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Dreyfus High Yield Strategies Fund (Exact name of Registrant as specified in charter)

c/o The Dreyfus Corporation

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Date of reporting period: 3/31/16

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Item 1. Reports to Stockholders.

Dreyfus High Yield Strategies Fund

ANNUAL REPORT March 31, 2016

Dreyfus High Yield Strategies Fund

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The Fund

A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Shareholder:

We are pleased to present this annual report for Dreyfus High Yield Strategies Fund, covering the 12-month period from April 1, 2015 through March 31, 2016. For information about how the fund performed during the reporting period, as well as general market perspectives, we provide a Discussion of Fund Performance on the pages that follow.

The reporting period was a time of varied and, at times, conflicting economic influences. On one hand, the U.S. economy continued to grow as domestic labor markets posted significant gains, housing markets recovered, and lower fuel prices put cash in consumers' pockets. Indeed, these factors, along with low inflation, prompted the Federal Reserve Board in December 2015 to raise short-term interest rates for the first time in nearly a decade.

On the other hand, the global economy continued to disappoint, particularly in China and other emerging markets, where reduced industrial demand and declining currency values sparked substantial declines in commodity prices. These developments proved especially challenging for financial markets in August 2015 and January 2016, when stocks and high yield bonds fell sharply. However, riskier asset classes subsequently recovered a significant portion of their losses when investors' worst fears failed to materialize.

While we are encouraged that stabilizing commodity prices and continued strength in the U.S. economy have recently supported the financial markets, we expect market volatility to persist over the foreseeable future until global economic uncertainty abates. In addition, wide differences in underlying fundamental and technical influences across various asset classes, economic sectors, and regional markets suggest that selectivity may be an important determinant of investment success over the months ahead. We encourage you to discuss the implications of our observations with your financial advisor.

Thank you for your continued confidence and support.

Sincerely,

J. Charles Cardona President The Dreyfus Corporation April 15, 2016

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DISCUSSION OF FUND PERFORMANCE

For the period of April 1, 2015 through March 31, 2016, as provided by Chris Barris, Portfolio Manager

Fund and Market Performance Overview

For the 12-month period ended March 31, 2016, Dreyfus High Yield Strategies Fund produced a total return of -5.43% (on a net asset value basis) and provided aggregate income dividends of \$0.348 per share. In comparison, the BofA Merrill Lynch U.S. High Yield Master II Constrained Index (the "Index"), the fund's benchmark, achieved a total return of -3.96% for the same period.

High yield bonds lost value over the reporting period amid falling commodity prices and intensifying global economic concerns. The fund lagged its benchmark, mainly due to shortfalls in the telecommunications, services and industrials sectors.

The Fund's Investment Approach

The fund primarily seeks high current income. The fund also seeks capital growth as a secondary objective, to the extent consistent with its objective of seeking high current income. The fund invests primarily in income securities of U.S issuers rated below-investment-grade credit quality. Issuers of below-investment-grade securities may include companies in early stages of development and companies with a highly leveraged financial structure. To compensate investors for taking on greater risk, such companies typically must offer higher yields than those offered by more established or conservatively financed companies.

Flight to Safety Hurt Lower Rated Corporate Bonds

The Index's moderately negative total return for the reporting period masked heightened market volatility over the past year. Despite a sustained U.S. economic recovery, worries about economic instability in overseas markets undermined investor sentiment. An economic slowdown in China and sharply falling commodity prices triggered a flight to traditional safe havens over the summer of 2015, hurting riskier corporate bonds while sending prices of high-quality U.S. government securities higher and their yields lower. Market volatility continued during the fall when investor sentiment fluctuated between concerns about troubling global economic conditions and optimism regarding robust job growth and other positive developments in the United States. Expectations that the Federal Reserve Board would begin to raise short-term interest rates for the first time in nearly 10 years, as indeed it did in December, also contributed to heightened market turbulence.

The high yield bond market encountered additional volatility in January 2016 in response to more disappointing economic data from China and declines in crude oil prices to multi-year lows. The market downturn was particularly severe for energy producers and metals-and-mining companies, some of which declared bankruptcy. The broader high yield bond market fared better from mid-February through the reporting period's end, rallying when crude oil prices began to improve, central banks in overseas markets further eased their monetary policies, and investor demand for attractively valued high yield bonds increased. The market rebound enabled the Index to erase a significant portion of its previous declines and end the reporting period with a relatively moderate loss.

