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

Investment Company Act file number 811-7066

Western Asset Emerging Markets Income Fund Inc.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

55 Water Street, New York, NY
(Address of principal executive offices)

10041
(Zip code)

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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (800) 451-2010

Date of fiscal year end: August 31

Date of reporting period: February 29, 2008

ITEM 1. REPORT TO STOCKHOLDERS.

The **Semi-Annual** Report to Stockholders is filed herewith.

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT / FEBRUARY 29, 2008

Western Asset

Emerging Markets

Income Fund Inc.

(EMD)

Managed by WESTERN ASSET

**INVESTMENT PRODUCTS: NOT FDIC INSURED • NO BANK GUARANTEE
• MAY LOSE VALUE**

Fund objective

The Fund's primary investment objective is to seek high current income. As a secondary objective, the Fund seeks capital appreciation.

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Legg Mason Partners Fund Advisor, LLC (LMPFA) is the Fund's investment manager. Western Asset Management Company (Western Asset) and Western Asset Management Company Limited (Western Asset Limited) are the Fund's subadvisers. LMPFA, Western Asset and Western Asset Limited are wholly-owned subsidiaries of Legg Mason, Inc.

Letter from the chairman

Dear Shareholder,

While the U.S. economy continued to expand during the six-month reporting period ended February 29, 2008, it weakened significantly as the reporting period progressed. Third quarter 2007 U.S. gross domestic product (GDP) growth was 4.9%, its strongest showing in four years. However, continued weakness in the housing market and an ongoing credit crunch took their toll on the economy during the last three months of 2007. During this period, GDP growth was 0.6%. Recently, there have been additional signs of an economic slowdown, leading some to believe that the U.S. may be headed for a recession. The U.S. Department of Labor said that non-farm payroll employment fell 22,000 in January 2008, the first monthly decline in more than four years. This was followed up with 63,000 jobs lost in February – the largest decline in five years. Elsewhere, the National Association of Realtors reported that existing home sales fell for the sixth consecutive month in January 2008 and the median home price was down nearly 5% versus January 2007.

Ongoing issues related to the housing and subprime mortgage markets and an abrupt tightening in the credit markets prompted the Federal Reserve Board (Fed) to take several actions during the reporting period. The Fed initially responded by lowering the discount rate – the rate the Fed uses for loans it makes directly to banks – from 6.25% to 5.75% in mid-August 2007. Then, at its meeting on September 18, 2007, the Fed reduced the discount rate to 5.25% and the federal funds rateⁱⁱⁱ from 5.25% to 4.75%. This marked the first reduction in the federal funds rate since June 2003. The Fed again lowered rates in October and December 2007, bringing the federal funds rate to 4.25% at the end of 2007. In January 2008, the Fed continued to aggressively ease monetary policy in an attempt to ward off a recession. In a surprise move, the Fed cut the federal funds rate on January 22, 2008 by 0.75% to 3.50%. The Fed again lowered the federal funds rate during its meeting on January 30, 2008, bringing it to 3.00%. In March 2008, after the reporting period ended, the Fed cut the federal funds rate an additional 0.75% to 2.25%, its lowest level since December 2004. In its statement accompanying the March rate cut, the Fed stated: “Recent information indicates that the outlook for economic activity has weakened further....”

Letter from the chairman *continued*

Financial markets remain under considerable stress, and the tightening of credit conditions and the deepening of the housing contraction are likely to weigh on economic growth over the next few quarters.

During the six-month reporting period, both short- and long-term Treasury yields experienced periods of volatility. This was due, in part, to mixed economic and inflation data, the fallout from the subprime mortgage market and shifting expectations regarding the Fed's monetary policy. Within the bond market, investors were initially focused on the subprime segment of the mortgage-backed market. These concerns broadened, however, to include a wide range of financial institutions and markets. As a result, other fixed-income instruments also experienced increased price volatility. This turmoil triggered several flights to quality, causing Treasury yields to move sharply lower (and their prices higher), while riskier segments of the market saw their yields move higher (and their prices lower).

Overall, during the six months ended February 29, 2008, two-year Treasury yields fell from 4.15% to 1.65%. Over the same time frame, 10-year Treasury yields fell from 4.54% to 3.53%. Short-term yields fell sharply in concert with the Fed's rate cuts while longer-term yields fell less dramatically due to inflationary concerns, resulting in a steepening of the U.S. yield curve^{iv} during the reporting period. Looking at the six-month period as a whole, the overall bond market, as measured by the Lehman Brothers U.S. Aggregate Index^v, returned 5.67%.

Increased investor risk aversion in November 2007 and again in January and February 2008 caused the high-yield bond market to produce weak results over the six-month period ended February 29, 2008. During that period, the Citigroup High Yield Market Index^{vi} returned -1.25%. While high-yield bond prices rallied several times during the period, several flights to quality dragged down the sector, although default rates continued to be low.

Despite increased investor risk aversion, emerging markets debt generated solid results, as the JPMorgan Emerging Markets Bond Index Global (EMBI Globalⁱⁱⁱ) returned 5.68% over the six months ended February 29, 2008. Overall solid demand, an expanding global economy, increased domestic spending and the Fed's numerous rate cuts supported the emerging market debt asset class.

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Performance review

For the six months ended February 29, 2008, Western Asset Emerging Markets Income Fund Inc. returned 6.02% based on its net asset value (NAVⁱⁱⁱ) and 5.00% based on its New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) market price per share. The Fund's unmanaged benchmark, the EMBI Global, returned 5.68% over the same time frame. The Lipper Emerging Markets Debt Closed-End Funds Category Average^{ix} increased 5.60% for the same period. Please note that Lipper performance returns are based on each fund's NAV.

During this six-month period, the Fund made distributions to shareholders totaling \$0.63 per share, which may have included a return of capital. The performance table shows the Fund's six-month total return based on its NAV and market price as of February 29, 2008. **Past performance is no guarantee of future results.**

PERFORMANCE SNAPSHOT as of February 29, 2008 (unaudited)

	SIX-MONTH TOTAL RETURN
PRICE PER SHARE	
\$14.78 (NAV)	6.02%
\$13.29 (Market Price)	5.00%

All figures represent past performance and are not a guarantee of future results.

Total returns are based on changes in NAV or market price, respectively. Total returns assume the reinvestment of all distributions, including returns of capital, if any, in additional shares.

Information about your fund

Important information with regard to recent regulatory developments that may affect the Fund is contained in the Notes to Financial Statements included in this report.

Looking for additional information?

The Fund is traded under the symbol EMD and its closing market price is available in most newspapers under the NYSE listings. The daily NAV is available on-line under the symbol XEMDX on most financial websites. *Barron's* and *The Wall Street Journal's* Monday edition both carry closed-end fund tables that provide additional information. In addition, the Fund issues a quarterly press release that can be found on most major financial websites, as well as www.leggmason.com/individualinvestors.

