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Washington, D.C. 20549
FORM N-CSR

CERTIFIED SHAREHOLDER REPORT OF REGISTERED
MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES

Investment Company Act file number: 811-04656

ELLSWORTH FUND LTD.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

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Date of fiscal year end: September 30

Date of reporting period: March 31, 2007

ITEM 1. REPORTS TO STOCKHOLDERS.

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2007 Semi-Annual Report
March 31, 2007

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2007 Semi-Annual Report
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Ellsworth Fund Ltd. operates as a closed-end, diversified management investment company and invests primarily in convertible securities, with the objectives of providing income and the potential for capital appreciation ~ which objectives the Fund considers to be relatively equal, over the long-term, due to the nature of the securities in which it invests.

Highlights

Performance through March 31, 2007 with dividends reinvested

	Calendar YTD	1 Year	Annualized 5 Years	Annualized 10 Years	10 Year Volatility
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Ellsworth market price	2.50%	13.52%	5.86%	8.98%	15.03%
Ellsworth net asset value	2.19	9.14	6.49	7.57	13.13
Merrill Lynch All Convertibles Index	2.50	9.82	8.48	8.77	19.04
S&P 500 Index	0.64	11.83	6.25	8.20	22.44
Lehman Aggregate Bond Total Return Index .	1.50	6.59	5.35	6.46	4.27

The above data is from Bloomberg L.P. pricing service, with the exception of the Lehman Aggregate Bond Total Return Index which is from Lipper, Inc. Closed-End Fund Performance Analysis, dated March 31, 2007.

Ellsworth's performance in the table above has not been adjusted for the fiscal 2004 rights offering; net asset value dilution was 2.21%. Volatility is a measure of risk based on the standard deviation of the return. The greater the volatility, the greater the chance of a profit or risk of a loss. Performance data represent past results and do not reflect future performance.

Quarterly History of NAV and Market Price

Qtr. Ended	Net Asset Values			Market Prices (AMEX, symbol ECF)		
	High	Low	Close	High	Low	Close
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Jun. 06	\$9.64	\$9.06	\$9.29	\$8.17	\$7.76	\$7.95
Sep. 06	9.63	9.13	9.60	8.21	7.62	8.20
Dec. 06	9.72	9.29	9.60	8.46	8.06	8.45
Mar. 07	9.89	9.53	9.73	8.68	8.39	8.58

Dividend Distributions (12 Months)

Record Date	Payment Date	Income	Capital Gains	Total
-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
5/16/06	5/30/06	\$ 0.070	--	\$ 0.070
8/16/06	8/30/06	0.070	--	0.070

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10/27/06	11/22/06	0.130	\$ 0.265	0.395
2/13/07	2/27/07	0.080	--	0.080
		-----	-----	-----
		\$ 0.350	\$ 0.265	\$ 0.615
		=====	=====	=====

 To Our Shareholders

May 14, 2007

The U.S. domestic convertible securities market has been expanding in 2007. Citigroup has measured this market at \$321 billion on April 30, 2007, up from \$297 billion in December 2006 (this does not include the structured securities discussed in last quarter's letter to shareholders). The overall convertible market continues to provide attractive investment opportunities. While the average yield has dropped from 3.2% in December 2006 to 3.1% in April 2007, the average premium-to-conversion value has fallen from 27.5% to 25% during that period. The reduced yield and premium appear to have come about from higher underlying stock prices.

An important measure of the convertible market is known as "delta." This is an indicator of how "equity sensitive" convertibles are. For example, a delta of 50 would imply that if the common stock underlying the convertible security were to move 10%, the convertible would move by half of that or 5%. During the late 1990's delta ranged from 57.1 to 75.9, indicating that most convertibles moved substantially in-line with their underlying common stocks. In 2002, the weighted average delta of the Citigroup Convertible Index fell to 36.1 indicating that many convertibles were not moving substantially with their underlying common stocks. Historically convertibles have been used as equity alternatives more than they have been used as fixed income alternatives; at 36.1 the Citigroup Convertible Index was far more interest rate sensitive than equity sensitive. This can have an impact on performance. Since 2002, delta has moved back up to 65, a more traditional level that is consistent with the theme of using convertibles as an equity alternative.

During this fiscal year, the performance of the Fund has been enhanced by its exposure to the chemical, insurance and telecommunications industries. Among the better performing issues in the portfolio were LSB Industries, Inc. (multi-industry), Celanese Corp. (chemical industry) and Equinix, Inc. (telecommunications). Performance was held back by exposure to the semiconductor, finance and computer software industries.

For the quarter, one-year and ten-year periods ended March 31, 2007, Ellsworth's market return outperformed the Merrill Lynch All Convertibles Index while underperforming for the five-year period. The Fund's net asset value (NAV) underperformed for those quarter, one-year, five-year and ten-year periods. However, when adjusted for fund expenses (the index includes no expenses) and the fiscal 2004 rights offering, the Fund's NAV outperformed over the one-year and ten-year periods, underperformed for the five-year period, and performed in-line for the quarter. For that ten-year period, the Fund's volatility as measured by the standard deviation was lower than that of the Merrill Lynch All Convertibles Index. Many market professionals consider the volatility of past returns to be a useful approximation of the past levels of risk. This measure of historic results may not reflect future performance but we believe that it is informative.

 To Our Shareholders (continued)

The results of the 2007 annual meeting of shareholders are shown in the Miscellaneous Notes section of this report. We thank you for your support. At its April meeting, the Board of Trustees declared a dividend of \$0.08 per share. The dividend consists of undistributed net investment income and will be payable on May 30, 2007 to shareholders of record on May 16, 2007.

/s/ Thomas H. Dinsmore
 Thomas H. Dinsmore
 Chairman of the Board

 Major Portfolio Changes by underlying common stock

Six months ended March 31, 2007

ADDITIONS

Agere Systems Inc.
 Archer-Daniels-Midland Co.
 (exchangeable from Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc.)
 Bristol-Myers Squibb Co.
 Covanta Holding Corp.
 Cypress Semiconductor Corp.
 EMC Corp.
 Fairchild Semiconductor Corp.
 Mylan Laboratories Inc.
 NVIDIA Corp.
 (exchangeable from IXIS Financial Products Inc.)
 Prudential Financial, Inc.
 The Stanley Works
 Vornado Realty Trust
 Wyeth

REDUCTIONS

American Medical Systems Holdings, Inc.
 AT&T Inc.
 Cephalon, Inc.
 Chesapeake Energy Corp.
 EchoStar Communication Corp.
 International Rectifier Corp.
 Schering-Plough Corp.
 SEMCO Energy, Inc.
 The St. Paul Travelers Companies Inc.
 Sybase, Inc.
 Tekelec, Inc.
 Texas Industries Inc.
 (exchangeable from TXI Capital Trust I)
 Vishay Intertechnology, Inc.