Some Security Selections Dampened Fund Results

The fund's performance compared to its benchmark was undermined to a degree by a handful of disappointing credit selections. Laggards during the reporting period included satellite providers in the telecommunications sector. In addition, equipment rental companies in the industrials

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DISCUSSION OF FUND PERFORMANCE (continued)

sector struggled with reduced demand from oil-and-gas producers. The fund's leveraging strategy magnified these shortfalls. We reduced the extent of the fund's borrowing during the worst of the market downturn, but we later increased it to participate more fully in the rebound. Nonetheless, leverage ended the reporting period at a lower level than where it began.

The fund achieved better relative results during the reporting period in other areas. Most notably, underweighted exposure to oil-and-gas and metals producers helped cushion the impact of these industries' steep declines. In addition, strong security selections in the energy and metals-and-mining sectors proved beneficial, as we focused on issuers that proved able to withstand the downturn in commodities prices. Indeed, the fund did not hold any of the companies that defaulted on their debt obligations during the reporting period.

An overweighted position in the gaming sector also helped support relative results. Casinos in the United States proved relatively insensitive to global economic worries, and many benefited from increased customer traffic as fuel costs moderated. In the information technology sector, several software developers contributed positively to relative performance.

Maintaining a Selective Investment Posture

We currently expect the domestic economy to continue to grow, and we have been encouraged by recently improving energy prices. Still, market volatility seems likely to remain elevated in the midst of ongoing global economic uncertainty and softening corporate earnings.

Therefore, as of the reporting period's end, we have retained a selective investment posture. We have maintained underweighted exposure to commodities-related issuers that could be hurt by renewed declines in energy prices, and we have identified relatively few opportunities meeting our investment criteria among retailers. In contrast, we have adopted a more constructive posture among industry groups that tend to be less sensitive to commodity prices, including overweighted positions in the packaging, telecommunications, and health care sectors.

April 15, 2016

Bond funds are subject generally to interest rate, credit, liquidity, and market risks, to varying degrees. Generally, all other factors being equal, bond prices are inversely related to interest-rate changes and rate increases can cause price declines. High yield bonds are subject to increased credit risk and are considered speculative in terms of the issuer's perceived ability to continue making interest payments on a timely basis and to repay principal upon maturity. The use of leverage may magnify the fund's gains or losses. For derivatives with a leveraging component, adverse changes in the value or level of the underlying asset can result in a loss that is much greater than the original investment in the derivative.

¹ Total return includes reinvestment of dividends and any capital gains paid, based upon net asset value per share. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Share price, yield, and investment return fluctuate such that upon redemption, fund shares may be worth more or less than their original cost.

² SOURCE: FACTSET — Reflects reinvestment of dividends and, where applicable, capital gain distributions. On September 25, 2009, the Merrill Lynch U.S. High Yield Master II Constrained Index was renamed the BofA Merrill Lynch U.S. High Yield Master II Constrained Index (the "Index"). The Index is an unmanaged performance benchmark composed of U.S. dollar-denominated domestic and Yankee bonds rated below investment grade with at least \$100 million par amount outstanding and at least one year remaining to maturity. Bonds are capitalization-weighted. Total allocations to an issuer are capped at 2%. Investors cannot invest directly in any index.

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SELECTED INFORMATION

March 31, 2016 (Unaudited)

New York Stock Exchange Ticker Symbol DHF

MARKET PRICE (NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE)

Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2016

	Fiscal Year	Ended March 31	, 2016			
	Quarter Ended		Quarter Ended	•	Quarter Ended	Quarter Ended
	June 3	30, 2015	September 30, 2015	December 3	31, 2015	March 31, 2016
High	\$3.71	\$3.40	\$3.2	29	\$3	.19
Low	3.29	3.06	2.80)	2.7	72
Close	3.34	3.06	3.08	3	3.1	13
PERCEN	NTAGE GAIN	(LOSS) based	on change in Market Price†			
			tions) through March 31, 2		70.70%	
	2006 through M				120.74	
April 1, 2	2011 through M	arch 31, 2016			12.51	
April 1, 2	2015 through M	arch 31, 2016			(4.44)	
July 1, 20)15 through Ma	rch 31, 2016			1.91	
October 1	1, 2015 through	March 31, 2016	Ó		8.27	
January 1	, 2016 through	March 31, 2016)		3.59	
NET AS	SET VALUE I	PER SHARE				
April 29,	1998 (commen	cement of opera	itions)		\$15.00	
March 31	, 2015				3.84	
June 30, 2	2015				3.77	
Septembe	er 30, 2015				3.46	
Decembe	er 31, 2015				3.22	
March 31	, 2016				3.26	
PERCEN	NTAGE (LOSS	S) based on chan	ge in Net Asset Value [†]			
April 29,	1998 (commen	cement of opera	tions) through March 31, 2	016	77.73%	
April 1, 2	2006 through M	arch 31, 2016			101.85	
April 1, 2	2011 through M	arch 31, 2016			28.71	
April 1, 2	2015 through M	arch 31, 2016			(5.43)	
July 1, 20)15 through Ma	rch 31, 2016			(6.00)	
October 1	1, 2015 through	March 31, 2016	5		(0.31)	

With dividends reinvested.

