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**PRELIMINARY PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT
(To Prospectus dated February 16, 2012)**

6,700,000 Shares

**Common Stock
\$ per share**

Kayne Anderson MLP Investment Company (the Company, we, us or our) is a non-diversified, closed-end management investment company. Our investment objective is to obtain a high after-tax total return by investing at least 85% of our total assets in energy-related partnerships and their affiliates (collectively, master limited partnerships or MLPs), and in other companies that, as their principal business, operate assets used in the gathering, transporting, processing, storing, refining, distributing, mining or marketing of natural gas, natural gas liquids, crude oil, refined petroleum products or coal (collectively with MLPs, Midstream Energy Companies).

We are offering 6,700,000 shares of our common stock in this prospectus supplement. This prospectus supplement, together with the accompanying prospectus dated February 16, 2012, sets forth the information that you should know before investing.

Our shares of common stock are listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol KYN. The last reported sale price of our common stock on February 27, 2012 was \$32.89 per share. The net asset value per share of our common stock at the close of business on February 27, 2012 was \$30.26.

Investing in our common stock involves risk. See Risk Factors beginning on page 17 of the accompanying prospectus.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

	Per Share	Total(1)
Public offering price	\$	\$
Underwriting discounts and commissions	\$	\$
Proceeds, before expenses, to us	\$	\$

- (1) We have granted the underwriters an option exercisable for a period of 45 days from the date of this prospectus supplement to purchase up to 1,005,000 additional shares of common stock at the public offering price, less the underwriting discount, to cover over-allotments, if any. If the underwriters exercise the option in full, the total underwriting discounts and commissions will be \$, and the total proceeds, before expenses, to us will be \$.

The underwriters are offering the shares of common stock as described in Underwriting. Delivery of the shares of common stock will be made on or about March , 2012.

Joint Book-Running Managers

Citigroup

BofA Merrill Lynch

Morgan Stanley

UBS Investment Bank

Wells Fargo Securities

Co-Managers

Baird

RBC Capital Markets

Stifel Nicolaus Weisel

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You should rely only on the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus set forth certain information about us that a prospective investor should carefully consider before making an investment in our securities. This prospectus supplement, which describes the specific terms of this offering, also adds to and updates information contained in the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference in the accompanying prospectus. The accompanying prospectus gives more general information, some of which may not apply to this offering. If the description of this offering varies between this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, you should rely on the information contained in this prospectus supplement; provided that if any statement in one of these documents is inconsistent with a statement in another document having a later date and incorporated by reference into the accompanying prospectus or prospectus supplement, the statement in the incorporated document having the later date modifies or supersedes the earlier statement. We have not authorized anyone to provide you with different information. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. We are not making an offer to sell these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted or where the person making the offer or sale is not qualified to do so or to any person to whom it is not permitted to make such offer or sale. The information contained in or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus is accurate only as of the respective dates on their front covers, regardless of the time of delivery of this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus, or the sale of the common stock. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since that date.

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You should read this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus before deciding whether to invest and retain it for future reference. A statement of additional information, dated February 16, 2012 (SAI), as supplemented from time to time, containing additional information about us, has been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and is incorporated by reference in its entirety into this prospectus supplement. You may request a free copy of our SAI by calling toll-free at (877) 657-3863, or by writing to us at 717 Texas Avenue, Suite 3100, Houston, Texas 77002. Electronic copies of the accompanying prospectus, our stockholder reports and our SAI are also available on our website (<http://www.kaynefunds.com>). You may also obtain copies of these documents (and other information regarding us) from the SEC 's web site (<http://www.sec.gov>).

CAUTIONARY NOTICE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and the SAI contain forward-looking statements. All statements other than statements of historical facts included in this prospectus that address activities, events or developments that we expect, believe or anticipate will or may occur in the future are forward-looking statements including, in particular, the statements about our plans, objectives, strategies and prospects regarding, among other things, our financial condition, results of operations and business. We have identified some of these forward-looking statements with words like believe, may, could, might, forecast, possible, potential, project, will, shall, intend, plan, predict, anticipate, estimate, approximate or continue and other words and terms of similar meaning and the negative of such terms. Such forward-looking statements may be contained in this prospectus supplement as well as in the accompanying prospectus. These forward-looking statements are based on current expectations about future events affecting us and are subject to uncertainties and factors relating to our operations and business environment, all of which are difficult to predict and many of which are beyond our control. Many factors mentioned in our discussion in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, including the risks outlined under Risk Factors, will be important in determining future results. In addition, several factors that could materially affect our actual results are the ability of the MLPs and other Midstream Energy Companies in which we invest to achieve their objectives, our ability to source favorable private investments, the timing and amount of distributions and dividends from the MLPs and other Midstream Energy Companies in which we intend to invest, the dependence of our future success on the general economy and its impact on the industries in which we invest and other factors discussed in our periodic filings with the SEC.

Although we believe that the expectations reflected in our forward-looking statements are reasonable, we do not know whether our expectations will prove correct. They can be affected by inaccurate assumptions we might make or by known or unknown risks and uncertainties. The factors identified above are believed to be important factors, but not necessarily all of the important factors, that could cause our actual results to differ materially from those expressed in any forward-looking statement. Unpredictable or unknown factors could also have material adverse effects on us. Since our actual results, performance or achievements could differ materially from those expressed in, or implied by, these forward-looking statements, we cannot give any assurance that any of the events anticipated by the forward-looking statements will occur or, if any of them do, what impact they will have on our results of operations and financial condition. All forward-looking statements included in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus or the SAI are expressly qualified in their entirety by the foregoing cautionary statements. You are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date of such documents. We do not undertake any obligation to update, amend or clarify these forward-looking statements or the risk factors contained therein, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as may be required under the federal securities laws. We acknowledge that, notwithstanding the foregoing statements, the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 does not apply to investment companies such as us.

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*This summary does not contain all of the information you should consider before investing in our common stock. You should read carefully the entire prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus, including the section entitled *Risk Factors* and the financial statements and related notes, before making an investment decision.*

THE COMPANY

Kayne Anderson MLP Investment Company, a Maryland corporation, is a non-diversified, closed-end management investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the 1940 Act). Our investment objective is to obtain a high after-tax total return by investing at least 85% of our total assets in MLPs and other Midstream Energy Companies. We also must comply with the SEC's rule regarding investment company names, which requires us, under normal market conditions, to invest at least 80% of our total assets in MLPs so long as MLP is in our name. Our shares of common stock are listed on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) under the symbol KYN.

We began investment activities in September 2004 following our initial public offering. As of January 31, 2012, we had net assets applicable to our common stock of approximately \$2.2 billion and total assets of approximately \$3.9 billion.

PORTFOLIO INVESTMENTS

Our investments are principally in equity securities issued by MLPs. Generally, we invest in equity securities of (i) master limited partnerships, including preferred, common and subordinated units and general partner interests, (ii) owners of such interests in master limited partnerships and (iii) other Midstream Energy Companies. We may also invest in debt securities of MLPs and other Midstream Energy Companies with varying maturities of up to 30 years.

We are permitted to invest up to 50% of our total assets in unregistered or otherwise restricted securities of MLPs and other Midstream Energy Companies, including securities issued by private companies. We may invest up to 15% of our total assets in any single issuer.

We are permitted to invest up to 20% of our total assets in debt securities of MLPs and other Midstream Energy Companies, including below investment grade debt securities rated, at the time of investment, at least B3 by Moody's Investors Service, Inc., B- by Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC, a division of the McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc., or Fitch Ratings, Inc., or, if unrated, determined by Kayne Anderson to be of comparable quality. In addition, up to one-quarter of our permitted investments in debt securities (or up to 5% of our total assets) may include unrated debt securities of private companies.

As of January 31, 2012, we held \$3.8 billion in equity investments and \$35 million in fixed income investments. Our top 10 largest holdings by issuer as of that date were:

Company	Sector	Amount (\$ millions)	Percent of Long-Term Investments
1. Enterprise Products Partners L.P.	Midstream MLP	\$ 351.9	9.1%

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2.	Kinder Morgan Management, LLC	MLP Affiliate	292.1	7.5
3.	Plains All American Pipeline, L.P.	Midstream MLP	242.8	6.3
4.	MarkWest Energy Partners, L.P.	Midstream MLP	217.0	5.6
5.	Energy Transfer Equity, L.P.	General Partner MLP	189.1	4.9
6.	Regency Energy Partners L.P.	Midstream MLP	163.0	4.2
7.	Williams Partners L.P.	Midstream MLP	155.5	4.0
8.	Magellan Midstream Partners, L.P.	Midstream MLP	154.9	4.0
9.	EI Paso Pipeline Partners, L.P.	Midstream MLP	142.0	3.7
10.	Buckeye Partners, L.P.	Midstream MLP	128.0	3.3

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KA Fund Advisors, LLC (KAFAs) is our investment adviser and is responsible for implementing and administering our investment strategy. KAFAs is a subsidiary of Kayne Anderson Capital Advisors, L.P. (KACALP) and together with KAFAs, Kayne Anderson). Both KAFAs and KACALP are SEC-registered investment advisers. As of December 31, 2011, Kayne Anderson and its affiliates managed approximately \$14.2 billion, including approximately \$8.7 billion in MLPs and other Midstream Energy Companies. Kayne Anderson has invested in MLPs and other Midstream Energy Companies since 1998. We believe that Kayne Anderson has developed an understanding of the MLP market that enables it to identify and take advantage of public MLP investment opportunities. In addition, Kayne Anderson's senior professionals have developed a strong reputation in the energy sector and have many long-term relationships with industry managers, which we believe gives Kayne Anderson an important advantage in sourcing and structuring private investments.

DISTRIBUTIONS

We have paid distributions to our common stockholders every fiscal quarter since inception and intend to continue to pay quarterly distributions to our common stockholders. Our quarterly distribution per share has increased by 36% since inception and we have increased our distribution in each of the last five quarters. Our most recent quarterly distribution of \$0.51 per share, paid in January 2012, was 5.2% higher than the corresponding distribution paid in January 2011. Our next regularly scheduled quarterly distribution will be for our fiscal quarter ending February 29, 2012 and, if approved by our Board of Directors, will be paid to common stockholders on or about April 13, 2012. Payment of future distributions is subject to approval by our Board of Directors, as well as meeting the covenants of our senior debt, meeting the terms of our preferred stock and the asset coverage requirements of the 1940 Act. The distributions we have paid since the beginning of fiscal 2010 are as follows:

Payment Date	Distribution per Share (\$)	
January 13, 2012	\$	0.5100
October 14, 2011		0.5025
July 15, 2011		0.4975
April 15, 2011		0.4900
January 14, 2011		0.4850
October 15, 2010		0.4800
July 9, 2010		0.4800
April 16, 2010		0.4800
January 15, 2010		0.4800

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THE OFFERING

Common stock we are offering	6,700,000 shares
Common stock to be outstanding after this offering	82,068,863 shares(1)
Use of proceeds after expenses	We estimate that our net proceeds from this offering after expenses without exercise of the over-allotment option will be approximately \$ million. We intend to use the net proceeds to make investments in portfolio companies in accordance with our investment objective and policies and for general corporate purposes. See Use of Proceeds.
Risk factors	See Risk Factors and other information included in the accompanying prospectus for a discussion of factors you should carefully consider before deciding to invest in shares of our common stock.
NYSE Symbol	KYN

The shareholder transaction expenses can be summarized as follows:

Underwriting discounts and commissions (as a percentage of offering price)	%
Net offering expenses borne by us (as a percentage of offering price)	%
Dividend reinvestment plan fees(2)	None

- (1) The number of shares outstanding after the offering assumes the underwriters' over-allotment option is not exercised. If the over-allotment option is exercised in full, the number of shares outstanding will increase by 1,005,000 shares.
- (2) You will pay brokerage charges if you direct American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, as agent for our common stockholders, to sell your common stock held in a dividend reinvestment account.

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USE OF PROCEEDS

We estimate that the net proceeds from the sale of the 6,700,000 shares of common stock that we are offering will be approximately \$ million, after deducting the underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses payable by us, or approximately \$ million if the underwriters exercise the over-allotment option in full.

We intend to use the net proceeds of the offering to make investments in portfolio companies in accordance with our investment objective and policies and for general corporate purposes. We anticipate that we will be able to invest the net proceeds within two to three months.

Pending such investments, we anticipate (i) repaying all or a portion of the indebtedness owed under our existing unsecured revolving credit facility and (ii) investing the remaining net proceeds in short-term securities issued by the U.S. government or its agencies or instrumentalities or in high quality, short-term or long-term debt obligations or money market instruments. A delay in the anticipated use of proceeds could lower returns, reduce our distribution to common stockholders and reduce the amount of cash available to make dividend and interest payments on preferred stock and debt securities, respectively.

At February 27, 2012, we had outstanding borrowings on the revolving credit facility of \$31 million and the interest rate was 2.01%. Any borrowings under our revolving credit facility will be used to fund investments in portfolio companies and for general corporate purposes. Amounts repaid under our revolving credit facility will remain available for future borrowings. Affiliates of some of the underwriters are lenders under our revolving credit facility and will receive a pro rata portion of the net proceeds from this offering, if any, used to reduce amounts outstanding under our revolving credit facility. See Underwriting Affiliations Conflicts of Interests.

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The following table sets forth our capitalization: (i) as of November 30, 2011 and (ii) as of November 30, 2011, as adjusted to give effect to the issuance of the shares of common stock offered hereby. As indicated below, common stockholders will bear the offering costs associated with this offering.