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Largest Investment Holdings by underlying common stock

	Value (Note 1)	% Total Net Assets
	-----	-----
The Walt Disney Company	\$ 3,641,250	3.0%
<p>Disney is an entertainment company with operations that include media networks, studio entertainment, theme parks and resorts, consumer products and Internet and direct marketing.</p>		
Celanese Corp.	3,292,000	2.7
<p>Celanese is a global industrial chemicals company that processes raw materials and natural products into chemicals and chemical-based products.</p>		
Nuveen Investments, Inc.	3,126,522	2.5
<p>Nuveen's principal activities are asset management and related research, and the development, marketing and distribution of investment products and services. The company provides its services through financial advisors who serve the affluent and high net worth market segments. (exchangeable from Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. and Morgan Stanley, Inc.)</p>		
Prudential Financial, Inc.	3,006,300	2.4
<p>Prudential provides financial services throughout the United States and several locations worldwide. The company offers a variety of products and services including life insurance, mutual funds, annuities, asset management and real estate brokerage.</p>		
Equinix, Inc.	2,838,200	2.3
<p>Equinix provides core Internet exchange services to networks, Internet infrastructure companies, enterprises and content providers. (convertible from Equinix, Inc. and exchangeable from Credit Suisse First Boston (USA), Inc.)</p>		
MetLife, Inc.	2,560,000	2.1
<p>MetLife provides insurance and financial services to a range of individual and institutional customers.</p>		
Bristol-Myers Squibb Co.	2,531,250	2.1
<p>Bristol-Myers is a diversified worldwide health and personal care company that</p>		

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manufacture medicines and other products.
 The company's products include therapies
 for various diseases and disorders, consumer
 medicines, wound management, infant formulas,
 and nutritional supplements.

U.S. Bancorp.	2,516,900	2.0
U.S. Bancorp is a diversified financial services company that provides lending and depository services, cash management, foreign exchange, trust and investment management services.		
Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd.	2,461,250	2.0
Teva develops, manufactures and markets generic and branded human pharmaceuticals and active pharmaceutical ingredients. (exchangeable from Ivax Corp. and Teva Pharmaceutical Finance Co. B.V.)		
Alleghany Corp.	2,460,500	2.0
Alleghany provides property and casualty reinsurance and insurance and financial services. The company also operates an industrial minerals business, and a steel and fastener importing and distribution business.		
Total	\$28,434,172	23.1%
	=====	=====

 Major Industry Exposure

Aerospace and Defense	5.1%
Banking/Savings and Loan	6.9%
Chemicals	4.1%
Computer Hardware	5.6%
Energy	7.8%
Insurance	10.8%

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Multi-Industry	5.6%
Pharmaceuticals	12.2%
Semiconductors	10.7%
Telecommunications	4.8%

Diversification of Assets

	Value (Note 1)	% Total Net Assets	
		Six Months Ended March 31, 2007	Year Ended September 30, 2006
Aerospace and Defense	\$ 6,253,960	5.1%	5.4%
Agriculture	2,012,300	1.6	--
Banking/Savings and Loan	8,472,658	6.9	5.6
Chemicals	4,987,200	4.0	3.2
Computer Hardware	6,880,000	5.6	3.6
Computer Software	2,594,500	2.1	3.2
Consumer Goods	3,203,566	2.6	1.5
Energy	9,658,813	7.8	9.3
Entertainment	3,641,250	3.0	5.2
Finance	3,126,522	2.5	3.7
Financial Services	3,991,700	3.2	2.8
Foods	1,096,800	0.9	1.8
Health Care	3,813,750	3.1	3.9
Insurance	13,286,500	10.8	10.0
Mining	1,333,500	1.1	--
Multi-Industry	6,847,192	5.6	6.1
Pharmaceuticals	14,988,326	12.1	10.5
Real Estate	2,935,250	2.4	0.6
Retail	997,500	0.8	1.1
Semiconductors	13,176,049	10.7	8.8
Telecommunications	5,892,263	4.8	4.7
Utilities	1,353,750	1.1	1.5
Other	--	--	5.4
Total Investments	120,543,349	97.8	97.9
Other Assets, Net of Liabilities	2,644,114	2.2	2.1
Total Net Assets	\$123,187,463	100.0%	100.0%

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 Portfolio of Investments March 31, 2007 (unaudited)

Principal Amount -----		Value (Note 1) -----
	CONVERTIBLE BONDS AND NOTES -- 62.0%	
	Aerospace and Defense -- 4.5%	
\$1,500,000	AAR Corp. 1.75%, due 2026 cv. sr. notes (BB).....	\$ 1,698,750
1,000,000	Alliant Techsystems Inc. 2.75%, due 2011 cv. sr. sub. notes (B1)....	1,086,250
1,000,000	Ceradyne, Inc. 2.875%, due 2035 sr. sub. cv. notes (NR) (1).....	1,160,000
1,500,000	DRS Technologies, Inc. 2%, due 2026 cv. sr. notes (B1) (Acquired 01/30/06; Cost \$1,596,304) (1,2).....	1,586,250
		----- 5,531,250 -----
	Agriculture -- 1.6%	
2,000,000	Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. 1.5%, due 2012 cv. securities (Aa3) (exchangeable into Archer- Daniels-Midland Co. common stock) (Acquired 02/23/07; Cost \$2,000,000) (2).....	2,012,300
	Banking/Savings and Loan -- 2.9%	
1,000,000	PrivateBancorp, Inc. 3.625%, due 2027 cv. sr. notes (NR) (Acquired 03/09/07; Cost \$1,000,000) (2).....	1,026,250
1,500,000	U.S. Bancorp floating rate, due 2035 cv. sr. deb. (Aa2).....	1,522,500
1,000,000	U.S. Bancorp floating rate, due 2037 cv. sr. deb. (Aa2) (Acquired 02/01/07; Cost \$988,750) (2).....	994,400
		----- 3,543,150 -----
	Computer Hardware -- 5.6%	
1,000,000	C&D Technologies, Inc. 5.25%, due 2025 cv. sr. notes (NR).....	946,250
2,000,000	Credit Suisse, New York Branch 13.62%, due 2007 equity-linked notes (Aa3) (exchangeable for Corning Inc. common stock).....	2,130,000
1,000,000	EMC Corp. 1.75%, due 2011 cv. sr. notes (BBB+).....	1,078,750
1,000,000	EMC Corp. 1.75%, due 2013 cv. sr. notes (BBB+).....	1,078,750
500,000	Komag, Inc. 2.125%, due 2014 cv. sr. sub. notes (NR) (Acquired 03/23/07; Cost \$500,000) (2).....	516,875
1,000,000	Richardson Electronics, Ltd. 8%, due 2011 cv. sr. sub. notes (NR)..	1,129,375
		----- 6,880,000 -----
	Computer Software -- 2.1%	
1,500,000	Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. 1%, due 2009 medium-term notes (A1) (performance linked to Microsoft Corp. common stock) (1).....	1,519,500
1,000,000	Symantec Corp. 1%, due 2013 cv. sr. notes (NR).....	1,075,000
		----- 2,594,500 -----
	Consumer Goods -- 1.4%	
1,000,000	Church & Dwight Co., Inc. 5.25%, due 2033 cv. sr. deb. (Ba1).....	1,682,500
	Energy -- 5.6%	
1,000,000	Cameron International Corp. 2.50%, due 2026 cv. sr. notes (Baa1)...	1,156,250
1,500,000	Covanta Holding Corp. 1%, due 2027 sr. cv. deb. (B1) (1).....	1,481,250
1,500,000	Nabors Industries, Inc. 0.94%, due 2011 sr. exchangeable notes (A-)	

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	(exchangeable for Nabors Industries Ltd. common stock).....	1,430,625
1,225,000	Oil States International, Inc. 2.375%, due 2025 contingent cv. sr. notes (NR).....	1,522,063
1,250,000	Rentech, Inc. 4%, due 2013 cv. sr. notes (NR).....	1,294,525