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STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS

January 1, 2016 through March 31, 2016

March 31, 2016

Bonds and Notes - 141.7%	Coupon Rate (%)	Maturity	Principal	Value (\$)
	F (/ -)	Date	Amount (\$)	(+)

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Casinos - 9.5%					
Boyd Gaming,	9.00	7/1/20	2,330,000	b	2,469,800
Gtd. Notes	7.00	771720	2,330,000	U	2,407,000
Boyd Gaming,	6.88	5/15/23	1,075,000	b	1,150,250
Gtd. Notes	0.00	0,10,20	1,072,000		1,100,200
Boyd Gaming,	6.38	4/1/26	1,455,000	b,c	1,516,837
Gtd. Notes		., 1, 20	1,100,000		1,010,007
International Game Technology,	6.25	2/15/22	1,750,000	b,c	1,789,025
Sr. Scd. Notes			,,		, ,
MGM Resorts International,	11.38	3/1/18	6,310,000	b	7,322,124
Gtd. Notes			, ,		, ,
MGM Resorts International,	7.75	3/15/22	740,000	b	826,950
Gtd. Notes			,		,
Peninsula Gaming,	8.38	2/15/18	525,000	b,c	536,813
Gtd. Notes					
Pinnacle Entertainment,	8.75	5/15/20	1,095,000	b	1,136,063
Gtd. Notes					
Pinnacle Entertainment,	7.50	4/15/21	1,695,000	b	1,764,919
Gtd. Notes					
Scientific Games International,	10.00	12/1/22	4,915,000	b	4,005,725
Gtd. Notes				22	510 506
Consumor Dispretionary 10 8%				44	2,518,506
Consumer Discretionary - 19.8%					
American Builders & Contractors Supply, Sr. Unscd. Notes	5.75	12/15/23	895,000	b,c	933,038
Beacon Roofing Supply, Gtd. Notes	6.38	10/1/23	805,000	b,c	857,325
Brookfield Residential Properties,					
Gtd. Notes	6.50	12/15/20	1,250,000	b,c	1,200,000
Cablevision Systems,					
Sr. Unsed. Notes	8.63	9/15/17	2,675,000	b	2,835,500
CalAtlantic Group,					
Gtd. Notes	8.38	5/15/18	2,025,000	b	2,262,937
CCO Holdings,					
Gtd. Notes	6.63	1/31/22	2,945,000	b	3,106,975
CCO Holdings,					
Gtd. Notes	5.75	9/1/23	640,000	b	665,600
CCO Holdings,					
Gtd. Notes	5.88	4/1/24	745,000	b,c	782,250
Cequel Communications Holdings I,					
Sr. Unscd. Notes	6.38	9/15/20	1,690,000	b,c	1,681,550
ClubCorp Club Operations,					
Gtd. Notes	8.25	12/15/23	1,575,000	b,c	1,512,000
DriveTime Automotive Group,					
Sr. Scd. Notes	8.00	6/1/21	1,185,000	b,c	1,030,950
Ferrellgas Partners,	0.50				
Sr. Unscd. Notes	8.63	6/15/20	2,785,000	b	2,590,050
Gray Television,	7.50	10/1/20	0.7.5.000		1.022.725
Gtd. Notes	7.50	10/1/20	975,000	b	1,033,500
Hillman Group,	C 20	7115100	1.065.000		1.060.600
Sr. Unscd. Notes	6.38	7/15/22	1,265,000	b,c	1,062,600

