payment of each Class of Notes on each Quarterly Distribution Date is as follows: *first*, Class A-1 Notes including payment of the Commitment Fee, *second*, Class A-2 Notes, *third*, Class B Notes and, *fourth*, Class C Notes with each Class of Notes (other than the Class A-1 Notes) in such list being Subordinate to each other Class of Notes that precedes such Class of Notes in such list. No payment of interest on any Class of Notes will be made until all accrued and unpaid interest and Commitment Fee on the Notes of each Class that is Senior to such Class and that remain outstanding has been paid in full. Except as otherwise described in the Priority of Payments, no payment of principal of any Class of Notes will be made until all principal of, and accrued and unpaid interest and Commitment Fee on, the Notes of each Class that is Senior to such Class and that remain outstanding have been paid in full. See "Description of the Notes—Priority of Payments."

Under the terms of the Indenture, the Issuer will grant to the Trustee for the benefit of the Secured Parties a first priority security interest in the Collateral described herein to secure the Issuer's obligations under the Indenture and the Notes subject in the case of any Synthetic Security Counterparty Account to the security interest of the related Synthetic Security Counterparty in such Account.

Payments of principal of and interest and Commitment Fee on the Notes will be made solely from the proceeds of the Collateral, in accordance with the priorities described under "Priority of Payments" herein. If the amounts received in respect of the Collateral (net of certain expenses) are insufficient to make payments on the Notes, no other assets will be available for payment of the deficiency and, following liquidation of all the Collateral, the obligations of the Co-Issuers to pay any such deficiency will be extinguished.

Drawdown

Class A-2 Notes, Class B Notes, Class C Notes and Preference Shares

All of the Class A-2 Notes, Class B Notes, Class C Notes and Preference Shares will be issued on the Closing Date. The entire principal amount of the Class A-2 Notes, the Class B Notes and the Class C Notes will be advanced on the Closing Date.

Class A-1 Notes

All of the Class A-1 Notes will be issued on the Closing Date, but U.S.\$276,000,000 of the principal of the Class A-1 Notes will be advanced on the Closing Date. Pursuant to the Class A-1 Note Purchase Agreement dated July 26, 2004 between the Issuer, the Co-Issuer, the Trustee and the holders from time to time of the Class A-1 Notes, subject to compliance with the conditions set forth therein, the Co-Issuers may request (and the holders of the Class A-1 Notes (or any Liquidity Provider with respect to such holders) will be obligated to make) monthly advances under the Class A-1 Notes until the aggregate principal amount advanced under the Class A-1 Notes equals U.S.\$328,000,000 during the period (the "Commitment Period") starting on and including the Closing Date and ending on and excluding the date (the "Commitment Period Termination Date") that is the earliest of (i) the first Business Day after the Ramp-Up Completion Date; (ii) the redemption of the Class A-1 Notes in full and termination by the Issuer of the Commitments; (iii) the first date on which the Aggregate Undrawn Amount of the Class A-1 Notes have been reduced to zero; (iv) the date of the occurrence of certain Events of Default specified in the Indenture; (v) the sale, foreclosure or other disposition of the Collateral under the Indenture or (vi) satisfaction and discharge of the Indenture as provided therein. Any reference herein to "Commitments" in respect of any Class A-1 Notes at any time shall mean the maximum aggregate outstanding principal amount of advances (whether at the time funded or unfunded) that the holder of such Class A-1 Note (or any Liquidity Provider with respect to such holder) is obligated from time to time under the Class A-1 Note Purchase Agreement to make to the Issuer.

During the Commitment Period, the Issuers (at the direction of the Collateral Manager) may borrow amounts under the Class A-1 Notes (a "Borrowing" and the date of any such Borrowing, a "Borrowing Date"), *provided* that (i) the aggregate amount of Borrowings under the Class A-1 Notes may not in any event exceed the aggregate amount of Commitments in respect of the Class A-1 Notes, (ii) there may be no more than four Borrowings prior to and including the Ramp-Up Completion Date, (iii) the Ramp-Up Completion Date may also be a date of Borrowing and (iv) at the time of and immediately after giving effect to such Borrowing, no Event of Default or Default has occurred and is continuing or would result from such Borrowing. Except as the holders of the Class A-1 Notes shall otherwise agree, Borrowings shall be made only on the third day of each month (or if such day is not a Business Day, the next Business Day) or as otherwise provided for in the Class A-1 Note Purchase Agreement.

The aggregate principal amount of any Borrowing in respect of the Class A-1 Notes (taken as a whole) will be an integral multiple of U.S.\$1,000 and at least U.S.\$5,000,000. The Issuer will make each Borrowing *pro rata* according to the unused portion of the Commitments in respect of the Class A-1 Notes. On or prior to the fifth Business Day immediately preceding

each Borrowing Date, the Collateral Manager will cause the Issuer to provide notice to each Class A-1 Noteholder (with a copy to the Trustee) of the Issuer's intention to effect a Borrowing.

On the Commitment Period Termination Date, the aggregate undrawn amount of the Class A-1 Notes, if any, will be reduced to zero.

Prior to the Commitment Period Termination Date, each holder of Class A-1 Notes will be required to satisfy the Rating Criteria. If any holder of Class A-1 Notes shall at any time prior to the Commitment Period Termination Date fail to satisfy the Rating Criteria specified in the Class A-1 Note Purchase Agreement, the Issuer will have the right under the Class A-1 Note Purchase Agreement to, and will be obligated under the Indenture to, replace such holder with another entity that meets such ratings requirement (by requiring the replaced holder to transfer all of its rights and obligations in respect of the Class A-1 Notes to the transferee entity). The "Rating Criteria" will be satisfied on any date with respect to any holder of Class A-1 Notes if (a) the short term debt, deposit or similar obligations of such purchaser (or the obligations of the guarantor of such holder's obligations) are on such date rated "P-1" by Moody's and at least "A-1" by Standard & Poor's or (b) such holder is then entitled under a Liquidity Facility to borrow loans from, or sell Class A-1 Notes to, one or more financial institutions (each, a "Liquidity Provider") so long as the short-term debt, deposit or similar obligations of each such Liquidity Provider are on such date rated "P-1" by Moody's and at least "A-1" by Standard & Poor's. A "Liquidity Facility" is a liquidity agreement providing for the several commitments of the Liquidity Providers party thereto to make loans to, or purchase Class A-1 Notes from, a holder of Class A-1 Notes up to in an aggregate principal amount at any one time outstanding equal to the aggregate undrawn principal amount of Class A-1 Notes held by such holder. The purchase of Class A-1 Notes (whether in connection with the initial placement or in a subsequent transfer) by any purchaser who does not satisfy the Rating Criteria set forth in clause (a) of the definition thereof at the time of such purchase but who is then entitled to the benefits of a Liquidity Facility described in clause (b) of such definition will be subject to the requirement that each Rating Agency confirm that the acquisition of Class A-1 Notes by such purchaser will not result in a downgrade or withdrawal of its then current rating, if any, of any Class of Notes

Interest

The Class A-1 Notes will bear interest at a floating rate per annum equal to LIBOR (determined as described herein) plus 0.37%. The Class A-2 Notes will bear interest, and certain third parties will be entitled to compensation, at an aggregate floating rate per annum not to exceed LIBOR plus 1.04%. The Class B Notes will bear interest at a floating rate per annum equal to LIBOR plus 1.05%. The Class C Notes will bear interest at a floating rate per annum equal to LIBOR plus 3.15%. Interest on the Notes will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year and the actual number of days elapsed.

Interest will accrue on the outstanding principal amount of each Class of Notes (determined as of the first day of each Interest Period and after giving effect to any redemption or other payment of principal occurring on such day) from and including the Closing Date (or, in the case of a Class A-1 Note, the Borrowing Date of the relevant Borrowing) to but excluding the first applicable Quarterly Distribution Date, and (ii) thereafter, the period from and including

such Quarterly Distribution Date immediately following the last day of the immediately preceding Interest Period to but excluding the next succeeding Quarterly Distribution Date.

Payments of interest on the Notes will be payable in U.S. dollars quarterly in arrears on each March 3, June 3, September 3 and December 3, commencing December 3, 2004 (each a "Quarterly Distribution Date"), *provided* that (i) the final Quarterly Distribution Date with respect to the Notes will be the Stated Maturity, (ii) if any such date is not a Business Day, the relevant Quarterly Distribution Date will be the next succeeding Business Day and (iii) the Accelerated Maturity Date shall be a Quarterly Distribution Date.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Issuer will enter into a Basis Swap in order to finance the periodic payment of interest on the Class A-2 Notes on dates other than each Quarterly Distribution Date, all as described in the Class A-2 Notes Supplement.

So long as any Notes are outstanding, if either Coverage Test is not satisfied on any Determination Date related to any Quarterly Distribution Date, Interest Proceeds and then Principal Proceeds that would otherwise be distributed to the Preference Shareholders will be used instead to redeem, the Notes in accordance with the Priority of Payments until each Coverage Test is satisfied. See "Description of the Notes—Priority of Payments."

So long as any Class A-1 Notes, Class A-2 Notes or Class B Notes are outstanding (or the Commitment Period Termination Date has not occurred), any interest due on the Class C Notes which is not available to be paid as a result of the operation of the Priority of Payments on any Quarterly Distribution Date (any such interest, "Class C Deferred Interest Amount") shall be deferred and added to the Aggregate Outstanding Amount of the Class C Notes, and shall not be considered "due and payable" until the Quarterly Distribution Date on which such Class C Deferred Interest Amount is available to be paid in accordance with the Priority of Payments; *provided* that no accrued interest on the Class C Notes shall become Class C Deferred Interest Amount unless Class A-1 Notes, Class A-2 Notes or Class B Notes are then outstanding or the Commitment Period Termination Date has not occurred. Class C Deferred Interest Amount accrued to any Quarterly Distribution Date shall bear interest equal to LIBOR plus 3.15% per annum and shall be payable on the first Quarterly Distribution Date on which funds are permitted to be used for such purpose in accordance with the Priority of Payments. Upon the payment of Class C Deferred Interest Amount, the aggregate outstanding principal amount of the Class C Notes will be reduced by the amount of such payment.

Interest will cease to accrue on each Note or, in the case of a partial repayment, on such part, from the date of repayment or Stated Maturity unless payment of principal is improperly withheld or unless default is otherwise made with respect to such payments. To the extent lawful and enforceable, interest on any Defaulted Interest on any Note will accrue at the interest rate applicable to such Note until paid. "Defaulted Interest" means any interest due and payable in respect of any Note or (when used with respect to the Class A-1 Notes and the calculation of the Commitment Fee Amount) Commitment Fee which is not punctually paid or duly provided for on the applicable Quarterly Distribution Date or at Stated Maturity and which remains unpaid. The Class C Deferred Interest Amount shall not constitute Defaulted Interest.

Definitions

"Interest Period" means (i) in the case of the initial Interest Period, the period from and including the Closing Date (or, in the case of the Class A-1 Notes, the period from and including the Borrowing Date of the relevant Borrowing) to but excluding the first applicable Quarterly Distribution Date and (ii) thereafter, the period from and including the Quarterly Distribution Date immediately following the last preceding Interest Period, to but excluding the next succeeding Quarterly Distribution Date.

With respect to each Interest Period, "LIBOR" for purposes of calculating the interest rate for the Notes for such Interest Period will be determined by the Trustee, as calculation agent (the "Calculation Agent") in accordance with the following provisions:

(i) LIBOR for any Interest Period shall equal the offered rate, as determined by the Calculation Agent, for Dollar deposits in Europe of the Designated Maturity that appears on Telerate Page 3750 (or such other page as may replace such Telerate Page 3750 for the purpose of displaying comparable rates) as of 11:00 a.m. (London time) on the applicable LIBOR Determination Date. "LIBOR Determination Date" means, with respect to any Interest Period, the second London Banking Day prior to the first day of such Interest Period.

(ii) If, on any LIBOR Determination Date, such rate does not appear on Telerate Page 3750 (or such other page as may replace such Telerate Page 3750 for the purpose of displaying comparable rates), the Calculation Agent shall determine the arithmetic mean of the offered quotations of the Reference Banks to prime banks in the London interbank market for Dollar deposits in Europe of three months (except that in the case where such Interest Period shall commence on a day that is not a LIBOR Business Day, for the relevant term commencing on the next following LIBOR Business Day), by reference to requests for quotations as of approximately 11:00 a.m. (London time) on such LIBOR Determination Date made by the Calculation Agent to the Reference Banks. If, on any LIBOR Determination Date, at least two of the Reference Banks provide such quotations, LIBOR shall equal such arithmetic mean. If, on any LIBOR Determination Date, fewer than two Reference Banks provide such quotations, LIBOR shall be deemed to be the arithmetic mean of the offered quotations that leading banks in New York City selected by the Calculation Agent are quoting on the relevant LIBOR Determination Date for Dollar deposits for the term of such Interest Period (except that in the case where such Interest Period shall commence on a day that is not a LIBOR Business Day, for the relevant term commencing on the next following LIBOR Business Day), to the principal London offices of leading banks in the London interbank market.

(iii) In respect of any Interest Period having a Designated Maturity other than one, two, three or six months LIBOR shall be determined through the use of straight line interpolation by reference to two rates calculated in accordance with clauses (i) and (ii) above, one of which shall be determined as if the maturity of the Dollar deposits referred to therein were the period of time for which rates are available next shorter than the Interest Period and the other of which shall be determined as if the such maturity were the period of time for which rates are available next longer than the Interest Period; *provided* that, if an Interest Period is less than or equal to seven days, then LIBOR shall be determined by reference to a rate calculated in accordance with

clauses (i) and (ii) above as if the maturity of the Dollar deposits referred to therein were a period of time equal to seven days.

(iv) If the Calculation Agent is required but is unable to determine a rate in accordance with either procedure described in clauses (i) and (ii) above, LIBOR with respect to such Interest Period shall be the arithmetic mean of the offered quotations of the Reference Dealers as of 10:00 a.m. (New York time) on the first day of such Interest Period for negotiable U.S. Dollar certificates of deposit of major U.S. money market banks having a remaining maturity closest to the Designated Maturity.

(v) If the Calculation Agent is required but is unable to determine a rate in accordance with any of the procedures described in clauses (i), (ii) or (iv) above, LIBOR with respect to such Interest Period will be calculated on the last day of such Interest Period and shall be the arithmetic mean of the Base Rate for each day during such Interest Period.

For purposes of clauses (i), (iii), (iv) and (v) above, all percentages resulting from such calculations shall be rounded, if necessary, to the nearest one hundred thousandth of a percentage point. For the purposes of clause (ii) above, all percentages resulting from such calculations shall be rounded, if necessary, to the nearest one thirty second of a percentage point.

As used herein:

"Base Rate" means a fluctuating rate of interest determined by the Calculation Agent as being the rate of interest most recently announced by the Base Rate Reference Bank at its New York office as its base rate, prime rate, reference rate or similar rate for Dollar loans. Changes in the Base Rate will take effect simultaneously with each change in the underlying rate.

"Base Rate Reference Bank" means JPMorgan Chase Bank, or if such bank ceases to exist or is not quoting a base rate, prime rate reference rate or similar rate for Dollar loans, such other major money center commercial bank in New York City, as selected by the Calculation Agent.

"Designated Maturity" means (a) with respect to Class A-1 Notes (i) for the first Interest Period for a Borrowing made under the Class A-1 Notes, the number of calendar days from and including the relevant Borrowing Date to but excluding the Quarterly Distribution Date immediately following the Interest Period in which such Borrowing is made, (ii) for each Interest Period after the first Interest Period for a Borrowing made under the Class A-1 Notes (other than the Interest Period ending on the Stated Maturity), three months and (iii) for the Interest Period ending on the Stated Maturity, the number of calendar days from and including the first day of such Interest Period to but excluding the final Quarterly Distribution Date and (b) with respect to Class A-2 Notes, Class B Notes and Class C Notes (i) for the first Interest Period, the number of calendar days from, and including the Closing Date to but excluding the first Quarterly Distribution Date, (ii) for each Interest Period after the first Interest Period (other than the Interest Period ending on the Stated Maturity), three months and (iii) for the Interest Period ending on the Stated Maturity, the number of calendar days from and including the first day of such Interest Period to but excluding the final Quarterly Distribution Date.

"LIBOR Business Day" means a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments in Dollars in New York and London.

"London Banking Day" means a day on which commercial banks are open for business (including dealings in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in London.

"Reference Banks" means four major banks in the London interbank market, selected by the Calculation Agent.

"Reference Dealers" means three major dealers in the secondary market for U.S. Dollar certificates of deposit, selected by the Calculation Agent.

For so long as any Note remains outstanding (or until the Commitment Period Termination Date has occurred), the Co-Issuers will at all times maintain an agent appointed to calculate LIBOR in respect of each Interest Period. As soon as possible after 11:00 a.m. (London time) on each LIBOR Determination Date, but in no event later than 11:00 a.m. (New York time) on the Business Day immediately following each LIBOR Determination Date, the Calculation Agent will calculate the interest rate for the Notes for the related Interest Period and the amount of interest for such Interest Period payable in respect of each U.S.\$1,000 in principal amount of each Class of Notes (in each case rounded to the nearest cent, with half a cent being rounded upward) on the related Quarterly Distribution Date and will communicate such rates and amounts and the related Quarterly Distribution Date to the Co-Issuers, the Trustee, each Hedge Counterparty, each Paying Agent (other than the Preference Share Paying Agent), the Depositary, Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg.

The Calculation Agent may be removed by the Co-Issuers at any time. If the Calculation Agent is unable or unwilling to act as such, is removed by the Co-Issuers or fails to determine the interest rate for any Class of Notes or the amount of interest payable in respect of any Class of Notes for any Interest Period, the Co-Issuers will promptly appoint as a replacement Calculation Agent a leading bank that is engaged in transactions in U.S. Dollar deposits in the international Eurodollar market and which does not control and is not controlled by or under common control with either of the Co-Issuers or any affiliate thereof. The Calculation Agent may not resign its duties without a successor having been duly appointed. The determination of the interest rate for the Notes for each Interest Period by the Calculation Agent shall (in the absence of manifest error) be final and binding upon all parties.

Commitment Fee on Class A-1 Notes

A commitment fee ("Commitment Fee") will accrue on the undrawn principal amount of the Class A-1 Notes for each day from and including the Closing Date to but excluding the date the Commitment Period Termination Date, at a rate per annum equal to 0.05%, applied to the daily weighted average undrawn principal amount during each Interest Period. Commitment Fee will be payable quarterly in arrears on each Quarterly Distribution Date and will rank *pari passu* with the payment of interest on the Class A-1 Notes. Commitment Fee will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year and the actual number of days elapsed. No Class of Notes other than the Class A-1 Notes will be entitled to a commitment fee.

Principal

The Stated Maturity of the Notes is March 3, 2042. Each Class of Notes is scheduled to mature at the applicable Stated Maturity unless redeemed or repaid prior thereto. However, the Notes may be paid in full prior to their Stated Maturity. See "Risk Factors—Average Lives, Duration and Prepayment Considerations" and "Maturity, Prepayment and Yield Considerations." Any payment of principal with respect to any Class of Notes (including any payment of principal made in connection with an Optional Redemption, Auction Call Redemption or Tax Redemption) will be made by the Trustee on a pro rata basis on each Quarterly Distribution Date among the Notes of such Class according to the respective unpaid principal amounts thereof outstanding immediately prior to such payment.

Payments of principal may be made on the Notes only in the following circumstances (subject, in each case, to the Priority of Payments): (a) during the Substitution Period, from Specified Principal Proceeds, (b) in connection with an Optional Redemption, Tax Redemption or an Auction Call Redemption, (c) upon the failure of the Issuer to meet either Coverage Test, (d) in the event of a Rating Confirmation Failure, (e) if the Preference Shareholders have received an annualized Dividend Yield of 12% per annum, from Interest Proceeds to the payment of principal of the Class C Notes as provided in paragraph (12) under the heading "Description of the Notes—Priority of Payments—Interest Proceeds," and (f) after the Substitution Period, from Principal Proceeds in accordance with the Priority of Payments to pay principal of each Class of Notes, with principal of Class A-1 Notes being paid prior to the payment of principal of Class A-2 Notes, the principal of Class A-2 Notes being paid prior to the payment of the principal of Class B Notes and the principal of Class B Notes being paid prior to the payment of the principal of Class C Notes, except that (i) upon the failure of the Issuer to meet the Overcollateralization Test, Interest Proceeds will be applied to pay principal of the Notes in reverse order of seniority, with principal on the Class C Notes being paid prior to the payment of principal on the Class B Notes, principal on the Class B Notes being paid prior to the payment of principal on the Class A-2 Notes and principal on the Class A-2 Notes being paid prior to the payment of principal on the Class A-1 Notes and (ii) under the circumstances described in clause (e) above, principal of Class C Notes will be paid prior to the payment of principal of Class B Notes, Class A-2 Notes and Class A-1 Notes, in each case as described in "Description of the Notes—Priority of Payments—Principal Proceeds," "—Priority of Payments—Interest Proceeds," "—Optional Redemption and Tax Redemption" "—Mandatory Redemption" and "—Auction Call Redemption."

The "Substitution Period" is the period from (and including) the Closing Date to (but excluding) the earlier of (a) the Quarterly Distribution Date occurring in December 2006, (b) the Quarterly Distribution Date on which the Collateral Manager specifies (by notice to the Trustee) that no further investments in substitute Collateral Debt Securities will occur, (c) the date on which an Event of Default occurs or (d) the date on which Terwin Money Management LLC gives notice of its resignation as, or the Issuer gives it notice of termination as, the Collateral Manager.

Substitution Period

During the Substitution Period, subject to the limitations described in "Security for the Notes—Dispositions of Collateral Debt Securities," the Collateral Manager may sell Credit Risk Securities and Credit Improved Securities and may make Discretionary Sales of Collateral Debt Securities, and reinvest the Sale Proceeds thereof in substitute Collateral Debt Securities in compliance with the Eligibility Criteria (by no later than the end of the Due Period following the Due Period in which such sale occurred).

During the Substitution Period, Specified Principal Proceeds will be applied in accordance with the Priority of Payments to repay the principal amount of the Notes. After the Substitution Period, all Principal Proceeds will be applied in accordance with the Priority of Payments to repay the principal amount of the Notes.

The Substitution Period is scheduled to end on the Quarterly Distribution Date in December 2006, but may be terminated earlier (i) at the election of the Collateral Manager, (ii) as a result of an Optional Redemption or Tax Redemption, (iii) upon the occurrence of an Event of Default or (iv) upon resignation or termination of Terwin Money Management LLC as Collateral Manager.

Mandatory Redemption

Each Class of Notes will, on any Quarterly Distribution Date, be subject to mandatory redemption in the event that either Coverage Test is not satisfied on the related Determination Date. Any such redemption will be effected from Interest Proceeds and then from Principal Proceeds to the extent necessary to cause each Coverage Test to be satisfied. Any such redemption will be applied to each outstanding Class of Notes will otherwise be effected as described below under "—Priority of Payments."

In addition, if the Co-Issuers fail to receive Rating Confirmation from the Rating Agencies prior to the first Determination Date that is at least 30 Business Days following the Ramp-Up Completion Date and delivery to the Rating Agencies of a Ramp-Up Notice certifying that the Collateral Quality Tests and Coverage Tests have been satisfied, on the first Quarterly Distribution Date following such Rating Confirmation Failure, the Issuer will be required to apply Uninvested Proceeds (which are not required to complete purchases of Collateral Debt Securities) and, to the extent that such Uninvested Proceeds are insufficient to redeem the Notes in full, Interest Proceeds and, to the extent that Interest Proceeds are insufficient to redeem the Notes in full, Principal Proceeds, in each case in accordance with the Priority of Payments, to the payment of principal of, *first*, the Class A-1 Notes, *second*, the Class A-2 Notes, *third*, the Class B Notes and *fourth*, the Class C Notes, to the extent specified by each relevant Rating Agency in order to obtain a Rating Confirmation. At least one Business Day prior to the first Quarterly Distribution Date after the Ramp-Up Completion Date, all Uninvested Proceeds remaining on the first Determination Date following the Ramp-Up Completion Date (which are not required to complete purchases of Collateral Debt Securities) are required to be applied as Principal Proceeds on the related Quarterly Distribution Date. See "Security for the Notes—Ramp-Up Period."

If the Preference Shareholders have received an annualized Dividend Yield of 12% per annum and the Class C Notes have not been redeemed, Interest Proceeds that would otherwise be released from the lien of the Indenture and paid to the Preference Share Paying Agent for distribution to the Preference Shareholders will be applied to pay principal of the Class C Notes, until the Class C Notes have been paid in full.

Auction Call Redemption

In accordance with the procedures set forth in the Indenture (the "Auction Procedures"), the Trustee shall, at the expense of the Issuer, conduct an auction (an "Auction") of the Collateral Debt Securities if, on or prior to the Quarterly Distribution Date occurring in September 2012, the Notes have not been redeemed in full. The Auction shall be conducted not later than ten Business Days prior to (1) the Quarterly Distribution Date occurring in September 2012 and (2) if the Notes are not redeemed in full on the prior Quarterly Distribution Date, each Quarterly Distribution Date thereafter until the Notes have been redeemed in full (each such date, an "Auction Date"). Any of the Preference Shareholders, the Collateral Manager, the Trustee or their respective affiliates may, but shall not be required to, bid at the Auction. The Trustee shall sell and transfer all of the Collateral Debt Securities (which may be divided into up to eight subpools) to the highest bidder therefor (or the highest bidder for each subpool) at the Auction *provided that*:

- (i) the Auction has been conducted in accordance with the Auction Procedures;
- (ii) the Trustee has received bids for the Collateral Debt Securities from at least two qualified bidders identified by the Trustee in consultation with the Collateral Manager (including the winning Qualified Bidder) for (x) the purchase of the Collateral Debt Securities or (y) the purchase of each subpool;
- (iii) the Collateral Manager certifies that the highest auction price would result in Sale Proceeds from all of the Collateral Debt Securities (or the related subpools constituting all of the Collateral Debt Securities), which, together with other Available Redemption Funds, would be at least equal to the Total Senior Redemption Amount; and
- (iv) the bidder(s) who offered the highest auction price for the Collateral Debt Securities (or the related subpools) enter(s) into a written agreement with the Issuer (which the Issuer shall execute if the conditions set forth in (i) through (iii) above are satisfied, which execution shall constitute certification by the Issuer that such conditions have been satisfied) that obligates the highest bidder (or the highest bidder for each subpool) to purchase all of the Collateral Debt Securities (or the relevant subpool) with the closing of such purchase (and full payment in cash to the Trustee) to occur on or prior to the sixth Business Day following the relevant Auction Date.

If all of the conditions set forth in clauses (i) through (iv) above have been met, the Trustee shall sell and transfer the Collateral Debt Securities (or the related subpool), without

representation, warranty or recourse, to such highest bidder (or the highest bidder for each subpool, as the case may be) in accordance with and upon completion of the Auction Procedures. The Trustee shall deposit the purchase price for the Collateral Debt Securities in the Collection Accounts and (x) redeem the Notes in whole but not in part at the applicable Redemption Price (exclusive of installments of principal and interest and Commitment Fee due on or prior to such date, provided payment of which shall have been made or duly provided for, to the Holders of the Notes as provided in the Indenture), (y) pay the remaining portion of the Total Senior Redemption Amount in accordance with the Priority of Payments and (z) make a payment to the Preference Share Paying Agent for distribution to the Preference Shareholders in an amount equal to any portion of such purchase price remaining after the application contemplated by the foregoing clauses (x) and (y) (but at least equal to the Preference Share Redemption Date Amount), in each case on the Quarterly Distribution Date immediately following the relevant Auction Date (such redemption, the "Auction Call Redemption").

If any of the foregoing conditions is not met with respect to any Auction or if the highest bidder (or the highest bidder for any subpool, as the case may be) fails to pay the purchase price before the sixth Business Day following the relevant Auction Date (an "Auction Call Failure"), (a) the Auction Call Redemption shall not occur on the Quarterly Distribution Date following the relevant Auction Date, (b) the Trustee shall give notice of the withdrawal of the redemption notice on such sixth Business Day to the Issuer, the Collateral Manager, each Hedge Counterparty and the holders of the Notes, (c) subject to clause (d) below, the Trustee shall decline to consummate such sale and shall not solicit any further bids or otherwise negotiate any further sale of Collateral Debt Securities in relation to such Auction and (d) unless the Notes are redeemed in full prior to the next succeeding Auction Date, the Trustee shall conduct another Auction on the next succeeding Auction Date.

Optional Redemption and Tax Redemption

Subject to certain conditions described herein, the Issuer may redeem the Notes (such redemption, an "Optional Redemption"), in whole but not in part, at the direction of a Majority-in-Interest of Preference Shareholders at the applicable Redemption Price therefor on any Quarterly Distribution Date, *provided* that no such Optional Redemption may be effected prior to the Quarterly Distribution Date occurring in September 2007.

In addition, upon the occurrence of a Tax Event, the Issuer may redeem the Notes (such redemption, a "Tax Redemption") on any Quarterly Distribution Date, in whole but not in part, at the applicable Redemption Price therefor (i) at the direction of the holders of a majority in aggregate outstanding principal amount of any Class of Notes that, as a result of the occurrence of a Tax Event, has not received 100% of the aggregate amount of principal and interest payable to such Class on any Quarterly Distribution Date (each such Class, an "Affected Class") or (ii) at the direction of a Majority-in-Interest of Preference Shareholders.

No Optional Redemption or Tax Redemption may be effected, however, unless Available Redemption Funds at least equal the amount sufficient to pay (in accordance with the Priority of Payments) the Total Senior Redemption Amount.

The "Total Senior Redemption Amount" means, as of any Quarterly Distribution Date, the aggregate amount required (a) to make all payments of accrued and unpaid amounts under the Indenture as of such date (including any termination payments payable by the Issuer pursuant to the Hedge Agreements and any fees and expenses incurred by the Trustee or the Collateral Manager in connection with the sale of Collateral Debt Securities), (b) to redeem all the Notes on the scheduled Redemption Date at the applicable Redemption Prices, together with all accrued and unpaid interest and Commitment Fee to the date of redemption and (c) solely in the case of an Auction Call Redemption pursuant to the Indenture, to make a payment to the Preference Share Paying Agent for distribution to the Preference Shareholders in an amount equal to the Preference Share Redemption Date Amount (or such lesser amount as is agreed by Preference Shareholders whose aggregate Voting Percentages at such time equal 100% of all Preference Shareholders' Voting Percentages at such time).

Unless a Majority-in-Interest of Preference Shareholders have directed the Issuer to redeem the Preference Shares on such Quarterly Distribution Date, the amount of Collateral sold in connection with such Optional Redemption or Tax Redemption shall not exceed the amount necessary for the Issuer to obtain the Total Senior Redemption Amount. In addition, no Tax Redemption may be effected unless the Tax Materiality Condition is satisfied.

Notwithstanding the immediately preceding paragraph, in connection with any Tax Redemption, holders of at least 100% of the aggregate outstanding principal amount of an Affected Class of Notes may elect to receive less than 100% of the portion of the Total Senior Redemption Amount that would otherwise be payable to holders of such Affected Class (and the Total Senior Redemption Amount will be reduced accordingly).

A "Tax Event" occurs if (i) any obligor is, or on the next scheduled payment date under any Collateral Debt Security any obligor will be, required to deduct or withhold from any payment under any Collateral Debt Security to the Issuer for or on account of any tax for whatever reason, and such obligor is not, or will not be, required to pay to the Issuer such additional amount as is necessary to ensure that the net amount actually received by the Issuer (free and clear of taxes, whether assessed against such obligor or the Issuer) will equal the full amount that the Issuer would have received had no such deduction or withholding occurred, (ii) any jurisdiction imposes net income, profits or a similar tax on the Issuer or (iii) the Issuer or a Hedge Counterparty is required to deduct or withhold from any payment under a Hedge Agreement for or on account of any tax and the Issuer is obligated, or such Hedge Counterparty is not obligated, to make a gross-up payment. The "Tax Materiality Condition" will be satisfied during any 12-month period if the sum of the following exceeds U.S.\$1,000,000: (i) the aggregate amount deducted or withheld for or on account of any tax by all obligors from any payment under any Collateral Debt Security (net of any gross-up payment made by such obligor to the Issuer) and (ii) the aggregate amount of any net income, profits or similar tax imposed on the Issuer and (iii) the aggregate of any amounts required to be paid by the Issuer and the deficiencies in the amounts received by the Issuer as a result of any deduction or withholding for or on account of any tax with respect to any payment by the Issuer, or any Hedge Counterparty under a Hedge Agreement.

Redemption Procedures

Notice of an Optional Redemption, Auction Call Redemption or Tax Redemption will be given by first-class mail, postage prepaid, mailed not less than 10 Business Days prior to the date scheduled for redemption (the "Redemption Date"), to each holder of Notes at such holder's address in the register maintained by the registrar under the Indenture, each Hedge Counterparty and to each Rating Agency. Notes must be surrendered at the offices of any Paying Agent under the Indenture in order to receive the applicable Redemption Price, unless the holder provides (i) an undertaking to surrender such Note thereafter and (ii) in the case of a holder that is not a Qualified Institutional Buyer, such security or indemnity as may be required by the Co-Issuers or the Trustee.

The Notes may not be redeemed pursuant to an Optional Redemption or Tax Redemption unless at least four Business Days before the scheduled Redemption Date, the Issuer shall have furnished to the Trustee, the holders of the Notes and the Hedge Counterparties evidence, in form satisfactory to the Trustee, that the Issuer has entered into a binding agreement or agreements with a financial institution or institutions whose long term unsecured debt obligations (other than such obligations whose rating is based on the credit of a person other than such institution) have a credit rating from each Rating Agency (i) at least equal to the rating of the Notes or (ii) whose short term unsecured debt obligations have a credit rating of "P-1" by Moody's (and, if rated "P-1," are not on watch for possible downgrade by Moody's), "A-1" by Standard & Poor's and "F1" by Fitch, to sell, not later than the Business Day immediately preceding the scheduled Redemption Date, all or part of the Collateral Debt Securities at a purchase price which, when added to other Available Redemption Funds on the relevant Quarterly Distribution Date, is at least equal to an amount sufficient to pay the Total Senior Redemption Amount.

Any such notice of redemption with respect to an Optional Redemption or a Tax Redemption must be withdrawn by the Issuer on the fourth Business Day prior to the scheduled Redemption Date by written notice to the Trustee, each Hedge Counterparty, the Class A-2 Agent and the holders of the Notes if on or prior to such date (i) the Issuer has not delivered to the Trustee a certification that (1) in its judgment based on calculations included in such certification, the Available Redemption Funds will be sufficient to pay the Total Senior Redemption Amount, (2) an approved pricing service has confirmed each sales price contained in such certification (if such price is quoted on an approved pricing service) and (3) the sale prices of such Collateral Debt Securities are not below the fair market value of such Collateral Debt Securities or (ii) the independent accountants appointed by the Issuer have not confirmed in writing the calculations made in such certification. Any notice of redemption with respect to an Auction Call Redemption must be withdrawn under the circumstances described under "— Auction Call Redemption" herein. During the period when a notice of redemption may be withdrawn, the Issuer shall not terminate any Hedge Agreement and if any Hedge Agreement shall become subject to early termination during such period, the Issuer shall enter into a replacement Hedge Agreement. Notice of any such withdrawal shall be given by the Trustee to each holder of Notes at such holder's address in the Note Register maintained by the Note Registrar under the Indenture by overnight courier guaranteeing next day delivery, sent not later than the third Business Day prior to the scheduled Redemption Date.

Redemption Price

The amount payable in connection with any Optional Redemption, Auction Call Redemption or Tax Redemption of any Note (with respect to each Class of Notes, the "Redemption Price") will be an amount (determined without duplication) equal to (i) the outstanding principal amount of such Note (including any Class C Deferred Interest Amount) being redeemed *plus* (ii) accrued interest thereon (including Defaulted Interest and accrued, unpaid and uncapitalized interest on Defaulted Interest, if any) *plus* (iii) in the case of any reduction in the related Commitment in respect of any Class A-1 Note, an amount equal to accrued Commitment Fee on the amount of such reduction.

Cancellation

All Notes that are redeemed or paid and surrendered for cancellation as described herein will forthwith be canceled and may not be reissued or resold.

Payments

Payments in respect of principal of, interest on and Commitment Fee on any Note will be made to the person in whose name such Note is registered fifteen days prior to the applicable Quarterly Distribution Date (the "Record Date"). Payments on each Note will be payable by wire transfer in immediately available funds to a Dollar account maintained by the holder thereof in accordance with wire transfer instructions received by any paying agent appointed under the Indenture (each, a "Paying Agent") on or before the Record Date or, if no wire transfer instructions are received by a Paying Agent in respect of such Note, by a Dollar check drawn on a bank in the United States mailed to the address of the holder of such Note as it appears on the Note Register at the close of business on the Record Date for such payment. Final payments in respect of principal of the Notes will be made against surrender of such Notes at the office of the Paying Agent.

If any payment on the Notes is due on a day that is not a Business Day, then payment will be made on the next succeeding Business Day with the same force and effect as if made on the date for payment. For this purpose, "Business Day" means a day on which commercial banks and (if applicable) foreign exchange markets settle payments in each of New York, New York, London, England and Houston, Texas and any other city in which the corporate trust office of the Trustee is located and, in the case of the final payment of principal of any Note, the place of presentation of such Note.

Except as otherwise required by applicable law, any money deposited with the Trustee or any Paying Agent in trust for the payment of principal of or interest or Commitment Fee on any Note and remaining unclaimed for two years after such principal or interest has become due and payable shall be paid to the Issuer upon request by the Issuer therefor, and the holder of such Note shall thereafter, as an unsecured general creditor, look to the Issuer or the Co-Issuer for payment of such amounts and all liability of the Trustee or such Paying Agent with respect to such trust money shall thereupon cease. The Trustee or the Paying Agent, before being required to make any such release of payment may, at the request of the Issuer, adopt and employ, at the expense of the Co-Issuers, any reasonable means of notification of such release of payment,

including mailing notice of such release to holders whose Notes have been called but have not been surrendered for redemption or whose right to or interest in monies due and payable but not claimed is determinable from the records of any Paying Agent, at the last address of record of each such holder.

If any withholding tax is imposed on the Issuer's payment (or allocations of income) under the Notes to any Noteholder, such tax shall reduce the amount of such payment otherwise distributable to such Noteholder. The Trustee is authorized and directed under the Indenture to retain from amounts otherwise distributable to any Noteholder sufficient funds for the payment of any tax that is legally owed by the Issuer (but such authorization will not prevent the Trustee from contesting any such tax in appropriate proceedings and withholding payment of such tax, if permitted by law, pending the outcome of such proceedings). The amount of any withholding tax imposed with respect to any Noteholder will be treated as Cash distributed to such Noteholder at the time it is withheld by the Trustee and remitted to the appropriate taxing authority. The Trustee will determine in its sole discretion whether to withhold tax with respect to a distribution in accordance with the Indenture. If any Noteholder wishes to apply for a refund of any such withholding tax, the Trustee will reasonably cooperate with such Noteholder in making such claim so long as such Noteholder agrees to reimburse the Trustee for any out-of-pocket expenses incurred. Failure of a Holder of a Note to provide the Trustee or any Paying Agent and the Issuer with appropriate tax certificates will result in amounts being withheld from the payment to such Holders. The Trustee has no obligation to determine the amount of any tax or withholding obligation on the part of the Issuer or in respect of the Collateral Debt Securities. Amounts withheld pursuant to applicable tax laws shall be considered as having been paid by the Issuer as provided in the Indenture. In the event that tax must be withheld or deducted from payments of principal or interest, neither Co-Issuer shall be obliged to make any additional payments to the holders of any Notes on account of such withholding or deduction.

Priority of Payments

With respect to any Quarterly Distribution Date, collections received on the Collateral during each Due Period will be divided into Interest Proceeds and Principal Proceeds and applied in the priority set forth below under "—Interest Proceeds" and "—Principal Proceeds," respectively (collectively, the "Priority of Payments"). "Due Period" means, with respect to any Quarterly Distribution Date, the period from and including the 26th day of the month immediately preceding the month in which the prior Quarterly Distribution Date occurred (or the Closing Date in the case of the Due Period relating to the first Quarterly Distribution Date) to and including the 25th day of the month immediately preceding the month in which such Quarterly Distribution Date occurs, except that in the case of the Due Period that is applicable to the Quarterly Distribution Date relating to the Stated Maturity of the Notes, such Due Period shall end on (and including) the day preceding the Stated Maturity. Amounts that would otherwise have been payable in respect of a Pledged Collateral Debt Security on the last day of a Due Period but for such day's not being a designated business day in the Underlying Instruments shall be considered included in collections received during such Due Period.

Interest Proceeds. On each Quarterly Distribution Date, and on the Accelerated Maturity Date, Interest Proceeds with respect to the related Due Period will be distributed in the order of priority set forth under paragraphs (1) through (13) below:

- (1) to the payment of taxes and filing and registration fees owed by the Co-Issuers, if any;
- (2) (a) *first*, to the payment to the Trustee of the accrued and unpaid Trustee Fee; (b) *second*, to the payment, first, to the Trustee of Trustee Expenses (other than amounts payable pursuant to any indemnity) and, second, to the Rating Agencies of accrued and unpaid Rating Agency Expenses; (c) *third*, to the payment of accrued and unpaid Other Administrative Expenses then due and payable; *provided* that all payments made pursuant to subclauses (b) and (c) of this clause (2) do not exceed on such Quarterly Distribution Date U.S.\$100,000 for such Due Period; and (d) *fourth*, if the balance of all Eligible Investments and Cash in the Expense Account on the related Determination Date is less than U.S.\$100,000, for deposit to the Expense Account of an amount equal to the lesser of (x) the amount by which U.S.\$100,000 exceeds the aggregate amount of payments made under subclauses (b) and (c) of this clause (2) on such Quarterly Distribution Date and (y) such amount as would have caused the balance of all Eligible Investments and Cash in the Expense Account immediately after such deposit to equal U.S.\$100,000;
- (3) to the payment to the Collateral Manager of accrued and unpaid Senior Management Fee;
- (4) to the payment of all amounts scheduled to be paid to any Hedge Counterparty pursuant to any Hedge Agreement, together with any termination payments (and any accrued interest thereon) payable by the Issuer pursuant to any Hedge Agreement other than by reason of an "event of default" or "termination event" (other than an "illegality" or "tax event") as to which the Hedge Counterparty party thereto is the "defaulting party" or the sole "affected party" (as each such term is defined in the relevant Hedge Agreement);
- (5) to the payment of the Interest Distribution Amount (and with respect to the Class A-1 Notes, Commitment Fee Amount) with respect to *first*, the Class A-1 Notes and *second*, the Class A-2 Notes;
- (6) to the payment of the Interest Distribution Amount with respect to the Class B Notes;
- (7) to the payment of the Interest Distribution Amount with respect to the Class C Notes;
- (8) (a) unless clause (c) below applies, if the Interest Coverage Test is not satisfied on the related Determination Date and if any Note remains outstanding, to the payment of principal of, *first*, the Class A-1 Notes, *second*, the Class A-2

Notes, *third*, the Class B Notes and, *fourth*, the Class C Notes (including any Class C Deferred Interest Amount), to the extent necessary to cause the Interest Coverage Test to be satisfied, (b) unless clause (c) below applies (and after making any application of Interest Proceeds required pursuant to clause (a)), if the Overcollateralization Test is not satisfied and if any Note remains outstanding, to the payment of principal of, *first*, the Class C Notes (including any Class C Deferred Interest Amount), *second*, the Class B Notes, *third*, the Class A-2 Notes and, *fourth*, the Class A-1 Notes, to the extent necessary to cause the Overcollateralization Test to be satisfied and (c) on the first Quarterly Distribution Date following the occurrence of a Rating Confirmation Failure, in the event that the Issuer is unable to obtain a Rating Confirmation after the application of Uninvested Proceeds (which are not required to complete purchases of Collateral Debt Securities), to the payment of principal of *first*, the Class A-1 Notes, *second*, the Class A-2 Notes, *third*, the Class B Notes and, *fourth*, the Class C Notes, to the extent specified by each relevant Rating Agency in order to obtain a Rating Confirmation;

(9) to the payment of the Class C Deferred Interest Amount (in reduction of the principal amount of the Class C Notes);

(10) to the payment of *first*, accrued and unpaid Trustee Expenses, *second*, accrued and unpaid Rating Agency Expenses and, *third*, accrued and unpaid Other Administrative Expenses, in each case to the extent not paid pursuant to clause (2) above (whether as the result of the limitations on amounts set forth therein or otherwise);

(11) to the Preference Share Paying Agent for distribution to the Preference Shareholders in an amount up to the amount necessary to achieve an annualized Dividend Yield of 12% per annum on such Quarterly Distribution Date;

(12) to the payment of principal of the Class C Notes until such Class of Notes has been paid in full; and

(13) to the Preference Share Paying Agent for distribution to the Preference Shareholders as a dividend on the Preference Shares or as a payment on redemption or repurchase of the Preference Shares, in each case, as provided in the Issuer Charter.

Principal Proceeds. On each Quarterly Distribution Date and on the Accelerated Maturity Date, Principal Proceeds with respect to the related Due Period will be distributed in the order of priority set forth under paragraphs (1) through (11) below:

(1) to the payment of the amounts referred to in paragraphs (1) to (5) under "Priority of Payments—Interest Proceeds" above in the same order of priority specified therein, but only to the extent not paid in full thereunder;

(2) (a) for each Quarterly Distribution Date through and including the last Quarterly Distribution Date during the Substitution Period, *first*, to the payment of principal of the Class A-1 Notes until the Class A-1 Notes have been paid in full and *second*, to the payment of principal on the Class A-2 Notes until the Class A-2 Notes have been paid in full; *provided* that amounts applied for payment under this subclause (a) shall not exceed an amount equal to the Specified Principal Proceeds with respect to the related Due Period; and (b) after the end of the Substitution Period or on any Redemption Date or the Accelerated Maturity Date to pay *first*, the principal of the Class A-1 Notes until the Class A-1 Notes have been paid in full, and *second*, the principal of the Class A-2 Notes until the Class A-2 Notes have been paid in full;

(3) to the payment of the Interest Distribution Amount with respect to the Class B Notes, but only to the extent not paid in full pursuant to paragraph(6) under "Priority of Payments—Interest Proceeds";

(4) (a) for each Quarterly Distribution Date through and including the last Quarterly Distribution Date during the Substitution Period, so long as each of the Class A-1 Notes and the Class A-2 Notes have been paid in full, to the payment of principal on the Class B Notes until the Class B Notes have been paid in full; *provided* that amounts applied for payment pursuant to this subclause (a) and subclause (a) of clause (2) above shall not exceed an amount equal to the Specified Principal Proceeds with respect to the related Due Period; and (b) after the end of the Substitution Period or on any Redemption Date or the Accelerated Maturity Date, so long as the Class A-1 Notes and the Class A-2 Notes have been paid in full, to pay the principal of the Class B Notes until the Class B Notes have been paid in full;

(5) to the payment of the Interest Distribution Amount with respect to Class C Notes, but only to the extent not paid in full pursuant to paragraph(7) under "Priority of Payments—Interest Proceeds";

(6) (a) for each Quarterly Distribution Date through and including the last Quarterly Distribution Date during the Substitution Period, so long as each of the Class A-1 Notes, the Class A-2 Notes and the Class B Notes have been paid in full, to the payment of principal on the Class C Notes (including any Class C Deferred Interest Amount) until the Class C Notes have been paid in full; *provided* that amounts applied for payment pursuant to this subclause (a), subclause (a) of clause (2) above and subclause (a) of clause (4) above shall not exceed an amount equal to the Specified Principal Proceeds with respect to the related Due Period; and (b) after the end of the Substitution Period or on any Redemption Date or Accelerated Maturity Date, so long as each of the Class A-1 Notes, the Class A-2 Notes and the Class B Notes have been paid in full, to pay the principal of the Class C Notes until the Class C Notes (including the Class C Deferred Interest Amount) have been paid in full;

(7) (i) for each Quarterly Distribution Date through and including the last Quarterly Distribution Date during the Substitution Period, if, after giving effect to application of Interest Proceeds on such date and any principal payments pursuant to paragraphs (1) through (6) above, (a) the Interest Coverage Test is not satisfied on the related Determination Date and if any Note remains outstanding, to the payment of principal of, *first*, the Class A-1 Notes, *second*, the Class A-2 Notes, *third*, the Class B Notes and *fourth*, the Class C Notes (including any Class C Deferred Interest Amount) to the extent necessary to cause such Interest Coverage Test to be satisfied and (b) if, after making any application of Principal Proceeds required pursuant to clause (a), the Overcollateralization Test is not satisfied and if any Note remains outstanding, to the payment of principal of, *first*, the Class A-1 Notes, *second*, the Class A-2 Notes, *third*, the Class B Notes and *fourth*, the Class C Notes (including any Class C Deferred Interest Amount), to the extent necessary to cause the Overcollateralization Test to be satisfied; *provided* that, with respect to the Class C Notes, payment of principal constituting the Class C Deferred Interest, if any, shall be paid before principal not constituting the Class C Deferred Interest, and (ii) if a Rating Confirmation Failure has occurred, to pay principal, to the extent of funds in the Collection Account representing Principal Proceeds, of *first*, the Class A-1 Notes, *second*, the Class A-2 Notes, *third*, the Class B Notes, and *fourth*, the Class C Notes, in the amounts necessary for each Rating Agency to confirm its respective ratings of the Notes assigned on the Closing Date or until such confirmation is received or until the Notes have been paid in full;

(8) to the payment of amounts referred to in paragraph (9) under Priority of Payments—Interest Proceeds", but only to the extent not paid thereunder;

(9) for each Quarterly Distribution Date through and including the last Quarterly Distribution Date during the Substitution Period, to the Collection Account, to remain available for application to the purchase of substitute Collateral Debt Securities (subject to satisfaction of the Eligibility Criteria) by not later than the last day of the Due Period relating to the Quarterly Distribution Date immediately following such Quarterly Distribution Date, in an amount equal to the amount of Principal Proceeds received during the related Due Period (after giving effect to any payments pursuant to paragraphs (1) through (8) above);

(10) to the payment of amounts referred to in paragraph (10) under "Priority of Payments—Interest Proceeds" in the order specified therein, but only to the extent not paid thereunder; and

(11) to the Preference Share Paying Agent for distribution to the Preference Shareholders as a dividend on the Preference Shares or as a payment on redemption or repurchase of the Preference Shares, in each case, as provided in the Issuer Charter.

On the first Quarterly Distribution Date following a Rating Confirmation Failure, Uninvested Proceeds (which are not required to complete purchases of Collateral Debt Securities) will be applied to the payment of principal of, *first*, the Class A-1 Notes, *second*, the Class A-2 Notes, *third*, the Class B Notes and, *fourth*, the Class C Notes, to the extent specified by each relevant Rating Agency in order to obtain a Rating Confirmation. In addition, if on any Quarterly Distribution Date such Uninvested Proceeds are insufficient to pay the amounts referred to in paragraph(8)(c) of "Priority of Payments—Interest Proceeds," above, the Issuer will use Interest Proceeds and then Principal Proceeds to make such payments (and in the same manner and order of priority).

Except as otherwise expressly provided in the Priority of Payments, if on any Quarterly Distribution Date, the amount available in the Payment Account from amounts received in the related Due Period are insufficient to make the full amount of the disbursements required by any paragraph in this section to different Persons, the Trustee will make the disbursements called for by each such paragraph ratably in accordance with the respective amounts of such disbursements then due and payable to the extent funds are available therefor.

Any amounts to be paid to the Preference Share Paying Agent pursuant to paragraph(11) or (13) of the "Priority of Payments—Interest Proceeds" or paragraph(11) of the "Priority of Payments—Principal Proceeds" will be released from the lien of the Indenture.

If the Notes and the Preference Shares have not been redeemed prior to the Stated Maturity, it is expected that the Issuer will sell all of the Collateral Debt Securities and all Eligible Investments then standing to the credit of the Accounts (other than the Hedge Counterparty Collateral Account, any Synthetic Security Issuer Account and any Synthetic Security Counterparty Account) and sell or liquidate all other Collateral, and all net proceeds from such liquidation and all available cash will be applied to the payment (in the order of priorities set forth above) of all (i) fees, (ii) expenses (including the amounts due to each Hedge Counterparty), (iii) principal of and interest (including the Class C Deferred Interest Amount, Defaulted Interest and interest on Defaulted Interest, if any) and Commitment Fee on the Notes. Net proceeds from such liquidation and available cash remaining (after all payments required pursuant to the Indenture and the payment of the costs and expenses of such liquidation, the establishment of adequate reserves to meet all contingent, unliquidated liabilities or obligations of the Issuer, the payment to the Preference Shareholders of the aggregate liquidation preference of the Preference Shares, the return of U.S.\$1,000 of capital contributed to the Issuer by, and the payment of a U.S.\$1,000 profit fee to, the owner of the Issuer's ordinary shares) will be distributed to the Preference Shareholders in accordance with the Issuer Charter and Cayman Islands law.

Certain Definitions

"Account Control Agreement" means the agreement, dated as of the Closing Date, between the Issuer, the Trustee and the Custodian relating to the Accounts.

"Administrative Expenses" means, with respect to any Quarterly Distribution Date, (a) Trustee Expenses, (b) Rating Agency Expenses and (c) all amounts due or accrued with respect

to such Quarterly Distribution Date and payable by the Issuer or the Co-Issuer to (i) the Administrator in respect of fees and expenses under the Administration Agreement, (ii) the Independent accountants, agents and counsel of the Issuer for reasonable fees and expenses (including amounts payable in connection with the preparation of tax forms on behalf of the Co-Issuers), (iii) the Collateral Manager in respect of fees and expenses pursuant to the Collateral Management Agreement, (iv) any other Person in respect of any governmental fee, registered office fee, charge or tax in relation to the Issuer or the Co-Issuer (in each case as certified by an Authorized Officer of the Issuer or the Co-Issuer to the Trustee), (v) the Initial Purchaser in respect of amounts (including indemnities) payable to it under the Purchase Agreement, (vi) the Settlor and the Placement Agent in respect of expenses pursuant to the Trust Agreement and (vii) any other Person in respect of any other fees or expenses (including indemnities) permitted under this Indenture and the documents delivered pursuant to or in connection with this Indenture and the Notes; *provided* that Administrative Expenses shall not include (A) any amounts due or accrued with respect to the actions taken on or in connection with the Closing Date, (B) amounts payable in respect of the Notes, (C) amounts payable under the Hedge Agreements and (D) any Senior Management Fee payable to the Collateral Manager.

"Aggregate Undrawn Amount" means at any time, with respect to the Class A-1 Notes, the aggregate amount of the unutilized Commitments in respect of all Class A-1 Notes.

"Applicable Recovery Rate" means, with respect to any Collateral Debt Security on any Measurement Date, the lowest of (a) an amount equal to the percentage for such Collateral Debt Security set forth in the Moody's recovery rate matrix set forth in Part I of Schedule A hereto in (x) the table corresponding to the relevant Specified Type of CDO Obligation or Other ABS, (y) the column in such table setting forth the Moody's Rating of such Collateral Debt Security as of the date of issuance of such Collateral Debt Security and (z) the row in such table opposite the percentage of the Issue of which such Collateral Debt Security is a part relative to the total capitalization of (including both debt and equity securities issued by) the relevant issuer of or obligor on such Collateral Debt Security, determined on the original issue date of such Collateral Debt Security *provided* that (1) if the Collateral Debt Security is a Corporate Guaranteed Security, the recovery rate will be 30%, (2) if such Collateral Debt Security is a REIT Debt Security, such amount shall be 40% (or 10% in the case of REIT Debt Securities-Health Care or REIT Debt Securities-Mortgage and (3) if the Collateral Debt Security is a Synthetic Security, the recovery rate will be that assigned by Moody's), (b) an amount equal to the percentage for such Collateral Debt Security set forth in the Standard & Poor's recovery rate matrix set forth in Part II of Schedule A hereto in (x) the applicable table and (y) the row in such table opposite the Standard & Poor's Rating of such Collateral Debt Security as of such Measurement Date (or, in the case of a Defaulted Security, the Standard & Poor's Rating at the time of issuance) and (z) in the column in such table below the then current rating of the most senior Class of Notes outstanding; *provided* that if such Collateral Debt Security is a Synthetic Security, the recovery rate will be that assigned by Standard & Poor's and (c) with respect to any Collateral Debt Security that is a Defaulted Security, the percentage equal to the Fitch Recovery Rate.

"Approved Pricing Service" means a pricing or quotation service listed in Part II of Schedule L to the Indenture, or any other pricing or quotation service that is proposed by the Issuer (upon consultation with the Collateral Manager), *provided* that (i) within 15 days

following notice thereof from the Collateral Manager, a Majority of the Controlling Class shall not have objected to such proposal and (ii) the inclusion of such other pricing or quotation service as an Approved Pricing Service satisfies the Rating Condition (other than with respect to Fitch).

"Average Quarterly Asset Amount" means, with respect to any Quarterly Distribution Date, the average of the Net Outstanding Portfolio Collateral Balance on the first day of the related Due Period and the last day of the related Due Period.

"Borrowing" means, following the initial amount borrowed on the Closing Date, additional amounts borrowed by the Issuer under the Class A-1 Notes during the Commitment Period.

"Borrowing Date" means during the Commitment Period, the third day of each month (or if such day is not a Business Day, the next Business Day) on which a Borrowing is made.

"Business Day" means a day on which commercial banks and, if applicable, foreign exchange markets settle payments in each of New York, New York, London, England and the city in which the Corporate Trust Office is located and, in the case of the final payment of principal of any Note, the place of presentation of such Note.

"Calculation Amount" means with respect to any Defaulted Security at any time, the lesser of (a) the fair market value of such Defaulted Security and (b) the amount obtained by multiplying the Applicable Recovery Rate by the principal balance of such Defaulted Security.

"CCC Excess Percentage" means on any date of determination with respect to any Pledged Collateral Debt Security (other than a Defaulted Security), the amount (expressed as a percentage) equal to:

(a) the excess, if any, of (i) the aggregate Principal Balance (determined without regard to clause (h) of the definition of Principal Balance) of all Pledged Collateral Debt Securities (other than Defaulted Securities) having a Standard & Poor's Rating below "CCC+" over (ii) 5% of the Net Outstanding Portfolio Collateral Balance divided by

(b) the aggregate Principal Balance (determined without duplication and without regard to clause (h) of the definition of Principal Balance) of all Pledged Collateral Debt Securities (other than Defaulted Securities) that have on such date a Standard 's Rating below "CCC+."

"Class A-1 Note Purchase Agreement" means the purchase agreement dated on or prior to the Closing Date between the Co-Issuers and the Beneficial Owners from time to time of the Class A-1 Notes, as modified and supplemented and in effect from time to time.

"Class A-2 Account Control Agreement" means the agreement dated as of the Closing Date between the Issuers, the Trustee and the Custodian relating to accounts for the Class A-2 Notes.

"Class A-2 Agency and Amending Agreement" means the agreement dated as of the Closing Date between the Co-Issuers, the Trustee and the Class A-2 Agent.

"Class A-2 Agent" means Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, a New York banking corporation, and any successor appointed as agent pursuant to the Class A-2 Agency and Amending Agreement to perform certain tasks specified therein on behalf of the Co-Issuers.

"Class C Deferred Interest Amount" means so long as any Class A-1 Notes, Class A-2 Notes or Class B Notes are outstanding (or the Commitment Period Termination Date has not occurred), any interest due on the Class C Notes which is not available to be paid as a result of the operation of the Priority of Payments on any Quarterly Distribution Date.

"Combination Security Documents" means the Trust Agreement, the Reimbursement Agreement and the Combination Security Purchase Agreement.

"Combination Security Purchase Agreement" means the purchase agreement, dated as of the Closing Date, among the Placement Agent and certain investors.

"Combination Security Registrar" means JPMorgan Chase Bank, as registrar under the Trust Agreement.

"Combination Security Trustee" means JPMorgan Chase Bank, as trustee under the Trust Agreement.

"Commitment Fee" means with respect to the Class A-1 Notes, the commitment fee payable by the Issuer to the Holders of the Class A-1 Notes on the Aggregate Undrawn Amount of the Class A-1 Notes, for each day from and including the Closing Date to but excluding the Commitment Period Termination Date at a rate per annum equal to the 0.05%.

"Commitment Fee Amount" means with respect to the Class A-1 Notes as of any Quarterly Distribution Date, the sum of (a) the aggregate amount of Commitment Fee accrued during the Interest Period ending on such Quarterly Distribution Date plus (b) any Commitment Fee Amount due but not paid in any previous Interest Period plus (c) any Defaulted Interest in respect of any Commitment Fee Amount due but not paid on any prior Quarterly Distribution Date (which Defaulted Interest shall accrue at the Note Interest Rate applicable to the Class A-1 Notes).

"Commitment Period" means the commitment period commencing with and including the Closing Date and ending on but excluding the Commitment Period Termination Date.

"Commitment Period Termination Date" means the earliest to occur of (a) the first Business Day following the Ramp-Up Completion Date; (b) the redemption of the Class A-1 Notes in full; (c) the first date on which the Aggregate Undrawn Amount of the Class A-1 Notes has been reduced to zero; (d) the occurrence of an Event of Default as specified in the Indenture; (e) the sale, foreclosure or other disposition of the Collateral pursuant to the Indenture; or (f) satisfaction and discharge of the indenture as provided therein.

"Custodian" means the custodian under the Account Control Agreement.