		6,884,713

	Entertainment -- 3.0%	
3,000,000	The Walt Disney Company 2.125%, due 2023 cv. sr. notes (A3).....	3,641,250

	Financial Services -- 1.6%	
2,000,000	Euronet Worldwide, Inc. 3.50%, due 2025 cv. deb. (B+) (1).....	2,027,500

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Portfolio of Investments March 31, 2007 (continued)

Principal Amount		Value (Note 1)
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	CONVERTIBLE BONDS AND NOTES -- continued	
	Health Care -- 3.1%	
\$1,000,000	China Medical Technologies, Inc. 3.5%, due 2011 cv. sr. sub. notes (NR).....	\$ 1,020,000
1,500,000	Manor Care, Inc. 2.125%, due 2035 cv. sr. notes (Baa3).....	1,912,500
1,000,000	Omnicare, Inc. 3.25%, due 2035 cv. sr. deb. (B2) (1)	881,250

		3,813,750

	Insurance -- 2.4%	
3,000,000	Prudential Financial, Inc. floating rate, due 2036 cv. sr. notes (A3) (Acquired 12/08/06 - 01/25/07; Cost \$2,980,292) (2).....	3,006,300

	Multi-Industry -- 3.7%	
2,000,000	Citigroup Funding, Inc. 1%, due 2010 medium-term notes (Aa1) (exchangeable for the cash value of a basket of technology stocks) (1).....	1,903,600
1,000,000	Diversa Corp. 5.5%, due 2027 cv. sr. notes (NR) (Acquired 03/23/07; Cost \$1,000,000) (2)	1,150,000
1,125,000	FTI Consulting, Inc. 3.75%, due 2012 cv. sr. sub. notes (B1)	1,461,092

		4,514,692

	Pharmaceuticals -- 9.9%	
1,250,000	Amgen Inc. 0.125%, due 2011 cv. sr. notes (A2)	1,144,188
500,000	Amgen Inc. 0.375%, due 2013 cv. sr. notes (A2)	449,900
2,500,000	Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. floating rate, due 2023 cv. sr. deb. (A2)	2,531,250
1,000,000	Ivax Corp. 4.5%, due 2008 cv. sr. sub. notes (NR) (exchangeable for Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd. ADR and cash)	1,012,500
500,000	MedImmune, Inc. 1.375%, due 2011 cv. sr. notes (BBB).....	616,250
500,000	MedImmune, Inc. 1.625%, due 2013 cv. sr. notes (BBB).....	628,125
1,625,000	Mylan Laboratories Inc. 1.25%, due 2012 sr. cv. notes (BBB-).....	1,746,875
2,000,000	Teva Pharmaceutical Finance Co. B.V. 1.75%, due 2026	

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	cv. sr. deb. (Baa2)	
	(exchangeable for Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd. ADR).....	1,955,000
2,000,000	Wyeth floating rate, due 2024 cv. sr. deb. (A3).....	2,142,400

		12,226,488

	Real Estate -- 2.4%	
500,000	ProLogis 2.25%, due 2037 cv. sr. notes (BBB+)	
	(Acquired 03/20/07; Cost \$491,250) (2).....	493,375
1,000,000	United Dominion Realty Trust, Inc. 3.625%,	
	due 2011 cv. sr. notes (NR).....	1,000,000
1,500,000	Vornado Realty Trust 2.85%, due 2027 cv. sr. deb. (BBB)	1,441,875

		2,935,250

	Retail -- 0.8%	
1,000,000	Amazon.com, Inc. 4.75%, due 2009 cv. sub. notes (Ba3)	997,500

	Semiconductors -- 7.7%	
2,000,000	Agere Systems Inc. 6.5%, due 2009 cv. sub. notes (B1)	2,057,500
1,000,000	Conexant Systems, Inc. 4%, due 2026 cv. sub. notes (NR)	876,250
1,250,000	Cypress Semiconductor Corp. 1%, due 2009	
	cv. sr. unsecured notes (B-) (Acquired 03/07/07 - 03/08/07;	
	Cost \$1,267,188) (2)	1,267,188
2,000,000	Fairchild Semiconductor Corp. 5%, due 2008 cv. sr. sub. notes (B)	
	(exchangeable into Fairchild Semiconductor International, Inc.	
	common stock).....	1,987,500
2,000,000	Intel Corp. 2.95%, due 2035 jr. sub. cv. deb. (A-) (1).....	1,740,000
1,500,000	LSI Logic Corp. 4%, due 2010 cv. sub. notes (B).....	1,614,375

		9,542,813

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 Portfolio of Investments March 31, 2007 (continued)

Principal Amount		Value (Note 1)
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	CONVERTIBLE BONDS AND NOTES -- continued	
	Telecommunications -- 2.6%	
\$ 750,000	Anixter International, Inc. 1%, due 2013 sr. cv. notes (BB-)	
	(Acquired 02/12/07 - 03/19/07; Cost \$828,750) (2).....	\$ 884,063
1,000,000	Equinix, Inc. 2.5%, due 2012 cv. sub. notes (NR)	1,014,200
1,000,000	Time Warner Telecom Inc. 2.375%, due 2026 cv. sr. deb. (Caal).....	1,312,500

		3,210,763

	Utilities -- 1.1%	
1,000,000	CMS Energy Corp. 2.875%, due 2024 cv. sr. notes (Ba3).....	1,353,750

	TOTAL CONVERTIBLE BONDS AND NOTES.....	\$ 76,398,469

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CONVERTIBLE PREFERRED STOCKS -- 10.9%		
Shares		

	Aerospace and Defense -- 0.4%	
40,000	Ionatron, Inc. 6.5% Series A redeemable cv. pfd. (NR) (Acquired 10/27/05; Cost \$1,000,000) (2).....	520,000

	Banking/Savings and Loan -- 3.1%	
41,678	New York Community Bancorp, Inc. 6% BONUSES units (Baa1).....	2,052,642
20,000	Sovereign Capital Trust IV 4.375% PIERS (Baa2) (exchangeable for Sovereign Bancorp, Inc. common stock) (1).....	995,000
15,000	Washington Mutual Capital Trust 5.375% PIERS units (BBB) (exchangeable for Washington Mutual, Inc. common stock).....	815,850

		3,863,492

	Chemicals -- 2.7%	
80,000	Celanese Corp. 4.25% cv. perpetual pfd. (NR).....	3,292,000

	Energy -- 0.8%	
10,000	Chesapeake Energy Corp. 4.5% cum. cv. pfd. (B+).....	997,500

	Insurance -- 3.2%	
75,000	Citigroup Funding Inc. variable rate exch. notes (Aa1) (exchangeable for Genworth Financial, Inc. common stock).....	2,445,750
20,000	Reinsurance Group of America, Inc. 5.75% PIERS (Baa2).....	1,450,000

		3,895,750

	Telecommunications -- 0.7%	
100	Medis Technologies Ltd 7.25% Series A cum. cv. perpetual pfd. (NR) (Acquired 11/10/06; Cost \$1,000,000) (2).....	857,500