iHeartCommunications, Sr. Scd. Notes 9.00 12/15/19 1,865,000 b 1,387,094

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Bonds and Notes - 141.7% (continued)	Coup Rate (%)	_	Maturity Date	Princip Amou (\$)	oal nt aValue (\$)
Consumer Discretionary - 19.8% (continued) Midcontinent Communications & Midcontinent Finance,					
Gtd. Notes		6.88	8/15/23	1,155,000	b,c 1,201,200
MPG Holdco I,					
Gtd. Notes		7.38	10/15/22	1,730,000	b 1,721,350
Neiman Marcus Group,					
Gtd. Notes		8.75	10/15/21	1,890,000	b,c 1,465,922
Nexstar Broadcasting,					
Gtd. Notes		6.88	11/15/20	1,615,000	ь 1,683,637
RCN Telecom Services,					
Sr. Unscd. Notes		8.50	8/15/20	2,805,000	b,c 2,815,519
Rite Aid,					
Gtd. Notes		6.75	6/15/21	1,860,000	ь 1,969,275
Schaeffler Holding Finance,					
Sr. Scd. Notes		6.75	11/15/22	610,000	b,c 666,425
Sinclair Television Group,			44464	4 600 000	4.606.000
Gtd. Notes		6.38	11/1/21	1,600,000	b 1,696,000
StoneMor Partners,		7.00	C 11 10 1	1 7 40 000	1.550.050
Gtd. Notes		7.88	6/1/21	1,540,000	ь 1,559,952
TI Group Automotive Systems,		0.75	7.11.5.10.0	1 200 000	1 1 1 5 0 0 0 0
Sr. Unscd. Notes		8.75	7/15/23	1,200,000	b,c 1,158,000
Townsquare Media,		(50	4/1/02	1 205 000	1 1 226 012
Gtd. Notes		6.50	4/1/23	1,285,000	b,c 1,236,812
United Rentals North America,		7.62	4/15/22	1 200 000	h 1026 000
Gtd. Notes		7.03	4/13/22	1,800,000	b 1,926,000
Univision Communications,		6.75	9/15/22	1,020,000	b,c 1,086,300
Sr. Scd. Notes		0.75	9113122	1,020,000	0,0 1,000,300
Wave Holdco,		8 25	7/15/19	1,175,625	b,c 1,152,113
Sr. Unscd. Notes		0.23	1113/17	1,175,025	5,5 1,132,113
William Lyon Homes,		8 50	11/15/20	2,585,000	b 2,665,352
Gtd. Notes		0.50	11/13/20	2,202,000	
					46,945,226
Consumer Staples - 4.7%					
Albea Beauty Holdings,		8.38	11/1/19	3,040,000	b,c 3,214,800
Sr. Scd. Notes				,	,
Bakkavor Finance 2,	GBP	8.75	6/15/20	975,000	1,509,040
Sr. Scd. Notes				•	•
New Albertsons,		8.00	5/1/31	540,000	513,000
Sr. Unscd. Bonds		0.00	11/15/00	005 000	hc 0 5 4 400
		9.00	11/15/20	985,000	b,c 854,488

Pinnacle Operating,			
Scd. Notes			
Post Holdings,	7 20 2/15/22	1,815,000	b 1.926.169
Gtd. Notes	7.38 2/15/22	1,813,000	ь 1,926,169
Post Holdings,	8.00 7/15/25	1,310,000	h a 1 460 650
Gtd. Notes	8.00 7/15/25	1,310,000	b,c 1,460,650
RSI Home Products,	6.50 3/15/23	1,460,000	b,c 1,529,350
Scd. Notes	0.30 3/13/23	1,400,000	0,0 1,329,330
			11,007,497
Energy - 5.6%			
Bonanza Creek Energy,	6.75 4/15/21	505 000	h 1/2 025
Gtd. Notes			
Gld. Notes	0.75 4/13/21	505,000	ь 143,925
Carrizo Oil & Gas,		,	,
	7.50 9/15/20	,	b 2,451,562
Carrizo Oil & Gas,	7.50 9/15/20	2,615,000	ь 2,451,562
Carrizo Oil & Gas, Gtd. Notes		,	,

STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS (continued)

Bonds and Notes - 141.7% (continued)	Coupon Rate (%)	Maturity Date	Amo	•	Value (\$)
Energ	gy - 5.6% (c	continued)			
Continental Resources, Gtd. Notes	3.80	6/1/24	610,000	b	484,950
Energy Transfer Equity, Sr. Scd. Notes	7.50	10/15/20	1,800,000	b	1,741,500
Forum Energy Technologies, Gtd. Notes	6.25	10/1/21	1,465,000	b	1,267,225
Genesis Energy, Gtd. Notes	6.75	8/1/22	1,900,000	b	1,767,000
Matador Resources, Gtd. Notes	6.88	4/15/23	1,050,000	b	1,010,625
Rice Energy, Gtd. Notes	6.25	5/1/22	605,000	b	529,375
RSP Permian, Gtd. Notes	6.63	10/1/22	920,000	b	910,800
Sanchez Energy, Gtd. Notes	7.75	6/15/21	935,000	b	553,988
Targa Resources Partners, Gtd. Notes	6.88	2/1/21	1,005,000	b	989,925
Whiting Petroleum, Gtd. Notes	5.00	3/15/19	410,000	b	285,975
Whiting Petroleum, Gtd. Notes	5.75	3/15/21	545,000	b	365,150
				13	3,242,300