	As of November 30, 2011	
	Actual	As Adjusted
	(Unaudited)	
	(\$ in 000s,	
	except per share data)	
Repurchase Agreements, Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 53,830	\$ (1)
Short-Term Debt:		
Revolving Credit Facility		(1)
Senior Notes Series I(2)	60,000	60,000
Long-Term Debt:		
Senior Notes Series K(2)	125,000	125,000
Senior Notes Series M(2)	60,000	60,000
Senior Notes Series N(2)	50,000	50,000
Senior Notes Series O(2)	65,000	65,000
Senior Notes Series P(2)	45,000	45,000
Senior Notes Series Q(2)	15,000	15,000
Senior Notes Series R(2)	25,000	25,000
Senior Notes Series S(2)	60,000	60,000
Senior Notes Series T(2)	40,000	40,000
Senior Notes Series U(2)	60,000	60,000
Senior Notes Series V(2)	70,000	70,000
Senior Notes Series W(2)	100,000	100,000
Total Debt:	\$ 775,000	\$ 775,000
Mandatory Redeemable Preferred Stock:		
Series A MRP Shares, \$0.001 par value per share, liquidation preference \$25.00 per share (4,400,000 shares issued and outstanding, 4,400,000 shares authorized)(2)	\$ 110,000	\$ 110,000
Series B MRP Shares, \$0.001 par value per share, liquidation preference \$25.00 per share (320,000 shares issued and outstanding, 320,000 shares authorized)(2)	8,000	8,000
Series C MRP Shares, \$0.001 par value per share, liquidation preference \$25.00 per share (1,680,000 shares issued and outstanding, 1,680,000 shares authorized)(2)	42,000	42,000
Series D MRP Shares, \$0.001 par value per share, liquidation preference \$25.00 per share (4,000,000 shares issued and outstanding, 4,000,000 shares authorized)(2)	100,000	100,000
Common Stockholders Equity:	\$ 75	\$ 82

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Common stock, \$0.001 par value per share, 189,600,000 shares authorized (75,130,209 shares issued and outstanding; 81,830,209 shares issued and outstanding as adjusted)(2)(3)(4)		
Paid-in capital(5)	1,369,132	
Accumulated net investment loss, net of income taxes, less dividends	(335,774)	(335,774)
Accumulated realized gains on investments, options, and interest rate swap contracts, net of income taxes	195,655	195,655
Net unrealized gains on investments and options, net of income taxes	800,515	800,515
Net assets applicable to common stockholders	\$ 2,029,603	\$

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- (1) As described under Use of Proceeds, we intend to use the net proceeds from this offering to make investments in portfolio companies in accordance with our investment objective and policies, to repay indebtedness and for general corporate purposes. Pending such investments, we anticipate either investing the proceeds in short-term securities issued by the U.S. government or its agencies or instrumentalities or in high quality, short-term or long-term debt obligations, money market instruments or cash.
- (2) We do not hold any of these outstanding securities for our account.
- (3) This does not include shares that may be issued in connection with the underwriters' over-allotment option.
- (4) On January 13, 2012, we issued 238,654 shares of common stock pursuant to our dividend reinvestment plan which are not reflected.
- (5) As adjusted, additional paid-in capital reflects the issuance of shares of common stock offered hereby (\$), less \$0.001 par value per share of common stock (\$), less the underwriting discounts and commissions (\$) and less the net estimated offering costs borne by us (\$) related to the issuance of shares.

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UNDERWRITING

We are offering the shares of our common stock described in this prospectus supplement through the underwriters named below. Citigroup Global Markets Inc., Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC, UBS Securities LLC and Wells Fargo Securities, LLC are the joint book-running managers of the offering and representatives of the underwriters. We have entered into an underwriting agreement with the representatives. Subject to the terms and conditions of the underwriting agreement, each of the underwriters has severally agreed to purchase the number of shares of common stock listed next to its name in the following table.

Underwriters	Number of Shares
Citigroup Global Markets Inc.	
Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated	
Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC	
UBS Securities LLC	
Wells Fargo Securities, LLC	
Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated	
RBC Capital Markets, LLC	
Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated	
Total	

The underwriting agreement provides that the obligations of the underwriters to purchase the shares included in this offering are subject to approval of legal matters by counsel and to other conditions. The underwriting agreement provides that the underwriters must buy all of the shares if they buy any of them. However, the underwriters are not required to take or pay for the shares covered by the underwriters' over-allotment option described below.

Our common stock is offered subject to a number of conditions, including:

receipt and acceptance of our common stock by the underwriters; and

the underwriters' right to reject orders in whole or in part.

In connection with this offering, certain of the underwriters or securities dealers may distribute prospectuses electronically.

OVER-ALLOTMENT OPTION

We have granted the underwriters an option to buy up to an aggregate of 1,005,000 additional shares of common stock. The underwriters may exercise this option solely for the purpose of covering over-allotments, if any, made in connection with this offering. The underwriters have 45 days from the date of this prospectus supplement to exercise this option. If the underwriters exercise this option, they will each purchase additional shares approximately in proportion to the amounts specified in the table above.

COMMISSIONS AND DISCOUNTS

Shares sold by the underwriters to the public will be offered at the public offering price set forth on the cover page of this prospectus supplement. Any shares sold by the underwriters to securities dealers may be sold at a discount of up to \$ per share from the public offering price. Any of these securities dealers may resell any shares purchased from the underwriters to other brokers or dealers at a discount of up to \$ per share from the public offering price. Sales of shares made outside of the U.S. may be made by affiliates of the underwriters. If all of the shares are not sold at the public offering price, the representatives may change the offering price and the other selling terms. Upon execution of the underwriting agreement, the underwriters will be obligated to purchase the shares at the prices and upon the terms stated therein and, as a result, will thereafter bear any risk associated with changing the offering price to the public and other selling terms. The sales load and underwriting discount is equal to % of the initial offering price. Investors must pay for their shares of common stock on or before March , 2012.

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The following table shows the per share and total underwriting discounts and commissions we will pay to the underwriters assuming both no exercise and full exercise of the underwriters' option to purchase up to an additional 1,005,000 shares of common stock.

	No Exercise	Full Exercise
Per share	\$	\$
Total	\$	\$

We estimate that the total expenses of this offering payable by us, not including the underwriting discounts and commissions, will be approximately \$.

NO SALES OF SIMILAR SECURITIES

We, our Adviser and certain officers of our Adviser, including all of our officers, and our directors who own shares of our common stock and/or purchase shares of our common stock in this offering, have entered into lock-up agreements with the underwriters. Under these agreements, subject to certain exceptions, we and each of these persons may not, without the prior written consent of the representatives, offer, sell, contract to sell or otherwise dispose of, directly or indirectly, or hedge our common stock or securities convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for our common stock for a period of 60 days after the date of this prospectus supplement. In the event that either (x) during the last 17 days of the 60-day period referred to above, we issue an earnings release or (y) prior to the expiration of such 60 days, we announce that we will release earnings during the 16-day period beginning on the last day of such 60-day period, the restrictions described above shall continue to apply until the expiration of the 18-day period beginning on the date of the earnings or the press release.

We have agreed to indemnify the underwriters against certain liabilities, including certain liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act). If we are unable to provide this indemnification, we have agreed to contribute to payments the underwriters may be required to make in respect of those liabilities.

NYSE LISTING

Our currently outstanding shares of common stock are, and the shares of common stock sold pursuant to this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, subject to notice of issuance, will be listed on the NYSE under the symbol KYN.

PRICE STABILIZATION, SHORT POSITIONS

In connection with this offering, the underwriters may engage in activities that stabilize, maintain or otherwise affect the price of our common stock, including:

- stabilizing transactions;
- short sales;
- purchases to cover positions created by short sales;
- imposition of penalty bids; and

syndicate covering transactions.

Stabilizing transactions consist of bids or purchases made for the purpose of preventing or retarding a decline in the market price of our common stock while this offering is in progress. These transactions may also include making short sales of our common stock which involve the sale by the underwriters of a greater number of shares of common stock than they are required to purchase in this offering.

Short sales may be covered short sales, which are short positions in an amount not greater than the underwriters over-allotment option referred to above, or may be naked short sales, which are short positions in excess of that amount.

The underwriters may close out any covered short position by either exercising their over-allotment option, in whole or in part, or by purchasing shares in the open market. In making this determination, the underwriters will consider, among other things, the price of shares available for purchase in the open market as compared to the price at which they may purchase shares through the over-allotment option.

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The underwriters may close out any naked short sale position by purchasing shares in the open market. A naked short position is more likely to be created if the underwriters are concerned that there may be downward pressure on the price of the common stock in the open market that could adversely affect investors who purchased in this offering.

The underwriters may also impose a penalty bid. This occurs when a particular underwriter repays to the underwriters a portion of the underwriting discounts and commissions received by it because the representatives have repurchased shares sold by or for the account of that underwriter in stabilizing or short covering transactions.

As a result of these activities, the price of our common stock may be higher than the price that otherwise might exist in the open market. If these activities are commenced, they may be discontinued by the underwriters at any time. The underwriters may carry out these transactions on the NYSE or in the over-the-counter market, or otherwise.

Neither we nor any of the underwriters make any representation or prediction as to the direction or magnitude of any effect that the transactions described above may have on the price of the common stock. In addition, neither we nor any of the underwriters make any representation that the underwriters will engage in these stabilizing transactions or that any transaction, if commenced, will not be discontinued without notice.

NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE INVESTORS IN THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AREA

In relation to each member state of the European Economic Area that has implemented the Prospectus Directive (each, a relevant member state), with effect from and including the date on which the Prospectus Directive is implemented in that relevant member state (the relevant implementation date), an offer of shares described in this prospectus supplement has not been made and may not be made to the public in that relevant member state other than:

to any legal entity which is a qualified investor as defined in the Prospectus Directive;

to fewer than 100 or, if the relevant member state has implemented the relevant provision of the 2010 PD Amending Directive, 150 natural or legal persons (other than qualified investors as defined in the Prospectus Directive), as permitted under the Prospectus Directive, subject to obtaining the prior consent of the relevant Dealer or Dealers nominated by us for any such offer; or

in any other circumstances falling within Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive,

provided that no such offer of shares shall require us or any underwriter to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive.

For purposes of this provision, the expression an offer of securities to the public in any relevant member state means the communication in any form and by any means of sufficient information on the terms of the offer and the securities to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe for the securities, as the expression may be varied in that member state by any measure implementing the Prospectus Directive in that member state, and the expression Prospectus Directive means Directive 2003/71/EC (and amendments thereto, including the 2010 PD Amending Directive, to the extent implemented in the relevant member state) and includes any relevant implementing measure in the relevant member state. The expression 2010 PD Amending Directive means Directive 2010/73/EU.

The underwriters have not authorized and do not authorize the making of any offer of shares through any financial intermediary on their behalf, other than offers made by the underwriters with a view to the final placement of the shares as contemplated in this prospectus supplement. Accordingly, no purchaser of the securities, other than the underwriters, is authorized to make any further offer of the securities on our behalf or on behalf of the underwriters.

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AFFILIATIONS CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS

Some of the underwriters and their affiliates may from time to time in the future engage in transactions with us and perform services for us in the ordinary course of their business.

Affiliates of some of the underwriters are lenders under our revolving credit facility and will receive a pro rata portion of the net proceeds from this offering, if any, used to reduce amounts outstanding thereunder. See Use of Proceeds.

KA Associates, Inc., an affiliate of ours and Kayne Anderson, is a member of the selling group for this offering.

The respective addresses of the representatives are Citigroup Global Markets Inc., 388 Greenwich Street, New York, New York 10013; Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, One Bryant Park, New York, New York 10036; Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC, 1585 Broadway, New York, New York 10036; UBS Securities LLC, 299 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10171; and Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, 301 S. College Street, Charlotte, North Carolina 28288.

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LEGAL MATTERS

Certain legal matters in connection with our common stock will be passed upon for us by Paul Hastings LLP, Costa Mesa, California, and for the underwriters by Sidley Austin llp, New York, New York. Paul Hastings LLP and Sidley Austin llp may rely as to certain matters of Maryland law on the opinion of Venable LLP, Baltimore, Maryland.

WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We are subject to the informational requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act) and the 1940 Act, and are required to file reports, including annual and semi-annual reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. We voluntarily file quarterly shareholder reports. Our most recent shareholder report filed with the SEC is for the year ended November 30, 2011. These documents are available on the SEC's EDGAR system and can be inspected and copied for a fee at the SEC's public reference room, 100 F Street, N.E., Room 1580, Washington, D.C. 20549. Additional information about the operation of the public reference room facilities may be obtained by calling the SEC at (202) 551-5850.

This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus do not contain all of the information in our registration statement, including amendments, exhibits and schedules. Statements in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus about the contents of any contract or other document are not necessarily complete and in each instance reference is made to the copy of the contract or other document filed as an exhibit to the registration statement, each such statement being qualified in all respects by this reference. Additional information about us can be found in our registration statement (including amendments, exhibits, and schedules) on Form N-2 filed with the SEC. The SEC maintains a web site (<http://www.sec.gov>) that contains our registration statement, other documents incorporated by reference, and other information we have filed electronically with the SEC, including proxy statements and reports filed under the Exchange Act.

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AND FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 28, 2004
THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 2004 AND FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDED
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**KAYNE ANDERSON MLP INVESTMENT COMPANY
PORTFOLIO SUMMARY
(UNAUDITED)**

Portfolio Investments by Category

Top 10 Holdings by Issuer

	Holding	Sector	Percent of Total Investments*	
			as of November 30, 2011	2010
1.	Enterprise Products Partners L.P.	Midstream MLP	9.3%	9.1%
2.	Kinder Morgan Management, LLC	MLP Affiliate	7.4	6.5
3.	MarkWest Energy Partners, L.P.	Midstream MLP	5.6	4.9
4.	Plains All American Pipeline, L.P.	Midstream MLP	5.3	5.9
5.	Williams Partners L.P.	Midstream MLP	4.6	4.9
6.	Magellan Midstream Partners, L.P.	Midstream MLP	4.4	6.7
7.	Regency Energy Partners LP	Midstream MLP	4.1	3.2
8.	Energy Transfer Equity, L.P.	General Partner MLP	3.8	3.9
9.	Buckeye Partners, L.P.	Midstream MLP	3.6	0.5
10.	El Paso Pipeline Partners, L.P.	Midstream MLP	3.5	3.2

* Includes cash and repurchase agreement (if any).

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**KAYNE ANDERSON MLP INVESTMENT COMPANY
MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION
(UNAUDITED)**

Company Overview

Kayne Anderson MLP Investment Company is a non-diversified, closed-end fund that commenced operations in September 2004. Our investment objective is to obtain a high after-tax total return by investing at least 85% of our total assets in energy-related master limited partnerships and their affiliates (MLPs) and in other companies that operate assets used in the gathering, transporting, processing, storing, refining, distributing, mining or marketing of natural gas, natural gas liquids, crude oil, refined petroleum products or coal (collectively with MLPs, Midstream Energy Companies).

As of November 30, 2011, we had total assets of \$3.6 billion, net assets applicable to our common stock of \$2.0 billion (net asset value per share of \$27.01), and 75.1 million shares of common stock outstanding.

Our investments are principally in equity securities issued by MLPs, but we may also invest in debt securities of MLPs and debt/equity securities of Midstream Energy Companies. As of November 30, 2011, we held \$3.5 billion in equity investments and \$33.9 million in debt investments.

Results of Operations For the Three Months Ended November 30, 2011

Investment Income. Investment income totaled \$8.0 million and consisted primarily of net dividends and distributions and interest income on our investments. Interest and other income was \$0.8 million, and we received \$49.5 million of cash dividends and distributions, of which \$42.3 million was treated as return of capital during the quarter. During the quarter, we received \$7.0 million of paid-in-kind dividends, which are not included in investment income, but are reflected as an unrealized gain.

