

COHEN & STEERS TOTAL RETURN REALTY FUND INC  
Form N-CSR  
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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM N-CSR**

**CERTIFIED SHAREHOLDER REPORT OF REGISTERED  
MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES**

Investment Company Act file number 811-07154

Cohen & Steers Total Return Realty Fund, Inc.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

280 Park Avenue, New York, NY  
(Address of principal executive offices)

10017  
(Zip code)

Adam M. Derechin

Cohen & Steers Capital Management, Inc.

280 Park Avenue

New York, New York 10017  
(Name and address of agent for service)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (212) 832-3232

Date of fiscal year end: December 31

Date of reporting period: December 31, 2011

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**Item 1. Reports to Stockholders.**

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**COHEN & STEERS TOTAL RETURN REALTY FUND, INC.**

To Our Shareholders:

We would like to share with you our report for the year ended December 31, 2011. The net asset value (NAV) at that date was \$12.30 per common share. The Fund's common stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) and its share price can differ from its NAV; at year end, the Fund's closing price on the NYSE was \$11.91.

The total returns, including income, for the Fund and its comparative benchmarks were:

	Six Months Ended December 31, 2011	Year Ended December 31, 2011
Cohen & Steers Total Return Realty Fund at Market <sup>a</sup>	10.79%	14.13%
Cohen & Steers Total Return Realty Fund at NAV <sup>a</sup>	3.85%	5.91%
FTSE NAREIT Equity REIT Index <sup>b</sup>	1.73%	8.29%
S&P 500 Index <sup>b</sup>	3.69%	2.11%
Blended benchmark 80% FTSE NAREIT Equity REIT Index, 20% BofA Merrill Lynch REIT Preferred Index <sup>b</sup>	0.07%	9.47%

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

### Managed Distribution Policy

Cohen & Steers Total Return Realty Fund, Inc. (the "Fund"), acting in accordance with an exemptive order received from the Securities and Exchange Commission and with approval of its Board of Directors (the "Board"), adopted a managed distribution policy under which the Fund intends to include long-term capital gains, where applicable, as part of the regular quarterly cash distributions to its shareholders (the "Plan"). The Plan will give the Fund greater flexibility to realize long-term capital gains and to distribute those gains on a regular quarterly basis. In accordance with the Plan, the Fund currently distributes \$0.22 per share on a quarterly basis.

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

<sup>a</sup> As a closed-end investment company, the price of the Fund's NYSE-traded shares will be set by market forces and at times may deviate from the NAV per share of the Fund.

<sup>b</sup> The FTSE NAREIT Equity REIT Index is an unmanaged, market-capitalization-weighted index of all publicly traded REITs that invest predominantly in the equity ownership of real estate. The index is designed to reflect the performance of all publicly traded equity REITs as a whole. The S&P 500 Index is an unmanaged index of common stocks that is frequently used as a general measure of stock market performance. The BofA Merrill Lynch REIT

Preferred Index is an unmanaged index of real estate preferred securities.

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Shareholders should not draw any conclusions about the Fund's investment performance from the amount of these distributions or from the terms of the Fund's Plan. The Fund's total return performance on net asset value is presented in the table above as well as the financial highlights table.

The Plan provides that the Board may amend or terminate the Plan at any time without prior notice to Fund shareholders; however, at this time, there are no reasonably foreseeable circumstances that might cause the termination. The termination of the Plan could have the effect of creating a trading discount (if the Fund's stock is trading at or above net asset value) or widening an existing trading discount.

*The Fund implements fair value pricing when the daily change in a specific U.S. market index exceeds a predetermined percentage. Fair value pricing adjusts the valuation of certain non-U.S. holdings to account for such index change following the close of foreign markets. This standard practice has been adopted by a majority of the fund industry. In the event fair value pricing is implemented on the first and/or last day of a performance measurement period, the Fund's return may diverge from the relative performance of its benchmark index, which does not use fair value pricing. An investor cannot invest directly in an index.*

### Investment Review

U.S. real estate securities overcame macro headwinds in 2011 to advance and significantly outperform the broader U.S. equity market. REITs trended upward through July, aided by a steady improvement in real estate fundamentals and low and declining financing costs. However, August brought severe volatility to REITs and broader global capital markets as investors reacted to unsettling developments; the U.S. economy suddenly appeared vulnerable to recession, Standard & Poor's issued its first U.S. credit rating downgrade, Europe's sovereign debt crisis began to spread to the so-called "core" and China's growth trajectory was beginning to slow.

While REITs struggled into September, the group generated fourth-quarter returns large enough to end the year with a gain. Fears of recession eased as late-period U.S. economic data stabilized and demonstrated moderate improvement; in Europe, fiscal and monetary authorities seemed to get a temporary handle on the region's formidable debt problems. Meanwhile, REITs reported third quarter earnings that generally met or exceeded expectations. They also continued to demonstrate ready access to capital, via equity and bond offerings and the refinancing of bank lines with improved terms.

Performance by property type varied widely. The self storage sector (total return of +35.2%<sup>c</sup> in the index) was a standout, benefiting from accelerating cash flow growth driven by improving broader fundamentals, coupled with taking market share from smaller private operators. Apartment owners (+15.1%) also outperformed; fundamentals were aided by improving employment trends among a younger demographic that typically has a higher-than-average propensity to rent.

The gain in regional malls (+22.0%) was driven by a strong return from Simon Property Group, which owns high-quality malls and outlet centers in desirable locations. Certain lower-quality mall owners struggled; this performance reflected a wider sector trend in which companies with the better assets and stronger balance sheets outperformed their peers.

<sup>c</sup> Sector returns as measured by the FTSE NAREIT Equity REIT Index.



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Shopping center REITs ( -0.7%) were among the underperformers. Compared with mall owners, who focus on higher income demographics, shopping centers tend to be susceptible to the broader issues of limited job and wage growth. The office sector ( -0.8%) was restrained by declines in companies focused on suburban properties, where demand has been lackluster. Good performers included companies with office properties concentrated on the east and west coasts. Industrial property companies ( -5.2%) declined as ProLogis, which is 80% of the sector, was hindered by slowing global growth. The company's large presence in Europe was also a liability.

### *REIT preferred securities also advanced*

Preferred securities issued by REITs had a total return of +12.1% in the period as measured by the BofA Merrill Lynch REIT Preferred Index. The group was aided by the factors that lifted real estate common shares and by demand for quality income in a low-yield environment.

### *Fund performance*

The Fund had a positive total return in the period on a NAV basis, although its market price declined after rising 71% in 2010.

The Fund underperformed its blended benchmark in the period on a NAV basis. It was ahead of that benchmark through July, but lost ground in August due to an allocation that continued to favor companies with greater cyclical sensitivity. Economically sensitive stocks were hit the hardest in the market's sudden reversal. We adjusted our cyclical leaning downward to produce a more balanced portfolio reflective of slower economic growth, and with primarily downside tail risks.

From a sector standpoint, our overweight and stock selection in the hotel sector ( -14.3% return in the index) detracted from performance. The group was highly sensitive to economic expectations on both the up and down sides, but ended the year with a loss. Stock selection in the shopping center and apartment sectors also hindered relative returns.

Performance benefited from our stock selection and underweight in office REITs, where we did not own or were underweight companies with secondary assets. Stock selection in the regional mall sector also helped performance; our preference was for owners of high-quality properties. The Fund's allocation to REIT preferred securities had a gain but underperformed the broader REIT preferred market.

### **Investment Outlook**

We expect GDP growth of between 1% and 2% in 2012, with modest but steady gains in employment. This should support continued gradual improvement in real estate fundamentals, given low new supply in most sectors. In this environment, we seek to identify markets with above-average employment (and income) trends. And in an election year that should present opportunities and risks, we will monitor how the results might affect employment in the financial and health care industries, and the Washington, D.C. market generally.

In terms of sector positioning, we like high-quality retail owners with portfolios able to thrive despite disintermediation from e-commerce or the potential loss of major tenants (e.g., Sears). We favor urban office owners that we believe should benefit from the growth of the technology, media and life science employment in markets such as San Francisco, Boston and New York. We expect that apartment companies will continue to benefit from positive demographic trends the key 20-30 year old population





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group is expanding twice as fast as other segments. We remain underweight suburban offices, secondary retail and health care properties.

With regard to REIT preferreds, we note that bond yields are at or near historic lows, and that the Federal Reserve is likely to hold interest rates steady until 2013. In such an environment, demand for the 7-8% yields offered by the mostly investment-grade group is likely to provide relative stability to total returns in the year ahead. For the near term, given recent appreciation, we look for much of the total return from REIT preferreds to be in the form of income returns.

Sincerely,

MARTIN COHEN

*Co-chairman*

ROBERT H. STEERS

*Co-chairman*

JOSEPH M. HARVEY

*Portfolio Manager*

WILLIAM F. SCAPELL

*Portfolio Manager*

THOMAS N. BOHJALIAN

*Portfolio Manager*

*The views and opinions in the preceding commentary are subject to change. There is no guarantee that any market forecast set forth in the commentary will be realized. This material represents an assessment of the market environment at a specific point in time, should not be relied upon as investment advice and is not intended to predict or depict performance of any investment.*

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

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Top Ten Holdings  
(Unaudited)

	Value	% of Net Assets
Security		
Simon Property Group	\$ 12,540,318	10.7%
Equity Residential	6,920,077	5.9
HCP	4,724,760	4.0
Boston Properties	4,249,932	3.6
Vornado Realty Trust	3,605,656	3.1
Ventas	3,566,470	3.0
Public Storage	3,546,517	3.0
ProLogis	3,386,571	2.9
AvalonBay Communities	3,170,707	2.7
Apartment Investment & Management Co.	2,355,790	2.0

Sector Breakdown

(Based on Net Assets)  
(Unaudited)



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December 31, 2011

		Number of Shares	Value
<b>COMMON STOCK</b>	<b>REAL ESTATE</b>	<b>79.7%</b>	
<b>DIVERSIFIED</b>		<b>4.8%</b>	
American Assets Trust		69,052	\$ 1,416,256
Lexington Realty Trust		78,826	590,407
Vornado Realty Trust		46,912	3,605,656
			5,612,319
<b>HEALTH CARE</b>		<b>10.0%</b>	
Cogdell Spencer		47,738	202,887
HCP		114,042	4,724,760
Healthcare Realty Trust		47,600	884,884
LTC Properties		10,100	311,686
Senior Housing Properties Trust		91,848	2,061,069
Ventas		64,692	3,566,470
			11,751,756
<b>HOTEL</b>		<b>5.0%</b>	
Hersha Hospitality Trust		162,319	792,117
Host Hotels & Resorts		119,891	1,770,790
Hyatt Hotels Corp., Class A <sup>a</sup>		40,557	1,526,565
RLJ Lodging Trust		35,148	591,541
Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide		23,800	1,141,686
			5,822,699
<b>INDUSTRIAL</b>		<b>3.7%</b>	
First Industrial Realty Trust <sup>a</sup>		90,605	926,889
ProLogis		118,453	3,386,571
			4,313,460
<b>OFFICE</b>		<b>11.8%</b>	
Alexandria Real Estate Equities		21,686	1,495,683
BioMed Realty Trust		31,722	573,534
Boston Properties		42,670	4,249,932
Douglas Emmett		65,100	1,187,424
Hudson Pacific Properties		65,974	934,192
Kilroy Realty Corp.		24,238	922,741
Liberty Property Trust		47,762	1,474,890
Mack-Cali Realty Corp.		24,326	649,261
SL Green Realty Corp.		35,062	2,336,532
			13,824,189

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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## SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (Continued)

December 31, 2011

		Number of Shares	Value
RESIDENTIAL	16.8%		
APARTMENT	15.7%		
Apartment Investment & Management Co.		102,828	\$ 2,355,790
Associated Estates Realty Corp.		35,918	572,892
AvalonBay Communities		24,278	3,170,707
BRE Properties		18,107	914,041
Education Realty Trust		85,568	875,361
Equity Residential		121,341	6,920,077
Essex Property Trust		8,600	1,208,386
Post Properties		13,499	590,176
UDR		71,568	1,796,357
			18,403,787
MANUFACTURED HOME	1.1%		
Equity Lifestyle Properties		18,106	1,207,489
TOTAL RESIDENTIAL			19,611,276
SELF STORAGE	5.5%		
CubeSmart		147,621	1,570,687
Extra Space Storage		31,437	761,719
Public Storage		26,376	3,546,517
Sovran Self Storage		14,200	605,914
			6,484,837
SHOPPING CENTER	20.5%		
COMMUNITY CENTER	7.0%		
Acadia Realty Trust		74,898	1,508,446
DDR Corp.		70,409	856,878
Federal Realty Investment Trust		20,459	1,856,654
Kimco Realty Corp.		108,064	1,754,959
Ramco-Gershenson Properties Trust		52,400	515,092
Regency Centers Corp.		46,033	1,731,761
			8,223,790