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In a continuing effort to provide information concerning the Fund, shareholders may call 1-888-777-0102 (toll free), Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Eastern Time, for the Fund's current NAV, market price and other information.

Western Asset Emerging Markets Income Fund Inc. III

Letter from the chairman *continued*

As always, thank you for your confidence in our stewardship of your assets. We look forward to helping you meet your financial goals.

Sincerely,

R. Jay Gerken, CFA

Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer

March 28, 2008

The information provided is not intended to be a forecast of future events, a guarantee of future results or investment advice. Views expressed may differ from those of the firm as a whole.

RISKS: The Fund may invest in high-yield and foreign securities, including emerging markets, which involve risks beyond those inherent in higher-rated and domestic investments. High-yield bonds involve greater credit and liquidity risks than investment grade bonds. Investing in foreign securities is subject to certain risks not associated with domestic investing, such as currency fluctuations, and changes in political and economic conditions. These risks are magnified in emerging or developing markets. Derivatives, such as options and futures, can be illiquid and harder to value, especially in declining markets. A small investment in certain derivatives may have a potentially large impact on the Fund's performance.

All index performance reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes. Please note that an investor cannot invest directly in an index.

- i Gross domestic product (GDP) is the market value of all final goods and services produced within a country in a given period of time.
- ii The Federal Reserve Board (Fed) is responsible for the formulation of policies designed to promote economic growth, full employment, stable prices, and a sustainable pattern of international trade and payments.
- iii The federal funds rate is the rate charged by one depository institution on an overnight sale of immediately available funds (balances at the Federal Reserve) to another depository institution; the rate may vary from depository institution to depository institution and from day to day.
- iv The yield curve is the graphical depiction of the relationship between the yield on bonds of the same credit quality but different maturities.

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- The Lehman Brothers U.S. Aggregate Index is a broad-based bond index comprised of government, corporate, mortgage- and asset-backed issues, rated investment grade or higher, and having at least one year to maturity.
- vi The Citigroup High Yield Market Index is a broad-based unmanaged index of high-yield securities.
- vii The JPMorgan Emerging Markets Bond Index Global (EMBI Global) tracks total returns for U.S. dollar denominated debt instruments issued by emerging market sovereign and quasi-sovereign entities: Brady bonds, loans, Eurobonds, and local market instruments. Countries covered are Algeria, Argentina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Chile, China, Colombia, Cote d'Ivoire, Croatia, Ecuador, Greece, Hungary, Lebanon, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Nigeria, Panama, Peru, the Philippines, Poland, Russia, South Africa, South Korea, Thailand, Turkey and Venezuela.
- viii NAV is calculated by subtracting total liabilities and outstanding preferred stock (if any) from the closing value of all securities held by the Fund (plus all other assets) and dividing the result (total net assets) by the total number of the common shares outstanding. The NAV fluctuates with changes in the market prices of securities in which the Fund has invested. However, the price at which an investor may buy or sell shares of the Fund is at the Fund's market price as determined by supply of and demand for the Fund's shares.
- ix Lipper, Inc. is a major independent mutual-fund tracking organization. Returns are based on the six-month period ended February 29, 2008, including the reinvestment of all distributions, including returns of capital, if any, calculated among the 12 funds in the Fund's Lipper category.

IV Western Asset Emerging Markets Income Fund Inc.

Fund at a glance (unaudited)

INVESTMENT BREAKDOWN (%) as a percent of total investments February 29, 2008

Schedule of investments (unaudited)

February 29, 2008

WESTERN ASSET EMERGING MARKETS INCOME FUND INC.

FACE AMOUNT		SECURITY	VALUE
SOVEREIGN BONDS	51.8%		
		Argentina 4.3%	
		Republic of Argentina:	
500,000	DEM	7.000% due 3/18/04 ^{(a),(b)}	\$ 123,110
1,000,000	EUR	9.000% due 4/26/06 ^(a)	478,374
550,000	EUR	9.000% due 7/6/10 ^(a)	248,489
950,000	DEM	11.750% due 11/13/26 ^(a)	226,827
670,192	ARS	5.830% due 12/31/33 ^(c)	214,080
420,000	ARS	Bonds, 2.000% due 1/3/10 ^(c)	293,403
34,000		Bonds, Series VII, 7.000% due 9/12/13	29,371
		GDP Linked Securities:	
600,000	EUR	1.262% due 12/15/35 ^(c)	103,876
490,000		1.318% due 12/15/35 ^(c)	65,415
10,662,020	ARS	1.383% due 12/15/35 ^(c)	338,789
		Medium-Term Notes:	
500,000,000	ITL	7.000% due 3/18/04 ^{(a),(b)}	124,431
1,000,000	EUR	10.000% due 2/22/07 ^(a)	501,154
		<i>Total Argentina</i>	<i>2,747,319</i>
		Brazil 10.9%	
		Brazil Nota do Tesouro Nacional:	
1,000	BRL	10.000% due 1/1/10	571
8,243,000	BRL	10.000% due 7/1/10 ^(d)	4,659,306
1,018,000	BRL	Series B, 6.000% due 5/15/17	958,879
1,433,000	BRL	Series F, 10.000% due 1/1/12	789,937
476,000		Federative Republic of Brazil, 7.125% due 1/20/37	514,794
		<i>Total Brazil</i>	<i>6,923,487</i>
		Colombia 2.8%	
1,700,000		Republic of Colombia, 7.375% due 9/18/37	1,814,750
		Ecuador 1.4%	
877,000		Republic of Ecuador, 10.000% due 8/15/30 ^(e)	861,653
		Egypt 0.4%	
1,460,000	EGP	Arab Republic of Egypt, 8.750% due 7/18/12 ^(e)	276,099
		Gabon 0.5%	
317,000		Gabonese Republic, 8.200% due 12/12/17 ^(e)	334,039
		Indonesia 2.6%	
		Republic of Indonesia:	
3,799,000,000	IDR	Series FR40, 11.000% due 9/15/25	422,045
3,120,000,000	IDR	Series FR42, 10.250% due 7/15/27	324,497
4,928,000,000	IDR	Series FR43, 10.250% due 7/15/22	519,992
3,727,000,000	IDR	Series FR45, 9.750% due 5/15/37	364,896
		<i>Total Indonesia</i>	<i>1,631,430</i>

See Notes to Financial Statements.

WESTERN ASSET EMERGING MARKETS INCOME FUND INC.