Operating Expenses. Operating expenses totaled \$25.3 million, including \$11.9 million of investment management fees, \$8.7 million of interest expense (including non-cash amortization of debt issuance costs of \$0.4 million), and \$1.1 million of other operating expenses. Management fees are calculated based on the average total assets under management. Preferred stock distributions for the quarter were \$3.6 million (including non-cash amortization of \$0.2 million).

Net Investment Loss. Our net investment loss totaled \$11.8 million and included a deferred income tax benefit of \$5.4 million.

Net Realized Gains. We had net realized gains from our investments of \$5.1 million, net of \$2.8 million of deferred tax expense.

Net Change in Unrealized Gains. We had a net change in unrealized gains of \$120.2 million. The net change consisted of \$190.7 million of unrealized gains from investments and a deferred tax expense of \$70.5 million.

Net Increase in Net Assets Resulting from Operations. We had an increase in net assets resulting from operations of \$113.5 million. This increase was composed of a net investment loss of \$11.8 million; net realized gains of \$5.1 million; and net change in unrealized gains of \$120.2 million, as noted above.

Results of Operations For the Fiscal Year Ended November 30, 2011

Investment Income. Investment income totaled \$23.5 million and consisted primarily of net dividends and distributions and interest income on our investments. Interest and other income was \$3.8 million, and we received \$187.2 million of cash dividends and distributions, of which \$167.5 million was treated as return of capital during the year. During the third quarter of fiscal 2011, we received 2010 tax reporting information from our portfolio investments that increased our return of capital estimate for 2010 by \$5.0 million. During the year, we received \$24.9 million of paid-in-kind dividends, which is not included in investment income but is reflected as an unrealized gain.

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Operating Expenses. Operating expenses totaled \$96.4 million, including \$46.5 million of investment management fees; \$33.6 million of interest expense (including non-cash amortization of debt issuance costs of \$1.6 million), and \$4.4 million of other operating expenses. Management fees are calculated based on the average total assets under management. Preferred stock distributions for the year were \$11.9 million (including non-cash amortization of \$0.5 million).

Net Investment Loss. Our net investment loss totaled \$49.9 million and included a deferred income tax benefit of \$22.9 million.

Net Realized Gains. We had net realized gains from our investments of \$110.2 million, net of \$64.6 million of tax expense.

Net Change in Unrealized Gains. We had a net change in unrealized gains of \$91.6 million. The net change consisted of \$145.3 million of unrealized gains from investments and a deferred tax expense of \$53.7 million.

Net Increase in Net Assets Resulting from Operations. We had an increase in net assets resulting from operations of \$151.9 million. This increase was composed of a net investment loss of \$49.9 million; net realized gains of \$110.2 million; and net change in unrealized gains of \$91.6 million, as noted above.

Distributions to Common Stockholders

We pay quarterly distributions to our common stockholders, funded in part by net distributable income (NDI) generated from our portfolio investments. NDI is the amount of income received by us from our portfolio investments less operating expenses, subject to certain adjustments as described below. NDI is not a financial measure under the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Refer to the Reconciliation of NDI to GAAP section below for a reconciliation of this measure to our results reported under GAAP.

Income from portfolio investments includes (a) cash dividends and distributions, (b) paid-in-kind dividends received (i.e., stock dividends), (c) interest income from debt securities and commitment fees from private investments in public equity (PIPE investments) and (d) net premiums received from the sale of covered calls.

Operating expenses include (a) investment management fees paid to our investment adviser, (b) other expenses (mostly attributable to fees paid to other service providers), (c) interest expense and preferred stock distributions and (d) deferred income tax expense/benefit on net investment income/loss.

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**KAYNE ANDERSON MLP INVESTMENT COMPANY
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Net Distributable Income (NDI)
(amounts in millions, except for per share amounts)

	Three Months Ended November 30, 2011	Fiscal Year Ended November 30, 2011
Distributions and Other Income from Investments		
Dividends and Distributions	\$ 49.5	\$ 187.2
Paid-In-Kind Dividends	7.0	24.9
Interest and Other Income ⁽¹⁾	1.2	5.7
Net Premiums Received from Call Options Written	1.4	5.1
Total Distributions and Other Income from Investments	59.1	222.9
Expenses		
Investment Management Fee	(11.9)	(46.5)
Other Expenses	(1.1)	(4.4)
Total Management Fee and Other Expenses	(13.0)	(50.9)
Interest Expense	(8.3)	(32.0)
Preferred Stock Distributions	(3.4)	(11.5)
Income Tax Benefit	5.4	22.9
Net Distributable Income (NDI)	\$ 39.8	\$ 151.4
Weighted Shares Outstanding	75.0	72.7
NDI per Weighted Share Outstanding	\$ 0.53	\$ 2.08
Distributions paid per Common Share⁽²⁾	\$ 0.51	\$ 2.00

(1) Includes \$0.4 million and \$1.9 million of commitment fees from PIPE investments, which are recorded as reductions to the cost of the investments.

(2) The distribution of \$0.51 per share for the fourth quarter of fiscal 2011 was paid to common stockholders on January 13, 2012. Distributions for fiscal 2011 include the distributions paid in April 2011, July 2011, October 2011 and the distribution paid in January 2012.

Payment of future distributions is subject to Board of Directors approval, as well as meeting the covenants of our debt agreements and terms of our preferred stock. In determining our quarterly distribution to common stockholders, our Board of Directors considers a number of factors that include, but are not limited to:

NDI generated in the current quarter;

Expected NDI over the next twelve months; and

Realized and unrealized gains generated by the portfolio.

On December 13, 2011, we increased our quarterly distribution to \$0.51 from \$0.5025 per common share for the fiscal fourth quarter 2011 for a total quarterly distribution payment of \$38.3 million. The distribution was paid on January 13, 2012 to common stockholders of record on January 5, 2012.

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**KAYNE ANDERSON MLP INVESTMENT COMPANY
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Reconciliation of NDI to GAAP

The difference between distributions and other income from investments in the NDI calculation and total investment income as reported in our Statement of Operations is reconciled as follows:

GAAP recognizes that a significant portion of the cash distributions received from MLPs is characterized as a return of capital and therefore excluded from investment income, whereas the NDI calculation includes the return of capital portion of such distributions.

NDI includes the value of dividends paid-in-kind, whereas such amounts are not included as investment income for GAAP purposes, but rather are recorded as unrealized gains upon receipt.

NDI includes commitment fees from PIPE investments, whereas such amounts are generally not included in investment income for GAAP purposes, but rather are recorded as a reduction to the cost of the investment.

Many of our investments in debt securities were purchased at a discount or premium to the par value of such security. When making such investments, we consider the security's yield to maturity, which factors in the impact of such discount (or premium). Interest income reported under GAAP includes the non-cash accretion of the discount (or amortization of the premium) based on the effective interest method. When we calculate interest income for purposes of determining NDI, in order to better reflect the yield to maturity, the accretion of the discount (or amortization of the premium) is calculated on a straight-line basis to the earlier of the expected call date or the maturity of the debt security.

We may sell covered call option contracts to generate income or to reduce our ownership of certain securities that we hold. In some cases, we are able to repurchase these call option contracts at a price less than the fee that we received, thereby generating a profit. The amount we received from selling call options, less the amount that we pay to repurchase such call option contracts is included in NDI. For GAAP purposes, premiums received from call option contracts sold is not included in investment income. See Note 2 – Significant Accounting Policies for a full discussion of the GAAP treatment of option contracts.

The treatment of expenses included in NDI also differs from what is reported in the Statement of Operations as follows:

The non-cash amortization or write-offs of capitalized debt issuance costs and preferred stock offering costs related to our financings is included in interest expense and distributions on mandatory redeemable preferred stock for GAAP purposes, but is excluded from our calculation of NDI.

NDI also includes recurring payments (or receipts) on interest rate swap contracts (excluding termination payments) whereas for GAAP purposes, these amounts are included in the realized gains/losses section of the Statement of Operations.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Total leverage outstanding at November 30, 2011 of \$1,035.0 million was comprised of \$775.0 million of senior unsecured notes (the Senior Notes) and \$260.0 million of mandatory redeemable preferred stock. At November 30,

2011, we did not have any borrowings outstanding under our unsecured revolving credit facility (the Credit Facility). Total leverage represented 29% of total assets at November 30, 2011. As of January 19, 2012, we had \$61.0 million borrowed under our Credit Facility, and we had \$2.7 million of cash.

During fiscal 2011, we increased the size of our Credit Facility from \$100.0 million to \$175.0 million through two amendments to the facility. The Credit Facility matures on June 11, 2013. The interest rate may vary between LIBOR plus 1.75% and LIBOR plus 3.00%, depending on our asset coverage ratios. Outstanding loan balances accrue interest daily at a rate equal to one-month LIBOR plus 1.75% based on current asset

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coverage ratios. We pay a commitment fee of 0.40% per annum on any unused amounts of the Credit Facility. A full copy of our Credit Facility is available on our website, www.kaynefunds.com.

At November 30, 2011, our asset coverage ratios under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the 1940 Act), were 395% and 296% for debt and total leverage (debt plus preferred stock), respectively. We currently target an asset coverage ratio with respect to our debt of 375%, but at times may be above or below our target depending on market conditions.

We had \$775.0 million of senior unsecured notes outstanding at November 30, 2011. Of this amount, \$60.0 million matures in 2012 and remaining \$715.0 million of senior unsecured notes matures between 2013 and 2022. As of the same date, we had \$260.0 million of mandatory redeemable preferred stock, which is subject to mandatory redemption starting on 2017 through 2020.

Our leverage, at November 30, 2011, consisted of both fixed rate (85%) and floating rate (15%) obligations. At such date, the weighted average interest rate on our leverage was 4.51%.

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**KAYNE ANDERSON MLP INVESTMENT COMPANY
SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS**

NOVEMBER 30, 2011

(amounts in 000 s, except number of option contracts)

Description	No. of Shares/Units	Value
Long-Term Investments 173.6%		
Equity Investments⁽¹⁾ 171.9%		
Midstream MLP⁽²⁾ 117.9%		
Boardwalk Pipeline Partners, LP	703	\$ 18,240
Buckeye Partners, L.P.	1,253	79,966
Buckeye Partners, L.P. Class B Units ⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾	848	48,645
Chesapeake Midstream Partners, L.P.	785	20,580
Copano Energy, L.L.C.	1,891	62,583
Crestwood Midstream Partners LP	1,558	46,542
Crestwood Midstream Partners LP Class C Units ⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾	1,116	29,934
Crosstex Energy, L.P.	1,619	25,147
DCP Midstream Partners, LP	1,974	84,703
El Paso Pipeline Partners, L.P.	3,774	123,684
Enbridge Energy Partners, L.P.	3,326	103,010
Energy Transfer Partners, L.P.	1,767	77,335
Enterprise Products Partners L.P.	7,323	333,105
Exterran Partners, L.P.	2,506	54,407
Global Partners LP	1,936	40,050
Holly Energy Partners, L.P.	449	25,001
Magellan Midstream Partners, L.P. ⁽⁵⁾	2,432	155,621
MarkWest Energy Partners, L.P.	3,750	201,162
Niska Gas Storage Partners LLC	1,407	13,620
Oiltanking Partners, L.P.	634	18,259
ONEOK Partners, L.P.	2,307	116,651
PAA Natural Gas Storage, L.P.	1,266	22,145
Plains All American Pipeline, L.P. ⁽⁶⁾	2,903	188,296
Regency Energy Partners L.P.	6,328	145,610
Spectra Energy Partners, L.P.	1,018	30,829
Targa Resources Partners L.P.	1,753	65,797
TC PipeLines, LP	435	20,701
Tesoro Logistics LP	502	13,697
Transmontaigne Partners L.P.	627	19,166
Western Gas Partners L.P.	1,156	43,548
Williams Partners L.P.	2,850	165,497
		2,393,531
MLP Affiliate⁽²⁾ 16.8%		
Enbridge Energy Management, L.L.C. ⁽⁴⁾	2,381	75,870
Kinder Morgan Management, LLC ⁽⁴⁾	3,740	264,691

		340,561
General Partner MLP⁽²⁾ 11.0%		
Alliance Holdings GP L.P.	1,682	85,240
Energy Transfer Equity, L.P.	3,873	136,671
NuStar GP Holdings, LLC	68	2,004
		223,915
Shipping MLP 8.9%		
Capital Product Partners L.P.	2,841	17,613
Golar LNG Partners LP	75	2,183
Navios Maritime Partners L.P.	1,950	26,636
Teekay LNG Partners L.P.	1,471	47,349

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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KAYNE ANDERSON MLP INVESTMENT COMPANY
SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS
NOVEMBER 30, 2011
(amounts in 000 s, except number of option contracts)

Description	No. of Shares/Units	Value
Shipping MLP (continued)		
Teekay Offshore Partners L.P.	1,654	\$ 46,139
Teekay Offshore Partners L.P. Unregistered, Common Unit ⁽³⁾	1,569	40,711
		180,631
Midstream 6.0%		
Kinder Morgan, Inc.	1,271	37,497
ONEOK, Inc.	361	30,037
Plains All American GP LLC Unregistered ⁽⁴⁾⁽⁶⁾	24	41,199
Targa Resources Corp.	68	2,333
The Williams Companies, Inc.	340	10,969
		122,035
Propane MLP 3.9%		
Inergy, L.P.	3,260	78,834
Coal MLP 3.6%		
Penn Virginia Resource Partners, L.P.	2,997	72,954
Upstream MLP & Income Trust 3.4%		
BreitBurn Energy Partners L.P.	905	16,737
Chesapeake Granite Wash Trust ⁽⁸⁾	151	3,011
Legacy Reserves L.P.	545	14,614
SandRidge Mississippian Trust I	355	9,598
SandRidge Permian Trust	988	18,881
VOC Energy Trust	340	7,052
		69,893
Other 0.4%		
Clearwater Trust ⁽³⁾⁽⁶⁾⁽⁷⁾	N/A	3,640
Teekay Tankers Ltd.	949	3,606
		7,246

Total Equity Investments (Cost \$2,213,662) 3,489,600

	Interest Rate	Maturity Date	Principal Amount	
Debt Investments 1.7%				
Midstream 1.0%				
Crestwood Holdings Partners, LLC	(9)	10/1/16	\$ 5,752	5,838
Crestwood Midstream Partners LP	7.750%	4/1/19	15,000	14,775
				20,613
Other 0.3%				
Calumet Specialty Products Partners, L.P.	9.375	5/1/19	4,000	3,860
Calumet Specialty Products Partners, L.P.	9.375	5/1/19	2,000	1,910
				5,770
Upstream 0.2%				
Eagle Rock Energy Partners, L.P.	8.375	6/1/19	975	970
Linn Energy, LLC	8.625	4/15/20	2,000	2,100
Linn Energy, LLC	7.750	2/1/21	1,500	1,508
				4,578

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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KAYNE ANDERSON MLP INVESTMENT COMPANY
SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS
NOVEMBER 30, 2011
(amounts in 000 s, except number of option contracts)

Description	Interest Rate	Maturity Date	Principal Amount	Value
Coal MLP 0.2%				
Penn Virginia Resource Partners, L.P.	8.250%	4/15/18	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,970
Total Energy Debt Investments (Cost \$34,151)				33,931
Total Long-Term Investments (Cost \$2,247,813)				3,523,531
			No. of Contracts	
Liabilities				
Call Option Contracts Written⁽¹⁰⁾				
Midstream MLP				
Magellan Midstream Partners, L.P., call option expiring 12/16/11 @ \$65.00 (Premiums Received \$121)			1,119	(28)
Senior Unsecured Notes				(775,000)
Mandatory Redeemable Preferred Stock at Liquidation Value				(260,000)
Deferred Tax Liability				(486,106)
Other Liabilities				(38,584)
Total Liabilities				(1,559,718)
Other Assets				65,790
Total Liabilities in Excess of Other Assets				(1,493,928)
Net Assets Applicable to Common Stockholders				\$ 2,029,603

(1) Unless otherwise noted, equity investments are common units/common shares.