Financials - 19.2%						
Ally Financial,		7.50	9/15/20	860,000	b	954,600
Gtd. Notes		7.50	9113120	800,000	U	934,000
Ally Financial,		8.00	11/1/31	2,275,000	b	2,604,875
Gtd. Notes		0.00	11/1/51	2,273,000		2,001,075
Argos Merger Sub,		7.13	3/15/23	2,645,000	b,c	2,818,247
Sr. Unscd. Notes		,.15	5, 15, 25	2,012,000		2,010,217
Ashton Woods USA/Finance,		6.88	2/15/21	1,320,000	b,c	1,089,000
Sr. Unscd. Notes			_,,	-,,		-,,
Cabot Financial,	GBP	8.38	8/1/20	475,000		699,804
Sr. Scd. Notes				,		,
Communications Sales & Leasing,	,	8.25	10/15/23	1,985,000	b	1,846,050
Gtd. Notes						, ,
Consolidated Energy Finance,		6.75	10/15/19	1,081,000	b,c	1,035,058
Gtd. Notes						
Garfunkelux Holdco 2, Sr. Scd. Bonds	GBP	11.00	11/1/23	2,045,000	c	2,815,965
Hub Holdings,						
Sr. Unscd. Notes		8.13	7/15/19	2,640,000	b,c	2,442,000
HUB International,						
Sr. Unscd. Notes		7.88	10/1/21	1,175,000	b,c	1,160,313
International Lease Finance,						
Sr. Unscd. Notes		8.88	9/1/17	1,675,000	b	1,805,650
International Lease Finance,						
Sr. Unscd. Notes		8.25	12/15/20	3,195,000	b	3,742,144
International Lease Finance,						
Sr. Unscd. Notes		8.63	1/15/22	1,255,000	b	1,513,844
KCG Holdings,		6.00	2 /1 5 /20	1 177 000		1.016.075
Sr. Scd. Notes		6.88	3/15/20	1,175,000	b,c	1,016,375
Ladder Capital Finance Holdings,		7.20	10/1/17	1 100 000		1 007 250
Sr. Unscd. Notes		7.38	10/1/17	1,100,000	b	1,097,250
Lloyds Bank,	GBP	10.75	12/16/21	2 205 000	a	2 620 961
Sub. Notes	UDP	10.75	12/16/21	2,385,000	d	3,629,861
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Bonds and Notes - 141.7% (continued)	Cou Rate	pon e (%)	Maturity Date	Princip Amou (\$)	-	Value (\$)
Financials - 19.2% (continued)						
Lloyds Bank, Sub. Notes	EUR	11.88	12/16/21	690,000	d	846,907
56611(666)						
Lloyds Banking Group, Jr. Sub. Bonds		7.50	4/30/49	707,000	d	701,627
Navient,		8.45	6/15/18	2,675,000	b	2,875,625
Sr. Unscd. Notes		0.43	0/13/10	2,073,000	U	2,673,023
Provident Funding Associates, Gtd. Notes		6.75	6/15/21	2,205,000	b,c	2,100,262