FACE AMOUNT		SECURITY	VALUE
		Mexico 6.3%	
		United Mexican States, Medium-Term Notes:	
1,380,000		6.050% due 1/11/40	\$ 1,369,650
2,536,000		Series A, 5.625% due 1/15/17	2,643,780
		<i>Total Mexico</i>	<i>4,013,430</i>
		Panama 4.1%	
		Republic of Panama:	
5,000		9.625% due 2/8/11	5,699
54,000		9.375% due 4/1/29	71,550
2,489,000		6.700% due 1/26/36	2,520,112
		<i>Total Panama</i>	<i>2,597,361</i>
		Peru 0.3%	
202,000		Republic of Peru, Bonds, 6.550% due 3/14/37	208,565
		Russia 3.0%	
		Russian Federation:	
750,000		11.000% due 7/24/18 ^(e)	1,078,125
455,000		12.750% due 6/24/28 ^(e)	820,706
		<i>Total Russia</i>	<i>1,898,831</i>
		Turkey 8.4%	
		Republic of Turkey:	
920,000	TRY	14.000% due 1/19/11	717,713
919,000		11.875% due 1/15/30 ^(g)	1,392,498
3,465,000		Notes, 6.875% due 3/17/36 ^(d)	3,209,456
		<i>Total Turkey</i>	<i>5,319,667</i>
		Uruguay 0.3%	
188,066		Oriental Republic of Uruguay, Bonds, 7.625% due 3/21/36	193,802
		Venezuela 6.5%	
		Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela:	
1,053,000		8.500% due 10/8/14	1,026,675
1,089,000		5.750% due 2/26/16	898,425
217,000		7.650% due 4/21/25	186,077
		Collective Action Securities:	
844,000		9.375% due 1/13/34	829,230
1,100,000		Notes, 10.750% due 9/19/13	1,177,000
		<i>Total Venezuela</i>	<i>4,117,407</i>
		TOTAL SOVEREIGN BONDS (Cost \$31,398,658)	32,937,840

See Notes to Financial Statements.

Schedule of investments (unaudited) *continued*

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WESTERN ASSET EMERGING MARKETS INCOME FUND INC.

FACE AMOUNT	SECURITY	VALUE
COLLATERALIZED SENIOR LOANS 0.2%		
	United States 0.2%	
18,564	Ashmore Energy International: Synthetic Revolving Credit Facility, 8.250% due 3/30/12 ^(c)	\$ 16,150
138,410	Term Loan, 8.198% due 3/30/14 ^(c)	120,417
	TOTAL COLLATERALIZED SENIOR LOANS (Cost \$156,619)	136,567
CORPORATE BONDS & NOTES 38.0%		
	Brazil 5.5%	
420,000	Globo Comunicacoes e Participacoes SA, Bonds, 7.250% due 4/26/22 ^(e)	415,800
309,000	GTL Trade Finance Inc., 7.250% due 10/20/17 ^(e)	324,118
160,000	GTL Trade Finance Inc., 7.250% due 10/20/17 ^(e)	166,207
160,000	Odebrecht Finance Ltd., 7.500% due 10/18/17 ^(e)	160,400
	Vale Overseas Ltd., Notes: 8.250% due 1/17/34	519,652
471,000	6.875% due 11/21/36	1,920,438
1,977,000	<i>Total Brazil</i>	3,506,615
	Chile 0.9%	
520,000	Enersis SA, Notes, 7.375% due 1/15/14	566,745
	Colombia 0.2%	
110,000	EEB International Ltd., Senior Bonds, 8.750% due 10/31/14 ^(e)	115,918
	India 0.2%	
114,000	ICICI Bank Ltd., Subordinated Bonds, 6.375% due 4/30/22 ^{(c),(e)}	97,975
	Kazakhstan 1.4%	
340,000	ATF Capital BV, Senior Notes, 9.250% due 2/21/14 ^(e)	345,100
320,000	HSBK Europe BV, 7.250% due 5/3/17 ^(e)	281,600
320,000	TuranAlem Finance BV, Bonds, 8.250% due 1/22/37 ^(e)	268,000
	<i>Total Kazakhstan</i>	894,700
	Mexico 7.4%	
520,000	America Movil SAB de CV, 5.625% due 11/15/17	517,771
	Axtel SAB de CV: 11.000% due 12/15/13	44,000
40,000	7.625% due 2/1/17 ^(e)	1,264,800
1,240,000	Senior Notes, 7.625% due 2/1/17 ^(e)	244,200
240,000	Grupo Transportacion Ferroviaria Mexicana SA de CV, Senior Notes, 9.375% due 5/1/12	104,500
100,000	Pemex Project Funding Master Trust: 6.625% due 6/15/35 ^(e)	851,188
810,000	Senior Bonds, 6.625% due 6/15/35	1,689,765
1,608,000	<i>Total Mexico</i>	4,716,224

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FACE AMOUNT		SECURITY	VALUE
1,880,000		Russia 15.1% Gaz Capital SA, Notes, 8.625% due 4/28/34 ^{(e),(g)} Gazprom:	\$ 2,203,548
39,330,000	RUB	Bonds: 6.790% due 10/29/09	1,621,396
13,110,000	RUB	7.000% due 10/27/11	533,369
		Loan Participation Notes:	
140,000		6.212% due 11/22/16 ^(e)	131,782
579,000		Senior Notes, 6.510% due 3/7/22 ^(e)	537,004
17,410,000	RUB	Gazprom OAO, 6.950% due 8/6/09	722,634
		LUKOIL International Finance BV:	
160,000		6.356% due 6/7/17 ^(e)	151,600
336,000		6.656% due 6/7/22 ^(e)	304,920
		Russian Agricultural Bank, Loan Participation Notes:	
768,000		7.175% due 5/16/13 ^(e)	786,278
1,139,000		6.299% due 5/15/17 ^(e)	1,064,965
		TNK-BP Finance SA:	
470,000		7.500% due 7/18/16 ^(e)	451,811
296,000		6.625% due 3/20/17 ^(e)	265,660
470,000		Senior Notes, 7.875% due 3/13/18 ^(e)	458,861
387,000		UBS Luxembourg SA for OJSC Vimpel Communications, Loan Participation Notes, 8.250% due 5/23/16 ^(e)	384,601
		<i>Total Russia</i>	<i>9,618,429</i>
		Thailand 1.8%	
		True Move Co., Ltd.:	
720,000		10.750% due 12/16/13 ^(e)	680,400
480,000		10.375% due 8/1/14 ^(e)	458,400
		<i>Total Thailand</i>	<i>1,138,800</i>
		United Kingdom 0.4%	
6,611,000	RUB	HSBC Bank PLC, Credit-Linked Notes (Russian Agricultural Bank), 8.900% due 12/20/10 ^(e)	267,861
		United States 2.0%	
617,598		Credit Suisse, Credit-Linked Notes (TuranAlem Finance BV), 8.000% due 7/21/08 ^(e)	619,050
640,000		Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc., Senior Notes, 8.375% due 4/1/17	680,000
		<i>Total United States</i>	<i>1,299,050</i>
		Venezuela 3.1%	
1,930,000		Petrozuata Finance Inc., 8.220% due 4/1/17 ^(e)	1,992,725
		TOTAL CORPORATE BONDS & NOTES (Cost \$24,231,822)	24,215,042

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- (g) All or a portion of this security is held at the broker as collateral for reverse repurchase agreements.
Security is valued in good faith at fair value by or under the direction of the Board of Directors (see Note 1).
- # Aggregate cost for federal income tax purposes is substantially the same.

