SALOMON BROTHERS EMERGING MARKETS INCOME FUND II INC
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CERTIFIED SHAREHOLDER REPORT OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES

Investment Company Act file number **811-7686**

Salomon Brothers Emerging Markets Income Fund II Inc.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

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Date of fiscal year end: **May 31**
Date of reporting period: **November 30, 2005**

ITEM 1. REPORT TO STOCKHOLDERS.

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

Salomon Brothers Emerging Markets Income Fund II Inc.

Semi-Annual Report November 30, 2005

Whats Inside

Fund Objective

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

Letter from the Chairman

Dear Shareholder,

The U.S. economy was surprisingly resilient during the reporting period. While surging oil prices, rising interest rates, and the impact of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita threatened to derail economic expansion, growth remained solid throughout the period. After a 3.8% advance in the first quarter of 2005, gross domestic product (GDP)[i] growth was 3.3% in the second quarter and 4.1% in the third quarter. This marked ten consecutive quarters in which GDP grew 3.0% or more.

As expected, the Federal Reserve Board (Fed)[ii] continued to raise interest rates in an attempt to ward off inflation. After raising rates eight times from June 2004 through May 2005, the Fed increased its target for the federal funds rate[iii] in 0.25% increments four additional times over the reporting period. All told, the Feds twelve rate hikes have brought the target for the federal funds rate from 1.00% to 4.00% . After the end of the Funds reporting period, at its December meeting the Fed once again raised its target for the federal funds rate by 0.25% to 4.25% . This represents the longest sustained Fed tightening cycle since 1976-1979.

Early in the reporting period, the fixed income market confounded investors as short-term interest rates rose in concert with the Fed rate tightening, while longer-term rates, surprisingly, declined. However, due to a spike late in the period, the 10-year Treasury yield was 4.49% on November 30, 2005, versus 3.91% when the period began. Nevertheless, this was still lower than its yield of 4.62% when the Fed began its tightening cycle on June 30, 2004. Looking at the six-month period as a whole, the overall bond market, as measured by the Lehman Brothers Aggregate Bond Index,[iv] returned -0.48%.

The high yield market was volatile but ended the reporting period in positive territory. High yield bonds fell sharply in the spring as investors became concerned over the bond downgrades for General Motors and Ford Motor Company. However, the high yield market subsequently rallied as the uncertainty surrounding the downgrades lifted and investors searched for incremental yield. Over the six-month period, the Citigroup High Yield Market Index[v] returned 2.04% .

During the six-month period, emerging markets debt, as represented by the JPMorgan Emerging Markets Bond Index Global (EMBI Global)[vi] returned 5.28% . Strong domestic demand and high commodity prices, including metals, agriculture, and oil supported many emerging market countries. These factors more than offset the negatives associated with rising U.S. interest rates.

Performance Review

For the six months ended November 30, 2005, the Salomon Brothers Emerging Markets Income Fund II returned 8.74%, based on its net asset value (NAV)[vii] and 3.56%, based on its New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) market price per share. In comparison, the Fund s unmanaged benchmark, the EMBI Global, returned 5.28% for the same time frame. The Lipper Emerging Markets Debt Closed-End Funds Category Averageviii increased 6.80% . Please note that Lipper performance returns are based on each fund s NAV per share.

During this six-month period, the Fund made distributions to shareholders totaling $0.52 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 November 30, 2005. **Past performance is no guarantee of future results.**

Performance Snapshot as of November 30, 2005 (unaudited)

Price Per Share	Six-Month Total Return
$ 15.46 (NAV)	**8.74%**
$ 13.53 (Market Price)	**3.56%**

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.

Special Shareholder Notice

On December 1, 2005, Citigroup Inc. (Citigroup) completed the sale of substantially all of its asset management business, Citigroup Asset Management (CAM), to Legg Mason, Inc. (Legg Mason). As a result, the Fund s investment adviser (the Manager), previously an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Citigroup, has become a wholly-owned subsidiary of Legg Mason. Completion of the sale caused the Funds existing investment management contract to terminate. The Funds shareholders previously approved a new investment management contract between the Fund and the Manager which became effective on December 1, 2005.

