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**FORM N-CSR**

**CERTIFIED SHAREHOLDER REPORT OF REGISTERED**  
**MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES**  
**Investment Company Act file number 811-02351**

**Western Asset Income Fund**  
**(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)**

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**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (888) 777-0102**

**Date of fiscal year end: December 31**

**Date of reporting period: June 30, 2017**

ITEM 1. REPORT TO STOCKHOLDERS.

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

Semi-Annual Report

June 30, 2017

WESTERN ASSET

INCOME FUND (PAI)

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

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**Fund objectives**

The Fund seeks a high level of current income, consistent with prudent investment risk. Capital appreciation is a secondary investment objective.

The Fund's investment policies provide that its portfolio be invested as follows: at least 75% in debt securities rated within the four highest grades, and in government securities, bank debt, commercial paper, cash or cash equivalents; up to 25% in other fixed income securities, convertible bonds, convertible preferred and preferred stock; and not more than 25% in securities restricted as to resale. Trust preferred interests and capital securities are considered debt securities and not preferred stock for purposes of the foregoing guidelines.

## Letter from the president

### Dear Shareholder,

We are pleased to provide the semi-annual report of Western Asset Income Fund for the six-month reporting period ended June 30, 2017. Please read on for Fund performance information and a detailed look at prevailing economic and market conditions during the Fund's reporting period.

As always, we remain committed to providing you with excellent service and a full spectrum of investment choices. We also remain committed to supplementing the support you receive from your financial advisor. One way we accomplish this is through our website, [www.lmcef.com](http://www.lmcef.com). Here you can gain immediate access to market and investment information, including:

Fund prices and performance,

Market insights and commentaries from our portfolio managers, and

A host of educational resources.

We look forward to helping you meet your financial goals.

Sincerely,

Jane Trust, CFA

President and Chief Executive Officer

July 28, 2017

## Investment commentary

### Economic review

The pace of U.S. economic activity fluctuated during the six months ended June 30, 2017 (the reporting period). Looking back, the U.S. Department of Commerce reported that fourth quarter 2016 U.S. gross domestic product (GDP) growth was a revised 1.8%. GDP growth then decelerated to a revised 1.2% during the first quarter of 2017. Finally, the U.S. Department of Commerce's initial estimate for second quarter 2017 GDP growth released after the reporting period ended was 2.6%. The acceleration in growth reflected a smaller decrease in private inventory investment, an acceleration in personal consumption expenditures and an upturn in federal government spending.

Job growth in the U.S. was solid overall and a tailwind for the economy during the reporting period. When the reporting period ended on June 30, 2017, the unemployment rate was 4.4%, as reported by the U.S. Department of Labor. The percentage of longer-term unemployed moderately declined over the period. In June 2017, 24.3% of Americans looking for a job had been out of work for more than six months, versus 24.4% when the period began.

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**Market review**

**Q. How did the Federal Reserve Board (the Fed) respond to the economic environment?**

A. Looking back, after an extended period of maintaining the federal funds rate<sup>iii</sup> at a historically low range between zero and 0.25%, the Fed increased the rate at its meeting on December 16, 2015. This marked the first rate hike since 2006. In particular, the U.S. central bank raised the federal funds rate to a range between 0.25% and 0.50%. The Fed then kept rates on hold at each meeting prior to its meeting in mid-December 2016. On December 14, 2016, the Fed raised rates to a range between 0.50% and 0.75%.

After holding rates steady at its meeting that concluded on February 1, 2017, the Fed raised rates to a range between 0.75% and 1.00% at its meeting that ended on March 15, 2017. Finally, at its meeting that concluded on June 14, 2017, the Fed raised rates to a range between 1.00% and 1.25%. The Fed also said that it planned to reduce its balance sheet, saying, "The Committee is maintaining its existing policy of reinvesting principal payments from its holdings of agency debt and agency mortgage-backed securities in agency mortgage-backed securities and of rolling over maturing Treasury securities at auction. The Committee currently expects to begin implementing a balance sheet normalization program this year, provided that the economy evolves broadly as anticipated."