	TOTAL CONVERTIBLE PREFERRED STOCKS.....	\$ 13,426,242

	MANDATORY CONVERTIBLE SECURITIES -- 20.7% (3)	
	Chemicals -- 1.4%	
40,000	Huntsman Corp. 5% mandatory cv. pfd., due 02/16/08 (NR).....	1,695,200

	Consumer Goods -- 1.2%	
1,500	The Stanley Works floating rate equity units, due 05/17/12 (A2)....	1,521,066

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Shares		Value (Note 1)
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	MANDATORY CONVERTIBLE SECURITIES -- continued (3)	
	Energy -- 1.4%	

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30,000	Bristow Group Inc. 5.5% mandatory cv. pfd., due 09/15/09 (B).....	\$ 1,514,100
1,000	Chesapeake Energy Corp. 6.25% mandatory cv. pfd., due 06/15/09 (B+)	262,500

		1,776,600

	Finance -- 2.5%	
30,000	Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. 6.75% mandatorily exchangeable securities, due 10/15/07 (Aa3) (exchangeable for Nuveen Investments, Inc. common stock).....	1,231,875
45,500	Morgan Stanley, Inc. 5.875% mandatorily exchangeable securities, due 10/15/08 (Aa3) (exchangeable for Nuveen Investments, Inc. common stock).....	1,894,647

		3,126,522

	Financial Services -- 1.6%	
70,000	E*TRADE Financial Corp. 6.125% equity units, due 11/18/08 (Ba3)....	1,964,200

	Foods -- 0.9%	
40,000	Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. 6.25% PIES, due 10/15/07 (A1) (exchangeable for General Mills, Inc. common stock).....	1,096,800

	Insurance -- 5.2%	
7,000	Alleghany Corp. 5.75% mandatory cv. pfd., due 06/15/09 (BBB-).....	2,460,500
80,000	MetLife, Inc. 6.375% common equity units, due 08/15/08 (BBB+).....	2,560,000
52,500	XL Capital, Ltd. 7% equity security units, due 02/15/09 (A3).....	1,363,950

		6,384,450

	Mining -- 1.1%	
12,500	Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc. 6.75% mandatory cv. pfd., due 05/01/10 (B).....	1,333,500

	Pharmaceuticals -- 1.0%	
20,000	Schering-Plough Corp. 6% mand. cv. pfd., due 09/14/07 (Baa3).....	1,177,000

	Semiconductors -- 2.9%	
98,850	The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. 14.75% mandatory exchangeable notes, due 06/22/07 (NR) (exchangeable for Advanced Micro Devices, Inc. common stock) (Acquired 06/14/06; Cost \$2,500,411) (2).....	1,368,677
76,080	IXIS Financial Products Inc. 8.9% mandatory trigger exchangeable notes, due 08/28/07 (NR) (exchangeable for NVIDIA Corp. common stock) (Acquired 02/23/07; Cost \$2,499,989) (2).....	2,264,559

		3,633,236

	Telecommunications -- 1.5%	
24,000	Credit Suisse First Boston (USA), Inc. 5.5% SAILS, due 11/15/08 (Aa3) (exchangeable for Equinix, Inc. common stock)...	1,824,000

	TOTAL MANDATORY CONVERTIBLE SECURITIES (3).....	\$ 25,532,574

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Principal Amount -----	Value (Note 1) -----
COMMON STOCKS -- 4.2%	
	Aerospace and Defense -- 0.2%
43,500	Ionatron, Inc. common stock with warrants attached (Acquired 08/08/06; Cost \$250,125) (2,4)..... \$ 202,710
	Banking/Savings and Loan -- 0.9%
6,546	National Australia Bank Ltd. ADR..... 1,066,016
	Multi-Industry -- 1.9%
150,000	LSB Industries, Inc. (4)..... 2,332,500
	Pharmaceuticals -- 1.3%
26,300	Johnson & Johnson..... 1,584,838
	TOTAL COMMON STOCKS..... \$ 5,186,064
	Total Convertible Bonds and Notes -- 62.0%..... 76,398,469
	Total Convertible Preferred Stocks -- 10.9%..... 13,426,242
	Total Mandatory Convertible Securities -- 20.7%..... 25,532,574
	Total Common Stocks -- 4.2%..... 5,186,064
	Total Investments -- 97.8%..... 120,543,349
	Other assets and liabilities, net -- 2.2%..... 2,644,114
	Total Net Assets -- 100.0%..... \$123,187,463 =====

- (1) Contingent payment debt instrument which accrues contingent interest. See Note 1(f).
- (2) Security not registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (i.e., the security was purchased in a Rule 144A or a Reg D transaction). The security may be resold only pursuant to an exemption from registration under the 1933 Act, typically to qualified institutional buyers. The Fund generally has no rights to demand registration of these securities. The aggregate market value of these securities at March 31, 2007 was \$18,150,447 which represented 14.7% of the Fund's net assets.
- (3) These securities are required to be converted on the dates listed; they generally may be converted prior to these dates at the option of the holder.
- (4) Non-income producing security.

Investment Abbreviations:

ADR	American Depositary Receipts.
BONUSES	Bifurcated Option Note Unit Securities.
PIES	Premium Income Exchangeable Securities.
PIERS	Preferred Income Equity Redeemable Securities.
SAILS	Shared Appreciation Income Linked Securities.
SPuRS	Shared Preference Redeemable Securities.

Ratings in parentheses by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. or Standard & Poor's. NR is used whenever a rating is unavailable.

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities (unaudited)

	March 31, 2007

Assets:	
Investments at value (cost \$113,811,096) (Note 1)	\$ 120,543,349
Cash	917,814
Receivable for securities sold	2,002,815
Dividends and interest receivable	542,620
Other assets	26,655

Total assets	124,033,253

Liabilities:	
Payable for securities purchased	759,479
Accrued management fee (Note 2)	76,443
Accrued expenses	9,868

Total Liabilities	845,790

Net Assets	\$ 123,187,463
	=====
Net assets consist of:	
Undistributed net investment income	\$ 661,549
Undistributed net realized gain from investment transactions	3,666,569
Unrealized appreciation on investments	6,732,253
Capital shares (Note 3)	126,591
Additional paid-in capital	112,000,501

Net Assets	\$ 123,187,463
	=====
Net asset value per share (\$123,187,463 / 12,659,098 outstanding shares)	\$ 9.73
	=====

Statement of Operations

For the Six Months Ended March 31, 2007

Investment Income (Note 1):	
Interest	\$ 1,769,884
Dividends	1,132,629

Total Income	2,902,513

Expenses (Note 2):	
Management fee	428,317
Custodian	9,575
Transfer agent	12,789

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Audit fees	18,638
Legal fees	36,984
Trustees' fees	61,500
Reports to shareholders	34,557
Administrative services fees	21,798
Other	49,320

Total Expenses	673,478

Net Investment Income	2,229,035

Realized and Unrealized Gain on Investments:	
Net realized gain from investment transactions	3,244,810
Net unrealized appreciation of investments	2,478,931

Net gain on investments	5,723,741

Net Increase in Net Assets Resulting from Operations	\$ 7,952,776
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Statement of Changes in Net Assets

	Six Months Ended March 31, 2007(a)	Year Ended September 30, 2007
	-----	-----
Change in net assets from operations:		
Net investment income	\$ 2,229,035	\$ 4,128,672
Net realized gain from investment transactions	3,244,810	6,420,502
Net change in appreciation of investments	2,478,931	(2,794,837)
	-----	-----
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations	7,952,776	7,754,337
	-----	-----
Distributions to shareholders from:		
Net investment income	(2,628,509)	(3,815,429)
Net realized gain on investments	(3,293,707)	--
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Total distributions	(5,922,216)	(3,815,429)
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Capital share transactions (Note 3)	1,893,024	501,102
	-----	-----
Change in net assets	3,923,584	4,440,010
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Net assets at beginning of period	119,263,879	114,823,869
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Net assets at end of period	\$123,187,463	\$119,263,879
	=====	=====
Undistributed net investment income at end of period	\$ 661,549	\$ 1,061,023
	=====	=====

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(a) Unaudited.