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Royal Bank of Scotland, Sub. Notes		9.50	3/16/22	1,530,000	d 1,621,257
Royal Bank of Scotland Group,					
Jr. Sub. Bonds		8.00	12/29/49	1,920,000	d 1,835,520
Solera Finance,					
Sr. Unscd. Notes		10.50	3/1/24	1,690,000	b,c 1,702,675
USI,					
Sr. Unscd. Notes		7.75	1/15/21	2,355,000	b,c 2,363,831
York Risk Services Holding,					
Gtd. Notes		8.50	10/1/22	1,930,000	b,c 1,242,437
					45,561,177
Health Care - 15.9%					, ,
Auris Luxembourg II,	ELID	9.00	1/15/22	1 165 000	1 450 415
Sr. Unsed. Bonds	EUR	8.00	1/15/23	1,165,000	1,459,415
Auris Luxembourg II,	EUR	8.00	1/15/23	530,000	c 663,940
Sr. Unscd. Bonds	LUK	8.00	1/13/23	330,000	003,940
Capsugel,		7.00	5/15/19	1,775,000	b,c 1,787,203
Sr. Unscd. Notes		7.00	3/13/17	1,773,000	0,0 1,707,203
Centene Escrow,		5.63	2/15/21	565,000	b,c 590,425
Sr. Unscd. Notes		5.05	2/13/21	202,000	-,- 370,123
Centene Escrow,		6.13	2/15/24	565,000	b,c 596,075
Sr. Unscd. Notes		0.10	_, 10,	202,000	6,0,0,0
CHS/Community Health Systems	,	8.00	11/15/19	1,900,000	ь 1,859,625
Gtd. Notes				, ,	, ,
CHS/Community Health Systems	,	6.88	2/1/22	1,145,000	b 1,039,088
Gtd. Notes					
Concordia Healthcare, Gtd. Notes		9.50	10/21/22	870,000	b,c 846,075
ConvaTec Finance International,					
Gtd. Notes		8.25	1/15/19	3,660,000	b,c 3,639,412
Endo Finance,					
Gtd. Notes		6.00	7/15/23	815,000	b,c 771,194
HCA,					
Gtd. Notes		7.50	2/15/22	5,470,000	b 6,222,125
IASIS Healthcare,		0.20	5 /1 5 /1 O	1 405 000	1 202 506
Gtd. Notes		8.38	5/15/19	1,405,000	ь 1,392,706
Jaguar Holding Co. II,		6.20	0/1/22	1 225 000	h - 1 260 902
Gtd. Notes		6.38	8/1/23	1,225,000	b,c 1,260,892
JLL/Delta Dutch Pledgeco,		8.75	5/1/20	1,794,000	b,c 1,753,635
Sr. Unscd. Notes		0.75	3/1/20	1,794,000	0,0 1,755,055
Kindred Healthcare,		8.75	1/15/23	3,515,000	ь 3,378,794
Gtd. Notes		0.75	1/13/23	3,313,000	3,370,774
LifePoint Health,		5.88	12/1/23	290,000	ь 303,775
Gtd. Notes		2.00	12/1/23	270,000	303,775
Prestige Brands,		6.38	3/1/24	890,000	b,c 932,275
Gtd. Notes				,	,
Tenet Healthcare,		5.00	3/1/19	390,000	b,d 387,563
Sr. Unscd. Notes				,	,
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Bonds and Notes - 141.7% (continued	Coupon Rate (%)	Maturity Date	Princip Amou (\$)	pal nt aValue (\$)
Health Care - 15.9% (continued)			(Ψ)	
Tenet Healthcare,	8.13	4/1/22	5,355,000	b 5,535,731
Sr. Unscd. Notes	0.13	7/1/22	3,333,000	0 3,333,731
Valeant Pharmaceuticals International,	7.50	7/15/21	3,940,000	b,c 3,302,193
Gtd. Notes			, ,	
Industrials - 13.3%				37,722,141
Acosta,		10/1/00	1 177 000	1 000 550
Sr. Unscd. Notes	7.75	10/1/22	1,175,000	b,c 1,092,750
Advanced Disposal Services,	8.25	10/1/20	2,930,000	ь 3,002,957
Gtd. Notes	0.23	10/1/20	2,730,000	0 3,002,737
Ahern Rentals,	7.38	5/15/23	2,265,000	b,c 1,574,175
Scd. Notes			, ,	, ,
ATS Automation Tooling Systems, Sr. Unscd. Notes	6.50	6/15/23	885,000	b,c 912,656
Bombardier,				
Sr. Unscd. Notes	7.75	3/15/20	425,000	b,c 367,625
Bombardier,	7.50	3/15/25	745,000	b,c 569,925
Sr. Unscd. Notes	7.50	3/13/23	743,000	0,0 309,923
Cemex,	9.50	6/15/18	1,795,000	c 1,904,944
Sr. Scd. Notes			, ,	, ,
Cemex, Sr. Scd. Notes	7.75	4/16/26	1,310,000	c 1,345,894
Cemex Espana,				
Sr. Scd. Notes	9.88	4/30/19	725,000	c 765,600
DPx Holdings,	7.50	2/1/22	1,990,000	b,c 1,987,512
Sr. Unscd. Notes	7.50	2/1/22	1,990,000	0,0 1,907,312
Galapagos Holding,	EUR 7.00	6/15/22	700,000	c 730,420
Sr. Scd. Notes Gardner Denver,				
Sr. Unsed. Notes	6.88	8/15/21	1,095,000	b,c 900,638
Gates Global,	6.00	7/15/00	1 105 000	. 1.010.100
Gtd. Notes	6.00	7/15/22	1,185,000	b,c 1,019,100
H&E Equipment Services,	7.00	9/1/22	750,000	b 765,000
Gtd. Notes	7.00	711122	750,000	705,000
HD Supply,	11.50	7/15/20	3,725,000	ь 4,151,047
Gtd. Notes Mobile Mini,				
Gtd. Notes	7.88	12/1/20	945,000	ь 980,438
Navios Maritime Acquisition,	0.10	11/15/01	455.000	. 217.062
Sr. Scd. Notes	8.13	11/15/21	475,000	b,c 317,063
Navios South American Logistics,	7.25	5/1/22	545,000	b,c 354,250
Gtd. Notes				
	8.50	4/15/21	1,570,000	b 1,636,725