See Notes to Financial Statements.

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Abbreviations used in this schedule:

ARS	Argentine Peso
BRL	Brazilian Dollar
DEM	German Mark
EGP	Egyptian Pound
EUR	Euro
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
IDR	Indonesian Rupiah
ITL	Italian Lira
MYR	Malaysian Ringgit
OJSC	Open Joint Stock Company
RUB	Russian Ruble
TRY	Turkish Lira

See Notes to Financial Statements.

Statement of assets and liabilities (unaudited)

February 29, 2008

	VALUE
ASSETS:	
Investments, at value (Cost \$61,997,550)	\$63,624,875
Foreign currency, at value (Cost \$1,005,375)	1,035,288
Cash	966
Interest receivable	1,033,948
Receivable for securities sold	122,306
Receivable for open swap contracts	1,636
Unrealized appreciation on swaps	242
Prepaid expenses	1,315
<i>Total Assets</i>	<i>65,820,576</i>
LIABILITIES:	
Payable for open reverse repurchase agreements	3,391,987
Investment management fee payable	51,278
Payable for open forward currency contracts	7,734
Interest payable	5,230
Directors' fees payable	1,417
Accrued expenses	84,042
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	<i>3,541,688</i>
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$62,278,888
NET ASSETS:	
Par value (\$0.001 par value; 4,214,736 shares issued and outstanding; 100,000,000 shares authorized)	\$ 4,215
Paid-in capital in excess of par value	58,592,498
Undistributed net investment income	1,345,540
Accumulated net realized gain on investments, futures contracts, swap contracts and foreign currency transactions	681,382
Net unrealized appreciation on investments, swap contracts and foreign currencies	1,655,253
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$62,278,888
Shares Outstanding	4,214,736
Net Asset Value	\$14.78

See Notes to Financial Statements.

Statement of operations (unaudited)

For the Six Months Ended February 29, 2008

	VALUE
INVESTMENT INCOME:	
Interest	\$2,376,949
Less: Foreign taxes withheld	(9,890)
<i>Total Investment Income</i>	<i>2,367,059</i>
EXPENSES:	
Investment management fee (Note 2)	324,883
Interest expense (Note 3)	60,602
Excise tax (Note 1)	37,158
Audit and tax	29,913
Shareholder reports	27,460
Custody fees	17,107
Legal fees	12,818
Directors fees	11,074
Transfer agent fees	9,670
Stock exchange listing fees	8,756
Commitment fee (Note 4)	3,538
Insurance	1,162
Miscellaneous expenses	1,220
<i>Total Expenses</i>	<i>545,361</i>
NET INVESTMENT INCOME	1,821,698
REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS) ON INVESTMENTS, FUTURES CONTRACTS, SWAP CONTRACTS AND FOREIGN CURRENCY TRANSACTIONS (NOTES 1 AND 3):	
Net Realized Gain (Loss) From:	
Investment transactions	888,963
Futures contracts	(158,206)
Swap contracts	1,636
Foreign currency transactions	19,817
<i>Net Realized Gain</i>	<i>752,210</i>
Change in Net Unrealized Appreciation/Depreciation From:	
Investments	850,502
Futures contracts	143,200
Swap contracts	242
Foreign currencies	31,140
<i>Change in Net Unrealized Appreciation/Depreciation</i>	<i>1,025,084</i>
<i>Net Gain on Investments, Futures Contracts, Swap Contracts and Foreign Currency Transactions</i>	<i>1,777,294</i>
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS FROM OPERATIONS	\$3,598,992

See Notes to Financial Statements.

Statements of changes in net assets

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED FEBRUARY 29, 2008 (unaudited)
AND THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2007

	2008	2007
OPERATIONS:		
Net investment income	\$ 1,821,698	\$ 3,539,237
Net realized gain	752,210	2,844,569
Change in net unrealized appreciation/depreciation	1,025,084	(3,144,693)
<i>Increase in Net Assets from Operations</i>	<i>3,598,992</i>	<i>3,239,113</i>
DISTRIBUTIONS TO SHAREHOLDERS FROM (NOTE 1):		
Net investment income	(463,621)	(3,562,757)
Net realized gains	(2,191,663)	(4,334,736)
<i>Decrease in Net Assets from Distributions to Shareholders</i>	<i>(2,655,284)</i>	<i>(7,897,493)</i>
FUND SHARE TRANSACTIONS:		
Reinvestment of distributions (0 and 16,939 shares issued, respectively)		254,936
<i>Increase in Net Assets From Fund Share Transactions</i>		<i>254,936</i>
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS	943,708	(4,403,444)
NET ASSETS:		
Beginning of period	61,335,180	65,738,624
End of period*	\$ 62,278,888	\$ 61,335,180
* Includes undistributed (overdistributed) net investment income, respectively, of:	\$ 1,345,540	\$ (12,537)

See Notes to Financial Statements.

Financial highlights**FOR A SHARE OF CAPITAL STOCK OUTSTANDING THROUGHOUT EACH YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED:**

