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CERTIFIED SHAREHOLDER REPORT OF REGISTERED  
MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES

Investment Company Act file number 811-02363  
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Cornerstone Total Return Fund, Inc.

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

350 Jericho Turnpike, Suite 206, Jericho, New York 11753

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(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

Frank J. Maresca

Ultimus Fund Solutions, LLC  
350 Jericho Turnpike, Suite 206, Jericho, New York 11753

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(Name and address of agent for service)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (513) 587-3400  
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Date of fiscal year end: December 31, 2011  
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Date of reporting period: June 30, 2011  
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ITEM 1. REPORTS TO STOCKHOLDERS

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Cornerstone Total  
Return Fund, Inc.

Semi-Annual Report  
June 30, 2011  
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CORNERSTONE TOTAL RETURN FUND, INC.

PORTFOLIO SUMMARY - AS OF JUNE 30, 2011 (UNAUDITED)

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### SECTOR ALLOCATION

Sector	Percent of Net Assets
Information Technology	16.2
Financials	13.2
Energy	11.4
Healthcare	11.1
Consumer Staples	10.8
Industrials	10.2
Closed-End Funds	9.2
Consumer Discretionary	8.8
Materials	3.4
Telecommunication Services	2.8
Utilities	2.7
Other	0.2

### TOP TEN HOLDINGS, BY ISSUER

Holding	Sector	Percent of Net Assets
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1. Exxon Mobil Corporation	Energy	4.0
2. Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.	Consumer Staples	3.0
3. International Business Machines Corporation	Information Technology	2.8
4. Apple, Inc.	Information Technology	2.7
5. Microsoft Corporation	Information Technology	2.5
6. JPMorgan Chase & Co.	Financials	2.5
7. Eaton Vance Risk-Managed Diversified Equity Income Fund	Closed-End Funds	2.2
8. AT&T, Inc.	Telecommunications Service	2.2
9. Wells Fargo & Company	Financials	2.2
10. Eaton Vance Tax-Managed Buy-Write Opportunities Fund	Closed-End Funds	2.1

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CORNERSTONE TOTAL RETURN FUND, INC.

SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS - JUNE 30, 2011 (UNAUDITED)

Description	No. of Shares	Value
EQUITY SECURITIES - 99.82%		
CLOSED-END FUNDS - 9.19%		
CORPORATE DEBT FUNDS INVESTMENT		
GRADE-RATED - 0.63%		
Total Corporate Debt Funds		
Investment Grade-Rated (a)		\$ 156,140
GLOBAL INCOME - 0.53%		
Total Global Income (a)		131,526
HIGH CURRENT YIELD (LEVERAGED) - 0.26%		
Total High Current Yield		
(Leveraged) (a)		65,088
OPTION ARBITRAGE/OPTIONS STRATEGIES - 7.46%		
Eaton Vance Risk-Managed Diversified Equity Income Fund	43,700	551,494
Eaton Vance Tax-Managed Buy-Write Income Fund	13,000	179,010
Eaton Vance Tax-Managed Buy-Write Opportunities Fund	40,300	513,019
Eaton Vance Tax-Managed		

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Diversified Equity		
Income Fund	41,085	448,648
Other Option Arbitrage/ Options Strategies (a)		148,488
		----- 1,840,659 -----
SECTOR EQUITY - 0.31%		
Total Sector Equity (a)		75,143
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TOTAL CLOSED-END FUNDS		2,268,556 -----

Description	No. of Shares	Value
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CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY - 8.83%		
DIRECTV Group, Inc. (The) - Class A *	4,000	\$ 203,280
Home Depot, Inc. (The)	5,000	181,100
McDonald's Corporation	2,000	168,640
Time Warner, Inc.	4,666	169,702
Walt Disney Company (The)	5,000	195,200
Other Consumer Discretionary (a)		1,261,142
		----- 2,179,064 -----
CONSUMER STAPLES - 10.79%		
Coca-Cola Company (The)	5,000	336,450
PepsiCo, Inc.	3,000	211,290
Philip Morris International, Inc.	5,000	333,850
Procter & Gamble Company (The)	6,972	443,210
Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.	14,000	743,960
Other Consumer Staples (a)		592,911
		----- 2,661,671 -----
ENERGY - 11.44%		
Apache Corporation	2,000	246,780
Chevron Corporation	3,500	359,940
ConocoPhillips	5,000	375,950
Exxon Mobil Corporation	12,000	976,560
Occidental Petroleum Corporation	4,000	416,160
Schlumberger Ltd.	3,000	259,200
Other Energy (a)		188,000
		----- 2,822,590 -----

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See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS - JUNE 30, 2011 (UNAUDITED) (CONCLUDED)

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Description	No. of Shares	Value
<b>FINANCIALS - 13.14%</b>		
American Express Company	4,000	\$ 206,800
Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. (The)	2,500	332,725
JPMorgan Chase & Co.	15,200	622,288
Prudential Financial, Inc.	2,500	158,975
Travelers Companies, Inc. (The)	3,092	180,511
Wells Fargo & Company	19,000	533,140
Other Financials (a)		1,209,747
		<u>3,244,186</u>
<b>HEALTHCARE - 11.07%</b>		
Abbott Laboratories	3,000	157,860
Amgen, Inc. *	3,000	175,050
Bristol-Myers Squibb Company	6,000	173,760
Cigna Corporation	3,000	154,290
Johnson & Johnson	6,000	399,120
McKesson Corporation	2,500	209,125
Medtronic, Inc.	4,500	173,385
WellPoint, Inc.	2,500	196,925
Other Healthcare (a)		1,092,134
		<u>2,731,649</u>
<b>INDUSTRIALS - 10.23%</b>		
3M Company	2,500	237,125
General Electric Company	24,000	452,640
Lockheed Martin Corporation	2,500	202,425
Precision Castparts Corporation	1,000	164,650
Union Pacific Corporation	2,500	261,000
United Technologies Corporation	2,500	221,275
Other Industrials (a)		984,181
		<u>2,523,296</u>
<b>INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY - 16.19%</b>		
Apple, Inc. *	2,000	671,340
Google, Inc. - Class A *	1,000	506,380
Hewlett-Packard Company	8,000	291,200
Intel Corporation	17,000	376,720
International Business Machines Corporation	4,000	686,201
Microsoft Corporation	24,000	624,000
Oracle Corporation	12,600	414,666
<b>INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (CONTINUED)</b>		
Total Information Technology (a)		\$ 424,600
		<u>3,995,107</u>
<b>MATERIALS - 3.40%</b>		
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Nemours & Company	4,800	259,440
Freeport-McMoRan		
Copper & Gold, Inc.	5,000	264,500
Other Materials (a)		315,888
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		839,828
		-----
REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST - 0.01%		
Total Real Estate Investment Trust (a)		1,860
		-----
TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES - 2.83%		
AT&T, Inc.	17,089	536,765
CenturyLink, Inc.	4,000	161,720
		-----
		698,485
		-----
UTILITIES - 2.70%		
Total Utilities (a)		665,733
		-----
TOTAL EQUITY SECURITIES		
(cost - \$22,354,946)		24,632,025
		-----
SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS - 0.53%		
MONEY MARKET SECURITY - 0.53%		
Fidelity Institutional Money Market		
Government Portfolio -		
Class I (cost - \$ 131,651)	131,651	131,651
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TOTAL INVESTMENTS - 100.35%		
(cost - \$22,486,597)		24,763,676
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LIABILITIES IN EXCESS OF		
OTHER ASSETS - (0.35)%		(86,045)
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NET ASSETS - 100.00%		\$24,677,631
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(a) Represents issuers not identified as a top 50 holding in terms of market value and issues or issuers not exceeding 1% of net assets individually or in the aggregate, respectively, as of June 30, 2011.