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## SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (Continued)

December 31, 2011

		Number of Shares	Value
REGIONAL MALL	13.5%		
General Growth Properties		103,947	\$ 1,561,284
Simon Property Group		97,257	12,540,318
Taubman Centers		27,761	1,723,958
			15,825,560
TOTAL SHOPPING CENTER			24,049,350
SPECIALTY	1.6%		
Digital Realty Trust		13,200	880,044
DuPont Fabros Technology		39,822	964,489
			1,844,533
TOTAL COMMON STOCK (Identified cost \$69,682,116)			93,314,419
PREFERRED SECURITIES \$25 PAR VALUE	16.3%		
BANK FOREIGN	0.2%		
National Westminster Bank PLC, 7.76%, Series C		13,358	224,014
INSURANCE MULTI-LINE FOREIGN	0.2%		
ING Groep N.V., 7.375%		15,000	276,450
INTEGRATED TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES	0.4%		
Qwest Corp., 7.50%, due 9/15/51		15,000	396,000
REAL ESTATE	15.5%		
DIVERSIFIED	3.6%		
Capital Lease Funding, 8.125%, Series A		20,000	480,600
Cousins Properties, 7.75%, Series A		26,725	644,072
DuPont Fabros Technology, 7.875%, Series A		20,000	502,200
DuPont Fabros Technology, 7.625%, Series B		10,000	249,400
Forest City Enterprises, 7.375%, Class A		38,000	860,320
Lexington Realty Trust, 6.50%, Series C (\$50 Par Value)		24,900	1,045,551
Lexington Realty Trust, 7.55%, Series D		16,500	394,515
			4,176,658
HEALTH CARE	0.3%		

Health Care REIT, 7.625%, Series F

14,100

363,075

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## SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (Continued)

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		Number of Shares	Value
<b>HOTEL</b>	<b>3.0%</b>		
Ashford Hospitality Trust, 9.00%, Series E		30,000	\$ 730,500
Hersha Hospitality Trust, 8.00%, Series B		25,000	552,500
Hospitality Properties Trust, 7.00%, Series C		16,000	395,680
LaSalle Hotel Properties, 7.25%, Series G		8,900	213,600
Pebblebrook Hotel Trust, 7.875%, Series A		35,000	840,350
Sunstone Hotel Investors, 8.00%, Series A		8,225	193,534
Sunstone Hotel Investors, 8.00%, Series D		25,000	566,250
			3,492,414
<b>INDUSTRIAL</b>	<b>0.8%</b>		
First Potomac Realty Trust, 7.75%, Series A		15,000	384,825
ProLogis, 6.75%, Series R		25,000	599,750
			984,575
<b>OFFICE</b>	<b>0.2%</b>		
Parkway Properties, 8.00%, Series D		10,000	231,600
<b>OFFICE/INDUSTRIAL</b>	<b>0.6%</b>		
PS Business Parks, 6.70%, Series P		30,538	761,618
<b>RESIDENTIAL</b>	<b>2.7%</b>		
<b>APARTMENT</b>	<b>2.1%</b>		
Alexandria Real Estate Equities, 7.00%, Series D		25,000	599,750
Apartment Investment & Management Co., 7.75%, Series U		75,000	1,879,500
			2,479,250
<b>MANUFACTURED HOME</b>	<b>0.6%</b>		
Equity Lifestyle Properties, 8.034%, Series A		28,000	708,680
<b>TOTAL RESIDENTIAL</b>			3,187,930

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## SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (Continued)

December 31, 2011

		Number of Shares	Value
SHOPPING CENTER	3.8%		
COMMUNITY CENTER	2.4%		
Cedar Shopping Centers, 8.875%, Series A		25,000	\$ 594,250
DDR Corp., 7.375%, Series H		19,900	482,575
Kite Realty Group Trust, 8.25%, Series A		10,000	230,500
Ramco-Gershenson Properties Trust, 7.25%, Series D (\$50 Par Value)(Convertible)		15,000	635,850
Saul Centers, 8.00%, Series A		18,700	483,395
Urstadt Biddle Properties, 8.50%, Series C (\$100 Par Value) <sup>b</sup>		4,000	417,800
			2,844,370
REGIONAL MALL	1.4%		
CBL & Associates Properties, 7.75%, Series C		16,000	398,240
CBL & Associates Properties, 7.375%, Series D		49,998	1,183,953
			1,582,193
TOTAL SHOPPING CENTER			4,426,563
SPECIALTY	0.5%		
Entertainment Properties Trust, 9.00%, Series E		20,000	534,600
TOTAL REAL ESTATE			18,159,033
TOTAL PREFERRED SECURITIES \$25 PAR VALUE (Identified cost \$17,993,498)			19,055,497
PREFERRED SECURITIES CAPITAL SECURITIES	1.0%		
BANK	0.5%		
Farm Credit Bank of Texas, 10.00%, due 12/15/20, (\$1,000 Par Value) Series I		500	585,312
FINANCE CREDIT CARD	0.5%		
Capital One Capital VI, 8.875%, due 5/15/40		500,000	521,446
TOTAL PREFERRED SECURITIES CAPITAL			1,106,758

SECURITIES

(Identified cost \$1,002,494)

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## SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (Continued)

December 31, 2011

		Principal Amount	Value
<b>CORPORATE BONDS</b>	1.4%		
<b>REAL ESTATE</b>			
<b>OFFICE</b>	0.4%		
BR Properties SA, 9.00%, due 10/29/49, 144A (Brazil) <sup>b,c</sup>		\$ 500,000	\$ 505,000
<b>SHOPPING CENTER</b>	1.0%		
BR Malls International Finance Ltd., 8.50%, due 1/29/49, 144A (Brazil) <sup>b,c</sup>		500,000	517,500
General Shopping Finance Ltd., 10.00%, due 11/29/49, 144A <sup>c</sup>		620,000	621,550
			1,139,050
<b>TOTAL CORPORATE BONDS</b> (Identified cost \$1,620,000)			1,644,050
		Number of Shares	
<b>SHORT-TERM</b>			
<b>INVESTMENTS</b>	2.2%		
<b>MONEY MARKET FUNDS</b>			
BlackRock Liquidity Funds: FedFund, 0.01% <sup>d</sup>		1,300,031	1,300,031
Federated Government Obligations Fund, 0.01% <sup>d</sup>		1,300,023	1,300,023
<b>TOTAL SHORT-TERM</b> <b>INVESTMENTS</b> (Identified cost \$2,600,054)			2,600,054
<b>TOTAL INVESTMENTS</b> (Identified cost \$92,898,162)	100.6%		117,720,778
<b>LIABILITIES IN EXCESS OF</b> <b>OTHER ASSETS</b>	(0.6)		(700,658)
<b>NET ASSETS</b> (Equivalent to \$12.30 per share based on 9,511,857 shares of common stock outstanding)	100.0%		\$ 117,020,120

## Glossary of Portfolio Abbreviation

REIT Real Estate Investment Trust

Note: Percentages indicated are based on the net assets of the Fund.

<sup>a</sup> Non-income producing security.

<sup>b</sup> Illiquid security. Aggregate holdings equal 1.2% of net assets of the Fund.

<sup>c</sup> Resale is restricted to qualified institutional investors. Aggregate holdings equal 1.4% of net assets of the Fund, of which 0.9% are illiquid.

<sup>d</sup> Rate quoted represents the seven day yield of the fund.

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**COHEN & STEERS TOTAL RETURN REALTY FUND, INC.****STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

December 31, 2011

<b>ASSETS:</b>	
Investments in securities, at value (Identified cost \$92,898,162)	\$ 117,720,778
Cash	46,422
Receivable for:	
Dividends and interest	564,802
Investment securities sold	564,312
Other assets	2,241
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>118,898,555</b>
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>	
Payable for:	
Investment securities purchased	1,507,502
Dividends declared	227,172
Investment advisory fees	68,387
Other liabilities	75,374
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>1,878,435</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 117,020,120</b>
<b>NET ASSETS consist of:</b>	
Paid-in capital	\$ 91,782,301
Accumulated undistributed net investment income	289,439
Accumulated undistributed net realized gain	125,764
Net unrealized appreciation	24,822,616
	<b>\$ 117,020,120</b>
<b>NET ASSET VALUE PER COMMON SHARE:</b>	
(\$117,020,120 ÷ 9,511,857 shares outstanding)	\$ 12.30
<b>MARKET PRICE PER SHARE</b>	<b>\$ 11.91</b>
<b>MARKET PRICE DISCOUNT TO NET ASSET VALUE PER SHARE</b>	<b>(3.17)%</b>

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STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

For the Year Ended December 31, 2011

<b>Investment Income:</b>	
Dividend income	\$ 3,018,501
Interest income (net of \$1,575 of foreign withholding tax)	211,353
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>3,229,854</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>	
Investment advisory fees	839,743
Professional fees	75,155
Shareholder reporting expenses	44,489
Custodian fees and expenses	35,421
Administration fees	26,325
Transfer agent fees and expenses	24,100
Directors' fees and expenses	11,372
Miscellaneous	39,639
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>1,096,244</b>
<b>Net Investment Income</b>	<b>2,133,610</b>
<b>Net Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss):</b>	
Net realized gain on investments	7,145,778
Net change in unrealized appreciation	(2,599,041)
<b>Net realized and unrealized gain</b>	<b>4,546,737</b>
<b>Net Increase in Net Assets Resulting from Operations</b>	<b>\$ 6,680,347</b>

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

	For the Year Ended December 31, 2011	For the Year Ended December 31, 2010
Change in Net Assets:		
From Operations:		
Net investment income	\$ 2,133,610	\$ 2,285,155
Net realized gain	7,145,778	12,746,823
Net change in unrealized appreciation	(2,599,041)	11,632,343
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations	6,680,347	26,664,321
Dividends and Distributions to Shareholders from:		
Net investment income	(2,313,157)	(2,486,845)
Net realized gain	(6,029,039)	(11,011,975)
Total dividends and distributions to shareholders	(8,342,196)	(13,498,820)
Capital Stock Transactions:		
Increase in net assets from Fund share transactions	814,661	1,032,376
Total increase (decrease) in net assets	(847,188)	14,197,877
Net Assets:		
Beginning of year	117,867,308	103,669,431
End of year <sup>a</sup>	\$ 117,020,120	\$ 117,867,308

<sup>a</sup> Includes accumulated undistributed net investment income of \$289,439 and \$282,026, respectively.

See accompanying notes to financial statements.





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

For the Year Ended December 31,

Per Share Operating Performance:	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Net asset value, beginning of year	\$ 12.48	\$ 11.06	\$ 8.45	\$ 13.93	\$ 19.74
Income from investment operations:					
Net investment income	0.24	0.29	0.36	0.44	0.52 <sup>a</sup>
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	0.46	2.56	2.78	(4.58)	(3.64)
Total income (loss) from investment operations	0.70	2.85	3.14	(4.14)	(3.12)
Less dividends and distributions to shareholders from:					
Net investment income	(0.24)	(0.27)	(0.37)	(0.41)	(0.52)
Net realized gain	(0.64)	(1.17)		(0.18)	(1.52)
Tax return of capital			(0.16)	(0.76)	(0.65)
Total dividends and distributions to shareholders	(0.88)	(1.44)	(0.53)	(1.35)	(2.69)
Anti-dilutive effect from the issuance of shares	0.00 <sup>b</sup>	0.01	0.00 <sup>b</sup>	0.01	
Net increase (decrease) in net asset value	(0.18)	1.42	2.61	(5.48)	(5.81)
Net asset value, end of year	\$ 12.30	\$ 12.48	\$ 11.06	\$ 8.45	\$ 13.93
Market value, end of year	\$ 11.91	\$ 14.88	\$ 9.68	\$ 7.35	\$ 13.19
Total net asset value return <sup>c</sup>	5.91% <sup>d</sup>	25.41% <sup>d</sup>	40.21%	32.15%	15.92%
Total market value return <sup>c</sup>	14.13%	71.12%	41.08%	37.72%	22.60%
<b>Ratios/Supplemental Data:</b>					
Net assets, end of year (in millions)	\$ 117.0	\$ 117.9	\$ 103.7	\$ 79.1	\$ 128.8

Ratio of expenses to average daily net assets	0.91%	0.96%	1.13%	1.00%	0.92%
Ratio of net investment income to average daily net assets	1.78%	1.99%	3.79%	3.62%	2.48%
Portfolio turnover rate	72%	101%	101%	33%	29%

<sup>a</sup> 5.6% of net investment income was attributable to a special dividend paid by Boston Properties.