(2) Includes limited liability companies.

(3) Fair valued securities, restricted from public sale. See Notes 2, 3 and 7 in Notes to Financial Statements.

(4) Distributions are paid-in-kind.

- (5) Security or a portion thereof is segregated as collateral on option contracts written.
- (6) The Company believes that it is an affiliate of the Clearwater Trust, Plains All American Pipeline, L.P. and Plains All American GP LLC. See Note 5 Agreements and Affiliations.
- (7) The Company owns an interest in the Creditors Trust of Miller Bros. Coal, LLC (Clearwater Trust) consisting of cash and a coal royalty interest. See Notes 5 and 7 in Notes to Financial Statements.
- (8) Security is not currently paying cash distributions but is expected to pay cash distributions within the next 12 months.
- (9) Floating rate first lien senior secured term loan. Security pays interest at a rate of LIBOR + 850 basis points, with a 2% LIBOR floor (10.50% as of November 30, 2011).
- (10) Security is non-income producing.

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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**KAYNE ANDERSON MLP INVESTMENT COMPANY
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

NOVEMBER 30, 2011

(amounts in 000 s, except share and per share amounts)

ASSETS

Investments at fair value:

Non-affiliated (Cost \$2,144,220)	\$ 3,290,396
Affiliated (Cost \$103,593)	233,135

Total investments (Cost \$2,247,813)	3,523,531
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Cash	53,830
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Deposits with brokers	274
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Receivable for securities sold	1,252
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Interest, dividends and distributions receivable	884
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Deferred debt issuance and preferred stock offering costs and other assets	9,550
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Total Assets	3,589,321
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LIABILITIES

Payable for securities purchased	8,682
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Investment management fee payable	11,914
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Accrued directors fees and expenses	79
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Call option contracts written (Premiums received \$121)	28
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Accrued expenses and other liabilities	17,909
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Deferred tax liability	486,106
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Senior unsecured notes	775,000
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Mandatory redeemable preferred stock, \$25.00 liquidation value per share (10,400,000 shares issued and outstanding)	260,000
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Total Liabilities	1,559,718
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NET ASSETS APPLICABLE TO COMMON STOCKHOLDERS	\$ 2,029,603
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NET ASSETS APPLICABLE TO COMMON STOCKHOLDERS CONSIST OF

Common stock, \$0.001 par value (75,130,209 shares issued and outstanding, 189,600,000 shares authorized)	\$ 75
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Paid-in capital	1,369,132
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Accumulated net investment loss, net of income taxes, less dividends	(335,774)
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Accumulated realized gains on investments, options, and interest rate swap contracts, net of income taxes	195,655
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Net unrealized gains on investments and options, net of income taxes	800,515
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NET ASSETS APPLICABLE TO COMMON STOCKHOLDERS	\$ 2,029,603
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NET ASSET VALUE PER COMMON SHARE	\$ 27.01
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See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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KAYNE ANDERSON MLP INVESTMENT COMPANY
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 2011
(amounts in 000 s)

INVESTMENT INCOME**Income**

Dividends and distributions:

Non-affiliated investments	\$ 173,272
Affiliated investments	13,938

Total dividends and distributions	187,210
Return of capital	(167,542)

Net dividends and distributions	19,668
Interest and other income	3,857

Total Investment Income	23,525
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Expenses

Investment management fees	46,522
Administration fees	1,249
Professional fees	571
Custodian fees	391
Reports to stockholders	359
Directors' fees and expenses	279
Insurance	201
Other expenses	1,332

Total Expenses Before Interest Expense, Preferred Distributions and Taxes	50,904
Interest expense and amortization of debt issuance costs	33,560
Distributions on mandatory redeemable preferred stock and amortization of offering costs	11,936

Total Expenses Before Taxes	96,400
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Net Investment Loss Before Taxes	(72,875)
Deferred tax benefit	22,922

Net Investment Loss	(49,953)
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REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAINS (LOSSES)**Net Realized Gains (Losses)**

Investments non-affiliated	170,319
Investments affiliated	1,597
Options	3,222
Payments on interest rate swap contracts	(345)
Deferred tax expense	(64,600)

Net Realized Gains	110,193
Net Change in Unrealized Gains (Losses)	
Investments non-affiliated	118,859
Investments affiliated	26,816
Options	(332)
Deferred tax expense	(53,717)
Net Change in Unrealized Gains	91,626
Net Realized and Unrealized Gains	201,819
NET INCREASE IN NET ASSETS APPLICABLE TO COMMON STOCKHOLDERS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS	\$ 151,866

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KAYNE ANDERSON MLP INVESTMENT COMPANY
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS APPLICABLE TO COMMON STOCKHOLDERS
(amounts in 000 s, except share amounts)

	For the Fiscal Year Ended November 30,	
	2011	2010
OPERATIONS		
Net investment loss, net of tax ⁽¹⁾	\$ (49,953)	\$ (26,342)
Net realized gains, net of tax	110,193	34,340
Net change in unrealized gains, net of tax	91,626	487,184
Net Increase in Net Assets Resulting from Operations	151,866	495,182
DIVIDENDS TO AUCTION RATE PREFERRED STOCKHOLDERS⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾		
Dividends		\$ (177)
DIVIDENDS AND DISTRIBUTIONS TO COMMON STOCKHOLDERS⁽²⁾		
Dividends	(89,963)	(49,829)
Distributions return of capital	(51,663)	(64,293)
Dividends and Distributions to Common Stockholders	(141,626)	(114,122)
CAPITAL STOCK TRANSACTIONS		
Proceeds from common stock offerings of 5,700,000 and 15,846,650 shares of common stock, respectively	174,306	396,211
Underwriting discounts and offering expenses associated with the issuance of common stock	(7,322)	(15,169)
Issuance of 958,808 and 1,045,210 newly issued shares of common stock from reinvestment of distributions, respectively	26,488	25,689
Net Increase in Net Assets Applicable to Common Stockholders from Capital Stock Transactions	193,472	406,731
Total Increase in Net Assets Applicable to Common Stockholders	203,712	787,614
NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO COMMON STOCKHOLDERS		
Beginning of year	1,825,891	1,038,277
End of year	\$ 2,029,603	\$ 1,825,891

(1) Distributions on the Company's mandatory redeemable preferred stock are treated as an operating expense under GAAP and are included in the calculation of net investment loss. See Note 2 Significant Accounting Policies. Distributions in the amount of \$11,451 and \$3,644 paid to mandatory redeemable preferred stockholders for the fiscal years ended November 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively, were characterized as qualified dividend income. This characterization is based on the Company's earnings and profits.

- (2) The information presented in each of these items is a characterization of a portion of the total dividends and distributions paid to auction rate preferred stockholders and common stockholders for the fiscal years ended November 30, 2011 and 2010 as either dividends (qualified dividend income) or distributions (return of capital). This characterization is based on the Company's earnings and profits.

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KAYNE ANDERSON MLP INVESTMENT COMPANY
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 2011
(amounts in 000 s)

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

Net increase in net assets resulting from operations	\$ 151,866
Adjustments to reconcile net increase in net assets resulting from operations to net cash used in operating activities:	
Net deferred tax expense	95,395
Return of capital distributions	167,542
Net realized gains	(174,793)
Net unrealized gains	(145,343)
Amortization of bond premiums, net	4
Purchase of long-term investments	(1,121,642)
Proceeds from sale of long-term investments	748,958
Proceeds from sale of short-term investments, net	16,320
Decrease in deposits with brokers	807
Increase in receivable for securities sold	(352)
Decrease in interest, dividends and distributions receivable	901
Amortization of deferred debt issuance costs	1,577
Amortization of mandatory redeemable preferred stock issuance costs	485
Increase in other assets, net	(190)
Increase in payable for securities purchased	3,038
Increase in investment management fee payable	2,549
Increase in accrued directors' fees and expenses	25
Decrease in call option contracts written, net	(1,126)
Increase in accrued expenses and other liabilities	4,760
Net Cash Used in Operating Activities	(249,219)

CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES

Issuance of shares of common stock, net of offering costs	166,984
Proceeds from offering of senior unsecured notes	230,000
Proceeds from issuance on mandatory redeemable preferred stock	100,000
Redemption of senior unsecured notes	(75,000)
Costs associated with issuance of revolving credit facility	(379)
Costs associated with issuance of senior unsecured notes	(1,641)
Costs associated with issuance of mandatory redeemable preferred stock	(2,322)
Cash distributions paid to common stockholders	(115,138)
Net Cash Provided by Financing Activities	302,504

NET INCREASE IN CASH	53,285
CASH BEGINNING OF YEAR	545
CASH END OF YEAR	\$ 53,830

Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:

Non-cash financing activities not included herein consist of reinvestment of distributions of \$26,488 pursuant to the Company's dividend reinvestment plan.

During the fiscal year ended November 30, 2011, interest paid was \$28,170 and there were no income taxes paid.

The Company received \$24,941 paid-in-kind dividends during the fiscal year ended November 30, 2011. See Note 2 Significant Accounting Policies.

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KAYNE ANDERSON MLP INVESTMENT COMPANY
FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

(amounts in 000 s, except share and per share amounts)

	For the Fiscal Year Ended November 30,								For Per September 20 thru November 2
	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005		
Block ⁽²⁾									
Price, per share, for the period	\$ 26.67	\$ 20.13	\$ 14.74	\$ 30.08	\$ 28.99	\$ 25.07	\$ 23.91	\$	
Change in book value (4)	(0.69)	(0.44)	(0.33)	(0.73)	(0.73)	(0.62)	(0.17)		
Change in operating income/(loss)	2.91	8.72	7.50	(12.56)	3.58	6.39	2.80		
Change in equity (loss)	2.22	8.28	7.17	(13.29)	2.85	5.77	2.63		
Change in Preferred equity (5)					(0.10)		(0.05)		
Change in Preferred return of equity			(0.01)	(0.10)		(0.10)			
Change in equity from Auction and other sources			(0.01)	(0.10)	(0.10)	(0.10)	(0.05)		
Change in equity from dividends ⁽⁵⁾	(1.26)	(0.84)			(0.09)		(0.13)		
Change in equity from contributions total ⁽⁵⁾	(0.72)	(1.08)	(1.94)	(1.99)	(1.84)	(1.75)	(1.37)		
Change in equity from Common equity	(1.98)	(1.92)	(1.94)	(1.99)	(1.93)	(1.75)	(1.50)		
Change in equity from discounts and costs on the sale of auction and other stock interest								(0.03)	
Change in equity from other sources	0.09	0.16	0.12		0.26		0.11		

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Shares issued Percent of	0.01	0.02	0.05	0.04	0.01					
Stock	0.10	0.18	0.17	0.04	0.27				0.08	
Price, end of	\$ 27.01	\$ 26.67	\$ 20.13	\$ 14.74	\$ 30.08	\$ 28.99	\$ 25.07	\$		
Price per share of stock, end	\$ 28.03	\$ 28.49	\$ 24.43	\$ 13.37	\$ 28.27	\$ 31.39	\$ 24.33	\$		
Percent return on common value ⁽⁶⁾	5.6%	26.0%	103.0%	(48.8)%	(4.4)%	37.9%	3.7%			

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FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS****(amounts in 000 s, except share and per share amounts)****For the Fiscal Year Ended
November 30,**

2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
\$ 2,029,603	\$ 1,825,891	\$ 1,038,277	\$ 651,156	\$ 1,300,030	\$ 1,103,392	\$ 932,090
2.4%	2.1%	2.1%	2.2%	2.3%	3.2%	1.2%
0.2	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3
2.6	2.3	2.5	2.5	2.5	3.4	1.5
2.3	1.9	2.5	3.4	2.3	1.7	0.8
4.8	20.5	25.4	(9)	3.5	13.8	6.4
9.7%	24.7%	30.4%	5.9%	8.3%	18.9%	8.7%
(2.5)%	(1.8)%	(2.0)%	(2.8)%	(2.3)%	(2.4)%	(0.7)%
7.7%	34.6%	43.2%	(51.2)%	7.3%	21.7%	10.0%

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	22.3%	18.7%	28.9%	6.7%	10.6%	10.0%	25.6%
\$	1,971,469	\$ 1,432,266	\$ 774,999	\$ 1,143,192	\$ 1,302,425	\$ 986,908	\$ 870,672
	775,000	620,000	370,000	304,000	505,000	320,000	260,000
					97,000	17,000	
			75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000
	260,000	160,000					
	72,661,162	60,762,952	46,894,632	43,671,666	41,134,949	37,638,314	34,077,731
	395.4%	420.3%	400.9%	338.9%	328.4%	449.7%	487.3%
	296.1%	334.1%	333.3%	271.8%	292.0%	367.8%	378.2%
\$	10.09	\$ 7.70	\$ 6.79	\$ 11.52	\$ 12.14	\$ 8.53	\$ 5.57

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**KAYNE ANDERSON MLP INVESTMENT COMPANY
FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

(amounts in 000 s, except share and per share amounts)