**Q. Did Treasury yields trend higher or lower during the reporting period?**

A. Treasury yields moved sharply higher after the November 2016 U.S. presidential elections given expectations for improving growth and higher inflation. While they subsequently fell from their peak in mid-March 2017, all told short-term Treasury yields moved higher during the six months ended June 30, 2017. In contrast, long-term Treasury yields edged lower over the reporting period as a whole. Two-year Treasury yields began the reporting period at 1.20% and ended the period at 1.38%. Their low for the period of 1.12% occurred on February 24, 2017, and their peak of 1.40% took place on March 13 and March 14, 2017. Ten-year Treasury yields began the reporting period at 2.45% and ended the period at 2.31%. Their low of 2.14% occurred on both June 6 and June 26, 2017, and their peak of 2.62% occurred on March 13, 2017.

**Q. What factors impacted the spread sectors (non-Treasuries) during the reporting period?**

A. The spread sectors posted mixed results during the reporting period. Performance fluctuated with investor sentiment given signs of generally modest global growth, questions regarding future Fed monetary policy, the aforementioned U.S. elections and several geopolitical issues. The broad U.S. bond market, as measured by the Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Index<sup>iv</sup>, returned 2.27% during the six months ended June 30, 2017. Within the U.S. bond market, lower rated corporate bonds generated the best returns during the reporting period.

**Q. How did the high-yield bond market perform over the reporting period?**

A. The U.S. high-yield bond market, as measured by the Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Corporate High Yield 2% Issuer Cap Index<sup>v</sup>, gained 4.92% for the six months ended June 30, 2017. The high-yield market began the reporting period on a positive



## Investment commentary (cont'd)

note, as it rallied sharply over the first two months of the period. This was driven by robust demand from investors looking to generate incremental yield in the low interest rate environment. After moving slightly lower in March 2017 given falling oil prices and overall weak demand, the high-yield market again rallied from April through June 2017.

### Performance review

For the six months ended June 30, 2017, Western Asset Income Fund returned 5.85% based on its net asset value (NAV<sup>vi</sup>) and 6.67% based on its New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) market price per share. The Fund's unmanaged benchmarks, the Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Corporate High Yield Index<sup>vii</sup> and the Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Credit Index<sup>viii</sup>, returned 4.93% and 3.68%, respectively, for the same period. The Lipper Corporate Debt Closed-End Funds BBB-Rated Category Average<sup>ix</sup> returned 4.21% over the same time frame. 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 \$0.35 per share. As of June 30, 2017, the Fund estimates that all of the distributions were sourced from net investment income.\* The performance table shows the Fund's six-month total return based on its NAV and market price as of June 30, 2017. **Past performance is no guarantee of future results.**

### Performance Snapshot as of June 30, 2017 (unaudited)

Price Per Share	6-Month Total Return**
\$15.11 (NAV)	5.85% <sup>1</sup>
\$14.91 (Market Price)	6.67%

**All figures represent past performance and are not a guarantee of future results. Performance figures for periods shorter than one year represent cumulative figures and are not annualized.**

**\*\* Total returns are based on changes in NAV or market price, respectively. Returns reflect the deduction of all Fund expenses, including management fees, operating expenses, and other Fund expenses. Returns do not reflect the deduction of brokerage commissions or taxes that investors may pay on distributions or the sale of shares.**

**Total return assumes the reinvestment of all distributions, including returns of capital, if any, at NAV.**

**Total return assumes the reinvestment of all distributions, including returns of capital, if any, in additional shares in accordance with the Fund's Dividend Reinvestment Plan.**

### Looking for additional information?

The Fund is traded under the symbol PAI and its closing market price is available in most newspapers under the NYSE listings.

\*This estimate is not for tax purposes. The Fund will issue a Form 1099 with final composition of the distributions for tax purposes after year-end. A return of capital is not taxable and results in a reduction in the tax basis of a shareholder's investment. For more information about a distribution's composition, please refer to the Fund's distribution press release or, if applicable, the Section 19 notice located in the press release section of our website, [www.lmcef.com](http://www.lmcef.com) (click on the name of the Fund).