<sup>b</sup> Amount is less than \$0.005.

<sup>c</sup> Total market value return is computed based upon the New York Stock Exchange market price of the Fund's shares and excludes the effects of brokerage commissions. Total net asset value return measures the changes in value over the period indicated, taking into account dividends as reinvested. Dividends and distributions, if any, are assumed for purposes of these calculations, to be reinvested at prices obtained under the Fund's dividend reinvestment plan.

<sup>d</sup> Does not reflect adjustments in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The net asset value for financial reporting purposes and the returns based upon those net asset values differ from the net asset value and returns reported on December 31, 2010.

See accompanying notes to financial statements.



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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**Note 1. Significant Accounting Policies**

Cohen & Steers Total Return Realty Fund, Inc. (the Fund) was incorporated under the laws of the State of Maryland on September 4, 1992 and is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 as amended, as a nondiversified, closed-end management investment company. The Fund's investment objective is high total return.

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

*Portfolio Valuation:* Investments in securities that are listed on the New York Stock Exchange are valued, except as indicated below, at the last sale price reflected at the close of the New York Stock Exchange on the business day as of which such value is being determined. If there has been no sale on such day, the securities are valued at the mean of the closing bid and asked prices on such day or, if no asked price is available, at the bid price. Exchange traded options are valued at their last sale price as of the close of options trading on applicable exchanges. In the absence of a last sale, options are valued at the average of the quoted bid and asked prices as of the close of business. Over-the-counter options quotations are provided by the respective counterparty when such prices are believed by Cohen & Steers Capital Management, Inc. (the advisor), pursuant to delegation by the Board of Directors, to reflect the fair market value.

Securities not listed on the New York Stock Exchange but listed on other domestic or foreign securities exchanges are valued in a similar manner. Securities traded on more than one securities exchange are valued at the last sale price on the business day as of which such value is being determined as reflected on the tape at the close of the exchange representing the principal market for such securities. If after the close of a foreign market, but prior to the close of business on the day the securities are being valued, market conditions change significantly, certain foreign securities may be fair valued pursuant to procedures established by the Board of Directors.

Readily marketable securities traded in the over-the-counter market, including listed securities whose primary market is believed by the advisor to be over-the-counter, are valued at the official closing prices as reported by sources as the Board of Directors deem appropriate to reflect their fair market value. If there has been no sale on such day, the securities are valued at the mean of the closing bid and asked prices on such day, or if no asked price is available, at the bid price. However, certain fixed-income securities may be valued on the basis of prices provided by a pricing service when such prices are believed by the advisor, pursuant to delegation by the Board of Directors, to reflect the fair market value of such securities.

Securities for which market prices are unavailable, or securities for which the advisor determines that the bid and/or asked price or a counterparty valuation does not reflect market value, will be valued at fair value pursuant to procedures approved by the Fund's Board of Directors. Circumstances in which



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market prices may be unavailable include, but are not limited to, when trading in a security is suspended, the exchange on which the security is traded is subject to an unscheduled close or disruption or material events occur after the close of the exchange on which the security is principally traded. In these circumstances, the Fund determines fair value in a manner that fairly reflects the market value of the security on the valuation date based on consideration of any information or factors it deems appropriate. These may include, but are not limited to, recent transactions in comparable securities, information relating to the specific security and developments in the markets.

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

Short-term debt securities with a maturity date of 60 days or less are valued at amortized cost, which approximates value. Investments in open-end mutual funds are valued at their closing net asset value.

Fair value is defined as the price that the Fund would receive to sell an investment or pay to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction with an independent buyer in the principal market, or in the absence of a principal market, the most advantageous market for the investment or liability. The hierarchy of inputs that are used in determining the fair value of the Fund's investments is summarized below.

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

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

The following is a summary of the inputs used as of December 31, 2011 in valuing the Fund's investments carried at value:

	Total	Quoted Prices In Active Market for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
Common Stock	\$ 93,314,419	\$ 93,314,419	\$	\$
Preferred Securities \$25 Par Value	19,055,497	19,055,497		
Preferred Securities Capital Securities	1,106,758		1,106,758	

Corporate Bonds		
Real Estate Office	505,000	505,000



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	Total	Quoted Prices In Active Market for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
Corporate Bonds				
Real Estate				
Shopping Center	\$ 1,139,050	\$	\$ 517,500	\$ 621,550
Money Market				
Funds	2,600,054		2,600,054	
Total Investments	\$ 117,720,778	\$ 112,369,916	\$ 4,729,312	\$ 621,550

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

	Total Investments in Securities	Common Stock	Corporate Bonds Real Estate Office	Corporate Bonds Real Estate Shopping Center
Balance as of December 31, 2010	\$ 725,500	\$ 228,000	\$ 497,500	\$
Transfers into Level 3	621,550			621,550
Transfers out of Level 3	(505,000)		(505,000)	
Sales	(221,462)	(221,462)		
Realized loss	(6,538)	(6,538)		
Change in unrealized appreciation	7,500		7,500	
Balance as of December 31, 2011	\$ 621,550	\$	\$	\$ 621,550

The change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) attributable to securities owned on December 31, 2011 which were valued using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) amounted to approximately \$1,550.

Investments classified as Level 3 infrequently trade and have significant unobservable inputs. The Level 3 corporate bonds have been valued utilizing an independent broker quote. Transfers are recognized at the end of the period.

*Security Transactions and Investment Income:* Security transactions are recorded on trade date. Realized gains and losses on investments sold are recorded on the basis of identified cost. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Discounts are accreted and premiums are amortized over the life of the respective securities. Dividend income is

recorded on the ex-dividend date, except for certain dividends on foreign securities, which are recorded as soon as the Fund is informed after the ex-dividend date. The Fund records distributions received in excess of income from underlying investments as a

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reduction of cost of investments and/or an increase in realized gain. Such amounts are based on estimates if actual amounts are not available, and actual amounts of income, realized gain and return of capital may differ from the estimated amounts. The Fund adjusts the estimated amounts of the components of distributions (and consequently its net investment income) as an increase to unrealized appreciation/(depreciation) and realized gain/(loss) on investments as necessary once the issuers provide information about the actual composition of the distributions.

*Options:* The Fund writes covered call options on a security and may write put or call options on an index and put options on a security with the intention of earning option premiums. Option premiums may increase the Fund's realized gains and therefore may help increase distributable income. When a Fund writes (sells) an option, an amount equal to the premium received by the Fund is recorded in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities as a liability. The amount of the liability is subsequently marked-to-market to reflect the current market value of the option written. When an option expires, the Fund realizes a gain on the option to the extent of the premiums received. Premiums received from writing options which are exercised or closed, are added to or offset against the proceeds or amount paid on the transaction to determine the realized gain or loss. If a put option on a security is exercised, the premium reduces the cost basis of the security purchased by the Fund. If a call option is exercised, the call premium is added to the proceeds of the security sold to determine its gain or loss. The Fund, as writer of an option, bears the market risk of an unfavorable change in the price of the underlying index or security. Other risks include the possibility of an illiquid options market or the inability of the counterparties to fulfill their obligations under the contract.

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

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

*Dividends and Distributions to Shareholders:* Dividends from net investment income and capital gain distributions are determined in accordance with U.S. federal income tax regulations, which may differ from GAAP. Dividends from net investment income, if any, are declared and paid quarterly. Net

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realized capital gains, unless offset by any available capital loss carryforward, are typically distributed to shareholders at least annually. Dividends and distributions to shareholders are recorded on the ex-dividend date and are automatically reinvested in full and fractional shares of the Fund in accordance with the Fund's Reinvestment Plan unless the shareholder has elected to have them paid in cash.

On December 13, 2011, the Fund's Board of Directors announced that the Fund implemented a managed distribution policy in accordance with exemptive relief issued by the Securities and Exchange Commission. This policy gives the Fund greater flexibility to realize long-term capital gains throughout the year and to distribute those gains on a more regular basis to shareholders. Therefore, regular quarterly distributions throughout the year may include a portion of estimated realized long-term capital gains, along with net investment income, short-term capital gains and return of capital, which is not taxable. In accordance with the relief, the Fund is required to adhere to certain conditions in order to distribute long-term capital gains during the year.

For the year ended December 31, 2011, the Fund paid distributions from both net investment income and net realized capital gains.

*Income Taxes:* It is the policy of the Fund to continue to qualify as a regulated investment company, if such qualification is in the best interest of the shareholders, by complying with the requirements of Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code applicable to regulated investment companies, and by distributing substantially all of its taxable earnings to its shareholders. Accordingly, no provision for federal income or excise tax is necessary. Dividend and interest income from holdings in non-U.S. securities is recorded net of non-U.S. taxes paid. Management has analyzed the Fund's tax positions taken on federal income tax returns as well as its tax positions in non-U.S. jurisdictions where it trades for all open tax years and has concluded that as of December 31, 2011, no additional provisions for income tax would be required in the Fund's financial statements. The Fund's tax positions for the tax years for which the applicable statutes of limitations have not expired are subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service, state departments of revenue and by foreign tax authorities.

**Note 2. Investment Advisory Fees and Other Transactions with Affiliates**

*Investment Advisory Fees:* The advisor serves as the Fund's investment advisor pursuant to an investment advisory agreement (the investment advisory agreement). Under the terms of the investment advisory agreement, the advisor provides the Fund with day-to-day investment decisions and generally manages the Fund's investments in accordance with the stated policies of the Fund, subject to the supervision of the Board of Directors.

For the services under the investment advisory agreement, the Fund pays the advisor an investment advisory fee, accrued daily and paid monthly, at an annual rate of 0.70% of the Fund's average daily net assets.

*Directors' and Officers' Fees:* Certain directors and officers of the Fund are also directors, officers, and/or employees of the advisor. The Fund does not pay compensation to directors and officers affiliated with the advisor except for the Chief Compliance Officer, who received compensation from the advisor that was reimbursed by the Fund in the amount of \$1,945 for the year ended December 31, 2011.

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## Note 3. Purchases and Sales of Securities

Purchases and sales of securities, excluding short-term investments, for the year ended December 31, 2011, totaled \$86,416,766 and \$89,249,290, respectively.

Transactions in options written during the year ended December 31, 2011, were as follows:

	Number of Contracts	Premium
Options outstanding at December 31, 2010		\$
Options written	167	584,500
Options exercised	(167)	(584,500)
Options outstanding at December 31, 2011		\$

## Note 4. Income Tax Information

The tax character of dividends and distributions paid was as follows:

	For the Year Ended December 31,	
	2011	2010
Ordinary income	\$ 2,313,157	\$ 7,921,692
Long-term capital gain	6,029,039	5,577,128
Total dividends and distributions	\$ 8,342,196	\$ 13,498,820

As of December 31, 2011, the tax-basis components of accumulated earnings and the federal tax cost were as follows:

Cost for federal income tax purposes	\$ 93,910,369
Gross unrealized appreciation	\$ 24,242,534
Gross unrealized depreciation	(432,125)
Net unrealized appreciation	\$ 23,810,409
Undistributed long-term capital gains	\$ 1,153,020

As of December 31, 2011, the Fund had temporary book/tax differences primarily attributable to wash sales on portfolio securities and permanent book/tax differences primarily attributable to prior year REIT adjustments. To reflect reclassifications arising from the permanent differences, paid-in capital was charged \$28,037, accumulated net realized gain was charged \$158,923 and accumulated undistributed net investment income was credited \$186,960. Net assets were not affected by this reclassification.