Notes to Financial Statements (unaudited)

NOTE 1 - ORGANIZATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Organization -- Ellsworth Fund Ltd. (the "Fund"), is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 as a diversified, closed-end management investment company.

(b) Use of Estimates -- The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles 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 revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

(c) Indemnification -- Under the Fund's organizational documents, each trustee, officer or other agent of the Fund (including the Fund's investment adviser) is indemnified against certain liabilities that may arise out of performance of their duties to the Fund. Additionally, in the normal course of business, the Fund enters into contracts that contain a variety of indemnification clauses. The Fund's maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown as this would involve future claims that may be made against the Fund that have not yet occurred. The risk of material loss as a result of such indemnification is considered remote.

(d) Federal Income Taxes -- The Fund's policy is to distribute substantially all of its taxable income within the prescribed time and to otherwise comply with the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code applicable to regulated investment companies. Therefore, no provision for federal income or excise taxes is believed necessary. At September 30, 2006, the Fund utilized capital loss carryforward of \$3,010,788 available to the extent allowed by tax law to offset net capital gains.

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

NOTE 1 - ORGANIZATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

On July 13, 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) released FASB Interpretation No. 48 "Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes" (FIN 48). FIN 48 provides guidance for how uncertain tax positions should be recognized, measured, presented and disclosed in the financial statements. FIN 48 requires the evaluation of tax positions taken or expected to be taken in the course of preparing the Fund's tax return to determine whether the tax positions are "more-likely-than-not" of being sustained by the applicable tax authority. Tax positions not deemed to meet the more-likely-than-not threshold would be recorded as a tax benefit or expense in the current year. Adoption of FIN 48 is required for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2006 and is to be applied to all open tax years as of the effective date. Management has not completed their analysis on whether the adoption of FIN 48 will have an impact to the financial statements.

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(e) Security Valuation -- Investments in securities traded on a national securities exchange are valued at market using the last reported sales price as of the close of regular trading. Listed securities for which no sales were reported, are valued at the mean between closing reported bid and asked prices as of the close of regular trading. Unlisted securities traded in the over-the-counter market are valued using an evaluated quote provided by an independent pricing service. The independent pricing service derives an evaluated quote by obtaining dealer quotes, analyzing the listed markets, reviewing trade execution data and employing sensitivity analysis. Evaluated quotes may also reflect appropriate factors such as individual characteristics of the issue, communications with broker-dealers, and other market data. Securities for which quotations are not readily available, restricted securities and other assets are valued at fair value as determined in good faith by management pursuant to procedures approved by the Board of Trustees. Short-term debt securities with original maturities of 60 days or less are valued at amortized cost.

(f) Securities Transactions and Related Investment Income -- Security transactions are accounted for on the trade date (date the order to buy or sell is executed) with gain or loss on the sale of securities being determined based upon identified cost. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date and interest income is recorded on the accrual basis, including accretion of discounts and amortization of non-equity premium. For certain securities, known as "contingent payment debt instruments," Federal tax regulations require the Fund to record non-cash, "contingent" interest income in addition to interest income actually received. Contingent interest income amounted to 3 cents per share for the six months ended March 31, 2007. In addition, Federal tax regulations require the Fund to reclassify realized gains on contingent payment debt instruments to interest income. At March 31, 2007 there were unrealized losses of approximately \$16,000 on contingent payment debt instruments.

(g) Change in Method of Accounting -- Effective October 1, 2004, the Fund began amortizing discounts and premiums on all debt securities. Prior to October 1, 2004, the Fund amortized discounts only on original issue discount debt securities. The new method of amortization was adopted in accordance with the provisions of the AICPA Audit and Accounting Guide, Audits of Investment Companies and the financial highlights and statement of changes in net assets presented herein have been restated to reflect the new method retroactive to October 1, 2001. The effect of this accounting change is included in the financial highlights for the years ended September 30, 2002, 2003 and 2004. The cumulative effect of this accounting change had no impact on the total net assets of the Fund or on distributions for tax purposes, but resulted in a \$79,579 increase in the cost of securities held and a corresponding \$79,579 reduction in the net unrealized gains based on the securities held on October 1, 2001. These changes had no effect on previously reported total net assets or total returns.

(h) Distributions to Shareholders -- Distributions to shareholders from net investment income are recorded by the Fund on the ex-dividend date. Distributions from capital gains, if any, are recorded on the ex-dividend date and paid annually. The amount and character of income and capital gains to be distributed are determined in accordance with income tax regulations, which may differ from generally accepted accounting principles. The tax character of distributions paid during the fiscal years ended September 30, 2006 and 2005 were \$3,815,429 and \$3,641,418, respectively, both from ordinary income.

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NOTE 1 - ORGANIZATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

At March 31, 2007 unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investment securities on a tax basis were as follows:

Unrealized appreciation	\$ 11,035,990
Unrealized depreciation	(4,346,448)

Net unrealized appreciation	6,689,542
Cost for federal income tax purposes	\$113,853,807

(i) Market Risk -- It is the Fund's policy to invest at least 65% of its assets in convertible securities. Although convertible securities do derive part of their value from that of the securities into which they are convertible, they are not considered derivative financial instruments. However, certain of the Fund's investments include features which render them more sensitive to price changes of their underlying securities. Thus they expose the Fund to greater downside risk than traditional convertible securities, but generally less than that of the underlying common stock. The market value of those securities was \$25,532,574 at March 31, 2007, representing 20.7% of net assets.

(j) New Accounting Pronouncements -- In September 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Statement on Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 157, "Fair Value Measurements." This standard establishes a single authoritative definition of fair value, sets out a framework for measuring fair value and requires additional disclosures about fair value measurements. SFAS No. 157 applies to fair value measurements already required or permitted by existing standards. SFAS No. 157 is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007 and interim periods within those fiscal years. The changes to current generally accepted accounting principles from the application of this Statement relate to the definition of fair value, the methods used to measure fair value, and the expanded disclosures about fair value measurements. As of March 31, 2007, the Funds do not believe the adoption of SFAS No. 157 will impact the financial statement amounts, however, additional disclosures may be required about the inputs used to develop the measurements and the effect of certain of the measurements on changes in net assets for the period.

NOTE 2 - MANAGEMENT FEE AND OTHER TRANSACTIONS WITH AFFILIATES

The Fund has entered into an investment advisory agreement with Davis-Dinsmore Management Company ("Davis-Dinsmore"). Pursuant to the investment advisory agreement, Davis-Dinsmore provides the Fund with investment advice, office space and facilities. Under the terms of the investment advisory agreement, the Fund pays Davis-Dinsmore on the last day of each month an advisory fee for such month computed at an annual rate of 0.75% of the first \$100,000,000 and 0.50% of the excess over \$100,000,000 of the Fund's net asset value in such month.