<sup>1</sup> Effective June 1, 2017, the Fund changed its security pricing methodology to use the mean value of the bid and ask prices (of underlying fund holdings) to calculate the NAV. The Fund had a one-time increase to the NAV, which was due to this change in pricing methodology.

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The daily NAV is available on-line under the symbol XPAIX 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.lmcef.com](http://www.lmcef.com) (click on the name of the Fund).

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 5:30 p.m. Eastern Time, for the Fund's current NAV, market price and other information.

Thank you for your investment in Western Asset Income Fund. As always, we appreciate that you have chosen us to manage your assets and we remain focused on achieving the Fund's investment goals.

Sincerely,

Jane Trust, CFA

President and Chief Executive Officer

July 28, 2017

***RISKS:** The Fund is a diversified closed-end management investment company designed primarily as a long-term investment and not as a trading vehicle. The Fund is not intended to be a complete investment program and, due to the uncertainty inherent in all investments, there can be no assurance that the Fund will achieve its investment objective. The Fund's common stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange. Similar to stocks, the Fund's share price will fluctuate with market conditions and, at the time of sale, may be worth more or less than the original investment. Shares of closed-end funds often trade at a discount to their net asset value. Diversification does not assure against market loss. The Fund's investments are subject to a number of risks, such as interest rate, credit and inflation risks. As interest rates rise, bond prices fall, reducing the value of a fixed-income investment's price. The Fund may invest in high-yield bonds (commonly known as junk bonds), which are rated below investment grade and carry more risk than higher-rated securities. To the extent that the Fund invests in asset-backed, mortgage-backed or mortgage related securities, its exposure to prepayment and extension risks may be greater than investments in other fixed-income securities. Leverage may result in greater volatility of NAV and the market price of common shares and increases a shareholder's risk of loss. The Fund may invest, to a limited extent, in foreign securities, including emerging markets, which are subject to additional risks. The Fund may make significant investments in derivative instruments. Derivative instruments can be illiquid, may disproportionately increase losses, and have a potentially large impact on Fund performance.*

All investments are subject to risk including the possible loss of principal. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. All index performance reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes. Please note that an investor cannot invest directly in an index.

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.

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## Investment commentary (cont d)

- <sup>i</sup> Gross domestic product ( GDP ) is the market value of all final goods and services produced within a country in a given period of time.
- <sup>ii</sup> The Federal Reserve Board (the Fed ) is responsible for the formulation of U.S. policies designed to promote economic growth, full employment, stable prices and a sustainable pattern of international trade and payments.
- <sup>iii</sup> 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.
- <sup>iv</sup> The Bloomberg Barclays 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.
- <sup>v</sup> The Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Corporate High Yield 2% Issuer Cap Index is an index of the 2% Issuer Cap component of the Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Corporate High Yield Index, which covers the U.S. dollar-denominated, non-investment grade, fixed-rate, taxable corporate bond market.
- <sup>vi</sup> Net asset value ( 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 the Fund's market price as determined by supply of and demand for the Fund's shares.
- <sup>vii</sup> The Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Corporate High Yield Index covers the universe of fixed-rate, non-investment grade debt, including corporate and non-corporate sectors. Pay-in-kind ( PIK ) bonds, Eurobonds and debt issues from countries designated as emerging markets are excluded, but Canadian and global bonds (SEC registered) of issuers in non-emerging market countries are included. Original issue zero coupon bonds, step-up coupon structures and 144A securities are also included.
- <sup>viii</sup> The Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Credit Index is an index composed of corporate and non-corporate debt issues that are investment grade (rated Baa3/BBB- or higher).
- <sup>ix</sup> Lipper, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Reuters, provides independent insight on global collective investments. Returns are based on the six-month period ended June 30, 2017, including the reinvestment of all distributions, including returns of capital, if any, calculated among the 7 funds in the Fund's Lipper category.

## Fund at a glance (unaudited)

**Investment breakdown (%)** as a percent of total investments

The bar graph above represents the Fund's portfolio as of June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, and does not include derivatives such as futures contracts. The Fund's portfolio is actively managed. As a result, the composition of its portfolio holdings and sectors is subject to change at any time.