Information About Your Fund

As you may be aware, several issues in the mutual fund industry have come under the scrutiny of federal and state regulators. The Funds Manager and some of its affiliates have received requests for information from various government regulators regarding market timing, late trading, fees, and other mutual fund issues in connection with various investigations. The regulators appear to be examining, among other things, the open-end funds response to market timing and shareholder exchange activity, including compliance with prospectus disclosure related to these subjects. The Fund has been informed that the Manager and its affiliates are responding to those information requests, but are not in a position to predict the outcome of these requests and investigations.

Important information concerning the Fund and its Manager with regard to recent regulatory developments is contained in the Notes to Financial Statements included in this report.

As previously described in proxy statements that were mailed to shareholders of the Fund in connection with the transaction, Legg Mason intends to combine the fixed income operations of the Manager with those of Legg Masons wholly-owned subsidiary, Western Asset Management Company, and its affiliates, (Western Asset). This combination will involve Western Asset and the Manager sharing common systems and procedures, employees (including portfolio managers), investment trading platforms, and other resources. At a future date, Legg Mason expects to recommend to the Boards of Directors of the Fund that Western Asset be appointed as the advisor or sub-advisor to the Fund, subject to applicable regulatory requirements. The combination is also expected to result in changes to portfolio managers or portfolio management teams for a number of funds, subject to Board oversight and appropriate notice to shareholders.

The Fund has been advised by the Manager, that, in anticipation of this combination, Legg Mason and Western Asset have come to a mutually beneficial agreement with a select group of portfolio managers and other investment professionals from the Manager of the Fund, including Peter Wilby. Importantly, the group has committed to remain employed with the Manager through March 31, 2006, to assist in the orderly integration of the fixed-income operations of the Manager, including the management of the Fund, with those of Western Asset. Western Asset has also entered into a consulting agreement with the group, effective as of April 1, 2006, to ensure an effective and orderly transition of portfolio management and Board liaison responsibilities for the Fund to Western Asset.

The Board will be working with the Manager, Western Asset, and the portfolio managers to implement an orderly combination of the Manager's fixed-income operations and Western Asset in the best interests of the Fund and its shareholders.

Looking for Additional Information?

The Fund is traded under the symbol "EDF" and its closing market price is available in most newspapers under the NYSE listings. The daily NAV is available on-line under symbol XEDFX. *Barron's* and *The Wall Street Journal*'s Monday editions 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.

In a continuing effort to provide information concerning the Fund, shareholders may call 1-888-777-0102 or 1-800-SALOMON (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.

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

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: Foreign bonds are subject to certain risks of overseas investing including currency fluctuations and changes in political and economic conditions, which could result in significant market fluctuations. These risks are magnified in emerging or developing markets. High yield bonds are subject to additional risks such as the increased risk of default and greater volatility because of the lower credit quality of the issues.

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 is a market value of goods and services produced by labor and property in a given country.

ii The Federal Reserve Board is responsible for the formulation of a policy 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 interest rate that banks with excess reserves at a Federal Reserve district bank charge other banks that need overnight loans.

iv The Lehman Brothers Aggregate Bond 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.

v The Citigroup High Yield Market Index is a broad-based unmanaged index of high yield securities.

vi 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 dIvoire, Croatia, Ecuador, Greece, Hungary, Lebanon, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Nigeria, Panama, Peru, the Philippines, Poland, Russia, South Africa, South Korea, Thailand, Turkey and Venezuela.

vii NAV is calculated by subtracting total liabilities 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 Funds market price as determined by supply of and demand for the Funds shares.

viii Lipper, Inc. is a major independent mutual-fund tracking organization. Returns are based on the 6-month period ended November 30, 2005, including the reinvestment of distributions, including returns of capital, if any, calculated among the 13 funds in the Funds Lipper category, and excluding sales charges.

Fund at a Glance (unaudited)

Investment Breakdown

As a Percent of Total Investments

Schedule of Investments (November 30, 2005) (unaudited)

SALOMON BROTHERS EMERGING MARKETS INCOME FUND II INC.