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				31,499,395
Zachry Holdings, Sr. Unscd. Notes	7.50	2/1/20	2,300,000	b,c 2,254,000
Sr. Unsed. Notes	,.00), I, I)	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	77 700,000
XPO Logistics,	7.88	9/1/19	950,000	b,c 988,000
Gtd. Notes	6.50	6/15/22	1,815,000	b,c 1,771,894
XPO Logistics,	6.50	(115100	1.015.000	1 771 004
Sr. Scd. Notes	6.50	4/1/23	2,038,000	b,c 2,106,782
Reliance Intermediate Holdings,	6.50	4/1/00	2 020 000	. 2.106.702
Gtd. Notes				
Nortek,				

Bonds and Notes - 141.7% (continued)	Coupon Rate (%)	Maturity Date	Principal Amount Value (\$) (\$)	
Information Technology - 4.9 % Ensemble S Merger Sub, Sr. Notes	9.00	9/30/23	2,030,000	b,c 1,997,012
First Data, Gtd. Notes	7.00	12/1/23	4,450,000	b,c 4,511,187
Infor Software Parent, Gtd. Notes	7.13	5/1/21	2,410,000	b,c 1,813,525
Infor US, Gtd. Notes	6.50	5/15/22	1,335,000	b 1,221,525
Riverbed Technology, Gtd. Notes	8.88	3/1/23	2,075,000	b,c 2,075,000
Materials - 19.3%				11,618,249
ArcelorMittal, Sr. Unsed. Bonds	10.85	6/1/19	4,473,000	b,d 5,020,942
Ardagh Finance Holdings, Sr. Unscd. Notes	8.63	6/15/19	2,288,668	b,c 2,220,008
Ardagh Packaging Finance, Gtd. Notes	9.13	10/15/20	2,000,000	b,c 2,061,250
Ardagh Packaging Finance, Gtd. Notes	UR 9.25	10/15/20	1,625,000	1,936,932
Axalta Coating Systems/Dutch, Gtd. Notes	7.38	5/1/21	2,625,000	b,c 2,789,062
Boise Cascade, Gtd. Notes	6.38	11/1/20	985,000	ь 987,463
BWAY Holding, Sr. Unscd. Notes	9.13	8/15/21	5,750,000	b,c 5,160,625
Eco Services Operations, Sr. Unscd. Notes	8.50	11/1/22	720,000	b,c 666,000
Freeport-McMoRan, Gtd. Notes	3.55	3/1/22	1,435,000	ь 1,008,088

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Freeport-McMoRan, Gtd. Notes		3.88	3/15/23	1,205,000	b	822,413
Global Brass & Copper, Sr. Scd. Notes		9.50	6/1/19	1,655,000	b	1,754,300
Hexion, Sr. Scd. Notes		8.88	2/1/18	220,000	b	151,800
Hexion, Sr. Scd. Notes		10.00	4/15/20	1,125,000	b	1,015,313
Horizon Holdings I, Sr. Unscd. Notes	EUR	7.25	8/1/23	570,000	c	685,332
INEOS Group Holdings, Scd. Notes		6.13	8/15/18	1,300,000	b,c	1,326,806
INEOS Group Holdings, Scd. Notes	EUR	6.50	8/15/18	750,000		874,289
Mercer International, Gtd. Notes		7.75	12/1/22	2,620,000	b	2,623,275
Platform Specialty Products, Sr. Unscd. Bonds		10.38	5/1/21	2,295,000	b,c	2,226,150
Ply Gem Industries, Gtd. Notes		6.50	2/1/22	435,000	b	428,475
Reynolds Group, Gtd. Notes		8.50	5/15/18	1,375,000	b,d	1,376,719
Reynolds Group, Gtd. Notes		9.88	8/15/19	2,765,000	b	2,866,959
Sappi Papier Holding, Sr. Scd. Notes		7.75	7/15/17	730,000	b,c	768,325
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Bonds and Notes - 141.7% (continued)	Coupon Rate (%)	Maturity Date	Principal Amount aValue (\$) (\$)				
Materials - 19.3% (continued)							
Signode Industrial Group, Gtd. Notes	6.38	5/1/22	2,520,000	b,c 2,302,650			
Summit Materials, Gtd. Notes	8.50	4/15/22	1,030,000	c 1,068,625			
Trinseo Materials Operating, Sr. Unscd. Notes	6.75	5/1/22	1,450,000	b,c 1,453,625			
Tronox Finance, Gtd. Notes	6.38	8/15/20	1,110,000	b 858,863			
Univar, Gtd. Notes	6.75	7/15/23	1,200,000	b,c 1,177,500			
Telecommunications - 23.79	76			45,631,789			
	6.45	3/15/29	2,295,000	2,449,912			