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**Note 5. Capital Stock**

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

During the years ended December 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010, the Fund issued 64,667 and 73,011 shares of common stock, respectively, for the reinvestment of dividends.

On December 14, 2011, the Board of Directors approved the continuation of the delegation of its authority to management to effect repurchases, pursuant to management's discretion and subject to market conditions and investment considerations, of up to 10% of the Fund's common shares outstanding ("Share Repurchase Program") as of January 1, 2012 through the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012. During the years ended December 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010, the Fund did not effect any repurchases.

**Note 6. Derivative Investments**

The Fund held written options contracts during the year ended December 31, 2011. The volume of activity for written options for the year ended December 31, 2011 is summarized in Note 3.

**Note 7. Other**

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

**Note 8. New Accounting Pronouncement**

In May 2011, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Accounting Standards Update No. 2011-04, "Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures (Topic 820) Amendments to Achieve Common Fair Value Measurement and Disclosure Requirements in U.S. GAAP and IFRSs" ("ASU 2011-04"). ASU 2011-04 clarifies the application of existing fair value measurement requirements, changes certain principles related to measuring fair value, and requires additional disclosures about fair value measurements.

Required disclosures are expanded under the new guidance, especially for fair value measurements that are categorized within Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy, for which quantitative information about the unobservable inputs used, and a narrative description of the valuation processes in place and sensitivity of recurring Level 3 measurements to changes in unobservable inputs will be required.

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Management is currently evaluating the impact the adoption of this pronouncement will have on the Fund's financial statements. ASU 2011-04 is effective for fiscal years and interim periods beginning after December 15, 2011.

Note 9. Subsequent Events

Events and transactions occurring after December 31, 2011 and through the date that the financial statements were issued, have been evaluated in the preparation of the financial statements and no additional disclosure is required.





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**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

To the Board of Directors and Shareholders of  
Cohen & Steers Total Return Realty Fund, Inc.

In our opinion, the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities, including the schedule of investments, and the related statements of operations and of changes in net assets and the financial highlights present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Cohen & Steers Total Return Realty Fund, Inc. (the "Fund") at December 31, 2011, the results of its operations for the year then ended, the changes in its net assets for each of the two years in the period then ended and the financial highlights for each of the five years in the period then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. These financial statements and financial highlights (hereafter referred to as "financial statements") are the responsibility of the Fund's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits of these financial statements in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits, which included confirmation of securities at December 31, 2011 by correspondence with the custodian and brokers, provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP  
New York, New York  
February 23, 2012

**COHEN & STEERS TOTAL RETURN REALTY FUND, INC.****AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS**

(Periods ended December 31, 2011) (Unaudited)

Based on Net Asset Value				Based on Market Value			
One Year	Five Years	Ten Years	Since Inception (09/27/93)	One Year	Five Years	Ten Years	Since Inception (09/27/93)
5.91%	1.22%	9.74%	9.74%	14.13%	0.01%	9.23%	9.12%

*The performance data quoted represent past performance. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. The investment return will vary and the principal value of an investment will fluctuate and shares, if sold, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted. Current total returns of the Fund can be obtained by visiting our Web site at [cohenandsteers.com](http://cohenandsteers.com).*

**TAX INFORMATION 2011 (Unaudited)**

Pursuant to the Jobs and Growth Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003, the Fund designates qualified dividend income of \$160,868. Additionally, 2.5% of the ordinary dividends qualified for the dividends received deduction available to corporations. Also, the Fund designates a long-term capital gain distribution of \$6,029,039 at the 15% rate.

**REINVESTMENT PLAN**

The Fund has a dividend reinvestment plan commonly referred to as an "opt-out" plan (the "Plan"). Each common shareholder who participates in the Plan will have all distributions of dividends and capital gains ("Dividends") automatically reinvested in additional common shares by Computershare as agent (the "Plan Agent"). Effective January 1, 2012, Computershare acquired certain lines of business from The Bank of New York Mellon, who acted as plan agent prior to such date. All terms and conditions of the Plan remain unchanged. Shareholders who elect not to participate in the Plan will receive all Dividends in cash paid by check mailed directly to the shareholder of record (or if the shares are held in street or other nominee name, then to the nominee) by the Plan Agent, as dividend disbursing agent. Shareholders whose common shares are held in the name of a broker or nominee should contact the broker or nominee to determine whether and how they may participate in the Plan.

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

The Plan Agent will receive cash from the Fund with which to buy common shares in the open market if, on the Dividend payment date, the net asset value ("NAV") per share exceeds the market price per share plus estimated brokerage commissions on that date. The Plan Agent will receive the Dividend in newly issued common shares of the Fund if, on the Dividend payment date, the market price per share plus estimated brokerage commissions equals or exceeds the NAV per share of the



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Fund on that date. The number of shares to be issued will be computed at a per share rate equal to the greater of (i) the NAV or (ii) 95% of the closing market price per share on the payment date.

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

Participants in the Plan may withdraw from the Plan upon notice to the Plan Agent. Such withdrawal will be effective immediately if received not less than ten days prior to a Dividend record date; otherwise, it will be effective for all subsequent Dividends. If any participant elects to have the Plan Agent sell all or part of his or her shares and remit the proceeds, the Plan Agent is authorized to deduct a \$15.00 fee plus \$0.10 per share brokerage commissions.

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

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

## OTHER INFORMATION

A description of the policies and procedures that the Fund uses to determine how to vote proxies relating to portfolio securities is available (i) without charge, upon request, by calling 800-330-7348, (ii) on our Web site at [cohenandsteers.com](http://cohenandsteers.com) or (iii) on the Securities and Exchange Commission's Web site at <http://www.sec.gov>. In addition, the Fund's proxy voting record for the most recent 12-month period ended June 30 is available by August 31 of each year (i) without charge, upon request, by calling 800-330-7348 or (ii) on the SEC's Web site at <http://www.sec.gov>.

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

Please note that the distributions paid by the Fund to shareholders are subject to recharacterization for tax purposes and are taxable up to the amount of the Fund's investment company taxable income and net realized gains. Distributions in excess of the Fund's net investment company taxable income

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and realized gains are a return of capital distributed from the Fund's assets. To the extent this occurs, the Fund's shareholders of record will be notified of the estimated amount of capital returned to shareholders for each such distribution and this information will also be available at [cohenandsteers.com](http://cohenandsteers.com). The final tax treatment of all distributions is reported to shareholders on their 1099-DIV forms, which are mailed after the close of each calendar year. Distributions of capital decrease the Fund's total assets and, therefore, could have the effect of increasing the Fund's expense ratio. In addition, in order to make these distributions, the Fund may have to sell portfolio securities at a less than opportune time.

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Rule 23c-1 under the Investment Company Act of 1940 that the Fund may purchase, from time to time, shares of its common stock in the open market.

*Change to Investment Policy*

The Board of Directors approved revisions to the ratings criteria for determining whether a security is deemed investment grade or below investment grade. The determination of whether a security is deemed investment grade or below investment grade will be determined at the time of investment. A security will be considered to be investment grade if it is rated as such by one nationally recognized statistical rating organization (NRSRO) (for example minimum Baa3 or BBB- by Moody's or S&P) or, if unrated, is judged to be investment grade by the advisor.

**COHEN & STEERS TOTAL RETURN REALTY FUND, INC.****MANAGEMENT OF THE FUND**

The business and affairs of the Fund are managed under the direction of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors approves all significant agreements between the Fund and persons or companies furnishing services to it, including the Fund's agreements with its advisor, administrator, custodian and transfer agent. The management of the Fund's day-to-day operations is delegated to its officers, the advisor and administrator, subject always to the investment objective and policies of the Fund and to the general supervision of the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors and officers of the Fund and their principal occupations during at least the past five years are set forth below. The statement of additional information (SAI) includes additional information about fund directors and is available, without charge, upon request by calling 800-330-7348.

Name, Position(s) Address <sup>1</sup> Held and with Age Fund	Term of Office <sup>2</sup>	Principal Occupation During At Least the Past 5 Years (Including Other Directorships Held)	Number of Funds Within Fund Complex Overseen by Director (Including the Fund)	Length of Time Served <sup>3</sup>
<i>Interested Director<sup>4</sup></i>				
Robert H. Steers Age: 58	Director and Co-Chairman Until next election of directors	Co-Chairman and Co-Chief Executive Officer of Cohen & Steers Capital Management, Inc. (the Advisor) since 2003 and its parent, Cohen & Steers, Inc. since 2004. Vice President of Cohen & Steers Securities, LLC.	19	1991 to present
Martin Cohen Age: 63	Director and Co-Chairman Until next election of directors	Co-Chairman and Co-Chief Executive Officer of the Advisor since 2003 and Cohen & Steers, Inc. since 2004. Prior to that, President of the Advisor; Vice President of Cohen & Steers Securities, LLC.	19	1991 to present
<i>Disinterested Directors</i>				
Michael G. Clark Age: 46	Director Until next election of directors	From May 2006 to June 2011, President and Chief Executive Officer of DWS Funds and Managing Director of Deutsche Asset Management.	19	June 2011 to present

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**COHEN & STEERS TOTAL RETURN REALTY FUND, INC.***(table continued from previous page)*

Name, Position(s) Address <sup>1</sup> and Age	Position(s) Held with Fund	Term of Office <sup>2</sup>	Principal Occupation During At Least the Past 5 Years (Including Other Directorships Held)	Number of Funds Within Fund Complex Overseen by Director (Including the Fund)	Length of Time Served <sup>3</sup>
Bonnie Cohen <sup>5</sup> Age: 69	Director	Until next election of directors	Consultant. Board Member, United States Department of Defense Business Board since 2010; Advisory Board member, Posse Foundation since 2004; Trustee, H. Rubenstein Foundation since 1996; Trustee, District of Columbia Public Libraries since 2004; Board member Teluride Mountain Film Festival since 2010; Former Director, Reis, Inc. (real estate analytics firm) from 2003 to 2009; Former member of the Investment Committee, The Moriah Fund from 2002 to 2008; Former Board member, Foundation for Arts and Preservations in Embassies from 2001 to 2009; Former Under Secretary of State for Management, United States Department of State, 1996-2000.	19	2001 to present
George Grossman Age: 58	Director	Until next election of directors	Attorney-at-law	19	1993 to present
Richard E. Kroon Age: 69	Director	Until next election of directors	Member of Investment Committee, Monmouth University since 2004; Retired Chairman and Managing Partner of Sprout Group venture capital funds, then an affiliate of Donaldson, Lufkin and Jenrette Securities Corporation from 1981 to 2001. Former chairman of the National Venture Capital Association for the year 2000.	19	2004 to present

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Name, Position(s) Address <sup>1</sup> and Age	Position(s) Held with Fund	Term of Office <sup>2</sup>	Principal Occupation During At Least the Past 5 Years (Including Other Directorships Held)	Number of Funds Within Fund Complex Overseen by Director (Including the Fund)	Length of Time Served <sup>3</sup>
Richard J. Norman Age: 68	Director	Until next election of directors	Private Investor. Member, District of Columbia Department of Corrections Chaplains Corps from 2008 to February 2010; Member, Montgomery County, Maryland Department of Corrections Chaplains Corp since February 2010; Special Representative, Salvation Army World Service Organization (SAWSO) since 2010; Advisory Board Member, The Salvation Army since 1985; Financial Education Fund Chair, The Foundation Board of Maryland Public Television since 2009; Former President, Executive Committee, Chair of Investment Committee, The Foundation Board of Maryland Public Television from 1997 to 2008. Prior thereto, Investment Representative of Morgan Stanley Dean Witter from 1966 to 2000.	19	2001 to present
Frank K. Ross Age: 68	Director	Until next election of directors	Visiting Professor of Accounting, Howard University School of Business since 2004; Board member and Audit Committee Chair and Human Resources and Compensation Committee Member, Pepco Holdings, Inc. (electric utility) since 2004. Formerly, Midatlantic Area Managing Partner for Assurance Services at KPMG LLP and Managing Partner of its Washington, DC offices from 1977 to 2003.	19	2004 to present

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Name, Position(s) Address <sup>1</sup> Held and with Age Fund	Term of Office <sup>2</sup>	Principal Occupation During At Least the Past 5 Years (Including Other Directorships Held)	Number of Funds Within Fund Complex Overseen by Director (Including the Fund)	Length of Time Served <sup>3</sup>
Willard H. Smith Jr. Age: 75 Director	<sup>6</sup>	Board member, Essex Property Trust, Inc. since 1996; Former Board member, Realty Income Corporation from 1996 to 2009; Former Board member, Highwoods Property Trust from 1996 to 2005; Former Board member, Crest Net Lease, Inc. from 1999 to 2009 Formerly, Managing Director at Merrill Lynch & Co., Equity Capital Markets Division, from 1983 to 1995.	19	1996 to present
C. Edward Ward Jr. Age: 65 Director	Until next election of directors	Member of The Board of Trustees of Manhattan College, Riverdale, New York since 2004. Formerly Director of closed-end fund management for the New York Stock Exchange, where he worked from 1979 to 2004.	19	2004 to present

<sup>1</sup> The address for each director is 280 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10017.