The Fund, pursuant to an administrative services agreement with Davis-Dinsmore, has agreed to pay Davis-Dinsmore for certain accounting and other administrative services provided to the Fund. Under the administrative services agreement, the Fund pays Davis-Dinsmore on the last day of each month a fee for such month computed at an annual rate of 0.05% of the Fund's net asset value in such month. Certain officers and trustees of the Fund are officers and directors of Davis-Dinsmore.

NOTE 3 - PORTFOLIO ACTIVITY

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At March 31, 2007 there were 12,659,098 shares of beneficial interest outstanding, with a par value of \$0.01 per share. During the six months ended March 31, 2007, 230,015 shares were issued in connection with reinvestment of dividends from net investment income, resulting in an increase in paid-in capital of \$1,893,024.

Purchases and sales of investments, exclusive of corporate short-term notes, aggregated \$52,002,543 and \$50,142,977, respectively, for the six months ended March 31, 2007.

A distribution of \$0.08 per share from net investment income was declared on April 16, 2007, payable May 30, 2007 to shareholders of record at the close of business May 16, 2007.

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 Financial Highlights Selected data for a share of beneficial interest outstanding:

	Six Months Ended March 31, 2007 (a)	2006	2005	Year Ended September 30,		
				2004	2003	2002
Operating Performance:						
Net asset value, beginning of period.....	\$ 9.60	\$ 9.29	\$ 8.71	\$ 8.58	\$ 7.81	\$ 8.67
Net investment income.....	0.17	0.33	0.29	0.30 (b)	0.32 (b)	0.34 (b)
Adjustment for change in amortization policy.....	--	--	--	(0.02)	(0.01)	--
Net investment income, as adjusted.....	0.17	0.33	0.29	0.28	0.31	0.34
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	0.44	0.29	0.59	0.35 (b)	0.75 (b)	(0.76) (b)
Adjustment for change in amortization policy.....	--	--	--	0.02	0.01	--
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss), as adjusted...	0.44	0.29	0.59	0.37	0.76	(0.76)
Total from investment operations.....	0.61	0.62	0.88	0.65	1.07	(0.42)
Less Distributions:						
Dividends from net investment income.....	(0.21)	(0.31)	(0.30)	(0.32)	(0.30)	(0.44)
Distributions from realized gains.....	(0.27)	--	--	--	--	--
Total distributions.....	(0.48)	(0.31)	(0.30)	(0.32)	(0.30)	(0.44)
Capital Share Transactions:						

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Effect of rights offering.....	--	--	--	(0.20)	--	--
Capital share repurchases.....	--	--	--	--	--	--

Total capital share transactions.....	--	--	--	(0.20)	--	--

Net asset value, end of period	\$ 9.73	\$ 9.60	\$ 9.29	\$ 8.71	\$ 8.58	\$ 7.81
=====						
Market value, end of period....	\$ 8.58	\$ 8.20	\$ 7.84	\$ 7.95	\$ 8.05	\$ 7.55
Total Net Asset Value						
Return (%) (c).....	6.4	6.8	10.3	5.2	14.0	(5.2)
Total Investment Return (%) (d)	10.7	8.8	2.5	2.8	10.8	(4.5)
Ratios/Supplemental Data:						
Net assets, end of period						
(in thousands).....	\$123,187	\$119,264	\$114,824	\$107,107	\$89,801	\$81,125
Ratio of expenses to						
average net assets (%).....	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Ratio of net investment						
income to average net						
assets (%).....	3.7	3.6	3.4 (e)	3.2 (e)	3.8 (e)	4.0
Portfolio turnover rate (%)....	43	60	82	70	86	89

(a) Unaudited.

(b) As previously reported. See Note 1(g).

(c) Assumes valuation of the Fund's shares, and reinvestment of dividends, at net asset values.

(d) Assumes valuation of the Fund's shares at market price and reinvestment of dividends at actual reinvestment price.

(e) Ratios for 2004, 2003 and 2002 reflect ratios adjusted for change in amortization policy. Ratios previously reported for 2004, 2003 and 2002 were 3.4%, 3.9% and 3.9%, respectively.

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BOARD APPROVAL OF ADVISORY CONTRACT

The independent trustees of Ellsworth renewed the advisory contract with Davis-Dinsmore Management Company in November 2006. The following are the material factors and conclusions that formed the basis for that approval.

The nature and extent of the advisory services provided by Davis-Dinsmore -- The Board (the "Board") of the Fund and the independent trustees reviewed the services to be provided by Davis-Dinsmore under the Advisory Agreement. The Board noted that under the Advisory Agreement, Davis-Dinsmore would supervise all aspects of the Fund's operations including the investment and reinvestment of cash, securities or other properties comprising the Fund's assets. In this regard, the Board noted that under the Advisory Agreement it is Davis-Dinsmore's responsibility to, among other things, (a) supervise all aspects of the operations of the Fund; (b) obtain and evaluate pertinent information about significant developments and economic, statistical and financial data, domestic, foreign or otherwise, whether affecting the economy generally or any industry or

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the Fund or any issuer of securities held or to be purchased by the Fund; (c) determine which issuers and securities shall be represented in the Fund's investment portfolio and regularly report thereon to the Board; (d) place orders for the purchase and sale of securities for the Fund; and (e) take, on behalf of the Fund, such other action as may be necessary or appropriate in connection with the above.

Based on such review, both the Board and the independent trustees concluded that the range of services to be provided by Davis-Dinsmore under the Advisory Agreement was appropriate and that Davis-Dinsmore currently is providing services in accordance with the terms of the Advisory Agreement.

The quality of services provided by Davis-Dinsmore -- In reviewing the qualifications of Davis-Dinsmore to provide investment advisory services, both the Board and the independent trustees reviewed the credentials and experience of Davis-Dinsmore's investment personnel who will provide investment advisory services to the Fund, and considered Davis-Dinsmore's (i) portfolio and product review process, particularly its adherence to the Fund's investment mandate, (ii) compliance function and its culture of compliance, (iii) use of technology, including the use, from time to time, of direct satellite links to issuer interviews and conferences, (iv) investment research operations (which involves meetings with issuers and analysts, investment seminars and field trips to issuers, and the review of: (a) financial newspapers, industry literature, publications and periodicals, (b) research materials prepared by others, (c) issuer annual reports and prospectuses, and (d) issuer press releases) and trading operations (which involves computerized execution of orders), and (v) focus on providing quality services while keeping the Fund's fees and expenses as low as possible. The Board and the independent trustees also took into consideration the presentations made by Davis-Dinsmore at prior Board meetings pertaining to its management of the Fund.

Based on the review of these and other factors, both the Board and the independent trustees determined and concluded that the quality of services to be provided by Davis-Dinsmore was appropriate and that Davis-Dinsmore currently is providing satisfactory services to the Fund in accordance with the terms of the Advisory Agreement.