- (1) Commencement of operations.
- (2) Based on average shares of common stock outstanding.
- (3) Initial public offering price of \$25.00 per share less underwriting discounts of \$1.25 per share and offering costs of \$0.05 per share.
- (4) Distributions on the Company's mandatory redeemable preferred stock are treated as an operating expense under GAAP and are included in the calculation of net investment loss. See Note 2 Significant Accounting Policies.
- (5) The information presented for each period is a characterization of the total distributions paid to preferred stockholders and common stockholders as either a dividend (ordinary income) or a distribution (return of capital) and is based on the Company's earnings and profits.
- (6) Total investment return is calculated assuming a purchase of common stock at the market price on the first day and a sale at the current market price on the last day of the period reported. The calculation also assumes reinvestment of distributions at actual prices pursuant to the Company's dividend reinvestment plan.
- (7) Not annualized.
- (8) Unless otherwise noted, ratios are annualized.
- (9) For the fiscal year ended November 30, 2008, the Company accrued deferred income tax benefits of \$339,991 (29.7% of average net assets) primarily related to unrealized losses on investments. Realization of a deferred tax benefit is dependent on whether there will be sufficient taxable income of the appropriate character within the carryforward periods to realize a portion or all of the deferred tax benefit. No deferred income tax benefit has been included for the purpose of calculating total expense.
- (10) Calculated pursuant to section 18(a)(1)(A) of the 1940 Act. Represents the value of total assets less all liabilities not represented by Senior Notes or any other senior securities representing indebtedness and mandatory redeemable preferred stock divided by the aggregate amount of Senior Notes and any other senior securities representing indebtedness. Under the 1940 Act, the Company may not declare or make any distribution on its common stock nor can it incur additional indebtedness if, at the time of such declaration or incurrence, its asset coverage with respect to senior securities representing indebtedness would be less than 300%. For purposes of this test, the revolving credit facility is considered a senior security representing indebtedness.
- (11) Calculated pursuant to section 18(a)(2)(A) of the 1940 Act. Represents the value of total assets less all liabilities not represented by Senior Notes, any other senior securities representing indebtedness and preferred stock divided by the aggregate amount of Senior Notes, any other senior securities representing indebtedness and preferred stock. Under the 1940 Act, the Company may not declare or make any distribution on its common stock nor can it issue additional preferred stock if at the time of such declaration or issuance, its asset coverage with respect to all senior securities would be less than 200%. In addition to the limitations under the 1940 Act, the Company, under the terms of its mandatory redeemable preferred stock, would not be able to declare or pay

any distributions on its common stock if such declaration would cause its asset coverage with respect to all senior securities to be less than 225%. For purposes of these tests, the revolving credit facility is considered a senior security representing indebtedness.

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KAYNE ANDERSON MLP INVESTMENT COMPANY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. Organization

Kayne Anderson MLP Investment Company (the Company) was organized as a Maryland corporation on June 4, 2004, and is a non-diversified closed-end management investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the 1940 Act). The Company's investment objective is to obtain a high after-tax total return by investing at least 85% of its net assets plus any borrowings (total assets) in energy-related master limited partnerships and their affiliates (collectively, MLPs), and in other companies that, as their principal business, operate assets used in the gathering, transporting, processing, storing, refining, distributing, mining or marketing of natural gas, natural gas liquids (including propane), crude oil, refined petroleum products or coal (collectively with MLPs, Midstream Energy Companies). The Company commenced operations on September 28, 2004. The Company's shares of common stock are listed on the New York Stock Exchange, Inc. (NYSE) under the symbol KYN.

2. Significant Accounting Policies

A. Use of Estimates The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities as of the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the period. Actual results could differ materially from those estimates.

B. Cash and Cash Equivalents Cash and cash equivalents include short-term, liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less and include money market fund accounts.

C. Calculation of Net Asset Value The Company determines its net asset value no less frequently than as of the last day of each month based on the most recent close of regular session trading on the NYSE, and makes its net asset value available for publication monthly. Currently, the Company calculates its net asset value on a weekly basis. Net asset value is computed by dividing the value of the Company's assets (including accrued interest and distributions), less all of its liabilities (including accrued expenses, distributions payable, current and deferred accrued income taxes, and any borrowings) and the liquidation value of any outstanding preferred stock, by the total number of common shares outstanding.

D. Investment Valuation Readily marketable portfolio securities listed on any exchange other than the NASDAQ Stock Market, Inc. (NASDAQ) are valued, except as indicated below, at the last sale price on the business day as of which such value is being determined. If there has been no sale on such day, the securities are valued at the mean of the most recent bid and ask prices on such day. Securities admitted to trade on the NASDAQ are valued at the NASDAQ official closing price. Portfolio securities traded on more than one securities exchange are valued at the last sale price on the business day as of which such value is being determined at the close of the exchange representing the principal market for such securities.

Equity securities traded in the over-the-counter market, but excluding securities admitted to trading on the NASDAQ, are valued at the closing bid prices. Debt securities that are considered bonds are valued by using the mean of the bid and ask prices provided by an independent pricing service. For debt securities that are considered bank loans, the fair market value is determined by the mean of the bid and ask prices provided by the agent or syndicate bank or principal market maker. When price quotes are not available, fair market value will be based on prices of comparable securities. In certain cases, the Company may not be able to purchase or sell debt securities at the quoted prices due to the lack of

liquidity for these securities.

Exchange-traded options and futures contracts are valued at the last sales price at the close of trading in the market where such contracts are principally traded or, if there was no sale on the applicable exchange on such day, at the mean between the quoted bid and ask price as of the close of such exchange.

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The Company holds securities that are privately issued or otherwise restricted as to resale. For these securities, as well as any other portfolio security held by the Company for which reliable market quotations are not readily available, valuations are determined in a manner that most fairly reflects fair value of the security on the valuation date. Unless otherwise determined by the Board of Directors, the following valuation process is used for such securities:

Investment Team Valuation. The applicable investments are valued by senior professionals of KA Fund Advisors, LLC (KAFAs or the Adviser) who are responsible for the portfolio investments. The investments will be valued quarterly, unless a new investment is made during the quarter, in which case such investment is valued at the end of the month in which the investment was made.

Investment Team Valuation Documentation. Preliminary valuation conclusions will be determined by senior management of KAFAs. Such valuations are submitted to the Valuation Committee (a committee of the Company's Board of Directors) or the Board of Directors on a monthly or quarterly basis, as appropriate, and stand for intervening periods of time.

Valuation Committee. The Valuation Committee meets to consider the valuations submitted by KAFAs (1) at the end of each month for new investments, if any, and (2) at the end of each quarter for existing investments. Between meetings of the Valuation Committee, a senior officer of KAFAs is authorized to make valuation determinations. All valuation determinations of the Valuation Committee are subject to ratification by the Board of Directors at its next regular meeting.

Valuation Firm. No less than quarterly, a third-party valuation firm engaged by the Board of Directors reviews the valuation methodologies and calculations employed for these securities.

Board of Directors Determination. The Board of Directors meets quarterly to consider the valuations provided by KAFAs and the Valuation Committee, if applicable, and ratify valuations for the applicable securities. The Board of Directors considers the report provided by the third-party valuation firm in reviewing and determining in good faith the fair value of the applicable portfolio securities.

Unless otherwise determined by the Board of Directors, securities that are convertible into or otherwise will become publicly traded (e.g., through subsequent registration or expiration of a restriction on trading) are valued through the process described above, using a valuation based on the fair value of the publicly traded security less a discount. The discount is initially equal in amount to the discount negotiated at the time the purchase price is agreed to. To the extent that such securities are convertible or otherwise become publicly traded within a time frame that may be reasonably determined, this discount will be amortized on a straight line basis over such estimated time frame.

At November 30, 2011, the Company held 8.1% of its net assets applicable to common stockholders (4.6% of total assets) in securities valued at fair value, as determined pursuant to procedures adopted by the Board of Directors, with fair value of \$164,129. See Note 7 Restricted Securities.

E. Repurchase Agreements The Company has agreed, from time to time, to purchase securities from financial institutions, subject to the seller's agreement to repurchase them at an agreed-upon time and price (repurchase agreements). The financial institutions with whom the Company enters into repurchase agreements are banks and broker/dealers which KAFAs considers creditworthy. The seller under a repurchase agreement is required to maintain the value of the securities as collateral, subject to the agreement, at not less than the repurchase price plus accrued

interest. Kafa monitors daily the mark-to-market of the value of the collateral, and, if necessary, requires the seller to maintain additional securities so that the value of the collateral is not less than the repurchase price. Default by or bankruptcy of the seller would, however, expose the Company to possible loss because of adverse market action or delays in connection with the disposition of the underlying securities. As of November 30, 2011, the Company did not have any repurchase agreements.

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F. Short Sales A short sale is a transaction in which the Company sells securities it does not own (but has borrowed) in anticipation of or to hedge against a decline in the market price of the securities. To complete a short sale, the Company may arrange through a broker to borrow the securities to be delivered to the buyer. The proceeds received by the Company for the short sale are retained by the broker until the Company replaces the borrowed securities. In borrowing the securities to be delivered to the buyer, the Company becomes obligated to replace the securities borrowed at their market price at the time of replacement, whatever the price may be.

The Company's short sales, if any, are fully collateralized. The Company is required to maintain assets consisting of cash or liquid securities equal in amount to the liability created by the short sale. These assets are adjusted daily to reflect changes in the value of the securities sold short. The Company is liable for any dividends or distributions paid on securities sold short.

The Company may also sell short against the box (*i.e.*, the Company enters into a short sale as described above while holding an offsetting long position in the security which it sold short). If the Company enters into a short sale against the box, the Company would segregate an equivalent amount of securities owned as collateral while the short sale is outstanding. During the fiscal year ended November 30, 2011, the Company did not engage in any short sales.

G. Security Transactions Security transactions are accounted for on the date these securities are purchased or sold (trade date). Realized gains and losses are reported on an identified cost basis.

H. Return of Capital Estimates Distributions received from the Company's investments in MLPs generally are comprised of income and return of capital. The Company records investment income and return of capital based on estimates made at the time such distributions are received. Such estimates are based on historical information available from each MLP and other industry sources. These estimates may subsequently be revised based on information received from MLPs after their tax reporting periods are concluded.

The following table sets forth the Company's estimated total return of capital portion of the distributions received from its investments. The return of capital portion of the distributions is a reduction to investment income, results in an equivalent reduction in the cost basis of the associated investments and increases net realized gains (losses) and net change in unrealized gains (losses).

	Fiscal Year Ended November 30, 2011
Return of capital portion of distributions received	89%
Return of capital attributable to net realized gains (losses)	\$ 29,133
Return of capital attributable to net change in unrealized gains (losses)	138,409
Total return of capital	\$ 167,542

For the fiscal year ended November 30, 2011, the Company estimated the return of capital portion of distributions received to be \$162,512 or 87%. This amount was increased by \$5,030 attributable to 2010 tax reporting information received by the Company in the third quarter of fiscal 2011. As a result, the return of capital percentage for fiscal year ended November 30, 2011 was 89%, respectively.

I. *Investment Income* The Company records dividends and distributions on the ex-dividend date. Interest income is recognized on the accrual basis, including amortization of premiums and accretion of discounts. When investing in securities with payment in-kind interest, the Company will accrue interest income during the life of the security even though it will not be receiving cash as the interest is accrued. To the extent that interest income to be received is not expected to be realized, a reserve against income is

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established. During the fiscal year ended November 30, 2011, the Company did not have a reserve against interest income, since all interest income accrued is expected to be received.

Many of the debt securities that the Company holds were purchased at a discount or premium to the par value of the security. The non-cash accretion of a discount to par value increases interest income while the non-cash amortization of a premium to par value decreases interest income. The accretion of a discount and amortization of premiums are based on the effective interest method. The amount of these non-cash adjustments can be found in the Company's Statement of Cash Flows. The non-cash accretion of a discount increases the cost basis of the debt security, which results in an offsetting unrealized loss. The non-cash amortization of a premium decreases the cost basis of the debt security which results in an offsetting unrealized gain. To the extent that par value is not expected to be realized, the Company discontinues accruing the non-cash accretion of the discount to par value of the debt security.

The Company receives paid-in-kind dividends in the form of additional units from its investment in Buckeye Partners, L.P. (Class B Units), Crestwood Midstream Partners LP (Class C Units), Enbridge Energy Management, L.L.C. and Kinder Morgan Management, LLC. In connection with the purchase of units directly from PAA Natural Gas Storage, L.P. in a private investment in public equity (PIPE investments) transaction, the Company was entitled to the distribution paid to unitholders of record on February 4, 2011, even though such investment had not closed at such date. Pursuant to the purchase agreement, the purchase price for the PAA Natural Gas Storage, L.P. units was reduced by the amount of such dividend, which had the effect of paying such distribution in additional units. The additional units are not reflected in investment income during the period received but are recorded as unrealized gains. During the fiscal year ended November 30, 2011, the Company received the following paid-in-kind dividends.

	Fiscal Year Ended November 30, 2011
Buckeye Partners, L.P. (Class B Units)	\$ 2,737
Crestwood Midstream Partners LP (Class C Units)	1,488
Enbridge Energy Management, L.L.C.	4,584
Kinder Morgan Management, LLC	15,649
PAA Natural Gas Storage, L.P.	483
Total paid-in-kind dividends	\$ 24,941

J. Distributions to Stockholders Distributions to common stockholders are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Distributions to mandatory redeemable preferred stockholders are accrued on a daily basis as described in Note 12 Preferred Stock. As required by the Distinguishing Liabilities from Equity topic of the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification, the Company includes the accrued distributions on its mandatory redeemable preferred stock as an operating expense due to the fixed term of this obligation. For tax purposes the payments made to the holders of the Company's mandatory redeemable preferred stock are treated as dividends or distributions.

The estimated characterization of the distributions paid to preferred and common stockholders will be either a dividend (ordinary income) or distribution (return of capital). This estimate is based on the Company's operating results during the period. The actual characterization of the preferred and common stock distributions made during the current year will not be determinable until after the end of the fiscal year when the Company can determine earnings and profits and, therefore, the characterization may differ from the preliminary estimates.

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K. Partnership Accounting Policy The Company records its pro rata share of the income (loss) and capital gains (losses), to the extent of distributions it has received, allocated from the underlying partnerships and adjusts the cost basis of the underlying partnerships accordingly. These amounts are included in the Company's Statement of Operations.