Face Amount		Security[(a)]	Value
SOVEREIGN BONDS 89.7%			
Argentina 3.0%			
		Republic of Argentina:	
1,000,000	DEM	11.250% due 4/10/06 (b)	$ 201,943
8,800,000	DEM	12.000% due 9/19/16 (b)	1,750,570
57,059,503	ARS	0.000% due 12/15/35 (c)	864,174
20,119,301	ARS	Discount Bonds, 5.830% due 12/31/33	7,307,043
2,705,000		Step bond to yield 9.183% due 12/31/38	872,362
4,000,000,000	ITL	Medium-Term Notes, 7.000% due 3/18/49 (b)	828,130
2,705,000		Series GDP, 0.00% due 12/15/35 (c)	129,840
		Total Argentina	11,954,062
Brazil 22.0%			
		Federative Republic of Brazil:	
650,000		11.000% due 8/17/40	800,800
52,737,000		Collective Action Securities, 8.000% due 1/15/18	55,452,955
16,797,065		DCB, Series L, 5.250% due 4/15/12 (c)	16,513,615
15,178,154		FLIRB, Series L, 5.188% due 4/15/09 (c)	15,035,858
		Total Brazil	87,803,228
Bulgaria 1.6%			
5,275,000		Republic of Bulgaria, 8.250% due 1/15/15 (d)	6,349,781
Chile 1.7%			
		Republic of Chile:	
1,325,000		5.500% due 1/15/13	1,360,504
5,450,000		Collective Action Securities, 4.630% due 1/28/08 (c)	5,478,612
		Total Chile	6,839,116
China 0.5%			
2,125,000		People's Republic of China, 4.750% due 10/29/13	2,077,586
Colombia 5.1%			
		Republic of Colombia:	
875,000		11.750% due 2/25/20	1,206,406
550,000		8.125% due 5/21/24	580,800
14,225,000		10.375% due 1/28/33	18,343,138
		Total Colombia	20,130,344

Ecuador 1.2%		
	Republic of Ecuador (d):	
1,250,000	12.000% due 11/15/12	1,260,938
3,730,000	Step bond to yield 10.825% due 8/15/30	3,440,925
	Total Ecuador	4,701,863
El Salvador 1.1%		
	Republic of El Salvador (d):	
1,175,000	7.750% due 1/24/23	1,286,625
2,975,000	8.250% due 4/10/32	3,257,625
	Total El Salvador	4,544,250

See Notes to Financial Statements.

Schedule of Investments (November 30, 2005) (unaudited) (continued)

Face Amount	Security[(a)]	Value
Malaysia 2.8%		
	Federation of Malaysia:	
7,025,000	8.750% due 6/1/09	$ 7,880,000
3,000,000	7.500% due 7/15/11	3,362,607
	Total Malaysia	11,242,607
Mexico 15.1%		
	United Mexican States:	
2,985,000	11.375% due 9/15/16	4,384,219
	Medium-Term Note, Series A:	
17,300,000	8.000% due 9/24/22	21,170,875
25,985,000	8.300% due 8/15/31	33,078,905
1,225,000	Series XW, 10.375% due 2/17/09	1,417,937
	Total Mexico	60,051,936
Panama 3.8%		
	Republic of Panama:	
4,656,000	9.375% due 1/16/23	5,750,160
6,120,000	8.875% due 9/30/27	7,183,350
1,700,000	9.375% due 4/1/29	2,103,750
	Total Panama	15,037,260
Peru 4.9%		
	Republic of Peru:	
700,000	9.875% due 2/6/15	871,500
1,675,000	7.350% due 7/21/25	1,731,112
7,863,520	FLIRB, 5.000% due 3/7/17 (c)	7,539,150
9,696,500	PDI, 5.000% due 3/7/17 (c)	9,399,545
	Total Peru	19,541,307
Philippines 4.7%		
	Republic of the Philippines:	
15,500,000	8.250% due 1/15/14	16,448,600
1,125,000	10.625% due 3/16/25	1,379,503
600,000	9.500% due 2/2/30	675,375
	Total Philippines	18,503,478
Poland 0.9%		

3,550,000	Republic of Poland, 5.250% due 1/15/14	3,587,364
Russia 5.0%		
	Russian Federation (d):	
4,275,000	5.000% due 3/31/07	4,558,219
3,650,000	11.000% due 7/24/18	5,397,437
890,000	12.750% due 6/24/28	1,624,250
7,490,000	Step bond to yield 5.627% due 3/31/30	8,384,119
	Total Russia	19,964,025
South Africa 1.6%		
5,975,000	Republic of South Africa, 6.500% due 6/2/14	6,438,063

See Notes to Financial Statements.