"Defaulted Security" means any Collateral Debt Security:

(1) as to which the issuer has defaulted in the payment of principal or interest without regard to any applicable grace period or waiver; *provided* that a Collateral Debt Security will not be classified as a "Defaulted Security" under this paragraph if (i) the Collateral Manager certifies to the Trustee, in its judgment, that such payment default is due to non-credit and non-fraud related reasons and such default does not continue for more than five Business Days (or, if earlier, until the next succeeding Determination Date) or (ii) such payment default or failure to pay has been cured by the payment of all amounts that were originally scheduled to have been paid;

(2) as to which, as a result of the occurrence of an event of default, all amounts due under such Collateral Debt Security have been accelerated prior to its Stated Maturity or such Collateral Debt Security can be immediately so accelerated, unless such rights of acceleration have been waived;

(3) as to which the Collateral Manager knows the issuer thereof is in default (without giving effect to any applicable grace period or waiver) as to payment (if, in the Collateral Manager's judgment, such default is due to non-credit related reasons, beyond the lesser of (x) the number of days until the next Determination Date and (y) five Business Days) of principal and/or interest on another obligation (and such payment default has not been cured through the payment in cash of principal and interest then due and payable or waived by all of the holders of such security) which is senior or pari passu in right of payment to such Collateral Debt Security and which obligation and such Collateral Debt Security are secured by common collateral; **provided** that a Collateral Debt Security shall not constitute a "Defaulted Security" under this clause (c) if (A) the Collateral Manager has notified the Trustee and the Rating Agencies in writing of its decision not to treat such Collateral Debt Security as a Defaulted Security and (B) such decision satisfies the Rating Condition with respect to Standard & Poor's;

(4) as to which any bankruptcy, insolvency or receivership proceeding has been initiated in connection with the issuer thereof, or there has been proposed or effected any distressed exchange or other debt restructuring pursuant to which the issuer thereof has offered the holders thereof a new security or package of securities that, in the judgment of the Collateral Manager, amounts to a diminished financial obligation or is intended solely to enable the relevant obligor to avoid defaulting in the performance of its obligations under such Collateral Debt Security; *provided* that a Collateral Debt Security shall not constitute a "Defaulted Security" under this clause (4) if such Collateral Debt Security was acquired in a distressed exchange or other debt restructuring and complies with the requirements of the definition of "Collateral Debt Security";

(5) that is rated "Ca" or "C" by Moody's;

(6) that is rated "CC," "D" or "SD" (or has had its rating withdrawn) by Standard & Poor's; *provided*, that if the Rating Condition is satisfied as to Standard & Poor's, this clause (6)

may be changed by written notice from the Collateral Manager to the Issuer and to the Trustee and the definition of Rating will not apply for purposes of this clause;

(7) that is rated "CC" or lower by Fitch and the definition of Rating will not apply for purposes of this clause; *provided*, that if the Rating Condition is satisfied as to Fitch, this clause (7) may be changed by written notice from the Collateral Manager to the Issuer and to the Trustee;

(8) that is a Defaulted Synthetic Security;

(9) that is a Synthetic Security Counterparty Defaulted Obligation; or

(10) that is a Deliverable Obligation that would not satisfy paragraphs (1) through (4) and (6) through (30) of the Eligibility Criteria at the time such Deliverable Obligation is delivered to the Issuer.

The Collateral Manager shall be deemed to have knowledge of all information actually received by any portfolio manager employed by the Collateral Manager who performs portfolio management functions for the Issuer or by any credit analyst who performs credit analysis functions for such portfolio manager with respect to the Issuer, and shall be responsible under the Collateral Management Agreement (to the extent provided therein) for obtaining and reviewing information available to it (except to the extent any such information has been withheld from the Collateral Manager by the Trustee or the Issuer). Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Collateral Manager may declare any Collateral Debt Security to be a Defaulted Security if, in the Collateral Manager's judgment, the credit quality of the issuer of such Collateral Debt Security has significantly deteriorated such that there is a reasonable expectation of payment default as of the next due date. Nothing in this definition shall be deemed to require any employee (including any portfolio manager or credit analyst) of the Collateral Manager to obtain, use or share with or otherwise distribute to any other person or entity (a) any information that he or she would be prohibited from obtaining, using, sharing or otherwise distributing by virtue of the Collateral Manager's internal policies relating to confidential communications or (b) material non-public information.

"Defaulted Synthetic Security" means (a) any Synthetic Security as to which, if such Reference Obligation were a Collateral Debt Security, such Reference Obligation would constitute a "Defaulted Security" under the definition thereof (other than any of paragraphs (8), (9) and (10) of such definition) or (b) any Synthetic Security as to which a Deliverable Obligation has become deliverable to the Issuer by reason of the occurrence of one or more "credit events" or other similar circumstances; *provided* that, at such time (if ever) as a Deliverable Obligation is delivered in respect of such Synthetic Security, clause (a) shall determine whether it is a Defaulted Security.

"Defeased Synthetic Security" means any Synthetic Security that requires payment by the Issuer after the date upon which it is pledged to the Trustee and that satisfies the following: (a) the Issuer has caused to be deposited in a Synthetic Security Counterparty Account an amount at least equal to the aggregate of (or the amount required under the terms of the Synthetic Security to provide for) all further payments (contingent or otherwise) that the Issuer is or may be

required to make to the Synthetic Security Counterparty under the Synthetic Security; (b) the agreement relating to such Synthetic Security contains "non-petition" provisions with respect to the Issuer and "limited recourse" provisions limiting the Synthetic Security Counterparty's rights in respect of the Synthetic Security to the funds and other property credited to the Synthetic Security Counterparty Account related to such Synthetic Security and (c) the agreement relating to such Synthetic Security contains provisions to the effect that upon the occurrence of an "Event of Default" or "Termination Event" (other than an "Illegality" or "Tax Event") where the Synthetic Security Counterparty is the sole "Defaulting Party" or the sole "Affected Party" ("Event of Default," "Termination Event," "Illegality," "Tax Event," "Defaulting Party" or "Affected Party," as applicable, as such terms are defined in the ISDA Master Agreement relating to such Synthetic Security) (x) the Issuer may terminate its obligations under such Synthetic Security and upon such termination and payment of any termination amount payable under the Synthetic Security, any lien in favor of the Synthetic Security Counterparty over its related Synthetic Security Counterparty Account will be terminated and (y) upon payment of any termination amount payable under the Synthetic Security, the Issuer will no longer be obligated to make any payments to the Synthetic Security Counterparty with respect to such Synthetic Security.

"Determination Date" means the last day of a Due Period.

"Dividend Yield" means, as of any Quarterly Distribution Date, when used in paragraph (11) of "—Priority of Payments—Interest Proceeds," the per annum rate (expressed as a percentage) determined by multiplying (a) the aggregate amount distributed on such Quarterly Distribution Date pursuant to paragraph (11) divided by the original aggregate liquidation preference of all Preference Shares issued on the Closing Date and (b) 360 divided by the number of days during the period from and including the immediately preceding Quarterly Distribution Date to but excluding such Quarterly Distribution Date (calculated on the basis of a year of 360 days and twelve 30-day months).

"Equity Security" means any security, obligation or other property (other than Cash) acquired by the Issuer as a result of the exercise or conversion of a Collateral Debt Security, in conjunction with the purchase of a Collateral Debt Security or in exchange for a Defaulted Security.

"Form Approved Synthetic Security" means one or more Synthetic Securities, the form of the documents in respect of which has satisfied the Rating Condition with respect to Moody's, Fitch and Standard & Poor's for use in this transaction.

"Interest Distribution Amount" means with respect to any Class of Notes and any Quarterly Distribution Date, the sum of (i) the aggregate amount of interest accrued at the Note Interest Rate for such Class applicable for the Interest Period relating to such Class during the period from and including the immediately preceding Quarterly Distribution Date to but excluding such Quarterly Distribution Date, on the Aggregate Outstanding Amount of the Notes of such Class on the first day of such Interest Period (after giving effect to any redemption of the Notes of such Class or other payment of principal of the Notes of such Class on any preceding

Quarterly Distribution Date) plus (ii) any Defaulted Interest in respect of the Notes of such Class and accrued interest thereon.

"Interest Proceeds" means with respect to any Due Period, the sum (without duplication) of: (1) all payments of interest on the Collateral Debt Securities (other than Defaulted Securities and Written Down Securities) received in cash by the Issuer during such Due Period (excluding accrued interest included in Principal Proceeds pursuant to paragraph (8) of the definition of Principal Proceeds); (2) all accrued interest received in cash by the Issuer with respect to Collateral Debt Securities sold by the Issuer (excluding sale proceeds received in respect of Defaulted Securities and Written Down Securities and accrued interest included in Principal Proceeds pursuant to paragraph (8) of the definition of Principal Proceeds); (3) all payments of interest (including any amount representing the accreted portion of a discount from the face amount of an Eligible Investment) on Eligible Investments in any Account (except any Hedge Counterparty Collateral Account, any Synthetic Security Issuer Account and any Synthetic Security Counterparty Account (except for amounts of interest actually transferred from a Synthetic Security Counterparty Account to the Interest Proceeds Account during such Due Period)) received in cash by the Issuer during such Due Period and all payments of principal, including repayments, on Eligible Investments purchased with amounts from the Interest Collection Account received by the Issuer during such Due Period; (4) all amendment and waiver fees, all late payment fees, and all other fees and commissions received in cash by the Issuer during such Due Period in connection with such Collateral Debt Securities and Eligible Investments (other than fees and commissions received in respect of Defaulted Securities and Written Down Securities and yield maintenance payments included in Principal Proceeds pursuant to paragraph (9) of the definition thereof); (5) all payments received in cash by the Issuer pursuant to the Interest Rate Hedge Agreement (excluding any payments received by the Issuer on the preceding Quarterly Distribution Date or payments resulting from the termination and liquidation of any Hedge Agreement other than any scheduled payment under such Hedge Agreement which accrued prior to such termination) less any deferred premium payments payable by the Issuer under the Interest Rate Hedge Agreement during such Due Period (excluding any payment made by the Issuer on or prior to the preceding Quarterly Distribution Date); (6) interest on securities credited to any Synthetic Security Counterparty Account; and (7) all amounts on deposit in the Expense Account, the Semi-Annual Interest Reserve Account and the Interest Reserve Account that are transferred to the Payment Account for application as Interest Proceeds as described below under "Security for the Notes—The Accounts—Expense Account," respectively; *provided* that (x) Interest Proceeds shall in no event include (i) any payment or proceeds specifically defined as "Principal Proceeds" in the definition thereof or (ii) any Excepted Property and (y) payments made by a Hedge Counterparty on a Quarterly Distribution Date will be deemed to have been made during the related Due Period.

"Measurement Date" means any of the following: (a) the Closing Date; (b) the Ramp-Up Completion Date; (c) any date after the Ramp-Up Completion Date on which the Issuer disposes of a Collateral Debt Security or on which a Collateral Debt Security becomes a Defaulted Security or Written Down Security; (d) each Determination Date; (e) the last Business Day of each calendar month (other than any calendar month before a month in which a Determination Date occurs and any calendar month ending prior to the Ramp-Up Completion Date); (f) any date during the Substitution Period on which the Issuer acquires a Collateral Debt Security; and

(g) with reasonable notice to the Issuer and the Trustee, any other Business Day that any Rating Agency or holders of more than 50% of aggregate outstanding amount of any Class of Notes requests to be a "Measurement Date"; *provided* that if any such date would otherwise fall on a day that is not a Business Day, the relevant Measurement Date will be the next succeeding day that is a Business Day.

"Net Outstanding Portfolio Collateral Balance" means as of any Measurement Date, an amount equal to (a) the aggregate Principal Balance as of such Measurement Date of all Pledged Collateral Debt Securities plus (b) the aggregate amount of all Principal Proceeds and Uninvested Proceeds held as cash and the aggregate Principal Balance of all Eligible Investments purchased with Principal Proceeds or Uninvested Proceeds and any amount on deposit at such time in the Principal Collection Account or the Uninvested Proceeds Account (without duplication) minus (c) the aggregate Principal Balance on such Measurement Date of all Pledged Collateral Debt Securities that are Defaulted Securities plus (d) for each Defaulted Security, the Calculation Amount with respect to such Defaulted Security. For purposes of the "Eligibility Criteria" and for certain other purposes specified in the Indenture, on or prior to the Ramp-Up Completion Date, the Net Outstanding Portfolio Collateral Balance will equal U.S.\$400,000,000.

"Other Administrative Expenses" means all Administrative Expenses but excluding Trustee Expenses (other than amounts payable pursuant to any indemnity) and Rating Agency Expenses.

"PIK Bond" means any security that, pursuant to the terms of the related Underlying Instruments, permits the payment of interest thereon to be deferred and capitalized as additional principal thereof or that issues identical securities in place of payments of interest in cash.

"Placement Agent" means MLPFS as placement agent under the Trust Agreement.

"Pledged Collateral Debt Security" means as of any date of determination, any Collateral Debt Security that has been pledged to the Trustee and has not been released from the lien of the Indenture.

"Principal Balance" or "par" means with respect to any pledged security or Collateral Debt Security, as of any date of determination, the outstanding principal amount of such pledged security or Collateral Debt Security; *provided* that:

(a) the Principal Balance of a Collateral Debt Security received upon acceptance of an Offer for another Collateral Debt Security, which Offer expressly states that failure to accept such Offer may result in a default under the Underlying Instruments, shall be deemed to be the Calculation Amount of such other Collateral Debt Security until such time as Interest Proceeds and Principal Proceeds, as applicable, are received when due with respect to such other Collateral Debt Security;

(b) the Principal Balance of any Synthetic Security shall be equal to (i) in the case of any Synthetic Security that does not provide that the Issuer has any (contingent or otherwise) payment obligations to the Synthetic Security Counterparty after an initial payment thereunder, the aggregate principal amount of the Synthetic Security and (ii) in the case of any other Synthetic Security, the balance in the related Synthetic Security Counterparty Account reduced

by the amount of any payments due and payable to the Synthetic Security Counterparty by reason of the occurrence of one or more "credit events" or other similar circumstances to the extent such payments have not yet been made;

(c) the Principal Balance of any Equity Security, unless otherwise expressly stated herein, shall be deemed to be zero;

(d) the Principal Balance of any Eligible Investment that does not pay cash interest on a current basis will be the lesser of par and the original issue price thereof;

(e) the Principal Balance of any Written Down Security shall be deemed to be the lesser of (i) the fair market value of such Written Down Security and (ii) the Principal Balance of such Collateral Debt Security (determined without regard to this clause (e)) *minus* the aggregate par amount of all defaulted collateral securing such Issue in excess of the aggregate par amount of all other securities secured by the same pool of collateral that rank junior in priority of payment to such Collateral Debt Security (as reported to holders of such Written Down Security in the most recent report delivered to holders of such Written Down Security in accordance with its Underlying Instruments and received by the Trustee);

(f) solely for the purpose of calculating the Net Outstanding Portfolio Collateral Balance in connection with the Overcollateralization Test, the Principal Balance (determined without regard to this clause (f)) of any Collateral Debt Security (other than a Defaulted Security) that has a Moody's Rating of below "Baa3" shall be:

(i) if such Collateral Debt Security is rated "Ba1," "Ba2" or "Ba3" by Moody's, 90% of the Principal Balance of such Collateral Debt Security (determined without regard to this clause (f));

(ii) if such Collateral Debt Security is rated "B1," "B2" or "B3" by Moody's, 75% of the Principal Balance of such Collateral Debt Security (determined without regard to this clause (f)); and

(iii) if such Collateral Debt Security is rated below "B3" by Moody's, 50% of the Principal Balance of such Collateral Debt Security (determined without regard to this clause (f));

(g) solely for the purpose of calculating the Net Outstanding Portfolio Collateral Balance in connection with the Overcollateralization Test, the Principal Balance (determined without regard to this clause (g)) of any Collateral Debt Security (other than a Defaulted Security) that has a Fitch Rating of below "BBB-" shall be:

(i) if such Collateral Debt Security is rated "BB+," "BB" or "BB-" by Fitch, 85% of the Principal Balance of such Collateral Debt Security (determined without regard to this clause (g));

(ii) if such Collateral Debt Security is rated "B+," "B" or "B-" by Fitch, 72% of the Principal Balance of such Collateral Debt Security (determined without regard to this clause (g)); and

(iii) if such Collateral Debt Security is rated below "B-" by Fitch, 50% of the Principal Balance of such Collateral Debt Security (determined without regard to this clause (g));

(h) solely for the purpose of calculating the Net Outstanding Portfolio Collateral Balance in connection with the Overcollateralization Test, if on any date the aggregate Principal Balance (determined without regard to this clause (h)) of all Collateral Debt Securities (other than Defaulted Securities) that have a Standard & Poor's Rating of below "CCC+" exceeds 5% of the Net Outstanding Portfolio Collateral Balance, then the Principal Balance with respect to the CCC Excess Percentage of each such Collateral Debt Security shall be 70% of the Principal Balance of such Collateral Debt Security (determined without regard to this clause (h));

(i) the Principal Balance of any Step-Up Bond shall be the sum of (i) the original issue price thereof plus (ii) the aggregate amount of interest accreted thereon to but excluding such date of determination in accordance with the provisions of the related Underlying Instruments (or any other agreement between the issuer thereof and the original purchasers thereof) relating to the reporting of income by the holders of, and deductions by the issuer of, such Step-Up Bond for U.S. Federal income tax purposes;

provided that (1) in the event that more than one of clauses (f), (g) and (h) would apply to the determination of the Principal Balance of a Collateral Debt Security, the Principal Balance of such Collateral Debt Security shall be the lowest of the determinations made pursuant to clauses (f), (g) and (h) and (2) (x) the applicability of clause (f) of this definition (including the applicable percentages and ratings, as well as the definitions used therein) may be modified if the Rating Condition with respect to Moody's is satisfied with respect to such modification, (y) the applicability of clause (g) of this definition (including the applicable percentages and ratings, as well as the definitions used therein) may be modified if the Rating Condition with respect to Fitch is satisfied with respect to such modification and (z) the applicability of clause (h) of this definition (including the applicable percentages and ratings, as well as the definitions used therein) may be modified if the Rating Condition with respect to Standard & Poor's is satisfied with respect to such modification. For the avoidance of doubt, clauses (f), (g), and (h) hereof will not apply for purposes of determining the Principal Balance of Collateral Debt Securities referred to in clause (viii) of the definition "Event of Default."

"Principal Proceeds" means with respect to any Due Period, the sum (without duplication) of: (1) any Uninvested Proceeds on deposit in the Uninvested Proceeds Account on the Ramp-Up Completion Date (other than any such Uninvested Proceeds to be used to complete the purchase of Collateral Debt Securities); (2) all payments of principal of the Collateral Debt Securities received in cash by the Issuer during such Due Period including prepayments or mandatory sinking fund payments, or payments in respect of optional redemptions, exchange offers, tender offers, recoveries on Defaulted Securities and Written Down Securities, including the proceeds of a sale of any Equity Security and any amounts received as a result of optional

redemptions, exchange offers, tender offers for any Equity Security received in cash by the Issuer during such Due Period; (3) Sale Proceeds received in cash by the Issuer during such Due Period (including as a result of the sale of any Written Down Security or Defaulted Security but excluding those included in Interest Proceeds as defined above); (4) all payments of principal on Eligible Investments purchased with amounts from the Principal Collection Account or Uninvested Proceeds Account (excluding any amount representing the accreted portion of a discount from the face amount of an Eligible Investment) received in cash by the Issuer during such Due Period; (5) all amendment, waiver, late payment fees and other fees and commissions, received in cash by the Issuer during such Due Period in respect of Defaulted Securities and Written Down Securities; (6) any proceeds resulting from the termination and liquidation of any Hedge Agreement received in cash by the Issuer during such Due Period (other than any scheduled payment under such Hedge Agreement which accrued prior to such termination), to the extent such proceeds exceed the cost of entering into a replacement Hedge Agreement in accordance with the requirements of the Indenture; (7) all payments received in cash by the Issuer during such Due Period that represent call, prepayment or redemption premiums; (8) all payments of interest received in cash by the Issuer during such Due Period to the extent that they represent accrued interest purchased on the Closing Date or during the Ramp-Up Period with Uninvested Proceeds; (9) yield maintenance payments received in cash by the Issuer during such Due Period; (10) all payments of interest on Defaulted Securities and Written Down Securities received in cash by the Issuer during such Due Period and any other payments in respect thereof not addressed in clauses (1) through (9) above received in cash by the Issuer during such Due Period; (11) all Cash and principal payments received in respect of Eligible Investments credited to the Principal Collection Account in accordance with the provisions of the Indenture during such Due Period and (12) all other payments received in such Due Period in connection with the Collateral Debt Securities and Eligible Investments (other than those standing to the credit of any Hedge Counterparty Collateral Account, Synthetic Security Issuer Account or Synthetic Security Counterparty Account) that are not included in Interest Proceeds; *provided* that in no event will Principal Proceeds include the U.S.\$1,000 of capital contributed by the owners of the ordinary shares of the Issuer in accordance with the Issuer Charter or U.S.\$1,000 representing a profit fee to the Issuer or the proceeds of the Issuer's Cayman Islands account..

"Purchase Agreement" means an agreement dated as of the Closing Date among the Initial Purchaser and the Co-Issuers relating to the placement of the Notes and Preference Shares.

"Quarterly Asset Amount" means with respect to (i) the first Quarterly Distribution Date, the Net Outstanding Portfolio Collateral Balance on the last day of the related Due Period and (ii) any Quarterly Distribution Date thereafter, the Net Outstanding Portfolio Collateral Balance on the first day of the related Due Period.

"Rating Agency Expenses" means with respect to any Quarterly Distribution Date, all amounts due or accrued with respect to such Quarterly Distribution Date and payable by the Issuer or the Co-Issuer to the Rating Agencies for fees and expenses in connection with any rating (including the annual fee payable with respect to the monitoring of any rating and any credit estimate fees and amendment fees) of the Notes, including fees and expenses due or accrued in connection with any rating of the Collateral Debt Securities not payable by the issuer thereof.

"Reimbursement Agreement" means the reimbursement agreement dated as of the Closing Date among the Combination Security Trustee, the Combination Security Registrar, the Settlor, the Placement Agent and the Issuer.

"Senior Management Fee" means the fee payable to Terwin Money Management LLC in arrears on each Quarterly Distribution Date pursuant to the Collateral Management Agreement, in an amount equal to 0.10% per annum of the Quarterly Asset Amount for such Quarterly Distribution Date (i.e. 0.025% multiplied by such Quarterly Asset Amount); *provided* that the Senior Management Fee will be payable on each Quarterly Distribution Date only to the extent of funds available for such purpose in accordance with the Priority of Payments. Any accrued but unpaid Senior Management Fee will be deferred. Any unpaid Senior Management Fee that is deferred (whether as a result of the operation of the Priority of Payments as described herein or at the option of Terwin Money Management LLC) shall be paid on the next succeeding Quarterly Distribution Date to the extent funds are available for such purpose in accordance with the Priority of Payments and shall not accrue interest.

"Settlor" means MLPFS, as settlor under the Trust Agreement.

"Synthetic Security Counterparty Defaulted Obligation" means (a) (i) the long-term debt obligations of the relevant Synthetic Security Counterparty are rated "D" or "SD" by Standard & Poor's, or (ii) the rating of the relevant Synthetic Security Counterparty by Standard & Poor's is withdrawn for reasons relating to the credit quality of such Synthetic Security Counterparty; provided that, notwithstanding the foregoing, if at any time after such withdrawal or reduction such Synthetic Security is a credit default swap under which the Synthetic Security Counterparty shall have provided collateral to or for the benefit of the Issuer with a value equal to or greater than any termination payment that would then be due to the Issuer upon the termination of such credit default swap, no Synthetic Security Counterparty Defaulted Obligation shall be deemed to exist with respect to such Synthetic Security; or (b) the Synthetic Security Counterparty has defaulted in the performance of any of its payment or delivery obligations under the Synthetic Security.

"Trust Agreement" means the trust agreement dated as of the Closing Date between the Settlor, the Placement Agent, the Combination Security Trustee (as trustee of the trust arrangement created thereunder), the Combination Security Registrar and JPMorgan Chase Bank, as securities custodian.

"Trustee Expenses" means with respect to any Quarterly Distribution Date, all expenses and indemnified amounts (other than fees) due or accrued with respect to such Quarterly Distribution Date and payable by the Issuer or the Co-Issuer to the Note Registrar, the Trustee or any co-trustee pursuant to the Indenture, (ii) the Collateral Administrator under the Collateral Administration Agreement, (iii) the Preference Share Paying Agent under the Preference Share Paying Agency Agreement, (iv) the Class A-2 Agent in respect of expenses and indemnified amounts pursuant to the Class A-2 Agency and Amending Agreement and (v) the Combination Security Trustee and the Combination Security Registrar pursuant to the Trust Documents.

"Trustee Fee" means the fee payable to JPMorgan Chase Bank in its capacities (or any successor to it in such capacities) as (i) Note Registrar and Trustee hereunder, (ii) Collateral Administrator under the Collateral Administration Agreement and (iii) Preference Share Paying Agent under the Preference Share Paying Agency Agreement in an amount, for (i), (ii) and (iii) combined, equal to, for each Quarterly Distribution Date, 0.02% of the Average Quarterly Asset Amount. The Trustee will also receive a fee equal to \$30,000, payable on the Quarterly Distribution Date in March 2005.

"Underlying Instruments" means the indenture or other agreement pursuant to which a Collateral Debt Security, Eligible Investment or Equity Security has been issued or created and each other agreement that governs the terms of or secures the obligations represented by such Collateral Debt Security, Eligible Investment or Equity Security or of which holders of such Collateral Debt Security, Eligible Investment or Equity Security are the beneficiaries.

"Uninvested Proceeds" means at any time, (a) the net proceeds received by the Issuer on the Closing Date from the initial issuance of the Notes and the Preference Shares and the Up Front Payment, to the extent such proceeds (i) have not been deposited in the Expense Account or the Interest Reserve Account, (ii) are not subject to a commitment to invest, or have not been invested in, Collateral Debt Securities, in each case in accordance with the Indenture or (iii) have not been deposited in a Synthetic Security Counterparty Account and (b) the net proceeds received by the Issuer after the Closing Date, from any Borrowing under the Class A-1 Notes to the extent such proceeds are not subject to a commitment to invest, or have not been invested in Collateral Debt Securities in accordance with the terms of the Indenture or deposited in a Synthetic Security Counterparty Account.

"Warehouse Agreement" means the Warehouse Agreement dated as of March 19, 2004 between Merrill Lynch International and the Collateral Manager.

"Written Down Security" means as of any date of determination, any Collateral Debt Security as to which the aggregate par amount of such Collateral Debt Security and all other securities secured by the same pool of collateral that rank *pari passu* with or senior in priority of payment to such Collateral Debt Security exceeds the aggregate par amount (including reserved interest or other amounts available for overcollateralization) of all collateral securing such securities (excluding defaulted collateral), as determined by the Collateral Manager using customary procedures and information available in the servicer reports relating to such Written Down Security.

The Coverage Tests

On and after the Ramp-Up Completion Date, the Coverage Tests applicable to a Class of Notes will be used primarily to determine whether and to what extent Interest Proceeds and then Principal Proceeds may be used to pay interest on and dividends in respect of Offered Securities Subordinate to such Class and certain other expenses.

In the event that either Coverage Test is not satisfied on any Quarterly Distribution Date after the Ramp-Up Completion Date, funds that would otherwise be used to make distributions to the Preference Shareholders and to pay certain other expenses must instead be used to pay

principal of the Notes in accordance with the Priority of Payments, to the extent necessary to cause each Coverage Test to be satisfied. See "–Priority of Payments." For the purpose of determining any payment to be made on any Quarterly Distribution Date pursuant to any applicable paragraph of "Priority of Payments–Interest Proceeds," any Coverage Test referred to in such paragraph shall be calculated as of the relevant Quarterly Distribution Date after giving effect to all payments to be made on such Quarterly Distribution Date prior to such payment in accordance with "Priority of Payments–Interest Proceeds."

The "Coverage Tests" will consist of the Overcollateralization Test and the Interest Coverage Test. For purposes of the Coverage Tests, unless otherwise specified, a Synthetic Security will be included as a Collateral Debt Security having the characteristics of the Synthetic Security and not of the related Reference Obligation. None of the Coverage Tests will apply prior to the Ramp-Up Completion Date.

The Overcollateralization Test:

The "Overcollateralization Ratio" is, as of any Measurement Date, the number (expressed as a percentage) calculated by dividing (a) the Net Outstanding Portfolio Collateral Balance on such Measurement Date by (b) the sum of (i) the aggregate outstanding principal amount of the Class A-1 Notes plus (ii) the aggregate outstanding principal amount of the Class A-2 Notes plus (iii) the aggregate outstanding principal amount of the Class B Notes plus (iv) the aggregate outstanding principal amount of the Class C Notes (including the Class C Deferred Interest Amount). For the avoidance of doubt, amounts specified in clause (b)(i) above will not include any undrawn principal of the Class A-1 Notes.

The "Overcollateralization Test," for so long as any Notes remain Outstanding (or the Commitment Period Termination Date has not occurred), will be satisfied on any applicable Measurement Date occurring on or after the Ramp-Up Completion Date if the Overcollateralization Ratio on such Measurement Date is equal to or greater than 100.50%.

The Interest Coverage Tests:

The Interest Coverage Ratio (the "Interest Coverage Ratio") as of any Measurement Date will be calculated by dividing:

(a) the sum (without duplication) of (i) the scheduled distributions of interest due (in each case regardless of whether the applicable due date has yet occurred) in the Due Period in which such Measurement Date occurs on (x) the Pledged Collateral Debt Securities and (y) any Eligible Investments held in each Account (except each Hedge Counterparty Collateral Account and each Synthetic Security Issuer Account and in the case of each Synthetic Security Counterparty Account, only to the extent the Issuer is entitled to receive such interest), in each case, whether such Eligible Investments were purchased with Interest Proceeds or Principal Proceeds plus (ii) any fees actually received by the Issuer during such Due Period that constitute Interest Proceeds plus (iii) the amount paid during the Due Period (but after the prior Quarterly Distribution Date), or scheduled to be paid on the Quarterly Distribution Date relating to such Due Period, to the Issuer by the Interest Rate Hedge Counterparty under the Interest Rate Hedge Agreements plus (iv) the amount, if any, in the Interest Reserve Account and the amount, if any,

which will be transferred from the Semi-Annual Interest Reserve Account to the Payment Account on the Business Day prior to the Quarterly Distribution Date relating to such Due Period minus (v) the amount, if any, scheduled to be paid to the payment of taxes and filing and registration fees owed by the Co-Issuers on the Quarterly Distribution Date relating to such Due Period minus (vi) the amount, if any, scheduled to be applied on the Quarterly Distribution Date relating to such Due Period (A) to the payment to the Trustee, the Collateral Administrator, the Preference Share Paying Agent, the Combination Security Trustee, the Note Registrar, the Class A-2 Agent, the Combination Security Registrar, the Collateral Manager, the Administrator, the Settlor and the Placement Agent of accrued and unpaid Administrative Expenses and (B) to the payment of other accrued and unpaid Administrative Expenses of the Co-Issuers, in each case, owing to them under paragraph (2) under "Priority of Payments Interest Proceeds to the extent all such payments pursuant to subclauses (A) and (B) of this clause (v) do not exceed U.S.\$100,000 minus (vii) the amount, if any, scheduled to be paid to the Collateral Manager of accrued and unpaid Senior Management Fee minus (viii) the amount, if any, scheduled to be paid to the Interest Rate Hedge Counterparty under the Interest Rate Hedge Agreements on the Quarterly Distribution Date relating to such Due Period minus (ix) the portion of the Scheduled Distributions in clause (i) which is required to be deposited into the Semi-Annual Interest Reserve Account; by

(b) the sum of (i) the Interest Distribution Amount and Commitment Fee Amount for the Class A-1 Notes, the Class A-2 Notes, the Class B Notes and the Class C Notes payable on the Quarterly Distribution Date immediately following such Measurement Date relating to such Due Period.

In the event that the calculation of the Interest Coverage Ratio produces a negative number, the Interest Coverage Ratio shall be deemed to be equal to zero.

For purposes of calculating any Interest Coverage Ratio, (i) the expected interest income on floating rate Collateral Debt Securities, Eligible Investments and under the Hedge Agreements, and the expected interest payable on the Notes, and amounts, if any, payable under the Hedge Agreements will be calculated using the interest rates applicable thereto on the applicable Measurement Date, (ii) accrued original issue discount on Eligible Investments will be deemed to be a scheduled interest payment thereon due on the date such original issue discount is scheduled to be paid, (iii) payments made by the Basis Swap Counterparty pursuant to the Basis Swap will not constitute scheduled interest on any Class of Notes and (iv) it will be assumed that no principal payments are made on the Notes during the applicable periods, that no Borrowings are made on the Class A-1 Notes during the applicable period and that the Designated Maturity of any outstanding Borrowing will remain constant.

For the purpose of determining compliance with any Interest Coverage Test, there shall be excluded all payments in respect of Defaulted Securities and Equity Securities and all other scheduled payments (whether of principal, interest, fees or other amounts) including payments to the Issuer under any Hedge Agreement, as to which the Trustee has actual knowledge will not be made in cash or will not be received when due.

The "Interest Coverage Test" means, for so long as any Notes remain outstanding (or if the Commitment Termination Date has not occurred), a test satisfied on any Measurement Date occurring on or after the Ramp-Up Completion Date if the Interest Coverage Ratio as of such Measurement Date is equal to or greater than 103.85%.

Form, Denomination, Registration and Transfer

General

(i) Regulation S Notes, which will be sold to persons that are not U.S. Persons in offshore transactions in accordance with Regulation S, will be represented by one or more permanent Regulation S Global Notes in definitive, fully registered form, without interest coupons, and deposited with the Trustee as custodian for, and registered in the name of, The Depository Trust Company ("DTC") or its nominee, initially for the accounts of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg. By acquisition of a beneficial interest in a Regulation S Global Note, any purchaser thereof will be deemed to represent that it is not a U.S. Person and that, if in the future it decides to transfer such beneficial interest, it will transfer such interest only to a person that is not a U.S. Person in an offshore transaction in accordance with Regulation S or to a person who takes delivery in the form of a Restricted Note. Beneficial interests in each Regulation S Note will be shown on, and transfers thereof will be effected only through, records maintained by DTC and its direct and Indirect Participants, including Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg.

(ii) Restricted Notes, which will be offered in the United States in reliance upon an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act will be represented by one or more Restricted Global Notes in fully registered form, without interest coupons, and deposited with the Trustee as custodian for, and registered in the name of, DTC or its nominee. Interests in Restricted Global Notes will be shown on, and transfers thereof will be effected only through, records maintained by DTC and its direct and Indirect Participants.

(iii) The Notes are subject to the restrictions on transfer set forth in this Offering Circular under "Transfer Restrictions."

(iv) Owners of beneficial interests in Regulation S Global Notes and Restricted Global Notes will be entitled or required, as the case may be, under certain limited circumstances described below, to receive physical delivery of certificated Notes ("Definitive Notes") in fully registered, definitive form. No owner of an interest in a Regulation S Global Note will be entitled to receive a Definitive Note unless (1) for a person other than a distributor (as defined in Regulation S), such person provides certification that the Definitive Note is beneficially owned by a person that is not a U.S. Person (as defined in Regulation S) or (2) for a person that is a U.S. Person, such person provides certification that any interest in such Definitive Note was purchased in a transaction that did not require registration under the Securities Act. The Notes are not issuable in bearer form.

(v) Pursuant to the Indenture, JPMorgan Chase Bank has been appointed and will serve as the registrar with respect to the Notes (in such capacity, the "Note Registrar") and will provide for the registration of Notes and the registration of transfers of Notes in the register

maintained by it (the "Note Register"). JPMorgan Chase Bank has been appointed as a transfer agent with respect to the Notes (in such capacity, the "Transfer Agent").

(vi) The Notes will be issuable in a minimum denomination of U.S.\$500,000 for Class A-1 Notes, U.S.\$100,000 for Class A-2 Notes, U.S.\$250,000 for Class B Notes and Class C Notes and will be offered only in such minimum denomination or an integral multiple of U.S.\$1,000 in excess thereof for Class A-1 Notes, Class B Notes and Class C Notes and an integral multiple of U.S.\$25,000 for Class A-2 Notes.

(vii) After issuance, a Note may fail to be in compliance with the minimum denomination requirement stated above as a result of the repayment of principal thereof in accordance with the Priority of Payments (or in the case of Class A-1 Notes, due to Borrowings thereunder).

(viii) After issuance, Class C Notes may fail to be in an amount which is an integral multiple of U.S.\$1,000 due to the addition to the principal amount thereof of Class C Deferred Interest Amount.

Global Notes

(i) So long as the depository for a Global Note, or its nominee, is the registered holder of such Global Note, such depository or such nominee, as the case may be, will be considered the absolute owner or holder of such Regulation S Note or Restricted Note, as the case may be, represented by such Global Note for all purposes under the Indenture and the Notes and members of, or participants in, the depository (the "Participants") as well as any other persons on whose behalf Participants may act (including Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg and account holders and participants therein) will have no rights under the Indenture or under a Note. Owners of beneficial interests in a Global Note will not be considered to be the owners or holders of any Note under the Indenture or the Notes. In addition, no beneficial owner of an interest in a Global Note will be able to exchange or transfer that interest, except in accordance with the applicable procedures of the depository and (in the case of a Regulation S Global Note) Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg (in addition to those under the Indenture), in each case to the extent applicable (the "Applicable Procedures").

(ii) Investors may hold their interests in a Regulation S Global Note directly through Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, if they are participants in such systems, or indirectly through organizations that are participants in such systems. Investors may also hold such interests other than through Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg. Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg will hold interests in Regulation S Global Notes on behalf of their participants through customers' securities accounts in their respective names on the books of their respective depositories, which in turn will hold such interests in such Regulation S Note in customers' securities accounts in the depositories' names on the books of DTC. Investors may hold their interests in a Restricted Global Note directly through DTC, if they are participants in such system, or indirectly through organizations that are participants in such system.

(iii) Payments of the principal of, and interest on, an individual Global Note registered in the name of a depository or its nominee will be made to the depository or its nominee, as the

case may be, as the registered owner of the Global Note. None of the Issuer, the Trustee, the Note Registrar or any Paying Agent will have any responsibility or liability for any aspect of the records relating to or payments made on account of beneficial ownership interests in Global Notes or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records relating to such beneficial ownership interests.

(iv) With respect to the Global Notes, the Issuer expects that the depositary for any Global Note or its nominee, upon receipt of any payment of principal of or interest or Commitment Fee on such Global Note, will immediately credit the accounts of Participants with payments in amounts proportionate to their respective beneficial interests in the principal amount of such Global Note as shown on the records of the depositary or its nominee. The Issuer also expects that payments by Participants to owners of beneficial interests in such Global Note held through such Participants will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is now the case with securities held for the accounts of customers registered in the name of nominees for such customers. Such payments will be the responsibility of such Participants.

Definitive Notes

Interests in a Regulation S Note or a Restricted Note represented by a Global Note will be exchangeable or transferable, as the case may be, for a Regulation S Note or a Restricted Note, respectively, that is a Definitive Note if (a) DTC notifies the Issuer that it is unwilling or unable to continue as depositary for such Note, (b) DTC ceases to be a "Clearing Agency" registered under the Exchange Act, and a successor depositary is not appointed by the Issuer within 90 days, (c) the transferee of an interest in such Global Note is required by law to take physical delivery of securities in definitive form or (d) the transferee is otherwise unable to pledge its interest in a Global Note. Upon the occurrence of any of the events described in the preceding sentence, the Issuer will cause Definitive Notes bearing an appropriate legend (a "Legend") regarding restrictions on transfer to be delivered. Upon the transfer, exchange or replacement of Definitive Notes bearing a Legend, or upon specific request for removal of a Legend on a Note, the Co-Issuers shall deliver through the Trustee or any Paying Agent (other than the Preference Share Paying Agent) to the holder and the transferee, as applicable, one or more Definitive Notes in certificated form corresponding to the principal amount of Definitive Notes surrendered for transfer, exchange or replacement that bear such Legend, or will refuse to remove such Legend, as the case may be, unless there is delivered to the Issuer such satisfactory evidence, which may include an opinion of U.S. counsel, as may reasonably be required by the Issuer that neither the Legend nor the restrictions on transfer set forth therein is required to ensure compliance with the provisions of the Securities Act or the Investment Company Act. Definitive Notes will be exchangeable or transferable for interests in other Definitive Notes as described below.

Transfer and Exchange of Notes

(i) Transfers by a holder of a beneficial interest in a Regulation S Global Note to a transferee who takes delivery of such interest in the form of a beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note will be made only in accordance with the Applicable Procedures and upon receipt by the Note Registrar of written certifications from the transferor of the beneficial interest in the form provided in the Indenture to the effect that, among other things, such transfer is being made

(a) to a person whom the transferor reasonably believes is a Qualified Institutional Buyer to whom notice is given that the transfer is being made in reliance on Rule 144A or another exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act and, (b) to a Qualified Purchaser and (c) in accordance with any applicable securities laws of any state of the United States or any other jurisdiction and from the transferee in the form provided for in the Indenture. Exchanges or transfers by a holder of a Note represented by a Definitive Note to a transferee who takes delivery of such Note in the form of a beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note will be made no later than 60 days after the receipt by the Note Registrar or Transfer Agent, as the case may be, of the Definitive Notes to be so exchanged or transferred only in accordance with the Applicable Procedures, and, if applicable, upon receipt by the Note Registrar of a written certification from the transferor in the form provided in the Indenture.

An owner of a beneficial interest in a Regulation S Global Note may transfer such interest in the form of a beneficial interest in such Regulation S Global Note without the provision of written certification, *provided* that (1) such transfer is not made to a U.S. Person or for the account or benefit of a U.S. Person and is effected through Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg in an offshore transaction as required by Regulation S and only in accordance with the Applicable Procedures and (2) any transfer not effected in an offshore transaction in accordance with Rule 904 of Regulation S may be made only upon provision to the Note Registrar of written certification from the transferee and transferor in the form provided for in the Indenture.

The Indenture provides that if, notwithstanding the restrictions on transfer contained therein, either of the Co-Issuers determines that any beneficial owner of a Restricted Note (or any interest therein) (A) is a U.S. Person and (B) is not a Qualified Institutional Buyer (unless such beneficial owner is an Accredited Investor that purchased such Restricted Note or interest therein directly from the Co-Issuers or the Initial Purchaser) and also a Qualified Purchaser, then either of the Co-Issuers may require, by notice to such holder, that such holder sell all of its right, title and interest to such Restricted Note (or interest therein) to a Person that is both a Qualified Institutional Buyer and a Qualified Purchaser, with such sale to be effected within 30 days after notice of such sale requirement is given. If such beneficial owner fails to effect the transfer required within such 30-day period, (i) upon direction from the Issuer, the Trustee, on behalf of and at the expense of the Issuer, shall cause such beneficial owner's interest in such Note to be transferred in a commercially reasonable sale (conducted by the Trustee in accordance with Section 9-610(b) of the Uniform Commercial Code as in effect in the State of New York as applied to securities that are sold on a recognized market or that may decline speedily in value) to a person that certifies to the Trustee and the Co-Issuers, in connection with such transfer, that such person is both a Qualified Institutional Buyer and a Qualified Purchaser, and (ii) pending such transfer, no further payments will be made in respect of such Note held by such beneficial owner.

(ii) Transfers by a holder of a beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note to a transferee who takes delivery of such interest in the form of a beneficial interest in a Regulation S Global Note will be made only in accordance with the Applicable Procedures and upon receipt by the Note Registrar of written certification from the transferor in the form provided in the Indenture to the effect that such transfer is being made in an offshore transaction (within the

meaning of Regulation S) in accordance with Rule 904 of Regulation S. Exchanges or transfers by a holder of a Note represented by a Definitive Note to a transferee who takes delivery of such Note in the form of a beneficial interest in a Regulation S Global Note will be made no later than 60 days after the receipt by the Note Registrar or Transfer Agent, as the case may be, of the Definitive Notes to be so exchanged or transferred only in accordance with the Applicable Procedures, and, if applicable, upon receipt by the Note Registrar of a written certification from the transferor in the form provided in the Indenture. Without limiting the foregoing, each transferee of a Class A-2 Note (or interest therein) will be deemed to acknowledge and agree to the representations and transfer restrictions set forth in the Class A-2 Notes Supplement.

An owner of a beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note may transfer such interest to a transferee who takes delivery of such interest in the form of a beneficial interest in such Restricted Global Note without the provision of written certification if the transferee is a Qualified Institutional Buyer and a Qualified Purchaser. However, a transferee of a beneficial interest in a Class A-2 Note in the form of a Restricted Global Note will be required to comply with the certification requirements described in the Class A-2 Notes Supplement.

(iii) Transfers between Participants in DTC will be effected in the ordinary way in accordance with the Applicable Procedures and will be settled in immediately available funds. Transfers between participants in Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg will be effected in the ordinary way in accordance with their respective rules and operating procedures.

(iv) Notes in the form of Definitive Notes may be exchanged or transferred in whole or in part in the principal amount of authorized denominations by surrendering such Definitive Notes at the office of the Note Registrar or any Transfer Agent with a written instrument of transfer as provided in the Indenture. In addition, if the Definitive Notes being exchanged or transferred contain a Legend, additional certifications to the effect that such exchange or transfer is in compliance with the restrictions contained in such Legend, may be required. With respect to any transfer of a portion of a Definitive Note, the transferor will be entitled to receive, at any aforesaid office, a new Definitive Note representing the principal amount retained by the transferor after giving effect to such transfer. Definitive Notes issued upon any such exchange or transfer (whether in whole or in part) will be made available at the office of the applicable Transfer Agent.

(v) No service charge will be made for exchange or registration of transfer of any Note but the Trustee may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or governmental charge payable in connection therewith and expenses of delivery (if any) not made by regular mail.

(vi) Definitive Notes issued upon any exchange or registration of transfer of securities shall be valid obligations of the Co-Issuers, evidencing the same debt, and entitled to the same benefits, as the Definitive Notes surrendered upon exchange or registration of transfer.

(vii) The Note Registrar will effect transfers of Global Notes and, along with the Transfer Agents, will effect exchanges and transfers of Definitive Notes. In addition, the Note

Registrar will keep in the Note Register records of the ownership, exchange and transfer of any Note in definitive form.

(viii) The laws of some jurisdictions require that certain persons take physical delivery of securities in definitive form. Consequently, any transfer of beneficial interests in a Note represented by a Global Note to such persons may require that such interests in a Global Note be exchanged for Definitive Notes. Because DTC can only act on behalf of Participants, which in turn act on behalf of indirect Participants and certain banks, the ability of a person having a beneficial interest in a Global Note to pledge such interest to persons or entities that do not participate in the DTC system, or otherwise take actions in respect of such interest, may require that such interest in a Global Note be exchanged for Definitive Notes. Interests in a Global Note will be exchangeable for Definitive Notes only as described above.

(ix) Subject to compliance with the transfer restrictions applicable to the Notes described above and under "Transfer Restrictions," cross-market transfers between DTC, on the one hand, and directly or indirectly through Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg participants, on the other, will be effected in DTC in accordance with DTC rules on behalf of Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, by its respective depository; however, such cross-market transactions will require delivery of instructions to Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, by the counterparty in such system in accordance with its rules and procedures and within its established deadlines (Brussels time). Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, will if the transaction meets its settlement requirements, deliver instructions to its respective depository to take action to effect final settlement on its behalf by delivering or receiving interests in a Regulation S Global Note in DTC and making or receiving payment in accordance with normal procedures for same-day funds settlement applicable to DTC. Clearstream, Luxembourg participants and Euroclear participants may not deliver instructions directly to the depositories of Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg.

(x) Because of time zone differences, cash received in Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg as a result of sales of interests in a Regulation S Global Note by or through a Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg participant to a DTC participant will be received with value on the DTC settlement date but will be available in the relevant Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg cash account only as of the business day following settlement in DTC.

(xi) DTC has advised the Co-Issuers that it will take any action permitted to be taken by a holder of Notes (including, without limitation, the presentation of Notes for exchange as described above) only at the direction of one or more Participants to whose account with the DTC interests in the Global Notes are credited and only in respect of such portion of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes as to which such Participant or Participants has or have given such direction. However, if there is an Event of Default under the Notes, DTC will exchange the Global Notes for Definitive Notes, legended as appropriate, which it will distribute to its Participants.

(xii) DTC has advised the Co-Issuers as follows: DTC is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a "banking organization" within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a "clearing

corporation" within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code and a "clearing agency" registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Exchange Act. DTC was created to hold securities for its Participants and facilitate the clearance and settlement of securities transactions between Participants through electronic book-entry changes in accounts of its Participants, thereby eliminating the need for physical movement of certificates. Participants include securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies and clearing corporations and may include certain other organizations. Indirect access to the DTC system is available to others such as banks, brokers, dealers and trust companies that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a participant, either directly or indirectly ("Indirect Participants").

(xiii) Although DTC, Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg have agreed to the foregoing procedures in order to facilitate transfers of interests in Global Notes among participants of DTC, Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg, they are under no obligation to perform or continue to perform such procedures, and such procedures may be discontinued at any time. None of the Issuer, the Co-Issuer and the Trustee will have any responsibility for the performance by DTC, Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg or their respective Participants or Indirect Participants of their respective obligations under the rules and procedures governing their operations.

(xiv) The Issuer may impose additional transfer restrictions to comply with the USA PATRIOT Act, to the extent it is applicable to the Issuer and, in such event, each holder of Notes will be required to comply with such transfer restrictions.

No Gross-Up

All payments made by the Issuer under the Notes will be made without any deduction or withholding for or on the account of any tax unless such deduction or withholding is required by applicable law, as modified by the practice of any relevant governmental revenue authority, then in effect. If the Issuer is so required to deduct or withhold, then the Issuer will not be obligated to pay any additional amounts in respect of such withholding or deduction.

The Indenture

The following summary describes certain provisions of the Indenture. The summary does not purport to be complete and is subject to, and qualified in its entirety by reference to, the provisions of the Indenture.

Events of Default

An "Event of Default" is defined in the Indenture as:

(i) a default in the payment of any accrued interest or Commitment Fee (a) on any Class A-1 Note or Class A-2 Note when the same becomes due and payable, (b) on any Class B Note when the same becomes due and payable or (c) if there are no Class A-1 Notes, Class A-2 Notes or Class B Notes Outstanding (and the Commitment Period Termination Date has occurred), on any Class C Note when the same becomes due and payable, in each case which default continues for a period of three Business Days (or, in the case of a payment default

resulting solely from an administrative error or omission by the Trustee, the Administrator, a Paying Agent (other than the Preference Share Paying Agent) or the Note Registrar, five Business Days);

(ii) a default in the payment of principal of any Note when the same becomes due and payable at its Stated Maturity or Redemption Date (or, in the case of a payment default resulting solely from an administrative error or omission by the Trustee, the Administrator, Paying Agent (other than the Preference Share Paying Agent) or the Note Registrar, such default continues for a period of five Business Days);

(iii) the failure on any Quarterly Distribution Date to disburse amounts available in the Interest Collection Account or Principal Collection Account in accordance with the order of priority set forth above under "—Priority of Payments" (other than a default in payment described in clause (i) or (ii) above), which failure continues for a period of three Business Days (or, in the case of a failure resulting solely from an administrative error or omission by the Trustee, the Administrator, a Paying Agent (other than the Preference Share Paying Agent) or the Note Registrar, five Business Days);

(iv) either of the Co-Issuers or the pool of Collateral becomes an investment company required to be registered under the Investment Company Act;

(v) a default in the performance, or breach, of any other covenant or other agreement (it being understood that a failure to satisfy a Collateral Quality Test, a Coverage Test, the Standard & Poor's CDO Monitor Test or the Eligibility Criteria is not a default or breach) of the Issuer or the Co-Issuer under the Indenture, the breach or violation of which or default under which could reasonably be expected to have a material and adverse effect on the interest of any of the Noteholders or any representation or warranty of the Issuer or the Co-Issuer made in the Indenture or in any certificate or other writing delivered pursuant thereto or in connection therewith proves to be incorrect in any material respect when made, and the continuation of such default or breach for a period of 30 consecutive days (or, if such default, breach or failure has an adverse effect on the validity, perfection or priority of the security interest granted under the Indenture, 15 days) after any of the Issuer, the Co-Issuer or the Collateral Manager has actual knowledge thereof or after notice thereof (x) to the Issuer and the Collateral Manager by the Trustee, (y) to the Issuer and the Trustee by the Collateral Manager or (z) to the Issuer, the Collateral Manager and the Trustee by the holders of at least 25% in aggregate outstanding principal amount of Notes of the Controlling Class or by each Hedge Counterparty, in each case, specifying such default or breach and requiring it to be remedied and stating that it is a "notice of default" under the Indenture;

(vi) certain events of bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or reorganization of either of the Co-Issuers (as set forth in the Indenture);

(vii) one or more final judgments being rendered against either of the Co-Issuers that exceed, in the aggregate, U.S.\$1,000,000 (or such lesser amount as any Rating Agency may specify) and which remain unstayed, undischarged and unsatisfied for 30 days after such judgment(s) becomes nonappealable, unless adequate funds have been reserved or set aside for

the payment thereof and unless (except as otherwise specified in writing by each Rating Agency) the Rating Agency Condition shall have been satisfied; or

(viii) as of any Measurement Date, the failure of a ratio (expressed as a percentage) calculated by dividing (i) the sum of (a) the aggregate Principal Balance as of such Measurement Date of all Pledged Collateral Debt Securities, (b) the aggregate amount of all Principal Proceeds and Uninvested Proceeds held as cash, (c) the aggregate Principal Balance of all Eligible Investments purchased with Principal Proceeds or Uninvested Proceeds and (d) any amount on deposit at such time in the Principal Collection Account or the Uninvested Proceeds Account (without duplication) on such Measurement Date by (ii)(a) after the Class A-1 Notes and the Class A-2 Notes have been paid in full (and the Commitment Period Termination Date has occurred), the aggregate outstanding principal amount of the Class B Notes and the Class C Notes as of such Measurement Date, or (b) after the Class A-1 Notes, the Class A-2 Notes and the Class B Notes have been paid in full (and the Commitment Period Termination Date has occurred), the aggregate outstanding principal amount of the Class C Notes as of such Measurement Date, to be equal to or greater than 100%.

If either of the Co-Issuers obtains knowledge, or has reason to believe, that an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, such Co-Issuer is obligated to promptly notify the Trustee, the Preference Share Paying Agent, the Noteholders, the Collateral Manager, each Hedge Counterparty and each Rating Agency of such Event of Default in writing.

If an Event of Default occurs and is continuing (other than an Event of Default described in clause (vi) under "Events of Default" above), the Trustee (at the direction of the holders of a majority in aggregate outstanding principal amount of the Controlling Class) and otherwise holders of a majority in aggregate outstanding principal amount of the Controlling Class, may (a) declare the principal of and accrued and unpaid interest on and Commitment Fee on all of the Notes to be immediately due and payable and (b) reduce the Aggregate Undrawn Amount of the Class A-1 Notes to zero. If an Event of Default described in clause (vi) above under "Events of Default" occurs, such an acceleration and reduction of Commitments will occur automatically and without any further action. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the sole Event of Default is an Event of Default described in clause (i) or clause (ii) above under "Events of Default" with respect to a default in the payment of any principal of or interest or Commitment Fee on the Notes of a Class other than the Controlling Class, neither the Trustee nor the holders of such non-Controlling Class will have the right to declare such principal and other amounts to be immediately due and payable. Any declaration of acceleration may under certain circumstances be rescinded by the holders of at least a majority in aggregate outstanding principal amount of Notes of the Controlling Class. The "Controlling Class" means the Class A-1 Notes or, if there are no Class A-1 Notes outstanding (and the Commitment Period Termination Date has occurred), *then* the Class A-2 Notes or, if there are no Class A-2 Notes outstanding (and the Commitment Period Termination Date has occurred), *then* the Class B Notes or, if there are no Class B Notes outstanding (and the Commitment Period Termination Date has occurred), *then* the Class C Notes. "Default" means any Event of Default or any occurrence that, with notice or the lapse of time or both, would become an Event of Default.

If an Event of Default occurs and is continuing when any Note is outstanding, the Trustee will retain the Collateral intact and collect all payments in respect of the Collateral and continue making payments in the manner described under "—Priority of Payments" unless:

(A) the Trustee determines that the anticipated net proceeds of a sale or liquidation of such Collateral would be sufficient to discharge in full the amounts then due and unpaid on the Notes for principal, interest (including interest on the Class C Deferred Interest Amount) and Commitment Fee and certain due and unpaid Administrative Expenses, and any accrued and unpaid amounts payable by the Issuer pursuant to any Hedge Agreement, including termination payments, if any (assuming, for this purpose, that a Hedge Agreement has been terminated by reason of an event of default or termination with respect to the Issuer); or

(B) the holders of at least 66 2/3% in aggregate outstanding principal amount of each Class of Notes voting as a separate Class and each Hedge Counterparty (unless no early termination or liquidation payment, including any accrued and unpaid amounts, would be owing by the Issuer to such Hedge Counterparty upon the termination thereof by reason of an event of default under the relevant Hedge Agreement with respect to the Issuer), subject to the provisions of the Indenture, authorize the sale of the Collateral.

If either of the conditions above to the liquidation of the Collateral is satisfied, the Trustee will liquidate the Collateral following an Event of Default and, on the second Business Day (the "Accelerated Maturity Date") following the Business Day on which the Trustee notifies the Issuer, the Collateral Manager and each Rating Agency that such liquidation is completed, apply the proceeds of such liquidation in accordance with the Priority of Payments. The Accelerated Maturity Date will be treated as a Quarterly Distribution Date, and distributions on such date will be made in accordance with the Priority of Payments.

The holders of a majority in aggregate outstanding principal amount of Notes of the Controlling Class will have the right to direct the Trustee in the conduct of any proceedings for any remedy available to the Trustee, *provided* that (i) such direction will not conflict with any rule of law or the Indenture; (ii) the Trustee may take any other action not inconsistent with such direction; (iii) the Trustee has been provided with indemnity satisfactory to it (and the Trustee need not take any action that it determines might involve it in liability unless it has received such indemnity against such liability); and (iv) any direction to undertake a sale of the Collateral may be made only as described in the preceding paragraph.

Pursuant to the Indenture, as security for the payment by the Issuer of the compensation and expenses of the Trustee and any sums the Trustee may be entitled to receive as indemnification by the Issuer, the Issuer will grant the Trustee a lien on the Collateral, which lien is senior to the lien of the Secured Parties. The Trustee's lien will be exercisable by the Trustee only if the Notes have been declared due and payable following an Event of Default and such acceleration has not been rescinded or annulled.

Subject to the provisions of the Indenture relating to the duties of the Trustee, in case an Event of Default occurs and is continuing, the Trustee will be under no obligation to exercise any

of the rights or powers under the Indenture at the request of any holders of any of the Notes, unless such holders have offered to the Trustee reasonable security or indemnity.

The holders of a majority in aggregate outstanding principal amount of Notes of the Controlling Class, acting together with the Hedge Counterparties, may, prior to the time a judgment or decree for the payment of money due has been obtained by the Trustee, waive any past default on behalf of the holders of all the Notes and its consequences (including rescinding the acceleration of the Notes), except a default in the payment of the principal of any Note or in the payment of interest (including any Defaulted Interest or interest on Defaulted Interest) on the Notes, in respect of a provision of the Indenture that cannot be modified or amended without the waiver or consent of the holder of each outstanding Note affected thereby, or arising as a result of an Event of Default described in clause (vi) above under "Events of Default."

No holder of a Note will have the right to institute any proceeding with respect to the Indenture unless (i) such holder previously has given to the Trustee written notice of an Event of Default, (ii) except in certain cases of a default in the payment of principal or interest, the holders of at least 25% in aggregate outstanding principal amount of the Notes of the Controlling Class have made a written request upon the Trustee to institute such proceedings in its own name as Trustee and such holders have offered the Trustee reasonable indemnity, (iii) the Trustee has for 30 days failed to institute any such proceeding and (iv) no direction inconsistent with such written request has been given to the Trustee during such 30 day period by the holders of a majority in aggregate outstanding principal amount of the Notes of the Controlling Class.

If the Trustee shall receive conflicting or inconsistent requests (each with indemnity provisions) from two or more groups of holders of the Notes of the Controlling Class, each representing less than a majority of the Controlling Class, the Trustee shall follow the instructions of the group representing the higher percentage of interest in the Controlling Class.

In determining whether the holders of the requisite percentage of Notes have given any direction, notice, consent or waiver, (i) Notes owned by the Issuer, the Co-Issuer or any affiliate thereof shall be disregarded and deemed not to be outstanding and (ii) in relation to any assignment or termination of any of the express rights of the Collateral Manager under the Collateral Management Agreement or the Indenture (including the exercise of any right to remove the Collateral Manager or terminate the Collateral Management Agreement or approve or object to a replacement officer for a key person), or any amendment or other modification of the Collateral Management Agreement or the Indenture increasing the rights or decreasing the obligations of the Collateral Manager, Notes owned by the Collateral Manager or any of its Affiliates, or by any accounts managed by them, shall be disregarded and deemed not to be outstanding. The Collateral Manager and its Affiliates will be entitled to vote Notes owned or controlled by them, or by accounts managed by them, with respect to all other matters.

Notices

Notices to the Noteholders will be given by first-class mail, postage prepaid, to the registered holders of the Notes at their address appearing in the Note Register.