L. Federal and State Income Taxation The Company, as a corporation, is obligated to pay federal and state income tax on its taxable income. The Company invests its assets primarily in MLPs, which generally are treated as partnerships for federal income tax purposes. As a limited partner in the MLPs, the Company includes its allocable share of the MLP's taxable income in computing its own taxable income. Deferred income taxes reflect (i) taxes on unrealized gains/(losses), which are attributable to the temporary difference between fair value and tax basis, (ii) the net tax effects of temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for income tax purposes and (iii) the net tax benefit of accumulated net operating and capital losses. To the extent the Company has a deferred tax asset, consideration is given as to whether or not a valuation allowance is required. The need to establish a valuation allowance for deferred tax assets is assessed periodically by the Company based on the Income Tax Topic of the FASB Accounting Standards Codification that it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred tax asset will not be realized. In the assessment for a valuation allowance, consideration is given to all positive and negative evidence related to the realization of the deferred tax asset. This assessment considers, among other matters, the nature, frequency and severity of current and cumulative losses, forecasts of future profitability (which are highly dependent on future cash distributions from the Company's MLP holdings), the duration of statutory carryforward periods and the associated risk that operating and capital loss carryforwards may expire unused.

The Company may rely to some extent on information provided by the MLPs, which may not necessarily be timely, to estimate taxable income allocable to the MLP units held in the portfolio and to estimate the associated deferred tax liability. Such estimates are made in good faith. From time to time, as new information becomes available, the Company modifies its estimates or assumptions regarding the deferred tax liability.

The Company's policy is to classify interest and penalties associated with underpayment of federal and state income taxes, if any, as income tax expense on its Statement of Operations. As of November 30, 2011, the Company did not have any interest or penalties associated with the underpayment of any income taxes. The tax years from 2008 through 2011 remain open and subject to examination by tax jurisdictions.

M. Derivative Financial Instruments The Company may utilize derivative financial instruments in its operations.

Interest rate swap contracts. The Company may use hedging techniques such as interest rate swaps to mitigate potential interest rate risk on a portion of the Company's leverage. Such interest rate swaps would principally be used to protect the Company against higher costs on its leverage resulting from increases in short term interest rates. The Company does not hedge any interest rate risk associated with portfolio holdings. Interest rate transactions the Company uses for hedging purposes expose it to certain risks that differ from the risks associated with its portfolio holdings. A decline in interest rates may result in a decline in the value of the swap contracts, which, everything else being held constant, would result in a decline in the net assets of the Company. In addition, if the counterparty to an interest rate swap defaults, the Company would not be able to use the anticipated net receipts under the interest rate swap to offset its cost of financial leverage.

Interest rate swap contracts are recorded at fair value with changes in value during the reporting period, and amounts accrued under the agreements, included as unrealized gains or losses in the Statement of Operations. Monthly cash settlements under the terms of the interest rate swap agreements or termination payments are recorded as realized gains or losses in the Statement of Operations. The Company generally values its interest rate swap contracts based on dealer quotations, if available, or by discounting the future

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cash flows from the stated terms of the interest rate swap agreement by using interest rates currently available in the market. See Note 8 Derivative Financial Instruments.

Option contracts. The Company is also exposed to financial market risks including changes in the valuations of its investment portfolio. The Company may purchase or write (sell) call options. A call option on a security is a contract that gives the holder of the option, in return for a premium, the right to buy from the writer of the option the security underlying the option at a specified exercise price at any time during the term of the option.

The Company would normally purchase call options in anticipation of an increase in the market value of securities of the type in which it may invest. The Company would realize a gain on a purchased call option if, during the option period, the value of such securities exceeded the sum of the exercise price, the premium paid and transaction costs; otherwise the Company would realize either no gain or a loss on the purchased call option. The Company may also purchase put option contracts. If a purchased put option is exercised, the premium paid increases the cost basis of the securities sold by the Company.

The Company may also write (sell) call options with the purpose of generating realized gains or reducing its ownership of certain securities. If the Company writes a call option on a security, the Company has the obligation upon exercise of the option to deliver the underlying security upon payment of the exercise price. The Company will only write call options on securities that the Company holds in its portfolio (i.e., covered calls).

When the Company writes a call option, an amount equal to the premium received by the Company is recorded as a liability and is subsequently adjusted to the current fair value of the option written. Premiums received from writing options that expire unexercised are treated by the Company on the expiration date as realized gains from investments. If the Company repurchases a written call option prior to its exercise, the difference between the premium received and the amount paid to repurchase the option is treated as a realized gain or loss. If a call option is exercised, the premium is added to the proceeds from the sale of the underlying security in determining whether the Company has realized a gain or loss. The Company, as the writer of an option, bears the market risk of an unfavorable change in the price of the security underlying the written option. See Note 8 Derivative Financial Instruments.

N. Indemnifications Under the Company's organizational documents, its officers and directors are indemnified against certain liabilities arising out of the performance of their duties to the Company. In addition, in the normal course of business, the Company enters into contracts that provide general indemnification to other parties. The Company's maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown, as this would involve future claims that may be made against the Company that have not yet occurred, and may not occur. However, the Company has not had prior claims or losses pursuant to these contracts and expects the risk of loss to be remote.

3. Fair Value

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

The fair value hierarchy prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value into the following three broad categories. Note that the valuation levels below are not necessarily an indication of the risk or liquidity associated with the underlying investment.

Level 1 Quoted unadjusted prices for identical instruments in active markets traded on a national exchange to which the Company has access at the date of measurement.

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Level 2 Quoted prices for similar instruments in active markets; quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in markets that are not active; and model-derived valuations in which all significant inputs and significant value drivers are observable in active markets. Level 2 inputs are those in markets for which there are few transactions, the prices are not current, little public information exists or instances where prices vary substantially over time or among brokered market makers.

Level 3 Model derived valuations in which one or more significant inputs or significant value drivers are unobservable. Unobservable inputs are those inputs that reflect the Company's own assumptions that market participants would use to price the asset or liability based on the best available information.

The following table presents the Company's assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis at November 30, 2011. The Company presents these assets by security type and description on its Schedule of Investments.

	Total	Quoted Prices in Active Markets (Level 1)	Prices with Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
<u>Assets at Fair Value</u>				
Equity investments	\$ 3,489,600	\$ 3,325,471	\$	\$ 164,129
Debt investments	33,931		33,931	
Total assets at fair value	\$ 3,523,531	\$ 3,325,471	\$ 33,931	\$ 164,129
<u>Liabilities at Fair Value</u>				
Call option contracts written	\$ 28	\$	\$ 28	\$

The Company did not have any liabilities that were measured at fair value on a recurring basis using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) at November 30, 2011 or at November 30, 2010. For the fiscal year ended November 30, 2011, there were no transfers between Level 1 and Level 2.

In May 2011, FASB issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2011-04 Amendments to Achieve Common Fair Value Measurement and Disclosure Requirements in U.S. GAAP and IFRSs . ASU No. 2011-04 establishes common requirements for measuring fair value and for disclosing information about fair value measurements in accordance with U.S. GAAP and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs). ASU No. 2011-04 is effective for interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2011 and is applied prospectively. Management is currently evaluating ASU No. 2011-04 and does not believe that it will have a material impact on the Company's financial statements and disclosures.

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The following table presents the Company's assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) for the fiscal year ended November 30, 2011.

	Equity Investments
Balance November 30, 2010	\$ 63,514
Purchases	251,646
Issuances	4,225
Transfers out	(167,948)
Realized gains (losses)	
Unrealized gains, net	12,692
Balance November 30, 2011	\$ 164,129

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The \$12,692 of unrealized gains presented in the table above for the fiscal year ended November 30, 2011 related to investments that are still held at November 30, 2011, and the Company includes these unrealized gains on the Statement of Operations Net Change in Unrealized Gains (Losses).

The purchases of \$251,646 for the fiscal year ended November 30, 2011, relate to the Company's investments in Buckeye Partners, L.P. (Class B Units), Buckeye Partners, L.P. (Common Units), Crestwood Midstream Partners LP (Class C Units), PAA Natural Gas Storage, L.P., Plains All American GP LLC, Regency Energy Partners L.P. (Common Units) and Teekay Offshore Partners L.P. (Common Units). The issuances of \$4,225 relate to additional units received from Buckeye Partners, L.P. (Class B Units) and Crestwood Midstream Partners LP (Class C Units). The Company's investments in the common units of Buckeye Partners, L.P., Inergy, LP, Magellan Midstream Partners, L.P., PAA Natural Gas Storage, L.P. and Regency Energy Partners L.P., which are noted as transfers out of Level 3 in the table above, became readily marketable during the fiscal year ended November 30, 2011. Additionally, a portion of the Clearwater Trust was transferred out of Level 3 during fiscal 2011.

4. Concentration of Risk

The Company's investment objective is to obtain a high after-tax total return by investing at least 85% of our total assets in public and private investments in MLPs and other Midstream Energy Companies. Under normal circumstances, the Company intends to invest at least 80% of its total assets in MLPs, which are subject to certain risks, such as supply and demand risk, depletion and exploration risk, commodity pricing risk, acquisition risk, and the risk associated with the hazards inherent in midstream energy industry activities. A substantial portion of the cash flow received by the Company is derived from investment in equity securities of MLPs. The amount of cash that an MLP has available for distributions and the tax character of such distributions are dependent upon the amount of cash generated by the MLP's operations. The Company may invest up to 15% of its total assets in any single issuer and a decline in value of the securities of such an issuer could significantly impact the net asset value of the Company. The Company may invest up to 20% of its total assets in debt securities, which may include below investment grade securities. The Company may, for defensive purposes, temporarily invest all or a significant portion of its assets in investment grade securities, short-term debt securities and cash or cash equivalents. To the extent the Company uses this strategy, it may not achieve its investment objectives.

5. Agreements and Affiliations

A. Administration Agreement The Company has entered into an administration agreement with Ultimus Fund Solutions, LLC (Ultimus), which may be amended from time to time. Pursuant to the administration agreement, Ultimus will provide certain administrative services for the Company. The administration agreement has automatic one-year renewals unless earlier terminated by either party as provided under the terms of the administration agreement.

B. Investment Management Agreement The Company has entered into an investment management agreement with KAFA under which the Adviser, subject to the overall supervision of the Company's Board of Directors, manages the day-to-day operations of, and provides investment advisory services to, the Company. For providing these services, the Adviser receives a management fee from the Company. On June 14, 2011, the Company renewed its agreement with the Adviser for a period of one year. The agreement may be renewed annually upon approval of the Company's Board of Directors and a majority of the Company's Directors who are not interested persons of the Company, as such term is defined in the 1940 Act. For the fiscal year ended November 30, 2011, the Company paid management fees at

an annual rate of 1.375% of average total assets.

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For purposes of calculating the management fee, the Company's total assets are equal to the Company's gross asset value (which includes assets attributable to or proceeds from the Company's use of preferred stock, commercial paper or notes and other borrowings and excludes any net deferred tax asset), minus the sum of the Company's accrued and unpaid dividends/distributions on any outstanding common stock and accrued and unpaid dividends/distributions on any outstanding preferred stock and accrued liabilities (other than liabilities associated with borrowing or leverage by the Company and any accrued taxes, including, a deferred tax liability). Liabilities associated with borrowing or leverage by the Company include the principal amount of any borrowings, commercial paper or notes issued by the Company, the liquidation preference of any outstanding preferred stock, and other liabilities from other forms of borrowing or leverage such as short positions and put or call options held or written by the Company.

C. Portfolio Companies From time to time, the Company may control or may be an affiliate of one or more portfolio companies, each as defined in the 1940 Act. In general, under the 1940 Act, the Company would be presumed to control a portfolio company if the Company owned 25% or more of its outstanding voting securities and would be an affiliate of a portfolio company if the Company owned 5% or more of its outstanding voting securities. The 1940 Act contains prohibitions and restrictions relating to transactions between investment companies and their affiliates (including the Company's investment adviser), principal underwriters and affiliates of those affiliates or underwriters.

The Company believes that there is significant ambiguity in the application of existing Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) staff interpretations of the term voting security to complex structures such as limited partnership interests of the kind in which the Company invests. As a result, it is possible that the SEC staff may consider that certain securities investments in limited partnerships are voting securities under the staff's prevailing interpretations of this term. If such determination is made, the Company may be regarded as a person affiliated with and controlling the issuer(s) of those securities for purposes of Section 17 of the 1940 Act.

In light of the ambiguity of the definition of voting securities, the Company does not intend to treat any class of limited partnership interests that it holds as voting securities unless the security holders of such class currently have the ability, under the partnership agreement, to remove the general partner (assuming a sufficient vote of such securities, other than securities held by the general partner, in favor of such removal) or the Company has an economic interest of sufficient size that otherwise gives it the de facto power to exercise a controlling influence over the partnership. The Company believes this treatment is appropriate given that the general partner controls the partnership, and without the ability to remove the general partner or the power to otherwise exercise a controlling influence over the partnership due to the size of an economic interest, the security holders have no control over the partnership.

Clearwater Trust At November 30, 2011, the Company held approximately 63% of the Clearwater Trust. The Company believes that it is an affiliate of the trust under the 1940 Act by virtue of its majority interest in the trust.

Plains All American GP LLC and Plains All American Pipeline, L.P. Robert V. Sinnott is Chief Executive Officer of Kayne Anderson Capital Advisors, L.P. (KACALP), the managing member of KAFA. Mr. Sinnott also serves as a director on the board of Plains All American GP LLC (Plains GP), the general partner of Plains All American Pipeline, L.P. (PAA). Members of senior management of KACALP and KAFA and various affiliated funds managed by KACALP, including the Company, own units of Plains GP. The Company believes that it is an affiliate of Plains GP and PAA under the 1940 Act by virtue of (i) the Company's and other affiliated Kayne Anderson funds' ownership interests in Plains GP and (ii) Mr. Sinnott's participation on the board of Plains GP.

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PAA Natural Gas Storage, L.P. (PNG) is an affiliate of PAA and Plains GP. PAA owns 62% of PNG s limited partner units and owns PNG s general partner. The Company does not believe it is an affiliate of PNG based on the current facts and circumstances.