<sup>2</sup> On March 12, 2008, the Board of Directors adopted a mandatory retirement policy stating a Director must retire from the Board on December 31st of the year in which he or she turns 75 years of age.

<sup>3</sup> The length of time served represents the year in which the director was first elected or appointed to any fund in the Cohen & Steers fund complex.

<sup>4</sup> "Interested person", as defined in the 1940 Act, of the fund because of affiliation with CSCM (Interested Directors).

<sup>5</sup> Martin Cohen and Bonnie Cohen are not related.

<sup>6</sup> Effective December 31, 2011, Willard H. Smith, Jr. retired from the Board of Directors in accordance with the mandatory retirement policy.

**COHEN & STEERS TOTAL RETURN REALTY FUND, INC.**

The officers of the fund (other than Messrs. Cohen and Steers, whose biographies are provided above), their address, their ages and their principal occupations for at least the past five years are set forth below.

Name, Address and Age <sup>1</sup>	Position(s) Held with Fund	Principal Occupation During At Least the Past 5 Years	Length of Time Served <sup>2</sup>
Adam M. Derechin Age: 47	President and Chief Executive Officer	Chief Operating Officer of CSCM (since 2003) and CNS (since 2004). Prior to that, Senior Vice President of CSCM and Vice President and Assistant Treasurer of the Cohen & Steers funds.	Since 2005
Joseph M. Harvey Age: 48	Vice President	President and Chief Investment Officer of CSCM (since 2003) and President of CNS (since 2004). Prior to that, Senior Vice President and Director of Investment Research of CSCM.	Since 2004
William F. Scapell Age: 44	Vice President	Senior Vice President of CSCM since 2003. Prior to that, chief strategist for preferred securities at Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc.	Since 2003
Thomas N. Bohjalian Age: 46	Vice President	Senior Vice President of CSCM since 2006. Prior to that, Vice President of CSCM from 2003 through 2005. Prior thereto, Vice President at AEW Capital Management.	Since 2006
Yigal Jhirad Age: 47	Vice President	Senior Vice President of CSCM since 2007. Prior to that, executive director at Morgan Stanley and head of prime brokerage equity product marketing responsible for developing and marketing quantitative and derivatives product to hedge funds.	Since 2007
Francis C. Poli Age: 49	Secretary	Executive Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel of CSCM and CNS since March 2007. Prior thereto, General Counsel of Allianz Global Investors of America LP.	Since 2007
James Giallanza Age: 45	Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer	Senior Vice President of CSCM since September 2006. Prior thereto, Deputy Head of the US Funds Administration and Treasurer & CFO of various mutual funds within the Legg Mason (formally Citigroup Asset Management) fund complex from August 2004 to September 2006; Director/Controller of the US wholesale business at UBS Global Asset Management (U.S.) from September 2001 to July 2004.	Since 2006

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Name, Address and Age <sup>1</sup>	Position(s) Held with Fund	Principal Occupation During At Least the Past 5 Years	Length of Time Served <sup>2</sup>
Lisa D. Phelan Age: 43	Chief Compliance Officer	Senior Vice President and Director of Compliance of CSCM since 2007 and prior to that, Vice President since 2006. Chief Compliance Officer of CSSL since 2004. Prior to that, Compliance Officer of CSCM since 2004. Chief Compliance Officer, Avatar Associates & Overture Asset Managers, 2003-2004.	Since 2006

<sup>1</sup> The address of each officer is 280 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10017.

<sup>2</sup> Officers serve one-year terms. The length of time served represents the year in which the officer was first elected to that position in any fund in the Cohen & Steers fund complex. All of the officers listed above are officers of one or more of the other funds in the complex.

**COHEN & STEERS TOTAL RETURN REALTY FUND, INC.**

Cohen & Steers Privacy Policy

**Facts** What Does Cohen & Steers Do With Your Personal Information?

**Why?** Financial companies choose how they share your personal information. Federal law gives consumers the right to limit some but not all sharing. Federal law also requires us to tell you how we collect, share, and protect your personal information. Please read this notice carefully to understand what we do.

**What?** The types of personal information we collect and share depend on the product or service you have with us. This information can include:

- Social Security number and account balances
- Transaction history and account transactions
- Purchase history and wire transfer instructions

**How?** All financial companies need to share customers' personal information to run their everyday business. In the section below, we list the reasons financial companies can share their customers' personal information; the reasons Cohen & Steers chooses to share; and whether you can limit this sharing.

Reasons we can share your personal information	Does Cohen & Steers share?	Can you limit this sharing?
For our everyday business purposes such as to process your transactions, maintain your account(s), respond to court orders and legal investigations, or reports to credit bureaus	Yes	No
For our marketing purposes to offer our products and services to you	Yes	No
For joint marketing with other financial companies	No	We don't share
For our affiliates' everyday business purposes information about your transactions and experiences	No	We don't share
For our affiliates' everyday business purposes information about your creditworthiness	No	We don't share
For our affiliates to market to you	No	We don't share
For non-affiliates to market to you	No	We don't share

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## COHEN & STEERS TOTAL RETURN REALTY FUND, INC.

### Cohen & Steers Privacy Policy (Continued)

Who we are	
Who is providing this notice?	Cohen & Steers Capital Management, Inc., Cohen & Steers Asia Limited, Cohen & Steers UK Limited, Cohen & Steers Europe SA, Cohen & Steers Securities, LLC, Cohen & Steers Private Funds, and Cohen & Steers Open and Closed-End Funds (collectively, "Cohen & Steers").
What we do	
How does Cohen & Steers protect my personal information?	To protect your personal information from unauthorized access and use, we use security measures that comply with federal law. These measures include computer safeguards and secured files and buildings. We restrict access to your information to those employees who need it to perform their jobs, and also require companies that provide services on our behalf to protect your information.
How does Cohen & Steers collect my personal information?	We collect your personal information, for example, when you <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Open an account or buy securities from us</li><li>• Provide account information or give us your contact information</li><li>• Make deposits or withdrawals from your account</li></ul> We also collect your personal information from other companies.
Why can't I limit all sharing?	Federal law gives you the right to limit only <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• sharing for affiliates' everyday business purposes information about your creditworthiness</li><li>• affiliates from using your information to market to you</li><li>• sharing for non-affiliates to market to you</li></ul> State law and individual companies may give you additional rights to limit sharing.
Definitions	
Affiliates	Companies related by common ownership or control. They can be financial and nonfinancial companies. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Cohen &amp; Steers does not share with affiliates.</i></li></ul>
Non-affiliates	Companies not related by common ownership or control. They can be financial and nonfinancial companies. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Cohen &amp; Steers does not share with non-affiliates so they can market to you.</i></li></ul>
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**COHEN & STEERS TOTAL RETURN REALTY FUND, INC.**

*Cohen & Steers Investment Solutions*

**COHEN & STEERS GLOBAL REALTY SHARES**

- Designed for investors seeking total return, investing primarily in global real estate equity securities
- Symbols: CSFAX, CSFBX\*, CSFCX, CSSPX

**COHEN & STEERS INSTITUTIONAL REALTY SHARES**

- Designed for institutional investors seeking total return, investing primarily in REITs
- Symbol: CSRIX

**COHEN & STEERS REALTY INCOME FUND**

- Designed for investors seeking total return, investing primarily in real estate securities with an emphasis on both income and capital appreciation
- Symbols: CSEIX, CSBIX\*, CSCIX, CSDIX

**COHEN & STEERS INTERNATIONAL REALTY FUND**

- Designed for investors seeking total return, investing primarily in international real estate securities
- Symbols: IRFAX, IRFCX, IRFIX

**COHEN & STEERS  
EMERGING MARKETS REAL ESTATE FUND**

- Designed for investors seeking total return, investing primarily in emerging market real estate securities
- Symbols: APFAX, APFCX, APFIX

**COHEN & STEERS REALTY SHARES**

- Designed for investors seeking total return, investing primarily in REITs
- Symbol: CSRSX

**COHEN & STEERS  
INSTITUTIONAL GLOBAL REALTY SHARES**

- Designed for institutional investors seeking total return, investing primarily in global real estate securities
- Symbol: GRSIX

**COHEN & STEERS GLOBAL INFRASTRUCTURE FUND**

- Designed for investors seeking total return, investing primarily in global infrastructure securities
- Symbols: CSUAX, CSUBX\*, CSUCX, CSUIX

**COHEN & STEERS DIVIDEND VALUE FUND**

- Designed for investors seeking high current income and long-term growth of income and capital appreciation, investing primarily in dividend paying common stocks and preferred stocks
- Symbols: DVFAX, DVFCX, DVFIX

**COHEN & STEERS  
PREFERRED SECURITIES AND INCOME FUND**

- Designed for investors seeking total return (high current income and capital appreciation), investing primarily in preferred and debt securities
- Symbols: CPXAX, CPXCX, CPXIX

**COHEN & STEERS REAL ASSETS FUND**

- Designed for investors seeking total return and the maximization of real returns during inflationary environments by investing primarily in real assets
- Symbols: RAPAX, RAPCX, RAPIX, RAPRX, RAPZX

Distributed by Cohen & Steers Securities, LLC.

**COHEN & STEERS GLOBAL REALTY MAJORS ETF**

- Designed for investors who seek a relatively low-cost "passive" approach for investing in a portfolio of real estate equity securities of companies in a specified index
- Symbol: GRI

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- Designed for investors who seek a relatively low-cost "passive" approach for investing in a portfolio of real estate equity securities of companies in a specified index
- Symbol: ICF

Distributed by SEI Investments Distribution Co.

\* *Class B shares are no longer offered except through dividend reinvestment and permitted exchanges by existing Class B shareholders.*



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**COHEN & STEERS TOTAL RETURN REALTY FUND, INC.**

**OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

Robert H. Steers  
Director and co-chairman

Martin Cohen  
Director and co-chairman

Michael G. Clark  
Director

Bonnie Cohen  
Director

George Grossman  
Director

Richard E. Kroon  
Director

Richard J. Norman  
Director

Frank K. Ross  
Director

Willard H. Smith Jr.  
Director

C. Edward Ward, Jr.  
Director

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Francis C. Poli  
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James Giallanza  
Treasurer and chief financial officer

Lisa D. Phelan  
Chief compliance officer

## KEY INFORMATION

### Investment Advisor

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**Item 2. Code of Ethics.**

The Registrant has adopted an Amended and Restated Code of Ethics that applies to its Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer. The Code of Ethics was in effect during the reporting period. The Registrant has not amended the Code of Ethics as described in Form N-CSR during the reporting period. The Registrant has not granted any waiver, including an implicit waiver, from a provision of the Code of Ethics as described in Form N-CSR during the reporting period. A current copy of the Code of Ethics is available on the Registrant's website at [cohenandsteers.com/downloads/code\\_of\\_ethics\\_exec\\_and\\_senior.pdf](http://cohenandsteers.com/downloads/code_of_ethics_exec_and_senior.pdf). Upon request, a copy of the Code of Ethics can be made by calling 800-330-7348 or writing to the Secretary of the Registrant, 280 Park Avenue, 10th floor, New York, NY 10017.

**Item 3. Audit Committee Financial Expert.**

The registrant's board has determined that Michael G. Clark and Frank K. Ross, each a member of the board's Audit Committee, are each an audit committee financial expert. Mr. Clark and Mr. Ross are each independent, as such term is defined in Form N-CSR.