Modification of the Indenture

With the consent of (x) the holders of not less than a majority in aggregate outstanding principal amount of the outstanding Notes of each Class materially and adversely affected thereby and a Majority-in-Interest of Preference Shareholders (if the Preference Shares are materially and adversely affected thereby) and (y) each Hedge Counterparty (if its consent thereto is required pursuant to the related Hedge Agreement) delivered by each such Hedge Counterparty to the Trustee and the Co-Issuers, the Trustee and Co-Issuers may enter into one or more supplemental indentures to add provisions to, or change in any manner or eliminate any provisions of, the Indenture or modify in any manner the rights of the holders of the Notes of such Class or the Preference Shares or such Hedge Counterparty, as the case may be, under the Indenture. Unless notified by holders of a majority in aggregate outstanding principal amount of any Class of Notes or by a Majority-in-Interest of Preference Shareholders that such Class of Notes or the Preference Shares, as the case may be, will be materially and adversely affected by, or by any Hedge Counterparty that such Hedge Counterparty is entitled to consent to, such change the Trustee may, consistent with an officer's certificate of the Issuer or the Collateral Manager or an opinion of counsel provided by and at the expense of the party seeking such amendment (on which it shall be entitled to rely), determine whether or not such Class of Notes or the Preference Shares would be materially and adversely affected by such change or any Hedge Counterparty would be required to provide consent pursuant to the related Hedge Agreement (after giving notice of such change to the holders of such Class of Notes, the Preference Shareholders and each Hedge Counterparty). Such determination shall be conclusive and binding on all present and future holders of the Notes, the Preference Shareholders and the Hedge Counterparties.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Trustee may not enter into any supplemental indenture (other than to conform the Indenture to the Offering Circular) without the consent of each holder of each outstanding Note of each Class and each Preference Shareholder adversely affected thereby (which consent shall be evidenced by an officer's certificate of the Issuer certifying that such consent has been obtained) and each Hedge Counterparty (if its consent to such supplemental indenture is required pursuant to the related Hedge Agreement) if such supplemental indenture (i) changes the Stated Maturity of the principal of or the due date of any installment of interest or Commitment Fee on any Note, reduces the principal amount thereof or the rate of interest or Commitment Fee thereon, or the redemption price with respect thereto, changes the earliest date on which the Issuer may redeem any Note, changes the provisions of the Indenture relating to the application of proceeds of any Collateral to the payment of principal of or interest or Commitment Fee on the Notes or distributions on the Preference Shares, changes any place where, or the coin or currency in which, any Note or the principal thereof or interest or Commitment Fee thereon is payable, or impairs the right to institute suit for the enforcement of any such payment on or after the Stated Maturity thereof (or, in the case of redemption, on or after the applicable redemption date) or changes the date on which any distribution in respect of the Preference Shares is payable, (ii) reduces the percentage in aggregate outstanding principal amount of holders of Notes of each Class or the percentage of holders of Preference Shares (as applicable) whose consent is required for the authorization of any supplemental indenture or for any waiver of compliance with certain provisions of the Indenture or certain defaults thereunder or their consequences or to request that the Trustee preserve the Collateral pledged under the

Indenture or rescind the Trustee's election to preserve the Collateral or to sell or liquidate the Collateral pursuant to the Indenture, (iii) impairs or adversely affects the Collateral pledged under the Indenture except as otherwise permitted thereby, (iv) permits the creation of any lien ranking prior to or on a parity with the lien created by the Indenture with respect to any part of the Collateral or terminates such lien on any property at any time subject thereto (other than in connection with the sale thereof in accordance with the Indenture) or deprives the holder of any Note of the security afforded by the lien created by the Indenture, (v) modifies any of the provisions of the Indenture with respect to supplemental indentures requiring the consent of Noteholders except to increase the percentage of the aggregate outstanding amount of holders of Notes of each Class or the percentage of holders of Preference Shares (as applicable) whose consent is required for any action or to provide that other provisions of the Indenture cannot be modified or waived without the consent of the holder of each outstanding Note affected thereby, (vi) modifies the definition of the term "Outstanding," the definition of the term "Event of Default" or the subordination or priority of payments provisions of the Indenture, (vii) changes the permitted minimum denominations of any Class of Notes, (viii) modifies any of the provisions of the Indenture in such a manner as to affect the calculation of the amount of any payment of interest on or principal of any Note or the right of the holders of Notes to the benefit of any provisions for the redemption of such Notes contained therein or to adversely affect the rights of the Preference Shareholders to the benefit of any provisions for the redemption of the Preference Shares contained therein, or (ix) amends the "non-petition" or "limited recourse" provisions of the Indenture or the Notes. The Trustee may not enter into any supplemental indenture unless the Rating Condition shall have been satisfied with respect to such supplemental indenture or the consent of each adversely affected holder of Notes has been obtained with respect thereto. This paragraph will not be applicable to the amendments made on the Closing Date by the Class A-2 Agency and Amending Agreement (or any amendment made to the Class A-2 Agency and Amending Agreement thereafter).

The Co-Issuers and the Trustee may also enter into supplemental indentures without obtaining the consent of holders of any Notes, the Preference Shareholders or the Hedge Counterparties (except to the extent required in the Initial Interest Rate Hedge Agreement) in order to (i) evidence the succession of any person to the Issuer or the Co-Issuer and the assumption by such successor of the covenants in the Indenture and the Notes, (ii) add to the covenants of the Co-Issuers or the Trustee for the benefit of the holders of all of the Notes or surrender any right or power conferred upon the Co-Issuers, (iii) convey, transfer, assign, mortgage or pledge any property to the Trustee for the benefit of the Secured Parties, (iv) evidence and provide for the acceptance of appointment by a successor trustee and to add to or change any of the provisions of the Indenture as shall be necessary to facilitate the administration of the trusts under the Indenture by more than one Trustee, (v) correct or amplify the description of any property at any time subject to the lien created by the Indenture, or to better assure, convey and confirm unto the Trustee any property subject or required to be subject to the lien created by the Indenture (including, without limitation, any and all actions necessary or desirable as a result of changes in law or regulations) or to subject to the lien created by the Indenture any additional property, (vi) modify the restrictions on and procedures for resales and other transfers of the Notes to reflect any changes in applicable law or regulation (or the interpretation thereof) or in accordance with the USA PATRIOT Act, the Proceeds of Criminal Conduct Law (2001 Revision) (enacted in the Cayman Islands), The Money Laundering

Regulations (2003 Revision) (enacted in the Cayman Islands) and any other similar applicable laws or regulations or to enable the Co-Issuers to rely upon any less restrictive exemption from registration under the Securities Act or the Investment Company Act or to remove restrictions on resale and transfer to the extent not required thereunder, (vii) correct any inconsistency, defect or ambiguity in the Indenture, (viii) obtain ratings on one or more Classes of the Notes from any rating agency, (ix) accommodate the issuance of Preference Shares to be held through the facilities of DTC, Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg or otherwise or the listing of the Preference Shares on any exchange or the issuance of additional Preference Shares, (x) make non-material administrative changes as the Co-Issuers deem appropriate, (xi) avoid imposition of tax on the net income of the Issuer or the Co-Issuer or of withholding tax on any payment to the Issuer or the Co-Issuer or to avoid the Issuer or the Co-Issuer being required to register as an investment company under the Investment Company Act, (xii) accommodate the issuance of any Class of Notes as Definitive Notes, (xiii) to correct any non-material error in any provision of the Indenture upon receipt by the Trustee of written direction from the Issuer describing in reasonable detail such error and the modification necessary to correct such error, (xiv) conform the Indenture to this Offering Circular or (xv) amend or otherwise to modify (a) if the Rating Condition with respect to Moody's is satisfied, (1) the matrix attached as Part I of Schedule A hereto, (2) the Moody's Minimum Weighted Average Recovery Rate Test, the Moody's Maximum Rating Distribution Test, the Moody's Minimum Weighted Average A Recovery Rate Test or the Diversity Test or (3) any reference herein to "Moody's Rating" or a rating assigned by Moody's, (b) if the Rating Condition with respect to Standard & Poor's is satisfied, the matrix attached as Part II of Schedule A hereto or any reference herein to "Standard & Poor's Rating" or a rating assigned by Standard & Poor's or (c) if the Rating Condition with respect to Fitch is satisfied, the matrix attached as Part III of Schedule A hereto, the Fitch Weighted Average Rating Factor Test or any reference herein to "Fitch Rating" or a rating assigned by Fitch; *provided* that, in each such case (other than clause (xiv)), such supplemental indenture would not materially and adversely affect any holder of Notes or any Preference Shareholders or require the consent of any Hedge Counterparty. Unless notified by (i) holders of a majority in aggregate outstanding principal amount of Notes of any Class or by a Majority-in-Interest of Preference Shareholders that such Class or Preference Shareholders will be materially and adversely affected by such change or (ii) any Hedge Counterparty that such Hedge Counterparty is entitled to give its consent to such change, the Trustee may rely upon an officer's certificate of the Issuer or an opinion of counsel, provided by and at the expense of the party requesting such supplemental indenture, as to whether the interests of any holder of Notes or Preference Shareholder would be materially and adversely affected by any such supplemental indenture or Hedge Counterparty is entitled to consent to such supplemental indenture (after giving notice of such change to each holder of Notes, Preference Shareholder and the Hedge Counterparties). The Trustee may not enter into any supplemental indenture described in clause (vi) or (vii) of this paragraph without the written consent of the Collateral Manager. In addition, the Trustee may not enter into any supplemental indenture without the written consent of the Collateral Manager if such supplemental indenture alters the material rights or obligations of the Collateral Manager in any respect, and the Collateral Manager will not be bound by any such supplemental indenture unless the Collateral Manager has consented thereto. The Trustee shall not enter into any such supplemental indenture if, with respect to such supplemental indenture, the Rating Condition would not be satisfied; *provided* that the Trustee may, with the consent of the holders of 100% of the aggregate outstanding amount of Notes of each affected Class, enter into any

such supplemental indenture notwithstanding that the Rating Condition would not be satisfied with respect to such supplemental indenture, *provided* that notice of such consent is provided to the Rating Agencies.

The Issuer may amend the Class A-2 Agency and Amending Agreement if such amendment is made in compliance with the Class A-2 Agency and Amending Agreement.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this section, if any of the Rating Agencies changes the method of calculating any of its respective Collateral Quality Tests (a "Collateral Quality Test Modification") or any of the respective Coverage Tests (a "Coverage Test Modification"), the Issuer may incorporate corresponding changes into the Indenture without the consent of the holders of the Notes and Preference Shares (i) (A) in the case of a Collateral Quality Test Modification, if the Rating Condition is satisfied with respect to the Rating Agency that made such change or (B) in the case of a Coverage Test Modification, if the Rating Condition is satisfied with respect to each Rating Agency then rating the Notes, and (ii) if notice of such change is delivered by the Collateral Manager to the Trustee and to the holders of the Notes and Preference Shares (which notice may be included in the next regular report to Noteholders). Any such modification shall be effected without execution of a supplemental indenture.

Modification of Certain Other Documents

Prior to entering into any amendment to the Account Control Agreement, the Collateral Management Agreement, the Collateral Administration Agreement, the Class A-1 Note Purchase Agreement, the Administration Agreement or any Hedge Agreement, the Issuer is required by the Indenture to obtain the written confirmation of each Rating Agency that the entry by the Issuer into such amendment satisfies the Rating Condition. Prior to entering into any waiver in respect of any of the foregoing agreements, the Issuer is required to provide each Rating Agency, each Hedge Counterparty and the Trustee with written notice of such waiver. The amendment to and waiver of provisions of the Collateral Management Agreement are also subject to additional restrictions as described herein under "The Collateral Management Agreement." Each of the Hedge Counterparties, certain Synthetic Security Counterparties, the Collateral Manager and each Preference Shareholder will be an express third party beneficiary of the Indenture.

Consolidation, Merger or Transfer of Assets

Except under the limited circumstances set forth in the Indenture, neither the Issuer nor the Co-Issuer may consolidate with, merge into, or transfer or convey all or substantially all of its assets to, any other corporation, partnership, trust or other person or entity.

Petitions for Bankruptcy

The Indenture provides that the holders of the Notes (other than the Controlling Class of Notes) agree not to cause the filing of a petition for winding up or a petition in bankruptcy against the Issuer or the Co-Issuer before one year and one day have elapsed since the final payments to the holders of the Controlling Class of Notes or, if longer, the applicable preference period then in effect.

Satisfaction and Discharge of Indenture

The Indenture will be discharged with respect to the Collateral upon delivery to the Trustee for cancellation of all of the Notes, or, subject to certain limitations, upon deposit with the Trustee of funds sufficient for the payment or redemption of the Notes and the payment by the Co-Issuers of all other amounts due under the Notes, the Indenture, the Hedge Agreements, the Collateral Administration Agreement, the Administration Agreement and the Collateral Management Agreement.

Trustee

JPMorgan Chase Bank will be the Trustee under the Indenture. The Co-Issuers and their respective affiliates may maintain other banking relationships in the ordinary course of business with the Trustee. The payment of the fees and expenses of the Trustee is solely the obligation of the Co-Issuers. The Trustee and its affiliates may receive compensation in connection with the investment of trust assets in certain Eligible Investments as provided in the Indenture. Eligible Investments may include investments for which the Trustee and/or its affiliates provide services. The Indenture contains provisions for the indemnification of the Trustee for any loss, liability or expense incurred without negligence, willful misconduct or bad faith on its part, arising out of or in connection with the acceptance or administration of the Indenture. Pursuant to the Indenture, the Issuer has granted to the Trustee a lien senior to that of the Noteholders to secure payment by the Issuer of the compensation and expenses of the Trustee and any sums the Trustee may be entitled to receive as indemnification by the Issuer under the Indenture (subject to the dollar limitations set forth in the Priority of Payments with respect to any Quarterly Distribution Date), which lien the Trustee is entitled to exercise only under certain circumstances. In the Indenture, the Trustee will agree not to cause the filing of a petition for winding up or a petition in bankruptcy against the Co-Issuers for nonpayment to the Trustee of amounts payable thereunder until at least one year and one day, or if longer, the applicable preference period then in effect, after the payment in full of all of the Notes. Pursuant to the Indenture, the Trustee may resign at any time by providing 30 days' notice and the Trustee may be removed at any time by Holders of 66 2/3% of the Aggregate Outstanding Amount of Notes or at any time when an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing by a Holders of 66 2/3% of the Aggregate Outstanding Amount of Notes of the Controlling Class. However, no resignation or removal of the Trustee will become effective until the acceptance of appointment by a successor Trustee pursuant to the terms of the Indenture. If the Trustee shall resign or be removed, the Trustee shall also resign as Paying Agent, Calculation Agent, Registrar and any other capacity in which the Trustee is then acting pursuant to the Indenture.

Tax Characterization

The Issuer intends to treat the Notes as debt instruments of the Issuer for U.S. Federal, state and local income tax purposes, unless and until an applicable taxing authority requires otherwise. The Indenture will provide that each holder, by accepting a Note, agrees to such treatment and not to take any action inconsistent with such treatment.

Governing Law

The Indenture, the Investor Application Forms, the Notes, the Preference Share Paying Agency Agreement, the Collateral Administration Agreement, the Hedge Agreements, the Class A-1 Note Purchase Agreement, the Collateral Management Agreement, the Account Control Agreement, the Class A-2 Agency and Amending Agreement, the Class A-2 Account Control Agreement and the Trust Documents will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the law of the State of New York. The Administration Agreement will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the law of the Cayman Islands.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERENCE SHARES

The Preference Shares will be issued pursuant to the Issuer Charter and the resolutions of the Issuer's board of directors and in accordance with a Preference Share Paying Agency Agreement (the "Preference Share Paying Agency Agreement") among JPMorgan Chase Bank, as preference share paying agent (in such capacity, the "Preference Share Paying Agent"), Maples Finance Limited and the Issuer and will be subscribed to in accordance with the terms of the Investor Application Forms for Preference Shares. The following summary describes certain provisions of the Preference Shares, the Issuer Charter, the Preference Share Paying Agency Agreement and the Investor Application Forms. This summary does not purport to be complete and is subject to, and qualified in its entirety by reference to, the provisions of the Issuer Charter, the Preference Share Paying Agency Agreement and the Investor Application Forms for Preference Shares. After the Closing Date, copies of the Issuer Charter, the Preference Share Paying Agency Agreement and the form of Investor Application Form for Preference Shares may be obtained by prospective investors upon request in writing to the Preference Share Paying Agent at 600 Travis Street, 50th Floor, JPMorgan Chase Tower, Houston, Texas, Attention: Institutional Trust Services – Cascade Funding CDO I, Ltd.

Status

The Issuer is authorized to issue 7,700 Preference Shares, par value U.S.\$0.01 per share, at an issue price of U.S.\$1,000 per share, having a liquidation preference of U.S.\$1,000 per share. The Preference Shares are participating shares in the capital of the Issuer and will rank *pari passu* with respect to distributions.

Distributions

On each Quarterly Distribution Date, to the extent funds are available therefor, Interest Proceeds will be released from the lien of the Indenture for payment to the Preference Share Paying Agent only after the payment of interest on the Notes and, in certain circumstances, principal due in respect of the Notes and the payment of certain other amounts in accordance with the Priority of Payments, *provided* that, on each Quarterly Distribution Date on which any Class C Notes are outstanding, the amount of Interest Proceeds released from the lien of the Indenture for payment to the Preference Shareholders shall be limited to the amount sufficient to permit the Preference Shareholders to achieve an annualized Dividend Yield of 12% per annum on the original aggregate liquidation preference of the Preference Shares. Any Interest Proceeds permitted to be released from the lien of the Indenture and paid to the Preference Share Paying

Agent will be distributed to the Preference Shareholders on each Quarterly Distribution Date. Until the Notes and certain other amounts have been paid in full, Principal Proceeds are not permitted to be released from the lien of the Indenture and will not be available to make distributions in respect of the Preference Shares. See "Description of the Notes—Interest Proceeds" and "—Principal Proceeds" and "Security for the Notes."

Subject to provisions of Cayman Islands law and the Issuer Charter governing the declaration and payment of dividends, after the Notes and certain other amounts have been paid in full, Interest Proceeds and Principal Proceeds will be released from the lien of the Indenture in accordance with the Priority of Payments and paid to the Preference Share Paying Agent on each Quarterly Distribution Date for distribution to the Preference Shareholders on such Quarterly Distribution Date. Cayman Islands law provides that dividends may only be paid by the Issuer if the Issuer has funds lawfully available for such purpose. Dividends may be paid out of profit and out of the Issuer's share premium account (which includes subscription monies in excess of the par value of each share), *provided* that the Issuer will be solvent immediately following the date of such payment.

Distributions on any Preference Share will be made to the person in whose name such Preference Share is registered fifteen days prior to the applicable Quarterly Distribution Date (the "Record Date"). Payments will be made by wire transfer in immediately available funds to a Dollar account maintained by the holder thereof appearing in the Preference Share Register in accordance with wire transfer instructions received from such holder by the Preference Share Paying Agent on or before the Record Date or, if no wire transfer instructions are received by the Preference Share Paying Agent, by a Dollar check drawn on a bank in the United States. Final distributions or payments made in the course of a winding up will be made only against surrender of the certificate representing such Preference Shares at the office of the Preference Share Registrar or at the New York office of the Preference Share Paying Agent.

Upon liquidation of the Issuer, distributions of property other than cash may be made under certain circumstances specified in the Issuer Charter. The amount of such non-cash distributions will be accounted for at the fair market value, as determined in good faith by the liquidator of the Issuer, of the property distributed. See "—The Issuer Charter—Dissolution; Liquidating Distributions."

If either of the Coverage Tests is not satisfied on the Determination Date related to any Quarterly Distribution Date, Interest Proceeds and then Principal Proceeds that would otherwise be distributed to Preference Shareholders on the related Quarterly Distribution Date (subject to the payment of certain other amounts prior thereto) will be used instead to repay principal of the Notes in accordance with the Priority of Payments. In addition, if a Rating Confirmation Failure occurs, funds that would otherwise be distributed to the Preference Shareholders (subject to the payment of certain other amounts prior thereto) will be used to redeem the Notes to the extent necessary (after the application of Uninvested Proceeds for such purpose) to obtain a Rating Confirmation from each Rating Agency. See "Description of the Notes—Priority of Payments."

In addition, on each Quarterly Distribution Date to the extent that the Preference Shareholders have received an annualized Dividend Yield of 12% per annum on such date, if the

Class C Notes have not been redeemed in full, Interest Proceeds that would otherwise be released from the lien of the Indenture and paid to the Preference Share Paying Agent for distribution to the Preference Shareholders will be applied to pay principal of the Class C Notes until such Class of Notes has been paid in full. See "Description of the Notes—Mandatory Redemption" and "—Priority of Payments—Interest Proceeds."

Optional Redemption of the Preference Shares

On any Quarterly Distribution Date on or after the Quarterly Distribution Date on which the Notes have been paid in full, the Preference Shares may be redeemed (in whole but not in part) at the direction of a Majority-in-Interest of Preference Shareholders given not less than 15 Business Days prior to such Quarterly Distribution Date at a redemption price per share equal to (x) the proceeds from the liquidation of the assets of the Issuer minus the costs and expenses of such liquidation minus the amount required to establish adequate reserves to meet all contingent, unliquidated liabilities or obligations of the Issuer minus a payment to the holders of the ordinary shares of the Issuer an amount equal to U.S.\$2.00 per share divided by (y) the number of Preference Shares.

The Issuer Charter

The following summary describes certain provisions of the Issuer Charter, the Indenture, the Preference Share Paying Agency Agreement and the Collateral Management Agreement. The summary does not purport to be complete and is subject to, and qualified in its entirety by reference to, the provisions of the Issuer Charter, the Indenture, the Preference Share Paying Agency Agreement and the Collateral Management Agreement.

Notices

Notices to the Preference Shareholders will be given by first class mail, postage prepaid, to the registered holders of the Preference Shares at their address appearing in the Preference Share Register.

Voting Rights

Set forth below is a summary of certain matters with respect to which Preference Shareholders are entitled to vote. This summary is not meant to be an exhaustive list, and, subject to covenants made by each Preference Shareholder in the Investor Application Forms for Preference Shares (in the case of initial purchasers of the Preference Shares) and in the transfer certificates (in the case of transferees of the Preference Shares), the Indenture, the Preference Share Paying Agency Agreement and the Collateral Management Agreement, the Issuer Charter and Cayman Islands law afford Preference Shareholders of the Issuer the right to vote on matters in addition to those mentioned below.

Redemption of the Preference Shares: On any Quarterly Distribution Date on or after the Quarterly Distribution Date on which the Notes have been paid in full, the Preference Shares may be redeemed (in whole but not in part) at the direction of a Majority-in-

Interest of Preference Shareholders, as described above under "—Optional Redemption of the Preference Shares."

The Interest Rate Hedge Agreement: Subject to satisfaction of the Rating Condition with respect to such reduction, the Issuer may, on any Quarterly Distribution Date, reduce the notional amount of any interest rate swap or cap outstanding under the Interest Rate Hedge Agreement upon written notice to the Preference Shareholders, *provided* that a Majority in Interest of Preference Shareholders does not object to such reduction within five Business Days after receipt of such notice. In the event of any such reduction, the Interest Rate Hedge Counterparty or the Issuer may be required to make a termination payment in respect of such reduction to the other party.

The Collateral Management Agreement: For a description of certain of the provisions relating to the termination of the Collateral Management Agreement, the objection to the appointment of a replacement Collateral Manager and the objection to a replacement for certain key individuals associated with the Collateral Manager, see "The Collateral Management Agreement."

The Indenture: The Issuer is not permitted to enter into a supplemental indenture (other than a supplemental indenture that does not require the consent of Noteholders) without the consent of a Majority-in-Interest of Preference Shareholders. The Issuer is not permitted to enter into a supplemental indenture without the consent of Preference Shareholders whose Voting Percentages equal 100% of the Voting Percentages of all Preference Shareholders if such supplemental indenture would have the effect of (i) amending the manner in which the proceeds of the Collateral are applied on any Quarterly Distribution Date (including by amending any provision of the Priority of Payments or the manner in which principal of and interest or Commitment Fee on any Class of Notes is calculated); (ii) extending the Stated Maturity of any Class of Notes or changing the date on which any distribution in respect of the Preference Shares is payable; (iii) changing the earliest date on which each Class of the Notes may be redeemed; (iv) impairing or adversely affecting the Collateral (except as otherwise expressly permitted by the Indenture); (v) permitting the creation of any lien ranking prior to or on a parity with the lien of the Indenture with respect to any part of the Collateral; or (vi) changing the voting percentages required for any action to be taken, or any consent or waiver to be given, by the Preference Shareholders.

Preference Share Paying Agency Agreement: The Issuer is not permitted to consent to any amendment of the Preference Share Paying Agency Agreement without the consent of Preference Shareholders whose Voting Percentages equal 100% of the Voting Percentages of all Preference Shareholders if such amendment would (i) reduce in any manner the amount of, or delay the timing of, or change the allocation of, the payment of any dividends or final distributions on the Preference Shares or (ii) reduce the Voting Percentage of Preference Shareholders required to consent to any amendment to the Preference Share Paying Agency Agreement that requires the consent the Preference Shareholders.

Modification of the Issuer Charter

The Issuer Charter may be amended by at least a Special-Majority-in-Interest of Preference Shareholders. However, each initial purchaser of Preference Shares will be required to represent and agree in an Investor Application Form for Preference Shares (and each transferee of Preference Shares will be required to covenant in a transfer certificate) that any modification of the Issuer Charter will require the affirmative vote of 100% of the Voting Percentages of all Preference Shareholders. Any amendment of the Issuer Charter not in accordance with the provisions of the Indenture will constitute an Event of Default under the Indenture.

Dissolution; Liquidating Distributions

The Issuer will be wound up on the earliest to occur of (i) at any time on or after the date that is one year and two days after the Stated Maturity of the Notes, upon the Shareholders' determination to dissolve the Issuer, (ii) at any time after the sale or other disposition of all of the Issuer's assets, upon the Shareholders' determination to dissolve the Issuer, (iii) at any time after the Notes are paid in full, upon the Shareholders' determination to dissolve the Issuer and (iv) on the date of a winding up pursuant to the provisions of or as contemplated by the Companies Law (2003 Revision) of the Cayman Islands as then in effect. The Directors of the Issuer currently intend, in the event that the Preference Shares are not redeemed at the option of a Majority-in-Interest of Preference Shareholders following the repayment in full of the Notes, to liquidate all of the Issuer's remaining investments in an orderly manner and distribute the proceeds of such liquidation to the Preference Shareholders. However, there can be no assurance that the Notes will be repaid before their Stated Maturity. See "Maturity, Prepayment and Yield Considerations" and "Risk Factors Average Life and Prepayment Considerations."

On the dissolution of the Issuer, its affairs will be wound up and its assets sold or distributed. Subject to the terms of the Indenture, the Issuer Charter and Cayman Islands law, the assets of the Issuer shall be applied in the following order of priority:

- (1) *first*, to pay the costs and expenses of the winding up, liquidation and termination of the Issuer;
- (2) *second*, to creditors of the Issuer, in the order of priority provided by law;
- (3) *third*, to establish reserves adequate to meet any and all contingent, unliquidated liabilities or obligations of the Issuer, *provided* that at the expiration of a period not exceeding three years after the final liquidation distribution, the balance of such reserves remaining after the payment of such contingencies or liabilities shall be distributed in the manner described herein;
- (4) *fourth*, to pay the Preference Shareholders a sum equal to the aggregate liquidation preferences of the Preference Shares;
- (5) *fifth*, to pay the holders of the ordinary shares the nominal amount paid up thereon and the sum of U.S.\$2.00 per ordinary share; and

(6) *sixth*, to pay to the Preference Shareholders the balance remaining.

Consolidation, Merger or Transfer of Assets

Except under the limited circumstances set forth in the Issuer Charter, the Indenture and Cayman Islands Law, the Issuer may not consolidate with, merge into, or transfer or convey all or substantially all of its assets to, any other corporation, partnership, trust or other person or entity.

Petitions for Bankruptcy

Each Original Purchaser of Preference Shares will be required to covenant in an Investor Application Form (and each transferee of Preference Shares will be required to covenant in a transfer certificate) that it will not cause the filing of a petition in bankruptcy against the Issuer before one year and one day have elapsed since the payment in full of the Notes or, if longer, the applicable preference period then in effect.

Governing Law

The Preference Share Paying Agency Agreement and the Investor Application Forms will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the law of the State of New York. The Issuer Charter will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the Cayman Islands.

Certain Definitions

As used herein, the following definitions have the following respective meanings:

"IRR" means an annualized internal rate of return on the Preference Shares, calculated using the "XIRR" function in Microsoft Excel 2000, or an equivalent function in another software package. The "IRR" will, as of any date, be equal to the per annum discount rate at which the sum of the following cashflows is equal to zero (assuming discounting on a quarterly basis as of each Quarterly Distribution Date on the basis of a 365 day year and actual days elapsed), calculated from the Closing Date: (1) the original aggregate liquidation preference of the Preference Shares issued on the Closing Date (which will be deemed to be negative for purposes of this calculation) and (2) the amount of each distribution, if any, on the Preference Shares on each Quarterly Distribution Date (which will be deemed to be positive for such purposes).

"Majority-in-Interest of Preference Shareholders" means at any time, Preference Shareholders whose aggregate Voting Percentages at such time exceed 50% of all Preference Shareholders' Voting Percentages at such time.

"Master Forward Sale Agreement" means the Master Forward Sale Agreement dated as of the Closing Date between Merrill Lynch International and the Issuer.

"Preference Share Redemption Date Amount" means in respect of any Quarterly Distribution Date, the amount required (after taking into account any dividends or other

distributions made or to be made to the holders of the Preference Shares on such Quarterly Distribution Date and all prior Quarterly Distribution Dates in accordance with the Priority of Payments) to ensure that, after distribution of such amount to the Preference Shareholders, such Preference Shareholders shall have received an IRR of not less than 8% per annum on the Preference Shares for the period from the Closing Date to such Quarterly Distribution Date.

"Reg Y Institution" means any Preference Shareholder that is, or is controlled by a person that is, subject to the provisions of Regulation Y of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System of the United States or any successor to such regulation, but excludes, in any event, (a) any "qualifying foreign banking organization" within the meaning of Regulation Y of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (12 C.F.R. Section 211.23) that has booked its investment in the Preference Shares outside the United States and (b) any financial holding company or subsidiary of a financial holding company authorized to engage in merchant banking activities pursuant to Section 4(k)(4)(H) of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, as amended.

"Special-Majority-in-Interest of Preference Shareholders" means at any time, Preference Shareholders whose aggregate Voting Percentages at such time exceed 66 2/3% of all Preference Shareholders' Voting Percentages at such time.

"Voting Factor" means at any time, a number obtained by (a) calculating the percentage obtained by multiplying 4.99% by the number of Reg Y Institutions (each, a "Voting Constrained Shareholder") as to which the ratio (expressed as a percentage) of the number of Preference Shares held by such Reg Y Institution at such time divided by the aggregate number of Preference Shares held by all Preference Shareholders at such time exceeds 4.99% (or would, after giving effect to the calculation of the "Voting Factor" for each Preference Shareholder, exceed 4.99% in the absence of (x) this parenthetical and (y) the provision in the definition of "Voting Percentage" limiting the Voting Percentage of a Reg Y Institution to 4.99%), (b) subtracting the percentage obtained in clause (a) above from 100% and (c) dividing the percentage obtained in clause (b) above by the percentage obtained by dividing (i) the aggregate number of Preference Shares held by all Preference Shareholders other than Voting Constrained Shareholders by (ii) the aggregate number of Preference Shares held by all Preference Shareholders; *provided* that, for the purposes of this definition and the definitions of "Voting Percentage" and "Voting Preference Shares," any Preference Shares owned by the Issuer, the Co-Issuer or any other obligor upon the Notes or any Affiliate thereof will be disregarded and deemed not to be outstanding.

"Voting Percentage" means in respect of a Preference Shareholder at any time, (a) for any Preference Shareholder which is a Reg Y Institution, the lesser of (i) 4.99% and (ii) a percentage equal to the number of Preference Shares held by such Reg Y Institution at such time multiplied by the Voting Factor at such time divided by the aggregate number of Preference Shares held by all Preference Shareholders at such time and (b) for any Preference Shareholder other than a Reg Y Institution, a percentage equal to the number of Preference Shares held by such Preference Shareholder at such time multiplied by the Voting Factor at such time divided by the aggregate number of Preference Shares held by all Preference Shareholders at such time.

"Voting Preference Shares" means at any time, the number of Preference Shares equal to the Voting Percentage of such Preference Shareholder at such time multiplied by the aggregate number of Preference Shares held by all Preference Shareholders at such time.

Form, Registration and Transfer

General

(i) Preference Shares that are sold or transferred outside the United States to persons that are not U.S. Persons ("Regulation S Preference Shares") will be represented by either (i) one or more permanent global preference share certificates (each, a "Regulation S Global Preference Share") or (ii) preference share certificates in definitive, fully registered form, registered in the name of the legal and beneficial owner thereof ("Regulation S Definitive Preference Shares"). By acquisition of a Regulation S Preference Share, any purchaser thereof will be required to represent and warrant in a transfer certificate (in the case of the Regulation S Definitive Preference Shares) or be deemed to represent and warrant (in the case of the Regulation S Global Preference Shares) that (a) it is not a U.S. Person and is purchasing such Regulation S Preference Share for its own account and not for the account or benefit of a U.S. Person and (b) if in the future it decides to transfer such Regulation S Preference Share, it will transfer such Regulation S Preference Share to a person that is not a U.S. Person only in an offshore transaction in accordance with Regulation S or to a person who takes delivery in the form of a Restricted Definitive Preference Share. Preference Shares that are sold or transferred to a U.S. Person or in the United States in reliance upon the exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act provided by Section 4(2) thereof will be represented by certificates ("Restricted Definitive Preference Shares"; the Restricted Definitive Preference Shares and Regulation S Definitive Preference Shares are collectively referred to as the "Definitive Preference Shares") in definitive, fully registered form, registered in the name of the legal and beneficial owner thereof. Any purchaser of Preference Shares issued on the Closing Date, with the consent of the Initial Purchaser, in a number less than the minimum trading lot will be required to hold Regulation S Definitive Preference Shares.

(ii) The Preference Shares will be subject to the restrictions on transfer set forth in this Offering Circular under "Transfer Restrictions." Preference Shares may not be transferred if, after giving effect to such transfer, the transferee (or, if the transferor retains any Preference Shares, the transferor) would own less than 100 Preference Shares.

(iii) JPMorgan Chase Bank has been appointed as transfer agent with respect to the Preference Shares (the "Preference Share Paying Agent").

(iv) The Preference Shares are not issuable in bearer form.

(v) The Administrator has been appointed as Preference Share Registrar (the "Preference Share Registrar"). The Preference Share Registrar will provide for the registration of Preference Shares and the registration of transfers of Preference Shares in the register maintained by it (the "Preference Share Register"). Written instruments of transfer are available at the office of the Issuer and the office of the Preference Share Paying Agent.

(vi) The Issuer is authorized to issue (a) 7,700 Preference Shares, par value U.S.\$0.01 per share, having a liquidation preference of U.S.\$1,000 per share.

Transfer and Exchange

(i) Transfers by a holder of a beneficial interest in a Regulation S Global Preference Share or a Regulation S Definitive Preference Share to a transferee who takes delivery of a Restricted Definitive Preference Share will be made (a) in the case of a transfer by a holder of a beneficial interest in a Regulation S Global Preference Share, only in accordance with the Applicable Procedures and (b) in either case, upon receipt by the Preference Share Registrar of written certifications from each of the transferor and the transferee of such beneficial interest in the form provided in the Preference Share Paying Agency Agreement to the effect that, among other things, such transfer is being made (a) to a transferee that (A) is both (1) either (x) a Qualified Institutional Buyer, purchasing for its own account, to whom notice is given that the resale, pledge or other transfer is being made in reliance on the exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act provided by Rule 144A or (y) entitled to take delivery of such Restricted Definitive Preference Share pursuant to another exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act (subject to the delivery of such certifications, legal opinions or other information as the Issuer may reasonably require to confirm that such transfer is being made pursuant to an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the registration requirements of the Securities Act) and (2) a Qualified Purchaser, (B) is not a Flow-Through Investment Vehicle (other than a Qualifying Investment Vehicle) and (C) is not a Benefit Plan Investor; and (b) in accordance with all other applicable securities laws of any relevant jurisdiction.

The holder of a beneficial interest in a Regulation S Global Preference Share may transfer such interest to a transferee who takes delivery of such interest in the form of a beneficial interest in a Regulation S Global Preference Share; *provided* that any such transfer may only be made to a person that is not a U.S. Person and that is not acquiring such beneficial interest for the account or benefit of a U.S. Person and any such transfer may only be effected in an offshore transaction in accordance with Regulation S and only in accordance with the Applicable Procedures. Any such transferee must be able to make the representations set forth under "Transfer Restrictions," including the representation that it is (except in the case of an Original Purchaser that is not a U.S. Benefit Plan Investor) not a Benefit Plan Investor. Each Original Purchaser (and any transferee) acquiring an interest in a Regulation S Global Preference Share will be required to execute and deliver to the Issuer and the Preference Share Paying Agent a letter substantially in the form attached as Exhibit A hereto which includes a representation to the effect that it will not transfer such interest except in compliance with the transfer restrictions set forth in the Preference Share Paying and Transfer Agency Agreement (including the requirement that any subsequent transferee execute and deliver a letter as a condition to any subsequent transfer).

Transfers or exchanges by a holder of a Definitive Preference Share to a transferee who takes delivery of such interest in the form of a beneficial interest in a Regulation S Global Preference Share will be made only (a) in accordance with the Applicable Procedures and (b) upon receipt by the Preference Share Registrar of written certification from each of the transferor and transferee in the form provided in the Preference Share Paying Agency Agreement

to the effect that, among other things, such transfer is being made to a person that is not a U.S. Person, that is not a Benefit Plan Investor and that is not acquiring such beneficial interest for the account or benefit of a U.S. Person and that such transfer is being effected in an offshore transaction in accordance with Regulation S.

Definitive Preference Shares may be exchanged or transferred in whole or in part in numbers not less than the applicable minimum trading lot by surrendering such Definitive Preference Shares at the office of the Preference Share Registrar or the Preference Share Transfer Agent with a written instrument of transfer and written certification from each of the transferor and the transferee in the form provided in the Preference Share Paying Agency Agreement to the effect that, among other things, the transferee (a) is a Qualified Institutional Buyer, (b) is a Qualified Purchaser, (c) is not a Flow-Through Investment Vehicle (other than a Qualifying Investment Vehicle) and (d) is not a Benefit Plan Investor. With respect to any transfer of a portion of Definitive Preference Shares, the transferor will be entitled to receive new Restricted Definitive Preference Shares or Regulation S Definitive Preference Shares, as the case may be, representing the liquidation amount retained by the transferor after giving effect to such transfer. Definitive Preference Shares issued upon any such exchange or transfer (whether in whole or in part) will be made available at the office of the Preference Share Transfer Agent.

Definitive Preference Shares issued upon any exchange or registration of transfer of securities shall represent the same interests, and be entitled to the same benefits, as the Definitive Preference Shares surrendered upon exchange or registration of transfer.

(ii) No Reg Y Institution may transfer any Preference Shares held by it to any person other than (a) a person or group of persons under common control that controls the Issuer without reference to any Preference Shares transferred to such person or group by such Reg Y Institution (a "Controlling Party"), (b) a person or persons designated by a Controlling Party, (c) in a widespread public distribution as part of a public offering, (d) in amounts such that, after giving effect thereto, no single transferee and its affiliates will hold more than 2% of the aggregate number of Preference Shares (including all options, warrants and similar rights exercisable or convertible into Preference Shares) or (e) as otherwise permitted by applicable U.S. Federal banking law and regulations. See "Transfer Restrictions." Except for an Original Purchaser of a Restricted Definitive Preference Share, no Preference Shares may be held by or transferred to a Controlling Person.

(iii) After the Closing Date, no Preference Share may be transferred to a Benefit Plan Investor and none of the Issuer, the Preference Share Paying Agent or the Preference Share Registrar will recognize any such transfer. See "Transfer Restrictions."

(iv) No service charge will be made for exchange or registration of transfer of any Preference Share but the Preference Share Paying Agent (on behalf of the Preference Share Registrar) may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or governmental charge payable in connection therewith and expenses of delivery (if any) not made by regular mail.

(v) The Preference Share Paying Agent will effect exchanges and transfers of Preference Shares. All Preference Shares issued upon any exchange or registration of transfer

are entitled to the same benefits as the Preference Shares surrendered upon exchange or registration of transfer.

(vi) In addition, the Preference Share Registrar will keep in the Preference Share Register records of the ownership, exchange and transfer of the Preference Shares in definitive form. Transfers of beneficial interests in Regulation S Global Preference Shares will be effected in accordance with the Applicable Procedures.

(vii) The Issuer may impose additional transfer restrictions to comply with the USA PATRIOT Act, to the extent it is applicable to the Issuer and any applicable anti-money laundering legislation in the Cayman Islands and, in such event, each holder of Preference Shares will be required to comply with such transfer restrictions.

No Gross-Up

All distributions of dividends and return of capital on the Preference Shares will be made without any deduction or withholding for or on account of any tax unless such deduction or withholding is required by any applicable law, as modified by the practice of any relevant governmental revenue authority, then in effect. If the Issuer is so required to deduct or withhold, then the Issuer will instruct the Preference Share Paying Agent to make such deduction or withholding and will pay any such withholding taxes in the country of origin, but will not be obligated to pay any additional amounts in respect of such withholding or deduction.

Rating

The rating to be assigned by Moody's on the Closing Date to the Preference Shares addresses only the ultimate receipt of the aggregate liquidation preference thereof. Therefore, on such date, if ever, as the Rated Balance of the Preference Shares has been reduced to zero, the rating assigned by Moody's on the Closing Date will be withdrawn.

USE OF PROCEEDS

The gross proceeds received from the issuance and sale of the Offered Securities, together with the Up Front Payment, will be approximately U.S.\$404,930,000 (after giving effect to all Borrowings under the Class A-1 Notes through the Ramp-Up Completion Date). The net proceeds from the issuance and sale of the Offered Securities, together with the Up Front Payment made to the Issuer under the Interest Rate Hedge Agreement, are expected to be approximately U.S.\$399,000,000, which reflects the payment from such gross proceeds of organizational and structuring fees and expenses of the Co-Issuers (including, without limitation, the legal fees and expenses of counsel to the Co-Issuers, the Collateral Manager and the Initial Purchaser), the expenses, fees and commissions incurred in connection with the acquisition of the Collateral Debt Securities for inclusion in the Collateral on or prior to the Closing Date, the expenses of offering the Offered Securities (including fees payable to the Initial Purchaser in connection with the offering of the Offered Securities) and the initial deposit into the Expense Account. Such net proceeds will be used by the Issuer to purchase a diversified portfolio of interests in (a) certain Asset-Backed Securities and (b) Synthetic Securities the Reference Obligations that, in each case, satisfy the investment criteria described herein. On the Closing Date, the Issuer will have purchased (or entered into agreements to purchase for settlement following the Closing Date) Collateral Debt Securities having an aggregate Principal Balance of not less than U.S.\$340,000,000. The Issuer expects that, no later than December 3, 2004, it will have purchased Collateral Debt Securities having an aggregate Principal Balance of approximately U.S.\$400,000,000. Any such proceeds not invested in Collateral Debt Securities or deposited into the Expense Account or the Interest Reserve Account will be deposited by the Trustee in the Uninvested Proceeds Account and invested in Eligible Investments pending the use of such proceeds for the purchase of Collateral Debt Securities during the Ramp-Up Period, as described herein, and, in certain limited circumstances described herein, for the payment of the Notes. See "Security for the Notes."

RATINGS OF THE OFFERED SECURITIES

It is a condition to the issuance of the Offered Securities that the Class A-1 Notes be rated no lower than "Aaa" by Moody's, no lower than "AAA" by Standard & Poor's and no lower than "AAA" by Fitch, that the Class A-2 Notes be rated no lower than "Aaa" by Moody's, no lower than "AAA" by Standard and Poor's and no lower than "AAA" by Fitch, that the Class B Notes be rated no lower than "Aa3" by Moody's, that the Class C Notes be rated no lower than "Baa3" by Moody's and no lower than "BBB" by Fitch and that the Preference Shares be rated no lower than "Baa3" by Moody's. The ratings assigned by Moody's to the Class A-1 Notes, the Class A-2 Notes, the Class B Notes and the Class C Notes address the ultimate cash receipt of all required interest (including, in the case of the Class C Notes, interest on all Class C Deferred Interest Amounts) and principal payments on each such Class of Notes, in each case as provided in the governing documents, and are based on the expected loss posed to the Noteholders relative to the promise of receiving the present value of such payments. The ratings assigned by Standard & Poor's to the Class A-1 Notes and the Class A-2 Notes address the timely payment of interest and ultimate payment of principal on each such Class of Notes at its Stated Maturity. The ratings assigned by Fitch to the Class A-1 Notes and the Class A-2 Notes address the timely payment of

interest and ultimate payment of principal on each such Class of Notes at its Stated Maturity. The rating assigned by Fitch to the Class C Notes addresses the ultimate payment of interest and principal on such Class of Notes at its Stated Maturity. The rating assigned by Moody's to the Preference Shares addresses the ultimate receipt of the Rated Balance of the Preference Shares as provided by the governing documents, and is based on the expected loss posed to the holders of the Preference Shares relative to the promise of receiving the present value of such payments. The "Rated Balance" of the Preference Shares will initially be \$7,700,000, and will be reduced by all payments on the Preference Shares pursuant to the Priority of Payments. A security rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and may be subject to revision at any time.

The Issuer will request that each Rating Agency confirm to the Issuer that it has not reduced or withdrawn the rating (including private or confidential ratings, if any) assigned by it on the Closing Date to any Class of Notes (a "Rating Confirmation"). The Co-Issuers shall be deemed to have obtained a Rating Confirmation with respect to the ratings assigned by Fitch if (i) Fitch does not notify the Co-Issuers in writing within 30 days after receiving a Ramp-Up Notice that any such ratings have been reduced or withdrawn and (ii) all Coverage Tests, Collateral Quality Tests and the Weighted Average Purchase Price Test are satisfied on the Ramp-Up Completion Date. See "Description of the Notes—Mandatory Redemption" and "—Priority of Payments."

MATURITY, PREPAYMENT AND YIELD CONSIDERATIONS

The Stated Maturity of the Notes is March 3, 2042. The Notes will mature at their Stated Maturity unless redeemed or repaid prior thereto. However, the average lives of the Notes and the Macaulay duration of the Preference Shares may be less than the number of years until the Stated Maturity of the Notes. Assuming (a) no Collateral Debt Securities default or are sold, (b) any optional redemption of the Collateral Debt Securities occurs in accordance with their respective terms, (c) all outstanding Notes are redeemed on the Quarterly Distribution Date occurring in September 2012 and (d) LIBOR for each future Interest Period equals the rate for such Interest Period based on the zero coupon swap curve with such rate initially to be equal to approximately 1.68%, (i) the average life of the Class A-1 Notes would be approximately 6.1 years from the Closing Date, (ii) the average life of the Class A-2 Notes would be approximately 8.1 years from the Closing Date, (iii) the average life of the Class B Notes would be approximately 8.1 years from the Closing Date, (iv) the average life of the Class C Notes would be approximately 7.3 years from the Closing Date and (v) the Macaulay duration of the Preference Shares would be approximately 5.2 years. Such average lives of the Notes and the Macaulay duration of the Preference Shares are presented for illustrative purposes only. The assumed identity of the portfolio purchased by the Issuer and the other assumptions used to calculate such average lives of the Notes and the Macaulay duration of the Preference Shares are necessarily arbitrary, do not necessarily reflect historical experience with respect to securities similar to the Collateral Debt Securities and do not constitute a prediction with respect to the rates or timing of receipts of Interest Proceeds or Principal Proceeds, the acquisition of Collateral Debt Securities on or prior to the last day of the Substitution Period, defaults, recoveries, sales, reinvestments, prepayments or optional redemptions to which the Collateral Debt Securities may be subject. Actual experience as to these matters will differ, and may differ materially, from that assumed in calculating the illustrative average lives and the Macaulay duration set forth above, and consequently the actual average lives of the Notes and the Macaulay duration of the Preference Shares will differ, and may differ materially, from those set forth above. Accordingly, prospective investors should make their own determinations of the expected weighted average lives and maturity of the Notes and the Macaulay duration of the Preference Shares and, accordingly, their own evaluation of the merits and risks of an investment in the Notes or the Preference Shares. See "Risk Factors—Projections, Forecasts and Estimates."

Average life refers to the average number of years that will elapse from the date of delivery of a security until each dollar of the principal of such security will be paid to the investor. The "Macaulay duration" is the weighted average term-to-maturity (expressed in years) of the cash flows in respect of the Preference Shares, where the weights are the present values of each cash flow as a percentage of the present value of all cash flows to the Preference Shareholders. The cash flows are discounted at the internal rate of return to the Preference Shareholders for that scenario.

The average lives of the Notes and the Macaulay duration of the Preference Shares will be determined by the amount and frequency of principal payments, which are dependent upon any payments received at or in advance of the scheduled maturity of Collateral Debt Securities (whether through prepayment, sale, maturity, redemption, default or other liquidation or

disposition). The actual average lives of the Notes and the Macaulay duration of the Preference Shares will also be affected by the financial condition of the obligors of the underlying Collateral Debt Securities and the characteristics of such obligations, including the existence and frequency of exercise of any optional or mandatory redemption or prepayment features, the prevailing level of interest rates, the redemption price, the actual default rate and the actual level of recoveries on any Defaulted Securities, and the frequency of tender or exchange offers for such Collateral Debt Securities. Any disposition of a Collateral Debt Security and any reinvestment in a new Collateral Debt Security may change the composition and characteristics of the Collateral Debt Securities and the rate of payment thereon, and, accordingly, may affect the actual average lives of the Notes and the Macaulay duration of the Preference Shares. The rate of future defaults and the amount and timing of any cash realization from Defaulted Securities also will affect the average lives of the Notes and the Macaulay duration of the Preference Shares.

THE CO-ISSUERS

General

The Issuer was incorporated as an exempted company with limited liability and registered on April 23, 2004 in the Cayman Islands pursuant to the Issuer Charter, has a registered number of CR-135119 and is in good standing under the laws of the Cayman Islands. The registered office of the Issuer is at the offices of Maples Finance Limited, P.O. Box 1093 GT, Queensgate House, South Church Street, George Town, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands. The Issuer has no prior operating experience and the Issuer will not have any substantial assets other than the Collateral pledged to secure the Notes, the Issuer's obligations under the Hedge Agreements and Collateral Management Agreement and the Issuer's obligations to the Trustee. The entire authorized share capital of the Issuer will consist of (a) 1,000 ordinary shares, par value U.S.\$1.00 per share (which will be held on trust for charitable purposes by Maples Finance Limited in the Cayman Islands (in such capacity, the "Share Trustee") under the terms of a declaration of trust) and (b) 7,700 Preference Shares, par value U.S.\$0.01 per share, having a liquidation preference of U.S.\$1,000 per share.

It is proposed that the Issuer will be liquidated on the date that is one year and two days after the Stated Maturity of the Notes, unless earlier dissolved and terminated in accordance with the terms of the Issuer Charter. See "Description of the Preference Shares—Issuer Charter—Dissolution; Liquidating Distributions."

The Co-Issuer was incorporated on June 7, 2004 under the law of the State of Delaware with the state identification number 3812732 and its registered office is c/o National Corporate Research, Ltd., 615 South DuPont Highway, Dover, Delaware 19901. The sole director and officer of the Co-Issuer is Donald J. Puglisi and he may be contacted at c/o Puglisi & Associates, 850 Library Avenue, Suite 204, Newark, Delaware 19711. The Co-Issuer has no prior operating experience. It will not have any assets (other than its U.S.\$1,000 of share capital owned by the Issuer) and will not pledge any assets to secure the Notes. The Co-Issuer will not have any interest in the Collateral Debt Securities or other assets held by the Issuer and will have no claim against the Issuer with respect to the Collateral Debt Securities or otherwise.

The Notes are obligations only of the Co-Issuers, and none of the Notes are obligations of the Trustee, the Share Trustee, the Administrator, the Collateral Manager, the Initial Purchaser or any of their respective affiliates or any directors or officers of the Co-Issuers.

Maples Finance Limited will act as the administrator (in such capacity, the "Administrator") of the Issuer. The office of the Administrator will serve as the general business office of the Issuer. Through this office and pursuant to the terms of an agreement by and between the Administrator and the Issuer (the "Administration Agreement"), the Administrator will perform various management functions on behalf of the Issuer, including communications with the general public and the provision of certain clerical, administrative and other services until termination of the Administration Agreement. In consideration of the foregoing, the

Administrator will receive various fees and other charges payable by the Issuer at rates provided for in the Administration Agreement and will be reimbursed for expenses.

The Administrator's activities will be subject to the overview of the Board of Directors of the Issuer. The directors of the Issuer are Guy Major, Phillipa White and Wendy Ebanks, each of whom is a director or officer of the Administrator and each of whose offices are at Maples Finance Limited, P.O. Box 1093 GT, Queensgate House, South Church Street, George Town, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands. The Administration Agreement may be terminated by either the Issuer or the Administrator upon 30 days' written notice, in which case a replacement Administrator would be appointed.

The Administrator's principal office is at Maples Finance Limited, P.O. Box 1093 GT, Queensgate House, South Church Street, George Town, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands.

Capitalization and Indebtedness of the Issuer

The capitalization of the Issuer after giving effect to the issuance of the Offered Securities (assuming the Commitments on the Class A-1 Notes have been fully drawn) and the ordinary shares of the Issuer, but before deducting expenses of the offering of the Offered Securities and organizational expenses of the Co-Issuers, is expected to be as follows:

Class A-1 Notes	U.S.\$328,000,000
Class A-2 Notes	U.S.\$46,000,000
Class B Notes	U.S.\$14,000,000
Class C Notes	U.S.\$7,000,000
Total Debt	U.S.\$395,000,000
Ordinary Shares	U.S.\$1,000
Preference Shares	U.S.\$7,700,000
Total Equity	U.S.\$7,701,000
 Total Capitalization	 U.S.\$402,701,000

As of the Closing Date and after giving effect to the issuance of the Preference Shares, the authorized and issued share capital of the Issuer will be 1,000 ordinary shares, par value U.S.\$1.00 per share and 7,700 Preference Shares, par value U.S.\$0.01 per share, having a liquidation preference of U.S.\$1,000 per share.

The Issuer will not have any material assets other than the Collateral.

The Co-Issuer will be capitalized only to the extent of its U.S.\$1,000 of share capital, will have no assets other than its share capital and will have no debt other than as Co-Issuer of the Notes. As of the Closing Date and after giving effect to the issuance of the Co-Issuer's shares, the authorized and issued share capital of the Co-Issuer is 1,000 common shares, par value U.S.\$1.00 per share.

Business

The Indenture and the Issuer Charter provide that the activities of the Issuer are limited to (i) the issuance of the Notes, the ordinary shares and the Preference Shares, (ii) the acquisition and disposition of, and investment and reinvestment in, Collateral Debt Securities, Equity Securities and Eligible Investments, (iii) the entering into, and the performance of its obligations under the Indenture, the Notes, the Class A-1 Note Purchase Agreement, the Purchase Agreement, the Investor Application Forms, the Account Control Agreement, the Preference Share Paying Agency Agreement, the Hedge Agreements, the Collateral Assignment of the Hedge Agreement, the Collateral Management Agreement, the Collateral Administration Agreement, the Administration Agreement, the Master Forward Sale Agreement, the Class A-2 Agency and Amending Agreement, the Broker Dealer Agreement, the Class A-2 Account Control Agreement and the Reimbursement Agreement, (iv) the pledge of the Collateral as security for its obligations in respect of (inter alia) the Notes, (v) the ownership and management of the Co-Issuer and (vi) certain activities conducted in connection with the payment of amounts in respect of the Offered Securities, the management of the Collateral and other incidental activities.

The Issuer has no employees and no subsidiaries other than the Co-Issuer. Article III of the Co-Issuer's Certificate of Incorporation states that the Co-Issuer will not undertake any business other than the issuance of the Notes.

SECURITY FOR THE NOTES

General

The Collateral securing the Notes will consist of: (a) the Custodial Account, the Collateral Debt Securities and the Equity Securities, (b) the Interest Collection Account, the Uninvested Proceeds Account, the Principal Collection Account, the Payment Account, the Expense Account, the Interest Reserve Account, the Semi-Annual Interest Reserve Account, each Hedge Counterparty Collateral Account, each Synthetic Security Counterparty Account (subject to the prior rights of the related Synthetic Security Counterparty), each Synthetic Security Issuer Account (subject to the prior rights of the related Synthetic Security Counterparty), all funds and other property standing to the credit of each such account, Eligible Investments purchased with funds standing to the credit of each such account and all income from the investment of funds therein, (c) the rights of the Issuer under each Hedge Agreement, (d) the rights of the Issuer under the Collateral Management Agreement, the Collateral Administration Agreement, the Administration Agreement, the Investor Application Forms and the Class A-1 Note Purchase Agreement, (e) all cash delivered to the Trustee and (f) all proceeds, accessions, profits, income benefits, substitutions and replacements, whether voluntary or involuntary, of and to any of the property of the Issuer described in the preceding clauses (collectively, the "Collateral"), **provided** that the rights of any Synthetic Security Counterparty as a security party will be limited to its rights in respect of any Synthetic Security Counterparty Account or Synthetic Security Issuer Account established with respect to the Synthetic Security to which it is a party.

Collateral Debt Securities

During the Ramp-Up Period, the Issuer may invest Uninvested Proceeds, and during the Substitution Period the Issuer may reinvest certain Sale Proceeds, in Collateral Debt Securities. A "Collateral Debt Security" means (i) any CDO Obligation, (ii) any Other ABS, (iii) any Guaranteed Asset-Backed Security, (iv) any Synthetic Security the Reference Obligation of which, and any Deliverable Obligation under which, is a CDO Obligation or Other ABS that would qualify to be included as a Collateral Debt Security hereunder if purchased directly by the Issuer, but Collateral Debt Securities shall exclude Prohibited Securities.

"CDO Obligation" means an Asset-Backed Security issued by an entity formed for the purpose of holding or investing and reinvesting primarily in a pool of asset-backed securities subject to specified investment and management criteria.

"Corporate Debt Security" means any outstanding debt security, whether secured or unsecured, that on the date of acquisition thereof by the Issuer, (i) if subordinated by its terms, is subordinated only to indebtedness for borrowed money, trade claims, capitalized leases or other similar obligations, (ii) is publicly issued or privately placed, (iii) is issued by an issuer incorporated or organized under the laws of the United States or any state thereof or by a Qualifying Foreign Obligor and (iv) is not a CDO Obligation or Other ABS.

"Guaranteed Asset-Backed Security" means a Corporate Guaranteed Security, a Bank Guaranteed Security or an Insurance Company Guaranteed Security.

"Other ABS" means (i) an Asset-Backed Security (other than a CDO Obligation) issued by an entity formed for the purpose of holding or investing and reinvesting in a pool of receivables, debt obligations, debt securities, finance leases or other assets subject to specified acquisition or investment and management criteria or (ii) a beneficial interest in a trust all of the assets of which would satisfy the Eligibility Criteria.

"Prohibited Security" means any Manufactured Housing Security, Mutual Fund Security, Aircraft Lease Security or ABS Franchise Security.

"Synthetic Security" means any swap transaction, credit-linked note, credit derivative, structured bond investment or other investment purchased from, or entered into by the Issuer with, a Synthetic Security Counterparty which investment contains a probability of default, recovery upon default and expected loss characteristics closely correlated to a Reference Obligation, but which may provide for a different maturity, interest rate or other non-credit characteristics than such Reference Obligation; *provided* that (a) such Synthetic Security shall not provide for any payment by the Issuer after the date on which it is pledged to the Trustee unless such security is a Defeased Synthetic Security, (b) such Synthetic Security terminates upon the redemption or repayment in full of such Reference Obligation, (c) such Synthetic Security has a Rating, the Rating Condition (not including a written confirmation by Fitch) has been satisfied or such Synthetic Security is a Form Approved Synthetic Security, and the Trustee has been notified in writing of the Applicable Recovery Rate assigned by each Rating Agency and, in the case of Moody's, the Moody's Rating Factor assigned by Moody's, (d) no amount receivable by the Issuer from the Synthetic Security Counterparty will be subject to withholding tax, unless the Synthetic Security Counterparty is required to make additional payments sufficient to cover any withholding tax imposed at any time or payments made by the Issuer with respect thereto; (e) the acquisition (including the manner of acquisition), holding, disposition and enforcement, of such Synthetic Security will not subject the Issuer to taxation on a net income tax basis in any jurisdiction outside of its jurisdiction of incorporation or cause the Issuer to be treated as engaged in a trade or business within the United States for U.S. Federal income tax purposes; (f) the agreements relating to such Synthetic Security contain "non-petition" and "limited recourse" provisions with respect to the Issuer and (g) the agreement relating to such Synthetic Security provides for, on the first day of each payment period under such Synthetic Security, the full payment of all amounts owing for such period by the Synthetic Security Counterparty to the Issuer into the Synthetic Security Issuer Account.

"Deliverable Obligation" means a debt obligation that is delivered to the Issuer upon the occurrence of a "credit event" under a Synthetic Security.

Ramp-Up Period

During the Ramp-Up Period, the Issuer will use its best efforts to acquire the remainder of the initial portfolio of Collateral Debt Securities. The Issuer will use its best efforts to purchase (or enter into commitments to purchase) Collateral Debt Securities (aggregating at least

95 Pledged Collateral Debt Securities) which, together with certain other amounts specified below, will have an aggregate Principal Balance equal to at least \$400,000,000 on December 3, 2004.

The "Ramp-Up Completion Date" is the date that is the earlier of (a) December 3, 2004 and (b) the first date on which the sum of the aggregate Principal Balance of the Collateral Debt Securities which the Issuer has purchased or committed to purchase plus the aggregate amount of all accrued interest on all Collateral Debt Securities purchased on the Closing Date or during the Ramp-Up Period, plus the aggregate Principal Balance of all Eligible Investments purchased with Principal Proceeds on deposit in the Principal Collection Account plus the aggregate amount of all Principal Proceeds distributed on any prior Quarterly Distribution Date is at least equal to U.S.\$400,000,000 (in each case, assuming for these purposes (i) settlement in accordance with customary settlement procedures in the relevant markets on the Ramp-Up Completion Date of all agreements entered into by the Issuer to acquire Collateral Debt Securities scheduled to settle on or following the Ramp-Up Completion Date, (ii) that each such Collateral Debt Security is a Pledged Collateral Debt Security and (iii) funds are available from Borrowings under the Class A-1 Notes).