Schedule of Investments (November 30, 2005) (unaudited) (continued)

Face Amount†	Security[a]	Value
Turkey — 6.9%		
	Republic of Turkey:	
3,100,000	7.250% due 3/15/15	$ 3,227,875
1,625,000	7.000% due 6/5/20	1,608,750
4,675,000	11.875% due 1/15/30	6,954,062
13,300,000	Collective Action Security, 9.500% due 1/15/14	15,793,750
	Total Turkey	27,584,437
Ukraine — 1.6%		
	Republic of Ukraine (d):	
3,700,000	7.343% due 8/5/09 (c)	4,005,250
2,040,000	7.650% due 6/11/13	2,213,400
	Total Ukraine	6,218,650
Uruguay — 1.0%		
4,172,411	Republic of Uruguay, Benchmark Bonds, 7.875% due 1/15/33 (e)	4,036,808
Venezuela — 5.2%		
	Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela:	
800,000	5.375% due 8/7/10	762,000
9,901,000	8.500% due 10/8/14	10,636,149
4,050,000	7.650% due 4/21/25	3,984,187
	Collective Action Security:	
350,000	5.194% due 4/20/11 (c)(d)	343,438
3,500,000	10.750% due 9/19/13	4,217,500
850,000	Par Bonds, Series A, 6.750% due 3/31/20	852,125
	Total Venezuela	20,795,399
	TOTAL SOVEREIGN BONDS (Cost — $336,502,793)	**357,401,564**
CORPORATE BONDS & NOTES — 9.6%		
Chile — 0.5%		
1,900,000	Corporacion Nacional del Cobre-Codelco, Notes, 5.500% due 10/15/13 (d)	1,931,258
Mexico — 4.5%		
	Pemex Project Funding Master Trust:	
15,125,000	7.375% due 12/15/14	16,720,687
1,025,000	9.750% due 9/15/27 (d)	1,353,000

	Total Mexico	18,073,687
Russia 4.6%		
14,650,000	Gaz Capital SA, 8.625% due 4/28/34 (d)	18,378,425
	TOTAL CORPORATE BONDS & NOTES	
	(Cost $38,099,747)	**38,383,370**
Warrant		
WARRANTS 0.2%		
8,100	United Mexican States, Expires 11/9/06*	202,500
6,475	United Mexican States, Series Xw10, Expires 10/10/06*	216,913
4,900	United Mexican States, Series Xw20, Expires 9/1/06*	237,650
	TOTAL WARRANTS	
	(Cost $515,625)	**657,063**

See Notes to Financial Statements.

Schedule of Investments (November 30, 2005) (unaudited) (continued)

Contracts	Security(a)	Value
PURCHASED OPTIONS — 0.2%		
10,500,000 EUR	Argentina, Call @ $0.30, expires 8/15/06	$ 420,903
10,000,000 EUR	Argentina, Call @ $0.30, expires 9/27/06	400,860
	TOTAL PURCHASED OPTIONS (Cost — $875,472)	**821,763**
	TOTAL INVESTMENTS BEFORE SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS (Cost — $375,993,637)	**397,263,760**

Face Amount		
SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS — 0.3%		
Repurchase Agreements — 0.3%		
$ 334,000	Interest in $601,035,000 joint tri-party repurchase agreement dated 11/30/05 with Deutsche Bank Securities Inc., 4.010% due 12/1/05; Proceeds at maturity — $334,037; (Fully collateralized by various U.S. government agency obligations, 0.000% to 6.625% due 12/05/05 to 9/29/25; Market value — $340,680)	334,000
1,000,000	Interest in $595,339,000 joint tri-party repurchase agreement dated 11/30/05 with Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Inc., 4.010% due 12/1/05; Proceeds at maturity — $1,000,111; (Fully collateralized by U.S. Treasury Notes, 4.500% due 11/15/10; Market value — $1,020,008)	1,000,000
	TOTAL SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS (Cost — $1,334,000)	**1,334,000**
	TOTAL INVESTMENTS — 100.0% (Cost — $377,327,637#)	**398,597,760**

† Face amount denominated in U.S. dollars, unless otherwise indicated.

* Non-income producing security.

(a) All securities are segregated as collateral pursuant to a revolving credit facility and/or futures contracts.