	2008 ¹	2007	2006	2005	2004 ²	2003 ²
NET ASSET VALUE, BEGINNING OF PERIOD	\$ 14.55	\$ 15.66	\$ 17.50	\$ 16.16	\$ 15.56	\$ 11.80
INCOME (LOSS) FROM OPERATIONS:						
Net investment income	0.43	0.84	0.98	1.26	1.35	1.54
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	0.43	(0.07)	0.39	1.77	0.90	3.87
<i>Total income from operations</i>	<i>0.86</i>	<i>0.77</i>	<i>1.37</i>	<i>3.03</i>	<i>2.25</i>	<i>5.41</i>
LESS DISTRIBUTIONS FROM:						
Net investment income	(0.11)	(0.85)	(1.40)	(1.69)	(0.60)	(1.65)
Net realized gains	(0.52)	(1.03)	(1.81)		(1.05)	
<i>Total distributions</i>	<i>(0.63)</i>	<i>(1.88)</i>	<i>(3.21)</i>	<i>(1.69)</i>	<i>(1.65)</i>	<i>(1.65)</i>
NET ASSET VALUE, END OF PERIOD	\$ 14.78	\$ 14.55	\$ 15.66	\$ 17.50	\$ 16.16	\$ 15.56
Market Price, End of Period	\$ 13.29	\$ 13.28	\$ 15.29	\$ 17.58	\$ 17.56	\$ 16.80
<i>Total Return, Based on NAV^{3,4}</i>	<i>6.02%</i>	<i>4.99%</i>	<i>8.74%</i>	<i>19.94%</i>	<i>15.26%</i>	<i>48.99%</i>
<i>Total Return, Based on Market Price⁴</i>	<i>5.00%</i>	<i>(1.70)%</i>	<i>5.84%</i>	<i>10.14%</i>	<i>15.33%</i>	<i>53.82%</i>
NET ASSETS, END OF PERIOD (000s)	\$ 62,279	\$ 61,335	\$ 65,739	\$ 72,773	\$ 66,821	\$ 63,824
RATIOS TO AVERAGE NET ASSETS:						
Gross expenses	1.76%	1.75%	2.10%	2.46%	2.24%	2.72%
Gross expenses, excluding interest expense	1.57	1.52	1.46	1.44	1.55	1.83
Net expenses	1.76	1.755	2.105	2.46	2.24	2.72
Net expenses, excluding interest expense	1.57	1.525	1.465	1.44	1.55	1.83
Net investment income	5.89	5.52	5.59	7.59	8.45	11.16
PORTFOLIO TURNOVER RATE	15%	90%	90%	88%	110%	179%
Supplemental Data:						
Loans Outstanding, End of Period (000s)	6	6	6\$	16,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
Weighted Average Loan (000s)	6	6\$	7,7716	\$ 18,707	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
Weighted Average Interest Rate on Loans	6	6	5.546%	3.58%	2.27%	2.51%

1 For the six months ended February 29, 2008 (unaudited).

2 Per share amounts have been calculated using the average shares method.

3 Performance figures may reflect fee waivers and/or expense reimbursements. In the absence of fee waivers and/or expense reimbursements, the total return would have been lower. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Total returns for periods of less than one year are not annualized.

4 The total return calculation assumes that distributions are reinvested in accordance with the Fund's dividend reinvestment plan. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Total returns for periods of less than one year are not annualized.

5 Reflects fee waivers and/or expense reimbursements.

6 At February 29, 2008, August 31, 2007 and August 31, 2006, the Fund did not have an outstanding loan.

See Notes to Financial Statements.

Notes to financial statements (unaudited)

1. Organization and significant accounting policies

Western Asset Emerging Markets Income Fund Inc. (the Fund) was incorporated in Maryland on July 30, 1992 and is registered as a non-diversified, closed-end management investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the 1940 Act). The Board of Directors authorized 100 million shares of \$0.001 par value common stock. The Fund's primary investment objective is to seek high current income. As a secondary objective, the Fund seeks capital appreciation. In pursuit of these objectives, the Fund under normal conditions invests at least 80% of its net assets plus any borrowings for investment purposes in debt securities of government and government related issuers located in emerging market countries (including participations in loans between governments and financial institutions), and of entities organized to restructure the outstanding debt of such issuers, and in debt securities of corporate issuers located in emerging market countries.

The following are significant accounting policies consistently followed by the Fund and are in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Estimates and assumptions are required to be made regarding assets, liabilities and changes in net assets resulting from operations when financial statements are prepared. Changes in the economic environment, financial markets and any other parameters used in determining these estimates could cause actual results to differ.

(a) Investment Valuation. Debt securities are valued at the mean between the bid and asked prices provided by an independent pricing service that are based on transactions in debt obligations, quotations from bond dealers, market transactions in comparable securities and various other relationships between securities. Publicly traded foreign government debt securities are typically traded internationally in the over-the-counter market, and are valued at the mean between the bid and asked prices as of the close of business of that market. Equity securities for which market quotations are available are valued at the last sale price or official closing price on the primary market or exchange on which they trade. When prices are not readily available, or are determined not to reflect fair value, such as when the value of a security has been significantly affected by events after the close of the exchange or market on which the security is principally traded, but before the Fund calculates its net asset value, the Fund may value these investments at fair value as determined in accordance with the procedures approved by the Fund's Board of Directors. Short-term obligations with maturities of 60 days or less are valued at amortized cost, which approximates fair value.

(b) Repurchase Agreements. When entering into repurchase agreements, it is the Fund's policy that its custodian or a third party custodian take possession of the underlying collateral securities, the market value of which, at all times, at least equals the principal amount of the repurchase transaction, including accrued interest. To the extent that any repurchase transaction exceeds one business day, the value of the collateral is marked-to-market to ensure the

adequacy of the collateral. If the seller defaults, and the market value of the collateral declines or if bankruptcy proceedings are commenced with respect to the seller of the security, realization of the collateral by the Fund may be delayed or limited.

(c) Reverse Repurchase Agreements. The Fund may enter into a reverse repurchase agreement in which the Fund sells a portfolio security at a specified price with an agreement to purchase the same or substantially the same security from the same counterparty at a fixed or determinable price at a future date. When entering into reverse repurchase agreements, the Fund's custodian delivers to the counterparty liquid assets, the market value of which, at the inception of the transaction, at least equals the repurchase price (including accrued interest). The Fund pays interest on amounts obtained pursuant to reverse repurchase agreements. Reverse repurchase agreements are considered to be borrowings, which may create leverage risk to the Fund.

(d) Financial Futures Contracts. The Fund may enter into financial futures contracts typically to hedge a portion of the portfolio. Upon entering into a financial futures contract, the Fund is required to deposit cash or securities as initial margin, equal to a certain percentage of the contract amount (initial margin deposit). Additional securities are also segregated up to the current market value of the financial futures contracts. Subsequent payments, known as variation margin, are made or received by the Fund each day, depending on the daily fluctuations in the value of the underlying financial instruments. For foreign currency denominated futures contracts, variation margins are not settled daily. The Fund recognizes an unrealized gain or loss equal to the fluctuation in the value. When the financial futures contracts are closed, a realized gain or loss is recognized equal to the difference between the proceeds from (or cost of) the closing transactions and the Fund's basis in the contracts.

The risks associated with entering into financial futures contracts include the possibility that a change in the value of the contract may not correlate with the changes in the value of the underlying financial instruments. In addition, investing in financial futures contracts involves the risk that the Fund could lose more than the initial margin deposit and subsequent payments required for a futures transaction. Risks may also arise upon entering into these contracts from the potential inability of the counterparties to meet the terms of their contracts.