## Spread duration (unaudited)

Economic exposure June 30, 2017

### Total Spread Duration

PAI 8.43 years

Benchmark 7.14 years

Spread duration measures the sensitivity to changes in spreads. The spread over Treasuries is the annual risk-premium demanded by investors to hold non-Treasury securities. Spread duration is quantified as the % change in price resulting from a 100 basis points change in spreads. For a security with positive spread duration, an increase in spreads would result in a price decline and a decline in spreads would result in a price increase. This chart highlights the market sector exposure of the Fund's sectors relative to the selected benchmark sectors as of the end of the reporting period.

ABS	Asset-Backed Securities
Benchmark	Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Credit Index
EM	Emerging Markets
HY	High Yield
IG Credit	Investment Grade Credit
PAI	Western Asset Income Fund

## Effective duration (unaudited)

Interest rate exposure June 30, 2017

### Total Effective Duration

PAI 7.17 years

Benchmark 7.21 years

Effective duration measures the sensitivity to changes in relevant interest rates. Effective duration is quantified as the % change in price resulting from a 100 basis points change in interest rates. For a security with positive effective duration, an increase in interest rates would result in a price decline and a decline in interest rates would result in a price increase. This chart highlights the interest rate exposure of the Fund's sectors relative to the selected benchmark sectors as of the end of the reporting period.

Benchmark	Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Credit Index
EM	Emerging Markets
HY	High Yield
IG Credit	Investment Grade Credit
PAI	Western Asset Income Fund

## Schedule of investments (unaudited)

June 30, 2017

### Western Asset Income Fund

	Rate	Maturity Date	Face Amount	Value
Security				
<b>Corporate Bonds &amp; Notes 88.7%</b>				
<b>Consumer Discretionary 8.6%</b>				
<i>Auto Components 0.8%</i>				
Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., Senior Notes	4.875%	3/15/27	\$ 300,000	\$ 305,250
ZF North America Capital Inc., Senior Notes	4.750%	4/29/25	740,000	783,475 <sup>(a)</sup>
<i>Total Auto Components</i>				<i>1,088,725</i>
<i>Automobiles 0.9%</i>				
Ford Motor Credit Co., LLC, Senior Notes	8.125%	1/15/20	410,000	465,797
General Motors Co., Senior Notes	6.600%	4/1/36	170,000	197,515
General Motors Co., Senior Notes	5.200%	4/1/45	310,000	305,244
General Motors Co., Senior Notes	6.750%	4/1/46	310,000	368,933
<i>Total Automobiles</i>				<i>1,337,489</i>
<i>Hotels, Restaurants &amp; Leisure 0.4%</i>				
GLP Capital LP/GLP Financing II Inc., Senior Notes	5.375%	4/15/26	180,000	197,062
McDonald's Corp., Senior Notes	4.700%	12/9/35	150,000	166,066
McDonald's Corp., Senior Notes	4.875%	12/9/45	230,000	257,440
<i>Total Hotels, Restaurants &amp; Leisure</i>				<i>620,568</i>
<i>Media 6.2%</i>				
21st Century Fox America Inc., Senior Debentures	7.750%	12/1/45	130,000	189,050
21st Century Fox America Inc., Senior Notes	6.550%	3/15/33	545,000	688,690
CCO Holdings LLC/CCO Holdings Capital Corp., Senior Notes	5.125%	5/1/27	420,000	430,500 <sup>(a)</sup>
Charter Communications Operating LLC/Charter Communications Operating Capital Corp., Senior Secured Notes	6.384%	10/23/35	110,000	130,755
Charter Communications Operating LLC/Charter Communications Operating Capital Corp., Senior Secured Notes	6.484%	10/23/45	260,000	313,156
Charter Communications Operating LLC/Charter Communications Operating Capital Corp., Senior Secured Notes	5.375%	5/1/47	350,000	371,681 <sup>(a)</sup>
Comcast Corp., Bonds	6.400%	5/15/38	950,000	1,265,837
Comcast Corp., Notes	6.450%	3/15/37	220,000	293,271
Comcast Corp., Senior Notes	6.950%	8/15/37	160,000	226,138
Time Warner Cable LLC, Debentures	7.300%	7/1/38	200,000	256,391