\* Non-income producing security.

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CORNERSTONE TOTAL RETURN FUND, INC.

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES - JUNE 30, 2011 (UNAUDITED)

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ASSETS

Investments, at value (cost - \$22,486,597)	\$ 24,763,676
Receivables:	
Investment sold	88,035
Dividends	34,565

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Prepaid expenses	3,118
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Total Assets	24,889,394
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LIABILITIES	
Payables:	
Securities purchased	94,475
Investment management fees	25,024
Directors' fees	14,024
Administration fees	2,273
Other accrued expenses	75,967
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Total Liabilities	211,763
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NET ASSETS (applicable to 3,922,871 shares of common stock outstanding)	\$ 24,677,631
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NET ASSET VALUE PER SHARE (\$24,677,631 (division) 3,922,871)	\$ 6.29
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NET ASSETS CONSISTS OF	
Common stock, \$0.01 par value; 3,922,871 shares issued and outstanding (15,000,000 shares authorized)	\$ 3,923
Paid-in capital	26,263,707
Accumulated net realized loss on investments	(3,867,078)
Net unrealized appreciation in value of investments	2,277,079
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Net assets applicable to shares outstanding	\$ 24,677,631
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CORNERSTONE TOTAL RETURN FUND, INC.

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS - FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2011 (UNAUDITED)

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INVESTMENT INCOME

Income:	
Dividends from non-affiliated investments	\$ 325,461
Dividends from affiliated investments	1,782
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Total Investment Income	327,243
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Expenses:	
Investment management fees	126,898
Directors' fees	27,273
Legal and audit fees	21,722
Printing	18,348



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Accounting fees	17,536
Transfer agent fees	14,870
Administration fees	14,774
Custodian fees	3,260
Insurance	2,174
Miscellaneous	1,488
Stock exchange listing fees	1,470
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Total Expenses	249,813
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Net Investment Income	77,430
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### NET REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN/(LOSS) ON INVESTMENTS

Net realized gain from unaffiliated investments	132,246
Net realized loss from affiliated investments	(1,695)
Net realized loss from foreign currency related transactions	(431)
Capital gain distributions from affiliated regulated investment companies	1,188
Net change in unrealized appreciation in value of investments	938,650
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Net realized and unrealized gain on investments	1,069,958
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NET INCREASE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS	\$1,147,388
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#### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

	For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2011 (Unaudited)	For the Year Ended December 31, 2010
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INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS		
Operations:		
Net investment income/(loss)	\$ 77,430	\$ (8,125)
Net realized gain/(loss) from investments	131,308	(74,939)
Net change in unrealized appreciation in value of investments	938,650	2,089,762
	-----	-----
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations	1,147,388	2,006,698
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Dividends and distributions to stockholders:		
Net investment income	(76,999)	--
Return-of-capital	(2,530,433)	(4,164,904)
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Total dividends and distributions to stockholders	(2,607,432)	(4,164,904)
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Common stock transactions:		

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Proceeds from rights offering of 0 and 1,006,384 shares of newly issued common stock, respectively	--	7,275,425
Offering expenses associated with rights offering	(6,833)	(79,196)
Proceeds from 25,913 and 52,016 shares newly issued in reinvestment of dividends and distributions, respectively	231,288	475,258
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Net increase in net assets from captial stock transactions	224,455	7,671,487
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Total increase/(decrease) in net assets	(1,235,589)	5,513,281
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<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Beginning of period	25,913,220	20,399,939
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End of period	\$24,677,631	\$25,913,220
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**CORNERSTONE TOTAL RETURN FUND, INC.**  
**FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**  
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Contained below is per share operating performance data for a share of common stock outstanding, total investment return, ratios to average net assets and other supplemental data for each period indicated. This information has been derived from information provided in the financial statements and market price data for the Fund's shares.

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	For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2011 (Unaudited)	For the Years Ended December			
	-----	2010	2009	2008	2007
	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
<b>PER SHARE OPERATING</b>					
<b>PERFORMANCE</b>					
Net asset value, beginning of period	\$ 6.65	\$ 7.19	\$ 7.75	\$ 17.00	\$ 17.00
	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Net investment income/(loss)#	0.02	(0.00)	(0.02)	0.12	0.12
Net realized and unrealized gain/(loss) on investments	0.27	0.68	1.31	(5.64)	(5.64)
	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Net increase/(decrease) in net assets resulting from operations	0.29	0.68	1.29	(5.52)	(5.52)
	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
<b>Dividends and distributions to stockholders:</b>					
Net investment income (0.02)	--	--	(0.12)	(0.14)	(0.14)
Net realized capital gains	--	--	--	--	--

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Return-of-capital	(0.65)	(1.46)	(1.90)	(3.77)	
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Total dividends and distributions to stockholders	(0.67)	(1.46)	(1.90)	(3.89)	
	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Common stock transactions:					
Anti-dilutive effect due to shares issued:					
Rights offering	--	0.19	--	--	
Reinvestment of dividends and distributions	0.02	0.05	0.05	0.16	
	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Total common stock transactions	0.02	0.24	0.05	0.16	
	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Net asset value, end of period	\$ 6.29	\$ 6.65	\$ 7.19	\$ 7.75	\$
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Market value, end of period	\$ 9.32	\$ 7.88	\$ 10.29	\$ 7.60	\$
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Total investment return(a)	27.44%(b)	(10.28)%	66.98%	(49.30)%	(
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
RATIOS/SUPPLEMENTAL DATA					
Net assets, end of period (000 omitted)	\$24,678	\$25,913	\$20,400	\$21,505	\$4
Ratio of expenses to average net assets, net of fee waivers, if any (c) (d)	1.97%(e)	2.33%	2.76%	1.67%	
Ratio of expenses to average net assets, excluding fee waivers, if any (d) (f)	1.97%(e)	2.37%	3.20%	1.94%	
Ratio of expenses to average net assets, net of fee waivers, if any (d) (f)	1.97%(e)	2.37%	2.88%	1.77%	
Ratio of net investment income/(loss) to average net assets	0.58%(e)	(0.04)%	(0.24)%	0.98%	
Portfolio turnover rate	12.48%(b)	34.39%	13.24%	15.61%	

\* Effective December 23, 2008, a reverse stock split of 1:2 occurred. All per share amounts have been restated according to the terms of the split.