(b) Security is currently in default.

(c) Variable rate security. Coupon rates disclosed are those which are in effect at November 30, 2005.

(d) Security is exempt from registration under Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933. This security may be resold in transactions that are exempt from registration, normally to qualified institutional buyers. This security has been deemed liquid pursuant to guidelines approved by the Board of Directors, unless otherwise noted.

(e) Payment-in-kind security for which part of the income earned may be paid as additional principal.

Aggregate cost for federal income tax purposes is substantially the same.

Abbreviations used in this schedule:

ARS Argentine Peso
DCB Debt Conversion Bond
DEM German Mark
EUR Euro
FLIRB Front-Loaded Interest Reduction Bonds
GDP Gross Domestic Product
ITL Italian Lira
PDI Past Due Interest

See Notes to Financial Statements.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities (November 30, 2005) (unaudited)

ASSETS:		
Investments, at value (Cost $377,327,637)	$	398,597,760
Cash		8,402
Receivable for securities sold		9,149,971
Interest receivable		7,909,684
Deposits with brokers on open future contracts		375,000
Receivable from broker variation margin on open futures contracts		78,125
Prepaid expenses		6,795
Total Assets		**416,125,737**
LIABILITIES:		
Loan Payable (Note 1)		30,000,000
Payable for securities purchased		7,552,976
Investment advisory fee payable		321,610
Interest payable		252,733
Accrued expenses		162,808
Total Liabilities		**38,290,127**
Total Net Assets	**$**	**377,835,610**
NET ASSETS:		
Par value ($0.001 par value, 100,000,000 shares authorized; 24,432,561 shares outstanding)	$	24,433
Paid-in capital in excess of par value		330,296,901
Undistributed net investment income		785,479
Accumulated net realized gain on investments, futures contracts, credit default swap contracts and foreign currency transactions		24,233,531
Net unrealized appreciation on investments and futures contracts		22,495,266
Total Net Assets	**$**	**377,835,610**
Shares Outstanding		**24,432,561**
Net Asset Value	**$**	**15.46**

See Notes to Financial Statements.

Statement of Operations (For the six months ended November 30, 2005) (unaudited)

INVESTMENT INCOME:	
Interest	**$16,147,673**
EXPENSES:	
Investment advisory fee (Note 2)	1,931,902
Interest expense (Notes 3 and 4)	1,532,190
Custody fees	71,751
Shareholder reports	53,087
Audit and tax	32,417
Directors fees	28,841
Legal fees	20,481
Transfer agent fees	14,077
Stock Exchange Listing fees	13,438
Loan fees	4,291
Insurance	3,809
Miscellaneous expenses	3,337
Total Expenses	**3,709,621**
Net Investment Income	**12,438,052**
REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS) ON INVESTMENTS, FUTURES CONTRACTS, CREDIT DEFAULT SWAP CONTRACTS AND FOREIGN CURRENCY TRANSACTIONS (NOTES 1 AND 3):	
Net Realized Gain (Loss) From:	
Investments	16,845,028
Futures contracts	(995,730)
Credit default swap contracts	304,973
Foreign currency transactions	(26,354)
Net Realized Gain	**16,127,917**
Change in Net Unrealized Appreciation/Depreciation From:	
Investments	(1,496,268)
Futures contracts	4,135,610
Credit Default Swap contracts	(274,560)
Change in Net Unrealized Appreciation/Depreciation	**2,364,782**
Net Gain on Investments, Futures Contracts, Credit Default Swap Contracts and Foreign Currency Transactions	**18,492,699**
Increase in Net Assets From Operations	**$30,930,751**

See Notes to Financial Statements.

$16,147,673

Statements of Changes in Net Assets

For the six months ended November 30, 2005 (unaudited) and the year ended May 31, 2005	November 30	May 31
OPERATIONS:		
Net investment income	$ 12,438,052	$ 28,127,085
Net realized gain	16,127,917	22,454,490
Change in net unrealized appreciation/depreciation	2,364,782	35,086,388
Increase in Net Assets From Operations	**30,930,751**	**85,667,963**
DISTRIBUTIONS TO SHAREHOLDERS FROM (NOTE 1):		
Net investment income	(12,704,932)	(34,339,836)
Net realized gains		

$16,147,673