The Issuer will notify each Rating Agency in writing (a "Ramp-Up Notice") of the occurrence of the Ramp-Up Completion Date within seven Business Days after the Ramp-Up Completion Date occurs. The Issuer will request that each Rating Agency confirm to the Issuer that it has not reduced or withdrawn the rating (including private or confidential ratings, if any) assigned by it on the Closing Date to any Class of Notes (a "Rating Confirmation"). In the Ramp-Up Notice, the Issuer is required to certify to the Trustee and each Rating Agency that the Coverage Tests, Collateral Quality Tests and the Weighted Average Purchase Price Test have been satisfied. The Co-Issuers shall be deemed to have obtained a Rating Confirmation with respect to the ratings assigned by Fitch if (i) Fitch does not notify the Co-Issuers in writing within 30 days after receiving a Ramp-Up Notice that any such ratings have been reduced or withdrawn and (ii) all Coverage Tests, Collateral Quality Tests and Weighted Average Purchase Price Test are satisfied on the Ramp-Up Completion Date. If the Issuer is unable to obtain a Rating Confirmation from each Rating Agency prior to the first Determination Date that is at least 30 Business Days following receipt by such Rating Agency of such Ramp-Up Notice (a "Rating Confirmation Failure"), on the first Quarterly Distribution Date following such Rating Confirmation Failure the Issuer will be required to apply Uninvested Proceeds (which are not required to complete purchases of Collateral Debt Securities) and, to the extent that such Uninvested Proceeds are insufficient to redeem the Notes in full, Interest Proceeds and, to the extent that Interest Proceeds are insufficient to redeem the Notes in full, Principal Proceeds, in each case in accordance with the Priority of Payments, to the payment of principal of, *first*, the Class A-1 Notes, *second*, the Class A-2 Notes, *third*, the Class B Notes and *fourth*, the Class C Notes, to the extent specified by each relevant Rating Agency in order to obtain a Rating Confirmation.

Eligibility Criteria

Uninvested Proceeds may be invested in a CDO Obligation, Other ABS, Guaranteed Asset-Backed Security or Synthetic Security during the Ramp-Up Period. No investment will be

made in Collateral Debt Securities from Uninvested Proceeds after the Ramp-Up Completion Date, except to complete any purchase which the Issuer committed to make during the Ramp-Up Period. During the Substitution Period, the Collateral Manager may reinvest the Sale Proceeds of any Collateral Debt Security that is not a Defaulted Security, Written Down Security or Equity Security (subject to the conditions specified under "Description of the Notes—Substitution Period" and "Security for the Notes—Dispositions of Collateral Debt Securities") in substitute Collateral Debt Securities. After giving effect to each such investment, each of the following criteria (the "Eligibility Criteria") must, however, be satisfied (except as specified below):

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| Assignable | (1) the Underlying Instrument pursuant to which such security was issued permits the Issuer to purchase it and pledge it to the Trustee and such security is a type subject to Article 8 or Article 9 of the UCC; |
| Jurisdiction of issuer | (2) the obligor on or issuer of such security (x) is organized or incorporated under the law of the United States or a State thereof or in a Special Purpose Vehicle Jurisdiction or (y) is a Qualifying Foreign Obligor, <i>provided</i> that the aggregate Principal Balances of all Pledged Collateral Debt Securities that are issued by Qualifying Foreign Obligors located in the United Kingdom and Canada do not exceed 10% and 10%, respectively, of the Net Outstanding Portfolio Collateral Balance; |
| Dollar denominated | (3) such security is denominated and payable only in Dollars and may not be converted into a security payable in any other currency; |
| Fixed principal amount; No Interest Only Securities | (4) such security requires the payment of a fixed amount of principal in cash no later than its Stated Maturity or termination date; |
| Rating | (5) such security (A) has a Moody's Rating, a Standard & Poor's Rating and a Fitch Rating and (B) the Moody's Rating of such security is at least "A3," <i>provided</i> that (i) the aggregate Principal Balance of all Pledged Collateral Debt Securities that have a public rating of below "Aaa" by Moody's (if publicly rated by Moody's), "AAA" from Standard & Poor's (if publicly rated by Standard & Poor's) or "AAA" by Fitch (if publicly rated by Fitch) does not exceed 57% of the Net Outstanding Portfolio Collateral Balance, (ii) the aggregate Principal Balance of all Pledged Collateral Debt Securities that have a public rating of below "Aa3" by Moody's (if publicly rated by Moody's), "AA-" from Standard & Poor's (if publicly rated by Standard & Poor's) or "AA-" by Fitch (if publicly rated by Fitch) does not exceed 25% of the Net Outstanding Portfolio Collateral Balance and (iii) if such security is a CDO Obligation, the aggregate Principal Balance of all Pledged Collateral Debt Securities that are CDO Obligations and have a public rating of below "Aa3" by Moody's (if publicly rated by Moody's) does not exceed 3% of the Net Outstanding Portfolio Collateral Balance; |

Registered form	(6) such security is in registered form for U.S. Federal income tax purposes and was issued after July 18, 1984, <i>provided</i> that an interest in a trust treated as a grantor trust for U.S. Federal income tax purposes will not be treated as in registered form unless each of the obligations or securities held by such trust was issued after that date, and <i>provided further</i> that a Synthetic Security or a Reference Obligation need not be in such registered form unless, in either case, failure to be in such registered form would cause such security to be subject to withholding tax;
No withholding	(7) the Issuer will receive payments due under the terms of such security and proceeds from disposing of such security free and clear of withholding tax, other than withholding tax as to which the obligor or issuer must make additional payments so that the net amount received by the Issuer after satisfaction of such tax is the amount due to the Issuer before the imposition of any withholding tax;
Does not subject Issuer to tax on a net income basis	(8) the acquisition (including the manner of acquisition), ownership, enforcement and disposition of such security will not cause the Issuer to be treated as engaged in a U.S. trade or business for U.S. Federal income tax purposes or otherwise to be subject to tax on a net income basis in any jurisdiction outside the Issuer's jurisdiction of incorporation;
Does not subject Issuer to Investment Company Act restrictions	(9) the acquisition (including the manner of acquisition), ownership, enforcement and disposition of such security will not cause the Issuer or the pool of Collateral to become an investment company required to be registered under the Investment Company Act;
ERISA	(10) such security is not a security that, pursuant to 29 C.F.R. Section 2510.3-101, (x) would be treated as an equity interest in an entity and (y) if held by an employee benefit plan subject to ERISA, would cause such employee benefit plan to be treated as owning an undivided interest in each of the underlying assets of such entity for purposes of ERISA;
No Defaulted Securities, Written Down Securities or PIK Bonds	(11) such security is not a Defaulted Security, a Credit Risk Security, a Written Down Security or a PIK Bond;
Limitation on Stated Maturity	(12) such security does not have a Stated Maturity that occurs later than the Stated Maturity of the Notes, except that the Issuer may acquire Collateral Debt Securities having a Stated Maturity after the Stated Maturity of the Notes so long as the Aggregate Principal Balance of all such Collateral Debt Securities does not exceed 5% of the Net Outstanding Portfolio Collateral Balance, provided that the Weighted Average Life of such Collateral Debt Securities does not exceed 12 years, and that the aggregate Principal Balance of Pledged Collateral Debt Securities with Stated Maturities more than five years after the Stated Maturity of the Notes

do not exceed 1% of the Net Outstanding Portfolio Collateral Balance;

Purchase price	(13) the purchase price of such security is not less than 75% of its outstanding principal balance;
No foreign exchange controls	(14) payments in respect of such security are not made from a country that imposes foreign exchange controls that effectively limit the availability or use of Dollars to make when due the scheduled payments of principal of and interest on such security;
No Margin Stock	(15) such security is not, and any Equity Security acquired in connection with such security is not, Margin Stock;
No debtor-in-possession financing	(16) such security is not a financing by a debtor-in-possession in any insolvency proceeding;
No optional or mandatory conversion or exchange	(17) such security is not a security that by the terms of its Underlying Instruments provides for conversion or exchange (whether mandatory, at the option of the issuer or the holder thereof or otherwise) into equity capital at any time prior to its maturity;
Not subject to an Offer or called for redemption	(18) such security is not the subject of an Offer and has not been called for redemption;
No future advances	(19) such security is not a security with respect to which the Issuer is required by the Underlying Instruments to make any payment or advance to the issuer thereof or to the related Synthetic Security Counterparty (other than a Defeased Synthetic Security);
Fixed rate Securities	(20) if such security (including any Synthetic Security as to which the Reference Obligation) is a Fixed Rate Security, the aggregate Principal Balance of all such Pledged Collateral Debt Securities does not exceed 20% of the Net Outstanding Portfolio Collateral Balance;
Floating Rate Securities	(21) if such security (including any Synthetic Security as to which the Reference Obligation) is a Floating Rate Security, the aggregate Principal Balance of all such Pledged Collateral Debt Securities does not exceed 85% of the Net Outstanding Portfolio Collateral Balance;
Pure Private Collateral Debt Securities	(22) if such security (including any Synthetic Security as to which the Reference Obligation) is a Pure Private Collateral Debt Security, the aggregate Principal Balance of all such Pledged Collateral Debt Securities does not exceed 5% of the Net Outstanding Portfolio Collateral Balance;
Guaranteed Asset-Backed Securities	(23) if such security (including any Synthetic Security as to which the Reference Obligation) is a Guaranteed Asset-Backed Security, the aggregate Principal Balance of all such Pledged Collateral Debt Securities does not

exceed 5% of the Net Outstanding Portfolio Collateral Balance and if such security is a Monoline Guaranteed Security, the aggregate Principal Balance of all Pledged Collateral Debt Securities that are Monoline Guaranteed Securities does not exceed 3% of the Net Outstanding Portfolio Collateral Balance;

Single Issue

(24) with respect to the security being acquired, the aggregate Principal Balance of all Pledged Collateral Debt Securities that are part of the same Issue as the security (together with the aggregate Principal Balance of any Synthetic Securities related thereto) does not exceed 2% of the Net Outstanding Portfolio Collateral Balance, provided that (i) the aggregate Principal Balance of all Pledged Collateral Debt Securities (together with the aggregate Principal Balance of any Synthetic Securities with Reference Obligations) that are part of the same Issue as the security if such Pledged Collateral Debt Security has been assigned a rating by Moody's of "A1," "A2," or "A3" does not exceed 1.5% of the Net Outstanding Portfolio Collateral Balance, except that the Pledged Collateral Debt Securities with such a rating of each of up to five such Issues may be greater than 1.5% but 2.0% or less of the Net Outstanding Portfolio Collateral Balance, (ii) in the case of each of no more than eight Issues, the aggregate Principal Balance of the Pledged Collateral Debt Securities that are part of the same Issue may be greater than 1.5% but less than or equal to 2.0% of the Net Outstanding Portfolio Collateral Balance and (iii) in the case of each of no more than twenty-two Issues, the aggregate Principal Balance of Pledged Collateral Debt Securities that are part of the same Issue may be more than 1.0% but 2.0% or less of the Net Outstanding Portfolio Collateral Balance;

Single Servicer

(25) with respect to the Servicer of the security being acquired:

(A) if the Servicer is rated (1) "Strong" by Standard & Poor's, (2) "SQ1" or has a credit rating of "Aa3" or higher by Moody's and (3) "S1" or has a credit rating of "AA-" or higher by Fitch, the aggregate Principal Balance of all Pledged Collateral Debt Securities serviced by such Servicer (together with the aggregate Principal Balance of any Synthetic Securities the Reference Obligations of which are such securities) does not exceed 15% of the Net Outstanding Portfolio Collateral Balance;

(B) if the Servicer (1) is rated (x) "Above Average" or has a credit rating of "A-" or higher by Standard & Poor's, (y) "SQ2" or has a credit rating of "A3" or higher by Moody's and (z) "S2" or has a credit rating of "A-" or higher by Fitch and (2) does not meet the ratings requirements of clause (A), the aggregate Principal Balance of all Pledged Collateral Debt Securities serviced by such Servicer (together with the aggregate Principal Balance of any Synthetic Securities the Reference Obligations of which are such securities) does not exceed 10% of the Net Outstanding Portfolio Collateral

Balance; or

(C) if the Servicer does not meet the ratings requirements of any of clauses (A) or (B), the aggregate Principal Balance of all Pledged Collateral Debt Securities serviced by such Servicer (together with the aggregate Principal Balance of any Synthetic Securities the Reference Obligations of which are such securities) does not exceed 7.5% of the Net Outstanding Portfolio Collateral Balance;

Synthetic Securities

(26) if such security is a Synthetic Security, then (A) such Synthetic Security is acquired from a Synthetic Security Counterparty, (B) the aggregate Principal Balance of all Pledged Collateral Debt Securities constituting Synthetic Securities acquired from any single Synthetic Security Counterparty and its Affiliates does not exceed 15% of the Net Outstanding Portfolio Collateral Balance, (C) if such Synthetic Security is a Defeased Synthetic Security, such security meets the definition of Defeased Synthetic Security, (D) the aggregate Principal Balance of all Pledged Collateral Debt Securities constituting Synthetic Securities which are credit-linked notes acquired from any single Synthetic Security Counterparty and its Affiliates does not exceed 7.5% of the Net Outstanding Portfolio Collateral Balance, (E) the Rating Condition has been satisfied with respect to the acquisition of such Synthetic Security or it is a Form Approved Synthetic Security (and each of Moody's, Standard & Poor's and Fitch has assigned an Applicable Recovery Rate to such Synthetic Security, Standard & Poor's has assigned a Rating or credit estimate and there has been a Moody's Rating Factor assigned by Moody's), (F) the aggregate Principal Balance of all Pledged Collateral Debt Securities that are Synthetic Securities does not exceed 15% of the Net Outstanding Portfolio Collateral Balance and (G)(i) the Reference Obligation to which such Synthetic Security relates would (treating the acquisition of the Synthetic Security as acquisition of the Reference Obligation from the Synthetic Security Counterparty) satisfy clauses (7) and (8) of the Eligibility Criteria and clauses (1) through (4) of the Investment Guidelines or (ii) the Issuer and the Trustee receive an opinion of nationally recognized U.S. tax counsel to the effect that such Synthetic Security satisfies clauses (7) and (8) of the Eligibility Criteria and clauses (1) through (4) of the Investment Guidelines;

CDO Obligations

(27) if such security (including any Synthetic Security as to which the Reference Obligation) is a CDO Obligation, (A) the aggregate Principal Balance of all Pledged Collateral Debt Securities that are CDO Obligations does not exceed 30% of the Net Outstanding Portfolio Collateral Balance, and (B) neither TMM nor an Affiliate thereof is the collateral manager for the CDO Obligation;

Synthetic Securities related to CDO Obligations	(28) if such security is a Synthetic Security related to a CDO Obligation, then the aggregate Principal Balance of all Pledged Collateral Debt Securities constituting Synthetic Securities related to a CDO Obligation is not greater than 15% of the Net Outstanding Portfolio Collateral Balance;
Frequency of Interest Payments	(29) (A) such security provides for periodic payments of interest in Cash not less frequently than semi-annually and (B) if such security provides for periodic payments of interest in Cash less frequently than quarterly, the aggregate Principal Balance of all Pledged Collateral Debt Securities that provide for periodic payments of interest in Cash less frequently than quarterly (together with the aggregate Principal Balance of any Synthetic Securities related thereto) does not exceed 10% of the Net Outstanding Portfolio Collateral Balance;
Step-Down Bonds/Step-Up Bonds	(30) (A) if such security (including any Synthetic Security as to which the Reference Obligation) is a Step-Down Bond, the aggregate Principal Balance of all Pledged Collateral Debt Securities that are Step-Down Bonds does not exceed 5% of the Net Outstanding Portfolio Collateral Balance; and (B) if such security (including any Synthetic Security as to which the Reference Obligation) is a Step-Up Bond, the aggregate Principal Balance of all Pledged Collateral Debt Securities that are Step-Up Bonds does not exceed 5% of the Net Outstanding Portfolio Collateral Balance;
Collateralized Mortgage Obligation	(31) if such security is a collateralized mortgage obligation that is a Floating Rate Security, then such security does not have a cap on its interest rate (excluding caps based on available funds or calculated based on scheduled interest expected to be received on the underlying collateral) of lower than 7.5% per annum, and the aggregate Principal Balance of all such Pledged Collateral Debt Securities does not exceed 5.0% of the Net Outstanding Portfolio Collateral Balance;
Collateral Quality Tests	(32) each of the applicable Collateral Quality Tests and (after the Ramp-Up Completion Date) the Standard & Poor's CDO Monitor Test is satisfied or, if immediately prior to such acquisition one or more of such Collateral Quality Tests or, if applicable, the Standard & Poor's CDO Monitor Test was not satisfied, the extent of compliance with any such Collateral Quality Test which was not satisfied and with the Standard & Poor's CDO Monitor Test (if it was not satisfied) is maintained or improved by such acquisition; <i>provided</i> that in the case of a reinvestment of Sale Proceeds of a Credit Improved Security or any Discretionary Sale (but not including any reinvestment of Sale Proceeds of a Credit Risk Security), such determination shall be made by comparing the Collateral Debt Securities held by the Issuer immediately prior to the sale of such Collateral Debt Security to the Collateral Debt Securities held by the Issuer immediately after such reinvestment;

Coverage Tests	(33) after the Ramp-Up Completion Date, each of the applicable Coverage Tests was satisfied on the preceding Determination Date (after giving effect to all distributions made or to be made on the related Quarterly Distribution Date); and each of the Coverage Tests is satisfied on such date or, if immediately prior to such acquisition (except in the case of a security purchased with Sale Proceeds from the sale of a Credit Risk Security) one or more of such other Coverage Tests was not satisfied, the extent of non-compliance with such Coverage Test(s) may not be made worse (except to the extent that a reduction in the extent of compliance does not result in non-compliance); <i>provided</i> that in the case of a reinvestment of Sale Proceeds of a Credit Improved Security or any Discretionary Sale (but not including reinvestment of Sale Proceeds of Credit Risk Securities), such determination shall be made by comparing the Collateral Debt Securities held by the Issuer immediately prior to the sale of such Collateral Debt Security to the Collateral Debt Securities held by the Issuer immediately after such reinvestment;
Minimum Issue Concentration	(34) except for three Pledged Collateral Debt Securities, each of which shall have a Principal Balance of at least \$500,000, the Principal Balance of such security at the time it is acquired by the Issuer (together with the Principal Balance of any other Pledged Collateral Debt Securities or Reference Obligations of Synthetic Securities that are part of the same Issue) is at least 0.25% of the Net Outstanding Portfolio Collateral Balance; and
Weighted Average Life	(35) the Average Life of such security does not exceed 12 years, provided that if such security has (i) an Average Life greater than 10.1 years and less than or equal to 12 years, the aggregate Principal Balance of all such Pledged Collateral Debt Securities (including such security) does not exceed the greater of 15% of the Net Outstanding Portfolio Collateral Balance and U.S.\$ 60,000,000 or (ii) an Average Life of greater than 8.5 years and less than or equal to 12 years, the aggregate Principal Balance of such Pledged Collateral Debt Securities (including such security) does not exceed the greater of 49% of the Net Outstanding Portfolio Collateral Balance and U.S.\$ 196,000,000.
Securities Purchased from Collateral Manager or Affiliates	(36) if such security is being purchased from the Collateral Manager or any of its Affiliates as principal or from any account or portfolio for which the Collateral Manager or any of its Affiliates serves as investment advisor, the aggregate Principal Balance of such Pledged Collateral Debt Securities does not exceed 8.0% of the Net Outstanding Portfolio Collateral Balance.

Diversity Test

(37) on and after the Ramp-Up Completion Date, if such security has a rating of "A1", "A2" or "A3" from Moody's, the Diversity Score for all such Pledged Collateral Debt Securities (including Synthetic Securities as to which the related Reference Obligation is such a security) (the "Single A Diversity Score") shall be equal to or greater than 7 if determined for the pool of all Pledged Collateral Debt Securities with a rating below "Aa3" from Moody's and 5 if such Diversity Score is determined on a Normalized Basis. For purposes of the Diversity Score, the "Normalized Basis" shall mean a product of (a) the Single A Diversity Score and (b) a fraction of (1) the Diversity Score for all Pledged Collateral Debt Securities divided by (2) the sum of (i) the Single A Diversity Score and (ii) the Diversity Score for all Pledged Collateral Debt Securities (including Synthetic Securities as to which the related Reference Obligation is such a security) with a rating of "Aa3" or more from Moody's.

In the case of a commitment made after the Closing Date, if the Issuer has made a commitment to acquire a security, then the Eligibility Criteria need not be satisfied when the Issuer Grants such security to the Trustee if (A) the Issuer acquires such security within 60 days of making the commitment to acquire such security and (B) the Eligibility Criteria were satisfied immediately after the Issuer made such commitment. If the Issuer enters into a transaction during the Ramp-Up Period to acquire a security on a forward sale basis pursuant to the Master Forward Sale Agreement, then, notwithstanding anything in the Indenture to the contrary (including the Eligibility Criteria), such security may be acquired by the Issuer on any date during the Ramp-Up Period at the price specified in the Master Forward Sale Agreement. With respect to paragraphs (2), (5), (12), (13), (20) through (31) and (34) through (37) above, if at any time during the Substitution Period any requirement set forth therein is not satisfied immediately prior to the acquisition of the related securities, such requirement is deemed satisfied if the extent of non-compliance with such requirement is not made worse after giving effect to such acquisition.

Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, if an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, no Collateral Debt Security may be acquired unless it was the subject of a commitment (including any commitment made pursuant to the Master Forward Sale Agreement) entered into by the Issuer prior to the occurrence of such Event of Default.

The Issuer may not acquire any Collateral Debt Security from the Collateral Manager, the Trustee or any affiliate thereof, unless such acquisition is made (a) on an "arm's-length basis" and is effected in a secondary market transaction on terms at least as favorable to the Noteholders as transactions with third parties or (b) pursuant to the Warehouse Agreement or Master Forward Sale Agreement. Acquisitions or dispositions of Collateral Debt Securities in the manner specified in "Security for the Notes—Dispositions of Collateral Debt Securities" will be deemed to have met these standards.

The Collateral Management Agreement will provide that when purchasing, entering into, managing, selling or terminating Asset-Backed Securities on behalf of the Issuer, the Collateral Manager shall be deemed to have satisfied the requirements in paragraph (8) of the Eligibility

Criteria as to the manner of acquisition if it satisfies the following requirements (the "Investment Guidelines"):

(1) The Collateral Manager does not acquire or commit to acquire such obligations or securities, whether at initial issuance or in a secondary market transfer, from itself or any account or portfolio for which the Collateral Manager serves as investment advisor (whether or not acting in its capacity as Collateral Manager), or any seller that is an Affiliate unless (i) the seller acquired the obligation or security in a manner that would have satisfied the requirements of this clause (1) and clauses (2) and (3) below if the seller were the Collateral Manager or (ii) the seller regularly acquires obligations or securities of the same type for its own account, could have held the obligation or security for its own account consistent with its investment policies, holds the obligation or security for at least 60 days and during that period does not commit to sell or identify such an obligation or security as intended for sale to the Issuer.

(2) Other than in the case of a Synthetic Security, the Collateral Manager does not acquire or commit to acquire an obligation or security from the obligor or issuer thereof at issuance or from any seller that has not purchased and at least partially funded such obligation or security unless the obligation or security is issued pursuant to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act or is privately placed under Rule 144A or Section 4(2) of the Securities Act and is described in at least one of the following clauses:

(a) neither the Collateral Manager, its employees or its Affiliates participate in the origination, structuring or placement of the obligation or security or any other obligations or securities issued in the same offering. For these purposes "participate in the placement" means acting as an underwriter or placement agent with respect to any part of the offering, "participate in structuring" means participating in negotiating or structuring the terms of the obligation or security (it being understood that negotiating and structuring does not include providing comments on offering documents to an unrelated underwriter or placement agent where the ability to comment was generally available to all investors or undertaking due diligence of the kind customarily performed by investors in such securities), and "participate in the origination" means participating in the origination of the collateral securing the obligation or security (it being understood that origination does not include purchases of whole loans after third party documentation and funding of such loans, either individually or in pools, from third parties unrelated to the Collateral Manager or any of its Affiliates); or

(b) the Collateral Manager and its employees do not participate in the origination, structuring or placement of the obligation or security and at issuance (x) the Collateral Manager and the Issuer do not acquire or commit to acquire more than 49% of the aggregate principal amount of any class of obligations or securities offered by the obligor or issuer in the same or any related offering, (y) persons unrelated to the Collateral Manager, the Issuer and their affiliates purchase more than 50% of the aggregate principal amount of such class of obligations or securities at substantially the same time and on substantially the same terms as the Issuer purchases, and (z) the Collateral Manager, the Issuer and their affiliates do not acquire more than 8% of the aggregate

principal amount of all classes of obligations or securities offered by such obligor or issuer in the same or any related offering.

(3) The Collateral Manager acquires or commits to acquire unissued or unfunded securities otherwise permitted by the Collateral Management Agreement on behalf of the Issuer only if the purchase price is fixed at the time of the commitment and the commitment is subject to there being no material adverse change in the condition of the obligor or issuer or in the financial markets.

(4) The Collateral Manager acquires an obligation or security on behalf of the Issuer only if for United States Federal income tax purposes (i) the asset is debt, (ii) the sole obligor or issuer is a corporation (other than a United States real property holding corporation), (iii) the obligor or issuer is not engaged in a trade or business within the United States or (iv) the obligor or issuer is a grantor trust all assets of which are obligations or securities that, if acquired directly, would have satisfied the requirements of this paragraph (4) and paragraphs (1) through (3) above. For purposes of determining whether any criterion in this paragraph (4) is satisfied, the Collateral Manager may rely on a tax opinion included or described in the offering documents pursuant to which the obligation or security was issued to the effect that such criterion will be satisfied; *provided* that no change that would have a material effect on satisfaction of such criterion has occurred in the terms of the obligation or security or the activities or any of the organizational documents of the issuer, as applicable, before the obligation or security is acquired.

(5) The Collateral Manager does not cause the Issuer to receive any fees for services paid by an obligor in connection with the origination or syndication of a Collateral Debt Security.

(6) The Collateral Manager does not cause the Issuer to hold itself out as being willing to enter into either side of, or willing to offer to enter into, assume, offset, assign or otherwise terminate positions in (x) interest rate, currency, equity, or commodity swaps or caps or (y) derivative financial instruments (including options, forward contracts, short positions, and similar instruments) in any commodity, currency, share of stock, partnership or trust, note, bond, debenture or other evidence of indebtedness, swap or cap, except for the transactions comprising the Hedge Agreements, Synthetic Securities and replacements thereof.

(7) The Collateral Manager does not take any action that it actually knows would cause the Issuer to be required to register as or become subject to regulatory supervision or other legal requirements under the laws of any country or political subdivision thereof as a bank, insurance company or finance company or would cause the Issuer to be treated as a bank, insurance company or finance company for purposes of (i) any tax, securities law or other filing or submission made to any governmental authority, (ii) any application made to a rating agency or (iii) qualification for any exemption from tax, securities law or any other legal requirements. The Collateral Manager agrees not to cause the Issuer to hold itself out to the public as a bank, insurance company or finance company.

(8) The Collateral Manager does not cause the Issuer to hold itself out to the public, through advertising or otherwise, as originating loans, lending funds, or making a market in loans or other assets.

"Eligible Investments" include any Dollar-denominated investment that is one or more of the following (and may include investments for which the Trustee and/or its affiliates or the Collateral Manager and/or its Affiliates provides services or receives compensation):

- (a) cash;
- (b) direct registered obligations of, and registered obligations the timely payment of principal and interest on which is fully and expressly guaranteed by, the United States or any agency or instrumentality of the United States the obligations of which are expressly backed by the full faith and credit of the United States;
- (c) demand and time deposits in, certificates of deposit of, bankers' acceptances payable within 183 days of issuance issued by, or Federal funds sold by any depository institution or trust company incorporated under the laws of the United States or any state thereof and subject to supervision and examination by Federal and/or state banking authorities so long as the commercial paper and/or the debt obligations of such depository institution or trust company (or, in the case of the principal depository institution in a holding company system, the commercial paper or debt obligations of such holding company) at the time of such investment or contractual commitment providing for such investment have a credit rating of not less than "Aa2" by Moody's (and, if such rating is "Aa2," such rating is not on watch for possible downgrade by Moody's), not less than "AA+" by Standard & Poor's and not less than "AA+" by Fitch in the case of long-term debt obligations, or "P-1" by Moody's (and such rating is not on watch for possible downgrade by Moody's), "A-1" by Standard & Poor's and "F1+" by Fitch in the case of commercial paper and short term debt obligations including time deposits; *provided* that (i) in each case, the issuer thereof must have at the time of such investment a long-term credit rating of not less than "A1" by Moody's (and, if such rating is "A1," such rating is not on watch for possible downgrade by Moody's) and not less than "A+" by Fitch and (ii) in the case of commercial paper and short-term debt obligations with a maturity of longer than 91 days, the issuer thereof must also have at the time of such investment a long-term credit rating of not less than "AA+" by Standard & Poor's and not less than "AA+" by Fitch;
- (d) unleveraged repurchase obligations with respect to (i) any security described in clause (b) above or (ii) any other registered obligation issued or guaranteed by an agency or instrumentality of the United States (in each case without regard to the stated maturity of such security), in either case entered into with a U.S. Federal or state depository institution or trust company (acting as principal) described in clause (c) above or entered into with a corporation (acting as principal) whose long-term rating is not less than "Aa2" by Moody's (and, if such rating is "Aa2," such rating is not on watch for possible downgrade by Moody's), not less than "AA+" by Standard & Poor's and not less than "AA+" by Fitch or whose short term credit rating is "P-1" by Moody's (and such rating is not on watch for possible downgrade by Moody's), "A-1+" by Standard & Poor's and "F1+" by Fitch at the time of such investment; *provided* that (i) in each case, the issuer thereof must have at the time of such investment a long-term credit rating of not less than "Aa2" by Moody's (and, if such rating is "Aa2," such rating is not on watch for possible downgrade by Moody's) and (ii) if such security has a maturity of longer than 91 days,

the issuer thereof must also have at the time of such investment a long-term credit rating of not less than "AA+" by Standard & Poor's and not less than "AA+" by Fitch;

- (e) registered debt securities bearing interest or sold at a discount issued by any corporation incorporated under the laws of the United States or any state thereof that have a credit rating of not less than "Aa2" by Moody's (and, if such rating is "Aa2," such rating is not on watch for possible downgrade by Moody's), not less than "AA+" by Standard & Poor's and not less than "AA+" by Fitch;
- (f) commercial paper or other short term obligations with a maturity of not more than 183 days from the date of issuance and having at the time of such investment a credit rating of "P-1" by Moody's (and such rating is not on watch for possible downgrade by Moody's), "A-1+" by Standard & Poor's and "F1+" by Fitch; *provided* that (i) in each case, the issuer thereof must have at the time of such investment a long-term credit rating of not less than "Aa2" by Moody's (and, if such rating is "Aa2," such rating is not on watch for possible downgrade by Moody's) and not less than "AA+" by Fitch, and (ii) if such security has a maturity of longer than 91 days, the issuer thereof must also have at the time of such investment a long-term credit rating of not less than "AA+" by Standard & Poor's and not less than "AA+" by Fitch;
- (g) registered reinvestment agreements issued by any bank, or a registered reinvestment agreement issued by any insurance company or other corporation or entity organized under the laws of the United States or any state thereof (if treated as debt by the issuer), in each case, that has a credit rating of "P-1" by Moody's (and such rating is not on watch for possible downgrade by Moody's), "A-1+" by Standard & Poor's and "F1+" by Fitch; *provided* that (i) in any case, the issuer thereof must have at the time of such investment a long term credit rating of not less than "Aa2" by Moody's (and, if such rating is "Aa2," such rating is not on watch for possible downgrade by Moody's), and not less than "AA+" by Fitch, and (ii) if such security has a maturity of longer than 91 days, the issuer thereof must also have at the time of such investment a long-term credit rating of not less than "AA+" by Standard & Poor's and not less than "AA+" by Fitch; and
- (h) interests in any money market fund or similar investment vehicle having at the time of investment therein the highest credit rating assigned by Moody's, a rating of "AAAm" or "AAAm/G" by Standard & Poor's and the highest credit rating assigned by Fitch; *provided* that such fund or vehicle is formed and has its principal office outside the United States;

and, in each case (other than clause (a)), with a stated maturity (giving effect to any applicable grace period) no later than the Business Day immediately preceding the Quarterly Distribution Date next following the Due Period in which the date of investment occurs; *provided* that Eligible Investments may not include (a) any mortgaged-backed security, (b) any security that does not provide for payment or repayment of a stated principal amount in one or more installments, (c) any security purchased at a price in excess of 100% of the par value thereof, (d) any investment the income from or proceeds of disposition of which is or will be subject to reduction for or on account of any withholding or similar tax, (e) the acquisition (including the

manner of acquisition), ownership, enforcement or disposition of which will subject the Issuer to net income tax in any jurisdiction, (f) any Floating Rate Security (other than the time deposits described in paragraph (c) above) whose interest rate is inversely or otherwise not proportionately related to an interest rate index or is calculated as other than the sum of an interest rate index plus a spread or (g) any security whose rating by Standard & Poor's includes the subscript "r," "t," "p," "pi" or "q"; *provided* that notwithstanding the foregoing, when used in relation to a Synthetic Security Counterparty Account, Eligible Investments shall include any investments approved in writing by the related Synthetic Security Counterparty. Eligible Investments may be obligations of, and may be purchased from, the Trustee and its Affiliates, and may include obligations for which the Trustee or an Affiliate thereof receives compensation for providing services. For purposes of determining whether a security is an Eligible Investment, any minimum Fitch rating requirement in clause (h) above shall apply only if Fitch has rated such security as of the applicable date of determination.

"Emerging Market Issuer" means a sovereign or non-sovereign issuer organized in a country that is in Latin America, Asia, Africa, Eastern Europe or the Caribbean or in a country the Dollar-denominated obligations of which are rated lower than "Aa2" by Moody's (or are rated "Aa2" and are on watch for possible downgrade by Moody's) and which has a foreign currency rating lower than "AA" by Standard & Poor's; *provided* that an issuer of Asset-Backed Securities organized in a Special Purpose Vehicle Jurisdiction shall not be an Emerging Market Issuer for purposes hereof if the underlying collateral of such Asset-Backed Securities consists solely of (x) obligations of obligors located in the United States and (y) obligations of Qualifying Foreign Obligors.

"Fixed Rate Security" means any Collateral Debt Security other than a Floating Rate Collateral Debt Security.

"Floating Rate Security" means a Collateral Debt Security in respect of which interest payable is calculated by reference to a floating interest rate or index.

"Issue" of Collateral Debt Securities means Collateral Debt Securities issued by the same issuer, secured by the same collateral pool. For Synthetic Securities, the issuer shall be determined based on the Reference Obligation rather than the Synthetic Security.

"Moody's Rating Trigger" means that the rating assigned by Moody's to any Class of Notes on the Closing Date has been (i) withdrawn, (ii) reduced by at least one subcategory in the case of the Class A Notes or the Class B Notes, or (iii) reduced by two or more subcategories in the case of the Class C Notes, in each case from the rating assigned by Moody's on the Closing Date (and not restored to the rating assigned on the Closing Date or, with respect to the Class C Notes, restored within one subcategory of the rating assigned by Moody's on the Closing Date).

"Offer" means with respect to any security, (i) any offer by the issuer of such security or by any other person made to all of the holders of such security to purchase or otherwise acquire such security (other than pursuant to any redemption in accordance with the terms of the related Underlying Instruments) or to convert or exchange such security into or for cash, securities or any other type of consideration or (ii) any solicitation by the issuer of such security or any other

person to amend, modify or waive any provision of such security or any related Underlying Instrument.

"Pure Private Collateral Debt Security" means any Collateral Debt Security other than (a) a Collateral Debt Security that was issued pursuant to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act or (b) a privately placed Collateral Debt Security that is eligible for resale under Rule 144A or Regulation S under the Securities Act.

"Rating Condition" means with respect to any action taken or to be taken under the Indenture, a condition that is satisfied when each Rating Agency (or if the Indenture expressly so specifies in respect of such action, the specified Rating Agency) has confirmed in writing to the Trustee and the Collateral Manager that such action will not result in the withdrawal, reduction or other adverse action with respect to any then-current rating (including any private or confidential rating) by such Rating Agency of any Class of Notes.

"Servicer" means with respect to any Collateral Debt Security, the entity that, absent any default, event of default or similar condition (however described), is primarily responsible for managing, servicing, monitoring and otherwise administering the cash flows from which payments to investors in such Collateral Debt Securities are made.

"Special Purpose Vehicle Jurisdiction" means (a) the Cayman Islands, the Bahamas, Bermuda, the Netherlands Antilles or the Channel Islands and (b) any other jurisdiction that (x) is commonly used as the place of organization of special or limited purpose vehicles that issue Asset-Backed Securities, (y) that generally imposes no or nominal tax on the income of special-purpose vehicles and (z) the designation of which as a Special Purpose Vehicle Jurisdiction satisfies the Rating Condition.

"Step-Down Bond" means a security which by the terms of the related Underlying Instrument provides for a decrease, in the case of a Fixed Rate Security, in the per annum interest rate on such security or, in the case of a Floating Rate Security, in the spread over the applicable index or benchmark rate, solely as a function of the passage of time; *provided* that a Step-Down Bond shall not include any such security providing for payment of a constant rate of interest at all times after the date of acquisition by the Issuer. In calculating any Collateral Quality Test by reference to the spread (in the case of a floating rate Step-Down Bond) or coupon (in the case of a fixed rate Step-Down Bond) of a Step-Down Bond, the spread or coupon on any date shall be deemed to be the lowest spread or coupon, respectively, scheduled to apply to such Step-Down Bond on or after such date.

"Step-Up Bond" means a security which by the terms of the related Underlying Instrument provides for an increase, in the case of a Fixed Rate Security, in the per annum interest rate on such security or, in the case of a Floating Rate Security, in the spread over the applicable index or benchmark rate, solely as a function of the passage of time; *provided* that a Step-Up Bond shall not include any such security providing for payment of a constant rate of interest at all times after the date of acquisition by the Issuer. In calculating any Coverage Test or Collateral Quality Test by reference to the spread (in the case of a floating rate Step-Up Bond) or coupon (in the case of a fixed rate Step-Up Bond) of a Step-Up Bond, the spread or coupon on

any date shall be deemed to be the spread or coupon stated to be payable in cash and in effect on such date.

Asset-Backed Securities

Most of the Collateral Debt Securities will consist of Asset-Backed Securities, including, without limitation, Aerospace and Defense Securities, Automobile Securities, Bank Guaranteed Securities, Car Rental Receivable Securities, CMBS Conduit Securities, CMBS Credit Tenant Lease Securities, CMBS Large Loan Securities, Corporate Guaranteed Securities, Credit Card Securities, Healthcare Securities, High-Diversity CDO Securities, Home Equity Loan Securities, Insurance Company Guaranteed Securities, Low-Diversity CDO Securities, Manufactured Housing Securities, Mutual Fund Securities, Oil and Gas Securities, Project Finance Securities, Recreational Vehicle Securities, REIT Debt Securities—Diversified, REIT Debt Securities—Health Care, REIT Debt Securities—Hotel, REIT Debt Securities—Industrial, REIT Debt Securities—Mortgage, REIT Debt Securities—Multi-Family, REIT Debt Securities—Office, REIT Debt Securities—Residential, REIT Debt Securities—Retail, REIT Debt Securities—Storage, Residential A Mortgage Securities, Residential B/C Mortgage Securities, Restaurant and Food Services Securities, Small Business Loan Securities, Structured Settlement Securities, Student Loan Securities, Subprime Automobile Securities, Tax Lien Securities and Time Share Securities. Asset-Backed Securities are securities that entitle the holders thereof to receive payments that depend primarily on the cash flow from a specified pool of financial assets, either static or revolving, that by their terms convert into cash within a finite time period, together with rights or other assets designed to assure the servicing or timely distribution of proceeds to holders of such securities.

The term "Asset-Backed Securities" is generally used to refer to securities for which the underlying collateral consists of assets such as credit card receivables, home equity loans, leases, commercial mortgage loans and debt obligations. Issuers of Asset-Backed Securities are primarily banks and finance companies, captive finance subsidiaries of non-financial corporations or specialized originators such as credit card lenders. Credit risk is an important issue in Asset-Backed Securities because of the significant credit risks inherent in the underlying collateral and because issuers are primarily private entities. Accordingly, Asset-Backed Securities generally include one or more credit enhancements that are designed to raise the overall credit quality of the security above that of the underlying collateral. Another important type of Asset-Backed Security is commercial paper issued by special-purpose entities. Asset-backed commercial paper is usually backed by trade receivables, though such conduits may also fund commercial and industrial loans. Banks are typically more active as issuers of these instruments than as investors in them.

An Asset-Backed Security is created by the sale of assets or collateral to a conduit, which becomes the legal issuer of the Asset-Backed Securities. The securitization conduit or issuer is generally a bankruptcy-remote vehicle such as a grantor trust or, in the case of an asset-backed commercial paper program, a special-purpose entity. The sponsor or originator of the collateral usually establishes the issuer. Interests in the trust, which embody the right to certain cash flows arising from the underlying assets, are then sold in the form of securities to investors through an investment bank or other securities underwriter. Each Asset-Backed Security has a servicer

(often the originator of the collateral) that is responsible for collecting the cash flows generated by the securitized assets—principal, interest and fees net of losses and any servicing costs as well as other expenses—and for passing them along to the investors in accordance with the terms of the securities. The servicer processes the payments and administers the borrower accounts in the pool.

The structure of an Asset-Backed Security and the terms of the investors' interest in the collateral can vary widely depending on the type of collateral, the desires of investors and the use of credit enhancements. Often Asset-Backed Securities are structured to reallocate the risks entailed in the underlying collateral (particularly credit risk) into security tranches that match the desires of investors. For example, senior subordinated security structures give holders of senior tranches greater credit risk protection (albeit at lower yields) than holders of subordinated tranches. Under this structure, at least two classes of Asset-Backed Securities are issued, with the senior class having a priority claim on the cash flows from the underlying pool of assets. The subordinated class must absorb credit losses on the collateral before losses can be charged to the senior portion. Because the senior class has this priority claim, cash flows from the underlying pool of assets must first satisfy the requirements of the senior class. Only after these requirements have been met will the cash flows be directed to service the subordinated class.

Asset-Backed Securities also use various forms of credit enhancements to transform the risk-return profile of underlying collateral, including third-party credit enhancements, recourse provisions, overcollateralization and various covenants. Third-party credit enhancements include standby letters of credit, collateral or pool insurance, or surety bonds from third parties. Recourse provisions are guarantees that require the originator to cover any losses up to a contractually agreed-upon amount. One type of recourse provision, usually seen in securities backed by credit card receivables, is the "spread account." This account is actually an escrow account whose funds are derived from a portion of the spread between the interest earned on the assets in the underlying pool of collateral and the lower interest paid on securities issued by the trust. The amounts that accumulate in this escrow account are used to cover credit losses in the underlying asset pool, up to several multiples of historical losses on the particular assets collateralizing the securities. Overcollateralization is another form of credit enhancement that covers a predetermined amount of potential credit losses. It occurs when the value of the underlying assets exceeds the face value of the securities. A similar form of credit enhancement is the cash-collateral account, which is established when a third party deposits cash into a pledged account. The use of cash-collateral accounts, which are considered by enhancers to be loans, grew as the number of highly rated banks and other credit enhancers declined in the early 1990s. Cash-collateral accounts provide credit protection to investors of a securitization by eliminating "event risk," or the risk that the credit enhancer will have its credit rating downgraded or that it will not be able to fulfill its financial obligation to absorb losses. An investment banking firm or other organization generally serves as an underwriter for Asset-Backed Securities. In addition, a credit-rating agency often will analyze the policies and operations of the originator and servicer, as well as the structure, underlying pool of assets, expected cash flows and other attributes of the securities. Before assigning a rating to the issue, the rating agency will also assess the extent of loss protection provided to investors by the credit enhancements associated with the issue.

Although the basic elements of all Asset-Backed Securities are similar, individual transactions can differ markedly in both structure and execution. Important determinants of the risk associated with issuing or holding the securities include the process by which principal and interest payments are allocated and down-streamed to investors, how credit losses affect the trust and the return to investors, whether collateral represents a fixed set of specific assets or accounts, whether the underlying collateral assets are revolving or closed-end, under what terms (including maturity of the asset-backed instrument) any remaining balance in the accounts may revert to the issuing company and the extent to which the company that is the actual source of the collateral assets is obligated to provide support to the trust or conduit or to the investors. Further issues may arise based on discretionary behavior of the issuer within the terms of the securitization agreement, such as voluntary buybacks from, or contributions to, the underlying pool of loans when credit losses rise. A bank or other issuer may play more than one role in the securitization process. An issuer can simultaneously serve as originator of loans, servicer, administrator of the trust, underwriter, provider of liquidity and credit enhancer. Issuers typically receive a fee for each element of the transaction they undertake. Institutions acquiring Asset-Backed Securities should recognize that the multiplicity of roles that may be played by a single firm—within a single securitization or across a number of them—means that credit and operational risk can accumulate into significant concentrations with respect to one or a small number of firms.

There are many different varieties of Asset-Backed Securities, often customized to the terms and characteristics of the underlying collateral. The most common types are securities collateralized by revolving credit-card receivables, but instruments backed by home equity loans, other second mortgages and automobile-finance receivables are also common.

Securities backed by closed-end installment loans are typically the least complex form of asset-backed instruments. Collateral for these Asset-Backed Securities typically includes leases, student loans and automobile loans. The loans that form the pool of collateral for the Asset-Backed Securities may have varying contractual maturities and may or may not represent a heterogeneous pool of borrowers. Unlike a mortgage pass-through instrument, the trustee does not need to take physical possession of any account documents to perfect a security interest in the receivables under the Uniform Commercial Code. The repayment stream on installment loans is fairly predictable, since it is primarily determined by a contractual amortization schedule. Early repayment on these instruments can occur for a number of reasons, with most tied to the disposition of the underlying collateral (for example, in the case of Asset-Backed Securities backed by automobile loans, the sale of the vehicles). Interest is typically passed through to security holders at a fixed rate that is slightly below the weighted average coupon of the loan pool, allowing for servicing and other expenses as well as credit losses.

Unlike closed-end installment loans, revolving credit receivables involve greater uncertainty about future cash flows. Therefore, Asset-Backed Securities structures using this type of collateral must be more complex to afford investors more comfort in predicting their repayment. Accounts included in the securitization pool may have balances that grow or decline over the life of the Asset-Backed Securities. Accordingly, at maturity of the Asset-Backed Securities, any remaining balances revert to the originator. During the term of the Asset-Backed Securities, the originator may be required to sell additional accounts to the pool to maintain a minimum dollar amount of collateral if accountholders pay down their balances in advance of

predetermined rates. Credit card securitizations are the most prevalent form of revolving credit Asset-Backed Securities, although home equity lines of credit are a growing source of Asset-Backed Securities collateral. Credit card securitizations are typically structured to incorporate two phases in the life cycle of the collateral: an initial phase during which the principal amount of the securities remains constant and an amortization phase during which investors are paid off. A specific period of time is assigned to each phase. Typically, a specific pool of accounts is identified in the securitization documents, and these specifications may include not only the initial pool of loans but also a portfolio from which new accounts may be contributed. The dominant vehicle for issuing securities backed by credit cards is a master trust structure with a "spread account," which is funded up to a predetermined amount through "excess yield"—that is, interest and fee income less credit losses, servicing and other fees. With credit card receivables, the income from the pool of loans—even after credit losses—is generally much higher than the return paid to investors. After the spread account accumulates to its predetermined level, the excess yield reverts to the issuer. Under GAAP, issuers are required to recognize on their balance sheet an excess yield asset that is based on the fair value of the expected future excess yield; in principle, this value would be based on the net present value of the expected earnings stream from the transaction. Issuers are further required to revalue the asset periodically to take account of changes in fair value that may occur due to interest rates, actual credit losses and other factors relevant to the future stream of excess yield. The accounting and capital implications of these transactions are discussed further below.

A number of banks have used a structure—a "special-purpose entity"—that is designed to acquire trade receivables and commercial loans from high-quality (often investment-grade) obligors and to fund those loans by issuing (asset-backed) commercial paper that is to be repaid from the cash flow of the receivables. Capital is contributed to the special-purpose entity by the originating bank that, together with the high quality of the underlying borrowers, is sufficient to allow the special-purpose entity to receive a high credit rating. The net result is that the special-purpose entity's cost of funding can be at or below that of the originating bank itself. The special-purpose entity is "owned" by individuals who are not formally affiliated with the bank, although the degree of separation is typically minimal. These securitization programs enable banks to arrange short-term financing support for their customers without having to extend credit directly. This structure provides borrowers with an alternative source of funding and allows banks to earn fee income for managing the programs. As the asset-backed commercial paper structure has developed, it has been used to finance a variety of underlying loans—in some cases, loans purchased from other firms rather than originated by the bank itself—and as a "remote origination" vehicle from which loans can be made directly. Like other securitization techniques, this structure allows banks to meet their customers' credit needs while incurring lower capital requirements and a smaller balance sheet than if it made the loans directly.

Issuers obtain a number of advantages from securitizing assets, including improving their capital ratios and return on assets, monetizing gains in loan value, generating fee income by providing services to the securitization conduit, closing a potential source of interest-rate risk and increasing institutional liquidity by providing access to a new source of funds. Investors are attracted by the high credit quality of Asset-Backed Securities, as well as their attractive returns.

Asset-Backed Securities carry coupons that can be fixed or floating. Pricing is typically designed to mirror the coupon characteristics of the loans being securitized. The spread will vary depending on the credit quality of the underlying collateral, the degree and nature of credit enhancement and the degree of variability in the cash flows emanating from the securitized loans.

Credit risk arises from (1) losses due to defaults by the borrowers in the underlying collateral and (2) the issuer's or servicer's failure to perform. These two elements can blur together as, for example, in the case of a servicer who does not provide adequate credit-review scrutiny to the serviced portfolio, leading to higher incidence of defaults. Asset-Backed Securities are rated by major rating agencies. Market risk arises from the cash-flow characteristics of the security, which for many Asset-Backed Securities tend to be predictable. The greatest variability in cash flows comes from credit performance, including the presence of wind-down or acceleration features designed to protect the investor in the event that credit losses in the portfolio rise well above expected levels. Interest-rate risk arises for the issuer from the relationship between the pricing terms on the underlying collateral and the terms of the rate paid to security holders and from the need to mark to market the excess servicing or spread account proceeds carried on the balance sheet. Liquidity risk can arise from increased perceived credit risk, like that which occurred in 1996 and 1997 with the rise in reported delinquencies and losses on securitized pools of credit cards. Liquidity can also become a major concern for asset-backed commercial paper programs if concerns about credit quality, for example, lead investors to avoid the commercial paper issued by the relevant special-purpose entity. For these cases, the securitization transaction may include a "liquidity facility," which requires the facility provider to advance funds to the relevant special-purpose entity should liquidity problems arise. To the extent that the bank originating the loans is also the provider of the liquidity facility, and that the bank is likely to experience similar market concerns if the loans it originates deteriorate, the ultimate practical value of the liquidity facility to the transaction may be questionable. Operations risk arises through the potential for misrepresentation of loan quality or terms by the originating institution, misrepresentation of the nature and current value of the assets by the servicer and inadequate controls over disbursements and receipts by the servicer.

For the purpose of determining compliance with the Eligibility Criteria set forth above, the Asset-Backed Securities to be pledged to the Trustee on Closing Date are divided into the following different "Specified Types":

"Aerospace and Defense Securities" means Asset-Backed Securities that entitle the holders thereof to receive payments that depend (except for rights or other assets designed to assure the servicing or timely distribution of proceeds to holders of the Asset-Backed Securities) on the cash flow from leases and subleases of aircraft, vessels and telecommunications equipment to businesses for use in the provision of goods or services to consumers, the military or the government, generally having the following characteristics: (1) the leases and subleases have varying contractual maturities; (2) the leases or subleases are obligations of a relatively limited number of obligors and accordingly represent an undiversified pool of obligor credit risk; (3) the repayment stream on such leases and subleases is primarily determined by a contractual payment schedule, with early termination of such leases and subleases predominantly dependent upon the disposition to a lessee, sublessee or third party of the underlying equipment; (4) such

leases or subleases typically provide for the right of the lessee or sublessee to purchase the equipment for its stated residual value, subject to payments at the end of lease term for excess usage or wear and tear; and (5) the obligations of the lessors or sublessors may be secured not only by the leased equipment but also by other assets of the lessee, sublessee or guarantees granted by third parties.

"Aircraft Lease Securities" means Asset-Backed Securities that entitle the holders thereof to receive payments that depend (except for rights or other assets designed to assure the servicing or timely distribution of proceeds to holders of the Asset-Backed Securities) on the cash flow from a portfolio consisting of aircraft leases and subleases generally having the following characteristics: (1) such leases and subleases have varying contractual maturities; (2) such leases and subleases are obligations of a relatively limited number of obligors and accordingly represent an undiversified pool of obligor credit risk; (3) the repayment stream on such leases and subleases is primarily dependent upon the disposition to a lessee, sublessee or third party of the underlying equipment; (4) such leases or subleases typically provide for the right of the lessee or sublessee to purchase the equipment for its stated residual value, subject to payments at the end of the lease term for excess usage or wear and tear; and (5) the obligations of the lessors or sublessors may be secured not only by the leased equipment but also by other assets of the lessee or sublessee or guarantees granted by third parties.

"Automobile Securities" means Asset-Backed Securities that entitle the holders thereof to receive payments that depend (except for rights or other assets designed to assure the servicing or timely distribution of proceeds to holders of the Asset-Backed Securities) on the cash flow from installment sale loans made to finance the acquisition of, or from leases of, automobiles, generally having the following characteristics: (1) the loans or leases may have varying contractual maturities; (2) the loans or leases are obligations of numerous borrowers or lessees and accordingly represent a very diversified pool of obligor credit risk; (3) the borrowers or lessees under the loans or leases generally do not have a poor credit rating; (4) the repayment stream on such loans or leases is primarily determined by a contractual payment schedule, with early repayment on such loans or leases predominantly dependent upon the disposition of the underlying vehicle; and (5) such leases typically provide for the right of the lessee to purchase the vehicle for its stated residual value, subject to payments at the end of lease term for excess mileage or use.

"Bank Guaranteed Securities" means any Asset-Backed Security as to which, if interest thereon is not timely paid when due, or the principal thereof is not timely paid at stated legal maturity, a national banking association organized under United States law or banking corporation organized under the laws of a state of the United States has undertaken in an irrevocable letter of credit or other similar instrument to make such payment against the presentation of documents, but only if such letter of credit or similar instrument (1) expires no earlier than such stated maturity (or contains "evergreen" provisions entitling the beneficiary thereof to draw the entire undrawn amount thereof upon the failure of the expiration date of such letter of credit or other similar instrument to be extended beyond its then current expiry date), (2) provides that payment thereunder is independent of the performance by the obligor on the relevant Asset-Backed Security and (3) was issued by a bank having a credit rating assigned by each nationally recognized statistical rating organization that currently rates such Asset-Backed

Security higher than the credit rating assigned by such rating organization to such Asset-Backed Security, determined without giving effect to such letter of credit or similar instrument, *provided* that any Asset-Backed Security falling within this definition shall be excluded from the definition of each other Specified Type of Asset-Backed Security.

"Car Rental Receivable Securities" means Asset-Backed Securities that entitle the holders thereof to receive payments that depend (except for rights or other assets designed to assure the servicing or timely distribution of proceeds to holders of the Asset-Backed Securities) on the cash flow from leases and subleases of vehicles to car rental systems (such as Hertz, Avis, National, Dollar, Budget, etc.) and their franchisees, generally having the following characteristics: (1) the leases and subleases have varying contractual maturities; (2) the subleases are obligations of numerous franchisees and accordingly represent a very diversified pool of obligor credit risk; (3) the repayment stream on such leases and subleases is primarily determined by a contractual payment schedule, with early termination of such leases and subleases predominantly dependent upon the disposition to a lessee or third party of the underlying vehicle; and (4) such leases or subleases typically provide for the right of the lessee or sublessee to purchase the vehicle for its stated residual value, subject to payments at the end of lease term for excess mileage or use.

"CMBS Conduit Securities" means Asset-Backed Securities (A) issued by a single-seller or multi-seller conduit under which the holders of such Asset-Backed Securities have recourse to a specified pool of assets (but not other assets held by the conduit that support payments on other series of securities) and (B) that entitle the holders thereof to receive payments that depend (except for rights or other assets designed to assure the servicing or timely distribution of proceeds to holders of the Asset-Backed Securities) on the cash flow from a pool of commercial mortgage loans generally having the following characteristics: (1) the commercial mortgage loans have varying contractual maturities; (2) the commercial mortgage loans are secured by real property purchased or improved with the proceeds thereof (or to refinance an outstanding loan the proceeds of which were so used); (3) the commercial mortgage loans are obligations of a relatively limited number of obligors (with the creditworthiness of individual obligors being less material than for CMBS Large Loan Securities and Credit Tenant Lease Securities) and accordingly represent a relatively undiversified pool of obligor credit risk; (4) upon original issuance of such Asset-Backed Securities no five commercial mortgage loans account for more than 30% of the aggregate principal balance of the entire pool of commercial mortgage loans supporting payments on such securities; and (5) repayment thereof can vary substantially from the contractual payment schedule (if any), with early prepayment of individual loans depending on numerous factors specific to the particular obligors and upon whether, in the case of loans bearing interest at a fixed rate, such loans or securities include an effective prepayment premium.

"CMBS Credit Tenant Lease Securities" means Asset-Backed Securities (other than CMBS Large Loan Securities and CMBS Conduit Securities) that entitle the holders thereof to receive payments that depend (except for rights or other assets designed to assure the servicing or timely distribution of proceeds to holders of the Asset-Backed Securities) on the cash flow from a pool of commercial mortgage loans made to finance the acquisition, construction and improvement of properties leased to corporate tenants (or on the cash flow from such leases). They generally have the following characteristics: (1) the commercial mortgage loans or leases

have varying contractual maturities; (2) the commercial mortgage loans are secured by real property purchased or improved with the proceeds thereof (or to refinance an outstanding loan the proceeds of which were so used); (3) the leases are secured by leasehold interests; (4) the commercial mortgage loans or leases are obligations of a relatively limited number of obligors and accordingly represent a relatively undiversified pool of obligor credit risk; (5) payment thereof can vary substantially from the contractual payment schedule (if any), with prepayment of individual loans or termination of leases depending on numerous factors specific to the particular obligors or lessees and upon whether, in the case of loans bearing interest at a fixed rate, such loans include an effective prepayment premium; and (6) the creditworthiness of such corporate tenants is the primary factor in any decision to invest in these securities.

"CMBS Large Loan Securities" means Asset-Backed Securities (other than CMBS Conduit Securities and CMBS Credit Tenant Lease Securities) that entitle the holders thereof to receive payments that depend (except for rights or other assets designed to assure the servicing or timely distribution of proceeds to holders of the Asset-Backed Securities) on the cash flow from a pool of commercial mortgage loans made to finance the acquisition, construction and improvement of properties. They generally have the following characteristics: (1) the commercial mortgage loans have varying contractual maturities; (2) the commercial mortgage loans are secured by real property purchased or improved with the proceeds thereof (or to refinance an outstanding loan the proceeds of which were so used); (3) the commercial mortgage loans are obligations of a relatively limited number of obligors and accordingly represent a relatively undiversified pool of obligor credit risk; (4) repayment thereof can vary substantially from the contractual payment schedule (if any), with early prepayment of individual loans depending on numerous factors specific to the particular obligors and upon whether, in the case of loans bearing interest at a fixed rate, such loans or securities include an effective prepayment premium; and (5) the valuation of individual properties securing the commercial mortgage loans is the primary factor in any decision to invest in these securities.

"Corporate Guaranteed Securities" means any Asset-Backed Security as to which the timely payment of interest when due, and the payment of principal no later than stated legal maturity thereof, is unconditionally guaranteed by a corporation organized in a state of the United States pursuant to a corporate guarantee or other similar instrument, but only if such guarantee or instrument (a) expires no earlier than such stated or actual legal maturity, (b) provides that payment thereunder is independent of the performance by the obligor on such Asset-Backed Security and (c) is issued by an issuer having a credit rating assigned by each nationally recognized statistical rating organization that currently rates such Asset-Backed Security higher than the rating assigned to such Asset-Backed Security determined without giving effect to such corporate guarantee or similar instrument.

"Credit Card Securities" means Asset-Backed Securities that entitle the holders thereof to receive payments that depend (except for rights or other assets designed to assure the servicing or timely distribution of proceeds to holders of the Asset-Backed Securities) on the cash flow from balances outstanding under revolving consumer credit card accounts, generally having the following characteristics: (1) the accounts have standardized payment terms and require minimum monthly payments; (2) the balances are obligations of numerous borrowers and accordingly represent a very diversified pool of obligor credit risk; and (3) the repayment stream

on such balances does not depend upon a contractual payment schedule, with early repayment depending primarily on interest rates, availability of credit against a maximum credit limit and general economic matters.

"Healthcare Securities" means Asset-Backed Securities (other than Small Business Loan Securities) that entitle the holders thereof to receive payments that depend (except for rights or other assets designed to assure the servicing or timely distribution of proceeds to holders of the Asset-Backed Securities) on the cash flow from leases and subleases of equipment to hospitals, non-hospital medical facilities, physicians and physician groups for use in the provision of healthcare services, generally having the following characteristics: (1) the leases and subleases have varying contractual maturities; (2) the leases or subleases are obligations of a relatively limited number of obligors and accordingly represent an undiversified pool of obligor credit risk; (3) the repayment stream on such leases and subleases is primarily determined by a contractual payment schedule, with early termination of such leases and subleases predominantly dependent upon the disposition to a lessee, sublessee or third party of the underlying equipment; and (4) such leases or subleases typically provide for the right of the lessee or sublessee to purchase the equipment for its stated residual value, subject to payments at the end of lease term for excess usage or wear and tear.