6. Income Taxes

Deferred income taxes reflect (i) taxes on net unrealized gains, which are attributable to the difference between fair market value and tax basis, (ii) the net tax effects of temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for income tax purposes and (iii) the net tax benefit of accumulated net operating losses. Components of the Company s deferred tax assets and liabilities as of November 30, 2011 are as follows:

Deferred tax assets:		
Net operating loss carryforwards	Federal	\$ 56,499
Net operating loss carryforwards	State	4,816
Other		105
Deferred tax liabilities:		
Net unrealized gains on investment securities, interest rate swap contracts and option contracts		(536,005)
Basis reductions resulting from estimated return of capital		(11,521)
Total deferred tax liability, net		\$ (486,106)

At November 30, 2011, the Company had federal net operating loss carryforwards of \$166,560 (deferred tax asset of \$56,499). Realization of the deferred tax assets and net operating loss carryforwards are dependent, in part, on generating sufficient taxable income prior to expiration of the loss carryforwards. If not utilized, \$35,630, \$52,182, \$26,118, \$33,413 and \$19,217 of the net operating loss carryforward will expire in 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029 and 2030, respectively. In addition, the Company has state net operating losses of \$156,528 (deferred tax asset of \$4,816). These state net operating losses begin to expire in 2012 through 2030.

Upon filing its income tax returns for the year ended November 30, 2010, the Company had \$50,540 of federal and state capital loss carryforwards that were fully utilized during fiscal 2011. For corporations, capital losses can only be used to offset capital gains and cannot be used to offset ordinary income.

Although the Company currently has a net deferred tax liability, it periodically reviews the recoverability of its deferred tax assets based on the weight of available evidence. When assessing the recoverability of its deferred tax assets, significant weight is given to the effects of potential future realized and unrealized gains on investments and the period over which these deferred tax assets can be realized, as the expiration dates for the federal capital and operating loss carryforwards range from five to nineteen years.

Based on the Company s assessment, it has determined that it is more likely than not that its deferred tax assets will be realized through future taxable income of the appropriate character. Accordingly, no valuation allowance has been established for the Company s deferred tax assets. The Company will continue to assess the need for a valuation allowance in the future. Significant declines in the fair value of its portfolio of investments may change the Company s

assessment regarding the recoverability of its deferred tax assets and may result in a valuation allowance. If a valuation allowance is required to reduce any deferred tax asset in the future, it could have a material impact on the Company's net asset value and results of operations in the period it is recorded.

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Total income taxes were different from the amount computed by applying the federal statutory income tax rate of 35% to the net investment loss and realized and unrealized gains (losses) on investments before taxes for the fiscal year ended November 30, 2011, as follows:

	Fiscal Year Ended November 30, 2011
Computed federal income tax at 35%	\$ 86,541
State income tax, net of federal tax	5,092
Non-deductible distributions on mandatory redeemable preferred stock and other	3,762
Total income tax expense	\$ 95,395

At November 30, 2011, the cost basis of investments for federal income tax purposes was \$2,073,510. The cost basis of investments includes a \$174,303 reduction in basis attributable to the Company's portion of the allocated losses from its MLP investments. At November 30, 2011, gross unrealized appreciation and depreciation of investments and options for federal income tax purposes were as follows:

Gross unrealized appreciation of investments	\$ 1,469,389
Gross unrealized depreciation of investments	(19,275)
Net unrealized appreciation of investments	\$ 1,450,114

7. Restricted Securities

From time to time, certain of the Company's investments may be restricted as to resale. For instance, private investments that are not registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, cannot be offered for public sale in a non-exempt transaction without first being registered. In other cases, certain of the Company's investments have restrictions such as lock-up agreements that preclude the Company from offering these securities for public sale.

At November 30, 2011, the Company held the following restricted investments:

Investment	Security	Acquisition Date	Type of Restriction	Number of Units, Principal (\$) (in 000 s)	Cost Basis	Fair Value	Percent of Net Assets	Percent of Total Assets
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Level 3 Investments⁽¹⁾

Buckeye Partners, L.P.	Class B Units	(2)	(3)	848	\$ 45,006	\$ 48,645	2.4%	1.4%
Clearwater Trust	Trust	(4)	(5)	1	3,266	3,640	0.2	0.1
Crestwood Midstream Partners LP	Class C Units	4/1/11	(3)	1,116	26,007	29,934	1.5	0.8
Plains All American GP LLC ⁽⁶⁾	Common Units	(2)	(5)	24	33,544	41,199	2.0	1.2
Teekay Offshore Partners L.P.	Common Units	11/25/11	(3)	1,569	37,500	40,711	2.0	1.1
Total					\$ 145,323	\$ 164,129	8.1%	4.6%

Level 2 Investments⁽⁷⁾

Calumet Specialty Products Partners LP	Senior Notes	4/15/11	(3)	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,860	0.2%	0.1%
Calumet Specialty Products Partners LP	Senior Notes	9/8/11	(3)	2,000	1,863	1,910	0.1	0.1
Crestwood Holdings Partners LLC	Bank Loan	9/29/10	(5)	5,752	5,654	5,838	0.3	0.2
Crestwood Midstream Partners LP	Senior Notes	(2)	(3)	15,000	15,010	14,775	0.7	0.4
Eagle Rock Energy Partners, L.P.	Senior Notes	(2)	(3)	975	993	970	0.1	
Total					\$ 27,520	\$ 27,353	1.4%	0.8%
Total of all restricted securities					\$ 172,843	\$ 191,482	9.5%	5.4%

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- (1) Securities are valued using inputs reflecting the Company's own assumptions.
- (2) Securities acquired at various dates throughout the fiscal year ended November 30, 2011.
- (3) Unregistered or restricted security of a public company.
- (4) On September 28, 2010, the Bankruptcy Court finalized the plan of reorganization of Clearwater. As part of the plan of reorganization, the Company received an interest in the Clearwater Trust consisting of cash and a coal royalty interest as consideration for its unsecured loan to Clearwater. See Note 5 - Agreements and Affiliations.
- (5) Unregistered security of a private company or trust.
- (6) In determining the fair value for Plains All American GP, LLC (PAA GP), the Company's valuation is based on publicly available information. Robert V. Sinnott, the CEO of KACALP, sits on PAA GP's board of directors (see Note 5 - Agreements and Affiliations for more detail). Certain private investment funds managed by KACALP may value its investment in PAA GP based on non-public information, and, as a result, such valuation may be different than the Company's valuation.
- (7) These securities have a fair market value determined by the mean of the bid and ask prices provided by an agent or syndicate bank, principal market maker or an independent pricing service. These securities have limited trading volume and are not listed on a national exchange.

8. Derivative Financial Instruments

As required by the Derivatives and Hedging Topic of the FASB Accounting Standards Codification, below are the derivative instruments and hedging activities of the Company. See Note 2 - Significant Accounting Policies.

Option Contracts Transactions in option contracts for the fiscal year ended November 30, 2011 were as follows:

	Number of Contracts	Premium
Put Options Purchased		
Options outstanding at November 30, 2010		\$
Options purchased ⁽¹⁾	6,000	237
Options sold	(2,000)	(145)
Options expired	(4,000)	(92)
Options outstanding at November 30, 2011		\$
Call Options Written		
Options outstanding at November 30, 2010	9,550	\$ 1,247
Options written	71,652	6,714

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Options subsequently repurchased ⁽²⁾	(41,183)	(4,284)
Options exercised	(32,127)	(3,021)
Options expired	(6,773)	(535)
Options outstanding at November 30, 2011 ⁽³⁾	1,119	\$ 121

(1) The Company purchased put options of the JPMorgan Alerian MLP Index ETN during the fourth quarter of fiscal 2011.

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- (2) The price at which the Company subsequently repurchased the options was \$1,389, which resulted in a realized gain of \$2,895.
- (3) The percentage of total investments subject to call options written was 0.2% at November 30, 2011.

Interest Rate Swap Contracts The Company may enter into interest rate swap contracts to partially hedge itself from increasing interest expense on its leverage resulting from increasing short-term interest rates. A decline in future interest rates may result in a decline in the value of the swap contracts, which, everything else being held constant, would result in a decline in the net assets of the Company. In addition, if the counterparty to the interest rate swap contracts defaults, the Company would not be able to use the anticipated receipts under the swap contracts to offset the interest payments on the Company's leverage. At the time the interest rate swap contracts reach their scheduled termination, there is a risk that the Company would not be able to obtain a replacement transaction or that the terms of the replacement transaction would not be as favorable as on the expiring transaction. In addition, if the Company is required to terminate any swap contract early, then the Company could be required to make a termination payment. As of November 30, 2011, the Company did not have any interest rate swap contracts outstanding.

During the second quarter of fiscal 2011, the Company entered into interest rate swap contracts (\$125,000 notional amount) in anticipation of the private placements of senior notes and mandatory redeemable preferred stock. In conjunction with the pricing of the private placements on April 27, 2011, these interest rate swap contracts were terminated, which resulted in a \$345 realized loss.

The following table sets forth the fair value of the Company's derivative instruments on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

Derivatives Not Accounted for as	Statement of Assets and Liabilities Location	Fair Value as of November 30, 2011
Hedging Instruments		
Call options	Call option contracts written	\$ (28)

The following table set forth the effect of the Company's derivative instruments on the Statement of Operations.

Derivatives Not Accounted for as	Location of Gains/(Losses) on Derivatives Recognized in	For the Fiscal Year Ended November 30, 2011	Change in
		Net Realized Gains/(Losses) on Derivatives	Unrealized Gains/(Losses) on Derivatives Recognized in

Hedging Instruments	Income	Recognized in Income	Income
Call options	Options	\$ 3,222	\$ (332)
Interest rate swap contracts	Interest rate swap contracts	(345)	
		\$ 2,877	\$ (332)

9. Investment Transactions

For the fiscal year ended November 30, 2011, the Company purchased and sold securities in the amounts of \$1,121,642 and \$748,958 (excluding short-term investments and options), respectively.

10. Revolving Credit Facility

At November 30, 2011, the Company had a \$175,000 unsecured revolving credit facility (the Credit Facility) with a syndicate of lenders. During fiscal 2011, the Company increased the size of its Credit Facility

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from \$100,000 to \$175,000 through two amendments to the facility. The Credit Facility matures on June 11, 2013. The interest rate may vary between LIBOR plus 1.75% to LIBOR plus 3.00%, depending on the Company's asset coverage ratios. Outstanding loan balances will accrue interest daily at a rate equal to one-month LIBOR plus 1.75% based on current asset coverage ratios. The Company will pay a fee of 0.40% per annum on any unused amounts of the Credit Facility. See Financial Highlights for the Company's asset coverage ratios under the 1940 Act.

For the fiscal year ended November 30, 2011, the average amount outstanding under the Credit Facility was \$32,666 with a weighted average interest rate of 2.35%. As of November 30, 2011, the Company had no outstanding borrowings under the Credit Facility.

11. Senior Unsecured Notes

At November 30, 2011, the Company had \$775,000, aggregate principal amount, of senior unsecured fixed and floating rate notes (the Senior Notes) outstanding. On April 26, 2011, the Company issued \$230,000 of Senior Notes, and a portion of the proceeds were used to redeem the Company's series G Senior Notes (\$75,000) that were scheduled to mature on June 19, 2011.

The table below sets forth the key terms of each series of the Senior Notes.

Series	Principal Outstanding, November 30, 2010	Principal Redeemed	Principal Issued	Principal Outstanding, November 30, 2011	Estimated Fair Value, November 30, 2011	Fixed/Floating Interest Rate	Maturity
G	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000	\$	\$	\$	5.645%	6/19/11
I	60,000			60,000	62,800	5.847%	6/19/12
K	125,000			125,000	135,300	5.991%	6/19/13
M	60,000			60,000	64,700	4.560%	11/4/14
N	50,000			50,000	50,300	3-month LIBOR + 185 bps	11/4/14
O	65,000			65,000	69,600	4.210%	5/7/15
P	45,000			45,000	44,900	3-month LIBOR + 160 bps	5/7/15
Q	15,000			15,000	15,500	3.230%	11/9/15
R	25,000			25,000	26,000	3.730%	11/9/17
S	60,000			60,000	63,300	4.400%	11/9/20
T	40,000			40,000	42,000	4.500%	11/9/22
U			60,000	60,000	59,400	3-month LIBOR + 145 bps	5/26/16
V			70,000	70,000	73,500	3.710%	5/26/16
W			100,000	100,000	107,400	4.380%	5/26/18
	\$ 620,000	\$ 75,000	\$ 230,000	\$ 775,000	\$ 814,700		

Holders of the fixed rate Senior Notes are entitled to receive cash interest payments semi-annually (on June 19 and December 19) at the fixed rate. Holders of the floating rate Senior Notes are entitled to receive cash interest payments quarterly (on March 19, June 19, September 19 and December 19) at the floating rate. During the fiscal year ended November 30, 2011, the weighted average interest rate on the outstanding Senior Notes was 4.33%.

As of November 30, 2011, each series of Senior Notes were rated AAA by FitchRatings and series I, K, M, and N Senior Notes were rated Aa1 by Moody's. In the event the credit rating on any series of Senior Notes falls below A- (FitchRatings) or A3 (Moody's), the interest rate on such series will increase by 1% during the period of time such series is rated below A- or A3.

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The Senior Notes were issued in private placement offerings to institutional investors and are not listed on any exchange or automated quotation system. The Senior Notes contain various covenants related to other indebtedness, liens and limits on the Company's overall leverage. Under the 1940 Act and the terms of the Senior Notes, the Company may not declare dividends or make other distributions on shares of its common stock or make purchases of such shares if, at any time of the declaration, distribution or purchase, asset coverage with respect to the outstanding Senior Notes would be less than 300%.

The Senior Notes are redeemable in certain circumstances at the option of the Company. The Senior Notes are also subject to a mandatory redemption to the extent needed to satisfy certain requirements if the Company fails to meet an asset coverage ratio required by law and is not able to cure the coverage deficiency by the applicable deadline, or fails to cure a deficiency as stated in the Company's rating agency guidelines in a timely manner.

The Senior Notes are unsecured obligations of the Company and, upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Company, will rank: (1) senior to all the Company's outstanding preferred shares; (2) senior to all of the Company's outstanding common shares; (3) on a parity with any unsecured creditors of the Company and any unsecured senior securities representing indebtedness of the Company; and (4) junior to any secured creditors of the Company.

At November 30, 2011, the Company was in compliance with all covenants under the Senior Notes agreements.

12. Preferred Stock

At November 30, 2011, the Company had 10,400,000 shares of mandatory redeemable preferred stock outstanding, with a liquidation value of \$260,000. On May 3, 2011, the Company issued 4,000,000 shares of series D mandatory redeemable preferred stock with a liquidation value of \$100,000.

The table below sets forth the key terms of each series of the mandatory redeemable preferred stock.