(e) Security Transactions and Investment Income. Security transactions are accounted for on a trade date basis. Interest income, adjusted for amortization of premium and accretion of discount, is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date. Foreign dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date or as soon as practical after the Fund determines the existence of a dividend declaration after exercising reasonable due diligence. The cost of investments sold is determined by use of the specific identification method. To the extent any issuer defaults on an expected interest payment, the Fund's policy is to generally halt any additional interest income accruals and consider the realizability of interest accrued up to the date of default.

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(f) Foreign Currency Translation. Investment securities and other assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into U.S. dollar amounts based upon prevailing exchange rates at the date of valuation. Purchases and sales of investment securities and income and expense items denominated in foreign currencies are translated into U.S. dollar amounts based upon prevailing exchange rates on the respective dates of such transactions.

The Fund does not isolate that portion of the results of operations resulting from changes in foreign exchange rates on investments from the fluctuations arising from changes in market prices of securities held. Such fluctuations are included with the net realized and unrealized gain or loss on investments.

Net realized foreign exchange gains or losses arise from sales of foreign currencies, including gains and losses on forward foreign currency contracts, currency gains or losses realized between the trade and settlement dates on securities transactions, and the difference between the amounts of dividends, interest, and foreign withholding taxes recorded on the Fund's books and the U.S. dollar equivalent of the amounts actually received or paid. Net unrealized foreign exchange gains and losses arise from changes in the fair values of assets and liabilities, other than investments in securities, at the date of valuation, resulting from changes in exchange rates.

Foreign security and currency transactions may involve certain considerations and risks not typically associated with those of U.S. dollar denominated transactions as a result of, among other factors, the possibility of lower levels of governmental supervision and regulation of foreign securities markets and the possibility of political or economic instability.

(g) Forward Foreign Currency Contracts. The Fund may enter into a forward foreign currency contract to hedge against foreign currency exchange rate risk on its non-U.S. dollar denominated securities or to facilitate settlement of a foreign currency denominated portfolio transaction. A forward foreign currency contract is an agreement between two parties to buy and sell a currency at a set price with delivery and settlement at a future date. The contract is marked-to-market daily and the change in value is recorded by the Fund as an unrealized gain or loss. When a forward foreign currency contract is closed, through either delivery or offset by entering into another forward foreign currency contract, the Fund records a realized gain or loss equal to the difference between the value of the contract at the time it was opened and the value of the contract at the time it was closed.

Forward foreign currency contracts involve elements of market risk in excess of the amounts reflected in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. The Fund bears the risk of an unfavorable change in the foreign exchange rate underlying the forward foreign currency contract. Risks may also arise upon entering into these contracts from the potential inability of the counterparties to meet the terms of their contracts.

(h) Credit Default Swaps. The Fund may enter into credit default swap (CDS) contracts for investment purposes, to manage its credit risk or to add leverage.

CDS agreements involve one party making a stream of payments to another party in exchange for the right to receive a specified return in the event of a default by a third party, typically corporate issuers or sovereign issuers of an emerging country, on a specified obligation. The Fund may use a CDS to provide a measure of protection against defaults of the issuers (i.e., to reduce risk where a Fund has exposure to the sovereign issuer) or to take an active long or short position with respect to the likelihood of a particular issuer's default. As a seller of protection, the Fund generally receives an upfront payment or a fixed rate of income throughout the term of the swap provided that there is no credit event. If the Fund is a seller of protection and a credit event occurs, as defined under the terms of that particular swap agreement, the Fund will pay to the buyer of the protection an amount up to the notional value of the swap, and in certain instances take delivery of the security. As the seller, the Fund would effectively add leverage to its portfolio because, in addition to its total net assets, the Fund would be subject to investment exposure on the notional amount of the swap. As a buyer of protection, the Fund generally receives an amount up to the notional value of the swap if a credit event occurs.

Payments received or made at the beginning of the measurement period are reflected as such on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. These upfront payments are recorded as realized gain or loss on the Statement of Operations upon termination or maturity of the swap. A liquidation payment received or made at the termination of the swap is recorded as realized gain or loss on the Statement of Operations. Net periodic payments received or paid by the Fund are recorded as realized gain or loss on the Statement of Operations.

Entering into a CDS agreement involves, to varying degrees, elements of credit, market and documentation risk in excess of the related amounts recognized on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. Such risks involve the possibility that there will be no liquid market for these agreements, that the counterparty to the agreement may default on its obligation to perform or disagree as to the meaning of the contractual terms in the agreement, and that there will be unfavorable changes in net interest rates.

(i) Credit and Market Risk. The Fund invests in high-yield and emerging market instruments that are subject to certain credit and market risks. The yields of high-yield and emerging market debt obligations reflect, among other things, perceived credit and market risks. The Fund's investment in securities rated below investment grade typically involves risks not associated with higher rated securities including, among others, greater risk related to timely and ultimate payment of interest and principal, greater market price volatility and less liquid secondary market trading. The consequences of political, social, economic or diplomatic changes may have disruptive effects on the market prices of investments held by the Fund. The Fund's investment in non-U.S. dollar denominated securities may also result in foreign currency losses caused by devaluations and exchange rate fluctuations.

(j) Distributions to Shareholders. Pursuant to its Managed Distribution Policy, the Fund intends to make regular monthly distributions to shareholders at a fixed rate per common share, which may be adjusted from time to time by the

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Fund's Board of Directors. Under the Fund's Managed Distribution Policy, if, for any monthly distribution, the value of the Fund's net investment income and net realized capital gains are less than the amount of the distribution, the difference will be distributed from the Fund's assets (and constitute a return of capital). The Board of Directors may terminate or suspend the Managed Distribution Policy at any time, including when certain events would make part of the return of capital taxable to shareholders. Any such termination or suspension could have an adverse effect on the market price for Fund's shares.

(k) Federal and Other Taxes. It is the Fund's policy to comply with the federal income and excise tax requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, applicable to regulated investment companies. Accordingly, the Fund intends to distribute substantially all of its taxable income and net realized gains, if any, to shareholders each year. Therefore, no federal income tax provision is required in the Fund's financial statements.

Management has analyzed the Fund's tax positions taken on federal income tax returns for all open tax years and has concluded that as of February 29, 2008, no provision for income tax would be required in the Fund's financial statements. However due to the timing of when distributions are made, the Fund may be subject to an excise tax of 4% of the amount by which 98% of the Fund's annual taxable income exceeds the distributions from such taxable income for the year.

Under the applicable foreign tax laws, a withholding tax may be imposed on interest, dividends and capital gains at various rates.

(l) Reclassification. GAAP requires that certain components of net assets be adjusted to reflect permanent differences between financial and tax reporting. These reclassifications have no effect on net assets or net asset values per share.