"High-Diversity CDO Securities" means Asset-Backed Securities that entitle the holders thereof to receive payments that depend (except for rights or other assets designed to assure the servicing or timely distribution of proceeds to holders of the Asset-Backed Securities) on the cash flow from a portfolio of asset-backed securities (including collateralized debt obligations), generally having the following characteristics: (1) such asset-backed securities have varying contractual maturities; (2) such asset-backed securities are obligations of issuers that represent a relatively diversified pool of credit risk having a Moody's diversity score higher than 20; (3) repayment thereof can vary substantially from the contractual payment schedule (if any), with early prepayment of individual securities depending on numerous factors specific to the particular issuers and upon whether, in the case of asset-backed securities bearing interest at a fixed rate, such securities include an effective prepayment premium; and (4) proceeds from such repayments can for a limited period and subject to compliance with certain Eligibility Criteria be reinvested in additional asset-backed securities.

"Home Equity Loan Securities" means Asset-Backed Securities that entitle the holders thereof to receive payments that depend (except for rights or other assets designed to assure the servicing or timely distribution of proceeds to holders of the Asset-Backed Securities) on the cash flow from balances (including revolving balances) outstanding under loans or lines of credit secured by (but not, upon origination, by a first priority lien on) residential real estate (single or multi-family properties) the proceeds of which loans or lines of credit are not used to purchase such real estate or to purchase or construct dwellings thereon (or to refinance indebtedness previously so used), generally having the following characteristics: (1) the balances have standardized payment terms and require minimum monthly payments; (2) the balances are obligations of numerous borrowers and accordingly represent a very diversified pool of obligor credit risk; (3) the repayment stream on such balances does not depend upon a contractual payment schedule, with early repayment depending primarily on interest rates, availability of credit against a maximum line of credit and general economic matters; and (4) the loan or line of

credit may be secured by residential real estate with a market value (determined on the date of origination of such loan or line of credit) that is less than the original proceeds of such loan or line of credit.

"Insurance Company Guaranteed Securities" means any Monoline Guaranteed Security or Multiline Guaranteed Security.

"Low-Diversity CDO Securities" means Asset-Backed Securities that entitle the holders thereof to receive payments that depend (except for rights or other assets designed to assure the servicing or timely distribution of proceeds to holders of the Asset-Backed Securities) on the cash flow from a portfolio of asset-backed securities (including collateralized debt obligations), generally having the following characteristics: (1) the bank loans and debt securities have varying contractual maturities; (2) the loans and securities are obligations of a pool of issuers that represent a relatively undiversified pool of credit risk having a Moody's diversity score of 20 or lower; (3) repayment thereof can vary substantially from the contractual payment schedule (if any), with early prepayment of individual securities depending on numerous factors specific to the particular issuers and upon whether, in the case of asset-backed securities bearing interest at a fixed rate, such securities include an effective prepayment premium; and (4) proceeds from such repayments can for a limited period and subject to compliance with certain Eligibility Criteria be reinvested in additional asset-backed securities.

"Manufactured Housing Securities" means Asset-Backed Securities that entitle the holders thereof to receive payments that depend (except for rights or other assets designed to assure the servicing or timely distribution of proceeds to holders of the Asset-Backed Securities) on the cash flow from manufactured housing (also known as mobile homes and prefabricated homes) installment sales contracts and installment loan agreements, generally having the following characteristics: (1) the contracts and loan agreements have varying, but typically lengthy contractual maturities; (2) the contracts and loan agreements are secured by the manufactured homes and, in certain cases, by mortgages and/or deeds of trust on the real estate to which the manufactured homes are deemed permanently affixed; (3) the contracts and/or loans are obligations of a large number of obligors and accordingly represent a relatively diversified pool of obligor credit risk; (4) repayment thereof can vary substantially from the contractual payment schedule, with early prepayment of individual loans depending on numerous factors specific to the particular obligors and upon whether, in the case of loans bearing interest at a fixed rate, such loans or securities include an effective prepayment premium; and (5) in some cases, obligations are fully or partially guaranteed by a governmental agency or instrumentality.

"Monoline Guaranteed Security" means any Asset-Backed Security as to which the timely payment of interest when due, and the payment of principal no later than stated legal maturity, is unconditionally guaranteed pursuant to an insurance policy, guarantee or other similar instrument issued by a Monoline Insurer organized under the laws of a state of the United States, but only if such insurance policy, guarantee or other similar instrument (1) expires no earlier than such stated maturity, (2) provides that payment thereunder is independent of the performance by the obligor on the relevant Asset-Backed Security and (3) is issued by a Monoline Insurer having a credit rating assigned by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization that currently rates such Asset-Backed Security which is higher than the credit

rating assigned by such rating organization to such Asset-Backed Security determined without giving effect to such insurance policy, guarantee or other similar instrument.

"Monoline Insurer" means a financial guaranty insurance company that guarantees scheduled interest and principal payments on bonds and writes no other line or type of insurance.

"Multiline Guaranteed Security" means any Asset-Backed Security as to which the timely payment of interest when due and the payment of principal no later than stated legal maturity is unconditionally guaranteed pursuant to an insurance policy, guarantee or other similar instrument issued by a Multiline Insurer organized under the laws of a state of the United States, but only if such insurance policy, guarantee or other similar instrument (1) expires no earlier than such stated maturity, (2) provides that payment thereunder is independent of the performance by the obligor on the relevant Asset-Backed Security and (3) is issued by a Multiline Insurer having a credit rating assigned to it by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization that currently rates such Asset-Backed Security which is higher than the credit rating assigned by such rating organization that currently rates such Asset-Backed Security which is higher than the credit rating assigned by such rating organization to such Asset-Backed Security determined without giving effect to such insurance policy, guarantee or other similar instrument.

"Multiline Insurer" means an insurance company that writes more than one line or type of insurance.

"Mutual Fund Securities" means Asset-Backed Securities that entitle the holders thereof to receive payments that depend (except for rights or other assets designed to assure the servicing or timely distribution of proceeds to holders of the Asset-Backed Securities) on the cash flow from a pool of brokerage fees and costs relating to various mutual funds, generally having the following characteristics: (1) the brokerage arrangements have standardized payment terms and require minimum payments; (2) the brokerage fees and costs arise out of numerous mutual funds and accordingly represent a very diversified pool of credit risk; and (3) the collection of brokerage fees and costs can vary substantially from the contractual payment schedule (if any), with collection depending on numerous factors specific to the particular mutual funds, interest rates and general economic matters.

"Oil and Gas Securities" means Asset-Backed Securities that entitle the holders thereof to receive payments that depend (except for rights or other assets designed to assure the servicing or timely distribution of proceeds to holders of the Asset-Backed Securities) on the cash flow from (a) a pool of franchise loans made to operators of franchises that provide oil and gasoline and provide other services related thereto and (b) leases or subleases of equipment to such operators for use in the provision of such goods and services. They generally have the following characteristics: (1) the loans, leases or subleases have varying contractual maturities; (2) the loans are secured by real property purchased or improved with the proceeds thereof (or to refinance an outstanding loan the proceeds of which were so used); (3) the obligations of the lessors or sublessors of the equipment may be secured not only by the leased equipment but also the related real estate; (4) the loans, leases and subleases are obligations of a relatively limited number of obligors and accordingly represent a relatively undiversified pool of obligor credit risk; (5) payment of the loans can vary substantially from the contractual payment schedule (if

any), with prepayment of individual loans depending on numerous factors specific to the particular obligors and upon whether, in the case of loans bearing interest at a fixed rate, such loans include an effective prepayment premium; (6) the repayment stream on the leases and subleases is primarily determined by a contractual payment schedule, with early termination of such leases and subleases predominantly dependent upon the disposition to a lessee, a sublessee or third party of the underlying equipment; (7) such leases and subleases typically provide for the right of the lessee or sublessee to purchase the equipment for its stated residual value, subject to payments at the end of a lease term for excess usage or wear and tear; and (8) the ownership of a franchise right or other similar license and the creditworthiness of such franchise operators is the primary factor in any decision to invest in these securities.

"Project Finance Securities" means Asset-Backed Securities that entitle the holders thereof to receive payments that depend (except for rights or other assets designed to assure the servicing or timely distribution of proceeds to holders of the Asset-Backed Securities) on the cash flow from (1) the sale of products, such as electricity, nuclear energy, steam or water, in the utility industry by a special-purpose entity formed to own the assets generating or otherwise producing such products and such assets were or are being constructed or otherwise acquired primarily with the proceeds of debt financing made available to such entity on a limited-recourse basis (including recourse to such assets and the land on which they are located) or (2) fees or other usage charges, such as tolls collected on a highway, bridge, tunnel or other infrastructure project, collected by a special-purpose entity formed to own one or more such projects that were constructed or otherwise acquired primarily with the proceeds of debt financing made available to such entity on a limited-recourse basis (including recourse to the project and the land on which it is located).

"Recreational Vehicle Securities" means Asset-Backed Securities that entitle the holders thereof to receive payments that depend (except for rights or other assets designed to assure the servicing or timely distribution of proceeds to holders of the Asset-Backed Securities) on the cash flow from installment sale loans made to finance the acquisition of, or from leases of, recreational vehicles, generally having the following characteristics: (1) the loans or leases may have varying contractual maturities; (2) the loans or leases are obligations of numerous borrowers or lessees and accordingly represent a very diversified pool of obligor credit risk; (3) the borrowers or lessees under the loans or leases generally do not have a poor credit rating; (4) the repayment stream on such loans or leases is primarily determined by a contractual payment schedule, with early repayment on such loans or leases predominantly dependent upon the disposition of the underlying vehicle; and (5) such leases typically provide for the right of the lessee to purchase the recreational vehicle for its stated residual value, subject to payments at the end of lease term for excess mileage or use.

"REIT Debt Securities—Diversified" means Asset-Backed Securities issued by a real estate investment trust (as defined in Section 856 of the Code or any successor provision) whose assets consist (except for rights or other assets designed to assure the servicing or timely distribution of proceeds to holders of the Asset-Backed Securities) of mortgages on a portfolio of diverse real property interests, *provided* that (a) any Asset-Backed Security falling within this definition shall be excluded from the definition of each other Specified Type of Asset-Backed

Security and (b) any Asset-Backed Security falling within any other ABS REIT Debt Security description set forth herein shall be excluded from this definition.

"REIT Debt Securities—Health Care" means Asset-Backed Securities issued by a real estate investment trust (as defined in Section 856 of the Code or any successor provision) whose assets consist (except for rights or other assets designed to assure the servicing or timely distribution of proceeds to holders of the Asset-Backed Securities) of mortgages on hospitals, clinics, sport clubs, spas and other health care facilities and other similar real property interests used in one or more similar businesses, *provided* that any Asset-Backed Security falling within this definition shall be excluded from the definition of each other Specified Type of Asset-Backed Security.

"REIT Debt Securities—Hotel" means Asset-Backed Securities issued by a real estate investment trust (as defined in Section 856 of the Code or any successor provision) whose assets consist (except for rights or other assets designed to assure the servicing or timely distribution of proceeds to holders of the Asset-Backed Securities) of mortgages on hotels, motels, youth hostels, bed and breakfasts and other similar real property interests used in one or more similar businesses, *provided* that any Asset-Backed Security falling within this definition shall be excluded from the definition of each other Specified Type of Asset-Backed Security.

"REIT Debt Securities—Industrial" means Asset-Backed Securities issued by a real estate investment trust (as defined in Section 856 of the Code or any successor provision) whose assets consist (except for rights or other assets designed to assure the servicing or timely distribution of proceeds to holders of the Asset-Backed Securities) of mortgages on factories, refinery plants, breweries and other similar real property interests used in one or more similar businesses, *provided* that any Asset-Backed Security falling within this definition shall be excluded from the definition of each other Specified Type of Asset-Backed Security.

"REIT Debt Securities—Mortgage" means Asset-Backed Securities issued by a real estate investment trust (as defined in Section 856 of the Code or any successor provision) whose assets consist (except for rights or other assets designed to assure the servicing or timely distribution of proceeds to holders of the Asset-Backed Securities) of mortgages, commercial mortgage-backed securities, collateralized mortgage obligations and other similar mortgage-related securities (including Asset-Backed Securities issued by a hybrid form of such trust that invests in both commercial real estate and commercial mortgages), *provided* that any Asset-Backed Security falling within this definition shall be excluded from the definition of each other Specified Type of Asset-Backed Security.

"REIT Debt Securities—Multi-Family" means Asset-Backed Securities issued by a real estate investment trust (as defined in Section 856 of the Code or any successor provision) whose assets consist (except for rights or other assets designed to assure the servicing or timely distribution of proceeds to holders of the Asset-Backed Securities) of residential mortgages on multi-family dwellings such as apartment blocks, condominiums and co-operative owned buildings, *provided* that any Asset-Backed Security falling within this definition shall be excluded from the definition of each other Specified Type of Asset-Backed Security.

"REIT Debt Securities—Office" means Asset-Backed Securities issued by a real estate investment trust (as defined in Section 856 of the Code or any successor provision) whose assets consist (except for rights or other assets designed to assure the servicing or timely distribution of proceeds to holders of the Asset-Backed Securities) of mortgages on office buildings, conference facilities and other similar real property interests used in the commercial real estate business, *provided* that any Asset-Backed Security falling within this definition shall be excluded from the definition of each other Specified Type of Asset-Backed Security.

"REIT Debt Securities—Residential" means Asset-Backed Securities issued by a real estate investment trust (as defined in Section 856 of the Code or any successor provision) whose assets consist (except for rights or other assets designed to assure the servicing or timely distribution of proceeds to holders of the Asset-Backed Securities) of residential mortgages (other than multi-family dwellings) and other similar real property interests, *provided* that any Asset-Backed Security falling within this definition shall be excluded from the definition of each other Specified Type of Asset Backed Security.

"REIT Debt Securities—Retail" means Asset-Backed Securities issued by a real estate investment trust (as defined in Section 856 of the Code or any successor provision) whose assets consist (except for rights or other assets designed to assure the servicing or timely distribution of proceeds to holders of the Asset-Backed Securities) of mortgages on retail stores, restaurants, bookstores, clothing stores and other similar real property interests used in one or more similar businesses, *provided* that any Asset-Backed Security falling within this definition shall be excluded from the definition of each other Specified Type of Asset-Backed Security.

"REIT Debt Securities—Storage" means Asset-Backed Securities issued by a real estate investment trust (as defined in Section 856 of the Code or any successor provision) whose assets consist (except for rights or other assets designed to assure the servicing or timely distribution of proceeds to holders of the Asset-Backed Securities) of storage facilities and other similar real property interests used in one or more similar businesses, *provided* that any Asset-Backed Security falling within this definition shall be excluded from the definition of each other Specified Type of Asset Backed Security.

"Residential A Mortgage Securities" means Asset-Backed Securities (other than Residential B/C Mortgage Securities) that entitle the holders thereof to receive payments that depend (except for rights or other assets designed to assure the servicing or timely distribution of proceeds to holders of the Asset-Backed Securities) on the cash flow from residential mortgage loans secured (on a first priority basis, subject to permitted liens, easements and other encumbrances) by residential real estate (single or multi-family properties) the proceeds of which are used to purchase real estate and purchase or construct dwellings thereon (or to refinance indebtedness previously so used), generally having the following characteristics: (1) the mortgage loans have generally been underwritten to the standards of the Federal National Mortgage Association and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (without regard to the size of the loan); (2) the mortgage loans have standardized payment terms and require minimum monthly payments; (3) the mortgage loans are obligations of numerous borrowers and accordingly represent a very diversified pool of obligor credit risk; and (4) the repayment of such

mortgage loans is subject to a contractual payment schedule, with early repayment depending primarily on interest rates and the sale of the mortgaged real estate and related dwelling.

"Residential B/C Mortgage Securities" means Asset-Backed Securities that entitle the holders thereof to receive payments that depend (except for rights or other assets designed to assure the servicing or timely distribution of proceeds to holders of the Asset-Backed Securities) on the cash flow from residential mortgage loans secured (on a first priority basis, subject to permitted liens, easements and other encumbrances) by subprime residential real estate (single or multi-family properties) the proceeds of which are used to purchase real estate and purchase or construct dwellings thereon (or to refinance indebtedness previously so used), generally having the following characteristics: (1) the mortgage loans have generally not been underwritten to the standards of the Federal National Mortgage Association and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (without regard to the size of the loan); (2) the mortgage loans have standardized payment terms and require minimum monthly payments; (3) the mortgage loans are obligations of numerous borrowers and accordingly represent a very diversified pool of obligor credit risk; and (4) the repayment of such mortgage loans is subject to a contractual payment schedule, with early repayment depending primarily on interest rates and the sale of the mortgaged real estate and related dwelling.

"Restaurant and Food Services Securities" means Asset-Backed Securities that entitle the holders thereof to receive payments that depend (except for rights or other assets designed to assure the servicing or timely distribution of proceeds to holders of the Asset-Backed Securities) on the cash flow from (a) a pool of franchise loans made to operators of franchises that provide goods and services relating to the restaurant and food services industries and (b) leases or subleases of equipment to such operators for use in the provision of such goods and services. They generally have the following characteristics: (1) the loans, leases or subleases have varying contractual maturities; (2) the loans are secured by real property purchased or improved with the proceeds thereof (or to refinance an outstanding loan the proceeds of which were so used); (3) the obligations of the lessors or sublessors of the equipment may be secured not only by the leased equipment but also the related real estate; (4) the loans, leases and subleases are obligations of a relatively limited number of obligors and accordingly represent a relatively undiversified pool of obligor credit risk; (5) payment of the loans can vary substantially from the contractual payment schedule (if any), with prepayment of individual loans depending on numerous factors specific to the particular obligors and upon whether, in the case of loans bearing interest at a fixed rate, such loans include an effective prepayment premium; (6) the repayment stream on the leases and subleases is primarily determined by a contractual payment schedule, with early termination of such leases and subleases predominantly dependent upon the disposition to a lessee, a sublessee or third party of the underlying equipment; (7) such leases and subleases typically provide for the right of the lessee or sublessee to purchase the equipment for its stated residual value, subject to payments at the end of a lease term for excess usage or wear and tear; and (8) the ownership of a franchise right or other similar license and the creditworthiness of such franchise operators is the primary factor in any decision to invest in these securities.

"Small Business Loan Securities" means Asset-Backed Securities that entitle the holders thereof to receive payments that depend (except for rights or other assets designed to assure the

servicing or timely distribution of proceeds to holders of the Asset-Backed Securities) on the cash flow from general purpose corporate loans made to "small business concerns" (generally within the meaning given to such term by regulations of the United States Small Business Administration), including those (a) made pursuant to Section 7(a) of the United States Small Business Act, as amended, and (b) partially guaranteed by the United States Small Business Administration. Small Business Loan Securities generally have the following characteristics: (1) the loans have payment terms that comply with any applicable requirements of the Small Business Act, as amended; (2) the loans are obligations of a relatively limited number of borrowers and accordingly represent an undiversified pool of obligor credit risk; and (3) repayment thereof can vary substantially from the contractual payment schedule (if any), with early prepayment of individual loans depending on numerous factors specific to the particular obligors and upon whether, in the case of loans bearing interest at a fixed rate, such loans or securities include an effective prepayment premium.

"Structured Settlement Securities" means Asset-Backed Securities that entitle the holders thereof to receive payments that depend (except for rights or other assets designed to assure the servicing or timely distribution of proceeds to holders of the Asset-Backed Securities) on the cash flow from receivables representing the right of litigation claimants to receive future scheduled payments under settlement agreements that are funded by annuity contracts, which receivables may have varying maturities.

"Student Loan Securities" means Asset-Backed Securities that entitle the holders thereof to receive payments that depend (except for rights or other assets designed to assure the servicing or timely distribution of proceeds to holders of the Asset-Backed Securities) on the cash flow from loans made to students (or their parents) to finance educational needs, generally having the following characteristics: (1) the loans have standardized terms; (2) the loans are obligations of numerous borrowers and accordingly represent a very diversified pool of obligor credit risk; (3) the repayment stream on such loans is primarily determined by a contractual payment schedule, with early repayment on such loans predominantly dependent upon interest rates and the income of borrowers following the commencement of amortization; and (4) such loans may be fully or partially insured or reinsured by the United States Department of Education.

"Subprime Automobile Securities" means Asset-Backed Securities that entitle the holders thereof to receive payments that depend (except for rights or other assets designed to assure the servicing or timely distribution of proceeds to holders of the Asset-Backed Securities) on the cash flow from subprime installment sale loans made to finance the acquisition of, or from leases of, automobiles, generally having the following characteristics: (1) the loans or leases may have varying contractual maturities; (2) the loans or leases are obligations of numerous borrowers or lessors and accordingly represent a very diversified pool of obligor credit risk; (3) the borrowers or lessors under the loans or leases have a poor credit rating; (4) the repayment stream on such loans or leases is primarily determined by a contractual payment schedule, with early repayment on such loans or leases predominantly dependent upon the disposition of the underlying vehicle; and (5) such leases typically provide for the right of the lessee to purchase the vehicle for its stated residual value, subject to payments at the end of lease term for excess mileage or use.

"Tax Lien Securities" means Asset-Backed Securities that entitle the holders thereof to receive payments that depend (except for rights or other assets designed to assure the servicing or timely distribution of proceeds to holders of the Asset-Backed Securities) on the cash flow from a pool of tax obligations owed by businesses and individuals to state and municipal governmental taxing authorities, generally having the following characteristics: (1) the obligations have standardized payment terms and require minimum payments; (2) the tax obligations are obligations of numerous borrowers and accordingly represent a very diversified pool of obligor credit risk; and (3) the repayment stream on the obligation is primarily determined by a payment schedule entered into between the relevant tax authority and obligor, with early repayment on such obligation predominantly dependent upon interest rates and the income of the obligor following the commencement of amortization.

"Time Share Securities" means Asset-Backed Securities (other than Residential A Mortgage Securities, Residential B/C Mortgage Securities and Home Equity Loan Securities) that entitle the holders thereof to receive payments that depend primarily on the cash flow from residential mortgage loans (secured on a first priority basis, subject to permitted liens, easements and other encumbrances) by residential real estate the proceeds of which were used to purchase fee simple interests in timeshare estates in units in a condominium, generally having the following characteristics: (1) the mortgage loans have standardized payment terms and require minimum monthly payments; (2) the mortgage loans are obligations of numerous borrowers and accordingly represent a diversified pool of obligor credit risk; (3) repayment of such securities can vary substantially from their contractual payment schedules and depends entirely upon the rate at which the mortgage loans are repaid; and (4) the repayment of such mortgage loans is subject to a contractual payment schedule, with early prepayment of individual loans depending on numerous factors specific to the particular obligors and upon whether, in the case of loans bearing interest at a fixed rate, such loans or securities include an effective prepayment premium and with early repayment depending primarily on interest rates and the sale of the mortgaged real estate and related dwelling and generally no penalties for early repayment.

The Specified Types of Asset-Backed Securities set forth above are divided into the following categories:

"ABS Franchise Securities" means (1) Oil and Gas Securities and (2) Restaurant and Food Services Securities, to the extent that such Oil and Gas Securities or Restaurant and Food Services Securities entitle the holders thereof to receive payments that depend (except for rights or other assets designed to assure the servicing or timely distribution of proceeds to holders of such securities) on the cash flow from a pool of franchise loans made to operators of franchises.

"ABS REIT Debt Securities" means (1) REIT Debt Securities – Diversified, (2) REIT Debt Securities – Health Care, (3) REIT Debt Securities – Hotel, (4) REIT Debt Securities – Industrial, (5) REIT Debt Securities – Mortgage, (6) REIT Debt Securities – Multi-Family, (7) REIT Debt Securities – Office, (8) REIT Debt Securities – Residential, (9) REIT Debt Securities – Retail and (10) REIT Debt Securities – Storage.

"ABS Type Diversified Securities" means (1) Automobile Securities; (2) Car Rental Receivable Securities; (3) Credit Card Securities; (4) Student Loan Securities; and (5) any other

type of Asset-Backed Securities that become a Specified Type after the Closing Date as described below and are designated as "ABS Type Diversified Securities" in connection therewith.

"ABS Type Residential Securities" means (1) Home Equity Loan Securities; (2) Manufactured Housing Securities; (3) Residential A Mortgage Securities; (4) Residential B/C Mortgage Securities; and (5) any other type of Asset-Backed Securities that becomes a Specified Type after the Closing Date and is designated as "ABS Type Residential Securities" in connection therewith.

"ABS Type Undiversified Securities" means each Specified Type of Asset-Backed Securities, other than (a) ABS Type Diversified Securities or (b) ABS Type Residential Securities; and any other type of Asset-Backed Securities that become a Specified Type after the Closing Date as described below and are designated as "ABS Type Undiversified Securities" in connection therewith.

"CDO Securities" means (1) High Diversity CDO Securities and (2) Low-Diversity CDO Securities.

Synthetic Securities

A portion of the Collateral Debt Securities may consist of Synthetic Securities entered into between the Issuer and a Synthetic Security Counterparty. "Synthetic Security Counterparty" means any entity that (i) is required to make payments on a Synthetic Security referenced to payments by a Reference Obligor on a related Reference Obligation and (ii) on the date such Synthetic Security is acquired by the Issuer, is rated at least "A" by Standard & Poor's or has a short-term issuer credit rating from Standard & Poor's of at least "A-1," has a long-term unsecured debt rating from Moody's of at least "A3" or has a short-term unsecured debt rating from Moody's, if rated by Moody's, of at least "P-1" and has a short-term issuer credit rating from Fitch of at least "F1" or, if there is no such short-term credit rating from Fitch, has a long-term issuer credit rating from Fitch of at least "A-," or the selection of such entity satisfies the Rating Condition with respect to any Rating Agency for which the foregoing requirement is not satisfied. "Reference Obligation" means any CDO Obligation or any Other ABS, in each case in respect of which the Issuer has obtained a Synthetic Security and which, if purchased by the Issuer, would satisfy paragraphs (7) and (8) of the Eligibility Criteria and the Investment Guidelines.

For purposes of determining the principal balance of a Synthetic Security at any time, the principal balance of such Synthetic Security shall be equal (i) in the case of any Synthetic Security that does not provide that the Issuer has any (contingent or otherwise) payment obligations to the Synthetic Security Counterparty after an initial payment thereunder, the aggregate amount of the repayment obligations of the Synthetic Security Counterparty payable to the Issuer through the maturity of such Synthetic Security and (ii) in the case of any other Synthetic Security, the balance in the related Synthetic Security Collateral Account reduced by the amount of any payments due and payable to the Synthetic Security Counterparty by reason of

the occurrence of one or more "credit events" or other similar circumstances to the extent such payments have not yet been made.

For purposes of the Coverage Tests, the Standard & Poor's CDO Monitor Test and determining the Moody's Rating thereof, unless otherwise specified, a Synthetic Security shall be included as a Collateral Debt Security having the characteristics of the Synthetic Security and not of the related Reference Obligation, except that, for purposes of determining the industry with respect to any Synthetic Security for the Standard & Poor's CDO Monitor Test, a Synthetic Security will be included as a Collateral Debt Security having the characteristics of the related Reference Obligation.

For purposes of the Diversity Test, unless otherwise specified, a Synthetic Security will be included as a Collateral Debt Security having the characteristics of the related Reference Obligation (and the issuer thereof will be deemed to be the related Reference Obligor and not the Synthetic Security Counterparty). For purposes of the Collateral Quality Tests other than the Diversity Test, and for determining the Moody's Rating of a Synthetic Security, a Synthetic Security will be included as a Collateral Debt Security having the characteristics of the Synthetic Security and not of the related Reference Obligation, except that, for purposes of determining the industry with respect to any Synthetic Security for the Standard & Poor's CDO Monitor Test, a Synthetic Security will be included as a Collateral Debt Security having the characteristics of the related Reference Obligation.

Investments in Synthetic Securities present risks in addition to those associated with other types of Collateral Debt Securities. See "Risk Factors—Nature of Collateral" and "—Synthetic Securities."

The Collateral Quality Tests

On the Ramp-Up Completion Date, in addition to the requirement to satisfy each of the Coverage Tests and the Eligibility Criteria, the Issuer will be required to satisfy the Collateral Quality Tests. The failure to satisfy any of the Collateral Quality Tests as of the Ramp-Up Completion Date would not constitute an Event of Default but such failure could result in a Rating Confirmation Failure and, consequently, the repayment or redemption of a portion of the Notes in accordance with the Priority of Payments. See "Security for the Notes—Ramp-Up Period" and "Description of the Notes—Mandatory Redemption"

The "Collateral Quality Tests" will be used as criteria for purchasing Collateral Debt Securities and for investor reporting. See "—Eligibility Criteria." The Collateral Quality Tests will consist of the Diversity Test, the Fitch Weighted Average Rating Factor Test, the Moody's Maximum Rating Distribution Test, the Moody's Minimum Weighted Average A Recovery Test, the Moody's Minimum Weighted Average Recovery Rate Test, the Weighted Average Coupon Test, the Weighted Average Spread Test, the Weighted Average Life Test and the Standard & Poor's Minimum Recovery Rate Test described below.

Ratings Matrix. On any Measurement Date on or after the Ramp-Up Completion Date, any of the rows of the table below (each a "Ratings Matrix") shall be applicable for purposes of the Diversity Test and the Moody's Maximum Rating Distribution Test. The minimum diversity

score required to satisfy the Diversity Test (the "Designated Minimum Diversity Score") and the Moody's Maximum Rating Distribution required to satisfy the Moody's Maximum Rating Distribution Test (the "Designated Moody's Maximum Rating Distribution") for each Rating Matrix are set forth opposite such Rating Matrix in the table below.

Ratings Matrix	Designated Minimum Diversity Score	Designated Moody's Maximum Rating Distribution
1	18	45
2	19	46
3	20	47

Diversity Test. The "Diversity Test" will be satisfied on any Measurement Date if the Diversity Score on such Measurement Date is equal to or greater than (a) on the Closing Date and any Measurement Date thereafter, to but excluding, the Ramp-Up Completion Date, 14 and (b) on the Ramp-Up Completion Date and any Measurement Date thereafter, the Designated Minimum Diversity Score for any of Ratings Matrix 1, 2 or 3 *provided* that the applicable Moody's Maximum Rating Distribution Test on such Measurement Date is the Designated Moody's Maximum Rating Distribution for the same Ratings Matrix. The "Diversity Score" is a single number that indicates collateral concentration implied by Specified Type and Moody's Rating of the Asset-Backed Securities and is calculated as described in the following paragraphs. A higher Diversity Score reflects a more diverse portfolio.

The default risk of Asset-Backed Securities is assumed by the Rating Agencies to be more highly correlated with other Asset-Backed Securities when compared to the correlation of default risk among a pool of corporate bonds of unaffiliated issuers in many different industry groups. To analyze collateral assets from sectors with correlated default risk, Moody's has developed an alternative Diversity Score method. The formula used to calculate the Diversity Score under this alternative methodology is set forth below.

$$D = \frac{\left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i F_i\right) \left(\sum_{i=1}^n q_i F_i\right)}{\sum \sum p_{ij} \sqrt{p_i q_i p_j q_j} F_i F_j}$$

where p_i equals the expected loss percentage divided by the loss rate percentage.

First, Moody's assumes that the actual portfolio consists of n bonds; bond i has a face value F_i , and a default probability p_i that is implied by the rating and maturity of the bond. The probability of survival for bond i is q_i , which equals $1 - p_i$. In addition, the correlation coefficient of default between bond i and j is p_{ij} .

To calculate the alternative Diversity Score, portfolio parameters need to be input, including the rating profile, the par amount, the maturity profile and the default correlation assumptions.

The portfolio of Collateral Debt Securities used to calculate the alternative Diversity Score shall not include Re-REMICs that entitle the holders thereof to receive payments that do not depend primarily on Asset-Backed Securities.

In addition, Moody's assumes that the default correlation is associated with the credit quality of the collateral. For example, the default correlation among investment-grade Asset-Backed Securities is lower than the default correlation among below investment-grade Asset-Backed Securities. Finally, the cross correlation of defaults among various types of Asset-Backed Securities plays an important role as well. In order to take account of issuer concentration and vintage effects, certain assumptions are applied.

Moody's Maximum Rating Distribution Test. The "Moody's Maximum Rating Distribution Test" will be satisfied on any Measurement Date if the Moody's Maximum Rating Distribution of the Collateral Debt Securities as of such Measurement Date is equal to or less than (a) on the Closing Date and on any Measurement Date thereafter to, but excluding, the Ramp-Up Completion Date, 46 and (b) on the Ramp-Up Completion Date and any Measurement Date thereafter, the Designated Moody's Maximum Rating Distribution for any of Ratings Matrix 1, 2 or 3; *provided* that the applicable Diversity Test on such Measurement Date is the Designated Minimum Diversity Score for the same Ratings Matrix. The "Moody's Maximum Rating Distribution" on any such Measurement Date is the number determined by dividing (i) the summation of the series of products obtained for any Collateral Debt Security that is not a Defaulted Security or Written Down Security, by multiplying (1) the principal balance as of such Measurement Date of each such Collateral Debt Security by (2) its respective Moody's Rating Factor as of such Measurement Date by (ii) the aggregate Principal Balance as of such Measurement Date of all Collateral Debt Securities that are not Defaulted Securities or Written Down Securities and rounding the result up to the nearest whole number.

The "Moody's Rating Factor" relating to any Collateral Debt Security is the number set forth in the table below opposite the Moody's Rating of such Collateral Debt Security:

Moody's Rating	Moody's Rating Factor	Moody's Rating	Moody's Rating Factor
Aaa	1	Ba1	940
Aa1	10	Ba2	1,350
Aa2	20	Ba3	1,766
Aa3	40	B1	2,220
A1	70	B2	2,720
A2	120	B3	3,490
A3	180	Caa1	4,770
Baa1	260	Caa2	6,500
Baa2	360	Caa3	8,070
Baa3	610	Ca or lower	10,000

For purposes of the Moody's Maximum Rating Distribution Test:

(a) If a Collateral Debt Security does not have a Moody's Rating at the date of acquisition thereof, the Moody's Rating Factor with respect to such Collateral Debt Security shall be 10,000 for a period of 90 days from the acquisition of such Collateral Debt Security. After such 90 day period, if such Collateral Debt Security is not rated by Moody's and no other security or obligation of the issuer thereof or obligor thereon is rated by Moody's and the Issuer or the Collateral Manager seeks to obtain an estimate of a Moody's Rating Factor, then the Moody's Rating Factor of such Collateral Debt Security will be deemed to be such estimate thereof as may be assigned by Moody's upon the request of the Issuer or the Collateral Manager; and

(b) With respect to any Synthetic Security, the Moody's Rating Factor shall be determined as specified by Moody's at the time such Synthetic Security is acquired by the Issuer.

The "Moody's Rating" of any Collateral Debt Security is (i) if such Collateral Debt Security is rated (publicly or privately) by Moody's, such rating, and (ii) otherwise, a rating determined in accordance with a methodology more fully described in the Indenture.

A "Qualifying Foreign Obligor" is a corporation, partnership or other entity located in any either Canada or the United Kingdom, so long as the unguaranteed, unsecured and otherwise unsupported long term U.S. Dollar sovereign debt obligations of such country are rated "Aa2" or better by Moody's (and, if rated "Aa2," are not on watch for possible downgrade by Moody's), "AA" or better by Standard & Poor's and "AA" or better by Fitch.

Fitch Weighted Average Rating Factor Test. The "Fitch Weighted Average Rating Factor Test" will be satisfied on any Measurement Date on or after the Ramp-Up Completion Date if the Fitch Weighted Average Rating Factor of the Collateral Debt Securities as of such Measurement Date does not exceed 1.15. The "Fitch Weighted Average Rating Factor" is, on any Measurement Date, the number determined by dividing (i) the summation of the series of products obtained (a) for any Pledged Collateral Debt Security that is not a Defaulted Security, by multiplying (1) the principal balance on such Measurement Date of each such Pledged Collateral Debt Security by (2) its respective Fitch Rating Factor on such Measurement Date and (b) for any Defaulted Security, by multiplying (1) the Applicable Recovery Rate (determined for purposes of this definition pursuant to clause (c) of the definition of "Applicable Recovery Rate") for such Defaulted Security by (2) the principal balance on such Measurement Date of each such Defaulted Security by (3) its respective Fitch Rating Factor on such Measurement Date by (ii) the sum of (a) the aggregate Principal Balance on such Measurement Date of all Collateral Debt Securities that are not Defaulted Securities plus (b) the summation of the series of products obtained by multiplying (1) the Applicable Recovery Rate (determined for purposes of this definition pursuant to clause (c) of the definition of "Applicable Recovery Rate") for each Defaulted Security by (2) the principal balance on such Measurement Date of such Defaulted Security, and rounding the result up to the nearest second decimal place.

The "Fitch Rating Factor" as of any Measurement Date, for the purposes of computing the Fitch Weighted Average Rating Factor Test with respect to any Collateral Debt Security, is

the number set forth in the table below opposite the Fitch Rating applicable to such Collateral Debt Security:

Fitch Rating	Fitch Rating Factor	Fitch Rating	Fitch Rating Factor
AAA	0.19	BB	13.53
AA+	0.57	BB-	18.46
AA	0.89	B+	22.84
AA-	1.15	B	27.67
A+	1.65	B-	34.98
A	1.85	CCC+	43.36
A-	2.44	CCC	48.52
BBB+	3.13	CC	77.00
BBB	3.74	C	95.00
BBB-	7.26	DDD-D	100.00
BB+	10.18		

The "Fitch Rating" of any Collateral Debt Security as of any date of determination will, if such Collateral Debt Security is rated (publicly or privately) by Fitch, be such rating, and otherwise, a rating determined in accordance with a methodology more fully described in the Indenture.

The "Fitch Recovery Rate" means, with respect to any Defaulted Security on any Measurement Date, an amount equal to the percentage corresponding to the domicile and seniority of such Defaulted Security, as applicable, as set forth in the Fitch Recovery Rate Matrix attached as Part III of Schedule A; *provided* that, the applicable percentage shall be the percentage corresponding to the most senior outstanding Class of Notes then rated by Fitch.

The "Standard & Poor's Rating" of any Collateral Debt Security will, if such Collateral Debt Security is rated (publicly or privately) by Standard & Poor's, be such rating, and otherwise, a rating determined in accordance with a methodology more fully described in the Indenture.

Moody's Minimum Weighted Average Recovery Rate Test. The "Moody's Minimum Weighted Average Recovery Rate Test" will be satisfied on any Measurement Date on or after the Closing Date if the Moody's Weighted Average Recovery Rate as of such Measurement Date is greater than or equal to (a) on the Closing Date and each Measurement Date thereafter to, but excluding, the Ramp-Up Completion Date, 46% and (b) on the Ramp-Up Completion Date and any Measurement Date thereafter, 48%.

The "Moody's Weighted Average Recovery Rate" is the number (expressed as a percentage rounded up to the first decimal place) obtained by (a) summing the products obtained by multiplying the Principal Balance of each Collateral Debt Security other than a Defaulted Security by its "Applicable Recovery Rate" (determined for purposes of this definition pursuant

to clause (a) of the definition of "Applicable Recovery Rate") and (b) dividing such sum by the aggregate Principal Balance of all such Collateral Debt Securities.

Moody's Minimum Weighted Average A Recovery Rate Test. The "Moody's Minimum Weighted Average A Recovery Rate Test" will be satisfied on any Measurement Date on or after the Ramp-Up Completion Date if the Moody's Weighted Average A Recovery Rate is greater than or equal to 36%.

The "Moody's Weighted Average A Recovery Rate" is, as of any Measurement Date, the number (expressed as a percentage rounded up to the first decimal place) obtained by (a) summing the products obtained by multiplying the Principal Balance of each Pledged Collateral Debt Security having a Moody's Rating below "Aa3" but equal to or above "A3" on such date (other than a Defaulted Security) by its "Applicable Recovery Rate" (determined for purposes of this definition pursuant to clause (a) of the definition of "Applicable Recovery Rate") and (b) dividing such sum by the Aggregate Principal Balance of all such Pledged Securities.

Weighted Average Coupon Test. The "Weighted Average Coupon Test" means a test that is satisfied on any Measurement Date if the Weighted Average Coupon as of such Measurement Date is equal to or greater than (i) 5.33% on the Closing Date and thereafter to, but excluding, the Ramp-Up Completion Date and (ii) 5.37% (plus the Swap Differential on the Ramp-Up Completion Date if such Swap Differential is positive or minus the absolute value of the Swap Differential on the Ramp-Up Completion Date if such Swap Differential is negative) on the Ramp-Up Completion Date and any Measurement Date thereafter.

The "Weighted Average Coupon" means, as of any Measurement Date, the amount (expressed as a percentage) (rounded up to the next 0.001%) of (a) the number obtained by (i) summing the products obtained by multiplying (x) the current interest rate on each Pledged Collateral Debt Security that is a Fixed Rate Security (excluding all Defaulted Securities and Written Down Securities) by (y) the Principal Balance of each such Pledged Collateral Debt Security and (ii) dividing such sum by the aggregate Principal Balance of all Pledged Collateral Debt Securities that are Fixed Rate Securities (excluding all Defaulted Securities and Written Down Securities) plus (b) if such amount of the numbers obtained pursuant to clause (a) is less than the applicable percentage specified in the definition of "Weighted Average Coupon Test," the Spread Excess, if any, as of such Measurement Date. For purposes of this definition, no contingent payment of interest will be included in such calculation.

The "Fixed Rate Excess" as of any Measurement Date will equal a fraction (expressed as a percentage) the numerator of which is equal to the product of (a) the greater of zero and the excess, if any, of the Weighted Average Coupon for such Measurement Date over (i) 5.33% on the Closing Date and thereafter to, but excluding, the Ramp-Up Completion Date and (ii) 5.37% (plus the Swap Differential on the Ramp-Up Completion Date if such Swap Differential is positive or minus the absolute value of the Swap Differential on the Ramp-Up Completion Date if such Swap Differential is negative) on the Ramp-Up Completion Date and any Measurement Date thereafter and (b) the aggregate Principal Balance of all Fixed Rate Securities (excluding Defaulted Securities and Written Down Securities) and the denominator of which is the

aggregate Principal Balance of all Floating Rate Securities (excluding Defaulted Securities and Written Down Securities).

"Swap Differential" means, on the Ramp-Up Completion Date, a number (which may be positive or negative) equal to the Weighted Average Swap Fixed Rate on the Ramp-Up Completion Date minus the Weighted Average Swap Fixed Rate on the Closing Date (calculated on the Ramp-Up Completion Date as if the Ramp-Up Completion Date were the Measurement Date).

"Weighted Average Swap Fixed Rate" means, as of the Closing Date and the Ramp-Up Completion Date, the number (rounded up to the next 0.001%) obtained by (i) summing the products obtained by multiplying (x) the notional amount (as of such Measurement Date) of each interest rate swap transaction under each Hedge Agreement in effect on such Measurement Date by (y) the weighted average fixed rate payable by the Issuer to the Hedge Counterparty in respect of such transaction and (ii) dividing such sum by the aggregate notional amount (as of such Measurement Date) of all interest rate swap transactions (excluding any floating/floating swap transaction) under each Hedge Agreement in effect on such Measurement Date.

Weighted Average Spread Test. The "Weighted Average Spread Test" will be satisfied on any Measurement Date if the Weighted Average Spread as of such Measurement Date is equal to or greater than (i) 0.83% on the Closing Date and thereafter to, but excluding, the Ramp-Up Completion Date and (ii) 0.87% on the Ramp-Up Completion Date and any Measurement Date thereafter.

The "Weighted Average Spread" means, as of any Measurement Date, the amount (expressed as a percentage) (rounded up to the next 0.001%) of (a) the number obtained by (i) summing the products obtained by multiplying (x) the stated spread above or below LIBOR at which interest accrues on each Collateral Debt Security that is a Floating Rate Security (other than a Defaulted Security or a Written Down Security) as of such date by (y) the Principal Balance of such Collateral Debt Security as of such date, and (ii) dividing such amount by the aggregate Principal Balance of all Collateral Debt Securities that are Floating Rate Securities (excluding all Defaulted Securities and Written Down Securities) plus (b) if such sum of the numbers obtained pursuant to clause (a) is less than the applicable percentage specified in the definition of "Weighted Average Spread Test", the Fixed Rate Excess, if any, as of such Measurement Date. For purposes of this definition, (1) no contingent payment of interest will be included in such calculation and (2) in the case of any Floating Rate Security that does not bear interest at a rate expressed as a stated spread above LIBOR, the interest rate payable on such Floating Rate Security on any Measurement Date shall be calculated as a spread above or below LIBOR, and if on such Measurement Date such rate is calculated as a spread below LIBOR, such spread shall be expressed as a negative number for purposes of making the calculation described in clause (a)(i) of the preceding sentence.

The "Spread Excess" as of any Measurement Date, will equal a fraction (expressed as a percentage) the numerator of which is equal to the product of (a) the greater of zero and the excess, if any, of the Weighted Average Spread for such Measurement Date over (i) 0.83% on the Closing Date and thereafter to, but excluding, the Ramp-Up Completion Date and (ii) 0.87%

on the Ramp-Up Completion Date and any Measurement Date thereafter and (b) the aggregate Principal Balance of all Floating Rate Securities (excluding Defaulted Securities and Written Down Securities) and the denominator of which is the aggregate Principal Balance of all Fixed Rate Securities (excluding Defaulted Securities and Written Down Securities).

Weighted Average Life Test. The "Weighted Average Life Test" means a test satisfied if the Weighted Average Life of all Collateral Debt Securities as of any Measurement Date is not more than, if such Measurement Date occurs (i) on or after the Closing Date through and including December 31, 2004, 7.25 years; (ii) from but excluding December 31, 2004 through and including June 30, 2005, 6.67 years; (iii) from but excluding June 30, 2005 through and including December 31, 2005, 6.09 years; and (iv) thereafter, 5.5 years.

On any Measurement Date with respect to any Collateral Debt Securities, the "Weighted Average Life" is the number obtained by (i) summing the products obtained by multiplying (a) the Average Life at such time of each such Collateral Debt Security by (b) the outstanding principal balance of such Collateral Debt Security and (ii) dividing such sum by the aggregate Principal Balance at such time of all such Collateral Debt Securities.

On any Measurement Date with respect to any Collateral Debt Security, the "Average Life" is the quotient obtained by dividing (i) the sum of the products of (a) the number of years (rounded to the nearest one tenth thereof) from such Measurement Date to the respective dates of each successive distribution of principal of such Collateral Debt Security and (b) the respective amounts of principal of such scheduled distributions by (ii) the sum of all successive scheduled distributions of principal on such Collateral Debt Security (as determined by the Collateral Manager).

Standard & Poor's Minimum Recovery Rate Test. The "Standard & Poor's Minimum Recovery Rate Test" will be satisfied on any Measurement Date if the Standard & Poor's Recovery Rate as of such Measurement Date is equal or greater than (a) with respect to the Class A-1 Notes, (1) on the Closing Date and thereafter to, but excluding, the Ramp-Up Completion Date, 48% and (2) on the Ramp-Up Completion Date and any Measurement Date thereafter, 50%; (b) with respect to the Class B Notes, (1) on the Closing Date and thereafter to, but excluding, the Ramp-Up Completion Date, 55% and (2) on the Ramp-Up Completion Date and any Measurement Date thereafter, 57%; and (c) with respect to the Class C Notes, (1) on the Closing Date and thereafter to, but excluding, the Ramp-Up Completion Date, 71% and (2) on the Ramp-Up Completion Date and any Measurement Date thereafter, 73%.

The "Standard & Poor's Recovery Rate" means, as of any Measurement Date, the number (expressed as a percentage rounded up to the first decimal place) obtained by (a) summing the products obtained by multiplying the Principal Balance of each Pledged Collateral Debt Security on such Measurement Date by its Applicable Recovery Rate (determined for purposes of this definition pursuant to clause (b) of the definition of "Applicable Recovery Rate") and (b) dividing such sum by the aggregate Principal Balance of all Pledged Collateral Debt Securities on such Measurement Date. For purposes of determining the Standard & Poor's Recovery Rate, the Principal Balance of a Defaulted Security will be deemed to be equal to its Calculation Amount.

Weighted Average Purchase Price Test

On the Ramp-Up Completion Date, the Issuer will be required to determine whether it has satisfied the Weighted Average Purchase Price Test. The failure to satisfy the Weighted Average Purchase Price Test as of the Ramp-Up Completion Date will not constitute an Event of Default, but such failure could result in a Rating Confirmation Failure and, consequently, the repayment or redemption of a portion of the Notes in accordance with the Priority of Payments. See "Security for the Notes—Ramp-Up Period" and "Description of the Notes—Mandatory Redemption."

The "Weighted Average Purchase Price Test" is satisfied on the Ramp-Up Completion Date if the Weighted Average Purchase Price of the Collateral Debt Securities does not exceed 100%.

The "Weighted Average Purchase Price" means with respect to the Collateral Debt Securities, as of any date of determination, a fraction (expressed as a percentage) obtained by (a) multiplying the Principal Balance of each such Collateral Debt Security acquired by the Issuer on or after the Closing Date by the purchase price (expressed as a percentage of par) paid by the Issuer to acquire such Collateral Debt Security (such price to be determined exclusive of any payment in respect of accrued interest or fees), (b) summing the amounts determined pursuant to clause (a) for all such Collateral Debt Securities and (c) dividing such sum by the aggregate principal amount of all such Collateral Debt Securities.

Standard & Poor's CDO Monitor Test

If on any date after the Ramp-Up Completion Date, upon the acquisition of any Collateral Debt Security (after giving effect to the acquisition of such Collateral Debt Security), the Standard & Poor's CDO Monitor Test is not satisfied or, if immediately prior to such investment the Standard & Poor's CDO Monitor Test was not satisfied, the result is not closer to compliance, the Issuer must promptly deliver to the Trustee, the Noteholders, the Hedge Counterparty and Standard & Poor's an officer's certificate specifying the extent of non-compliance.

The "Standard & Poor's CDO Monitor Test" is a test satisfied on any Measurement Date after the Ramp-Up Completion Date (i) if after giving effect to the sale of a Collateral Debt Security or the purchase of a Collateral Debt Security (or both), as the case may be, on such Measurement Date if each of the Class A-1 Note Loss Differential or the Class A-2 Note Loss Differential of the Proposed Portfolio is positive or if any of the Class A-1 Note Loss Differential or the Class A-2 Note Loss Differential of the Proposed Portfolio is negative prior to giving effect to such sale or purchase, the extent of compliance is improved after giving effect to the sale or purchase of a Collateral Debt Security, and (ii) if certain additional requirements set forth in the Indenture are met.

The "Class A-1 Note Loss Differential" means with respect to the Class A-1 Notes, at any time, the rate calculated by subtracting the Class A-1 Note Scenario Default Rate at such time from the Class A-1 Note Break-Even Loss Rate at such time.

The "Class A-1 Note Scenario Default Rate" means with respect to the Class A-1 Notes, at any time after the Ramp-Up Completion Date, an estimate of the cumulative default rate for the Current Portfolio or the Proposed Portfolio, as applicable, consistent with Standard & Poor's Rating of the Class A-1 Notes on the Closing Date, determined by application of the Standard & Poor's CDO Monitor at such time.

The "Class A-1 Note Break-Even Loss Rate" means with respect to the Class A-1 Notes, at any time after the Ramp-Up Completion Date, the maximum percentage of defaults (as determined by Standard & Poor's through application of the Standard & Poor's CDO Monitor) which the Current Portfolio or the Proposed Portfolio, as applicable, can sustain such that, after giving effect to Standard & Poor's assumptions on recoveries and timing and to the Priority of Payments, will result in sufficient funds remaining for the ultimate payment of principal of, interest on and Commitment Fee on the Class A-1 Notes in full by their Stated Maturity and the timely payment of interest on the Class A-1 Notes.

The "Class A-2 Break-Even Loss Rate" means with respect to the Class A-2 Notes, at any time after the Ramp-Up Completion Date, the maximum percentage of defaults (as determined by Standard & Poor's through application of the Standard & Poor's CDO Monitor) which the Current Portfolio or the Proposed Portfolio, as applicable, can sustain such that, after giving effect to Standard & Poor's assumptions on recoveries and timing and to the Priority of Payments, will result in sufficient funds remaining for the timely payment of interest on and ultimate payment of principal of the Class A-2 Notes in full by their Stated Maturity.

The "Class A-2 Note Loss Differential" means with respect to the Class A-2 Notes, at any time, the rate calculated by subtracting the Class A-2 Note Scenario Default Rate at such time from the Class A-2 Break-Even Loss Rate at such time.

The "Class A-2 Note Scenario Default Rate" means with respect to the Class A-2 Notes, at any time after the Ramp-Up Completion Date, an estimate of the cumulative default rate for the Current Portfolio or the Proposed Portfolio, as applicable, consistent with Standard & Poor's Rating of the Class A-2 Notes on the Closing Date, determined by application of the Standard & Poor's CDO Monitor at such time.

The "Proposed Portfolio" means the portfolio (measured by Principal Balance) of Pledged Collateral Debt Securities and Specified Assets resulting from the sale, maturity or other disposition of a Collateral Debt Security or a proposed acquisition of a Collateral Debt Security, as the case may be.

The "Current Portfolio" means the portfolio (measured by Principal Balance) of Pledged Collateral Debt Securities and Specified Assets existing immediately prior to the sale, maturity or other disposition of a Collateral Debt Security or immediately prior to the acquisition of a Collateral Debt Security, as the case may be.

The "Standard & Poor's CDO Monitor" is the dynamic, analytical computer model (including all written instructions and assumptions necessary for running the model) provided by Standard & Poor's to the Issuer, the Collateral Manager and the Collateral Administrator on or

prior to the Ramp-Up Completion Date for the purpose of estimating the default risk of Collateral Debt Securities.

The Standard & Poor's CDO Monitor calculates the cumulative default rate of a pool of Collateral Debt Securities consistent with a specified benchmark rating level based upon Standard & Poor's proprietary corporate debt default studies. In calculating the Class A-1 Note Scenario Default Rate and the Class A-2 Note Scenario Default Rate, the Standard & Poor's CDO Monitor considers each obligor's most senior unsecured debt rating, the number of obligors in the portfolio, the obligor and industry concentration in the portfolio and the remaining weighted average maturity of the Collateral Debt Securities and calculates a cumulative default rate based on the statistical probability of distributions of defaults on the Collateral Debt Securities.

There can be no assurance that actual defaults of the Collateral Debt Securities or the timing of defaults will not exceed those assumed in the application of the Standard & Poor's CDO Monitor or that recovery rates with respect thereto will not differ from those assumed in the Standard & Poor's CDO Monitor Test. Standard & Poor's makes no representation that actual defaults will not exceed those determined by the Standard & Poor's CDO Monitor. The Issuer makes no representation as to the expected rate of defaults of the Collateral Debt Securities or the timing of defaults or as to the expected recovery rate or the timing of recoveries.

Dispositions of Collateral Debt Securities

The Collateral Debt Securities may be retired prior to their respective final maturities due to, among other things, the existence and frequency of exercise of any optional or mandatory redemption features of such Collateral Debt Securities. In addition, pursuant to the Indenture, the Issuer may sell Collateral Debt Securities (including termination of Synthetic Securities) in the following circumstances:

- (i) The Issuer may, at the direction of the Collateral Manager, sell (or, in the case of any Defaulted Synthetic Security, exercise its right to terminate) any Defaulted Security (other than a Synthetic Security Counterparty Defaulted Obligation not identified in clause (b) of the definition thereof), Written Down Security, Credit Risk Security, Credit Improved Security or Equity Security at any time; *provided* that during the Substitution Period, the Collateral Manager may use its commercially reasonable efforts to purchase, no later than 30 days after the sale of any Credit Risk Security, substitute Collateral Debt Securities with an aggregate Principal Balance no less than the Sale Proceeds from such sale in compliance with the Eligibility Criteria (other than the requirement of the Eligibility Criteria relating to the Standard & Poor's CDO Monitor Test); and *provided further* that (a) during the Substitution Period, a Credit Improved Security may be sold only if, in the Collateral Manager's judgment (exercised in accordance with the standard of care set forth in the Collateral Management Agreement), the resulting Sale Proceeds will be reinvested within 10 days of the sale of such Credit Improved Security in one or more substitute Collateral Debt Securities having an aggregate Principal Balance at least equal to 100% of the principal balance of the Credit Improved Security and in compliance with the Eligibility Criteria and any other criteria

specified in the Indenture, (b) after the Substitution Period, a Credit Improved Security may be sold only if the Collateral Manager certifies to the Trustee in writing that (i) the Collateral Manager has determined that such security constitutes a Credit Improved Security and (ii) on the date of such sale, in the Collateral Manager's judgment (exercised in accordance with the standard of care set forth in the Collateral Management Agreement), the Sale Proceeds (net of any accrued interest included therein) from such sale will be equal to or greater than the principal balance of the Credit Improved Security being sold and (c) in connection with the reinvestment of the proceeds of a sale of a Credit Improved Security during the Substitution Period, any determination of whether the extent of non-compliance with any of the Eligibility Criteria may not be made worse by such reinvestment shall be made by comparing the Collateral Debt Securities held by the Issuer immediately prior to the sale of such Credit Improved Security to the Collateral Debt Securities held by the Issuer immediately after such reinvestment;

(ii) The Issuer shall sell any Equity Security or other security or consideration received by the Issuer in exchange for a Defaulted Security that is not Margin Stock and is described in items (7), (8), (9) and (10) of the Eligibility Criteria within one year after the related Collateral Debt Security became a Defaulted Security (or within one year after such later date as such Equity Security may first be sold in accordance with its terms and applicable law);

(iii) The Issuer shall sell each Equity Security (other than an Equity Security described in clause (iii) above) not later than five Business Days after the Issuer's receipt thereof (or within five Business Days after such later date as such Equity Security may first be sold in accordance with its terms and applicable law);

(iv) The Issuer shall, in the event of an Auction Call Redemption, Optional Redemption or Tax Redemption, direct the Trustee to sell, in consultation with the Collateral Manager, Collateral Debt Securities without regard to the foregoing limitations; and

(v) Any Collateral Debt Security that is not a Credit Improved Security, Defaulted Security, Equity Security, Credit Risk Security or Written Down Security at any time prior to the end of the Substitution Period (any such sale, a "Discretionary Sale"); *provided* that the Sale Proceeds therefrom will be treated as Specified Principal Proceeds unless they are reinvested, within 10 days of the sale of such security, in one or more substitute Collateral Debt Securities having an aggregate Principal Balance at least equal to 100% of the Principal Balance of, and of the same Specified Type as (and with an Average Life equal to or less than), the Collateral Debt Security sold, but only if: (a) the aggregate Principal Balance of all such Collateral Debt Securities sold pursuant to this clause (v) for (x) the period from and including the Closing Date to and including December 31, 2004, does not exceed 50% of the Discretionary Sale Percentage, (y) the period from and including January 1, 2005 to and including December 31, 2005 does not exceed 100% of the Discretionary Sale Percentage and (z) the period from and including January 1, 2006 to and including September 3, 2006 does not exceed 75% of the Discretionary Sale Percentage, in each case, of the Net Outstanding Portfolio Collateral

Balance; (b) the Collateral Manager determines, taking into account any factors it deems relevant, that such sales and any related purchases or substitutions will, in the judgment of the Collateral Manager (exercised in accordance with the standard of care set forth in the Collateral Management Agreement), benefit the Issuer in one or more of the following manners: an improvement in one or more of the Collateral Quality Tests or the Standard & Poor's CDO Monitor Test, an improvement in the credit quality of the portfolio, a narrowing of interest rate mismatches or any other improvement which, in the judgment of the Collateral Manager (exercised in accordance with the standard of care set forth in the Collateral Management Agreement), would result in a benefit to the Issuer; and (c) the Moody's Rating Trigger is not in effect; *provided* that subclause (c) may be disregarded if a majority of the aggregate outstanding principal amount of the Controlling Class has consented, or the Rating Condition has been satisfied with respect to Moody's in connection with, the sale of Collateral Debt Securities in the event of any downgrading to which subclause (c) would apply; *provided further* that, in connection with any reinvestment of the proceeds of such sale, any determination of whether the extent of non-compliance with any of the Eligibility Criteria may not be made worse by such reinvestment shall be made by comparing the Collateral Debt Securities held by the Issuer immediately prior to the sale of such Collateral Debt Security to the Collateral Debt Securities held by the Issuer immediately after such reinvestment. The Discretionary Sale Percentage will be calculated on each Measurement Date, and the determination of whether a commitment may be made by the Issuer to make a Discretionary Sale in accordance with the Indenture shall be made based on the Discretionary Sale Percentage in effect on the date on which such commitment is made, provided that a change in the Discretionary Sale Percentage which occurs after the Issuer makes a commitment to make a Discretionary Sale shall not affect the right of the Issuer to complete such sale.

"Discretionary Sale Percentage" means (i) if the Net Outstanding Portfolio Collateral Balance minus the aggregate outstanding principal amount of all Class A-1 Notes is less than U.S.\$68,000,000, 0%; (ii) if the Net Outstanding Portfolio Collateral Balance minus the aggregate outstanding principal amount of all Class A-1 Notes is less than U.S.\$70,000,000 but equals or exceeds U.S.\$68,000,000, 5% and (iii) otherwise, 10%.

All Sale Proceeds of any Collateral Debt Securities sold by the Issuer as described above and not reinvested in substitute Collateral Debt Securities in accordance with "Description of the Notes—Substitution Period" will be deposited in the "Principal Collection Account" or "Interest Collection Account," as the case may be, and applied on the Quarterly Distribution Date immediately succeeding the end of the Due Period or (in the case of Sales Proceeds which may be reinvested) the Quarterly Distribution Date immediately succeeding the end of the Due Period after the Due Period in which they were received in accordance with the Priority of Payments.

Any disposition by the Issuer of an Equity Security, a Written Down Security or a Defaulted Security will be conducted on an "arm's-length basis" for fair market value.

In the event of an Optional Redemption, Auction Call Redemption or a Tax Redemption, the Trustee (in consultation with the Collateral Manager) may sell Collateral Debt Securities

without regard to the limitations described above that are applicable to sales by the Issuer; *provided* that (i) the proceeds therefrom will be at least sufficient to pay certain expenses and other amounts and redeem in whole but not in part all Notes to be redeemed simultaneously; (ii) such proceeds are used to make such a redemption and (iii) in the case of an Optional Redemption or Tax Redemption, the Issuer provides a certification as to the sale proceeds of the Collateral containing calculations which are confirmed in writing by independent accountants as set forth in the Indenture. See "Description of the Notes—Optional Redemption and Tax Redemption" and "—Auction Call Redemption."