# Based on average shares outstanding.

(a) Total investment return at market value is based on the changes in market price of a share during the period and assumes reinvestment of dividends and distributions, if any, at actual prices pursuant to the Fund's dividend reinvestment plan. Total investment return does not reflect brokerage commissions.

(b) Not annualized.

(c) Expenses are net of fees paid indirectly.

(d) Expenses do not include expenses of investment companies in which the Fund invests.

(e) Annualized.

(f) Expenses exclude the reduction for fees paid indirectly.

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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CORNERSTONE TOTAL RETURN FUND, INC.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)

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### NOTE A. ORGANIZATION

Cornerstone Total Return Fund, Inc. (the "Fund") was incorporated in New York on March 16, 1973 and commenced investment operations on May 15, 1973. Its investment objective is to seek capital appreciation with current income as a secondary objective. The Fund is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, as a closed-end, diversified management investment company.

### NOTE B. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

**MANAGEMENT ESTIMATES:** The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP") requires management to make certain estimates and assumptions that may affect the reported amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**SUBSEQUENT EVENTS:** The Fund has evaluated the need for additional disclosures and/or adjustments resulting from subsequent events through the date its financial statements were issued. Based on this evaluation, no additional disclosures or adjustments were required to such financial statements.

**PORTFOLIO VALUATION:** Investments are stated at value in the accompanying financial statements. Readily marketable portfolio securities listed on the NYSE are valued, except as indicated below, at the last sale price reflected on the consolidated tape at the close of the NYSE 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. If no bid or asked prices are quoted on such day or if market prices may be unreliable because of events occurring after the close of trading, then the security is valued by such method as the Board of Directors shall determine in good faith to reflect its fair market value. Readily marketable securities not listed on the NYSE but listed on other domestic or foreign securities exchanges are valued in a like manner. Portfolio 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 consolidated tape at the close of the exchange representing the principal market for such securities. Securities trading on the Nasdaq Stock Market, Inc. ("NASDAQ") are valued at the closing price.

Readily marketable securities traded in the over-the counter market, including listed securities whose primary market is believed by Cornerstone Advisors, Inc. (the "Investment Manager" or "Cornerstone") to be over-the-counter, are valued at the mean of the current bid and asked prices as reported by the NASDAQ or, in the case of securities not reported by the NASDAQ or a comparable source, as the Board of Directors deem appropriate to reflect their fair market value. Where securities are traded on more than one exchange and also over-the-counter, the securities will generally be valued using the quotations the Board of Directors believes reflect most closely the value of such securities.

At June 30, 2011 the Fund held no securities valued in good faith by the Board of Directors. The net asset value per share of the Fund is calculated weekly and on the last business day of the month with the exception of those days on which the NYSE Amex LLC is closed.

The Fund is exposed to financial market risks, including the valuations of its investment portfolio. For the six months ended June 30, 2011, the Fund did not engage in derivative instruments and other hedging activities.

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INVESTMENT TRANSACTIONS AND INVESTMENT INCOME: Investment transactions are accounted for on the trade date. The cost of investments sold is determined by use of the specific identification method for both financial reporting and income tax purposes. Interest income is recorded on an accrual basis; dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date.

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RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH INVESTMENTS IN OTHER CLOSED-END FUNDS: Closed-end investment companies are subject to the risks of investing in the underlying securities. The Fund, as a holder of the securities of the closed-end investment company, will bear its pro rata portion of the closed-end investment company's expenses, including advisory fees. These expenses are in addition to the direct expenses of the Fund's own operations.

TAXES: No provision is made for U.S. federal income or excise taxes as it is the Fund's intention to continue to qualify as a regulated investment company and to make the requisite distributions to its stockholders which will be sufficient to relieve it from all or substantially all U.S. federal income and excise taxes.

The Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes Topic of the FASB Accounting Standards Codification defines the threshold for recognizing the benefits of tax-return positions in the financial statements as "more-likely-than-not" to be sustained by the taxing authority and requires measurement of a tax position meeting the more-likely-than-not criterion, based on the largest benefit that is more than 50 percent likely to be realized. The Fund's policy is to classify interest and penalties associated with underpayment of federal and state income taxes, if any, as income tax expense on its Statement of Operations. As of June 30, 2011, the Fund does not have any interest or penalties associated with the underpayment of any income taxes. Management reviewed any uncertain tax positions for open tax years 2007 through 2010, and for the period ended June 30, 2011. There was no material impact to the financial statements.

DISTRIBUTIONS TO STOCKHOLDERS: Effective January 2002, the Fund initiated a fixed, monthly distribution to stockholders. On November 29, 2006, this distribution policy was updated to provide for the annual resetting of the monthly distribution amount per share based on the Fund's net asset value on the last business day in each October. The terms of the distribution policy will be reviewed and approved at least annually by the Fund's Board of Directors and can be modified at their discretion. To the extent that these distributions exceed the current earnings of the Fund, the balance will be generated from sales of portfolio securities held by the Fund, which will either be short-term or long-term capital gains or a tax-free return-of-capital. To the extent these distributions are not represented by net investment income and capital gains, they will not represent yield or investment return on the Fund's investment portfolio. The Fund plans to maintain this distribution policy even if regulatory requirements would make part of a return-of-capital, necessary to maintain the distribution, taxable to stockholders and to disclose that portion of the distribution that is classified as ordinary income. Although it has no current intention to do so, the Board may terminate this distribution policy at any time and such termination may have an adverse effect on the market price for the Fund's common shares. The Fund determines annually whether to distribute any net realized long-term capital gains in excess of net realized short-term

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capital losses, including capital loss carryovers, if any. To the extent that the Fund's taxable income in any calendar year exceeds the aggregate amount distributed pursuant to this distribution policy, an additional distribution may be made to avoid the payment of a 4% U.S. federal excise tax, and to the extent that the aggregate amount distributed in any calendar year exceeds the Fund's taxable income, the amount of that excess may constitute a return-of-capital for tax purposes. A return-of-capital distribution reduces the cost basis of an investor's shares in the Fund. Dividends and distributions to stockholders are recorded by the Fund on the ex-dividend date.

**MANAGED DISTRIBUTION RISK:** Under the managed distribution policy, the Fund makes monthly distributions to stockholders at a rate that may include periodic distributions of its net income and net capital gains, ("Net Earnings"), or from return-of-capital. If, for any fiscal year where total cash distributions exceeded Net Earnings (the "Excess"), the Excess would decrease the Fund's total assets and, as a result, would have the likely effect of increasing the Fund's expense ratio. There is a risk that the total Net Earnings from the Fund's portfolio would not be great enough to offset the amount of cash

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED) (CONTINUED)  
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distributions paid to Fund stockholders. If this were to be the case, the Fund's assets would be depleted, and there is no guarantee that the Fund would be able to replace the assets. In addition, in order to make such distributions, the Fund may have to sell a portion of its investment portfolio at a time when independent investment judgment might not dictate such action. Furthermore, such assets used to make distributions will not be available for investment pursuant to the Fund's investment objective.