**Item 4. Principal Accountant Fees and Services.**

(a) (d) Aggregate fees billed to the registrant for the last two fiscal years for professional services rendered by the registrant's principal accountant were as follows:

	2011		2010	
Audit Fees	\$	43,600	\$	43,600
Audit-Related Fees	\$	0	\$	0
Tax Fees	\$	6,000	\$	6,000
All Other Fees	\$	0	\$	0

Tax fees were billed in connection with the preparation of tax returns, calculation and designation of dividends and other miscellaneous tax services.

(e)(1) The registrant's audit committee is required to pre-approve audit and non-audit services performed for the registrant by the principal accountant. The audit committee also is required to pre-approve non-audit services performed by the registrant's principal accountant for the registrant's investment advisor (not including any sub-advisor whose role is primarily portfolio management and is subcontracted with or overseen by another investment advisor) and/or to any entity controlling, controlled by or under common control with the registrant's investment advisor that provides ongoing services to the registrant, if the engagement for services relates directly to the operations and financial reporting of the registrant.

The audit committee may delegate pre-approval authority to one or more of its members who are independent members of the board of directors of the registrant. The member or members to whom such authority is delegated shall report any pre-approval decisions to the audit committee at

its next scheduled meeting. The audit committee may not delegate its responsibility to pre-

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approve services to be performed by the registrant's principal accountant to the investment advisor.

(e) (2) No services included in (b) (d) above were approved by the audit committee pursuant to paragraphs (c)(7)(i)(C) of Rule 2-01 of Regulation S-X.

(f) Not applicable.

(g) For the fiscal years ended December 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010, the aggregate fees billed by the registrant's principal accountant for non-audit services rendered to the registrant and for non-audit services rendered to the registrant's investment advisor (not including any sub-advisor whose role is primarily portfolio management and is subcontracted with or overseen by another investment advisor) and/or to any entity controlling, controlled by or under common control with the registrant's investment advisor that provides ongoing services to the registrant were:

	2011		2010	
Registrant	\$	6,000	\$	6,000
Investment Advisor	\$	20,000	\$	20,000

(h) The registrant's audit committee considered whether the provision of non-audit services that were rendered to the registrant's investment advisor (not including any sub-advisor whose role is primarily portfolio management and is subcontracted with or overseen by another investment advisor) and/or to any entity controlling, controlled by or under common control with the registrant's investment advisor that provides ongoing services to the registrant that were not required to be pre-approved pursuant to paragraph (c)(7)(ii) of Rule 2-01 of Regulation S-X was compatible with maintaining the principal accountant's independence.

**Item 5. Audit Committee of Listed Registrants.**

The registrant has a separately-designated standing audit committee established in accordance with Section 3(a)(58)(A) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. The members of the committee are Frank K. Ross (chairman), Bonnie Cohen, George Grossman and Richard E. Kroon.

**Item 6. Schedule of Investments.**

Included in Item 1 above.

**Item 7. Disclosure of Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures for Closed-End Management Investment Companies.**

The registrant has delegated voting of proxies in respect of portfolio holdings to Cohen & Steers Capital Management, Inc., in accordance with the policies and procedures set forth below.

**COHEN & STEERS CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, INC.**

**STATEMENT OF POLICIES AND PROCEDURES REGARDING THE VOTING OF SECURITIES**

This statement sets forth the policies and procedures that Cohen & Steers Capital Management, Inc. ( C&S ) follows in exercising voting rights with respect to securities held in our client portfolios. All proxy-voting rights that are exercised by C&S shall be subject to this Statement of Policy and Procedures.

**I. Objectives**

Voting rights are an important component of corporate governance. The Advisor has three overall objectives in exercising voting rights:

A. Responsibility. The Advisor shall seek to ensure that there is an effective means in place to hold companies accountable for their actions. While management must be accountable to its board, the board must be accountable to a company's shareholders. Although accountability can be promoted in a variety of ways, protecting shareholder voting rights may be among our most important tools.

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B. Rationalizing Management and Shareholder Concerns. The Advisor seeks to ensure that the interests of a company's management and board are aligned with those of the company's shareholders. In this respect, compensation must be structured to reward the creation of shareholder value.

C. Shareholder Communication. Since companies are owned by their shareholders, the Advisor seeks to ensure that management effectively communicates with its owners about the company's business operations and financial performance. It is only with effective communication that shareholders will be able to assess the performance of management and to make informed decisions on when to buy, sell or hold a company's securities.

In exercising voting rights, the Advisor follows the general principles set forth below.

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- The ability to exercise a voting right with respect to a security is a valuable right and, therefore, must be viewed as part of the asset itself.
- In exercising voting rights, the Advisor shall engage in a careful evaluation of issues that may materially affect the rights of shareholders and the value of the security.
- Consistent with general fiduciary principles, the exercise of voting rights shall always be conducted with reasonable care, prudence and diligence.
- In exercising voting rights on behalf of clients, the Advisor shall conduct itself in the same manner as if the Advisor was the constructive owner of the securities.
- To the extent reasonably possible, the Advisor shall participate in each shareholder voting opportunity.
- Voting rights shall not automatically be exercised in favor of management-supported proposals.
- The Advisor, and its officers and employees, shall never accept any item of value in consideration of a favorable proxy voting decision.

Set forth below are general guidelines followed in exercising proxy voting rights:

*Prudence.* In making a proxy voting decision, the Advisor shall give appropriate consideration to all relevant facts and circumstances, including the value of the securities to be voted and the likely effect any vote may have on that value. Since voting rights must be exercised on the basis of an informed judgment, investigation shall be a critical initial step.

*Third Party Views.* While the Advisor may consider the views of third parties, the Advisor shall never base a proxy voting decision solely on the opinion of a third party.

Rather, decisions shall be based on a reasonable and good faith determination as to how best to maximize shareholder value.

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*Shareholder Value.* Just as the decision whether to purchase or sell a security is a matter of judgment, determining whether a specific proxy resolution will increase the market value of a security is a matter of judgment as to which informed parties may differ. In determining how a proxy vote may affect the economic value of a security, the Advisor shall consider both short-term and long-term views about a company's business and prospects, especially in light of our projected holding period on the stock (e.g., the Advisor may discount long-term views on a short-term holding).

Set forth below are guidelines as to how specific proxy voting issues shall be analyzed and assessed.

While these guidelines will provide a framework for the Advisor decision making process, the mechanical application of these guidelines can never address all proxy voting decisions.

When new issues arise or old issues present nuances not encountered before, the Advisor must be guided by its reasonable judgment to vote in a manner that the Advisor deems to be in the best interests of the Fund and its shareholders. In addition, because the regulatory framework and the business cultures and practices vary from region to region, the below general guidelines may be inconsistent in certain circumstances.

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### Uncontested Director Elections

Votes on director nominees should be made on a case-by-case basis using a mosaic approach, where all factors are considered in director elections and where no single issue is deemed to be determinative.

For example, a nominee's experience and business judgment may be critical to the long-term success of the portfolio company, notwithstanding the fact that he or she may serve on the board of more than four public companies. In evaluating nominees, the Advisor considers the following factors:

- Whether the nominee attended less than 75 percent of the board and committee meetings without a valid excuse for the absences;
- Whether the nominee is an inside or affiliated outside director and sits on the audit, compensation, or nominating committees;
- Whether the nominee ignored a significant shareholder proposal that was approved by a (i) majority of the shares outstanding or (ii) majority of the votes cast for two consecutive years;
- Whether the nominee, without shareholder approval, to our knowledge instituted a new poison pill plan, extended an existing plan, or adopted a new plan upon the expiration of an existing plan during the past year;
- Whether the nominee is an inside or affiliated outside director and the full board serves as the audit, compensation, or nominating committee or the company does not have one of these committees;
- Whether the nominee is an insider or affiliated outsider on boards that are not at least majority independent;
- Whether the nominee is the CEO of a publicly-traded company who serves on more than two public boards;
- Whether the nominee serves on more than four public company boards;
- Whether the nominee serves on the audit committee where there is evidence (such as audit reports or reports mandated under the Sarbanes Oxley Act) that there exists material weaknesses in the company's internal controls;

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- Whether the nominee serves on the compensation committee if that director was present at the time of the grant of backdated options or options the pricing or the timing of which Advisor believes may have been manipulated to provide additional benefits to executives;
- Whether the nominee is believed by us to have a material conflict of interest with the portfolio company; and
- Whether the nominee (or the overall board) in our view has a record of making poor corporate or strategic decisions or has demonstrated an overall lack of good business judgment.

The Advisor votes on a case-by-case basis for shareholder proposals requesting companies to amend their bylaws in order to create access to the proxy so as to nominate candidates for directors. The Advisor recognizes the importance of shareholder access to the ballot process as a means to ensure that boards do

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not become self-perpetuating and self-serving. However, the Advisor is also aware that some proposals may promote certain interest groups and could be disruptive to the nomination process. Special attention will be paid to companies that display a chronic lack of shareholder accountability.

### **Proxy Contests**

*Director Nominees in a Contested Election.* By definition, this type of board candidate or slate runs for the purpose of seeking a significant change in corporate policy or control. Therefore, the economic impact of the vote in favor of or in opposition to that director or slate must be analyzed using a higher standard such as is normally applied to changes in control. Criteria for evaluating director nominees as a group or individually should also include: the underlying reason why the new slate (or individual director) is being proposed; performance; compensation; corporate governance provisions and takeover activity; criminal activity; attendance at meetings; investment in the company; interlocking directorships; inside, outside and independent directors; number of other board seats; and other experience. It is impossible to have a general policy regarding director nominees in a contested election.

*Reimbursement of Proxy Solicitation Expenses.* Decisions to provide full reimbursement for dissidents waging a proxy contest should be made on a case-by-case basis.

### **Ratification of Auditors**

The Advisor votes for proposals to ratify auditors, unless an auditor has a financial interest in or association with the company, and are therefore not independent; or there is reason to believe that the independent auditor has rendered an opinion that is neither accurate nor indicative of the company's financial position. Generally, the Advisor votes against auditor ratification and withhold votes from audit committee members if non-audit fees exceed audit fees. The Advisor votes on a case-by-case basis on auditor rotation proposals. Criteria for evaluating the rotation proposal include, but are not limited to: tenure of the audit firm; establishment and disclosure of a renewal process whereby the auditor is regularly evaluated for both audit quality and competitive price; length of the rotation period advocated in the proposal; and any significant audit related issues. Generally, the Advisor votes against auditor indemnification and limitation of liability; however the Advisor recognizes there may be situations where indemnification and limitations on liability may be appropriate.

### **Takeover Defenses**

While the Advisor recognizes that a takeover attempt can be a significant distraction for the board and management to deal with, the simple fact is that the possibility of a corporate takeover keeps management focused on maximizing shareholder value. As a result, the Advisor opposes measures that are designed to prevent or obstruct corporate takeovers because they can entrench current management. The following are our guidelines on change of control issues:

*Shareholder Rights Plans.* The Advisor acknowledges that there are arguments for and against shareholder rights plans, also known as poison pills. Companies should put their case for rights plans to shareholders. The Advisor reviews on a case-by-case basis management proposals to ratify a poison pill. The Advisor generally looks for shareholder friendly features including a two- to three-year sunset provision, a permitted bid provision and a 20 percent or higher flip-in provision.



*Greenmail.* The Advisor votes for proposals to adopt anti-greenmail charter or bylaw amendments or otherwise restrict a company's ability to make greenmail payments.

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*Unequal Voting Rights.* Generally, The Advisor votes against dual-class recapitalizations as they offer an effective way for a firm to thwart hostile takeovers by concentrating voting power in the hands of management or other insiders.

*Classified Boards.* The Advisor generally votes in favor of shareholder proposals to declassify a board of directors, although the Advisor acknowledges that a classified board may be in the long-term best interests of a company in certain situations. In voting on shareholder proposals to declassify a board of directors, the Advisor evaluates all facts and circumstances surrounding such proposal, including whether the shareholder proposing the de-classification has an agenda in making such proposal that may be at odds with the long-term best interests of the company or whether it would be in the best interests of the company to thwart a shareholder's attempt to control the board of directors.

*Cumulative Voting.* Having the ability to cumulate our votes for the election of directors—that is, cast more than one vote for a director about whom they feel strongly—generally increases shareholders' rights to effect change in the management of a corporation. The Advisor generally supports, therefore, proposals to adopt cumulative voting.