The Collateral Manager, its Affiliates and any account for which the Collateral Manager or an Affiliate of the Collateral Manager acts as investment adviser (and for which the Collateral Manager or such Affiliate has discretionary authority) shall be entitled to bid on any Collateral Debt Security to be sold by the Issuer pursuant to the Indenture; provided that bona fide bids have been received with respect to such Collateral Debt Security from at least two other nationally recognized independent dealers.

"Credit Improved Security" means any Collateral Debt Security that satisfies one of the following criteria: (a) so long as the Moody's Rating Trigger is not in effect, such Collateral Debt Security has shown, in the judgment of the Collateral Manager (exercised in accordance with the standard of care set forth in the Collateral Management Agreement and as of the date of the Collateral Manager's determination based upon currently available information), significantly improved credit quality, which may (but need not) be demonstrated by (i) financial results that have significantly improved since such Collateral Debt Security was purchased by the Issuer and (ii)(A) a decrease in such Collateral Debt Security's spread over the interest rate on the applicable U.S. Treasury Benchmark (in the case of Fixed Rate Securities) or floating rate index (in the case of Floating Rate Securities) by an amount exceeding, respectively, 0.50% and 0.25% or (B) an increase in the price of such Collateral Debt Security to 102% or more of the original purchase price paid therefor by the Issuer, in each case, since the date on which such Collateral Debt Security was acquired by the Issuer; or (b) such Collateral Debt Security has been upgraded or put on a watch list for possible upgrade by one or more rating subcategories by one or more Rating Agencies (other than Fitch) since it was acquired by the Issuer.

"Credit Risk Security" means any Collateral Debt Security that satisfies one of the following criteria: (a) so long as the Moody's Rating Trigger is not in effect, the Collateral Manager believes (as of the date of the Collateral Manager's determination based upon currently available information) has a risk of declining in credit quality and, with lapse of time, becoming a Defaulted Security or a Written Down Security; (b) such Collateral Debt Security has been downgraded or put on a watch list for possible downgrade by any Rating Agency (other than Fitch) by one or more rating subcategories since it was acquired by the Issuer; or (c) is a Written Down Security.

"Sale Proceeds" means all proceeds received as a result of (1) the sale of Collateral Debt Securities, Equity Securities and Eligible Investments pursuant to the Indenture; or (2) an Auction, in each case net of reasonable out-of-pocket expenses of the Collateral Manager or the Trustee in connection with any such sale.

"U.S. Treasury Benchmark" means for any Collateral Debt Security, the interest rate on U.S. Treasury securities used as a benchmark for that Collateral Debt Security by two market makers, selected by the Collateral Manager, in that Collateral Debt Security.

The Hedge Agreements

The Issuer will on the Closing Date enter into three interest rate protection agreements (collectively, the "Initial Interest Rate Hedge Agreement") and, after the Closing Date, may enter into additional interest rate protection agreements with other counterparties in accordance with the Indenture. The Initial Interest Rate Hedge Agreement or any such additional interest rate protection agreement, together with any replacement therefor, is referred to herein as an "Interest Rate Hedge Agreement." An Interest Rate Hedge Agreement may consist of one or more interest rate swaps and/or interest rate caps. In addition, on the Closing Date, the Issuer will enter into a basis swap (the "Initial Basis Swap"). The Initial Basis Swap and any replacement therefor entered into after the Closing Date on substantially identical terms or that satisfies the Rating Condition (a "Basis Swap") or any Interest Rate Hedge Agreement is referred to herein as a "Hedge Agreement." The Issuer may not enter into additional or replacement Interest Rate Hedge Agreements after the Closing Date unless it satisfies the Rating Condition and obtains the consent of the Initial Interest Rate Hedge Counterparty.

The initial Interest Rate Hedge Counterparty (the "Initial Interest Rate Hedge Counterparty") and the counterparty to the Initial Basis Swap (the "Initial Basis Swap Counterparty") is AIG Financial Products Corporation, located at 50 Danbury Road, Wilton, Connecticut 06877-4444. The Initial Interest Rate Hedge Counterparty or any counterparty under an Interest Rate Hedge Agreement entered into subsequent to the Closing Date which satisfies the Rating Condition is referred to herein as an "Interest Rate Hedge Counterparty." The Initial Basis Swap Counterparty and any other counterparty to a Basis Swap which counterparty satisfies the Rating Condition is referred to herein as a "Basis Swap Counterparty." A Basis Swap Counterparty or an Interest Rate Hedge Counterparty is referred to herein as a "Hedge Counterparty." Subsequent to the Closing Date, the Initial Interest Rate Hedge Counterparty may transfer all of its rights and obligations under the Initial Interest Rate Hedge Agreement and the Initial Basis Swap to another counterparty (which need not be affiliated with the Initial Interest Rate Hedge Counterparty), without obtaining the consent of the Trustee, the Issuer or the holders of the Notes or the Preference Shares, if the conditions specified in the Initial Interest Rate Hedge Agreement are satisfied.

The Initial Interest Rate Hedge Agreement will include a fixed/floating interest rate swap, a floating/floating interest rate swap and an interest rate cap. The fixed/floating interest rate swap and the interest rate cap are intended to protect, in part, against increases in LIBOR payable on the Notes and to mitigate in part (to the extent practicable) the Issuer's exposure to interest rate risk. Pursuant to the fixed/floating interest rate swap, on each Quarterly Distribution Date on and after the Quarterly Distribution Date in December 2004, through and including the Quarterly Distribution Date in September 2012, the Issuer will be obligated to make a fixed rate payment to the Initial Interest Rate Hedge Counterparty and the Initial Interest Rate Hedge Counterparty will be obligated to make a floating rate payment to the Issuer equal to the three-month London Interbank Offered Rate (as defined in the Initial Interest Rate Hedge Agreement),

in each case based on the notional amount of initially U.S.\$70,000,000 and declining over time to approximately U.S.\$26,000,000. The interest rate cap entered into pursuant to the Initial Interest Rate Hedge Agreement will obligate the Initial Interest Rate Hedge Counterparty to make a payment to the Issuer if the then current three-month London Interbank Offered Rate (as defined in the Initial Interest Rate Hedge Agreement) exceeds a specified "strike rate." Such payment will be calculated based on the notional amount specified in the interest rate cap, which declines over time. Such interest rate cap will commence on December 3, 2012 and terminate on March 3, 2015. The floating/floating interest rate swap is intended to mitigate in part the basis risk to the Issuer resulting from a substantial portion of the Floating Rate Securities paying interest based on one-month LIBOR (or a similar monthly adjustable rate) while the interest rate on the Notes is based on three-month LIBOR. Under the floating/floating interest rate swap, the Issuer will pay interest to the Initial Interest Rate Hedge Counterparty at one-month LIBOR (adjusted on a monthly basis) on a specified notional amount, and the Initial Interest Rate Hedge Counterparty will pay interest to the Issuer at three-month LIBOR (adjusted on a quarterly basis) on the same specified notional amount, which, in each case, will decline to zero by September 3, 2012. Only a single net payment will be made under the Initial Interest Rate Hedge Agreement on each Quarterly Distribution Date. If the aggregate payments owed by the Initial Interest Rate Hedge Counterparty to the Issuer pursuant to the interest rate cap, the fixed/floating interest rate swap and the floating/floating interest rate swap is greater than the aggregate payments owed by the Issuer pursuant to such swaps and cap, then the Initial Interest Rate Hedge Counterparty will pay the difference to the Issuer. If the aggregate payments owed by the Issuer to the Initial Interest Rate Hedge Counterparty pursuant to the fixed/floating interest rate swap, the interest rate cap and the floating/floating interest rate swap is greater than the aggregate payments owed by the Initial Interest Rate Hedge Counterparty pursuant to such swaps and cap, then the Issuer will pay the difference to the Initial Interest Rate Hedge Counterparty.

Pursuant to the Priority of Payments, scheduled payments required to be made by the Issuer under each Hedge Agreement, together with any termination payments payable by the Issuer other than by reason of an "event of default" or "termination event" (other than an "illegality" or "tax event") with respect to which the related Hedge Counterparty is the "defaulting party" or the sole "affected party" (as each such term is defined in the relevant Hedge Agreement), will be payable pursuant to paragraph (4) under "Priority of Payments—Interest Proceeds."

The Initial Interest Rate Hedge Agreement to be in effect on the Closing Date will provide that the Interest Rate Hedge Counterparty make a payment of U.S.\$2,230,000 on the Closing Date to the Issuer (the "Up Front Payment"). Such Up Front Payment will be used by the Issuer for the purposes set forth in "Use of Proceeds." The payments to be made by the Issuer to the Interest Rate Hedge Counterparty under the Interest Rate Hedge Agreement will include the repayment by the Issuer of this Up Front Payment together with interest thereon. The Issuer's obligations to the Interest Rate Hedge Counterparty in respect of the Up Front Payment, together with interest thereon, will be secured under the Indenture and will be senior in priority to the Issuer's obligations to pay interest (and the Commitment Fee) and principal on the Notes.

In respect of any Hedge Counterparty (other than the Initial Interest Rate Hedge Counterparty), if: (x) (i) the unsecured, unguaranteed and otherwise unsupported long-term

senior debt obligations of its Hedge Rating Determining Party are rated below "A1" by Moody's (or rated "A1" by Moody's and on watch for possible downgrade) and (ii) the unsecured, unguaranteed and otherwise unsupported short-term debt obligations of its Hedge Rating Determining Party are rated below "P-1" by Moody's or are rated "P-1" by Moody's and such rating is on watch for possible downgrade or (y) if such Hedge Rating Determining Party does not have a short-term rating from Moody's, the unsecured, unguaranteed and otherwise unsupported long-term senior debt obligations of such Hedge Rating Determining Party are rated below "Aa3" by Moody's or are rated "Aa3" by Moody's and such rating is on watch for possible downgrade, then the relevant Hedge Counterparty shall, within 30 Business Days of such ratings downgrade, enter into an agreement with the Issuer providing for the posting of Collateral, which agreement satisfies the Rating Condition.

In respect of any Hedge Counterparty (other than the Initial Interest Rate Hedge Counterparty), if its Hedge Rating Determining Party fails to satisfy the Ratings Threshold, then the relevant Hedge Counterparty will either (x) assign its rights and obligations in and under the related Hedge Agreement (at its own expense) to another Hedge Counterparty that has ratings at least equal to the Hedge Counterparty Ratings Requirement or (y) enter into any other agreement with or arrangement for the benefit of the Issuer and the Trustee that is reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee on behalf of the Issuer and that satisfies the Rating Condition.

In respect of the Initial Interest Rate Hedge Counterparty:

- (i) if a Collateralization Event occurs, the Initial Interest Rate Hedge Counterparty and the Issuer shall enter into an agreement, solely at the expense of the Initial Interest Rate Hedge Counterparty, in the form of the ISDA Credit Support Annex attached as Annex B to the Interest Rate Hedge Agreement; *provided* that, if the Initial Interest Rate Hedge Counterparty has not, within 30 days following a Collateralization Event, (A) provided sufficient collateral as required under the Initial Interest Rate Hedge Agreement, (B) found another Hedge Counterparty in accordance with clause (iii), (C) obtained a guarantor for the obligations of the Initial Interest Rate Hedge Counterparty under the Interest Rate Hedge Agreement with a long-term issuer credit rating from Standard & Poor's of at least "A" or a short-term issuer credit rating from Standard & Poor's of at least "A-1+", with a long-term unsecured debt rating from Moody's of at least "Aa3" and a short-term senior unsecured debt rating from Moody's, if rated by Moody's, of at least "P-1" and, with a short-term issuer credit rating from Fitch of at least "F1" or, if there is no such short-term credit rating from Fitch, a long-term issuer credit rating from Fitch of at least "A" or (D) taken such other steps as each Rating Agency that has downgraded the Hedge Rating Determining Counterparty in respect of the Initial Interest Rate Hedge Counterparty may require to cause the obligations of the Initial Interest Rate Hedge Counterparty under the Initial Interest Rate Hedge Agreement to be treated by such Rating Agency as if such obligations were owed by a counterparty having long-term senior unsecured obligations rated not lower than "Aa2" in the case of Moody's, or "AA" in the case of Standard & Poor's, a Ratings Event will be deemed to have occurred;
- (ii) at any time following a Collateralization Event, the Initial Interest Rate Hedge Counterparty may elect, upon 10 days' prior written notice to the Issuer, to transfer the

Initial Interest Rate Hedge Agreement and assign its rights and obligations thereunder to another Hedge Counterparty that satisfies the Hedge Counterparty Ratings Requirement in accordance with the terms of the Initial Interest Rate Hedge Agreement, *provided* that such transfer satisfies the Rating Condition;

- (iii) at any time following a Collateralization Event, the Initial Interest Rate Hedge Counterparty may terminate the Initial Interest Rate Hedge Agreement on any Quarterly Distribution Date; *provided* that (i) the Initial Interest Rate Hedge Counterparty has identified another Hedge Counterparty that satisfies the Hedge Counterparty Ratings Requirement and (ii) the entry into any replacement Interest Rate Hedge Agreement in connection with such termination satisfies the Rating Condition;
- (iv) following the occurrence of a Ratings Event, the Issuer may terminate the Initial Interest Rate Hedge Agreement unless the Initial Interest Rate Hedge Counterparty shall either (i) assign its rights and obligations in and under the Initial Interest Rate Hedge Agreement (at its own expense) to another Hedge Counterparty that has ratings at least equal to the Hedge Counterparty Ratings Requirement in accordance with the terms of the Initial Interest Rate Hedge Agreement or (ii) if the Initial Interest Rate Hedge Counterparty is unable to assign its rights and obligations within 30 days, enter into any other agreement with or arrangement for the benefit of the Issuer and the Trustee that is reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee on behalf of the Issuer and that satisfies the Rating Condition.

The Trustee shall deposit all collateral received from a Hedge Counterparty under a Hedge Agreement in a securities account in the name of the Trustee that will be designated the "Hedge Counterparty Collateral Account," which account will be maintained for the benefit of the Noteholders (or, in the case of any such Hedge Counterparty Collateral Account established for the Basis Swap, the holders of the Class A-2 Notes), each Hedge Counterparty and the Trustee.

"Collateralization Event" means in respect of the Initial Interest Rate Hedge Counterparty, the occurrence of any of the following: (i) the long-term senior unsecured debt rating of its Hedge Rating Determining Party from Standard & Poor's is withdrawn, suspended or falls below "AA-"; (ii) the short-term issuer credit rating of its Hedge Rating Determining Party from Standard & Poor's is withdrawn, suspended or falls below "A-1+"; (iii) the long-term senior unsecured debt rating of its Hedge Rating Determining Party from Moody's is withdrawn, suspended or falls to "Aa3" (and on credit watch for possible downgrade) or below "Aa3", if such Hedge Rating Determining Party has a long-term rating only; (iv) the long-term senior unsecured debt rating of its Hedge Rating Determining Party from Moody's is withdrawn, suspended or falls to "A1" (and on credit watch for possible downgrade) or below "A1" or the short-term senior unsecured debt rating of the Initial Interest Rate Hedge Counterparty, or if no such rating is available, such Hedge Rating Determining Party or, if no such rating is available, a guaranteed affiliate thereof from Moody's, if so rated by Moody's, falls to "P-1" (and on credit watch for possible downgrade) or below "P-1"; or (v) the short-term issuer credit rating of its Hedge Rating Determining Party from Fitch is withdrawn, suspended or falls to "F2" or, if no

such rating is then available, the long-term senior unsecured debt rating of its Hedge Rating Determining Party by Fitch is withdrawn, suspended or falls below "A."

"Hedge Rating Determining Party" means with respect to a Hedge Agreement, (a) unless clause (b) applies with respect to such Hedge Agreement, the Hedge Counterparty or any transferee thereof or (b) any Affiliate of the Hedge Counterparty or any transferee thereof that unconditionally and absolutely guarantees (with such form of guarantee satisfying Standard & Poor's then-published criteria with respect to guarantees) the obligations of such Hedge Counterparty or such transferee, as the case may be, under such Hedge Agreement. For the purpose of this definition, no direct or indirect recourse against one or more shareholders of the Hedge Counterparty or any such transferee (or against any Person in control of, or controlled by, or under common control with, any such shareholder) shall be deemed to constitute a guarantee, security or support of the obligations of such Hedge Counterparty or any such transferee.

"Hedge Counterparty Ratings Requirement" means, with respect to a Hedge Counterparty or any permitted transferee thereof, (a) either (i) the unsecured, unguaranteed and otherwise unsupported short-term debt obligations of the related Hedge Rating Determining Party are rated at least "A-1" by Standard & Poor's, or (ii) if no short-term debt obligations of such Hedge Rating Determining Party are rated by Standard & Poor's, the unsecured, unguaranteed and otherwise unsupported long-term senior debt obligations of such Hedge Rating Determining Party are rated at least "A+" by Standard & Poor's, (b)(i)(x) the unsecured, unguaranteed and otherwise unsupported short-term debt obligations of such Hedge Rating Determining Party are rated "P-1" by Moody's and such rating is not on watch for possible downgrade and (y) the unsecured, unguaranteed and otherwise unsupported long-term senior debt obligations of such Hedge Rating Determining Party are rated higher than "A1" by Moody's or are rated "A1" by Moody's and such rating is not on watch for possible downgrade or (ii) if there is no such Moody's short-term debt obligations rating, the unsecured, unguaranteed and otherwise unsupported long-term senior debt obligations of such Hedge Rating Determining Party are rated higher than "Aa3" by Moody's or are rated "Aa3" by Moody's and such rating is not on watch for possible downgrade and (c) either (i) the unsecured, unguaranteed and otherwise unsupported short-term debt obligations of such Hedge Rating Determining Party are rated at least "F1" by Fitch or (ii) if there is no such short-term debt rating by Fitch, the unsecured, unguaranteed and otherwise unsupported long-term senior debt obligations of such Hedge Rating Determining Party are rated at least "A" by Fitch.

"Ratings Event" means, with respect to the Interest Rate Hedge Agreement entered into on the Closing Date between the Issuer and the Initial Interest Rate Hedge Counterparty, the occurrence of any of the following: (i) the long-term senior unsecured debt rating of the related Hedge Rating Determining Party from Moody's is withdrawn, suspended or falls to or below "A2", if the related Hedge Rating Determining Party has a long-term rating only; (ii) the long-term senior unsecured debt rating of the related Hedge Rating Determining Party from Moody's is withdrawn, suspended or falls to or below "A3" or the short-term senior unsecured debt rating of the Initial Interest Rate Hedge Counterparty, or if no such rating is available, the Hedge Rating Determining Party or, if no such rating is available, a guaranteed affiliate thereof, from Moody's, if so rated by Moody's, falls to or below "P-2"; (iii) the long-term senior unsecured debt rating of the related Hedge Rating Determining Party from Standard & Poor's is withdrawn,

suspended or falls below "A-"; (iv) the short-term issuer credit rating of the Hedge Rating Determining Party from Standard & Poor's is withdrawn, suspended or falls below "A-1"; (v) the short-term issuer credit rating of the Hedge Rating Determining Party from Fitch is withdrawn, suspended or falls below "F2" or, if no such rating is available, the long-term senior unsecured debt rating on the Hedge Rating Determining Party is withdrawn, suspended or falls below "BBB+"; or (vi) the failure of the Initial Interest Rate Hedge Counterparty to provide, within 10 days following a Collateralization Event, sufficient collateral as required under the Indenture and the relevant Interest Rate Hedge Agreement.

"Ratings Threshold" means the ratings levels specified as such in the ISDA Master Agreement with a Hedge Counterparty (other than the Initial Interest Rate Hedge Counterparty) for which the Rating Condition has been satisfied.

Each Hedge Agreement will be subject to termination upon the earlier to occur of (a) an Event of Default followed by the liquidation of the Collateral in accordance with the Indenture and (b) any Optional Redemption, Auction Call Redemption or Tax Redemption. In the event that amounts are applied to the redemption of Notes on any Quarterly Distribution Date in accordance with the Priority of Payments by reason of a Rating Confirmation Failure or a failure to satisfy either of the Coverage Tests, then, subject to the satisfaction of the Rating Condition, the floating-fixed rate interest swap under the Interest Rate Hedge Agreement will be subject to partial termination on such Quarterly Distribution Date with respect to a portion of the notional amount thereof equal to the aggregate outstanding principal amount of Notes so redeemed on such Quarterly Distribution Date. In addition, subject to satisfaction of the Rating Condition with respect to such reduction and the prior consent of the Hedge Counterparty, the Collateral Manager and a Majority-in-Interest of Preference Shareholders (acting together) may on any Quarterly Distribution Date direct the Issuer to reduce the notional amount of any interest rate swap or cap outstanding under the Interest Rate Hedge Agreement. Upon any such termination or reduction of a notional amount, a termination payment with respect to the notional amount terminated or reduced may become payable by the Interest Rate Hedge Counterparty or the Issuer to the other party under the Interest Rate Hedge Agreement, with such termination payment being calculated as described below.

If at any time a Hedge Agreement becomes subject to early termination due to the occurrence of an "event of default" or a "termination event" (each as defined in the related Hedge Agreement) attributable to the Hedge Counterparty thereto, the Issuer and the Trustee shall take such actions (following the expiration of any applicable grace period) to enforce the rights of the Issuer and the Trustee thereunder as may be permitted by the terms of such Hedge Agreement and consistent with the terms hereof, and shall apply the proceeds of any such actions (including the proceeds of the liquidation of any collateral pledged by such Hedge Counterparty) to enter into a replacement Hedge Agreement on substantially identical terms or on such other terms satisfying the Rating Condition, and with a Hedge Counterparty with respect to which the Rating Condition shall have been satisfied. In determining the amount payable under the terminated Hedge Agreement, the Issuer will seek quotations from reference market-makers that satisfy the Hedge Counterparty Ratings Requirement. In addition, the Issuer will use its best efforts to cause the termination of a Hedge Agreement to become effective simultaneously with the entry into a replacement Hedge Agreement described as aforesaid. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if a

Hedge Agreement becomes subject to early termination due to the occurrence of an "event of default" or a "termination event" other than an "illegality" or "tax event" (each as defined in the related Hedge Agreement) attributable to the Hedge Counterparty thereto, the Issuer agrees not to exercise its right to terminate the relevant Hedge Agreement unless no amounts would be owed by the Issuer to the Hedge Counterparty as a result of such termination (or the Issuer certifies to the Hedge Counterparty that the funds available on the next Quarterly Distribution Date will be sufficient to pay such termination payment); *provided, however*, in such event, at the option of the Issuer, the Hedge Counterparty shall be required to assign its rights and obligations under the relevant Hedge Agreement and all transactions thereunder at no cost to the Issuer (it being understood that the Hedge Counterparty shall pay the Issuer's expenses in connection therewith, including legal fees) to a party selected by the Hedge Counterparty (with the assistance of the Issuer, which assistance will not be unreasonably withheld) (the "Subordinated Termination Substitute Party") within 30 days following the selection of a Subordinated Termination Substitute Party by the Hedge Counterparty; *provided* that such an assignment will not comply with this provision unless (A) as of the date of such transfer neither the Subordinated Termination Substitute Party nor the Issuer will be required to withhold or deduct on account of any tax from any payments under each Hedge Agreement in excess of what would have been required to be withheld or deducted in the absence of such transfer; (B) a "termination event" or "event of default" does not occur under the Hedge Agreement as a result of such assignment; (C) the Subordinated Termination Substitute Party satisfies the Hedge Counterparty Ratings Requirement; (D) such Subordinated Termination Substitute Party assumes the obligations of the Hedge Counterparty under such Hedge Agreement (through an assignment and assumption agreement in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Issuer) or replaces the outstanding transactions under each Hedge Agreement with transactions on substantially identical terms, except that the Hedge Counterparty shall be replaced as counterparty; (E) such assignment satisfies the Rating Condition; (F) the Hedge Counterparty assumes payment of any cost associated with the transfer of the Hedge Agreement and all transactions thereunder to the Subordinated Termination Substitute Party; and (G) payment has been made to the Hedge Counterparty by the Subordinated Termination Substitute Party of an amount payable under the terminated Hedge Agreement based on quotations from reference market makers that satisfy the Hedge Counterparty Ratings Requirement.

Amounts payable upon any such termination or reduction will be based upon standard replacement transaction valuation methodology set forth in the 1992 ISDA Master Agreement published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc. If any amount is payable by the Issuer to a Hedge Counterparty in connection with the occurrence of any such partial termination or notional amount reduction, such amount, together with interest on such amount for the period from and including the date of termination to but excluding the date of payment at a rate set forth in the Hedge Agreement, shall be payable on such Quarterly Distribution Date to the extent funds are available for such purpose in accordance with the Priority of Payments, and any amount not so paid on such Quarterly Distribution Date shall be payable on the first Quarterly Distribution Date on which such amount may be paid in accordance with the Priority of Payments.

If, prior to the September 2012 Quarterly Distribution Date, the outstanding principal amount of the Class A-2 Notes is reduced for any reason, it will constitute a partial termination

of the Initial Basis Swap as a result of which the Issuer may be required to make termination payments to the Initial Basis Swap Counterparty.

The obligations of the Issuer under each Hedge Agreement are limited recourse obligations payable solely from the Collateral pursuant to the Priority of Payments.

The Initial Interest Rate Hedge Counterparty

The information appearing in this section has been prepared by the Initial Interest Rate Hedge Counterparty and has not been independently verified by the Co-Issuers, the Collateral Manager, the Trustee or the Initial Purchaser. Accordingly, notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, none of the Co-Issuers, the Collateral Manager, the Trustee, or the Initial Purchaser assume any responsibility for the accuracy, completeness or applicability of such information.

The Initial Interest Rate Hedge Counterparty, AIG Financial Products Corp. ("AIGFP"), commenced its operations in 1987. AIGFP and its subsidiaries conduct, primarily as a principal, a financial derivatives products business. AIGFP also enters into investment contracts and other structured transactions and invests in a diversified portfolio of securities. In the course of conducting its business, AIGFP also engages in a variety of other related transactions.

American International Group, Inc. ("AIG") is the guarantor of the payment obligations of its subsidiary, AIGFP, with respect to the Initial Interest Rate Hedge Agreement. AIG, a Delaware corporation, is a holding company that is primarily engaged, through its subsidiaries, in a broad range of insurance and insurance related activities and financial services in the United States and abroad. Reports, proxy statements and other information filed by AIG with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") pursuant to the informational requirements of the Exchange Act can be inspected and copied at the public reference facilities maintained by the SEC at 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549. Copies of such materials can be obtained from the Public Reference Section of the SEC, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549, at prescribed rates. The SEC also maintains a web site at <http://www.sec.gov> which contains reports, proxy and information statements and other information regarding registrants that file electronically with the SEC. AIG's Common Stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange and reports, proxy statements and other information can also be inspected at the Information Center of the New York Stock Exchange, Inc., 20 Broad Street, New York, New York 10005.

Except for the information contained in the preceding two paragraphs, AIG and AIGFP have not been involved in the preparation of, and do not accept responsibility for, this Offering Circular as a whole.

The Accounts

On or prior to the Closing Date the Trustee will have established each of the following accounts (the "Accounts"):

Collection Accounts

All distributions on the Collateral Debt Securities and any proceeds received from the disposition of any such Collateral Debt Securities, to the extent such distributions or proceeds constitute Interest Proceeds (other than 50% of any interest payments on a semi-annual interest paying security received in cash by the Issuer in any Due Period which will be deposited in the Semi-Annual Interest Reserve Account), and any amounts payable to the Issuer by a Hedge Counterparty under any Hedge Agreement (other than amounts received by the Issuer by reason of an event of default or termination event under a Hedge Agreement or other comparable event that are required to be used for the purchase by the Issuer of a replacement Hedge Agreement) will be remitted to a single, segregated account established and maintained under the Indenture by the Trustee (the "Interest Collection Account") which may be a subaccount of the Custodial Account. All distributions on the Collateral Debt Securities and any proceeds received from the disposition of any such Collateral Debt Securities to the extent such distributions or proceeds constitute Principal Proceeds will be remitted to a single, segregated account established and maintained under the Indenture by the Trustee (the "Principal Collection Account" which may be a subaccount of the Custodial Account and, together with the Interest Collection Account, the "Collection Accounts"). The Collection Accounts shall be maintained for the benefit of the Secured Parties and amounts on deposit therein will be available, together with reinvestment earnings thereon, for application in the order of priority set forth above under "Description of the Notes—Priority of Payments."

Amounts received in the Collection Accounts during a Due Period and amounts received in prior Due Periods and retained in the Collection Accounts under the circumstances set forth above in "Description of the Notes—Priority of Payments" will be invested in Eligible Investments (as described below) with stated maturities no later than the Business Day immediately preceding the next Quarterly Distribution Date. All such proceeds will be retained in the Collection Accounts unless such proceeds (i) are Sale Proceeds to be used to purchase Collateral Debt Securities in accordance with the Eligibility Criteria (and subject to the conditions specified in "Description of the Notes—Substitution Period" and "Security for the Notes—Dispositions of Collateral Debt Securities"), or to honor commitments with respect thereto entered into prior to the last day of the Substitution Period, (ii) are Interest Proceeds to be used by the Issuer to make scheduled payments due from the Issuer to the Interest Rate Hedge Counterparty under the Interest Rate Hedge Agreement or (iii) are used as otherwise permitted under the Indenture. See "—Eligibility Criteria."

Payment Account

On or prior to the Business Day prior to each Quarterly Distribution Date, the Trustee will deposit into a single, segregated account established and maintained by the Trustee under the Indenture (the "Payment Account") for the benefit of the Secured Parties all funds in the

Collection Accounts (other than Sale Proceeds of Credit Improved Securities, Credit Risk Securities and Discretionary Sales that the Issuer is entitled to reinvest in accordance with the Eligibility Criteria and the conditions specified in "Description of the Notes—Substitution Period" and "Security for the Notes—Dispositions of Collateral Debt Securities", which may be retained in the Collection Accounts for subsequent reinvestment, if the Issuer so elects as set forth in the Indenture) required for payments to Noteholders and payments of fees and expenses in accordance with the priority described under "Description of the Notes—Priority of Payments."

Semi-Annual Interest Reserve Account

On any date upon which the Issuer receives interest payments in cash in respect of semi-annual interest paying securities, the Trustee will deposit into a single, segregated account established and maintained by the Trustee under the Indenture (the "Semi-Annual Interest Reserve Account") 50% of such interest payments on semi-annual interest paying securities. At least one Business Day prior to each Quarterly Distribution Date, the Trustee shall transfer all amounts deposited in the Semi-Annual Interest Reserve Account on or prior to the Determination Date preceding the last Quarterly Distribution Date (including any interest accrued on any such amount) to the Payment Account for application as Interest Proceeds in accordance with the Priority of Payments and such transfer shall be the only permitted withdrawal from, or application of funds on deposit in, or otherwise standing to the credit of, the Semi-Annual Interest Reserve Account.

Uninvested Proceeds Account

On the Closing Date (and following the Closing Date on the date of any Borrowing under the Class A-1 Notes), the Trustee will deposit Uninvested Proceeds into a single, segregated account established and maintained by the Trustee under the Indenture. Interest and other income from such investments shall be deposited in the Uninvested Proceeds Account, any gain realized from such investments shall be credited to the Uninvested Proceeds Account, and any loss resulting from such investments shall be charged to the Uninvested Proceeds Account. Investment earnings on Eligible Investments in the Uninvested Proceeds Account will be transferred to the Interest Collection Account and treated as Interest Proceeds on the related Quarterly Distribution Date. At least one Business Day prior to the first Quarterly Distribution Date following the Ramp-Up Completion Date, the Trustee shall transfer any Uninvested Proceeds (which are not required to complete purchases of Collateral Debt Securities) to the Payment Account to be treated as Principal Proceeds and distributed in accordance with the Priority of Payments; *provided* that such Uninvested Proceeds shall be applied, first, to the payment of principal of Notes in accordance with paragraph (2) of "—Priority of Payments—Principal Proceeds" and, second, to the payment of all other amounts required to be made on such Quarterly Distribution Date in accordance with the Priority of Payments. During the Ramp-Up Period, the Collateral Manager on behalf of the Issuer may by notice to the Trustee direct the Trustee to, and upon receipt of the Issuer Order, the Trustee shall (i) apply Cash in the Uninvested Proceeds Account to purchase Collateral Debt Securities or (ii) withdraw Cash in the Uninvested Proceeds Account and deposit it into a Synthetic Security Counterparty Account in connection with the purchase of a Defeased Synthetic Security.

Expense Account

After payment of the organizational and structuring fees and expenses of the Co-Issuers (including, without limitation, the legal fees and expenses of counsel to the Co-Issuers, the Collateral Manager and the Initial Purchaser) and the expenses of offering the Offered Securities, on the Closing Date U.S.\$100,000 from the proceeds of the offering of the Offered Securities will be deposited by the Trustee into a single, segregated account established and maintained by the Trustee under the Indenture (the "Expense Account"). On each Quarterly Distribution Date, to the extent that funds are available for such purpose in accordance with the Priority of Payments and subject to the dollar limitation set forth in paragraph (2) under "Description of the Notes–Priority of Payments–Interest Proceeds," the Trustee will deposit into the Expense Account an amount from Interest Proceeds (and, to the extent that Interest Proceeds are insufficient, from Principal Proceeds) such that the amount on deposit in the Expense Account (after giving effect to such deposit) will equal U.S.\$100,000. Amounts on deposit in the Expense Account may be withdrawn from time to time to pay accrued and unpaid Administrative Expenses of the Co-Issuers. All funds on deposit in the Expense Account will be invested in Eligible Investments. All amounts remaining on deposit in the Expense Account at the time when substantially all of the Issuer's assets have been sold or otherwise disposed of will be deposited by the Trustee into the Payment Account for application as Interest Proceeds on the immediately succeeding Quarterly Distribution Date.

Custodial Account

The Trustee will, prior to the Closing Date, cause the Custodian to establish a Securities Account which shall be designated as the "Custodial Account," which shall be held in the name of the Trustee as Entitlement Holder in trust for the benefit of the Secured Parties and into which the Trustee shall from time to time deposit Collateral. All Collateral from time to time deposited in, or otherwise standing to the credit of, the Custodial Account pursuant to the Indenture will be held by the Trustee as part of the Collateral. The Trustee has agreed to give the Issuer immediate notice (with a copy to each Hedge Counterparty, each Rating Agency and the Holders of the Notes of the Controlling Class) if the Custodial Account or any funds on deposit therein, or otherwise standing to the credit of the Custodial Account, shall become subject to any writ, order judgment, warrant of attachment, execution or similar process. The Co-Issuers shall not have any legal, equitable or beneficial interest in the Custodial Account other than in accordance with the Priority of Payments.

Interest Reserve Account

After payment of the organizational and structuring fees and expenses of the Co-Issuers (including, without limitation, the legal fees and expenses of counsel to the Co-Issuers, the Collateral Manager and the Initial Purchaser) and the expenses of offering the Offered Securities, on the Closing Date U.S.\$180,000 from the proceeds of the offering of the Offered Securities will be deposited by the Trustee into a single, segregated account established and maintained by the Trustee under the Indenture (the "Interest Reserve Account"). All funds on deposit in the Interest Reserve Account will be invested in Eligible Investments. The only permitted withdrawal from or application of funds on deposit in, or otherwise standing to the credit of, the

Interest Reserve Account shall be as follows: at least one Business Day prior to the first Quarterly Distribution Date, the Trustee will transfer all amounts from the Interest Reserve Account to the Payment Account for application (x) as Interest Proceeds on the first Quarterly Distribution Date for distribution to the Holders of the Class A-1 Notes if, and only to the extent, necessary for such Noteholders to receive the accrued and unpaid interest due and payable in respect of such Notes on such first Quarterly Distribution Date pursuant to paragraph (5) of "Description of the Notes—Priority of Payments—Interest Proceeds" and (y) to the extent that there are any amounts remaining after application as provided in the preceding clause (x), for application as Interest Proceeds in accordance with the Priority of Payments.

Synthetic Security Counterparty Accounts

For each Defeased Synthetic Security, the Trustee will establish a single, segregated account (each such account, a "Synthetic Security Counterparty Account") that will be held in the name of the Trustee in trust for the benefit of the related Synthetic Security Counterparty and over which the Trustee will have exclusive control and the sole right of withdrawal in accordance with the applicable Synthetic Security and the Indenture. The Trustee and the Issuer shall, in connection with the establishment of a Synthetic Security Counterparty Account, enter into a separate account control and security agreement with the Synthetic Security Counterparty setting forth the rights and obligations of the Issuer, the Trustee and the Synthetic Security Counterparty with respect to such account and pursuant to which the Issuer shall grant the Trustee a first priority security interest in such Synthetic Security Counterparty Account for the benefit of the Synthetic Security Counterparty. As directed by Issuer Order executed by the Collateral Manager, the Trustee will withdraw from the Uninvested Proceeds Account or the Principal Collection Account and deposit into each Synthetic Security Counterparty Account the amount required to secure the obligations of the Issuer in accordance with the terms of the related Defeased Synthetic Security to the extent that the relevant amount has not been deposited in the Synthetic Security Counterparty Account from the net proceeds received by the Issuer from the issuance of the Notes and the Preference Shares or Borrowings under the Class A-1 Notes, which amount shall be at least equal to the amount referred to in paragraph (a) of the definition of Defeased Synthetic Security. The Collateral Manager will direct any such deposit only during the Substitution Period and only to the extent that monies are available for the purchase of Collateral Debt Securities from Uninvested Proceeds and Principal Proceeds in accordance with the terms of the Indenture.

In accordance with the terms of the applicable Defeased Synthetic Security and related account control and security agreement, amounts standing to the credit of a Synthetic Security Counterparty Account shall be invested in securities. Amounts and property credited to a Synthetic Security Counterparty Account shall be withdrawn by the Trustee and applied to the payment of any amounts payable by, or to the delivery of securities deliverable by, the Issuer to the related Synthetic Security Counterparty in accordance with the terms of such Defeased Synthetic Security. To the extent that the Issuer is entitled to receive interest on securities credited to a Synthetic Security Counterparty Account, the Collateral Manager shall, by Issuer Order, direct the Trustee to deposit such amounts in the Interest Collection Account. After payment of all amounts owing by the Issuer to a Synthetic Security Counterparty in accordance with the terms of the related Defeased Synthetic Security or termination of a Synthetic Security

following a default by the Synthetic Security Counterparty (and payment of any termination payment due from the Issuer to such Synthetic Security Counterparty), the Collateral Manager, by Issuer Order, shall direct the Trustee to withdraw all funds and other property credited to the Synthetic Security Counterparty Account related to such Defeased Synthetic Security and credit such funds and other property to the Principal Collection Account (in the case of Cash and Eligible Investments) and the Custodial Account (in the case of Collateral Debt Securities and other financial assets) for application as Principal Proceeds (other than any investment income thereon, which will be Interest Proceeds) in accordance with the terms of the Indenture.

Except for interest on securities standing to the credit of a Synthetic Security Counterparty Account payable to the Issuer as described pursuant to the preceding paragraph, funds and other property standing to the credit of a Synthetic Security Counterparty Account shall not be considered to be an asset of the Issuer for purposes of the Collateral Quality Tests; however, the Defeased Synthetic Security that relates to such Synthetic Security Counterparty Account shall be considered an asset of the Issuer for such purposes.

Each Synthetic Security Counterparty Account shall remain at all times with a financial institution organized and doing business under the laws of the United States or any State thereof, authorized under such laws to exercise corporate trust powers and having a long-term debt rating of at least "Baa1" by Moody's (and, if rated "Baa1," not be on watch for possible downgrade by Moody's) and at least "BBB+" by Standard & Poor's and a combined capital and surplus in excess of U.S.\$250,000,000.

A modification to the terms of the Indenture relating to a Synthetic Security Counterparty Account will require the consent of any Synthetic Security Counterparty materially and adversely affected by such modification.

Synthetic Security Issuer Accounts

If the terms of any Synthetic Security require the Synthetic Security Counterparty to secure its obligations with respect to such Synthetic Security, the Trustee shall cause to be established a Securities Account in respect of such Synthetic Security (each such account, a "Synthetic Security Issuer Account"), which shall be held in the name of the Trustee as Entitlement Holder in trust for the benefit of the Secured Parties. Upon Issuer Order, the Trustee, the Issuer and the Custodian shall enter into an account control agreement with respect to such account in a form substantially similar to the Account Control Agreement. The Trustee shall credit to any such Synthetic Security Issuer Account all funds and other property received from the applicable Synthetic Security Counterparty to secure the obligations of such Synthetic Security Counterparty in accordance with the terms of such Synthetic Security.

Amounts credited to a Synthetic Security Issuer Account shall be invested as directed by an Issuer Order executed by the Collateral Manager in writing and in accordance with the terms of the applicable Synthetic Security. Income received on amounts credited to such Synthetic Security Issuer Account shall be withdrawn from such account and paid to the related Synthetic Security Counterparty in accordance with the terms of the applicable Synthetic Security.

Funds and other property standing to the credit of any Synthetic Security Issuer Account shall not be considered to be an asset of the Issuer for purposes of any of the Collateral Quality Tests or the Coverage Tests; however, the Synthetic Security that relates to such Synthetic Security Issuer Account shall be considered an asset of the Issuer for such purposes.

In accordance with the terms of the applicable Synthetic Security, funds and other property standing to the credit of the related Synthetic Security Issuer Account shall, as directed by the Collateral Manager by Issuer Order, be withdrawn by the Trustee and applied to the payment of any amount owing by the related Synthetic Security Counterparty to the Issuer. After payment of all amounts owing by the Synthetic Security Counterparty to the Issuer in accordance with the terms of the related Synthetic Security, all funds and other property standing to the credit of the related Synthetic Security Issuer Account shall be withdrawn from such Synthetic Security Issuer Account and paid or transferred to the related Synthetic Security Counterparty in accordance with the applicable Synthetic Security.

Each Synthetic Security Issuer Account shall remain at all times with a financial institution organized and doing business under the laws of the United States or any State thereof, authorized under such laws to exercise corporate trust powers and having a long-term debt rating of at least "Baa1" by Moody's (and, if rated "Baa1," not be on watch for possible downgrade by Moody's) and at least "BBB+" by Standard & Poor's and a combined capital and surplus in excess of U.S.\$250,000,000.

A modification of the terms of the Indenture relating to a Synthetic Security Issuer Account will require the consent of any Synthetic Security Counterparty materially and adversely affected thereby.

THE COLLATERAL MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

General

Certain administrative and advisory functions with respect to the Collateral will be performed by Terwin Money Management LLC ("TMM" or the "Collateral Manager") under the collateral management agreement to be entered into between the Issuer and the Collateral Manager (the "Collateral Management Agreement"). In accordance with the Eligibility Criteria and other requirements set forth in the Indenture, and in accordance with the provisions of the Collateral Management Agreement, the Collateral Manager will (i) supervise and direct (a) the selection of and investment in the portfolio of Collateral Debt Securities during the period from the Closing Date to (and including) the last day of the Substitution Period, (b) the reinvestment of Sale Proceeds in Collateral Debt Securities during the Substitution Period, (c) the Issuer's entering into and terminating Hedge Agreements, (d) the sale of Collateral Debt Securities in accordance with the terms of the Indenture and (e) the investment of funds on deposit in the Accounts, (ii) monitor the Collateral Debt Securities, (iii) monitor the performance of the relevant Hedge Counterparty under each Hedge Agreement, including, without limitation, the continuing ability of such counterparty to perform its obligations thereunder and otherwise comply with the applicable ratings requirements set forth in the Indenture and/or the applicable Hedge Agreement and (iv) provide the Issuer with certain information received from JPMorgan Chase Bank (the "Collateral Administrator") as described below, with respect to the composition of the Collateral Debt Securities or any disposition or tender of a Collateral Debt Security.

In addition, pursuant to the terms of the Collateral Administration Agreement between the Issuer, the Collateral Manager and the Collateral Administrator (the "Collateral Administration Agreement"), the Issuer will retain the Collateral Administrator to prepare certain reports with respect to the Collateral Debt Securities. The compensation paid to the Collateral Administrator by the Issuer for such services will be in addition to the fees paid to the Collateral Manager and to JPMorgan Chase Bank in its capacity as Trustee, and will be treated as an expense of the Issuer under the Indenture and will be subject to the priorities set forth under "Description of the Notes—Priority of Payments."

Compensation

As compensation for its services performed prior to the Closing Date, the Collateral Manager will receive an initial management fee on the Closing Date. Such services included advising and assisting the Issuer in locating, selecting and acquiring the portfolio of Collateral Debt Securities to be held by the Issuer on the Closing Date.

As compensation for the performance of its obligations under the Collateral Management Agreement, the Collateral Manager will be entitled, to the extent there are funds available therefor in accordance with the Priority of Payments, to receive a Senior Management Fee (the "Senior Management Fee") equal to 0.10% per annum of the Quarterly Asset Amount on each Quarterly Distribution Date as calculated under the Collateral Management Agreement and the Indenture. See "Description of the Notes—Certain Definitions." Any Senior Management Fee

accrued but not paid prior to the resignation or removal of a Collateral Manager shall continue to be payable to such Collateral Manager on the Quarterly Distribution Date immediately following the effectiveness of such resignation or removal.

The Collateral Manager will be responsible for its own expenses incurred in the course of performing its obligations under the Collateral Management Agreement; *provided* that the Collateral Manager shall not be liable for expenses and costs incurred in negotiating with issuers of Collateral Debt Securities as to proposed modifications or waivers, taking action or advising the Trustee with respect to the Issuer's exercise of any rights or remedies in connection with the Collateral Debt Securities and Eligible Investments, including in connection with an Offer or default, participating in committees or other groups formed by creditors of an issuer of Collateral Debt Securities, and consulting with and providing each Rating Agency with any information in connection with the maintenance of the ratings of the Notes. Such expenses will be paid by the Issuer.

The Collateral Manager may pledge or otherwise assign all or a portion of its right to receive payment of Senior Management Fees and dividends and other distributions on Preference Shares owned by it for the purpose of financing its acquisition of Preference Shares.

Standard of Care

The Collateral Manager will perform its obligations under the Collateral Management Agreement with reasonable care (i) using a degree of skill and attention no less than that which the Collateral Manager exercises with respect to comparable assets that it manages for itself and (ii) without limiting the foregoing, in a prudent and commercially reasonable manner consistent with its understanding of practices and procedures applied by managers of portfolios of assets of the nature and character of the Collateral (such standard of care, the "Collateral Manager Standard of Care").

Limitation of Liability

The Collateral Manager will not be responsible for any action or inaction of the Issuer or the Trustee in declining to follow any advice, recommendation or direction of the Collateral Manager. The Collateral Manager, its directors, officers, stockholders, partners, members, agents and employees, and its Affiliates and their directors, officers, stockholders, partners, members, agents and employees, will not be liable to the Issuer, the Trustee, the Noteholders or any other person for any losses, claims, damages, judgments, assessments, costs or other liabilities incurred by the Issuer, the Trustee or the Noteholders that arise out of or in connection with the performance by the Collateral Manager of its duties hereunder, except by reason of or with respect to any Collateral Manager Breach. A "Collateral Manager Breach" means the occurrence of either of the following events: (i) any acts or omissions constituting bad faith, willful misconduct, gross negligence or breach of fiduciary duty in the performance, or reckless disregard, of the obligations of the Collateral Manager under the Collateral Management Agreement or (ii) any information concerning the Collateral Manager provided in writing by the Collateral Manager for inclusion in the Offering Circular containing any untrue statement of

material fact or omitting to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

The Collateral Manager will not have any duties or obligations except those expressly set forth in the Collateral Management Agreement. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, (i) the Collateral Manager will not be subject to any fiduciary or other implied duties, (ii) the Collateral Manager will not have any duty to take any discretionary action or exercise any discretionary powers, except discretionary rights and powers expressly contemplated in the Collateral Management Agreement, and (iii) except as expressly set forth therein, the Collateral Manager will not have any duty to disclose, and will not be liable for the failure to disclose, any information relating to any issuer of any Collateral Debt Security or Equity Security or any of its Affiliates that is communicated to or obtained by the Collateral Manager or any of its Affiliates.

Indemnification

The Issuer will agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Collateral Manager and its Affiliates from and against any and all losses, claims, damages, judgments, assessments, costs or other liabilities, and will reimburse each such Indemnified Party for all reasonable fees and expenses (including reasonable fees and expenses of counsel) as such fees and expenses are incurred in investigating, preparing, pursuing or defending any claim, action, proceeding or investigation with respect to any pending or threatened litigation, caused by, or arising out of or in connection with, the issuance of the Notes, the transactions contemplated by this Offering Circular, the Indenture or the Collateral Management Agreement, and/or any action taken by, or any failure to act by, the Collateral Manager or any of its Affiliates; *provided* that the Collateral Manager and its Affiliates will not be indemnified for any such losses, claims, damages, judgments, assessments, costs or other liabilities or any fees or expenses that they incur as a result of any acts or omissions constituting a Collateral Manager Breach. Any such indemnification by the Issuer will be paid subject to, and in accordance with, the Priority of Payments.

Assignment

The Collateral Manager may not assign or delegate any rights or obligations under the Collateral Management Agreement unless such assignment or delegation (i) is consented to in writing by the Issuer, (ii) is consented to by the holders of at least 66-2/3% in aggregate outstanding principal amount of the Controlling Class and a Special-Majority-in-Interest of Preference Shareholders and (iii) satisfies the Rating Condition, except that the Collateral Manager may, pursuant to the Collateral Management Agreement, enter into arrangements pursuant to which its Affiliates or third parties may perform certain services and render certain advice on behalf of the Collateral Manager, but such arrangements shall not relieve the Collateral Manager from any of its duties or obligations thereunder.

Resignation and Removal

Resignation

At any time following the Ramp-Up Completion Date, the Collateral Manager may resign, upon 90 days' (or such shorter notice as is acceptable to the Issuer) written notice to the Issuer.

Termination of Collateral Manager without Cause

At any time, the Collateral Manager may be removed without cause upon 45 days' prior written notice by the Issuer at the direction of the holders of at least 66-2/3% of the outstanding principal amount of each Class of Notes.

Termination of Collateral Manager for Cause

The Collateral Manager may be removed upon 15 days' prior written notice given by the Issuer to the Collateral Manager at the direction of (a) the holders of at least 66-2/3% of the outstanding principal amount of all the Notes (voting as a single class) or (b) a Special-Majority-in-Interest of Preference Shareholders, if any of the following events has occurred and is continuing with respect to the Collateral Manager: (i) the Collateral Manager willfully breaches, or takes any action that it knows violates, any provision of the Collateral Management Agreement or any term of the Indenture applicable to it, other than a willful breach or knowing violation that results from a good faith dispute on reasonable alternative courses of action or interpretation of instructions; (ii) the Collateral Manager breaches in any material respect any provision of the Collateral Management Agreement or any terms of the Indenture applicable to it and fails to cure such breach within 30 days after notice of such failure is given to the Collateral Manager unless, if such failure is remediable, the Collateral Manager has taken action that the Collateral Manager in good faith believes will remedy, and that does in fact remedy, such failure within 90 days after notice of such failure is given to the Collateral Manager; (iii) any action shall be taken by the Collateral Manager that constitutes fraud against the Issuer; (iv) the Collateral Manager or any of its principals shall be convicted of a felony; or the Collateral Manager shall be indicted for, shall be adjudged liable in a civil suit for or shall be convicted of a violation of the Securities Act or any other United States federal securities law or any rules or regulations thereunder; (v) a change of control shall occur with respect to the Collateral Manager and at least 66-2/3% of the Controlling Class shall have disapproved of such change of control within 45 days after receipt of notice thereof; (vi) an Event of Default occurs under the Indenture that consists of a default in the payment of principal of or interest on the Notes when due and payable or results from any breach by the Collateral Manager of its duties under the Indenture or the Collateral Management Agreement, which breach or default is not cured within any applicable cure period; (vii) certain bankruptcy events occur with respect to the Collateral Manager; (viii) Ms. Rainieri fails, for any reason, to be a director, officer or management-level employee of the Collateral Manager (unless the Collateral Manager proposes, and a Majority of the Controlling Class agrees (such agreement not to be unreasonably withheld), that the Collateral Manager replace Ms. Rainieri with another person with the ability and capacity to perform professionally and competently the duties performed by Ms. Rainieri; or (viii) certain

other events occur as set forth in the Collateral Management Agreement. In determining whether the holders of the requisite percentage of the Notes and the Preference Shares have given such consent, Notes and Preference Shares owned by the Collateral Manager, or any Affiliate thereof, will be disregarded and deemed not to be outstanding.

Replacement Collateral Manager

No resignation or removal of the Collateral Manager shall be effective (a) unless an Eligible Successor has agreed in writing to assume all of the Collateral Manager's duties and obligations under the Collateral Management Agreement, (b) unless such Eligible Successor has not been objected to by at least 66-2/3% of the Controlling Class within 30 days after notice of appointment of the successor Collateral Manager and (c) without 10 days' prior notice to the Rating Agencies and the Trustee. An "Eligible Successor" is an established institution that (i) has demonstrated an ability to professionally and competently perform duties similar to those imposed upon the Collateral Manager hereunder and with a substantially similar (or better) level of expertise, (ii) is legally qualified and has the capacity to act as Collateral Manager under the Collateral Management Agreement, as successor to the resigning or removed Collateral Manager in the assumption of all of the responsibilities, duties and obligations of the Collateral Manager under the Collateral Management Agreement and under the applicable terms of the Indenture, (iii) shall not cause the Issuer or the Co-Issuer or the pool of Collateral to become required to register under the provisions of the Investment Company Act, (iv) will perform its duties as Collateral Manager under the Collateral Management Agreement without causing adverse tax consequences to the Issuer or any Holder of Notes, and (v) the appointment of such successor Collateral Manager satisfies the Rating Condition. The Issuer will designate any Eligible Successor proposed by a Majority-in-Interest of Preference Shareholders, unless an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing or no such successor has been proposed by a Majority-in-Interest of the Preference Shareholders within 30 days after the resignation or termination of the Collateral Manager. In such event, the Issuer will designate any Eligible Successor proposed by the holders of the Controlling Class of Notes.

Conflicts

In certain circumstances, the interests of the Issuer and/or the holders of the Offered Securities with respect to matters as to which the Collateral Manager is advising the Issuer may conflict with the interests of the Collateral Manager and its Affiliates. See "Risk Factors—Certain Conflicts of Interest."

COLLATERAL MANAGER

The information appearing below under the subheadings "Terwin Money Management LLC," "Investment Strategy" and "TMM Personnel" have been prepared by the Collateral Manager and has not been independently verified by the Co-Issuers, the Initial Purchaser, the Trustee or any other person. Accordingly, the Collateral Manager assumes the responsibility for the accuracy, completeness or applicability of such information appearing under such subheading.

Terwin Money Management LLC

Terwin Money Management LLC ("TMM") will act as Collateral Manager. TMM is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Terwin Asset Management LLC ("TAM"). TAM is the recently formed asset management business of The Winter Group of companies, focusing on credit related mortgage-backed securities investments. TMM is dedicated to the issuance and management of structured finance CDOs and other investment funds. TMM is comprised of individuals with extensive expertise in mortgage credit investing. Their objective is to seek delivery of attractive returns by purchasing high quality assets which conform to the core of the team's expertise.

Investment Strategy

TMM strives to provide a value oriented, highly disciplined approach, investing in mortgage credit assets designed to perform over the long term. In order to maximize returns and minimize losses, TMM generally conducts a high level of due diligence prior to purchasing bonds from an issuer and maintains a high level of surveillance subsequent to purchase. Generally, prior to approving an issuer/servicer company, financial statements, underwriting guidelines and historical performance data are reviewed as well as rating agency reviews. A thorough on-site review is completed, including meeting with senior management and department heads to assess the quality of both the product originated and the servicing platform. Once approved, an analysis is performed to determine the relative value of the issuer's collateral, based on credit enhancement, rating and spread, and to set parameters of collateral type or rating level that can be purchased for that issuer. Bond structure is stressed under various default, recovery, prepayment and economic scenarios to ensure that credit support is adequate for the risk taken. Bond collateral characteristics are reviewed for strengths and weaknesses. The effect on portfolio diversity is considered with each transaction. Loss mitigation is supported through dialogue with the seller/servicer and close performance tracking on a bond-by-bond basis, including monthly or quarterly review of delinquency/loss ratios and actual versus projected performance.

TMM Personnel

Set forth below is information regarding certain officers and employees of the Collateral Manager. Such persons may not necessarily continue to be so employed during the entire term of the Collateral Management Agreement.

Sam Rainieri

Ms. Rainieri is Senior Vice President and Chief Investment Officer. Ms. Rainieri has over 20 years experience in portfolio management and structured finance for financial institutions. She has extensive experience in the capital markets in mortgage-backed securities, primarily in mortgage credit. Ms. Rainieri was Senior Vice President/Portfolio Manager at AIG SunAmerica Investments, where she managed several subordinated mortgage-backed securities portfolios. During her tenure at AIG, SunAmerica, Ms. Rainieri managed a multi-billion dollar portfolio of which 60% were subordinated securities and the balance were senior securities. Over a ten year period, the subordinated portfolio experienced minimal losses, significant upgrades and minimal downgrades. At AIG SunAmerica she invested in a variety of mortgage related subordinated instruments including prime and Alt-A MBS, home equity, tax liens, and manufactured housing. She also managed the purchase of performing and nonperforming mortgage loans both for investment and securitization. Several re-securitizations, including the first and largest public Re-Remic, were also executed. The investment decision making process relied on a high level of knowledge of the real estate and mortgage markets, purchasing assets from top tier issuers, extensive up-front due diligence of issuers including on site visits, in depth credit analysis of each individual bond, and a comprehensive monthly or quarterly surveillance of the performance of each bond owned. This resulted in superior returns due to the high quality of the investments and the ability to remove assets that were likely to experience a downturn prior to its occurrence. Prior to joining AIG SunAmerica, Ms. Rainieri had over 10 years of experience in the secondary marketing division of various banks and mortgage companies. She held several positions where she managed securitizations, mortgage purchases, contract negotiations, investor sales, investor delivery and mortgage loan underwriting.

RoseAnna Sevcik

Ms. Sevcik acts as Portfolio Manager for commercial and residential mortgage-backed securities with respect to portfolios managed by TMM. Ms. Sevcik has over 18 years experience in structured finance and portfolio management. Ms Sevcik's experience includes both portfolio management and trading in structured products within the asset backed, mortgaged backed and commercial mortgage backed sectors. She was 1st Vice President/Portfolio Manager at Countrywide Home Loans responsible for trading Non-Conforming, Heloc, Subprime and Fixed Rate Seconds pipelines which totaled approximately \$5 billion per month. Ms. Sevcik was also responsible for management of the subordinated portfolio for Balboa Insurance, a sister company of Countrywide. Prior to her position with Countrywide she held the position of Vice President/Assistant Portfolio Manager at AIG SunAmerica Investment where she assisted with the management of a multi-billion dollar portfolio invested in both senior and subordinated securities. She was also responsible for ongoing security performance analysis as well as originator and servicer due diligence reviews. Ms. Sevcik managed the Commercial, Residential and Asset backed security portfolios for Penn Mutual Insurance prior to her position with SunAmerica AIG. This included supervising the securitization of the insurance company's commercial loan portfolio. Throughout her career she has focused on both senior and subordinate securities within residential and commercial structures with a primary focus on analysis of credit quality within structures. She also has experience in documentation and structuring of securities.

Karen Schnurr

Ms. Schnurr is Operations Manager and responsible for Investor Relations. Ms. Schnurr has 18 years of investment management experience primarily in the area of mortgage credit. She worked at AIG SunAmerica assisting with the subordinated mortgage-backed securities portfolio by providing ongoing performance analysis of the portfolio. Additionally, she conducted originator and servicer due diligence visits to ensure the quality of product purchased and continued performance of collateral. During her tenure, she also co-managed a portfolio of senior mortgage-backed securities. Ms. Schnurr held the position of loan servicing manager. She managed the company's relationship as seller/servicer with Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac and private issuers as well as relationships with document custodians and trustees. She supervised the outside mortgage servicing company that serviced 10,000 loans the company securitized. For certain investors, she directed the disposition of defaulted assets. Ms. Schnurr participated in many phases of mortgage loan securitization for four private transactions, and Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae swaps including due diligence, accounting, engagement of trustees and document custodians, preparation and recording of assignments, coordination of transfer of loans to securities by servicers, and trailing document research. Prior to working in the mortgage area of AIG SunAmerica, Ms. Schnurr produced reports and modeling for the chief investment officer and Treasurer for the company's fixed income and equity portfolio. She forecasted investment income for annual and quarterly business plans, coordinating investment assumptions with various department managers. She also managed a short term portfolio for a newly acquired subsidiary.

Madelyn Schwartz

Ms. Schwartz is Vice President of Credit and has over 25 years of credit experience. Ms. Schwartz's expertise includes risk management, compliance, loan servicing, loan origination, business applications and project management. Ms. Schwartz was with Bank of America for nine years. As Senior Vice President, Investor and Mortgage Insurance Relationship Manager she was responsible for all aspects of agency (Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac) relations. This included contract negotiations, credit variances and coordination of investor audits. As vendor manager for the Bank's relationships with all mortgage insurance providers she negotiated contracts, service level performance and pricing, and captive reinsurance structures. Previous responsibilities with Bank of America included portfolio sales (generating \$40 million in revenue annually) and development of a Long Term Standby Commitment structure with Fannie Mae wherein assets remained on the bank's balance sheet but credit risk transferred to Fannie Mae (these assets although in whole loan form, received MBS risk based capital treatment). As Commercial Credit Compliance Officer for The Private Bank division of Bank of America, she was responsible for all aspects of credit compliance as well as the coordination of internal audits and external examinations. Her other financial services experience includes: Senior Vice President at a national warehouse lending company where she guided account managers in the analysis and preparation of credit packages for company approval; First Vice President responsible for all mortgage origination functions, secondary marketing and loan servicing at a Savings & Loan.