### NOTE C. FAIR VALUE

As required by the Fair Value Measurement and Disclosures Topic of the FASB Accounting Standards Codification, the Fund has performed an analysis of all assets and liabilities measured at fair value to determine the significance and character of all inputs to their fair value determination.

The fair value hierarchy prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value into the following three broad categories.

- o Level 1 - quoted unadjusted prices for identical instruments in active markets to which the Fund has access at the date of measurement.
- o Level 2 - quoted prices for similar instruments in active markets; quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in markets that are not active; and model-derived valuations in which all significant inputs and significant value drivers are observable in active markets. Level 2 inputs are those in markets for which there are few transactions, the prices are not current, little public information exists or instances where prices vary substantially over time or among brokered market makers.
- o Level 3 - model derived valuations in which one or more significant inputs or significant value drivers are unobservable. Unobservable inputs are those inputs that reflect the Fund's own assumptions that market participants would use to price the asset or liability based on the best

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available information.

The following is a summary of the inputs used as of June 30, 2011 in valuing the Fund's investments carried at value:

Valuation Inputs	Investments in Securities	Other Financial Instruments*
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Level 1 - Quoted Prices		
Equity Investments	\$ 24,632,025	--
Short-Term Investments	131,651	--
Level 2 - Other Significant		
Observable Inputs	--	--
Level 3 - Significant		
Unobservable Inputs	--	--
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Total	\$ 24,763,676	--
	=====	=====

\* Other financial instruments include futures, forwards and swap contracts.

The breakdown of the Fund's investments into major categories is disclosed in its Summary Schedule of Investments.

During the six months ended June 30, 2011 the Fund did not have any significant transfers in and out of Level 1 or Level 2.

The Fund did not have any assets or liabilities that were measured at fair value on a recurring basis using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) at June 30, 2011.

The disclosures for the Fund's fiscal year beginning January 1, 2011 relate to presenting separately any Level 3 purchases, sales, issuances and settlements on a gross basis instead of one net amount. Management continues to evaluate the impact of ASU No. 2010-6 for the required disclosures.

In May 2011, FASB issued ASU No. 2011-04 "Amendments to Achieve Common Fair Value Measurement and Disclosure Requirements in U.S. GAAP and IFRSs". ASU No. 2011-04 establishes common requirements for measuring fair value and for disclosing information about fair value measurements in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") and International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRSs"). ASU No. 2011-04 is effective for interim and

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annual periods beginning after December 15, 2011 and is applied prospectively. Management is currently evaluating the impact ASU No. 2011-04 may have on financial statement disclosures.

#### NOTE D. AGREEMENTS

Certain officers of the Fund are also officers of Cornerstone or Ultimus Fund Solutions, LLC ("Ultimus"). Such officers are paid no fees by the Fund for

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serving as officers of the Fund.

### INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

Cornerstone serves as the Fund's Investment Manager with respect to all investments. As compensation for its investment management services, Cornerstone receives from the Fund, an annual fee, calculated weekly and paid monthly, equal to 1.00% of the Fund's average weekly net assets. For the six months ended June 30, 2011, Cornerstone earned \$126,898 for investment management services.

### ADMINISTRATION AGREEMENT

Under the terms of the Administration Agreement, Ultimus supplies executive, administrative and regulatory services for the Fund. Ultimus supervises the preparation of reports to stockholders for the Fund, reports to and filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission and materials for meetings of the Board of Directors. For these services, the Fund pays Ultimus a monthly fee at an annual rate of 0.100% of its average daily net assets up to \$250 million and 0.075% of such assets in excess of \$250 million, subject to an annual minimum fee of \$50,000. Ultimus has agreed to discount the annual minimum fee to \$30,000 and such discount will remain in place until amended fee is agreed upon.

### FUND ACCOUNTING AGREEMENT

Under the terms of the Fund Accounting Agreement, Ultimus calculates the net asset value per share and maintains the financial books and records of the Fund. For the performance of these services, the Fund pays Ultimus a base fee of \$2,500 per month plus an asset based fee of 0.010% of the first \$500 million of average daily net assets and 0.005% of such assets in excess of \$500 million.

### NOTE E. AFFILIATED INVESTMENTS

Transactions in affiliates for the six months ended June 30, 2011 were as follows:

	ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY -----	PETROLEUM & RESOURCES CORPORATION -----
Market value at beginning of period	\$ 636,768 =====	\$ 81,036 =====
Shares at beginning of period	59,400	3,000
Shares purchased during the period	--	--
Shares sold during the period	59,400 -----	3,000 -----
Shares at end of period	-- =====	-- =====
Dividend income earned during the period	\$ 1,782 =====	\$ -- =====
Cost of purchases during the period	--	--
Proceeds from sales during the period	\$ 669,479	\$ 84,586
Net realized gain/(loss) during the period	\$ (23,211)	\$ 21,516
Capital gain distribution	\$ 1,188	--
Market value at		



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end of period

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## NOTE F. INVESTMENT IN SECURITIES

For the six months ended June 30, 2011, purchases and sales of securities, other than short-term investments, were \$3,173,877 and \$3,996,289, respectively.

## NOTE G. SHARES OF COMMON STOCK

The Fund has 15,000,000 shares of common stock authorized and 3,922,871 shares outstanding at June 30, 2011. Transactions in common stock for the six months ended June 30, 2011 were as follows:

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Shares at beginning of period	3,896,958
Shares newly issued in reinvestment of dividends and distributions	25,913
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Shares at end of period	3,922,871
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## NOTE H. SHARE REPURCHASE PROGRAM

As has been done in the past to enhance stockholder value, pursuant to Section 23 of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, the Fund may again in the future purchase shares of its common stock on the open market 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. The Fund had no repurchases during the six months ended June 30, 2011. No limit has been placed on the number of shares to be repurchased by the Fund other than those imposed by federal securities laws.

To the extent such purchases are made they will be in accordance with federal securities laws, with shares repurchased held in treasury for future use by the Fund.

## NOTE I. FEDERAL INCOME TAXES

Income and capital gains distributions are determined in accordance with federal income tax regulations, which may differ from GAAP. These differences are primarily due to differing treatments of losses deferred due to wash sales and Post-October losses (as later defined), and excise tax regulations.

The tax character of dividends and distributions paid to stockholders during the year ended December 31, 2010 for the Fund represented entirely of return-of-capital in the amount of \$4,164,904.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that certain components of net assets relating to permanent differences be reclassified between financial and tax reporting. These reclassifications have no effect on net assets or net asset value per share. Under current tax law, certain capital losses realized after October 31 within a taxable year may be deferred and treated as occurring on the first day of the following tax year

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("Post-October losses"). The Fund incurred no such loss.