The performance of the Fund relative to comparable funds -- Both the Board and the independent trustees reviewed the performance of the Fund (at net asset value) during the past one, three, five and ten years ended September 30, 2006 against the performance of other closed-end funds categorized to be in the Fund's peer group by Lipper, Inc. Both the Board and the independent trustees noted that the Fund's performance for the one, three and five year periods was below the average performance of all closed-end funds in the peer group, but was above the average performance of such funds for the ten year period. In evaluating the Fund's performance against other funds in its peer group, the Board and the independent trustees took into account the fact that many of the Fund's competitors engage in leverage, which has increased their returns, but that the Fund does not engage in leverage. In addition, the Board and the independent trustees recognized that many of the Fund's competitors have

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a higher percentage of their assets invested in securities with lower credit quality than does the Fund, and that such securities have performed better than higher quality securities in recent years. The Board and the independent

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trustees also noted that the portfolio manager's investment approach is to make equity investments utilizing convertible securities to provide a total return similar to that of equity securities, but with lower volatility and higher income. The Board and the independent trustees recognized that only three of the funds in the Fund's peer group followed a similar investment approach. Because of the differences in how funds in the Fund's peer group are managed, the Board and the independent trustees concluded that they should consider the performance of the Fund against appropriate indices as a more relevant factor in assessing the performance of the Fund.

The performance of the Fund relative to indices -- Both the Board and the independent trustees reviewed the performance of the Fund (at net asset value) during the past one, three, five and ten years ended September 30, 2006 against the performance of the Merrill Lynch All Convertibles Index and Merrill Lynch Investment Grade Convertibles Index. Both the Board and the independent trustees noted that, for the one, three, five and ten year periods, the Fund's performance was below the Merrill Lynch All Convertibles Index. The Board and the independent trustees also considered the fact that currently a majority of the securities held by the Fund have an investment grade rating or are of comparable quality to securities with investment grade ratings, and noted that, for the one, three, five and ten year periods, the Fund's performance was above the Merrill Lynch Investment Grade Convertibles Index.

Based on this review and taking into account all of the other factors that the Board and the independent trustees considered in determining whether to continue the Advisory Agreement, the Board and the independent trustees concluded that no changes should be made to the Fund's investment objective or policies, or the portfolio management team.

Meetings with the Fund's portfolio manager and investment personnel -- Both the Board and the independent trustees noted that they meet regularly with the Fund's portfolio manager and investment personnel, and believe that such individuals are competent and able to carry out their responsibilities under the Advisory Agreement.

Overall performance of Davis-Dinsmore -- After considering the overall performance of Davis-Dinsmore in providing investment advisory and administrative services to the Fund, both the Board and the independent trustees concluded that such performance was satisfactory.

Fees relative to those of clients of Davis-Dinsmore with comparable investment strategies -- Both the Board and the independent trustees noted that the Fund and Bancroft Fund Ltd. (the "Funds") are the only clients of Davis-Dinsmore, and that the advisory fee rates for the Funds are the same. Both the Board and the independent trustees concluded that, because the fee rates are the same for the Funds, the current advisory fee rate of the Fund was fair as compared to the rate for Bancroft Fund Ltd.

Fees relative to those of comparable funds with other advisors -- After reviewing the advisory fee rate for the Fund against the advisory fee rates for funds advised by other advisors in the Fund's peer group both the Board and the independent trustees determined that the Fund's advisory fee rate was at approximately the median of the funds in its peer group, and concluded that the current advisory fee rate of the Fund was fair and reasonable.

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Expense limitations and fee waivers -- Both the Board and the independent trustees noted that, although there are no contractual expense limitations or fee waivers in effect for the Fund, Davis-Dinsmore is very diligent in its efforts to keep expenses of the Fund as low as possible. Both the Board and the independent trustees also noted that the cost of compliance with regulatory initiatives was increasing. Both the Board and the independent trustees concluded that the current level of expenses for the Fund were fair and reasonable.

Breakpoints and economies of scale -- Both the Board and the independent trustees reviewed the structure of the Fund's advisory fee under the Advisory Agreement, and noted that the fee includes one breakpoint when the Fund's assets reach \$100 million. Both the Board and the independent trustees noted that breakpoints had become effective for the Fund as a result of the Fund's rights offering that occurred during the 2004 fiscal year, which resulted in lower management fee expenses as a percentage of assets. Both the Board and the independent trustees concluded that the Fund's fee levels under the Advisory Agreement therefore reflect economies of scale and that it was not necessary to implement any further changes to the structure of the advisory fee for the Fund.

Profitability of Davis-Dinsmore -- Both the Board and the independent trustees reviewed information concerning the profitability and financial condition of Davis-Dinsmore. In particular, the Board reviewed Davis-Dinsmore's financial statements including its statement of income and retained earnings, statement of cash flows, and audited balance sheet. The Board also reviewed Davis-Dinsmore's costs in providing services to the Funds. The Board noted that Davis-Dinsmore's sole source of revenue was fees from the Funds for providing advisory and administrative services to the Funds. The Board and the independent trustees noted that Davis-Dinsmore's operations remain profitable and that increasing the success of the Funds will positively impact Davis-Dinsmore's profitability.

Based on the review of the profitability of Davis-Dinsmore and its financial condition, both the Board and the independent trustees concluded that the compensation to be paid by the Fund to Davis-Dinsmore under the Advisory Agreement was not excessive.

Benefits of soft dollars to Davis-Dinsmore -- Both the Board and the independent trustees discussed the fact that there are no third-party soft dollar arrangements in effect with respect to the Fund. Both the Board and the independent trustees recognized that Davis-Dinsmore does receive proprietary research from brokers with whom it executes portfolio transactions on behalf of the Fund. This research is used by Davis-Dinsmore in making investment decisions for the Fund. Both the Board and the independent trustees also considered representations made by Davis-Dinsmore that portfolio transactions received best execution. Because such research ultimately benefits the Fund, the Board and the independent trustees concluded that it was appropriate to receive proprietary research.

Davis-Dinsmore's financial soundness in light of the Fund's needs -- Both the Board and the independent trustees considered whether Davis-Dinsmore is financially sound and has the resources necessary to perform its obligations under the Advisory Agreement, and concluded that Davis-Dinsmore has the financial resources necessary to fulfill its obligations under the Advisory Agreement.

Historical relationship between the Fund and Davis-Dinsmore -- In determining whether to continue the Advisory Agreement for the Fund, both the Board and the independent trustees also considered the prior relationship among Davis-Dinsmore and the Fund, as well as the independent trustees' knowledge of Davis-Dinsmore's operations, and concluded that it was beneficial to maintain the current relationship, in part, because of such knowledge. Both the Board and the

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independent trustees also reviewed the general nature of the non-investment advisory services currently performed by Davis-Dinsmore, such as administrative services, and the fees received by Davis-Dinsmore for

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performing such services. In addition to reviewing such services, both the Board and the independent trustees also considered the organizational structure employed by Davis-Dinsmore to provide those services. Based on the review of these and other factors, both the Board and the independent trustees concluded that Davis-Dinsmore was qualified to provide non-investment advisory services to the Fund, including administrative services, and that Davis-Dinsmore currently is providing satisfactory non-investment advisory services to the Fund.

Other factors and current trends -- Both the Board and the independent trustees considered the culture of compliance and high ethical standards at Davis-Dinsmore, and the efforts historically and currently undertaken by Davis-Dinsmore to engage in best practices. Both the Board and the independent trustees noted Davis-Dinsmore's historical adherence to compliance procedures, as well as the Fund's investment objectives, policies and restrictions. Both the Board and the independent trustees concluded that this commitment to adhere to the highest ethical standards was an important factor in their determination that they should approve the continuance of the Advisory Agreement for the Fund.