Jim Sauer, CPA

Mr. Sauer is responsible for all audit and control matters for TMM. Mr. Sauer began his career with Coopers and Lybrand as an associate in both the audit and tax practices. In 1993, he joined AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals and held a variety of positions in the Controllars Departments in the U.S. and London offices, prior to becoming the Finance Director for the U.S. Oncology business unit. Mr. Sauer's experience with AstraZeneca included financial reporting, several international M&A projects and currency hedging analysis. Mr. Sauer has a B.S. from Rutgers University, an MBA from Temple University and is a CPA.

Richard Winter, CPA

Richard Winter is the architect of the pricing technology and the visionary leader of the company. Rich began his career in 1988 at Deloitte, Haskins, Sells as an auditor. He joined Kidder Peabody in 1991 and Donaldson, Lufkin and Jenrette in 1994. Mr. Winter ran the #1 ranked Whole Loan CMO desk for 21 straight quarters, from June 1995 until September 2000, with a market share that exceeded 20%. In 2000, DLJ was acquired by Credit Suisse First Boston and Mr. Winter was named the Co-Head of the Residential Mortgage Group. By July 2002, he had overseen the securitization and sale of more than \$100 billion in Non-Agency Mortgage products which include Jumbo A, Alt-A, A-Minus, Sub-prime, Scratch and Dent and Non-performing. Mr. Winter was twice awarded DLJ "Super Achiever" Award, given to the top 1% at the firm. Mr. Winter has a B.A. from Wesleyan University, a MBA from New York University and is a CPA.

Thomas Guba

Thomas Guba is responsible for all administrative aspects of The Winter Group. Mr. Guba began his career on Wall Street in 1974 and has a wide variety of mortgage experience. He was responsible for running the mortgage trading operation at Paine Webber from 1977-1984 and at Drexel Burnham Lambert from 1984-1990. During the early 1990's he ran Mabon Securities' mortgage and treasury operation and headed Smith Barney's Fixed Income department. In 1994, he joined DLJ and ran their residential mortgage business, their U.S. Treasury operation and was the National Sales Manager for Fixed Income when DLJ was acquired by Credit Suisse First Boston. At CSFB, Mr. Guba was responsible for all structured product sales, which included MBS, CMBS, Asset Backed and CLO/CBOs. Mr. Guba is a graduate of Cornell University and has an MBA from New York University.

INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS

In General

The following summary describes the principal U.S. Federal income tax and Cayman Islands tax consequences of the purchase at initial issuance of the Offered Securities and the ownership and disposition of the Offered Securities. The summary does not purport to be a comprehensive description of all tax considerations that may be relevant to a decision to purchase the Offered Securities and is not a substitute for tax advice from your tax adviser in light of your specific circumstances. In particular, the summary does not address special tax

considerations that may apply to certain types of taxpayers, including securities dealers, securities traders who account for their securities on a mark-to-market basis for tax purposes, banks, insurance companies, tax-exempt investors, subsequent purchasers of Offered Securities, persons that own (directly or indirectly) equity interests in holders of Offered Securities and holders that purchase the Notes for prices other than the original "issue price" of the Notes. In addition, this summary does not describe any tax consequences arising under the laws of any state, locality or taxing jurisdiction other than the U.S. Federal government and the Cayman Islands. In general, this summary assumes that a holder (i) acquires Offered Securities at original issuance, (ii) holds such Offered Securities as a capital asset and not as part of a hedge, a straddle, or a conversion transaction within the meaning of Section 1258 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), a constructive sale transaction within the meaning of Section 1259 of the Code or an integrated transaction and (iii) uses U.S. dollars as its functional currency. This summary is based on United States and Cayman Islands tax laws, regulations, rulings and decisions in effect or available on the date of this Offering Circular. All of the foregoing are subject to change, which change may apply retroactively and could affect the continued validity of this summary.

This summary is included herein for general information only and there can be no assurance that the tax consequences of an investment in the Offered Securities will be favorable or that such consequences will be as described herein.

As used in this section, the term "U.S. holder" means a beneficial owner of a Security who is (i) a citizen or resident of the United States, (ii) an entity taxable as a corporation or treated as a partnership for U.S. Federal income tax purposes, which is created or organized in or under the laws of the United States, any state therein or the District of Columbia, (iii) an estate (other than a foreign estate defined in Section 7701(a)(31)(A) of the Code) or (iv) a trust if a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over such trust's administration and one or more U.S. persons have the authority to control all substantial decisions of such trust and certain other trusts that were in existence on August 20, 1996 and that elect to continue to be treated as U.S. persons. The term "non-U.S. holder" means a beneficial owner of a Security who is not a U.S. holder.

U.S. persons and non-U.S. persons who own an interest in a holder which is treated as a pass-through entity under the Code will generally receive the same tax treatment, with respect to the material tax consequences of their indirect ownership of the Offered Securities, as is described herein for direct U.S. holders and non-U.S. holders, respectively. Nonetheless, such persons should consult their tax advisors with respect to their particular circumstances, including for issues related to tax elections and information reporting requirements.

ACCORDINGLY, PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS OF THE OFFERED SECURITIES SHOULD CONSULT THEIR TAX ADVISORS AS TO THE U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX AND CAYMAN ISLANDS TAX CONSEQUENCES OF THE PURCHASE, OWNERSHIP AND DISPOSITION OF THE OFFERED SECURITIES AND THE POSSIBLE APPLICATION OF STATE, LOCAL, FOREIGN OR OTHER TAX LAWS.

U.S. Federal Tax Considerations

Tax Treatment of the Issuer

The Issuer expects to conduct its operations in a manner so that it will not be engaged in a U.S. trade or business and, accordingly, the Issuer is not expected to be subject to U.S. Federal income tax on its net income or the "branch profits" tax. The Issuer may not purchase, but may acquire in connection with the exchange or conversion of a Collateral Debt Security, an Equity Security or other security the holding of which could cause the Issuer to be engaged in a U.S. trade or business for the period from the acquisition until such security is sold as required pursuant to the Indenture. If the Issuer should be treated as engaged in a trade or business in the United States, the Issuer would be potentially subject to substantial U.S. Federal income taxes. The imposition of such taxes could materially impair the Issuer's financial ability to make payments of principal of and interest on the Notes or payments on the Preference Shares.

Although the Issuer is generally not intended to be subject to U.S. Federal income tax on its net income, certain income derived by the Issuer may be subject to withholding taxes imposed by the United States or other countries. It is not expected that the Issuer will derive material amounts of income that would be subject to United States withholding taxes.

For U.S. Federal income tax purposes, the Issuer, and not the Co-Issuer, will be treated as the issuer of the Notes.

At closing, Chapman and Cutler LLP, special U.S. tax counsel to the Collateral Manager, will deliver its opinion that, based upon the Issuer's contemplated methods of investment and operation, as described herein and in the transaction documents, and on certain other factual representations made by the Collateral Manager regarding the activities of the Collateral Manager and its affiliates on behalf of the Issuer, the Issuer will qualify for the statutory safe harbor from trade or business status provided in the Code and thus will not be subject to U.S. federal income tax on its net income or to the branch profits tax. Such opinion will assume compliance with the Indenture and other related documents and certificates and will point out that any material change in the investments or activities of the Issuer, or of the Collateral Manager or its affiliates on behalf of the Issuer, could adversely affect the conclusions in the opinion. Investors should be aware that such opinion of counsel is not binding on the U.S. Internal Revenue Service or the courts.

Tax Treatment of U.S. Holders of the Notes

Status of the Notes. Upon the issuance of the Notes, Chapman and Cutler LLP, special U.S. tax counsel to the Collateral Manager, will deliver its opinion that, although there is no direct authority, the Class A-1 Notes, the Class A-2 Notes and the Class B Notes will be characterized as debt for U.S. Federal income tax purposes and the Class C Notes should be characterized as debt for U.S. Federal income tax purposes. Such opinion will assume compliance with the Indenture and other related documents. Investors should be aware that such opinion of counsel is not binding on the U.S. Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS") or the courts. The Issuer intends to treat all Classes of Notes as debt for all tax purposes and has agreed, and, by their purchase of the Notes, holders and beneficial owners of the Notes will be deemed to

have agreed, to treat the Notes as debt for U.S. Federal income tax purposes. See the discussion below under "Transfer and Other Reporting Requirements."

For purposes of Cayman Islands law, all Classes of Notes will be characterized as debt of the Issuer. If it should be determined that any other Class of Notes should be treated as equity for U.S. Federal income tax purposes, the tax treatment of U.S. holders of such Notes would be the same as the tax treatment of U.S. holders of Preference Shares that have not made a "QEF election," as described below under "Tax Treatment of U.S. Holders of Preference Shares." U.S. holders should consider the tax consequences of an investment in the Class B Notes or Class C Notes under either possible characterization. Except as otherwise indicated, the balance of this discussion assumes that the Notes are treated as debt for U.S. Federal income tax purposes.

Commitment Fees. The Commitment Fee paid on a Class A-1 Note will be includible in the gross income of a U.S. holder in accordance with its regular method of tax accounting, and will be characterized as ordinary income.

Interest, Discount or Premium on the Notes. In general, a U.S. holder of a debt instrument is required to include payments of qualified stated interest (i.e. interest that is unconditionally payable at least annually at a single fixed rate or at a floating rate that meets certain requirements) received thereon, in accordance with such holder's method of accounting, as ordinary interest income. If, however, the issue price of the debt instrument is less than the "stated redemption price at maturity" of such debt instrument by more than a de minimis amount, a U.S. holder will be considered to have purchased such debt instrument with original issue discount ("OID") (for purposes of this section, with respect to each Class of Notes, the first price at which a substantial amount of Notes of such Class are sold to investors is referred to herein as the "Issue Price"). The "Stated Redemption Price at Maturity" is the sum of all payments to be received on the debt instrument other than payments of qualified stated interest. If a U.S. holder acquires a debt instrument with OID, then, regardless of such holder's method of accounting, the holder will be required to accrue OID on a constant yield basis and include such accruals in gross income.

It is not anticipated that the Class A-1 Notes, the Class A-2 Notes or the Class B Notes will be issued with other than qualified stated interest or otherwise with OID. Therefore, except as otherwise noted in the Class A-2 Supplement, U.S. holders of the Class A-1 Notes, the Class A-2 Notes or the Class B Notes will include stated interest thereon as ordinary interest income from sources outside the United States, in accordance with their method of accounting. The Issuer also intends to treat interest on the Class C Notes as qualified stated interest. However, if there is more than a remote likelihood that interest payments will be deferred and not be paid currently on the Class C Notes, all interest payable on such class of Notes and any discount attributable to the difference between the Issue Price and the stated principal amount of such Notes would be treated as OID. In that case, a U.S. holder would be required to include OID in ordinary income on the basis of a constant yield to maturity, whether or not such holder receives a cash payment on any payment date. If the Issuer in fact does not make a current interest payment on a Class C Note, the holder must thereafter accrue OID on the principal amount, including any unpaid interest, and on any accrued OID on such Note.

Accrual of OID, if any, on the Notes may be subject to special rules that require use of a prepayment assumption and apply to a debt instrument the payments on which may be accelerated by reason of prepayments of other obligations securing that instrument.

In general, if the Issue Price of a Note exceeds the Stated Redemption Price at Maturity of such Note, a U.S. holder will be considered to have purchased such Note at a premium. In this event, a U.S. holder may elect to amortize the amount of such premium, using a constant rate, as an offset to interest income. It is not anticipated that the Notes will be issued at a premium.

Sale, Exchange and Retirement of the Notes. In general, a U.S. holder of a Note will have a basis in such Note equal to the cost of such Note to such holder increased by the amount of accrued OID, if any, and reduced by (i) any amortized premium applied to reduce, or allowed as a deduction against, interest on such Note and (ii) any payments other than payments of qualified stated interest on such Note. Upon a sale, exchange or retirement of a Note, a U.S. holder will generally recognize gain or loss equal to the difference between the amount realized on the sale, exchange or retirement (less any accrued interest, which would be taxable as such) and the holder's adjusted tax basis in such Note. Generally, such gain or loss will be long-term capital gain or loss if the U.S. holder held the Note for more than one year at the time of disposition. Gain recognized by a U.S. holder on the sale, exchange or retirement of a Note generally will be treated as from sources within the United States.

Tax Treatment of U.S. Holders of Preference Shares

The following discussion regarding the tax treatment of an investment in Preference Shares is intended to apply to U.S. Holders of such Preference Shares. However, if the Class C Notes are recharacterized as equity for U.S. tax purposes, similar tax consequences would apply to U.S. Holders of such Notes. It should be noted that Holders of the Class B Notes and Class C Notes may not be able to make timely the QEF election described below as they will have agreed in the Indenture to treat such Notes as debt for all tax purposes unless and until otherwise required by an applicable taxing authority.

Investment in a Passive Foreign Investment Company. The Preference Shares will constitute equity interests in the Issuer for U.S. Federal income tax purposes. In addition, the Issuer will constitute a "passive foreign investment company" (a "PFIC"). Accordingly, U.S. holders of Preference Shares will be considered U.S. shareholders in a PFIC. In general, to avoid certain adverse tax rules (described below) that apply to deferred income from a PFIC, a U.S. holder may desire to make an election to treat the Issuer as a "qualified electing fund" (a "QEF") with respect to such holder. Generally, a QEF election should be made on or before the due date for filing a U.S. holder's U.S. Federal income tax return for the first taxable year for which such U.S. holder held Preference Shares. An electing U.S. holder will be required to include in gross income such holder's *pro rata* share of the Issuer's ordinary earnings and to include as long-term capital gain such holder's *pro rata* share of the Issuer's net capital gain (arising from realized gains upon sales of securities), whether or not distributed, assuming that the Issuer does not constitute a "controlled foreign corporation" in which the shareholder is a "U.S. Shareholder" (as defined below), or a "foreign personal holding company," as discussed below. A U.S. holder

will not be eligible for the preferential income tax rate on qualified dividend income or the dividends received deduction in respect of such income or gain. In addition, any losses of the Issuer in a taxable year will not be available to such U.S. holder. In certain cases in which a QEF does not distribute all of its earnings in a taxable year, U.S. holders of Preference Shares may also be permitted to elect generally to defer payment of the taxes on the QEF's undistributed earnings until such amounts are distributed or the Preference Shares are disposed of, subject to an interest charge on the deferred amount.

Prospective purchasers of Preference Shares should be aware that it is expected that some of the Collateral Debt Securities may be purchased by the Issuer with substantial original issue discount. As a result, the Issuer may recognize significant ordinary income from such instruments but the receipt of cash attributable to such income may be deferred, perhaps for a substantial period of time. Thus, absent an election to defer payment of taxes, U.S. holders of Preference Shares that make a QEF election may owe tax on significant amounts of "phantom" income. Moreover, some or all of the income received by the Issuer will be used to pay principal on the Notes and will not be available for distribution to holders of the Preference Shares.

Upon request, the Issuer will provide all information that a U.S. holder of Preference Shares making a QEF election is required to obtain for U.S. Federal income tax purposes (e.g., the U.S. holder's *pro rata* share of ordinary income and net capital gain) and will provide a "PFIC Annual Information Statement" as described in U.S. Treasury Regulations, including all representations and statements required by such statement, and will take other reasonable steps to facilitate such election.

If a U.S. holder of Preference Shares does not make a timely QEF election and the PFIC rules are otherwise applicable, a U.S. holder that has held such Preference Shares during more than one taxable year would be required to report any gain on disposition of any Preference Shares as ordinary income and to compute the tax liability on such gain and certain "excess distributions" as if the items had been earned ratably over each day in the U.S. holder's holding period for the Preference Shares and would be subject to the highest ordinary income tax rate for each prior taxable year in which the items were treated as having been earned, regardless of the rate otherwise applicable to the U.S. holder. Such U.S. holder would also be liable for an additional tax equal to interest on the tax liability attributable to such income allocated to prior years as if such liability had been due with respect to each such prior year. For purposes of these rules, gifts, bequests or exchanges pursuant to corporate reorganizations and use of the Preference Shares as security for a loan may be treated as a taxable disposition. An "excess distribution" is the amount by which distributions during a taxable year in respect of a Preference Share exceed 125 percent of the average amount of distributions in respect thereof during the three preceding taxable years (or, if shorter, the U.S. holder's holding period for the Preference Share). In addition, a stepped-up basis in the Preference Shares upon the death of an individual U.S. holder may not be available.

U.S. HOLDERS OF PREFERENCE SHARES SHOULD CONSIDER CAREFULLY WHETHER TO MAKE A QEF ELECTION WITH RESPECT TO THE PREFERENCE SHARES AND THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT MAKING SUCH AN ELECTION.

Investment in a Controlled Foreign Corporation. Depending on the degree of ownership of the equity interests in the Issuer by "U.S. Shareholders" (as defined below), the Issuer may constitute a controlled foreign corporation (a "CFC"). In general, a foreign corporation will constitute a CFC if more than 50% of the shares of the corporation, measured by reference to combined voting power or value, are held, directly or indirectly, by U.S. Shareholders. A "U.S. Shareholder," for this purpose, is any person that is a U.S. person for U.S. Federal income tax purposes that possesses (actually or constructively) 10% or more of the combined voting power of all classes of shares of a corporation (persons who own interests in a U.S. pass-through entity which is a U.S. Shareholder will also be subject to the CFC rules described below). It is possible that the IRS would assert that the Preference Shares (and the Class C Notes if treated as equity for U.S. Federal income tax purposes) are voting securities and that U.S. holders possessing 10% or more of the combined voting power of the Preference Shares (and the Class C Notes if treated as equity for U.S. Federal income tax purposes) are U.S. Shareholders for purposes of the CFC rules. If this argument were successful and more than 50% of such interests were held by such U.S. Shareholders, the Issuer would be treated as a CFC.

If the Issuer should constitute a CFC, each U.S. Shareholder of the Issuer would be treated, subject to certain exceptions, as receiving ordinary income at the end of the taxable year of the Issuer in an amount equal to that person's *pro rata* share of the "subpart F income" and certain other income of the Issuer. Among other items, and subject to certain exceptions, "subpart F income" includes dividends, interest, annuities, gains from the sale of shares and securities, certain gains from commodities transactions, certain types of insurance income and income from certain transactions with related parties. It is likely that predominantly all of the Issuer's income would be subpart F income. If more than 70% of the Issuer's gross income is subpart F income in any year, 100% of its income in such year would be treated as subpart F income. Prospective purchasers of the Preference Shares should be aware that such income of the Issuer may significantly exceed the Issuer's distributions on the Preference Shares for one or more periods, and that a U.S. Shareholder may owe tax on significant amounts of "phantom income."

If the Issuer should be treated as a CFC, a U.S. Shareholder of the Issuer would be taxable on the subpart F income of the Issuer under the rules applicable to a CFC described in the preceding paragraph and not under the PFIC rules previously described. As a result, to the extent subpart F income of the Issuer includes net capital gains, such gains will be treated as ordinary income of the U.S. Shareholder under the CFC rules, notwithstanding the fact that the character of such gains generally would otherwise be preserved under the PFIC rules if a QEF election had been made.

Investment in a Foreign Personal Holding Company. Depending on the degree of ownership of the equity interests in the Issuer by individuals who are citizens or residents of the United States, the Issuer may be classified as a foreign personal holding company ("FPHC") if the gross income of the Issuer consists primarily of "FPHC income." In general, a foreign corporation such as the Issuer will be classified as a FPHC if, at any time during a taxable year, more than 50% of the total combined voting power or total value of all classes of shares of such corporation are owned (directly or indirectly) by not more than five individuals who are citizens or residents of the U.S. For purposes of the ownership requirement, an individual who is a

member of a partnership generally is treated as owning stock owned directly or indirectly by other partners. "FPHC income" includes gross income from dividends, interest, annuities, gains from the sale of shares and securities, certain gains from commodities transactions, income from certain personal service contracts and certain rents. In the event the Issuer is classified as a FPHC, U.S. holders of the Preference Shares would include in income for the taxable year as a dividend (which is not eligible for the preferential tax rate on qualified dividend income) such holders' share of the undistributed "FPHC income" of the Issuer. Such income would consist of the taxable income of the Issuer, less the dividends paid deduction and with certain other adjustments. It is likely that predominantly all of the Issuer's income would be FPHC income. Prospective purchasers of the Preference Shares should be aware that such income of the Issuer may significantly exceed the Issuer's distributions on the Preference Shares for one or more periods, and that a U.S. shareholder may owe tax on significant amounts of "phantom income." If the Issuer is classified as a FPHC, a U.S. holder would be taxable on the undistributed FPHC income of the Issuer under rules described in this paragraph, and not under the PFIC rules previously described. If the Issuer is classified as a CFC as well as a FPHC, U.S. Shareholders would be taxable on the subpart F income of the Issuer under the CFC rules, and the FPHC rules will apply only to any undistributed FPHC income of the Issuer other than such subpart F income.

Distributions on Preference Shares. The treatment of actual distributions of cash on the Preference Shares, in very general terms, will vary depending on whether a U.S. holder has made a timely QEF election as described above. See "*Investment in a Passive Foreign Investment Company.*" If a timely QEF election has been made, distributions should be allocated first to amounts previously taxed pursuant to the QEF election (or pursuant to the CFC rules or the FPHC rules, if applicable) and to this extent would not be taxable to U.S. holders. Distributions in excess of such previously taxed amounts will generally be treated first as a nontaxable return of capital and then as capital gain.

In the event that a U.S. holder does not make a timely QEF election, then, except to the extent that distributions may be attributable to amounts previously taxed pursuant to the CFC or the FPHC rules, some or all of any distributions with respect to the Preference Shares may constitute excess distributions, taxable as previously described. See "*Investment in a Passive Foreign Investment Company.*"

Sale, Redemption or Other Disposition of Preference Shares. In general, a U.S. holder of a Preference Share will recognize gain or loss upon the sale or other disposition of a Preference Share equal to the difference between the amount realized and such holder's adjusted tax basis in the Preference Share. If a U.S. holder has made a timely QEF election as described above, such gain or loss will be long-term capital gain or loss if the U.S. holder held the Preference Shares for more than 12 months at the time of the disposition.

Initially, the tax basis of a U.S. holder should equal the amount paid for a Preference Share. Such basis will be increased by amounts taxable to such holder by virtue of a QEF election, the CFC rules, or the FPHC rules and decreased by actual distributions from the Issuer that are deemed to consist of such previously taxed amounts or are treated as nontaxable returns of capital (as described above).

If a U.S. holder does not make a timely QEF election as described above, any gain realized on the sale or other disposition of a Preference Share will be subject to an interest charge and taxed as ordinary income under the special tax rules described above. See "*Investment in a Passive Foreign Investment Company*."

If the Issuer is treated as a CFC and a U.S. holder is treated as a "U.S. Shareholder" therein, then any gain realized by such holder upon the disposition of Preference Shares will be treated as ordinary income to the extent of the current and accumulated earnings and profits of the Issuer. In this respect, earnings and profits would not include any amounts previously taxed pursuant to a timely QEF election or pursuant to the CFC or FPHC rules.

Transfer and Other Reporting Requirements. U.S. holders of the Preference Shares (and the Class C Notes if treated as equity for U.S. Federal income tax purposes) will generally be required to report to the IRS on Form 926 certain information relating to such holders' purchase of the Preference Shares (or the Class C Notes). **In the event a U.S. holder fails to file any such required form, the U.S. holder could be subject to a penalty equal to 10% of the gross amount paid for the Preference Shares (or the Class C Notes) subject to a maximum penalty equal to \$100,000 (except in cases of intentional disregard).** U.S. holders of Preference Shares, the Class B Notes and the Class C Notes are urged to consult with their own tax advisers regarding these reporting requirements and any other reporting requirements, such as an IRS Form 5471, which may apply to such holders.

Tax-Exempt Investors. Special considerations apply to pension plans and other investors ("Tax-Exempt Investors") that are subject to tax only on their unrelated business taxable income ("UBTI"). A Tax-Exempt Investor's income from an investment in the Offered Securities generally will not be treated as resulting in UBTI, so long as such investor's acquisition of Offered Securities is not debt-financed. A Tax-Exempt Investor that owns more than 50% of the equity (including the Class C Notes, if treated as equity for U.S. Federal income tax purposes) of the Issuer and also owns Notes treated as debt should consider the application of the special UBTI rules for interest received from controlled entities. Tax-Exempt Investors should consult their own tax advisers regarding an investment in the Offered Securities.

Tax Treatment of Non-U.S. Holders of Notes or Preference Shares

Subject to the discussion below regarding "backup withholding," a non-U.S. holder of the Offered Securities will be exempt from any U.S. Federal income or withholding taxes with respect to gain derived from the sale, exchange, or redemption of, or any distributions received in respect of, Offered Securities of the Issuer, unless such gain or distributions are effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business of such holder, or, in the case of a gain, such holder is a nonresident alien individual who holds the Offered Securities as a capital asset and who is present in the United States for 183 days or more in the taxable year of the disposition, and certain other conditions are satisfied.

Information Reporting and Backup Withholding

Under certain circumstances, the Code requires information reporting annually to the IRS and to each holder, and "backup withholding" with respect to certain payments made on or with

respect to the Offered Securities. These requirements generally do not apply with respect to certain holders, including corporations, tax-exempt organizations, qualified pension and profit sharing trusts, and individual retirement accounts. Backup withholding will apply to a U.S. holder only if the U.S. holder (i) fails to furnish its Taxpayer Identification Number ("TIN"), which for an individual would be his or her Social Security Number, (ii) furnishes an incorrect TIN, (iii) is notified by the IRS that it has failed to properly report payments of interest and dividends or (iv) under certain circumstances, fails to certify, under penalty of perjury, that it has furnished a correct TIN. The application for exemption is available by providing a properly completed IRS Form W-9. Each U.S. holder agrees that by such holder's or beneficial owner's acceptance of a Note or an interest therein that such holder or beneficial owner will provide (or cause to be provided) to the Issuer (or the Trustee on behalf of the Issuer) a properly completed IRS Form W-9 signed under penalties of perjury.

A non-U.S. holder that provides the applicable IRS Form W-8BEN, IRS Form W-8IMY or other applicable form, together with all appropriate attachments, signed under penalties of perjury, identifying the non-U.S. holder and stating that the non-U.S. holder is not a United States person and will not be subject to IRS reporting requirements and U.S. backup withholding. In addition, IRS Form W-8BEN or other applicable form will be required from the beneficial owners of interests in a non-U.S. holder that is treated as a partnership (or as a trust of certain types) for U.S. Federal income tax purposes. Each non-U.S. holder agrees that by such holder's or beneficial owner's acceptance of a Note or an interest therein that such holder or beneficial owner will provide (or cause to be provided) to the Issuer (or the Trustee on behalf of the Issuer) a properly completed IRS Form W-8BEN, W-8IMY or other applicable form signed under penalties of perjury.

The payment of the proceeds on the disposition of an Offered Security by a holder to or through the U.S. office of a broker generally will be subject to information reporting and backup withholding unless the holder either certifies its status as a non-U.S. holder under penalties of perjury on the applicable IRS Form W-8BEN, IRS Form W-8IMY or other applicable form (as described above) or otherwise establishes an exemption. The payment of the proceeds on the disposition of an Offered Security by a non-U.S. holder to or through a non-U.S. office of a non-U.S. broker will not be subject to backup withholding or information reporting unless the non-U.S. broker is a "U.S. Related Person" (as defined herein). The payment of proceeds on the disposition of an Offered Security by a non-U.S. holder to or through a non-U.S. office of a U.S. broker or a U.S. Related Person generally will not be subject to backup withholding but will be subject to information reporting unless the holder certifies its status as a non-U.S. holder under penalties of perjury or the broker has certain documentary evidence in its files as to the non-U.S. holder's foreign status and the broker has no actual knowledge to the contrary.

For this purpose, a "U.S. Related Person" is (i) a "controlled foreign corporation" for U.S. Federal income tax purposes, (ii) a foreign person 50% or more of whose gross income from all sources for the three-year period ending with the close of its taxable year preceding the payment (or for such part of the period that the broker has been in existence) is derived from activities that are effectively connected with the conduct of a U.S. trade or business or (iii) a foreign partnership if at any time during its tax year one or more of its partners are United States persons who, in the aggregate, hold more than 50% of the income or capital interest of the partnership or

if, at any time during its taxable year, the partnership is engaged in the conduct of a U.S. trade or business.

Backup withholding is not an additional tax and may be refunded (or credited against the holder's U.S. Federal income tax liability, if any), *provided* that certain required information is furnished. The information reporting requirements may apply regardless of whether withholding is required. Copies of the information returns reporting such interest and withholding also may be made available to the tax authorities in the country in which a non-U.S. holder is a resident under the provisions of an applicable income tax treaty or agreement.

Tax Shelter Reporting Requirements

U.S. Treasury Regulations and other administrative guidance promulgated by the IRS prescribe the circumstances under which certain holders of the Offered Securities could be required to file information returns with the IRS (the "Reporting Rules").

Prospective purchasers of the Offered Securities should consult their own tax advisors regarding the application to them of the Reporting Rules with respect to any investment in the Offered Securities.

In particular, the Reporting Rules could apply to a U.S. holder of Preference Shares (and the Class C Notes if treated as equity for U.S. Federal income tax purposes) if such holder is a "reporting shareholder" and the Issuer enters into one or more "reportable transactions." A U.S. holder of Preference Shares (or the Class C Notes, if treated as equity for U.S. Federal income tax purposes) could be treated as a "reporting shareholder" only if (i) such holder of Preference Shares owns 10% or more of the Preference Shares and makes a QEF election with respect to the Issuer (or, if the Class C Notes are treated as equity, such holder of Preference Shares, Class B Notes or Class C Notes owns 10% or more of the combined voting power or value of the Preference Shares and/or the Class C Notes and makes a QEF election with respect to the Issuer), (ii) such holder of Preference Shares owns 10% or more of the Preference Shares and the Issuer is treated as a CFC (or, if the Class C Notes are treated as equity, such holder of Preference Shares, Class B Notes or Class C Notes owns 10% or more of the combined voting power of the Preference Shares and/or the Class C Notes) or (iii) the Issuer is treated as a FPHC (without regard to whether such holder owns more or less than 10% of the Preference Shares or, if the Class C Notes are treated as equity, more or less than 10% of the Preference Shares and/or the Class C Notes). Accordingly, a U.S. holder of Preference Shares (or the Class C Notes) that owns less than 10% of the Preference Shares (or the Class C Notes) can be treated as a "reporting shareholder" of the Issuer only if the Issuer is a FPHC.

If a U.S. holder of Preference Shares (or the Class C Notes if such notes are treated as equity for U.S. Federal income tax purposes) is a "reporting shareholder," such holder would be required to file an information return with the IRS (as described below) if the Issuer engages in any "reportable transaction." The definition of "reportable transaction" is highly technical. In general, however, most of the Issuer's investment activities are not expected to give rise to reportable transactions. Nevertheless, the Issuer may enter into certain types of transactions, such as foreign currency transactions, that could be treated as "reportable transactions." If the

Issuer does engage in any "reportable transaction," any U.S. holder of Preference Shares (or the Class C Notes if such notes are treated as equity for U.S. Federal income tax purposes) that is a "reporting shareholder" will be required to file IRS Form 8886 with such holder's U.S. Federal income tax return for each taxable year in which such "reportable transaction" affects such holder's taxable income, and to file a copy of such form with the IRS's Office of Tax Shelter Analysis. The Issuer intends to provide to reporting shareholders any information necessary to complete such form.

In addition, any holder of Offered Securities that recognizes a loss on a sale or exchange of such Offered Securities will be required to file IRS Form 8886 in the manner described above if the loss exceeds certain thresholds described below, unless such holder has a "qualifying basis" in such Offered Securities. A holder of Preference Shares (or the Class C Notes if such notes are treated as equity for U.S. Federal income tax purposes) will not be treated as having a "qualifying basis" in such Securities, and a holder of any Note on which interest accrues pursuant to the OID rules will not have a "qualifying basis" in such Note. Holders should consult their own tax advisers to determine whether they have a "qualifying basis" in their Offered Securities. In the case of a holder that is a corporation, the loss threshold is \$10 million in any single taxable year or \$20 million over the six-year period beginning in the year the sale or exchange is entered into, while the threshold for individual taxpayers is \$2 million in any single taxable year or \$4 million over such six-year period.

Cayman Islands Tax Considerations

The following comments are based on advice of Maples and Calder received by the Issuer regarding current law and practice in the Cayman Islands and are intended to assist investors in the Notes or the Preference Shares. Investors should consult their professional advisers on the possible tax consequences of such investors subscribing for, purchasing, holding, selling or redeeming Notes or Preference Shares under the laws of such investors' countries of citizenship, residence, ordinary residence or domicile.

The following is a general summary of Cayman Islands taxation in relation to the Notes and the Offered Shares.

Under existing Cayman Islands laws:

(a) payments in respect of the Notes or the Preference Shares will not be subject to taxation in the Cayman Islands, no withholding will be required on such payments to any holder of a Note or a Preference Share, and gains derived from the sale of Notes or Preference Shares will not be subject to Cayman Islands income or corporation tax. The Cayman Islands currently have no income, corporation or capital gains tax and no estate duty, inheritance tax or gift tax; and

(b) the holder of any Note (or the legal personal representative of such holder), if such Note is brought into the Cayman Islands, may in certain circumstances be liable to pay stamp duty imposed under the laws of the Cayman Islands in respect of such Note. In addition, an instrument transferring title to a Note, if brought to or executed in the Cayman Islands, would be subject to Cayman Islands stamp duty.

The Issuer has been incorporated under the laws of the Cayman Islands as an exempted company and, as such, has applied for and expects to obtain, an undertaking from the Governor in Cabinet of the Cayman Islands substantially in the following form:

"TAX CONCESSIONS LAW
(1999 REVISION)
UNDERTAKING AS TO TAX CONCESSIONS

In accordance with the provisions of Section 6 of the Tax Concessions Law (1999 Revision) the Governor in Cabinet undertakes with:

Cascade Funding CDO I, Ltd., "the Company"

(a) that no law which is hereafter enacted in the Islands imposing any tax to be levied on profits, income, gains or appreciations shall apply to the Company or its operations; and

(b) in addition, that no tax to be levied on profits, income, gains or appreciations or which is in the nature of estate duty or inheritance tax shall be payable:

(i) on or in respect of the shares debentures or other obligations of the Company; or

(ii) by way of the withholding in whole or in part of any relevant payment as defined in Section 6(3) of the Tax Concessions Law (1999 Revision).

These concessions shall be for a period of TWENTY years from the 11th day of May, 2004.

GOVERNOR IN CABINET"

The Cayman Islands does not have a double tax treaty arrangement with the U.S. or any other country.

THE PRECEDING DISCUSSION IS ONLY A SUMMARY OF CERTAIN OF THE TAX IMPLICATIONS OF AN INVESTMENT IN THE NOTES OR THE PREFERENCE SHARES. PROSPECTIVE INVESTORS ARE URGED TO CONSULT WITH THEIR OWN TAX ADVISERS PRIOR TO INVESTING TO DETERMINE THE TAX IMPLICATIONS OF SUCH INVESTMENT IN LIGHT OF SUCH INVESTOR'S CIRCUMSTANCES.

ERISA CONSIDERATIONS

The United States Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended ("ERISA") imposes certain duties on persons who are fiduciaries of employee benefit Plans (as defined in Section 3(3) of ERISA) ("ERISA Plans") and of entities whose underlying assets include assets of ERISA Plans by reason of an ERISA Plan's investment in such entities. These duties include investment prudence and diversification and the requirement that an ERISA Plan's investments be made in accordance with the documents governing the ERISA Plan. The prudence of a particular investment must be determined by the responsible fiduciary of an ERISA Plan by taking into account the ERISA Plan's particular circumstances and liquidity needs and all of the facts and circumstances of the investment, including the availability of a public market for the investment. In addition, certain U.S. Federal, state and local laws impose similar duties on fiduciaries of governmental and/or church plans that are not subject to ERISA.

Any fiduciary of an ERISA Plan, of an entity whose underlying assets include assets of ERISA Plans by reason of an ERISA Plan's investment in such entity, or of a governmental or church plan that is subject to fiduciary standards similar to those of ERISA ("plan fiduciary"), that proposes to cause such a plan or entity to purchase Offered Securities should determine whether, under the general fiduciary standards of ERISA or other applicable law, an investment in the Offered Securities is appropriate for such plan or entity. In determining whether a particular investment is appropriate for an ERISA Plan, U.S. Department of Labor regulations provide that the fiduciaries of an ERISA Plan must give appropriate consideration to, among other things, the role that the investment plays in the ERISA Plan's portfolio, taking into consideration whether the investment is designed reasonably to further the ERISA Plan's purposes, an examination of the risk and return factors, the portfolio's composition with regard to diversification, the liquidity and current return of the total portfolio relative to the anticipated cash flow needs of the ERISA Plan and the projected return of the total portfolio relative to the ERISA Plan's funding objectives. Before investing the assets of an ERISA Plan in Offered Securities, a fiduciary should determine whether such an investment is consistent with the foregoing regulations and its fiduciary responsibilities, including any specific restrictions to which such fiduciary may be subject.

Section 406(a) of ERISA and Section 4975 of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), prohibit certain transactions ("prohibited transactions") involving the assets of ERISA Plans or plans described in Section 4975(e)(1) of the Code (together with ERISA Plans, "Plans") and certain persons (referred to as "Parties-In-Interest" in ERISA and as "Disqualified Persons" in Section 4975 of the Code) having certain relationships to such plans and entities. A Party-In-Interest or Disqualified Person who engages in a non-exempt prohibited transaction may be subject to non-deductible excise taxes and other penalties and liabilities under ERISA and/or the Code.

Each of the Issuer, the Co-Issuer and the Initial Purchaser as a result of its own activities or because of the activities of an affiliate, may be considered a Party-In-Interest or a Disqualified Person with respect to Plans. Accordingly, prohibited transactions within the meaning of Section 406 of ERISA and Section 4975 of the Code may arise if Notes are acquired by a Plan with

respect to which any of the Issuer, the Co-Issuer, the Initial Purchaser, the obligors on the Collateral Debt Securities or any of their respective affiliates is a Party-In-Interest or Disqualified Person. In addition, if a Party-In-Interest or Disqualified Person with respect to a Plan owns or acquires a beneficial interest in the Issuer or the Co-Issuer, the acquisition or holding of Notes by or on behalf of the Plan could be considered to constitute an indirect prohibited transaction. Moreover, the acquisition or holding of Notes or other indebtedness issued by the Issuer or the Co-Issuer by or on behalf of a Party-In-Interest or Disqualified Person with respect to a Plan that owns or acquires a beneficial interest in the Issuer or the Co-Issuer, as the case may be, also could give rise to an indirect prohibited transaction. Certain exemptions from the prohibited transaction rules could be applicable, however, depending in part upon the type of Plan fiduciary making the decision to acquire a Note and the circumstances under which such decision is made. Included among these exemptions are PTE 90-1, regarding investments by insurance company pooled separate accounts; PTE 91-38, regarding investments by bank collective investment funds; PTE 84-14, regarding transactions effected by a "qualified professional asset manager"; PTE 96-23, regarding investments by certain in house asset managers; and PTE 95-60, regarding investments by insurance company general accounts. Even if the conditions specified in one or more of these exemptions are met, the scope of the relief provided by these exemptions might or might not cover all acts which might be construed as prohibited transactions. If a purchase of Notes were to be a non-exempt prohibited transaction, the purchase might have to be rescinded.

Government plans and certain church plans, while not subject to the fiduciary responsibility provisions of ERISA or the provisions of Section 4975 of the Code, may nevertheless be subject to local, state or other Federal laws that are similar to the foregoing provisions of ERISA and the Code (a "Similar Law").

The United States Department of Labor, the government agency primarily responsible for administering the ERISA fiduciary rules and the prohibited transaction rules under ERISA and the Code, has issued a regulation (the "Plan Asset Regulation") that, under specified circumstances, requires plan fiduciaries, and entities with certain specified relationships to a Plan, to "look through" investment vehicles (such as the Issuer) and treat as an "asset" of the Plan each underlying investment made by such investment vehicle. The Plan Asset Regulation provides, however, that if equity participation in any entity by "Benefit Plan Investors" is not significant then the "look through" rule will not apply to such entity. "Benefit Plan Investors" are defined in the Plan Asset Regulation to include (1) any employee benefit plan (as defined in Section 3(3) of ERISA), whether or not subject to Title I of ERISA, (2) any plan described in Section 4975(e)(1) of the Code, and (3) any entity whose underlying assets include plan assets by reason of a plan's investment in the entity. Equity participation by Benefit Plan Investors in an entity is significant if, immediately after the most recent acquisition of any equity interest in the entity, 25% or more of the value of any class of equity interests in the entity (excluding the value of any interests held by certain persons, other than Benefit Plan Investors, having discretionary authority or control over the assets of the entity or providing investment advice with respect to the assets of the entity for a fee, direct or indirect, or any affiliates of such persons (any such person, a "Controlling Person")) is held by Benefit Plan Investors (the "25% Threshold"). Benefit Plan Investors which are not U.S. Persons and which are not subject to the provisions of Title I

of ERISA and/or the prohibited transaction provisions of Section 4975 of the Code (each, "Foreign Benefit Plan Investor") do not fall within the scope of the Plan Asset Regulation.

There is little pertinent authority in this area. However, it is not anticipated that the Class A-1 Notes and the Class A-2 Notes will constitute "equity interests" in the Co-Issuers. Based primarily on the investment-grade rating of the Class B Notes and the Class C Notes, the unconditional obligation of the Co-Issuers to pay interest and to repay principal by a fixed maturity date and the creditors' remedies available to holders of the Class B Notes and the Class C Notes, it is anticipated that the Class B Notes and the Class C Notes will not constitute "equity interests" in the Co-Issuers, despite their subordinated position in the capital structure of the Co-Issuers. However, there can be no assurance that each Class of Notes would be characterized by the United States Department of Labor or others as indebtedness and not as equity interests on the date of issuance or at any given time thereafter. In addition, the status of any Class of Notes as indebtedness could be affected, subsequent to their issuance, by certain changes in the structure or financial condition of the Co-Issuers. No measures (such as those described below with respect to the Preference Shares) will be taken to restrict investment in the Class B Notes and the Class C Notes by Benefit Plan Investors.

It is likely that the Preference Shares will constitute "equity interests" in the Co-Issuers.

It is intended that the ownership interests in the Preference Shares that are held by Benefit Plan Investors will be maintained at a level below the 25% Threshold (excluding Preference Shares held by Controlling Persons) by prohibiting (i) the transfer of Preference Shares to Benefit Plan Investors (other than to Original Purchasers of interests in Regulation S Global Preference Shares that are not U.S. Benefit Plan Investors) and (ii) the transfer of Restricted Preference Shares to Controlling Persons except to Original Purchasers. In this regard, each Original Purchaser of Restricted Definitive Preference Shares will be required to certify in the Investor Application Form pursuant to which such Preference Shares were purchased that it is not a Benefit Plan Investor and whether or not it is a Controlling Person. No subsequent transferee of a Restricted Definitive Preference Share may be a Benefit Plan Investor or a Controlling Person. No interest in a Preference Share sold in reliance on Regulation S may be sold to an Original Purchaser that is a U.S. Benefit Plan Investor. No interest in a Global Regulation S Preference Share may thereafter be transferred to a Benefit Plan Investor. Any subsequent transferee that acquires Definitive Preference Shares will be required to represent as to similar matters in the transfer certificate delivered to the Issuer and the Preference Share Registrar in connection with such transfer. In particular, each owner of an interest in a Definitive Preference Share will be required to execute and deliver to the Issuer and the Preference Share Registrar a transfer certificate in the form attached as an exhibit to the Preference Share Paying Agency Agreement to the effect that such owner will, prior to any sale, pledge or other transfer by it of any Definitive Preference Share (or any interest therein), obtain from the transferee a duly executed transferee certificate in the form attached to the Preference Share Paying Agency Agreement, and such other certificates and other information as the Issuer or the Preference Share Paying Agent may reasonably require to confirm that the proposed transfer substantially complies with the transfer restrictions contained in the Issuer Charter and the Preference Share Paying Agency Agreement. Each transferee of an interest in a Regulation S Global Preference Share will be required to deliver a letter in the form of Exhibit A hereto.

If for any reason the assets of the Issuer are deemed to be "plan assets" of a Plan subject to Title I of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code because one or more such Plans is an owner of Preference Shares, certain transactions that either of the Co-Issuers might enter into, or may have entered into, in the ordinary course of its business might constitute non-exempt "prohibited transactions" under Section 406 of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code and might have to be rescinded. In addition, if the assets of the Issuer are deemed to be "plan assets" of a Plan subject to Title I of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code, the payment of certain of the fees by the Issuer might be considered to be a non-exempt "prohibited transaction" under Section 406 of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code. Moreover, if the underlying assets of the Issuer were deemed to be assets constituting "plan assets," there are several provisions of ERISA that could be implicated if an ERISA Plan were to acquire and hold Preference Shares either directly or by investing in an entity whose underlying assets are deemed to be assets of the ERISA Plan. It is not clear that Section 403(a) of ERISA, which generally requires that all of the assets of an ERISA Plan be held in trust and limits delegation of investment management responsibilities by fiduciaries of ERISA Plans, would be satisfied. It is also not clear whether Section 404(b) of ERISA, which generally provides that no fiduciary may maintain the indicia of ownership of any assets of a plan outside the jurisdiction of the district courts of the United States, would be satisfied or any of the exceptions to this requirement set forth in 29 C.F.R. Section 2550.404b-1 would be available.

The sale of any Offered Security to a Plan is in no respect a representation by the Issuer, the Initial Purchaser or any of their affiliates that such an investment meets all relevant legal requirements with respect to investments by Plans generally or any particular Plan, or that such an investment is appropriate for a Plan generally or any particular Plan.

EACH ORIGINAL PURCHASER AND EACH TRANSFEREE OF A NOTE OR AN INTEREST THEREIN WILL BE REQUIRED TO CERTIFY (OR IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES DEEMED TO REPRESENT AND WARRANT) EITHER THAT (A) IT IS NOT (AND FOR SO LONG AS IT HOLDS ANY NOTE OR ANY INTEREST THEREIN WILL NOT BE), AND IS NOT (AND FOR SO LONG AS IT HOLDS ANY NOTE OR INTEREST THEREIN WILL NOT BE) ACTING ON BEHALF OF AN "EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN" AS DEFINED IN SECTION 3(3) OF ERISA THAT IS SUBJECT TO TITLE I OF ERISA, A PLAN DESCRIBED IN SECTION 4975(e)(1) OF CODE, AN ENTITY WHICH IS DEEMED TO HOLD THE ASSETS OF ANY SUCH PLAN PURSUANT TO 29 C.F.R. SECTION 2510.3-101, WHICH PLAN OR ENTITY IS SUBJECT TO TITLE I OF ERISA OR SECTION 4975 OF THE CODE, OR A GOVERNMENTAL OR CHURCH PLAN WHICH IS SUBJECT TO ANY FEDERAL, STATE OR LOCAL LAW THAT IS SIMILAR TO THE PROHIBITED TRANSACTION PROVISIONS OF SECTION 406 OF ERISA OR SECTION 4975 OF THE CODE ("SIMILAR LAW"), OR (B) ITS ACQUISITION AND HOLDING OF SUCH NOTE WILL NOT CONSTITUTE A NON-EXEMPT PROHIBITED TRANSACTION IN VIOLATION OF SECTION 406 OF ERISA OR SECTION 4975 OF THE CODE (OR, IN THE CASE OF A GOVERNMENTAL OR CHURCH PLAN, WILL NOT RESULT IN A VIOLATION OF SUCH SIMILAR LAW). AN INVESTOR THAT IS A BENEFIT PLAN INVESTOR SUBJECT TO TITLE I OF ERISA, SECTION 4975 OF THE CODE OR ANY SIMILAR LAW WILL BE REQUIRED TO CERTIFY THAT ITS INVESTMENT IN PREFERENCE SHARES WILL NOT RESULT IN A NON-EXEMPT

PROHIBITED TRANSACTION UNDER SECTION 406 OF ERISA OR SECTION 4975 OF THE CODE (OR, IN THE CASE OF A GOVERNMENTAL OR CHURCH PLAN, WILL NOT RESULT IN A VIOLATION OF ANY SUCH SIMILAR LAW).

EACH ORIGINAL PURCHASER OF A RESTRICTED DEFINITIVE PREFERENCE SHARE WILL BE REQUIRED TO CERTIFY THAT IT IS NOT A BENEFIT PLAN INVESTOR. EACH ORIGINAL PURCHASER OF AN INTEREST IN A REGULATION S GLOBAL PREFERENCE SHARE WILL BE REQUIRED TO CERTIFY THAT IT IS NOT A U.S. BENEFIT PLAN INVESTOR. NO PREFERENCE SHARE MAY BE TRANSFERRED TO BENEFIT PLAN INVESTORS AFTER THE CLOSING DATE.

ANY PLAN FIDUCIARY THAT PROPOSES TO CAUSE A PLAN TO PURCHASE OFFERED SECURITIES SHOULD CONSULT WITH ITS OWN LEGAL AND TAX ADVISORS WITH RESPECT TO THE POTENTIAL APPLICABILITY OF ERISA AND THE CODE TO SUCH INVESTMENTS, THE CONSEQUENCES OF SUCH AN INVESTMENT UNDER ERISA AND THE CODE AND THE ABILITY TO MAKE THE REPRESENTATIONS DESCRIBED ABOVE. MOREOVER, EACH PLAN FIDUCIARY SHOULD DETERMINE WHETHER, UNDER THE GENERAL FIDUCIARY STANDARDS OF ERISA, AN INVESTMENT IN THE OFFERED SECURITIES IS APPROPRIATE FOR THE PLAN, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE OVERALL INVESTMENT POLICY OF THE PLAN AND THE COMPOSITION OF THE PLAN'S INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO. NO TRANSFER OF A PREFERENCE SHARE WILL BE EFFECTIVE, AND NEITHER THE ISSUER NOR THE PREFERENCE SHARE PAYING AGENT WILL RECOGNIZE ANY SUCH TRANSFER AFTER THE CLOSING DATE IF SUCH TRANSFER IS TO A BENEFIT PLAN INVESTOR.

It should be noted that an insurance company's general account may be deemed to include assets of ERISA Plans under certain circumstances, *e.g.*, where an ERISA Plan purchases an annuity contract issued by such an insurance company, based on the reasoning of the United States Supreme Court in *John Hancock Mutual Life Ins. Co. v. Harris Trust and Savings Bank*, 510 U.S. 86 (1993). An insurance company considering the purchase of Offered Securities with assets of its general account should consider such purchase and the insurance company's ability to make the representations described above in light of *John Hancock Mutual Life Ins. Co. v. Harris Trust and Savings Bank*, Section 401(c) of ERISA and 29 C.F.R. §2550.40c-1.

The discussion of ERISA and Section 4975 of the Code contained in this Offering Circular, is, of necessity, general, and does not purport to be complete. Moreover, the provisions of ERISA and Section 4975 of the Code are subject to extensive and continuing administrative and judicial interpretation and review. Therefore, the matters discussed above may be affected by future regulations, rulings and court decisions, some of which may have retroactive application and effect.

PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

The Issuer and the Initial Purchaser will enter into a Purchase Agreement (the "Purchase Agreement") relating to the purchase and sale of the Offered Securities to be delivered on the Closing Date. In the Purchase Agreement, the Co-Issuers will agree to sell to the Initial Purchaser, and the Initial Purchaser will agree to purchase, the entire principal amounts of the Class A-1 Notes (as of the Closing Date), Class A-2 Notes, Class B Notes and Class C Notes and all of the Preference Shares as set forth in the Purchase Agreement. The Offered Securities will be offered by the Initial Purchaser to prospective investors from time to time in individually negotiated transactions at varying prices to be determined at the time of sale. The Initial Purchaser reserves the right to withdraw, cancel, or modify such offer and to reject orders in whole or in part. The obligations of the Initial Purchaser under the Purchase Agreement are subject to the satisfaction of certain conditions set forth in the Purchase Agreement. Pursuant to the Purchase Agreement, each of the Co-Issuers will agree to indemnify the Initial Purchaser against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act, or to contribute to payments the Initial Purchaser may be required to make in respect thereof. The Offered Securities are offered when, as and if issued by the Co-Issuers, subject to prior sale or withdrawal, cancellation or modification of the offer without notice and subject to approval of certain legal matters by counsel and certain other conditions.

Each Original Purchaser of a Preference Share will be required to execute and deliver a Investor Application Form in form and substance satisfactory to the Initial Purchaser and the Issuer.

The Co-Issuers have been advised by the Initial Purchaser that the Initial Purchaser proposes to sell the Offered Securities (a) in the United States in reliance upon an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act to Qualified Purchasers who are also either (i) Qualified Institutional Buyers or (ii) Accredited Investors and (b) outside the United States to persons who are not U.S. persons (as defined in Regulation S) in offshore transactions in reliance on Regulation S ("Regulation S") under the Securities Act and, in each case, in accordance with applicable laws.

CERTAIN SELLING RESTRICTIONS

United States

The Offered Securities have not been and will not be registered under the Securities Act and may not be offered or sold within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. Persons except pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements under the Securities Act.

(1) In the Purchase Agreement, the Initial Purchaser will represent and agree that it has not offered or sold Offered Securities and will not offer or sell Offered Securities except to persons who are not U.S. Persons in accordance with Rule 903 of Regulation S or as provided in paragraph (2) below. Accordingly, the Initial Purchaser will represent and agree that neither it, its affiliates (if any) nor any persons acting on its or their behalf have engaged or will engage in

any directed selling efforts with respect to Offered Securities, and it and they have complied and will comply with the offering restrictions requirements of Regulation S.

(2) In the Purchase Agreement, the Initial Purchaser will agree that it will not, acting either as principal or agent, offer or sell any Offered Securities in the United States other than Offered Securities in registered form bearing a restrictive legend thereon, and it will not, acting either as principal or agent, offer, sell, reoffer or resell any of such Offered Securities (or approve the resale of any of such Offered Securities):

(a) except (1) inside the United States through a U.S. broker dealer that is registered under the Exchange Act to investors each of which the Initial Purchaser reasonably believes is a Qualified Institutional Buyer or an Accredited Investor that has such knowledge and experience in financial and business matters that it is capable of evaluating and bearing the risks of investing in the Offered Securities or is represented by a fiduciary or agent with sole investment discretion having such knowledge and experience) that is also a Qualified Purchaser or (2) otherwise in accordance with the restrictions on transfer set forth in such Offered Securities, the Purchase Agreement and this Offering Circular and, with respect to the Class A-2 Notes, the Class A-2 Notes Supplement; or

(b) by means of any form of general solicitation or general advertisement, including but not limited to (1) any advertisement, article, notice or other communication published in any newspaper, magazine or similar media or broadcast over television or radio and (2) any seminar or meeting whose attendees have been advised by any general solicitation or general advertising.

Prior to the sale of any Offered Securities in registered form bearing a restrictive legend thereon, the Initial Purchaser shall have provided each offeree that is a U.S. Person with a copy of the Offering Circular in the form the Issuer and the Initial Purchaser shall have agreed most recently shall be used for offers and sales in the United States.

(3) In the Purchase Agreement, the Initial Purchaser will represent and agree that in connection with each sale to an Accredited Investor it has taken or will take reasonable steps to ensure that the purchaser is aware that the Offered Securities have not been and will not be registered under the Securities Act and that transfers of Offered Securities are restricted as set forth herein.

United Kingdom

The Initial Purchaser will also represent and agree as follows:

(1) it has not offered or sold and, prior to the expiry of the period of six months from the Closing Date, will not offer or sell any Offered Securities to persons in the United Kingdom except to persons whose ordinary activities involve them in acquiring, holding, managing or disposing of investments (as principal or agent) for the purposes of their businesses or otherwise in circumstances which have not resulted and will not result in an offer to the public in the United Kingdom within the meaning of the Public Offers of Securities Regulations 1995;

(2) it has only communicated or caused to be communicated and will only communicate or cause to be communicated any invitation or inducement to engage in investment activity (within the meaning of Section 21 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000) received by it in connection with the issue or sale of any Offered Securities in circumstances in which Section 21(1) of said Act would not, if each of the Co-Issuers were not an authorized person, apply to the Co-Issuers; and

(3) it has complied and will comply with all applicable provisions of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 with respect to anything done by it in relation to the Offered Securities in, from or otherwise involving the United Kingdom.

Cayman Islands

The Initial Purchaser will represent and agree that it has not made and will not make any invitation to the public in the Cayman Islands to subscribe for any of the Offered Securities.

Hong Kong

The Initial Purchaser will also represent and agree as follows:

(1) that it has not offered or sold and will not offer or sell in Hong Kong, by means of any document, the Notes other than to persons whose ordinary business it is to buy or sell shares of debentures (whether as principal or agent) or in circumstances which do not constitute an offer to the public within the meaning of the Companies Ordinance (Cap.32) of Hong Kong (the "Companies Ordinance"); and

(2) unless it is a person permitted to do so under the securities laws of Hong Kong, it has not issued or had in its possession for the purposes of issue, and will not issue or have in its possession for the purpose of issue, in Hong Kong, any advertisement, invitation or document relating to the Notes, other than with respect to Notes intended to be disposed of to persons outside Hong Kong or to be disposed of in Hong Kong only to persons whose business involves the acquisition, disposal, or holdings of securities, whether as principal or agent.

General

No action has been or will be taken in any jurisdiction that would permit a public offering of the Offered Securities or the possession, circulation or distribution of the Offering Circular, this Offering Circular or any other material relating to the Issuer or the Offered Securities in any country or jurisdiction where action for that purpose is required. Accordingly, the Offered Securities may not be offered or sold, directly or indirectly, and neither this Offering Circular nor any other offering material or advertisements in connection with the Offered Securities may be distributed or published, in or from any country or jurisdiction, except under circumstances that will result in compliance with any applicable rules and regulations of any such country or jurisdiction.

Purchasers of the Offered Securities may be required to pay stamp taxes and other charges in accordance with the laws and practices of the country of purchase in addition to the purchase price.

Purchasers of the Offered Securities will be required, as a condition to payment of amounts on the Offered Securities without the imposition of withholding tax, to provide certain certifications with respect to any applicable taxes or reporting requirements of the United States or the Cayman Islands.

TRANSFER RESTRICTIONS

Because of the following restrictions, purchasers are advised to consult legal counsel prior to making any offer, resale, pledge or transfer of Notes or Preference Shares.

Investor Representations on Initial Purchase. Each Original Purchaser of Notes (or any beneficial interest therein) will be deemed to acknowledge, represent and warrant to and agree with the Co-Issuers and the Initial Purchaser, and each Original Purchaser of Preference Shares (or any beneficial interest therein) will be required in an Investor Application Form to acknowledge, represent and warrant to and agree with the Issuer and the Initial Purchaser as follows:

(1) *No Governmental Approval.* The purchaser understands that the Offered Securities have not been approved or disapproved by the SEC or any other governmental authority or agency of any jurisdiction, nor has the SEC or any other governmental authority or agency passed upon the accuracy or adequacy of this Offering Circular. The purchaser further understands that any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

(2) *Certification Upon Transfer.* Each purchaser of a Note (if required by the Indenture) and each purchaser of Preference Shares will, prior to any sale, pledge or other transfer by it of any such Offered Security (or any interest therein), obtain from the transferee and deliver to the Issuer and the Note Registrar (in the case of a Note) or the Preference Share Registrar (in the case of a Preference Share) a duly executed transferee certificate in the form of the relevant exhibit attached to the Indenture or the Preference Share Paying Agency Agreement, as the case may be, and such other certificates and other information as the Issuer, the Trustee (in the case of the Notes) or the Preference Share Registrar (in the case of the Preference Shares) may reasonably require to confirm that the proposed transfer complies with the transfer restrictions contained in this Offering Circular and the Indenture, the Issuer Charter or the Preference Share Paying Agency Agreement. In addition, a transferee of a beneficial interest in a Class A-2 Note in the form of a Restricted Global Note will be required to comply with the certification requirements described in the Class A-2 Notes Supplement.

(3) *Minimum Denominations.* The purchaser agrees that no Offered Security (or any interest therein) may be sold, pledged or otherwise transferred in a denomination of less than the applicable minimum denomination set forth in the Indenture (in the case of the Notes) or the Issuer Charter (in the case of the Preference Shares).

(4) *Securities Law Limitations on Resale.* The purchaser understands that the Offered Securities have not been registered under the Securities Act and, therefore, cannot be offered or sold in the United States or to U.S. Persons unless they are registered under the Securities Act or unless an exemption from registration is available. Accordingly, the certificates representing the Offered Securities will bear a legend stating that the Offered Securities have not been registered under the Securities Act and setting forth certain of the restrictions on transfer of the Offered Securities described herein. The

purchaser understands that neither the Issuer nor (in the case of the Notes) the Co-Issuer has any obligation to register any of the Offered Securities under the Securities Act or to comply with the requirements for any exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act (other than to supply information specified in Rule 144A(d)(4) of the Securities Act as required by the Indenture and the Issuer Charter).

(5) *Accredited Investor or Non-U.S. Person Status; Investment Intent.* In the case of a purchaser who takes delivery of the Offered Securities in the form of a Restricted Global Note (or interest therein) or a Restricted Definitive Preference Share, it is an Accredited Investor and is acquiring the Offered Securities for its own account for investment purposes and not with a view to the distribution thereof (except in accordance with Rule 144A). In the case of a purchaser who takes delivery of Regulation S Notes or Regulation S Preference Shares, (i) it is not a U.S. Person and is purchasing such Note or Preference Share for its own account and not for the account or benefit of a U.S. Person and (ii) it understands that (A) interests in a Regulation S Global Note and a Regulation S Global Preference Share may only be held through Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, (B) in the case of Regulation S Preference Shares, delivery may be made only in accordance with the certification requirements set forth in the Issuer Charter and the Preference Share Paying Agency Agreement and (C) if in the future it decides to transfer interests held in such Regulation S Global Note or Regulation S Global Preference Share, it will transfer the interest in such Regulation S Global Note or Regulation S Global Preference Share to a person that is not a U.S. Person only in an offshore transaction in accordance with Regulation S or to a person who takes delivery in the form of a Restricted Note or a Restricted Definitive Preference Share.