At December 31, 2010, the Fund had a capital loss carryforward for U.S. federal income tax purposes of \$3,980,615, of which \$425,706 expires in 2011, \$358,321 expires in 2012, \$420,772 expires in 2013, \$57,090 expires in 2014, \$2,382,884 expires in 2016, \$260,903 expires in 2017 and \$74,939 expires in 2018.

Under the Regulated Investment Company Modernization Act of 2010 (the "Act"), net capital losses recognized after December 31, 2010, may be carried forward indefinitely, and their character is retained as short-term and/or long-term losses. Under the law in effect prior to the Act, pre-enactment net capital losses were carried forward for eight years and treated as short-term losses. As a transition rule, the Act requires that post-enactment net capital losses be used before pre-enactment net capital losses.

At June 30, 2011, the identified cost for federal income tax purposes, as well as the gross unrealized appreciation from investments for those securities having an excess of value over cost, gross unrealized depreciation from investments for those securities having an excess of cost over value and the net unrealized appreciation from investments were \$22,486,597, \$3,563,042, \$(1,285,963), and \$2,277,079, respectively.

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### RESULTS OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS (UNAUDITED)

On April 19, 2011, the Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Cornerstone Total Return Fund, Inc. was held and the following matters were voted upon based on 3,901,788 shares of common stock outstanding on February 16, 2011:

- (1) To approve the re-election of six directors until the 2012 Annual Meeting.

Name of Directors	For	Withheld
Ralph W. Bradshaw	3,163,884	117,792
Thomas H. Lenagh	3,157,091	124,585
Edwin Meese III	3,123,598	158,078
Scott B. Rogers	3,162,990	118,686
Andrew A. Strauss	3,156,165	125,511
Glenn W. Wilcox, Sr.	3,159,664	122,012

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### INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT APPROVAL DISCLOSURE (UNAUDITED)

The Board of Directors including, the Independent Directors, (the "Board") of Cornerstone Total Return Fund, Inc. (the "Fund") considers the approval of the continuation of the Investment Management Agreement (the "Agreement") between Cornerstone Advisors, Inc. (the "Investment Manager") and the Fund on an annual basis. The most recent approval of the continuation of the Agreement occurred at an in person meeting of the Board held on February 11, 2011.

The Board requested and received extensive materials and information from the

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Investment Manager to assist them in considering the approval of the continuance of the Agreement. Based on their review of the materials and information and discussions with management of the Investment Manager, the Board determined that the approval of the continuation of the Agreement was consistent with the best interests of the Fund and its stockholders, and would enable the Fund to continue to receive high quality services at a cost that is appropriate, reasonable, and in the best interests of the Fund and its stockholders. The Board made these determinations on the basis of the following factors, among others: (1) the nature and quality of the services provided by the Investment Manager; (2) the cost to the Investment Manager for providing such services, with special attention to the Investment Manager's profitability (and whether the Investment Manager realizes any economies of scale); (3) the direct and indirect benefits received by the Investment Manager from its relationship with the Fund and the other investment companies advised by the Investment Manager; and (4) comparative information as to the management fees, expense ratios and performance of other similarly situated closed- end investment companies.

The materials provided by the Investment Manager described the services provided by the Investment Manager to the Fund and included an overview of the Investment Manager's investment philosophy, management style and plan, including regarding the Investment Manager's extensive knowledge and experience in the closed-end fund industry. The Board also discussed the knowledge of the Investment Manager with respect to managing the Fund's monthly distribution policy and the extent to which such policy contributes to the market's positive valuation of the Fund.

The Board also reviewed and discussed a comparison of the Fund's performance with comparable closed- end funds and a comparison of the Fund's expense ratios and management fees with those comparable funds. Additionally, the Investment Manager presented an analysis of its profitability based on its contractual relationship with the Fund and the other investment companies advised by the Investment Manager.

The Board carefully evaluated this information, taking into consideration many factors including, the overall high quality of the personnel, operations, financial condition, investment management capabilities, methodologies, and performance of the Investment Manager. The Board was advised by independent legal counsel with respect to its deliberations and its duties when considering the Agreement's continuance. Based on its review of the information requested and provided, the Board determined that the management fees payable to the Investment Manager under the Agreement are fair and reasonable in light of the services to be provided, the performance of the Fund, the profitability of the Investment Manager's relationship with the Fund, the comparability of the proposed fee to fees paid by closed-end funds in the Fund's peer group, and the level of quality of investment management personnel. The Board determined that the Agreement is consistent with the best interests of the Fund and its stockholders, and enables the Fund to receive high quality services at a cost that is appropriate, reasonable, and in the best interests of the Fund and its stockholders. Accordingly, in light of the above considerations and such other factors and information it considered relevant, the Board by a unanimous vote (including a separate vote of all the Independent Directors present in person at the meeting) approved the continuance of the Agreement with respect to the Fund.

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### DESCRIPTION OF DIVIDEND REINVESTMENT PLAN (UNAUDITED)

Cornerstone Total Return Fund, Inc. (the "Fund") operates a Dividend Reinvestment Plan (the "Plan"), sponsored and administered by American Stock

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Transfer & Trust Company, LLC (the "Agent"), pursuant to which the Fund's income dividends or capital gains or other distributions (each, a "Distribution" and collectively, "Distributions"), net of any applicable U.S. withholding tax, are reinvested in shares of the Fund.

Stockholders automatically participate in the Fund's Plan, unless and until an election is made to withdraw from the Plan on behalf of such participating stockholder. Stockholders who do not wish to have Distributions automatically reinvested should so notify the Agent at P.O. Box 922, Wall Street Station, New York, New York 10269-0560. Under the Plan, the Fund's Distributions to stockholders are reinvested in full and fractional shares as described below.

When the Fund declares a Distribution the Agent, on the stockholder's behalf, will (i) receive additional authorized shares from the Fund either newly issued or repurchased from stockholders by the Fund and held as treasury stock ("Newly Issued Shares") or (ii) purchase outstanding shares on the open market, on the NYSE Amex LLC or elsewhere, with cash allocated to it by the Fund ("Open Market Purchases").

The method for determining the number of Newly Issued Shares received when Distributions are reinvested will be determined by dividing the amount of the Distribution either by the Fund's last reported net asset value per share or by a price equal to the average closing price of the Fund over the five trading days preceding the payment date of the Distribution, whichever is lower. However, if the last reported net asset value of the Fund's shares is higher than its market price (i.e., the Fund is selling at a discount), shares may be acquired by the Agent in Open Market Purchases and allocated to the reinvesting stockholders based on the average cost of such Open Market Purchases.