2. Investment management agreement and other transactions with affiliates

Legg Mason Partners Fund Advisor, LLC (LMPFA) is the Fund's investment manager. Western Asset Management Company (Western Asset) and Western Asset Management Company Limited (Western Asset Limited) are the Fund's subadvisers. LMPFA, Western Asset and Western Asset Limited are wholly-owned subsidiaries of Legg Mason, Inc. (Legg Mason).

LMPFA provides administrative and certain oversight services to the Fund. The Fund pays LMPFA an investment management fee, calculated daily and paid monthly, at an annual rate of 1.05% of the Fund's average weekly net assets.

LMPFA delegates to the subadvisers the day-to-day portfolio management of the Fund. For its services, LMPFA pays Western Asset 70% of the net management fee it receives from the Fund. Western Asset Limited provides certain advisory services to the Fund relating to currency transactions and investments in non-U.S. dollar denominated securities. Western Asset Limited does not receive any compensation from the

Fund and is paid by Western Asset for its services to the Fund.

Certain officers and one Director of the Fund are employees of Legg Mason or its affiliates and do not receive compensation from the Fund.

3. Investments

During the six months ended February 29, 2008, the aggregate cost of purchases and proceeds from sales of investments (excluding short-term investments) were as follows:

Purchases	\$ 8,673,603
Sales	10,105,011

At February 29, 2008, the aggregate gross unrealized appreciation and depreciation of investments for federal income tax purposes were substantially as follows:

Gross unrealized appreciation	\$ 3,040,541
Gross unrealized depreciation	(1,413,216)
Net unrealized appreciation	\$ 1,627,325

Transactions in reverse repurchase agreements for the Fund during the six months ended February 29, 2008 were as follows:

AVERAGE DAILY BALANCE*	WEIGHTED AVERAGE INTEREST RATE*	MAXIMUM AMOUNT OUTSTANDING
\$3,385,223	3.541%	\$3,667,502

* Average based on the number of days that the Fund had reverse repurchase agreements outstanding.

Interest rates on reverse repurchase agreements ranged from 1.00% to 4.75% during the six months ended February 29, 2008. Interest expense incurred on reverse repurchase agreements totaled \$60,602.

At February 29, 2008, the Fund had the following open reverse repurchase agreements:

FACE AMOUNT	SECURITY	VALUE
\$ 2,108,420	Reverse Repurchase Agreement with JPMorgan Chase & Co., dated 2/4/08 bearing 2.75% to be repurchased at \$2,116,312 on 3/24/08, collateralized by: \$1,880,000 Gaz Capital SA, 8.625% due 4/28/34; Market value (including accrued interest) \$2,258,927	\$2,108,420

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1,283,567	Reverse Repurchase Agreement with Credit Suisse, dated 2/21/08 bearing 3.25% to be repurchased at \$1,285,769 on 3/11/08, collateralized by: \$919,000 Republic of Turkey, 11.875% due 1/15/30; Market value (including accrued interest) \$1,406,289	1,283,567
	Total Reverse Repurchase Agreements	
	(Cost \$3,391,987)	\$3,391,987

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At February 29, 2008, the Fund had the following open forward foreign currency contracts:

FOREIGN CURRENCY	LOCAL CURRENCY	MARKET VALUE	SETTLEMENT DATE	UNREALIZED LOSS
Contracts to Buy:				
Indian Rupee	4,661,000	\$116,570	3/14/08	\$(1,430)
Indian Rupee	14,004,750	350,254	3/14/08	(4,746)
Indian Rupee	4,655,100	116,442	3/17/08	(1,558)
Net unrealized loss on open forward foreign currency contracts				\$(7,734)

At February 29, 2008, the Fund held the following credit default swap contract:

Swap Counterparty:	Morgan Stanley Co., Inc.
Effective Date:	2/25/08
Reference Entity:	ATF Bank
Notional Amount:	\$1,540,000
Payments Made by Fund:	Payment only if credit event occurs
Payments Received by Fund:	Fixed Rate, 4.250%
Termination Date:	3/24/08
Unrealized Appreciation	\$242

4. Loan

At February 29, 2008, the Fund had a \$7,000,000 credit line pursuant to an amended and restated revolving credit and security agreement (Agreement), dated as of November 20, 2006 and amended November 16, 2007, among the Fund, CHARTA, LLC, (the Lender), as successor by assignment to Panterra Funding, LLC, and Citibank N.A. (Citibank). Citibank acts as administrative agent and secondary lender pursuant to the Agreement. A loan made pursuant to the agreement generally bears interest at a variable rate based on the weighted average interest rates of the commercial paper or LIBOR, plus any applicable margin. In addition, the Fund pays a commitment fee on the total amount of the loan available, whether used or unused. Securities held by the Fund are subject to a lien, granted to the lenders, to the extent of the borrowing outstanding and any additional expenses. For the six months ended February 29, 2008 the Fund incurred a commitment fee in the amount of \$3,538. The Fund did not have any borrowings outstanding during the six months ended February 29, 2008.

5. Recent accounting pronouncements

On September 20, 2006, the Financial Accounting Standard Board (FASB) released Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 157, *Fair Value Measurements* (FAS 157). FAS 157 establishes an authoritative definition of fair value, sets out a framework for measuring fair value, and requires additional disclosures about fair value measurements. The application of FAS 157 is

required for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007 and interim periods within those fiscal years. Management has determined that there is no material impact to the Fund's valuation policies as a result of adopting FAS 157. The Fund will implement the disclosure requirements beginning with its November 30, 2008 Form N-Q.

In March 2008, FASB issued the Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 161, Disclosures about Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities (SFAS 161). SFAS 161 is effective for fiscal years and interim periods beginning after November 15, 2008. SFAS 161 requires enhanced disclosures about the Fund's derivative and hedging activities, including how such activities are accounted for and their effect on the Fund's financial position, performance and cash flows. Management is currently evaluating the impact the adoption of SFAS 161 will have on the Fund's financial statements and related disclosures.