(6) *Purchaser Sophistication; Non-Reliance; Suitability; Access to Information.* The purchaser (a) has such knowledge and experience in financial and business matters that the purchaser is capable of evaluating the merits and risks (including for tax, legal, regulatory, accounting and other financial purposes) of its prospective investment in Offered Securities, (b) is financially able to bear such risk, (c) in making such investment is not relying on the advice or recommendations of any of the Initial Purchaser, the Issuer, the Co-Issuer, the Collateral Manager or any of their respective affiliates (or any representative of any of the foregoing) and (d) has determined that an investment in Offered Securities is suitable and appropriate for it. The purchaser has received, and has had an adequate opportunity to review the contents of, this Offering Circular. The purchaser has had access to such financial and other information concerning the Issuer and the Offered Securities as it has deemed necessary to make its own independent decision to purchase Offered Securities, including the opportunity, at a reasonable time prior to its purchase of Offered Securities, to ask questions and receive answers concerning the Issuer and the terms and conditions of the offering of the Offered Securities. The purchaser acknowledges that it is aware that the Collateral Management Agreement and the Indenture authorize the Collateral Manager to cause the Issuer to purchase Collateral debt Securities from, and sell collateral Debt Securities to, the Collateral Manager, its Affiliates and funds managed by the Collateral manager or its Affiliates and the purchaser consents to such purchases and sales *provided*

that they are carried out in compliance with the provisions of the Collateral Management Agreement and the Indenture.

(7) *Certain Resale Limitations.* The purchaser is aware that no Offered Securities (or any interest therein) may be offered, sold, pledged or otherwise transferred to (a) a transferee acquiring a Restricted Global Note (or interest therein) or Restricted Definitive Preference Share except (i)(A) to a transferee whom the seller reasonably believes is a Qualified Institutional Buyer purchasing for its own account, to whom notice is given that the resale, pledge or other transfer is being made in reliance on the exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act provided by Rule 144A and that is a Qualified Purchaser or (B) solely in the case of a Restricted Definitive Preference Share, in accordance with another exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act (subject to the delivery of such certifications, legal opinions or other information as the Issuer may reasonably require to confirm that such transfer is being made pursuant to an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the registration requirements of the Securities Act), (ii) to a transferee that is a U.S. Person, (iii) to a transferee that is not a Flow-Through Investment Vehicle (other than a Qualifying Investment Vehicle), (iv) on the case of a transfer of a Preference Share, to a transferee who is not a Benefit Plan Investor, (v) in compliance with the certification (if any) and other requirements set forth in the Indenture, the Issuer Charter or the Preference Share Paying Agency Agreement and (vi) in accordance with any applicable securities laws of any state of the United States and any other relevant jurisdiction or (b) a transferee acquiring an interest in a Regulation S Note or a Regulation S Preference Share except (i) to a transferee that is acquiring such interest in an offshore transaction in accordance with Rule 903 or Rule 904 of Regulation S, (ii) to a transferee that is not a U.S. Person, (iii) to a transferee that is not a Flow-Through Investment Vehicle (other than a Qualifying Investment Vehicle), (iv) in the case of any transfer of a Preference Share, to a transferee (other than an Original Purchaser that is not a U.S. Benefit Plan Investor) who is not a Benefit Plan Investor, (v) in compliance with the certification (if any) and other requirements set forth in the Indenture, the Issuer Charter or the Preference Share Paying Agency Agreement and (vi) in accordance with any applicable securities laws of any state of the United States and any other relevant jurisdiction. Without limiting the foregoing, each transferee of a Class A-2 Note (or interest therein) will be deemed to have acknowledged and agreed to the representations and transfer restrictions in the Class A-2 Notes Supplement.

(8) *Limited Liquidity.* The purchaser understands that there is no market for any Class of Offered Securities and that no assurance can be given as to the liquidity of any trading market for such Class of Offered Securities or that a trading market for such Class of Offered Securities will develop. It further understands that, although the Initial Purchaser may from time to time make a market in a Class of Offered Securities, the Initial Purchaser is not under any obligation to do so and, following the commencement of any market-making, may discontinue the same at any time. Accordingly, the purchaser must be prepared to hold such Offered Securities for an indefinite period of time or until their maturity.

(9) *Investment Company Act.* The purchaser either (a) is not a U.S. Person or (b) is a Qualified Purchaser. The purchaser agrees that no sale, pledge or other transfer of a Note (or any interest therein) may be made (a) to a transferee acquiring Restricted Notes (or any interest therein) except to a transferee that is a Qualified Purchaser, (b) to a transferee acquiring an interest in a Regulation S Note that is not a U.S. Person in an offshore transaction in accordance with Regulation S or (c) if such transfer would have the effect of requiring either of the Co-Issuers or the collateral to register as an investment company under the Investment Company Act. If the purchaser is a U.S. Person that is an entity that would be an investment company but for the exception provided for in Section 3(c)(1) or Section 3(c)(7) of the Investment Company Act (any such entity, an "excepted investment company"): (x) all of the beneficial owners of outstanding securities (other than short-term paper) of such entity (such beneficial owners determined in accordance with Section 3(c)(1)(A) of the Investment Company Act) that acquired such securities on or before April 30, 1996 ("pre-amendment beneficial owners"); and (y) all pre-amendment beneficial owners of the outstanding securities (other than short term paper) of any excepted investment company that, directly or indirectly, owns any outstanding securities of such entity, have consented to such entity's treatment as a Qualified Purchaser in accordance with the Investment Company Act.

(10) *ERISA.* In the case of a purchaser of a Note, either (a) it is not (and for so long as it holds any Note or any interest therein will not be), and is not acting on behalf of (and for so long as it holds any Note or interest therein will not be) an "employee benefit plan" as defined in Section 3(3) of the ERISA that is subject to Title I of ERISA, a plan described in section 4975(e)(1) of the Code, an entity which is deemed to hold the assets of any such plan pursuant to 29 C.F.R. section 2510.3-101, which plan or entity is subject to Title I of ERISA or section 4975 of the Code, or a governmental or church plan which is subject to any Federal, state or local law that is similar to the prohibited transaction provisions of section 406 of ERISA or section 4975 of the Code ("Similar Law"), or (b) its purchase and ownership of such Note will be covered by a prohibited transaction class exemption issued by the United States Department of Labor.

In addition, if a purchaser of a Note is, or is acting on behalf of, a Plan subject to Title I of ERISA or an employee benefit plan that is not subject to Title I of ERISA but is subject to provisions of a Similar Law, the fiduciaries of such Plan or such employee benefit plan, as applicable, represent and warrant that they have been informed of and understand the Issuer's investment objectives, policies and strategies and that the decision to invest such Plan's assets or such employee benefit plan's assets, as the case may be, in Offered Securities was made with appropriate consideration of relevant investment factors with regard to such Plan or such employee benefit plan, as the case may be, and is consistent with the duties and responsibilities imposed upon fiduciaries with regard to their investment decisions under Title I of ERISA or such Similar Law.

In the case of an Original Purchaser of a Restricted Definitive Preference Share, the purchaser is not a Benefit Plan Investor or, except as otherwise disclosed in the Investor Application Form, a Controlling Person. Each purchaser of a Preference Share understands and agrees that no sale, pledge or other transfer of a Preference Share (or any

interest therein) may be made (other than a transfer of an interest in the Regulation S Global Preference Share from the Issuer or the Initial Purchaser to an Original Purchaser which is a Foreign Benefit Plan Investor) to a Benefit Plan Investor.

Each Original Purchaser acquiring an interest in a Regulation S Global Preference Share will be required to execute and deliver to the Issuer and the Preference Share Paying Agent a letter substantially in the form attached as Exhibit A hereto which includes a representation to the effect that such Original Purchaser is not a U.S. Benefit Plan Investor and will not transfer such interest to a Benefit Plan Investor and except as otherwise in compliance with the transfer restrictions set forth in the Preference Share Paying and Transfer Agency Agreement (including the requirement that any subsequent transferee execute and deliver a letter in the form attached as Exhibit A hereto which will include a representation to the effect that such transferee is not a Benefit Plan Investor. Each transferee acquiring an interest in a Regulation S Global Preference Share will be required to execute and deliver to the Issuer and the Preference Share Paying Agent a letter substantially in the form attached as Exhibit A hereto which includes a representation to the effect that such transferee is not a Benefit Plan Investor.

(11) *Limitations on Flow-Through Status.* In the case of a purchaser that is a U.S. Person, it is either (a) not a Flow Through Investment Vehicle or (b) a Qualifying Investment Vehicle. A purchaser is a "Flow-Through Investment Vehicle" if (i) in the case of a purchaser that would be an investment company but for the exception in Section 3(c)(1) or Section 3(c)(7) of the Investment Company Act, the amount of the purchaser's investment in the Offered Securities (including its investment in all Classes of Notes and the Preference Shares) exceeds 40% of the total assets (determined on a consolidated basis with its subsidiaries) of the purchaser; (ii) any Person owning any equity or similar interest in the purchaser has the ability to control any investment decision of the purchaser or to determine, on an investment-by-investment basis, the amount of such Person's contribution to any investment made by the purchaser; (iii) the purchaser was organized or reorganized for the specific purpose of acquiring any Offered Securities or (iv) additional capital or similar contributions were specifically solicited from any Person owning an equity or similar interest in the purchaser for the purpose of enabling the purchaser to purchase Offered Securities. A "Qualifying Investment Vehicle" is an entity as to which all of the beneficial owners of any securities issued by such entity have made, and as to which (in accordance with the document pursuant to which such entity was organized or the agreement or other document governing such securities) each such beneficial owner must require any transferee of any such security to make, to the Co-Issuers and the Note Registrar or the Preference Share Registrar, as the case may be, each of the representations set forth in this Offering Circular and in the Indenture, the Issuer Charter or the Preference Share Paying Agency Agreement required to be made upon transfer of any Offered Securities (with modifications to such representations satisfactory to the Issuer to reflect the indirect nature of the interests of such beneficial owners in such Notes, including any modification permitting an initial beneficial owner of securities issued by such entity to represent that it is an Accredited Investor).

If the purchaser is a U.S. Person that is a Qualifying Investment Vehicle, (a) either (i) none of the beneficial owners of its securities is a U.S. Person or (ii) some or all of the beneficial owners of its securities are U.S. Persons and each such beneficial owner has certified to the purchaser that it is a Qualified Purchaser and (b) the purchaser has only one class of securities outstanding (other than any nominal share capital the distributions in respect of which are not correlated to or dependent upon distributions on, or the performance of, the Offered Securities).

(12) *Certain Transfers Void.* The purchaser agrees that (a) any sale, pledge or other transfer of an Offered Security (or any interest therein) made in violation of the transfer restrictions contained in this Offering Circular and in the Indenture, the Issuer Charter or the Preference Share Paying Agency Agreement, or made based upon any false or inaccurate representation made by the purchaser or a transferee to the Issuer, will be void and of no force or effect and (b) none of the Issuer, the Trustee, the Note Registrar (in the case of the Notes) and the Preference Share Paying Agent (in the case of the Preference Shares) has any obligation to recognize any sale, pledge or other transfer of an Offered Security (or any interest therein) made in violation of any such transfer restriction or made based upon any such false or inaccurate representation.

The Indenture provides that if, notwithstanding the restrictions on transfer contained therein, either of the Co-Issuers determines that any beneficial owner of a Restricted Note (or any interest therein) (A) is a U.S. Person and (B) is not a Qualified Institutional Buyer (unless such beneficial owner is an Accredited Investor that purchased such Restricted Note or interest therein directly from the Co-Issuers or the Initial Purchaser) and also a Qualified Purchaser, then either of the Co-Issuers may require, by notice to such holder, that such holder sell all of its right, title and interest to such Restricted Note (or interest therein) to a Person that is both a Qualified Institutional Buyer and a Qualified Purchaser, with such sale to be effected within 30 days after notice of such sale requirement is given. If such beneficial owner fails to effect the transfer required within such 30-day period, (i) upon direction from the Issuer, the Trustee, on behalf of and at the expense of the Issuer, shall cause such beneficial owner's interest in such Note to be transferred in a commercially reasonable sale (conducted by the Trustee in accordance with Section 9-610(b) of the Uniform Commercial Code as in effect in the State of New York as applied to securities that are sold on a recognized market or that may decline speedily in value) to a person that certifies to the Trustee and the Co-Issuers, in connection with such transfer, that such person is a both Qualified Institutional Buyer and a Qualified Purchaser and (ii) pending such transfer, no further payments will be made in respect of such Note held by such beneficial owner.

(13) *Limitation on Sales of Preference Shares to Reg Y Institutions.* Each purchaser of Preference Shares understands that no Reg Y Institution may transfer any Preference Shares held by it to any person other than (i) a person or group of persons under common control that controls the Issuer without reference to any Preference Shares transferred to such person or group by such Reg Y Institution (a "Reg Y Controlling Party"), (ii) a person or persons designated by a Reg Y Controlling Party, (iii) in a widespread public distribution as part of a public offering, (iv) in amounts such that, after

giving effect thereto, no single transferee and its affiliates will hold more than 2% of the aggregate number of Preference Shares (including all options, warrants and similar rights exercisable or convertible into Preference Shares) or (v) as otherwise permitted by applicable U.S. Federal banking law and regulations.

(14) *Reliance on Representations, etc.* The purchaser acknowledges that the Issuer, the Initial Purchaser, the Trustee, the Collateral Manager and others will rely upon the truth and accuracy of the foregoing acknowledgments, representations, warranties and agreements and agrees that, if any of the acknowledgments, representations or warranties made or deemed to have been made by it in connection with its purchase of the Offered Securities are no longer accurate, the purchaser will promptly notify the Issuer and the Initial Purchaser.

(15) *Cayman Islands.* The purchaser is not a member of the public in the Cayman Islands.

(16) *Legend.* Each purchaser of a Note (or any beneficial interest therein) understands and agrees that a legend in substantially the following form will be placed on each Note:

THIS NOTE HAS NOT BEEN AND WILL NOT BE REGISTERED UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED (THE "SECURITIES ACT"), OR THE SECURITIES LAWS OF ANY STATE OF THE UNITED STATES OR ANY OTHER JURISDICTION, AND MAY BE RESOLD, PLEDGED OR OTHERWISE TRANSFERRED ONLY (A) (1) TO A PERSON WHOM THE SELLER REASONABLY BELIEVES IS A "QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER" WITHIN THE MEANING OF RULE 144A UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT ("RULE 144A") PURCHASING FOR ITS OWN ACCOUNT, TO WHOM NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT THE RESALE, PLEDGE OR OTHER TRANSFER IS BEING MADE IN RELIANCE ON THE EXEMPTION FROM SECURITIES ACT REGISTRATION PROVIDED BY RULE 144A OR (2) TO A PERSON THAT IS NOT A U.S. PERSON IN AN OFFSHORE TRANSACTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATIONS UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT ("REGULATION S"), (B) IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE CERTIFICATION AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIED IN THE INDENTURE AND THE CLASS A-2 AGENCY AND AMENDING AGREEMENT¹ REFERRED TO HEREIN AND (C) IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANY APPLICABLE SECURITIES LAWS OF ANY STATE OF THE UNITED STATES AND ANY OTHER APPLICABLE JURISDICTION. NEITHER OF THE CO-ISSUERS NOR THE COLLATERAL HAS BEEN REGISTERED UNDER THE INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT OF 1940, AS AMENDED (THE "INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT"). NO TRANSFER OF A NOTE (OR ANY INTEREST THEREIN) MAY BE MADE (AND NEITHER THE TRUSTEE NOR THE NOTE REGISTRAR WILL RECOGNIZE ANY SUCH TRANSFER) IF (A) SUCH TRANSFER WOULD BE MADE TO A TRANSFEREE WHO IS A U.S. PERSON THAT IS NOT BOTH (X) A QUALIFIED

¹ Class A-2 Notes only.

INSTITUTIONAL BUYER AND ALSO (Y) EITHER (I) A "QUALIFIED PURCHASER" AS DEFINED IN THE INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT OR (II) A COMPANY BENEFICIALLY OWNED EXCLUSIVELY BY ONE OR MORE "QUALIFIED PURCHASERS," (B) SUCH TRANSFER WOULD HAVE THE EFFECT OF REQUIRING EITHER OF THE CO-ISSUERS OR THE COLLATERAL TO REGISTER AS AN INVESTMENT COMPANY UNDER THE INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT, (C) SUCH TRANSFER WOULD BE MADE TO A U.S. PERSON THAT IS A FLOW-THROUGH INVESTMENT VEHICLE OTHER THAN A QUALIFYING INVESTMENT VEHICLE (EACH AS DEFINED IN THE INDENTURE) OR (D) SUCH TRANSFER WOULD BE MADE TO A PERSON WHO IS OTHERWISE UNABLE TO MAKE THE CERTIFICATIONS AND REPRESENTATIONS REQUIRED BY THE APPLICABLE TRANSFER CERTIFICATE (IF ANY) ATTACHED AS AN EXHIBIT TO THE INDENTURE REFERRED TO BELOW. EACH HOLDER HEREOF IS DEEMED TO REPRESENT AND WARRANT [EITHER (A)] THAT IT IS NOT (AND FOR SO LONG AS IT HOLDS THIS NOTE OR AN INTEREST HEREIN WILL NOT BE), AND IS NOT ACTING ON BEHALF OF (AND FOR SO LONG AS IT HOLDS THIS SECURITY OR AN INTEREST HEREIN WILL NOT BE ACTING ON BEHALF OF) AN "EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN" AS DEFINED IN SECTION 3(3) OF ERISA THAT IS SUBJECT TO TITLE I OF ERISA, A PLAN DESCRIBED IN SECTION 4975(e)(1) OF THE CODE, AN ENTITY WHICH IS DEEMED TO HOLD THE ASSETS OF ANY SUCH PLAN PURSUANT TO 29 C.F.R. SECTION 2510.3-101, WHICH PLAN OR ENTITY IS SUBJECT TO TITLE I OF ERISA OR SECTION 4975 OF THE CODE, OR A GOVERNMENTAL OR CHURCH PLAN WHICH IS SUBJECT TO ANY FEDERAL, STATE OR LOCAL LAW THAT IS SIMILAR TO THE PROHIBITED TRANSACTION PROVISIONS OF SECTION 406 OF ERISA OR SECTION 4975 OF THE CODE, A PLAN OR ANY OTHER BENEFIT PLAN INVESTOR OR (B) THE ACQUISITION AND HOLDING OF THIS SECURITY WILL NOT CONSTITUTE A NONEXEMPT PROHIBITED TRANSACTION IN VIOLATION OF SECTION 406 OF ERISA OR SECTION 4975 OF THE CODE (OR, IN THE CASE OF A GOVERNMENTAL OR CHURCH PLAN, ANY MATERIALLY SIMILAR FEDERAL, STATE OR LOCAL LAW). THE NOTES OR ANY BENEFICIAL INTEREST HEREIN MAY BE TRANSFERRED ONLY IN PERMITTED DENOMINATIONS SPECIFIED IN THE INDENTURE. THIS NOTE OR ANY BENEFICIAL INTEREST HEREIN MAY BE TRANSFERRED TO A PERSON WHO ACQUIRES A BENEFICIAL INTEREST IN A REGULATION S NOTE² RESTRICTED NOTE³ UPON RECEIPT BY THE TRUSTEE OF A TRANSFER CERTIFICATE FROM THE TRANSFEROR SUBSTANTIALLY IN THE FORM SPECIFIED IN THE INDENTURE. ACCORDINGLY, AN INVESTOR IN THIS NOTE MUST BE PREPARED TO BEAR THE ECONOMIC RISK OF THE INVESTMENT FOR AN INDEFINITE PERIOD OF TIME.

² Restricted Notes only.

³ Regulation S Notes only.

The following shall be inserted in the case of Global Notes:

UNLESS THIS NOTE IS PRESENTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY ("DTC") TO THE NOTE REGISTRAR FOR REGISTRATION OF TRANSFER OR PAYMENT, AND ANY CERTIFICATE ISSUED IS REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF CEDE & CO. OR IN SUCH OTHER NAME AS IS REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF DTC (AND ANY PAYMENT MADE TO CEDE & CO. OR TO SUCH OTHER ENTITY AS IS REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF DTC), ANY TRANSFER, PLEDGE OR OTHER USE HEREOF FOR VALUE OR OTHERWISE BY OR TO ANY PERSON IS WRONGFUL INASMUCH AS THE REGISTERED OWNER HEREOF, CEDE & CO., HAS AN INTEREST HEREIN.

In addition, the legend set forth on any Restricted Global Note will also have the following:

IF, NOTWITHSTANDING THE RESTRICTIONS ON TRANSFER CONTAINED IN THIS NOTE OR THE INDENTURE, THE ISSUER DETERMINES THAT ANY BENEFICIAL OWNER OF A RESTRICTED NOTE (OR ANY INTEREST THEREIN) (A) IS A U.S. PERSON (WITHIN THE MEANING OF REGULATIONS UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT) AND (B) IS NOT BOTH (I) A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER (OR, IN THE CASE OF THE INITIAL PURCHASER OF SUCH RESTRICTED NOTE OR INTEREST THEREIN, AN ACCREDITED INVESTOR) AND (II) A QUALIFIED PURCHASER, THEN THE ISSUER MAY REQUIRE, BY NOTICE TO SUCH HOLDER, THAT SUCH HOLDER SELL ALL OF ITS RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST TO SUCH RESTRICTED NOTE (OR INTEREST THEREIN) TO A PERSON THAT IS BOTH A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER AND A QUALIFIED PURCHASER, WITH SUCH SALE TO BE EFFECTED WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER NOTICE OF SUCH SALE REQUIREMENT IS GIVEN. IF SUCH BENEFICIAL OWNER FAILS TO EFFECT THE TRANSFER REQUIRED WITHIN SUCH 30-DAY PERIOD, (1) UPON DIRECTION FROM THE ISSUER, THE TRUSTEE (ON BEHALF OF AND AT THE EXPENSE OF THE ISSUER) SHALL CAUSE SUCH BENEFICIAL OWNER'S INTEREST IN SUCH NOTE TO BE TRANSFERRED IN A COMMERCIALY REASONABLE SALE (CONDUCTED BY THE TRUSTEE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 9-610(b) OF THE UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE AS IN EFFECT IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK AS APPLIED TO SECURITIES THAT ARE SOLD ON A RECOGNIZED MARKET OR THAT MAY DECLINE SPEEDILY IN VALUE) TO A PERSON THAT CERTIFIES TO THE TRUSTEE AND THE CO-ISSUERS, IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH TRANSFER, THAT SUCH PERSON IS BOTH (I) A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER AND (II) A QUALIFIED PURCHASER AND (2) PENDING SUCH TRANSFER, NO FURTHER PAYMENTS WILL BE MADE IN RESPECT OF SUCH NOTE (OR INTEREST THEREIN) HELD BY SUCH BENEFICIAL OWNER.

IN ADDITION, NO TRANSFER OF THIS NOTE (OR ANY INTEREST HEREIN) MAY BE MADE (AND NEITHER THE TRUSTEE NOR THE NOTE REGISTRAR

WILL RECOGNIZE ANY SUCH TRANSFER) IF SUCH TRANSFER WOULD BE MADE TO A TRANSFEREE THAT IS (A) A DEALER DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (A)(1)(ii) OF RULE 144A WHICH OWNS AND INVESTS ON A DISCRETIONARY BASIS LESS THAN U.S.\$25,000,000 IN SECURITIES OF ISSUERS THAT ARE NOT AFFILIATED PERSONS OF THE DEALER OR (B) A PLAN REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPH (a)(1)(I)(D) OR (a)(1)(i)(E) OF RULE 144A OR A TRUST FUND REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPH (a)(1)(i)(F) OF RULE 144A THAT HOLDS THE ASSETS OF SUCH A PLAN, UNLESS INVESTMENT DECISIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE PLAN ARE MADE SOLELY BY THE FIDUCIARY, TRUSTEE OR SPONSOR OF SUCH PLAN. THE TRANSFEREE, AND EACH ACCOUNT FOR WHICH IT IS PURCHASING, IS REQUIRED TO HOLD AND TRANSFER AT LEAST THE MINIMUM DENOMINATIONS OF THE NOTES.

In addition, the legend set forth on any Regulation S Note will also have the following:

THIS NOTE OR ANY BENEFICIAL INTEREST HEREIN MAY NOT BE HELD BY A U.S. PERSON AT ANY TIME.

(17) *Legend for Preference Shares.* The purchaser understands and agrees that a legend in substantially the following form will be placed on each certificate representing any Preference Shares:

THE PREFERENCE SHARES REPRESENTED HEREBY HAVE NOT BEEN AND WILL NOT BE REGISTERED UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED (THE "SECURITIES ACT"), OR THE SECURITIES LAWS OF ANY STATE OF THE UNITED STATES OR ANY OTHER JURISDICTION, AND MAY BE RESOLD, PLEDGED OR OTHERWISE TRANSFERRED ONLY (A)(1) TO A PERSON WHOM THE SELLER REASONABLY BELIEVES IS A "QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER" WITHIN THE MEANING OF RULE 144A UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT ("RULE 144A"), PURCHASING FOR ITS OWN ACCOUNT, TO WHOM NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT THE RESALE, PLEDGE OR OTHER TRANSFER IS BEING MADE IN RELIANCE ON THE EXEMPTION FROM SECURITIES ACT REGISTRATION PROVIDED BY RULE 144A, (2) IN AN OFFSHORE TRANSACTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATION S UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT ("REGULATION S") OR (3) IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANOTHER EXEMPTION FROM THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE SECURITIES ACT (SUBJECT TO THE DELIVERY OF SUCH CERTIFICATIONS, LEGAL OPINIONS OR OTHER INFORMATION AS THE ISSUER MAY REASONABLY REQUIRE TO CONFIRM THAT SUCH TRANSFER IS BEING MADE PURSUANT TO AN EXEMPTION FROM, OR IN A TRANSACTION NOT SUBJECT TO, THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE SECURITIES ACT), (B) IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE CERTIFICATION AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIED IN THE ISSUER CHARTER AND THE PREFERENCE SHARE PAYING AGENCY AGREEMENT REFERRED TO HEREIN AND (C) IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANY APPLICABLE SECURITIES LAWS OF

ANY STATE OF THE UNITED STATES AND ANY OTHER APPLICABLE JURISDICTION. NEITHER THE ISSUER NOR THE COLLATERAL HAS BEEN REGISTERED UNDER THE INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT OF 1940, AS AMENDED (THE "INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT").

NO TRANSFER OF A PREFERENCE SHARE (OR ANY INTEREST THEREIN) MAY BE MADE (AND NEITHER THE ISSUER NOR THE PREFERENCE SHARE REGISTRAR WILL RECOGNIZE ANY SUCH TRANSFER) IF (A) SUCH TRANSFER WOULD BE MADE TO A TRANSFEREE WHO IS A U.S. PERSON THAT IS NOT (I) A "QUALIFIED PURCHASER" AS DEFINED IN THE INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT, (II) A "KNOWLEDGEABLE EMPLOYEE" WITH RESPECT TO THE ISSUER WITHIN THE MEANING OF RULE 3c-5 OF THE INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT OR (III) A COMPANY BENEFICIALLY OWNED EXCLUSIVELY BY ONE OR MORE SUCH QUALIFIED PURCHASERS AND/OR KNOWLEDGEABLE EMPLOYEES (A "QUALIFIED PURCHASER"), (B) SUCH TRANSFER WOULD HAVE THE EFFECT OF REQUIRING THE ISSUER OR THE COLLATERAL TO REGISTER AS AN INVESTMENT COMPANY UNDER THE INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT, (C) SUCH TRANSFER IS MADE TO A BENEFIT PLAN INVESTOR (AS DEFINED IN THE PLAN ASSET REGULATION OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, 29 C.F.R. SECTION 2510.3-101(f) (A "BENEFIT PLAN INVESTOR")) EXCEPT TO A BENEFIT PLAN INVESTOR THAT IS AN ORIGINAL PURCHASER OF AN INTEREST IN A REGULATION S GLOBAL PREFERENCE SHARE BUT IS NOT A U.S. PERSON AND IS NOT SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF TITLE I OF ERISA AND/OR THE PROHIBITED TRANSACTION PROVISIONS OF SECTION 4975 OF THE CODE, (D) SUCH TRANSFER WOULD BE MADE TO A TRANSFEREE THAT IS A U.S. PERSON WHICH IS A FLOW THROUGH INVESTMENT VEHICLE OTHER THAN A QUALIFYING INVESTMENT VEHICLE (EACH AS DEFINED IN THE TRANSFER CERTIFICATE ATTACHED TO THE PREFERENCE SHARE PAYING AGENCY AGREEMENT), (E) EXCEPT FOR A TRANSFER TO AN ORIGINAL PURCHASER OF A RESTRICTED DEFINITIVE PREFERENCE SHARE BY THE ISSUER OR THE INITIAL PURCHASER ON THE CLOSING DATE, SUCH TRANSFER WOULD BE MADE TO A TRANSFEREE THAT IS NOT A BENEFIT PLAN INVESTOR, BUT WHICH HAS DISCRETIONARY AUTHORITY OR CONTROL WITH RESPECT TO THE ASSETS OF THE ISSUER OR PROVIDES INVESTMENT ADVICE WITH RESPECT TO THE ASSETS OF THE ISSUER FOR A FEE, DIRECT OR INDIRECT, WITH RESPECT TO SUCH ASSETS OR WHO IS AN AFFILIATE OF ANY SUCH PERSON (A "CONTROLLING PERSON") OR (F) SUCH TRANSFER WOULD BE MADE TO A PERSON WHO IS OTHERWISE UNABLE TO MAKE THE CERTIFICATIONS AND REPRESENTATIONS REQUIRED BY THE APPLICABLE TRANSFER CERTIFICATE ATTACHED AS AN EXHIBIT TO THE PREFERENCE SHARE PAYING AGENCY AGREEMENT REFERRED TO HEREIN. ACCORDINGLY, AN INVESTOR IN THE PREFERENCE SHARES MUST BE PREPARED TO BEAR THE ECONOMIC RISK OF THE INVESTMENT FOR AN INDEFINITE PERIOD OF TIME. EACH HOLDER

HEREOF IS DEEMED TO REPRESENT AND WARRANT EITHER (A)⁴ THAT IT IS NOT (AND FOR SO LONG AS IT HOLDS THIS SECURITY OR AN INTEREST HEREIN WILL NOT BE), AND IS NOT ACTING ON BEHALF OF (AND FOR SO LONG AS IT HOLDS THIS SECURITY OR AN INTEREST HEREIN WILL NOT BE ACTING ON BEHALF OF) AN "EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN" AS DEFINED IN SECTION 3(3) OF THE UNITED STATES EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY ACT OF 1974, AS AMENDED ("ERISA") THAT IS SUBJECT TO TITLE I OF ERISA, A PLAN DESCRIBED IN SECTION 4975(e)(1) OF THE UNITED STATES INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED (THE "CODE"), AN ENTITY WHICH IS DEEMED TO HOLD THE ASSETS OF ANY SUCH PLAN PURSUANT TO 29 C.F.R. SECTION 2510.3-101, WHICH PLAN OR ENTITY IS SUBJECT TO TITLE I OF ERISA OR SECTION 4975 OF THE CODE, OR A GOVERNMENTAL OR CHURCH PLAN WHICH IS SUBJECT TO ANY FEDERAL, STATE OR LOCAL LAW THAT IS SIMILAR TO THE PROHIBITED TRANSACTION PROVISIONS OF SECTION 406 OF ERISA OR SECTION 4975 OF THE CODE ("SIMILAR LAW") [, OR (B) THAT IT IS A NON-U.S. PERSON THAT PURCHASED ITS INTEREST HEREIN ON THE CLOSING DATE FROM THE ISSUER OR THE INITIAL PURCHASER AND THAT IS NOT SUBJECT TO TITLE I OF ERISA AND/OR THE PROHIBITED TRANSACTION PROVISIONS OF SECTION 4975 OF THE CODE.]⁵ THE PREFERENCE SHARES REPRESENTED HEREBY OR ANY BENEFICIAL INTEREST HEREIN MAY BE TRANSFERRED IN AN AMOUNT NOT LESS THAN THE MINIMUM TRADING LOT SPECIFIED IN THE PREFERENCE SHARE PAYING AGENCY AGREEMENT. IF, NOTWITHSTANDING THE RESTRICTIONS SET FORTH IN THE PREFERENCE SHARE PAYING AGENCY AGREEMENT, THE ISSUER DETERMINES THAT ANY HOLDER OF THIS SECURITY OR AN INTEREST HEREIN (I) IS A U.S. PERSON AND (II) IS NOT (A) BOTH A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER OR AN ACCREDITED INVESTOR AND (B) A QUALIFIED PURCHASER, THE ISSUER MAY REQUIRE, BY NOTICE TO SUCH HOLDER THAT SUCH HOLDER SELL ALL OF ITS RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST TO THIS SECURITY (OR INTEREST HEREIN) TO A PERSON THAT IS BOTH (1) A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER OR AN ACCREDITED INVESTOR AND (2) A QUALIFIED PURCHASER, WITH SUCH SALE TO BE EFFECTED WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER NOTICE OF SUCH SALE REQUIREMENT IS GIVEN. IF SUCH HOLDER FAILS TO EFFECT THE TRANSFER REQUIRED WITHIN SUCH 30-DAY PERIOD, (X) UPON WRITTEN DIRECTION FROM THE ISSUER, THE PREFERENCE SHARE PAYING AGENT SHALL, AND IS HEREBY IRREVOCABLY AUTHORIZED BY SUCH HOLDER TO, CAUSE SUCH HOLDER'S INTEREST IN THIS SECURITY TO BE TRANSFERRED IN A COMMERCIALY REASONABLE SALE ARRANGED BY THE ISSUER (CONDUCTED BY THE PREFERENCE SHARE PAYING AGENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 9-610(b) OF THE UCC AS IN EFFECT IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK AS APPLIED

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TO SECURITIES THAT ARE SOLD ON A RECOGNIZED MARKET OR THAT MAY DECLINE SPEEDILY IN VALUE) TO A PERSON THAT CERTIFIES TO THE PREFERENCE SHARE PAYING AGENT AND THE ISSUER, IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH TRANSFER, THAT SUCH PERSON IS BOTH (1) A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER OR AN ACCREDITED INVESTOR AND (2) A QUALIFIED PURCHASER, AND (Y) PENDING SUCH TRANSFER, NO FURTHER PAYMENTS WILL BE MADE IN RESPECT OF THE INTEREST IN THIS SECURITY HELD BY SUCH HOLDER, AND THE INTEREST IN THIS SECURITY SHALL NOT BE DEEMED TO BE OUTSTANDING FOR THE PURPOSE OF ANY VOTE OR CONSENT OF THE HOLDERS OF THE PREFERENCE SHARES.

The following shall be inserted in the case of Regulation S Global Preference Shares:

UNLESS THIS REGULATION S GLOBAL PREFERENCE SHARE CERTIFICATE IS PRESENTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY ("DTC") TO THE PREFERENCE SHARE REGISTRAR FOR REGISTRATION OF TRANSFER OR PAYMENT, AND ANY CERTIFICATE ISSUED IS REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF CEDE & CO. OR IN SUCH OTHER NAME AS IS REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF DTC (AND ANY PAYMENT MADE TO CEDE & CO. OR TO SUCH OTHER ENTITY AS IS REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF DTC), ANY TRANSFER, PLEDGE OR OTHER USE HEREOF FOR VALUE OR OTHERWISE BY OR TO ANY PERSON IS WRONGFUL INASMUCH AS THE REGISTERED OWNER HEREOF, CEDE & CO., HAS AN INTEREST HEREIN.

THIS REGULATION S GLOBAL PREFERENCE SHARE CERTIFICATE REPRESENTS REGULATION S GLOBAL PREFERENCE SHARES DEPOSITED WITH DTC ACTING AS DEPOSITARY, AND REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF CEDE & CO., A NOMINEE OF DTC, AND CEDE & CO., AS HOLDER OF RECORD, SHALL BE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE ALL DISTRIBUTIONS, OTHER THAN THE FINAL REDEMPTION AMOUNTS, BY WIRE TRANSFER OF IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE FUNDS. THE STATEMENTS IN THE LEGEND RELATING TO DTC SET FORTH ABOVE ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE TERMS OF THESE PREFERENCE SHARES AND BY ACCEPTANCE THEREOF EACH HOLDER AGREES TO BE SUBJECT TO AND BOUND BY THE TERMS AND PROVISIONS SET FORTH IN SUCH LEGEND. UPON ANY SUCH EXCHANGE OR TRANSFER OF A BENEFICIAL INTEREST IN THIS REGULATION S GLOBAL PREFERENCE SHARE CERTIFICATE FOR A DEFINITIVE PREFERENCE SHARE CERTIFICATE OR UPON ANY EXCHANGE OR TRANSFER OF A DEFINITIVE PREFERENCE SHARE CERTIFICATE FOR AN INTEREST IN THIS REGULATION S GLOBAL PREFERENCE SHARE CERTIFICATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PREFERENCE SHARE PAYING AGENCY AGREEMENT, THIS REGULATION S GLOBAL PREFERENCE SHARE CERTIFICATE SHALL BE ENDORSED TO REFLECT THE CHANGE OF THE NUMBER OF PREFERENCE SHARES EVIDENCED HEREBY.

THIS PREFERENCE SHARE OR ANY BENEFICIAL INTEREST HEREIN MAY BE TRANSFERRED TO A PERSON WHO ACQUIRES A BENEFICIAL INTEREST IN A REGULATION S GLOBAL PREFERENCE SHARE CERTIFICATE ONLY UPON RECEIPT BY THE ISSUER AND THE PREFERENCE SHARE PAYING AGENT OF A LETTER SUBSTANTIALLY IN THE FORM SPECIFIED IN THE PREFERENCE SHARE PAYING AND TRANSFER AGENCY AGREEMENT.

Class A-2 Notes. Notwithstanding the foregoing restrictions, each Original Purchaser of Class A-2 Notes will be deemed to make the representations set forth in the Class A-2 Notes Supplement. The Class A-2 Notes Supplement will be delivered to each Original Purchaser of Class A-2 Notes. The legends in respect of the Class A-2 Notes will be further modified as described in the Class A-2 Notes Supplement.

Investor Representations on Resale. Except as provided below, each transferee of an Offered Security will be required to deliver to the Co-Issuers and the Note Registrar or the Preference Share Paying Agent, as the case may be, a duly executed transferee certificate in the form of the relevant exhibit attached to the Indenture or the Preference Share Paying Agency Agreement, as the case may be, and such other certificates and other information as the Issuer, the Co-Issuer, the Trustee or the Preference Share Paying Agent may reasonably require to confirm that the proposed transfer complies with the transfer restrictions contained in this Offering Circular. An owner of a beneficial interest in a Regulation S Global Note or a may transfer such interest in the form of a beneficial interest in such Regulation S Global Note without the provision of written certification, *provided* that (1) such transfer is not made to a U.S. Person or for the account or benefit of a U.S. Person and such transfer is effected through Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg in an offshore transaction as required by Regulation S and only in accordance with the Applicable Procedures and (2) any transfer not effected in an offshore transaction in accordance with Rule 904 of Regulation S may be made only upon provision to the Note Registrar or the Preference Share Paying Agent, as the case may be, of written certification from the transferee and transferor in the form provided for in the Indenture. An owner of a beneficial interest in a Regulation S Global Preference Share may transfer such interest in the form of a beneficial interest in such Regulation S Global Preference Share only if the transferee executes and delivers to the Issuer, the Collateral Manager and the Preference Share Paying Agent a letter in the form attached as Exhibit A hereto. An owner of a beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note may transfer such interest in the form of a beneficial interest in such Restricted Global Note without the provision of written certification if the transferee is both a Qualified Institutional Buyer and a Qualified Purchaser.

Each transferee of a beneficial interest in a Regulation S Global Note, Restricted Global Note or Regulation S Global Preference Share will be deemed to make the same representations and warranties at the time of purchase that a transferee of a Note or Preference Share subject to equivalent transfer restrictions that is required to deliver a transfer certificate would be required to make pursuant to such transferee certificate.

Each transferee of an Offered Security that is required to deliver a transfer certificate will be required, pursuant to such transferee certificate, and each transferee who is not required to deliver a certificate will be deemed (a) to acknowledge, represent and warrant to and agree with

the Issuer and the Trustee as to the matters set forth in each of paragraphs (1) through (17) above (other than paragraph (6) above) as if each reference therein to "the purchaser" were instead a reference to the transferee and (b) to further represent and warrant to and agree with the Co-Issuers and the Trustee (in the case of a Note) or the Preference Share Paying Agent (in the case of a Preference Share) as follows:

(1) In the case of a transferee who takes delivery of a beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note, it (i) is a Qualified Institutional Buyer and also a Qualified Purchaser; (ii) is not a dealer described in paragraph (a)(1)(ii) of Rule 144A unless such purchaser owns and invests on a discretionary basis at least U.S.\$25,000,000 in securities of issuers that are not affiliated persons of the dealer; (iii) is not a plan referred to in paragraph (a)(1)(i)(D) or (a)(1)(i)(E) of Rule 144A, or a trust fund referred to in paragraph (a)(1)(i)(F) of Rule 144A that holds the assets of such a plan, unless investment decisions with respect to the plan are made solely by the fiduciary, trustee or sponsor of such plan; (iv) it will provide written notice of the foregoing, and of any applicable restrictions on transfer, to any transferee; (v) is aware that the sale to it is being made in reliance on Rule 144A or, in the case of a Class A-2 Note, in accordance with the transfer and certification requirements set forth in the Class A-2 Notes Supplement; and (vi) is acquiring such Offered Securities for its own account. In the case of a transferee who takes delivery of a Restricted Definitive Preference Share, unless such transfer is effected in accordance with another exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act (and such certifications, legal opinions or other information as the Issuer has reasonably required to confirm that such transfer is being made pursuant to an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the registration requirements of the Securities Act have been delivered), it is a Qualified Institutional Buyer purchasing for its own account. In the case of a transferee who takes delivery of Regulation S Notes or Regulation S Preference Shares, it (i) is acquiring such Notes or Preference Shares in an offshore transaction in accordance with Rule 903 or Rule 904 of Regulation S; (ii) is acquiring such Notes or Preference Shares for its own account; (iii) is not acquiring, and has not entered into any discussions regarding its acquisition of, such Notes or Preference Shares while it is in the United States or any of its territories or possessions; (iv) understands that such Notes and Preference Shares are being sold without registration under the Securities Act by reason of an exemption that depends, in part, on the accuracy of these representations; (v) understands that such Notes or Preference Shares may not, absent an applicable exemption, be transferred without registration and/or qualification under the Securities Act and applicable state securities laws and the laws of any other applicable jurisdiction (vi) in the case of a transferee of a Regulation S Note, understands that interests in a Regulation S Global Note may only be held through Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg and (vii) in the case of a transferee of a Regulation S Preference Share, understands that interest in a Regulation S Global Preference Share may only be held through Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg and that such interest may not be held by or transferred to a Benefit Plan Investor. In addition, each Preference Shareholder must provide the Issuer and the Share Registrar an executed letter in the appropriate form attached to the Preference Share Paying and Transfer Agency Agreement or, in the case of a holder of an interest in a Regulation S

Global Preference Share, must execute and deliver a letter in the form attached as Exhibit A hereof.

(2) It acknowledges that the foregoing acknowledgements, representations, warranties and agreements will be relied upon by the Issuer and the Trustee (in the case of a Note) or the Preference Share Paying Agent (in the case of a Preference Share) for the purpose of determining its eligibility to purchase Offered Securities. It agrees to provide, if requested, any additional information that may be required to substantiate its status as a Qualified Institutional Buyer or an Accredited Investor or under the exception provided pursuant to Section 3(c)(7) of the Investment Company Act, to determine compliance with ERISA and/or Section 4975 of the Code or to otherwise determine its eligibility to purchase Offered Securities.

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. For fourteen days following the date of this Offering Circular, copies of the Issuer Charter, the Certificate of Incorporation and By-laws of the Co-Issuer, the Administration Agreement, the Indenture, the Preference Share Paying Agency Agreement, the Collateral Administration Agreement, form of Investor Application Form, the Collateral Management Agreement and the Hedge Agreements (but not the Basis Swap or the Class A-2 Agency and Amending Agreement) will be available for inspection and the transfer certificates will be available for inspection at the offices of the Issuer. The Issuer is not required by Cayman Islands law and the Issuer does not intend, to publish annual reports and accounts. The Co-Issuer is not required by Delaware state law, and the Co-Issuer does not intend, to publish annual reports and accounts. The Indenture, however, requires the Issuer to provide the Trustee with a written certificate, on an annual basis, that to the best of its knowledge following review of the activities of the prior year, no Event of Default has occurred or if there has been an Event of Default, the certificate shall set forth the nature and status thereof, including actions undertaken to remedy the same.
2. Copies of the Issuer Charter, the Certificate of Incorporation and By-laws of the Co-Issuer, the Administration Agreement, form of Investor Application Form, the resolutions of the Board of Directors of the Issuer authorizing the issuance of the Notes, the Preference Shares and the ordinary shares and the execution of the Indenture, the Preference Share Paying Agency Agreement, the Collateral Administration Agreement, the Collateral Management Agreement and the Hedge Agreements and the resolutions of the Board of Directors of the Co-Issuer authorizing the issuance of the Notes and the Indenture (but not the Basis Swap or the Class A-2 Agency and Amending Agreement) will be available for inspection during the term of the Notes in the city of Houston, Texas at the office of the Trustee.
3. Each of the Co-Issuers represents that there has been no material adverse change in its financial position since its date of creation.
4. Neither of the Co-Issuers is involved in any litigation or arbitration proceedings relating to claims on amounts which are material in the context of the issue of the Offered Securities, nor, so far as either of the Co-Issuers is aware, is any such litigation or arbitration involving it pending or threatened.
5. The issuance of the Offered Securities was authorized by the Board of Directors of the Issuer on July 23, 2004. The issuance of the Notes was authorized by the Board of Directors of the Co-Issuer on.
6. Notes sold in offshore transactions in reliance on Regulation S and represented by Global Notes have been accepted for clearance through Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg. The table below lists the CUSIP (CINS) Numbers and the International Securities Identification Numbers (ISIN) for the Global Notes:

	<u>Regulation S Common Codes</u>	<u>Regulation S Global Note CUSIP Numbers</u>	<u>Restricted Global Note CUSIP Numbers</u>	<u>Restricted International Securities Identification Numbers</u>
Class A-1 Notes funded on Closing Date	019720918	G1928AAA5	147276AA7	US147276AA79
Class A-2 Notes	N/A	G1928AAE7	147276AE9	US147276AE91
Class B Notes	019721094	G1928AAF4	147276AF6	US147276AF66
Class C Notes	019721132	G1928AAG2	147276AG4	US147276AG40

7. Preference Shares sold in offshore transactions in reliance on Regulation S and represented by Regulation S Global Preference Shares have been accepted for clearance through Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg. The table below lists the CUSIP (CINS) Numbers and the International Securities Identification Numbers (ISIN) for the Global Preference Shares:

	<u>Regulation S Common Codes</u>	<u>Regulation S Global Note CUSIP Numbers</u>	<u>Restricted Global Note CUSIP Numbers</u>	<u>Restricted International Securities Identification Numbers</u>
Preference Shares	019721221	G19285108	147274203	US1472742030

LEGAL MATTERS

Certain legal matters with respect to the Offered Securities will be passed upon for the Issuer by Schulte Roth & Zabel LLP, New York, New York. Certain matters with respect to Cayman Islands corporate law and tax law will be passed upon for the Issuer by Maples and Calder. Certain legal matters with respect to the Collateral Manager will be passed upon by Tobin & Tobin, San Francisco, California. Certain matters with respect to United States Federal tax law will be passed upon by Chapman and Cutler LLP, San Francisco, California.

SCHEDULE A

Part I Moody's Recovery Rate Matrix

(see definition of "Applicable Recovery Rate")

A. ABS Type Diversified Securities

Percentage of Total Capitalization	Moody's Rating*					
	Aaa	Aa	A	Baa	Ba	B
Greater than 70%	85%	80%	70%	60%	50%	40%
Less than or equal to 70%, but greater than 10%	75%	70%	60%	50%	40%	30%
Less than or equal to 10%	70%	65%	55%	45%	35%	25%

B. ABS Type Residential Securities

Percentage of Total Capitalization	Moody's Rating*					
	Aaa	Aa	A	Baa	Ba	B
Greater than 70%	85%	80%	65%	55%	45%	30%
Less than or equal to 70%, but greater than 10%	75%	70%	55%	45%	35%	25%
Less than or equal to 10%, but greater than 5%	65%	55%	45%	40%	30%	20%
Less than or equal to 5%, but greater than 2%	55%	45%	40%	35%	25%	15%
Less than or equal to 2%	45%	35%	30%	25%	15%	10%

C. ABS Type Undiversified Securities

Percentage of Total Capitalization	Moody's Rating*					
	Aaa	Aa	A	Baa	Ba	B
Greater than 70%	85%	80%	65%	55%	45%	30%
Less than or equal to 70%, but greater than 10%	75%	70%	55%	45%*	35%	25%
Less than or equal to 10%, but greater than 5%	65%	55%	45%	35%	25%	15%
Less than or equal to 5%, but greater than 2%	55%	45%	35%	30%	20%	10%
Less than or equal to 2%	45%	35%	25%	20%	10%	5%

D. Low-Diversity CDO Securities

Percentage of Total Capitalization	Moody's Rating*					
	Aaa	Aa	A	Baa	Ba	B
Greater than 70%	80%	75%	60%	50%	45%	30%
Less than or equal to 70%, but greater than 10%	70%	60%	55%	45%	35%	25%
Less than or equal to 10%, but greater than 5%	60%	50%	45%	35%	25%	15%
Less than or equal to 5%, but greater than 2%	50%	40%	35%	30%	20%	10%
Less than or equal to 2%	30%	25%	20%	15%	7%	6%

E. High Diversity CDO Securities

Percentage of Total Capitalization	Moody's Rating*					
	Aaa	Aa	A	Baa	Ba	B
Greater than 70%	85%	80%	65%	55%	45%	30%
Less than or equal to 70%, but greater than 10%	75%	70%	60%	50%	40%	25%
Less than or equal to 10%, but greater than 5%	65%	55%	50%	40%	30%	20%
Less than or equal to 5%, but greater than 2%	55%	45%	40%	35%	25%	10%
Less than or equal to 2%	45%	35%	30%	25%	10%	5%

* The rating assigned by Moody's on the closing date for such Collateral Debt Security.

Part II

Standard & Poor's Recovery Rate Matrix

- A. If the Collateral Debt Security (other than a Synthetic Security, REIT Debt Security or a Corporate Guaranteed Security) is the senior-most tranche of securities issued by the issuer of such Collateral Debt Security the recovery rate is as follows:***

Standard & Poor's Rating of Collateral Debt Security	Recovery Rate by Rating of Notes						
	AAA	AA	A	BBB	BB	B	CCC
"AAA"	80.0%	85.0%	90.0%	90.0%	90.0%	90.0%	90.0%
"AA-," "AA" or "AA+"	70.0%	75.0%	85.0%	90.0%	90.0%	90.0%	90.0%
"A-," "A" or "A+"	60.0%	65.0%	75.0%	85.0%	90.0%	90.0%	90.0%
"BBB-," "BBB" or "BBB+"	50.0%	55.0%	65.0%	75.0%	85.0%	85.0%	85.0%

- B. If the Collateral Debt Security (other than a Synthetic Security, REIT Debt Security or a Corporate Guaranteed Security) is not the senior-most tranche of securities issued by the issuer of such Collateral Debt Security the recovery rate is as follows:***

Standard & Poor's Rating of Collateral Debt Security	Recovery Rate by Rating of Notes						
	AAA	AA	A	BBB	BB	B	CCC
"AAA"	65.0%	70.0%	80.0%	85.0%	85.0%	85.0%	85.0%
"AA-," "AA" or "AA+"	55.0%	65.0%	75.0%	80.0%	80.0%	80.0%	80.0%
"A-," "A" or "A+"	40.0%	45.0%	55.0%	65.0%	80.0%	80.0%	80.0%
"BBB-," "BBB" or "BBB+"	30.0%	35.0%	40.0%	45.0%	50.0%	60.0%	70.0%
"BB-," "BB" or "BB+"	10.0%	10.0%	10.0%	25.0%	35.0%	40.0%	50.0%
"B-," "B" or "B+"	2.5%	5.0%	5.0%	10.0%	10.0%	20.0%	25.0%
"CCC+" and below	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.5%	5.0%	5.0%

- C. If the Collateral Debt Security (other than a REIT Debt Security or a Corporate Guaranteed Security) is a Synthetic Security, the recovery rate will be assigned by Standard & Poor's upon the acquisition of such Security by the Issuer.**
- D. If the Collateral Debt Security (other than a Corporate Guaranteed Security) is a REIT Debt Security, the recovery rate will be 40%.**

***If the Collateral Debt Security is a Corporate Guaranteed Security, the recovery rate will be (a) if such Corporate Guaranteed Security is secured and not by its terms subordinate in right of payment, 47.5%, (b) if such Corporate Guaranteed Security is not secured and is not by its terms subordinate in right of payment, 37% and (c) otherwise, 21.5%.**

Part III

Fitch Recovery Rate Matrix

With respect to any Defaulted Security on any Measurement Date, an amount equal to the percentage corresponding to the domicile and seniority of such Defaulted Security, as applicable, as set forth in the matrix below; *provided* that, the applicable percentage shall be the percentage corresponding to the most senior Outstanding Class of Notes then rated by Fitch.

Domicile	Seniority	AAA	AA	A	BBB	BB	B
	ABS Senior (> 10%)	60%	65%	75%	85%	90%	95%
	ABS Senior (< 10%)	48%	56%	64%	72%	76%	80%
	ABS Mezzanine IG (> 10%)	30%	38%	46%	54%	65%	75%
	ABS Mezzanine IG (< 10%)	20%	27%	35%	42%	50%	55%
	ABS Non IG (> 10%)	15%	18%	21%	26%	32%	35%
	ABS Non IG (< 10%)	0%	4%	8%	12%	16%	20%
United States	REITS	52%	55%	59%	62%	63%	65%
United States	Senior Secured (Non IG)	56%	60%	63%	67%	68%	70%
United States	Jr Secured (Non IG)	24%	26%	27%	29%	29%	30%
United States	Senior Unsecured (Non IG)	36%	38%	41%	43%	44%	45%
United States	Subordinate (Non IG)	24%	26%	27%	29%	29%	30%
United States	Senior Unsecured (IG)	44%	47%	50%	52%	54%	55%
United States	Subordinate (IG)	24%	26%	27%	29%	29%	30%
	Emerging Markets	20%	21%	23%	24%	24%	25%
	Japan	16%	17%	18%	19%	20%	20%

SCHEDULE B

FITCH SECTOR AND SUBSECTOR CLASSIFICATIONS

Each Collateral Debt Security is assigned one of seven sectors: CDO, CMBS, Commercial ABS, Consumer ABS, Corporate, REIT and RMBS. In addition, each Collateral Debt Security is assigned an industry. The following includes the sectors and industries which may be assigned to each Collateral Debt Security:

CDO

High Yield Bond
High Yield Loan
SME/Middle Market
IGCorp
SF – Diverse
SF- Real Estate
Market Value

CMBS

Large Loan
Conduit
Credit Tenant Leases

Commercial ABS

Equipment Leases
Franchise Loans
Aircraft Loans/Leases
Dealer Floorplan
Utility Stranded Costs
Weather Bonds
Small Business Loans
Taxi Medallion
Rail Car
Intellectual Property
Stadium Financing
12B1 Fees
Agriculture Loans
Healthcare Receivables
Rental Fleet
Structured Settlements
Inventory Financing
12B1 Fees
Other

Consumer ABS

Credit Cards
Auto Prime
Auto SubPrime
Consumer Loans
Student Loans
Charged Off Credit Cards
Motorcycles
Timeshare
RV/Boats
Other

Corporate

Aerospace & Defense
Automobiles
Banking & Finance
Broadcasting/Media/Cable
Building & Materials
Business Services
Chemicals
Computers & Electronics
Consumer Products Energy
Food, Beverage & Tobacco
Gaming, Leisure & Entertainment
Health Care & Pharmaceuticals
Industrial/Manufacturing
Lodging & Restaurants
Metals & Mining
Packaging & Containers
Paper & Forest Products
Real Estate
Retail (General)
Supermarkets & Drugstores

REIT

Apartments
Diversified
Industrial/Office
Healthcare
Hotels
Retail

RMBS

Prime
Subprime
MFH

Telecommunications
Textiles & Furniture
Transportation
Utilities

Note: Deals guaranteed by an insurer/guarantor should be categorized under Banking & Finance for purposes of Fitch sector.

LTV = Loan to value ratio. RV = Recreational vehicle.

* Fitch Assigned Subsector definitions are subject to reasonable determination and interpretation by the Trustee.

SCHEDULE C
STANDARD & POOR'S ASSET CLASSES

Part A

1. Consumer ABS
Automobile Loan Receivable Securities
Automobile Lease Receivable Securities
Car Rental Receivables Securities
Credit Card Securities
Healthcare Securities
Student Loan Securities
2. Commercial ABS
Cargo Securities
Equipment Leasing Securities
Aircraft Leasing Securities
Small Business Loan Securities
Restaurant and Food Services Securities
Tobacco Litigation Securities
3. Non-RE-REMIC RMBS
Manufactured Housing Loan Securities
4. Non-RE-REMIC CMBS
CMBS – Conduit
CMBS – Credit Tenant Lease
CMBS – Large Loan
CMBS – Single Borrower
CMBS – Single Property
5. CDO Cashflow Securities
cash Flow CBO – at least 80% High Yield Corporate
cash Flow CBO – at least 80% Investment Grade Corporate
cash Flow CLO – at least 80% High Yield Corporate
cash Flow CLO – at least 80% Investment Grade Corporate
6. REITs
REIT – Multifamily & Mobile Home Park
REIT – Retail
REIT – Hospitality
REIT – Office
REIT – Industrial
REIT – Healthcare
REIT – Warehouse
REIT – Self Storage

REIT – Mixed Use

7. Real Estate Operating Companies

Part B

Residential Mortgages

Residential "A"
Residential "B/C"
Home equity loans

Part C

Specialty Structured

Stadium Financings
Project Finance
Future flows

Exhibit A

Form of Purchaser and Transferee Letter For Regulation S Global Preference Shares

Date

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Attention: The Directors

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

Reference is made to the Offering Circular (the "Offering Circular") relating to (i) the offering by Cascade Funding CDO I, Ltd. (the "Issuer") and Cascade Funding CDO I, Inc. (the "Co-Issuer") of Class A-1 First Priority Senior Secured Floating Rate Delayed Draw Notes due March 2042, Class A-2 Second Priority Senior Secured Floating Rate Notes due March 2042, Class B Third Priority Secured Floating Rate Notes due March 2042, Class C Mezzanine Secured Floating Rate Notes Due March 2042 and Preference Shares. Terms used but not defined herein have the respective meanings given to such terms in the Offering Circular.

The Offering Circular provides that Preference Shares offered and sold outside the United States may be offered to non-U.S. Persons which are not Benefit Plan Investors (other than a Foreign Benefit Plan Investor which purchases directly from the Initial Purchaser on the Closing Date) in reliance upon Regulation S under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), and will be issued in the form of one or more Regulation S Global Preference Shares ("Regulation S Global Preference Shares"). The Regulation S Global Preference Shares shall be deposited with, and registered in the name of, DTC (or its nominee). The Preference Shares that we purchase (the "Purchased Preference Shares") will be represented by an interest in a Regulation S Global Preference Share.

We acknowledge that this letter must be delivered to the Issuer, the Preference Share Paying Agent and the Collateral Manager as a condition to the transfer of the Purchased Preference Shares.

In consideration of the foregoing, we agree with the Issuer, the Preference Share Paying Agent and the Preference Share Registrar that prior to any sale, assignment, pledge or other transfer of any of the Preference Shares (or any interest therein) to any transferee, we will:

- (i) cause the transferee to, if required by the Preference Share Paying Agency Agreement, make the applicable certifications to the Issuer, the Preference Share Paying Agent and the Collateral Manager set forth in the Transfer Certificate (as defined in the Preference Share Paying Agency Agreement); and
- (ii) cause the transferee to deliver a letter to the Issuer, the Preference Share Paying Agent and the Preference Share Registrar to the effect that (A) such transferee will, prior to any sale, assignment, pledge or other transfer of any of the Purchased Preference Shares (or any interest therein) to any subsequent transferee, cause such subsequent transferee to take the actions specified in this and the immediately preceding clause (i) (as if each reference to the word "transferee" were a reference to such subsequent transferee); and (B) it is not a benefit plan investor as defined in United States Department of Labor Regulations at 29 C.F.R. §2510.3-101(f) (a "Benefit Plan Investor") and will not transfer its interest in the Preference Share to a benefit plan investor.

We represent and warrant to the Issuer, the Preference Share Paying Agent and the Preference Share Registrar that we are not a [U.S. Benefit Plan Investor]⁶ [Benefit Plan Investor]⁷ or a Controlling Person and we will not transfer our interest in the Preference Share to a Benefit Plan Investor.

We understand that this letter will be relied upon by the Issuer, the Initial Purchasers, the Preference Share Paying Agent, the Preference Share Registrar and the Collateral Manager for the purpose of ensuring that subsequent transferees have notice of, and are subject to, the transfer restrictions applicable to the Purchased Preference Shares and described in the Offering Circular. We agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Issuer, the Initial Purchasers, the Preference Share Paying Agent, the Collateral Manager and the Preference Share Registrar and each of their respective affiliates from and against any loss, damage or liability to the extent due to or arising out of a breach of any representation, warranty or agreement made by us in this letter.

This letter agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the law of the State of New York.

Very truly yours,

NAME OF HOLDER

By: _____

Name:

Title:

⁶ Original Purchaser only.

⁷ Subsequent transferee.

A signed copy of this letter agreement must be faxed to JPMorgan Chase Bank, facsimile number (713) 216-5959, Attention: Institutional Trust Services – Cascade Funding CDO I, Ltd.

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