Whenever the Fund declares a Distribution and the last reported net asset value of the Fund's shares is higher than its market price, the Agent will apply the amount of such Distribution payable to Plan participants of the Fund in Fund shares (less such Plan participant's pro rata share of brokerage commissions incurred with respect to Open Market Purchases in connection with the reinvestment of such Distribution) to the purchase on the open market of Fund shares for such Plan participant's account. Such purchases will be made on or after the payable date for such Distribution, and in no event more than 30 days after such date except where temporary curtailment or suspension of purchase is necessary to comply with applicable provisions of federal securities laws. The Agent may aggregate a Plan participant's purchases with the purchases of other Plan participants, and the average price (including brokerage commissions) of all shares purchased by the Agent shall be the price per share allocable to each Plan participant.

Registered stockholders who do not wish to have their Distributions automatically reinvested should so notify the Fund in writing. If a stockholder has not elected to receive cash Distributions and the Agent does not receive notice of an election to receive cash Distributions prior to the record date of any Distribution, the stockholder will automatically receive such Distributions in additional shares.

Participants in the Plan may withdraw from the Plan by providing written notice to the Agent at least 30 days prior to the applicable Distribution payment date. When a Participant withdraws from the Plan, or upon suspension or termination of the Plan at the sole discretion of the Fund's Board of Directors, certificates for whole shares credited to his or her account under the Plan will, upon request, be issued. Whether or not a participant requests that certificates for whole shares be issued, a cash payment will be made for any fraction of a share credited to such account.

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## DESCRIPTION OF DIVIDEND REINVESTMENT PLAN (UNAUDITED) (CONCLUDED)

The Agent will maintain all stockholder accounts in the Plan and furnish written confirmations of all transactions in the accounts, including information needed by stockholders for personal and tax records. The Agent will hold shares in the account of the Plan participant in non-certificated form in the name of the participant, and each stockholder's proxy will include those shares purchased pursuant to the Plan. Each participant, nevertheless, has the right to receive certificates for whole shares owned. The Agent will distribute all proxy solicitation materials to participating stockholders.

In the case of stockholders, such as banks, brokers or nominees, that hold shares for others who are beneficial owners participating in the Plan, the Agent will administer the Plan on the basis of the number of shares certified from time to time by the record stockholder as representing the total amount of shares registered in the stockholder's name and held for the account of beneficial owners participating in the Plan.

Neither the Agent nor the Fund shall have any responsibility or liability beyond the exercise of ordinary care for any action taken or omitted pursuant to the Plan, nor shall they have any duties, responsibilities or liabilities except such as expressly set forth herein. Neither shall they be liable hereunder for any act done in good faith or for any good faith omissions to act, including, without limitation, failure to terminate a participants account prior to receipt of written notice of his or her death or with respect to prices at which shares are purchased or sold for the participants account and the terms on which such purchases and sales are made, subject to applicable provisions of the federal securities laws.

The automatic reinvestment of Distributions will not relieve participants of any federal, state or local income tax that may be payable (or required to be withheld) on such Distributions. The Fund reserves the right to amend or terminate the Plan. There is no direct service charge to participants with regard to purchases in the Plan.

All correspondence concerning the Plan should be directed to the Agent at P.O. Box 922, Wall Street Station, New York, New York 10269-0560. Certain transactions can be performed online at [www.amstock.com](http://www.amstock.com) or by calling the toll free number 888-556-0422.

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## PROXY VOTING AND PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS INFORMATION (UNAUDITED)

Information regarding how Cornerstone Total Return Fund, Inc. (the "Fund") voted proxies related to its portfolio securities during the 12-month period ended June 30 of each year as well as the policies and procedures that the Fund uses to determine how to vote proxies relating to its portfolio securities are available by calling (513) 326-3597 or on the website of the Securities and Exchange Commission, <http://www.sec.gov>.

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This report incorporates a Summary Schedule of Investments for the Fund. A complete Schedule of Investments for the Fund may be obtained free of charge by contacting the Fund at (513) 326-3597. The Fund files a complete schedule of its portfolio holdings for the first and third quarters of its fiscal year with the SEC on Form N-Q. The Fund's Forms N-Q is available on the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov> and may be reviewed and copied 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 (202) 551-8090.

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PRIVACY POLICY (UNAUDITED)

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FACTS

WHAT DOES CORNERSTONE TOTAL RETURN FUND, INC. (THE "FUND") DO WITH YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION?  
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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.  
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What?

The types of personal information we, and our service providers, on our behalf, collect and share depend on the product or service you have with us. This information can include:

- o Social Security number
- o account balances
- o account transactions
- o transaction history
- o wire transfer instructions
- o checking account information

When you are no longer our customer, we continue to share your information as described in this notice.

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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 the Fund, and our service providers, on our behalf, choose to share; and whether you can limit this sharing.

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PRIVACY POLICY (UNAUDITED) (CONTINUED)

Reasons we can share your personal information	Does the Cornerstone Fund 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 report to credit bureaus	Yes	No
FOR OUR MARKETING PURPOSES - to offer our products and services to you	No	We don't share
FOR JOINT MARKETING WITH OTHER FINANCIAL COMPANIES	No	We don't share
FOR OUR AFFILIATES' EVERYDAY BUSINESS PURPOSES - information about your transactions and experiences	Yes	No
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 NONAFFILIATES TO MARKET TO YOU	No	We don't share

QUESTIONS? Call (513) 326-3597.

WHAT WE DO

WHO IS PROVIDING THIS NOTICE? Cornerstone Total Return Fund, Inc. (the "Fund")

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HOW DOES THE FUND AND THE FUND'S SERVICE PROVIDERS, ON THE FUND'S BEHALF PROTECT MY PERSONAL INFORMATION?

To protect your personal information from unauthorized access and use, we and our service providers use security measures that comply with federal law. These measures include computer safeguards and secured files and buildings.

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HOW DOES THE FUND AND THE FUND'S SERVICE PROVIDERS, ON THE FUND'S BEHALF COLLECT MY PERSONAL INFORMATION?

We collect your personal information, for example, when you:

- o open an account
- o provide account information
- o give us your contact information
- o make a wire transfer

We also collect your information from others, such as credit bureaus, affiliates, or other companies.

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PRIVACY POLICY (UNAUDITED) (CONCLUDED)

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WHY CAN'T I LIMIT ALL SHARING?

Federal law gives you the right to limit only

- o sharing for affiliates' everyday business purposes - information about your creditworthiness
- o affiliates from using your information to market to you
- o sharing for nonaffiliates to market to you

State laws and individual companies may give you additional rights to limit sharing.

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DEFINITIONS

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AFFILIATES

Companies related by common ownership or control. They can be financial and nonfinancial companies.

- o CORNERSTONE ADVISORS, INC.

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NONAFFILIATES

Companies not related by common ownership or control. They can be financial and nonfinancial companies.

- o THE FUND DOES NOT SHARE WITH NONAFFILIATES, SO THEY CAN MARKET TO YOU.

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JOINT MARKETING

A formal agreement between nonaffiliated financial companies that together market financial products or services to you.



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o THE FUND DOES NOT JOINTLY MARKET.