Board approval of management and subadvisory agreements (unaudited)

Background

The Investment Company Act of 1940 (the 1940 Act) requires that the Board of Directors (the Board) of Western Asset Emerging Markets Income Fund (the Fund), including a majority of its members that are not considered to be interested persons under the 1940 Act (the Independent Directors) voting separately, approve the continuation of the investment management contract (the Management Agreement) with the Fund's manager, Legg Mason Partners Fund Advisor, LLC (the Manager) and the sub-advisory agreements (the Sub-Advisory Agreements) with the Manager's affiliates, Western Asset Management Company (Western Asset) and Western Asset Management Company Limited (together with Western Asset, the Subadviser), on an annual basis. At a meeting (the Contract Renewal Meeting) held in-person on November 13 and 14, 2007, the Board, including the Independent Directors, considered and approved continuation of each of the Management Agreement and Sub-Advisory Agreements for an additional one-year term. To assist in its consideration of the renewals of the Management Agreement and Sub-Advisory Agreements, the Board received and considered a variety of information about the Manager and Subadviser, as well as the management and sub-advisory arrangements for the Fund and other funds overseen by the Board (the Contract Renewal Information), certain portions of which are discussed below. A presentation made by the Manager and Subadviser to the Board at the Contract Renewal Meeting in connection with its evaluations of the Management Agreement and Sub-Advisory Agreements encompassed the Fund and all the funds for which the Board has responsibility. In addition to the Contract Renewal Information, including information presented by management at the Contract Renewal Meeting, the Board received performance and other information throughout the year related to the respective services rendered by the Manager and the Subadviser to the Fund. The Board's evaluation took into account the information received throughout the year and also reflected the knowledge and familiarity gained as Board members of the Fund and other funds in the same complex with respect to the services provided to the Fund by each of the Manager and Subadviser.

The discussion below covers both advisory and administrative functions being rendered by the Manager, each such function being encompassed by the Management Agreement, and the investment advisory function being rendered by the Subadviser.

Board approval of management agreement and sub-advisory agreements

In its deliberations regarding renewal of the Management Agreement and Sub-Advisory Agreements, the Fund's Board, including the Independent Directors, considered the factors below.

Nature, extent and quality of the services under the management agreement and sub-advisory agreements

The Board received and considered Contract Renewal Information regarding the nature, extent and quality of services provided to the Fund by the Manager and the Subadviser under the Management Agreement and the Sub-Advisory Agreements, respectively, during the past year. The Board also reviewed Contract Renewal Information regarding the Fund's compliance policies and procedures established pursuant to Rule 38a-1 under the 1940 Act.

The Board reviewed the qualifications, backgrounds and responsibilities of the Fund's senior personnel and the portfolio management team primarily responsible for the day-to-day portfolio management of the Fund. The Board also considered, based on its knowledge of the Manager and its affiliates, the Contract Renewal Information and the Board's discussions with the Manager at the Contract Renewal Meeting, the financial resources available to the parent organization of the Manager and Subadviser, Legg Mason, Inc. (Legg Mason).

The Board considered the responsibilities of the Manager and the Subadviser under the Management Agreement and the Sub-Advisory Agreements, respectively, including the Manager's coordination and oversight of services provided to the Fund by the Subadviser and others. The Board also considered the brokerage policies and practices of the Manager and Subadviser, the standards applied in seeking best execution, the policies and practices of the Manager and Subadviser regarding soft dollars, the use of a broker affiliated with the Manager or the Subadviser, and the existence of quality controls applicable to brokerage allocation procedures. In addition, the Manager also reported generally to the Board on, among other things, its business plans, recent organizational changes, including Legg Mason's plans to address the pending retirement of its Chief Executive Officer, and the compensation plan for the Fund's portfolio managers.

The Board concluded that, overall, the nature, extent and quality of services provided (and expected to be provided) to the Fund under the Management Agreement and the Sub-Advisory Agreements have been satisfactory under the circumstances.

Fund performance

The Board received and considered performance information and analyses (the Lipper Performance Information) for the Fund, as well as for a group of funds (the Performance Universe) selected by Lipper, Inc. (Lipper), an independent provider of investment company data. The Board was provided with a description of the methodology Lipper used to determine the similarity of the Fund with the funds included in the Performance Universe. The Performance Universe consisted of the Fund and all closed-end leveraged emerging markets debt funds, as classified by Lipper, regardless of asset size or primary distribution channel. The Board noted that it had received and discussed with the Manager

Board approval of management and subadvisory agreements (unaudited) *continued*

and Subadviser information throughout the year at periodic intervals comparing the Fund's performance against its benchmark and, at the Board's request, its peer funds as selected by Lipper.

The Lipper Performance Information comparing the Fund's performance to that of the Performance Universe based on net asset value per share showed, among other things, that the Fund's performance for the 1-year period ended June 30, 2007 was ranked fifth among the seven funds in the Performance Universe for that period; the Fund's performance for the 3-year period ended June 30, 2007 was ranked third among the seven funds in the Performance Universe for that period; and the Fund's performance for the 5- and 10-year periods ended June 30, 2007 was ranked second and first, respectively, among the six funds in the Performance Universe for those periods. The Manager noted that the small number of funds in the Performance Universe, which included other funds managed by Western Asset, made meaningful comparisons difficult. The Board also considered the Fund's performance in relation to its benchmark and in absolute terms.

Based on its review, which included consideration of all of the factors noted above, the Board concluded that, under the circumstances, the Fund's performance, especially over the long term, supported continuation of the Management Agreement and Sub-advisory Agreements for an additional period not to exceed one year.

Management fees and expense ratios

The Board reviewed and considered the management fee (the Management Fee) payable by the Fund to the Manager in light of the nature, extent and quality of the management and sub-advisory services provided by the Manager and the Subadviser. The Board noted that the compensation paid to the Subadviser is paid by the Manager, not the Fund, and, accordingly, that the retention of the Subadviser does not increase the fees or expenses otherwise incurred by the Fund's shareholders.

Additionally, the Board received and considered information and analyses prepared by Lipper (the Lipper Expense Information) comparing the Management Fee and the Fund's overall expenses with those of funds in an expense group (the Expense Group) selected and provided by Lipper for the 1-year period ended June 30, 2007. The Expense Group consisted of the Fund and three other closed-end leveraged emerging market debt funds, as classified by Lipper. The Expense Group funds had assets ranging from \$33.6 million to \$990.3 million.

The Lipper Expense Information comparing the Management Fee as well as the Fund's actual total expenses to the Fund's Expense Group showed that the Management Fee on a contractual basis was ranked second among the four funds in the Expense Group; the Management Fee on an actual basis (i.e., giving in effect to a voluntary fee waiver implemented by the Manager), was ranked third among the funds in the Expense Group; and the Fund's actual total expenses ranked

second among the funds in the Expense Group. The Manager noted that the small number of funds in the Expense Group made meaningful comparisons difficult and that the Expense Group included a fund significantly larger than the Fund, further distorting the comparisons. The Lipper Expense Information showed that actual total expenses were below the Expense Group average even with the inclusion of the larger fund.

The Board also reviewed Contract Renewal Information regarding fees charged by the Manager to other U.S. clients investing primarily in an asset class similar to that of the Fund, including, where applicable, separate accounts. The Board was advised that the fees paid by such other clients generally are lower, and may be significantly lower, than the Management Fee. The Contract Renewal Information discussed the significant differences in scope of services provided to the Fund and to these other clients, noting that the Fund is provided with administrative services, office facilities, Fund officers (including the Fund's