After considering all of the above factors and based on informed business judgment, the Board determined that the Advisory Agreement is in the best interests of the Fund and its shareholders and that the compensation to Davis-Dinsmore under the Advisory Agreement is fair and reasonable. As a result, the Board continued the Advisory Agreement.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

Results of the 2006 Annual Shareholders Meeting

The Annual Meeting of Shareholders of the Fund was held on January 12, 2007. The results of the shareholder vote were:

- 1. All persons nominated were elected.

Terms expiring in 2010	Shares voted for	Shares withheld
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Gordon F. Ahalt	11,167,244	357,281
Elizabeth C. Bogan Ph.D.	11,203,491	321,034
Nicolas W. Platt	11,191,168	333,357

- 2. The Audit Committee's appointment of Tait, Weller & Baker LLP as independent accountants was ratified, as 11,435,725 shares voted for, 31,885 shares voted against and 56,915 shares abstained.

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We may disclose this information to companies that perform services for the Fund, such as the Fund's transfer agent or proxy solicitors. These companies may only use this information in connection with the services they provide to the Fund, and not for any other purpose. We will not otherwise disclose any nonpublic personal information about our shareholders or former shareholders to anyone else, except as required by law.

Access to nonpublic information about you is restricted to our employees and service providers who need that information in order to provide services to you. We maintain physical, electronic and procedural safeguards that comply with federal standards to guard your nonpublic personal information.

For More Information About Portfolio Holdings

In addition to the semi-annual and annual reports that Ellsworth delivers to shareholders and makes available through the Fund's public website, the Fund files a complete schedule of portfolio holdings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) for the Fund's first and third fiscal quarters on Form N-Q. Ellsworth does not deliver the schedule of portfolio holdings for the first and third fiscal quarters to shareholders, however the schedule is posted to the Fund's public website, www.ellsworthfund.com. You may obtain the Form N-Q filings by accessing the SEC's website at www.sec.gov. You may also review and copy them at the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. Information on the operation of the SEC's Public Reference Room may be obtained by calling the SEC at (800) SEC-0330.

Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures / Proxy Voting Record

The Fund's policies and procedures with respect to the voting of proxies relating to the Fund's portfolio securities is available without charge, upon request, by calling (973) 631-1177, or at our website at www.ellsworthfund.com. This information is also available on the SEC's website at www.sec.gov. In addition, information on how the Fund voted such proxies relating to portfolio securities during the most recent twelve-month period ended June 30, is available without charge at the above sources.

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MISCELLANEOUS NOTES (continued)

Disclosure of Portfolio Holdings to Broker-Dealers

From time to time, brokers with whom the Fund's Adviser, Davis-Dinsmore Management Company, has a pre-existing relationship, may request that Davis-Dinsmore disclose Fund portfolio holdings to such broker in advance of the public disclosure of such portfolio holdings. Davis-Dinsmore may make such disclosure under the following conditions: (i) the specific purpose of the disclosure is to assist Davis-Dinsmore in identifying potential investment opportunities for the Fund; (ii) prior to the receipt of nonpublic portfolio holdings, the broker, by means of e-mail or other written communication, shall agree to keep the nonpublic portfolio holdings confidential and not to use the information for the broker's own benefit, except in connection with the above

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described purpose for which it was disclosed; (iii) Davis-Dinsmore shall keep written records of its agreement with each broker to which it distributes nonpublic portfolio holdings; and (iv) Davis-Dinsmore will secure a new agreement with a broker any time the broker directs the nonpublic portfolio holdings to be sent to a new recipient.

The Fund is a member of the Closed-End Fund Association (www.cefa.com). The association is solely responsible for the content of its website.

Pursuant to Section 23 of the Investment Company Act of 1940, notice is hereby given that the Fund may in the future purchase its own shares from time to time, at such times, and in such amounts, as may be deemed advantageous to the Fund. Nothing herein shall be considered a commitment to purchase such shares.

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ITEM 2. CODE OF ETHICS.

Not applicable to this semi-annual report.

ITEM 3. AUDIT COMMITTEE FINANCIAL EXPERT.

Not applicable to this semi-annual report.

ITEM 4. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT FEES AND SERVICES.

Not applicable to this semi-annual report.

ITEM 5. AUDIT COMMITTEE OF LISTED REGISTRANTS.

Not applicable to this semi-annual report.

ITEM 6. SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS.

The Schedule of Investments in securities of unaffiliated issuers is included as part of the report to shareholders, filed under Item 1 of this Form.

ITEM 7. DISCLOSURE OF PROXY VOTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR CLOSED-END MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES.

Not applicable to this semi-annual report.

ITEM 8. PORTFOLIO MANAGERS OF CLOSED-END MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES.

Not applicable to this semi-annual report.

ITEM 9. PURCHASE OF EQUITY SECURITIES BY CLOSED-END MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY AND AFFILIATED PURCHASERS.

During the period covered by this report, there were no purchases made by or on behalf of Ellsworth Fund Ltd. or any "affiliated purchaser," as defined in Rule 10b-18(a)(3) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.10b-18(a)(3)), of shares or other units of any class of the registrant's equity securities that is registered by the registrant pursuant to Section 12 of the Exchange Act (15 U.S.C. 781).

ITEM 10. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS.

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There were no changes to the procedures by which shareholders may recommend nominees to the registrant's board of trustees, after the registrant last provided disclosure in response to the requirements of this item.

ITEM 11. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES.

Conclusions of principal officers concerning controls and procedures

(a) As of May 23, 2007 an evaluation was performed under the supervision and with the participation of the officers of Ellsworth Fund Ltd. (the "Registrant"), including the Principal Executive Officer ("PEO") and Principal Financial Officer ("PFO"), to assess the effectiveness of the Registrant's disclosure controls and procedures, as that term is defined in Rule 30a-3(c) under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "Act"), as amended. Based on that evaluation, the Registrant's officers, including the PEO and PFO, concluded that, as of May 23, 2007, the Registrant's disclosure controls and procedures were reasonably designed so as to ensure: (1) that information required to be disclosed by the Registrant on Form N-CSR is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified by the rules and forms of the Securities and Exchange Commission; and (2) that material information relating to the Registrant is made known to the PEO and PFO as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

(b) There have been no changes in the Registrant's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(d)) that occurred during the second fiscal quarter of the period covered by this report that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

ITEM 12. EXHIBITS

(a) (1) The code of ethics disclosure required by Item 2 is not applicable to this semi-annual report.

(a) (2) Certifications of the principal executive officer and the principal financial officer pursuant to Rule 30a-2(a) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, are attached hereto.

(a) (3) There were no written solicitations to purchase securities under Rule 23c-1 under the Investment Company Act of 1940 during the period covered by the report.

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

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities and 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.

Ellsworth Fund Ltd.

By: /s/Thomas H. Dinsmore
Thomas H. Dinsmore
Chairman of the Board and
Chief Executive Officer
(Principal Executive Officer)

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Date: May 31, 2007

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities and 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/Thomas H. Dinsmore
Thomas H. Dinsmore
Chairman of the Board and
Chief Executive Officer
(Principal Executive Officer)

Date: May 31, 2007

By: /s/Gary I. Levine
Gary I. Levine
Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial Officer)

Date: May 31, 2007