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SUMMARY OF GENERAL INFORMATION (UNAUDITED)

Cornerstone Total Return Fund, Inc. is a closed-end, diversified investment company whose shares trade on the

NYSE Amex LLC. Its investment objective is to seek capital appreciation with current income as a secondary objective. The Fund is managed by Cornerstone Advisors, Inc.

STOCKHOLDER INFORMATION (UNAUDITED)

The Fund is listed on the NYSE Amex LLC (symbol "CRF"). The previous week's net asset value per share, market price, and related premium or discount are available on THE WALL STREET JOURNAL website at [http://online.wsj.com/mdc/public/page/2\\_3040-CEF33.html](http://online.wsj.com/mdc/public/page/2_3040-CEF33.html) under the designation "Cornerstone Total Return (CRF)" and on the BARRON'S website at [http://online.barrons.com/mdc/public/page/2\\_3040-CEF33.html](http://online.barrons.com/mdc/public/page/2_3040-CEF33.html) under the same designation. Such information is available weekly and may be obtained by contacting the Fund at the general inquiry phone number.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 23(C) OF THE INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT OF 1940, AS AMENDED, THAT CORNERSTONE TOTAL RETURN FUND, INC. MAY FROM TIME TO TIME PURCHASE SHARES OF ITS CAPITAL STOCK IN THE OPEN MARKET.  
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This report, including the financial statements herein, is sent to the stockholders of the Fund for their information. The financial information included herein is taken from the records of the Fund without examination by the independent registered public accountants who do not express an opinion thereon. It is not a prospectus, circular or representation intended for use in the purchase or sale of shares of the Fund or of any securities mentioned in the report.  
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ITEM 2. CODE OF ETHICS.

Not required

ITEM 3. AUDIT COMMITTEE FINANCIAL EXPERT.

Not required

ITEM 4. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT FEES AND SERVICES.

Not required

ITEM 5. AUDIT COMMITTEE OF LISTED REGISTRANTS.

Not required

ITEM 6. INVESTMENTS.

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 CORNERSTONE TOTAL RETURN FUND, INC.  
 SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS - JUNE 30, 2011 (UNAUDITED)  
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Description	No. of Shares	Value
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EQUITY SECURITIES - 99.82%		
CLOSED-END FUNDS - 9.19%		
CORPORATE DEBT FUNDS INVESTMENT GRADE-RATED - 0.63%		
AllianceBernstein Income Fund	6,000	\$ 47,340
MFS Government Markets Income Trust	16,000	108,800
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		156,140
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GLOBAL INCOME - 0.53%		
Nuveen Multi-Currency Short-Term Government Income Fund	8,851	131,526
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HIGH CURRENT YIELD (LEVERAGED) - 0.26%		
First Trust Strategic High Income Fund III	14,400	65,088
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OPTION ARBITRAGE/OPTIONS STRATEGIES - 7.46%		
Eaton Vance Enhanced Equity Income Fund	12,374	148,488
Eaton Vance Risk-Managed Diversified Equity Income Fund	43,700	551,494
Eaton Vance Tax-Managed Buy-Write Income Fund	13,000	179,010
Eaton Vance Tax-Managed Buy-Write Opportunities Fund	40,300	513,019
Eaton Vance Tax-Managed Diversified Equity		

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Income Fund	41,085	448,648
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		1,840,659
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SECTOR EQUITY - 0.31%		
Gabelli Healthcare & WellnessRx Trust (The) *	9,721	75,143
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TOTAL CLOSED-END FUNDS		2,268,556
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CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY - 8.83%		
Bed Bath & Beyond, Inc.*	2,500	145,925
Comcast Corporation - Class A	2,012	50,984
Comcast Corporation - Special Class A	4,250	102,978
DIRECTV Group, Inc. (The) - Class A *	4,000	203,280
Ford Motor Company *	10,000	137,900
Home Depot, Inc. (The)	5,000	181,100
Kohl's Corporation	2,000	100,020
Limited Brands, Inc.	1,000	38,450
Lowe's Companies, Inc.	3,000	69,930

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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CORNERSTONE TOTAL RETURN FUND, INC.  
SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS - JUNE 30, 2011 (UNAUDITED) (CONTINUED)  
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Description	No. of Shares	Value
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CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY (CONTINUED)		
Macy's, Inc.	1,000	\$ 29,240
McDonald's Corporation	2,000	168,640
News Corporation - Class B	2,500	45,200
Starbucks Corporation	2,500	98,725
Target Corporation	1,500	70,365
Time Warner, Inc.	4,666	169,702
TJX Companies, Inc. (The)	2,500	131,325
Viacom, Inc. - Class B	2,000	102,000
Walt Disney Company (The)	5,000	195,200
Yum! Brands, Inc.	2,500	138,100
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		2,179,064
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CONSUMER STAPLES - 10.79%		
Altria Group, Inc.	5,000	132,050
Coca-Cola Company (The)	5,000	336,450
Coca-Cola Enterprises, Inc.	2,500	72,950
General Mills, Inc.	3,000	111,660
H.J. Heinz Company	2,700	143,856
PepsiCo, Inc.	3,000	211,290
Philip Morris International, Inc.	5,000	333,850
Procter & Gamble Company (The)	6,972	443,210
Sara Lee Corporation	2,500	47,475
Walgreen Company	2,000	84,920
Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.	14,000	743,960
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ENERGY - 11.44%		
Apache Corporation	2,000	246,780
Chevron Corporation	3,500	359,940
ConocoPhillips	5,000	375,950
Exxon Mobil Corporation	12,000	976,560
Halliburton Company	2,500	127,500
Occidental Petroleum Corporation	4,000	416,160
Schlumberger Ltd.	3,000	259,200
Williams Companies, Inc.	2,000	60,500
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		2,822,590
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FINANCIALS - 13.14%		
AFLAC, Inc.	1,500	70,020
American Express Company	4,000	206,800
Bank of New York Mellon Corporation (The)	3,000	76,860
Capital One Financial Corporation	2,500	129,175
Citigroup, Inc.	2,800	116,592
Discover Financial Services	2,000	53,500
Franklin Resources, Inc.	1,000	131,290

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CORNERSTONE TOTAL RETURN FUND, INC.  
SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS - JUNE 30, 2011 (UNAUDITED) (CONTINUED)  
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Description	No. of Shares	Value
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FINANCIALS (CONTINUED)		
Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. (The)	2,500	\$ 332,725
JPMorgan Chase & Co.	15,200	622,288
M&T Bank Corporation	1,000	87,950
Marsh & McLennan Companies, Inc.	4,000	124,760
MetLife, Inc.	1,500	65,805
PNC Financial Services Group, Inc.	1,000	59,610
Prudential Financial, Inc.	2,500	158,975
State Street Corporation	2,000	90,180
Travelers Companies, Inc. (The)	3,092	180,511
U.S. Bancorp	5,500	140,305
Unum Group	2,500	63,700
Wells Fargo & Company	19,000	533,140
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		3,244,186
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HEALTH CARE - 11.07%		
Abbott Laboratories	3,000	157,860
Allergan, Inc.	1,000	83,250
Amgen, Inc. *	3,000	175,050
Baxter International, Inc.	2,500	149,225
Boston Scientific Corporation *	4,000	27,640
Bristol-Myers Squibb Company	6,000	173,760
Celgene Corporation *	1,000	60,320
Cigna Corporation	3,000	154,290
Eli Lilly & Company	2,500	93,825