*Shareholder Ability to Call Special Meeting.* The Advisor votes on a case-by-case basis for shareholder proposals requesting companies to amend their governance documents (bylaws and/or charter) in order to allow shareholders to call special meetings. The Advisor recognizes the importance on shareholder ability to call a special meeting, however, the Advisor is also aware that some proposals are put forth in order to promote the agenda(s) of certain special interest groups and could be disruptive to the management of the company.

*Shareholder Ability to Act by Written Consent.* The Advisor generally votes against proposals to allow or facilitate shareholder action by written consent. The requirement that all shareholders be given notice of a shareholders' meeting and matters to be discussed therein seems to provide a reasonable protection of minority shareholder rights.

*Shareholder Ability to Alter the Size of the Board.* The Advisor generally votes for proposals that seek to fix the size of the board and vote against proposals that give management the ability to alter the size of the board without shareholder approval. While the Advisor recognizes the importance of such proposals, the Advisor is however also aware that these proposals are sometimes put forth in order to promote the agenda(s) of certain special interest groups and could be disruptive to the management of the company.

#### **Miscellaneous Board Provisions**

*Board Committees.* Boards should delegate key oversight functions, such as responsibility for audit, nominating and compensation issues, to independent committees. The chairman and members of any committee should be clearly identified in the annual report. Any committee should have the authority to engage independent advisors where appropriate at the company's expense.

Audit, nominating and compensation committees should consist solely of non-employee directors, who are independent of management.

*Separate Chairman and CEO Positions.* The Advisor will generally vote for proposals looking to separate the CEO and Chairman roles. The Advisor does acknowledge, however, that under certain circumstances, it may be reasonable for the CEO and Chairman roles to be held by a

single person.

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*Lead Directors and Executive Sessions.* In cases where the CEO and Chairman roles are combined, Advisor will vote for the appointment of a lead (non-insider) director and for regular executive sessions (board meetings taking place without the CEO/Chairman present).

*Majority of Independent Directors.* The Advisor votes for proposals that call for the board to be composed of a majority of independent directors. The Advisor believes that a majority of independent directors can be an important factor in facilitating objective decision making and enhancing accountability to shareholders.

*Independent Committees.* The Advisor votes for shareholder proposals requesting that the board's audit, compensation, and nominating committees consist exclusively of independent directors.

*Stock Ownership Requirements.* The Advisor supports measures requiring senior executives to hold a minimum amount of stock in a company (often expressed as a percentage of annual compensation), requiring stock acquired through option exercise to be held for a certain minimum amount of time and issuing restricted stock awards instead of options.

*Term of Office.* The Advisor votes against shareholder proposals to limit the tenure of outside directors. Term limits pose artificial and arbitrary impositions on the board and could harm shareholder interests by forcing experienced and knowledgeable directors off the board.

*Director and Officer Indemnification and Liability Protection.* Proposals concerning director and officer indemnification and liability protection should be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

*Board Size.* The Advisor generally votes for proposals to limit the size of the board to 15 members or less.

*Majority Vote Standard.* The Advisor generally votes for proposals asking for the board to initiate the appropriate process to amend the company's governance documents (charter or bylaws) to provide that director nominees shall be elected by the affirmative vote of the majority of votes cast at an annual meeting of shareholders. The Advisor would generally review on a case-by-case basis proposals that address alternative approaches to a majority vote requirement.

*Confidential Voting.* The Advisor votes for shareholder proposals requesting that companies adopt confidential voting, use independent tabulators, and use independent inspectors of election as long as the proposals include clauses for proxy contests as follows: in the case of a contested election, management should be permitted to request that the dissident group honor its confidential voting policy. If the dissidents agree, the policy remains in place. If the dissidents do not agree, the confidential voting policy is waived.

The Advisor also votes for management proposals to adopt confidential voting.

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*Bundled Proposals.* The Advisor reviews on a case-by-case basis bundled or conditioned proxy proposals. In the case of items that are conditioned upon each other, the Advisor examines the benefits and costs of the packaged items. In instances where the joint effect of the conditioned items is not in shareholders' best interests, the Advisor votes against the proposals. If the combined effect is positive, the Advisor supports such proposals.

*Date/Location of Meeting.* The Advisor votes against shareholder proposals to change the date or location of the shareholders' meeting. No one site will meet the needs of all shareholders.

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*Adjourn Meeting if Votes are Insufficient.* Open-end requests for adjournment of a shareholder meeting generally will not be supported. However, where management specifically states the reason for requesting an adjournment and the requested adjournment is necessary to permit a proposal that would otherwise be supported under this policy to be carried out; the adjournment request will be supported.

*Disclosure of Shareholder Proponents.* The Advisor votes for shareholder proposals requesting that companies disclose the names of shareholder proponents. Shareholders may wish to contact the proponents of a shareholder proposal for additional information.

## **Capital Structure**

*Increase Additional Common Stock.* The Advisor generally votes for increases in authorized shares, provided that the increase is not greater than three times the number of shares outstanding and reserved for issuance (including shares reserved for stock-related plans and securities convertible into common stock, but not shares reserved for any poison pill plan). Votes generally are cast in favor of proposals to authorize additional shares of stock except where the proposal:

- creates a blank check preferred stock; or
- establishes classes of stock with superior voting rights.

*Blank Check Preferred Stock.* Votes generally are cast in opposition to management proposals authorizing the creation of new classes of preferred stock with unspecific voting, conversion, distribution and other rights, and management proposals to increase the number of authorized blank check preferred shares. The Advisor may vote in favor of this type of proposal when it receives assurances to its reasonable satisfaction that (i) the preferred stock was authorized by the board for the use of legitimate capital formation purposes and not for anti- takeover purposes, and (ii) no preferred stock will be issued with voting power that is disproportionate to the economic interests of the preferred stock. These representations should be made either in the proxy statement or in a separate letter from the company to the Advisor.

*Preemptive Rights.* Votes regarding shareholder proposals seeking preemptive rights are determined on a case-by-case basis after evaluating:

- The size of the company;
- The shareholder base; and
- The liquidity of the stock.

For example, it would be difficult to support a shareholder proposal that would require an S&P 500 company with over \$1 billion in equity held by thousands of shareholders (with no single shareholder owning a significant percentage of outstanding shares) to implement preemptive rights each time it conducted a new offering. Such a requirement would be impractical and extremely costly. Moreover, at companies with that large of a shareholder base and the ease with which shareholders could preserve their relative interest through purchases of shares on the open market, the cost of implementing preemptive rights does not seem justifiable in relation to the benefits.

*Dual Class Capitalizations.* Because classes of common stock with unequal voting rights limit the rights of certain shareholders, the Advisor votes against adoption of a dual or multiple class capitalization structure.

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*Restructurings/Recapitalizations.* The Advisor reviews proposals to increase common and/or preferred shares and to issue shares as part of a debt restructuring plan on a case- by-case basis.

In voting, the Advisor considers the following issues:

- dilution how much will ownership interest of existing shareholders be reduced, and how extreme will dilution to any future earnings be?
- change in control will the transaction result in a change in control of the company?
- bankruptcy generally, approve proposals that facilitate debt restructurings unless there are clear signs of self-dealing or other abuses.

*Share Repurchase Programs.* Boards may institute share repurchase or stock buy-back programs for a number of reasons. The Advisor will generally vote in favor of such programs where the repurchase would be in the long-term best interests of shareholders, and where the company is not thought to be able to use the cash in a more useful way.

The Advisor will vote against such programs when shareholders' interests could be better served by deployment of the cash for alternative uses, or where the repurchase is a defensive maneuver or an attempt to entrench management.

*Targeted Share Placements.* These shareholder proposals ask companies to seek stockholder approval before placing 10% or more of their voting stock with a single investor. The proposals are typically in reaction to the placement by various companies of a large block of their voting stock in an ESOP, parent capital fund or with a single friendly investor, with the aim of protecting themselves against a hostile tender offer. These proposals are voted on a case-by-case basis after reviewing the individual situation of the company receiving the proposal.

## **Executive and Director Compensation**

*Stock-based Incentive Plans.* Votes with respect to compensation plans should be determined on a case-by-case basis. The analysis of compensation plans focuses primarily on the transfer of shareholder wealth (the dollar cost of pay plans to shareholders). Other matters included in our analysis are the amount of the company's outstanding stock to be reserved for the award of stock options or restricted stock, whether the exercise price of an option is less than the stock's fair market value at the date of the grant of the options, and whether the plan provides for the exchange of outstanding options for new ones at lower exercise prices. Every award type is valued. An estimated dollar cost for the proposed plan and all continuing plans is derived. This cost, dilution to shareholders' equity, will also be expressed as a percentage figure for the transfer of shareholder wealth and will be considered along with dilution to voting power. Once the cost of the plan is estimated, it is compared to an allowable industry-specific and market cap-based dilution cap.



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If the proposed plan cost is above the allowable cap, an against vote is indicated. If the proposed cost is below the allowable cap, a vote for the plan is indicated unless the plan violates the repricing guidelines. If the company has a history of repricing options or has the express ability to reprice underwater stock options without first securing shareholder approval under the proposed plan, the plan receives an against vote even in cases where the plan cost is considered acceptable based on the quantitative analysis.

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The Advisor votes against equity plans that have high average three year burn rates, unless the company has publicly committed to reduce the burn rate to a rate that is comparable to its peer group (as determined by the Advisor).

*Approval of Cash or Cash-and-Stock Bonus Plans.* The Advisor votes for cash or cash-and-stock bonus plans to exempt the compensation from limits on deductibility under the provisions of Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code).

*Executive Compensation.* Executive compensation should be tied to the performance of the executive and the company as well as relevant market conditions. The Advisor feels that the performance criteria and specific amounts and types of executive compensation are best decided by a company's board of directors and/or its compensation committee and fully disclosed to shareholders.

The Advisor will, however, vote for shareholder proposals that call for shareholders to vote, in a non-binding manner, on executive pay since such vote is non-binding and is merely informative for the board of directors and/or compensation committee. Further, the Advisor generally votes for shareholder proposals that seek additional disclosure of executive and director pay information.

*Reload/Evergreen Features.* The Advisor will generally vote against plans that enable the issuance of reload options and that provide an automatic share replenishment ( evergreen ) feature.

*Golden Parachutes.* The Advisor opposes the use of accelerated employment contracts that result in cash grants of greater than three times annual compensation (salary and bonus) in the event of termination of employment following a change in control of a company. In general, the guidelines call for voting against golden parachute plans because they impede potential takeovers that shareholders should be free to consider. The Advisor generally withholds its votes at the next shareholder meeting for directors who to our knowledge approved golden parachutes.

*401(k) Employee Benefit Plans.* The Advisor votes for proposals to implement a 401(k) savings plan for employees.

*Employee Stock Purchase Plans.* The Advisor supports employee stock purchase plans, although the Advisor generally believes the discounted purchase price should be at least 85% of the current market price.

*Option Expensing.* The Advisor votes for shareholder proposals to expense fixed-price options.

*Vesting.* The Advisor believes that restricted stock awards normally should vest over at least a two-year period.

*Option Repricing.* Stock options generally should not be re-priced, and never should be re-priced without shareholder approval. In addition, companies should not issue new options, with a lower strike price, to make up for previously issued options that are substantially underwater. The Advisor will vote against the election of any slate of directors that, to its knowledge, has authorized a company to re-price or replace

underwater options during the most recent year without shareholder approval.

*Stock Holding Periods.* Generally vote against all proposals requiring executives to hold the stock received upon option exercise for a specific period of time.

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*Transferable Stock Options.* Review on a case-by-case basis proposals to grant transferable stock options or otherwise permit the transfer of outstanding stock options, including cost of proposal and alignment with shareholder interests.

*Recoup Bonuses.* The Advisor votes on a case-by-case on shareholder proposals to recoup unearned incentive bonuses or other incentive payments made to senior executives if it is later determined that fraud, misconduct, or negligence significantly contributed to a restatement of financial results that led to the awarding of unearned incentive compensation.

## **Incorporation**

*Reincorporation Outside of the United States.* Generally, the Advisor will vote against companies looking to reincorporate outside of the U.S.

*Voting on State Takeover Statutes.* The Advisor reviews on a case-by-case basis proposals to opt in or out of state takeover statutes (including control share acquisition statutes, control share cash-out statutes, freeze out provisions, fair price provisions, stakeholder laws, poison pill endorsements, severance pay and labor contract provisions, anti greenmail provisions, and disgorgement provisions). In voting on these shareholder proposals, the Advisor evaluates all facts and circumstances surrounding such proposal, including whether the shareholder proposing such measure has an agenda in making such proposal that may be at odds with the longterm best interests of the company or whether it would be in the best interests of the company to thwart a shareholder's attempt to control the board of directors.