Alcatel-Lucent USA,				
Sr. Unscd. Notes				
Altice,	7.75	5/15/22	2 220 000	b,c 2,304,556
Gtd. Notes	1.13	3/13/22	2,330,000	0,0 2,304,330
Altice,	7.63	2/15/25	1,500,000	h a 1 440 000
Gtd. Notes	7.03	2/13/23	1,300,000	b,c 1,440,000
Altice Finco,	7.62	0/15/05	210,000	h - 202 125
Gtd. Notes	7.63	2/15/25	210,000	b,c 202,125
Altice Finco,	0.00	10/15/00	2 000 000	1 2 160 000
Sr. Scd. Notes	9.88	12/15/20	2,000,000	b,c 2,160,000
Altice Finco,	0.12	1/15/04	1 000 000	h a 1 000 500
Sr. Scd. Notes	8.13	1/15/24	1,900,000	b,c 1,890,500
CenturyLink,	675	10/1/02	2 000 000	1. 2.007.275
Sr. Unscd. Notes, Ser. W	6.75	12/1/23	3,900,000	ь 3,807,375
Cincinnati Bell,	0.20	10/15/20	1 025 000	1 045 500
Gtd. Notes	8.38	10/15/20	1,025,000	ь 1,045,500
CPI International,	0.75	2/15/10	410 000	1 1 402 025
Gtd. Notes	8.75	2/15/18	410,000	b,d 402,825
Digicel Group,	0.05	0/20/20	2 175 000	0.720.427
Sr. Unscd. Notes	8.25	9/30/20	3,175,000	c 2,738,437
Digicel Group,	7.10	4/1/00	1 425 000	1 114 020
Sr. Unscd. Notes	7.13	4/1/22	1,425,000	c 1,114,920
DISH DBS,	<i>(</i> 75	C /1 /0.1	2 450 000	. 2.570.750
Gtd. Notes	6.75	6/1/21	3,450,000	ь 3,570,750
Frontier Communications,	10.50	0/15/22	2 605 000	1 - 2 670 904
Sr. Unscd. Notes	10.50	9/15/22	2,605,000	b,c 2,679,894
Frontier Communications,	11.00	0/15/05	2 100 000	. 2217.012
Sr. Unscd. Notes	11.00	9/15/25	3,190,000	b,c 3,217,912
Hughes Satellite Systems,	7.62	6/15/01	2.510.000	1 2 026 012
Gtd. Notes	7.63	6/15/21	3,510,000	ь 3,926,812
Neptune Finco,	10.12	1 /1 5 /00	2 925 000	h - 2 020 012
Sr. Unscd. Notes	10.13	1/15/23	2,825,000	b,c 3,029,812
Neptune Finco,	((2	10/15/05	250,000	1 270 270
Sr. Unscd. Notes	6.63	10/15/25	350,000	b,c 379,278
Sable International Finance,	6.00	0/1/22	1 220 000	h - 1 226 100
Gtd. Notes	6.88	8/1/22	1,220,000	b,c 1,226,100
Sable International Finance,	0.75	2/1/20	1 045 000	1 1 027 250
Sr. Scd. Notes	8.75	2/1/20	1,845,000	b,c 1,937,250
Sprint,	7.00	0/15/02	5 01 000	1 205 ((5
Gtd. Notes	7.88	9/15/23	501,000	ь 385,665
Sprint Capital,	0.75	2/15/20	000 000	1 (20,000
Gtd. Notes	8.75	3/15/32	800,000	ь 630,000
Sprint Communications,	0.00	11/15/10	650,000	h a 60/ 105
Gtd. Notes	9.00	11/15/18	650,000	b,c 684,125
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Coupon Rate (%) a Value (\$)

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Bonds and Notes - 141.7% (continued)		Maturity Date	Principal Amount (\$)		
Telecommunications - 23.7% (c	ontinued)				
Sprint Communications, Sr. Unscd. Notes	11.50	11/15/21	5,325,000	b	4,765,875
T-Mobile USA, Gtd. Bonds	6.63	4/28/21	1,000,000	b	1,050,000
T-Mobile USA, Gtd. Bonds	6.73	4/28/22	1,000,000	b	1,049,800
T-Mobile USA, Gtd. Bonds	6.84	4/28/23	2,840,000	b	3,010,400
T-Mobile USA, Gtd. Notes	6.00	4/15/24	765,000		776,475
Wind Acquisition Finance, Scd. Notes	7.38	4/23/21	2,550,000	b,c	2,320,500
Windstream Services, Gtd. Notes	7.75	10/15/20			