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Express Scripts, Inc. *	2,400	129,552
Gilead Sciences, Inc. *	2,000	82,820
Johnson & Johnson	6,000	399,120
McKesson Corporation	2,500	209,125
Medco Health Solutions, Inc. *	1,000	56,520
Medtronic, Inc.	4,500	173,385
Merck & Company, Inc.	2,500	88,225
Pfizer, Inc.	6,462	133,117
Stryker Corporation	1,000	58,690
UnitedHealth Group, Inc.	2,500	128,950
WellPoint, Inc.	2,500	196,925
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		2,731,649
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INDUSTRIALS - 10.23%

3M Company	2,500	237,125
Danaher Corporation	2,000	105,980
Deere & Company	1,500	123,675
Emerson Electric Company	2,500	140,625
FedEx Corporation	1,500	142,275

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CORNERSTONE TOTAL RETURN FUND, INC.  
SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS - JUNE 30, 2011 (UNAUDITED) (CONTINUED)  
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Description	No. of Shares	Value
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INDUSTRIALS (CONTINUED)		
General Dynamics Corporation	2,000	\$ 149,040
General Electric Company	24,000	452,640
Honeywell International Inc.	2,000	119,180
Lockheed Martin Corporation	2,500	202,425
Precision Castparts Corporation	1,000	164,650
Republic Services, Inc.	1,125	34,706
Southwest Airlines Company	2,000	22,840
Union Pacific Corporation	2,500	261,000
United Parcel Service, Inc. - Class B	2,000	145,860
United Technologies Corporation	2,500	221,275
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		2,523,296
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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY - 16.19%		
Apple, Inc. *	2,000	671,340
Applied Materials, Inc.	3,000	39,030
Corning, Inc.	5,000	90,750
Dell Inc. *	4,000	66,680
Google, Inc. - Class A *	1,000	506,380
Hewlett-Packard Company	8,000	291,200
Intel Corporation	17,000	376,720
International Business Machines Corporation	4,000	686,201
Intuit, Inc. *	2,500	129,650
Microsoft Corporation	24,000	624,000
Oracle Corporation	12,600	414,666
Texas Instruments, Inc.	3,000	98,490
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		3,995,107
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MATERIALS - 3.40%		
Air Products & Chemicals, Inc.	1,500	143,370
Alcoa, Inc.	1,800	28,548
Dow Chemical Company (The)	2,500	90,000
E.I. Du Pont de Nemours & Company	4,800	259,440
Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold, Inc.	5,000	264,500
Newmont Mining Corporation	1,000	53,970
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		839,828
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REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST - 0.01%		
Simon Property Group, Inc.	16	1,860
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TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES - 2.83%		
AT&T, Inc.	17,089	536,765
CenturyLink, Inc.	4,000	161,720
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		698,485
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CORNERSTONE TOTAL RETURN FUND, INC.  
SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS - JUNE 30, 2011 (UNAUDITED) (CONCLUDED)  
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Description	No. of Shares	Value
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UTILITIES - 2.70%		
Consolidated Edison, Inc.	1,000	\$ 53,240
Dominion Resources, Inc.	2,000	96,540
Duke Energy Corporation	6,600	124,278
Exelon Corporation	3,500	149,940
NextEra Energy, Inc.	1,000	57,460
NiSource, Inc.	2,500	50,625
Xcel Energy, Inc.	5,500	133,650
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		665,733
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TOTAL EQUITY SECURITIES (cost - \$22,354,946)		24,632,025
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SHORT-TERM INVESTMENT - 0.53%		
MONEY MARKET FUND - 0.53%		
Fidelity Institutional Money Market Government Portfolio - Class I (cost - \$131,651)	131,651	131,651
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TOTAL INVESTMENTS - 100.35% (cost - \$22,486,597)		24,763,676
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LIABILITIES IN EXCESS OF OTHER ASSETS - (0.35)%		(86,045)
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NET ASSETS - 100.00%		\$24,677,631

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\*\* Non-income producing security.

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(b) Not applicable

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

Not required

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

(a) Not required

(b) There has not been a change in any of the Portfolio Managers identified in response to this Item in the registrant's most recent annual report on Form N-CSR.

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

None

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 of directors that have been implemented after the registrant last provided disclosure in response to the requirements of Item 407(c)(2)(iv) of Regulation S-K (17 CFR 229.407) or this Item.

ITEM 11. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES.

(a) Based on their evaluation of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 30a-3(c) under the Investment Company Act of 1940) as of a date within 90 days of the filing date of this report, the registrant's principal executive officer and principal financial officer have concluded that such disclosure controls and procedures are reasonably designed and are operating effectively to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to them by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared, and that the information required in filings on Form N-CSR is recorded, processed, summarized, and reported on a timely basis.

(b) There were no changes in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the Investment Company Act of 1940) 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.



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ITEM 12. EXHIBITS.

File the exhibits listed below as part of this Form. Letter or number the exhibits in the sequence indicated.

(a)(1) Any code of ethics, or amendment thereto, that is the subject of the disclosure required by Item 2, to the extent that the registrant intends to satisfy the Item 2 requirements through filing of an exhibit: Not required

(a)(2) A separate certification for each principal executive officer and principal financial officer of the registrant as required by Rule 30a-2(a) under the Act (17 CFR 270.30a-2(a)): Attached hereto

(a)(3) Any written solicitation to purchase securities under Rule 23c-1 under the Act (17 CFR 270.23c-1) sent or given during the period covered by the report by or on behalf of the registrant to 10 or more persons: Not applicable

(b) Certifications required by Rule 30a-2(b) under the Act (17 CFR 270.30a-2(b)): Attached hereto

Exhibit 99.CERT Certifications required by Rule 30a-2(a) under the Act

Exhibit 99.906CERT Certifications required by Rule 30a-2(b) under the Act

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.

(Registrant) Cornerstone Total Return Fund, Inc.  
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By (Signature and Title)\* /s/ Ralph W. Bradshaw  
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Ralph W. Bradshaw, Chairman and President  
(Principal Executive Officer)

Date September 2, 2011  
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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 (Signature and Title)\* /s/ Ralph W. Bradshaw  
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Ralph W. Bradshaw, Chairman and President  
(Principal Executive Officer)

Date September 2, 2011  
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By (Signature and Title)\* /s/ Frank J. Maresca  
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Frank J. Maresca, Treasurer  
(Principal Financial Officer)

Date September 2, 2011  
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\* Print the name and title of each signing officer under his or her signature.