*Voting on Reincorporation Proposals.* Proposals to change a company's state of incorporation are examined on a case-by-case basis. In making our decision, the Advisor reviews management's rationale for the proposal, changes to the charter/bylaws, and differences in the state laws governing the companies.

## **Mergers and Corporate Restructurings**

*Mergers and Acquisitions.* Votes on mergers and acquisitions should be considered on a case-by-case basis, taking into account factors including the following: anticipated financial and operating benefits; offer price (cost vs. premium); prospects of the combined companies; how the deal was negotiated; and changes in corporate governance and their impact on shareholder rights.

The Advisor votes against proposals that require a super-majority of shareholders to approve a merger or other significant business combination. The Advisor supports proposals that seek to lower super-majority voting requirements.

*Nonfinancial Effects of a Merger or Acquisition.* Some companies have proposed a charter provision which specifies that the board of directors may examine the nonfinancial effect of a merger or acquisition on the company. This provision would allow the board to evaluate the impact a proposed change in control would have on employees, host communities, suppliers and/or others. The Advisor generally votes against proposals to adopt such charter provisions. The Advisor feels it is the directors' fiduciary duty to base decisions solely on the financial interests of the shareholders.

*Corporate Restructuring.* Votes on corporate restructuring proposals, including minority squeeze outs, leveraged buyouts, going private proposals, spin-offs, liquidations, and asset sales, should be considered on a case-by-case basis.

*Spin-offs.* Votes on spin-offs should be considered on a case-by-case basis depending on the tax and regulatory advantages, planned use of sale proceeds, market focus, and managerial incentives.

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*Asset Sales.* Votes on asset sales should be made on a case-by-case basis after considering the impact on the balance sheet/working capital, value received for the asset, and potential elimination of diseconomies.

*Liquidations.* Votes on liquidations should be made on a case-by-case basis after reviewing management's efforts to pursue other alternatives, appraisal value of assets, and the compensation plan for executives managing the liquidation.

*Appraisal Rights.* The Advisor votes for proposals to restore, or provide shareholders with, rights of appraisal. Rights of appraisal provide shareholders who are not satisfied with the terms of certain corporate transactions the right to demand a judicial review in order to determine a fair value for their shares.

*Changing Corporate Name.* The Advisor votes for changing the corporate name.

### **Social Issues.**

The Advisor believes that it is the responsibility of the board and management to run a company on a daily basis. With this in mind, in the absence of unusual circumstances, the Advisor does not believe that shareholders should be involved in determining how a company should address broad social and policy issues. As a result, the Advisor generally votes against these types of proposals, which are generally initiated by shareholders, unless the Advisor believes the proposal has significant economic implications.

### **Item 8. Portfolio Managers of Closed-End Investment Companies.**

Information pertaining to the portfolio managers of the registrant, as of December 31, 2011, is set forth below.

Martin Cohen

- Director and co-chairman

Co-founder, co-chairman and co-chief executive officer of Cohen & Steers Capital Management, Inc. ( C&S ) and its parent company, Cohen & Steers, Inc. ( CNS ). Vice president and director of Cohen & Steers Securities, LLC. Director and co-chairman of each of the Cohen & Steers funds. Previously, president of C&S and each of the Cohen & Steers funds.

- Portfolio manager since inception

Robert Steers

- Director and co-chairman

Co-founder, co-chairman and co-chief executive officer of C&S and CNS. Vice President and Director of Cohen & Steers Securities, LLC. Director and co-chairman of each of the Cohen & Steers funds. Previously, chairman of C&S and each of the Cohen & Steers funds.

- Portfolio manager since inception

Joseph Harvey

President of C&S and CNS. Previously, senior vice president of C&S and director of research.

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- Vice president

- Portfolio manager since 2004

William F. Scapell

Senior vice president of C&S. Previously, chief strategist for preferred securities at Merrill Lynch & Co.

- Vice President

- Portfolio manager since 2005

Thomas N. Bohjalian

Senior vice president of C&S. Previously, vice president of C&S.

- Vice President

- Portfolio manager since 2006

C&S utilizes a team-based approach in managing the registrant. Mr. Cohen and Mr. Steers are the leaders of this team and they act in a supervisory capacity. Mr. Harvey and Mr. Bohjalian direct and supervise the execution of the registrant's investment strategy, and lead and guide the other members of the team. Mr. Scapell manages the registrant's preferred securities investments.

Each portfolio manager listed above manages other investment companies and/or investment vehicles and accounts in addition to the registrant. The following tables show, as of December 31, 2011, the number of accounts each portfolio manager managed in each of the listed categories and the total assets in the accounts managed within each category. Two (2) of the 42 other accounts managed by Messrs. Cohen, Steers and Harvey, with total assets of \$105.89 million, are subject to performance-based fees.

Martin Cohen

	Number of accounts		Total assets
• Registered investment companies	16	\$	15,439,761,000
• Other pooled investment vehicles	38	\$	16,668,923,000
• Other accounts	39	\$	4,275,709,000

Robert Steers



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Joseph Harvey

	Number of accounts		Total assets
• Registered investment companies	16	\$	15,439,761,000
• Other pooled investment vehicles	38	\$	16,668,923,000
• Other accounts	39	\$	4,275,709,000

William F. Scapell

	Number of accounts		Total assets
• Registered investment companies	7	\$	6,460,047,000
• Other pooled investment vehicles	2	\$	7,340,002,000
• Other accounts	5	\$	522,559,000

Thomas Bohjalian

	Number of accounts		Total assets
• Registered investment companies	4	\$	3,308,328,000
• Other pooled investment vehicles	2	\$	7,340,002,000
• Other accounts	1	\$	204,043,000

Share Ownership. The following table indicates the dollar range of securities of the registrant owned by the registrant's portfolio managers as of December 31, 2011:

	Dollar Range of Securities Owned
Martin Cohen	\$100,001 - \$500,000
Robert Steers	\$100,001 - \$500,000
Joseph Harvey	\$1 - \$10,000
William F. Scapell	None
Thomas Bohjalian	None

Conflicts of Interest. It is possible that conflicts of interest may arise in connection with the portfolio manager's management of the registrant's investments on the one hand and the investments of other accounts or vehicles for which the portfolio managers are responsible on the other. For example, a portfolio manager may have conflicts of interest in allocating management time, resources and investment opportunities among the registrant and the other accounts or vehicles he advises. In addition, due to differences in the investment strategies or restrictions among the registrant and the other accounts, a portfolio manager may take action with respect to another account that differs from the action taken with respect to the registrant.

In some cases, another account managed by a portfolio manager may provide more revenue to the Advisor. While this may appear to create additional conflicts of interest for the portfolio manager in the allocation of management time, resources and investment opportunities, the Advisor strives to ensure that portfolio managers endeavor to exercise their discretion in a manner that is equitable to all interested persons. In this regard, in the absence of specific account-related impediments (such as client-imposed restrictions or lack of available cash), it is the policy of the Advisor to allocate investment ideas pro rata to all accounts with the same primary investment objective.

In addition, certain of the portfolio managers may from time to time manage one or more accounts on behalf of the Advisor and its affiliated companies (the CNS Accounts). Certain securities held and traded in the CNS Accounts also may be held and traded in one or more client accounts. It is the policy of the Advisor however not to put the interests of the CNS Accounts ahead of the interests of client accounts. The Advisor may aggregate orders of client accounts with those of the CNS Accounts; however, under no circumstances will preferential treatment be given to the CNS Accounts. For all orders involving the CNS Accounts, purchases or sales will be allocated prior to trade placement, and orders that are only partially filled will be allocated across all accounts in proportion to the shares each account, including the CNS Accounts, was designated to receive prior to trading. As a result, it is expected that the CNS Accounts will receive the same average price as other accounts included in the aggregated order. Shares will not be allocated or re-allocated to the CNS Accounts after trade execution or after the average price is known. In the event so few shares of an order are executed that a pro-rata allocation is not practical, a rotational system of allocation may be used; however, the CNS Accounts will never be part of that rotation or receive shares of a partially filled order other than on a pro-rata basis.

Because certain CNS Accounts are managed with a cash management objective, it is possible that a security will be sold out of the CNS Accounts but continue to be held for one or more client accounts. In situations when this occurs, such security will remain in a client account only if the portfolio manager, acting in its reasonable judgment and consistent with its fiduciary duties, believes this is appropriate for, and consistent with the objectives and profile of, the client account.

C&S Compensation Structure. Compensation of C&S's portfolio managers and other investment professionals has three primary components: (1) a base salary, (2) an annual cash bonus and (3) long-term stock-based compensation consisting generally of restricted stock units of C&S's parent, CNS. C&S's investment professionals, including the portfolio managers, also receive

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certain retirement, insurance and other benefits that are broadly available to all of its employees. Compensation of C&S's investment professionals is reviewed primarily on an annual basis. Cash bonuses, stock-based compensation awards, and adjustments in base salary are typically paid or put into effect in the January following the fiscal year-end of CNS.

Method to Determine Compensation. C&S compensates its portfolio managers based primarily on the scale and complexity of their portfolio responsibilities and the total return performance of funds and accounts managed by the portfolio manager versus appropriate peer groups or benchmarks. C&S uses a variety of benchmarks to evaluate the portfolio managers' performance for compensation purposes, including the NAREIT Equity REIT Index with respect to Messrs. Cohen, Steers, Harvey and Bohjalian and the Merrill Lynch Fixed Rate Preferred Index with respect to Mr. Scapell. In evaluating the performance of a portfolio manager, primary emphasis is normally placed on one- and three-year performance, with secondary consideration of performance over longer periods of time. Performance is evaluated on a pre-tax and pre-expense basis. In addition to rankings within peer groups of funds on the basis of absolute performance, consideration may also be given to risk-adjusted performance. For funds and accounts with a primary investment objective of high current income, consideration will also be given to the fund's and account's success in achieving this objective. For managers responsible for multiple funds and accounts, investment performance is evaluated on an aggregate basis. C&S has three funds or accounts with performance-based advisory fees. Portfolio managers are also evaluated on the basis of their success in managing their dedicated team of analysts. Base compensation for portfolio managers of C&S varies in line with the portfolio manager's seniority and position with the firm.

Salaries, bonuses and stock-based compensation are also influenced by the operating performance of the Advisor and CNS. While the annual salaries of the Advisor's portfolio managers are fixed, cash bonuses and stock based compensation may fluctuate significantly from year to year, based on changes in manager performance and other factors.

**Item 9. Purchases of Equity Securities by Closed-End Management Investment Company and Affiliated Purchasers.**

Not applicable.

**Item 10. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.**

There have been no material changes to the procedures by which shareholders may recommend nominees to the registrant's Board implemented after the registrant last provided disclosure in response to this Item.

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**Item 11. Controls and Procedures.**

(a) The registrant's principal executive officer and principal financial officer have concluded that the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures are reasonably designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the registrant in this Form N-CSR was recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules and forms, based upon such officers' evaluation of these controls and procedures as of a date within 90 days of the filing date of this report.

(b) There were no changes in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the second fiscal quarter of the period covered by this report that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

**Item 12. Exhibits.**

(a)(1) Not applicable.

(a) (2) Certifications of principal executive officer and principal financial officer as required by Rule 30a-2(a) under the Investment Company Act of 1940.

(b) Certifications of chief executive officer and chief financial officer as required by Rule 30a-2(b) under the Investment Company Act of 1940.

(c) Registrant's notices to shareholders pursuant to Registrant's exemptive order granting an exemption from Section 19(b) of the 1940 Act and Rule 19b-1 thereunder regarding distributions pursuant to the Registrant's Managed Distribution Plan.

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

**COHEN & STEERS TOTAL RETURN REALTY FUND, INC.**

By: /s/ Adam M. Derechin  
Name: Adam M. Derechin  
Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

Date: March 8, 2012

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

By: /s/ Adam M. Derechin  
Name: Adam M. Derechin  
Title: President and Chief Executive Officer  
(Principal Executive Officer)

By: /s/ James Giallanza  
Name: James Giallanza  
Title: Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer  
(Principal Financial Officer)

Date: March 8, 2012

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