Series	Shares Held at November 30, 2010	Shares Issued	Shares Outstanding, November 30, 2011 ⁽¹⁾	Liquidation Value, November 30, 2011	Estimated Fair Value, November 30, 2011	Rate	Mandatory Redemption Date
A	4,400,000		4,400,000	\$ 110,000	\$ 119,100	5.57%	5/7/17
B	320,000		320,000	8,000	8,200	4.53%	11/9/17
C	1,680,000		1,680,000	42,000	43,700	5.20%	11/9/20
D ⁽²⁾		4,000,000	4,000,000	100,000	102,200	4.95%	6/1/18
	6,400,000	4,000,000	10,400,000	\$ 260,000	\$ 273,200		

(1) Each share has a \$25 liquidation value.

(2)

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Series D mandatory redeemable preferred shares are publicly traded on the New York Exchange (NYSE) under the symbol KYN. Pr D . The fair value is based on the price of \$25.55 as of November 30, 2011.

Holders of the series A, B and C mandatory redeemable preferred stock are entitled to receive cumulative cash dividend payments on the first business day following each quarterly period (February 28, May 31, August 31 and November 30). Holders of the series D mandatory redeemable preferred stock are entitled to receive cumulative cash dividend payments on the first business day of each month.

The table below outlines the terms of each series of mandatory redeemable preferred stock. The dividend rate on the Company's mandatory redeemable preferred stock will increase if the credit rating is downgraded below A (FitchRatings). Further, the annual dividend rate for all series of mandatory redeemable preferred

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stock will increase by 4.0% if no ratings are maintained, and the annual dividend rate will increase by 5.0% if the Company fails to make dividend or certain other payments.

	Series A, B and C	Series D
Rating as of November 30, 2011 (FitchRatings)	AA	AA
Ratings Threshold	A	A
Method of Determination	Lowest Credit Rating	Highest Credit Rating
Increase in Annual Dividend Rate	0.5% to 4.0%	0.75% to 4.0%

The mandatory redeemable preferred stock rank senior to all of the Company's outstanding common shares and on parity with any other preferred stock. The mandatory redeemable preferred stock is redeemable in certain circumstances at the option of the Company and are also subject to a mandatory redemption if the Company fails to meet a total leverage (debt and preferred stock) asset coverage ratio of 225% or fails to maintain its basic maintenance amount as stated in the Company's rating agency guidelines.

Under the terms of the mandatory redeemable preferred stock, the Company may not declare dividends or pay other distributions on shares of its common stock or make purchases of such shares if, at any time of the declaration, distribution or purchase, asset coverage with respect to total leverage would be less than 225%.

The holders of the mandatory redeemable preferred stock have one vote per share and will vote together with the holders of common stock as a single class except on matters affecting only the holders of mandatory redeemable preferred stock or the holders of common stock. The holders of the mandatory redeemable preferred stock, voting separately as a single class, have the right to elect at least two directors of the Company.

At November 30, 2011, the Company was in compliance with the asset coverage and basic maintenance requirements of its mandatory redeemable preferred stock.

13. Common Stock

At November 30, 2011, the Company has 189,600,000 shares of common stock authorized and 75,130,209 shares outstanding. As of that date, KACALP owned 4,000 shares. Transactions in common shares for the fiscal year ended November 30, 2011 were as follows:

Shares outstanding at November 30, 2010	68,471,401
Shares issued through reinvestment of distributions	958,808
Shares issued in connection with offerings of common stock ⁽¹⁾	5,700,000
Shares outstanding at November 30, 2011	75,130,209

(1)

On April 8, 2011, the Company closed its public offering of 5,700,000 shares of common stock at a price of \$30.58 per share. Total net proceeds from the offering were \$166,984 and were used by the Company to make additional portfolio investments that are consistent with the Company's investment objective, and for general corporate purposes.

14. Subsequent Events

On December 13, 2011, the Company declared its quarterly distribution of \$0.51 per common share for the fiscal fourth quarter for a total quarterly distribution payment of \$38,316. The distribution was paid on January 13, 2012 to common stockholders of record on January 5, 2012. Of this total, pursuant to the Company's dividend reinvestment plan, \$6,904 was reinvested into the Company through the issuance of 238,654 shares of common stock.

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**KAYNE ANDERSON MLP INVESTMENT COMPANY
REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

To the Board of Directors and Stockholders of
Kayne Anderson MLP Investment Company

In our opinion, the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities, including the schedule of investments, and the related statements of operations, of changes in net assets applicable to common stockholders and of cash flows and the financial highlights present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Kayne Anderson MLP Investment Company (the Company) at November 30, 2011, and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year then ended, the changes in its net assets applicable to common stockholders for each of the two years in the period then ended and the financial highlights for each of the periods presented, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. These financial statements and financial highlights (hereafter referred to as financial statements) are the responsibility of the Company s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits of these financial statements in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits, which included confirmation of securities at November 30, 2011 by correspondence with the custodian and brokers, provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS LLP

Los Angeles, California
January 30, 2012

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BASE PROSPECTUS

\$500,000,000

**Common Stock
Preferred Stock**

Kayne Anderson MLP Investment Company (the Company, we, us, or our) is a non-diversified, closed-end management investment company that began investment activities on September 28, 2004 following our initial public offering. Our investment objective is to obtain a high after-tax total return by investing at least 85% of our total assets in energy-related partnerships and their affiliates (collectively, master limited partnerships or MLPs), and in other companies that, as their principal business, operate assets used in the gathering, transporting, processing, storing, refining, distributing, mining or marketing of natural gas, natural gas liquids, crude oil, refined petroleum products or coal (collectively with MLPs, Midstream Energy Companies). We invest in equity securities of (i) master limited partnerships, including preferred, common and subordinated units and general partner interests, (ii) owners of such interests in master limited partnerships, and (iii) other Midstream Energy Companies. Additionally, we may invest in debt securities of MLPs and other Midstream Energy Companies. Substantially all of our total assets consist of publicly traded securities of MLPs and other Midstream Energy Companies. We are permitted to invest up to 50% of our total assets in unregistered or otherwise restricted securities of MLPs and other Midstream Energy Companies, including securities issued by private companies.

We may offer, from time to time, shares of our common stock (\$0.001 par value per share) or shares of our preferred stock (\$0.001 par value per share), which we refer to in this prospectus collectively as our securities, in one or more offerings. We may offer our common stock or preferred stock, separately or in concurrent offerings, in amounts, at prices and on terms set forth in a prospectus supplement to this prospectus. You should read this prospectus and the related prospectus supplement carefully before you decide to invest in any of our securities.

We may offer and sell our securities to or through underwriters, through dealers or agents that we designate from time to time, directly to purchasers or through a combination of these methods. If an offering of our securities involves any underwriters, dealers or agents, then the applicable prospectus supplement will name the underwriters, dealers or agents and will provide information regarding any applicable purchase price, fee, commission or discount arrangements made with those underwriters, dealers or agents or the basis upon which such amount may be calculated. For more information about the manners in which we may offer our securities, see Plan of Distribution. We may not sell our securities through agents, underwriters or dealers without delivery of a prospectus supplement.

Investing in our securities may be speculative and involve a high degree of risk and should not constitute a complete investment program. Before buying any securities, you should read the discussion of the material risks of investing in our securities in Risk Factors beginning on page 17 of this prospectus. You should consider carefully these risks together with all of the other information contained in this prospectus and any prospectus supplement before making a decision to purchase our securities.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of this prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The date of this prospectus is February 16, 2012.

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We are managed by KA Fund Advisors, LLC (KAFSA), a subsidiary of Kayne Anderson Capital Advisors, L.P. (together, with KAFSA, Kayne Anderson), a leading investor in MLPs. As of December 31, 2011, Kayne Anderson and its affiliates managed approximately \$14.2 billion, including approximately \$8.7 billion in MLPs and other Midstream Energy Companies.

Shares of our common stock are listed on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) under the symbol KYN. The net asset value of our common stock at the close of business on January 31, 2012 was \$28.97 per share, and the last sale price per share of our common stock on the NYSE as of that date was \$31.35. See Market and Net Asset Value Information.

Shares of common stock of closed-end investment companies, like ours, frequently trade at discounts to their net asset values. If our common stock trades at a discount to our net asset value, the risk of loss may increase for purchasers of our common stock, especially for those investors who expect to sell their common stock in a relatively short period after purchasing shares in this offering. See Risk Factors Additional Risks Related to Our Common Stock Market Discount From Net Asset Value Risk.

Our common stock is junior in liquidation and distribution rights to our debt securities and preferred stock. The issuance of our debt securities and preferred stock represents the leveraging of our common stock. See Use of Leverage Effects of Leverage, Risk Factors Additional Risks Related to Our Common Stock Leverage Risk to Common Stockholders and Description of Capital Stock. The issuance of any additional common stock offered by this prospectus will enable us to increase the aggregate amount of our leverage. Our preferred stock is senior in liquidation and distribution rights to our common stock and junior in liquidation and distribution rights to our debt securities. Our debt securities are our unsecured obligations and, upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding up, rank: (1) senior to all of our outstanding common stock and any preferred stock; (2) on a parity with our obligations to any unsecured creditors and any unsecured senior securities representing our indebtedness; and (3) junior to our obligations to any secured creditors.

You should rely only on the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus and any related prospectus supplement. We have not authorized any other person to provide you with different information. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. We are not making an offer to sell these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted or where the person making the offer or sale is not qualified to do so or to any person to whom it is not permitted to make such offer or sale. You should assume that the information appearing in this prospectus and any prospectus supplement is accurate only as of the respective dates on their front covers, regardless of the time of delivery of this prospectus, any prospectus supplement, or any sale of our common stock. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since that date.

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This prospectus is part of a registration statement that we have filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC), using the shelf registration process. Under the shelf registration process, we may offer, from time to time, our common stock or preferred stock, separately or in concurrent offerings, in amounts, at prices and on terms set forth in prospectus supplements to this prospectus. The securities may be offered at prices and on terms described in one or more supplements to this prospectus. This prospectus provides you with a general description of the securities that we may offer. Each time we use this prospectus to offer securities, we will provide a prospectus supplement that will contain specific information about the terms of that offering. The prospectus supplement may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. This prospectus, together with any prospectus supplement, sets forth concisely the information about us that a prospective investor ought to know before investing. You should read this prospectus and the related prospectus supplement before deciding whether to invest and retain them for future reference. A Statement of Additional Information, dated February 16, 2012 (the SAI), containing additional information about us, has been filed with the SEC and is incorporated by reference in its entirety into this prospectus.

You may request a free copy of our SAI, the table of contents of which is on page 79 of this prospectus, request a free copy of our annual, semi-annual and quarterly reports, request other information or make stockholder inquiries, by calling toll-free at (877) 657-3863, or by writing to us at 717 Texas Avenue, Suite 3100, Houston, Texas 77002. Our annual, semi-annual and quarterly reports and the SAI also are available on our website at <http://www.kaynefunds.com>. Information included on such website does not form part of this prospectus.

We file reports (including our annual, semi-annual and quarterly reports, and the SAI), proxy statements and other information with the SEC under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act). Copies of such reports, proxy statements and other information, as well as the registration statement

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and the amendments, exhibits and schedules thereto, can be obtained from the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington, D.C. Information relating to the Public Reference Room may be obtained by calling the SEC at (202) 551-8090. Such materials, as well as the Company's annual, semi-annual and quarterly reports and other information regarding the Company, are also available on the SEC's website (<http://www.sec.gov>). You may also e-mail requests for these documents to publicinfo@sec.gov or make a request in writing to the SEC's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street, N.E., Room 1580, Washington, D.C. 20549-0112.

Neither our common stock nor our preferred stock represent a deposit or obligation of, and are not guaranteed or endorsed by, any bank or other insured depository institution, and they are not federally insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Federal Board or any other governmental agency.

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PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

This summary highlights selected information contained elsewhere in this prospectus. This summary does not contain all of the information that you should consider before investing in our securities offered by this prospectus. You should carefully read the entire prospectus, any related prospectus supplement and the SAI, including the documents incorporated by reference into them, particularly the section entitled Risk Factors and the financial statements and related notes. Except where the context suggests otherwise, the terms the Company, we, us, and our refer to Kayne Anderson MLP Investment Company; KAFA or the Adviser refers to KA Fund Advisors, LLC; Kayne Anderson refers to KAFA and its managing member, Kayne Anderson Capital Advisors, L.P., collectively; midstream energy assets refers to assets used in the gathering, transporting, processing, storing, refining, distributing, mining or marketing of natural gas, natural gas liquids, crude oil, refined petroleum products or coal; MLPs or master limited partnerships refers to (i) energy-related partnerships, (ii) energy-related limited liability companies treated as partnerships and (iii) affiliates of those energy-related partnerships, substantially all of whose assets consist of interests in publicly traded partnerships; Midstream Energy Companies means (i) MLPs and (ii) other companies that, as their principal business, operate midstream energy assets; and Energy Companies means companies that own and operate assets that are used in or provide services to the energy sector, including assets used in exploring, developing, producing, transporting, storing, gathering, processing, refining, distributing, mining or marketing of natural gas, natural gas liquids, crude oil, refined products or coal.

The Company

Kayne Anderson MLP Investment Company, a Maryland corporation, is a non-diversified, closed-end management investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the 1940 Act). Our outstanding shares of common stock are listed on the New York Stock Exchange (the NYSE) under the symbol KYN.

We began investment activities in September 2004 following our initial public offering. As of January 31, 2012, we had approximately 75.4 million shares of common stock outstanding, net assets applicable to our common stock of approximately \$2.2 billion and total assets of approximately \$3.9 billion.

Investment Objective

Our investment objective is to obtain a high after-tax total return by investing at least 85% of our total assets in MLPs and other Midstream Energy Companies.

Investment Policies

We have adopted the following non-fundamental investment policies:

For as long as the word MLP is in our name, it shall be our policy, under normal market conditions, to invest at least 80% of our total assets in MLPs.

We intend to invest at least 50% of our total assets in publicly traded securities of MLPs and other Midstream Energy Companies.

Under normal market conditions, we may invest up to 50% of our total assets in unregistered or otherwise restricted securities of MLPs and other Midstream Energy Companies. The types of unregistered or otherwise restricted securities that we may purchase include common units, subordinated units, preferred units, and

convertible units of, and general partner interests in, MLPs, and securities of other public and private Midstream Energy Companies.

We may invest up to 15% of our total assets in any single issuer.

We may invest up to 20% of our total assets in debt securities of MLPs and other Midstream Energy Companies, including below investment grade debt securities (commonly referred to as junk bonds or high yield bonds) rated, at the time of investment, at least B3 by Moody's Investors Service, Inc., B- by Standard & Poor's or Fitch Ratings, comparably rated by another rating agency or, if unrated, determined by Kayne Anderson to be of comparable quality. In addition, up to one-quarter of our

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permitted investments in debt securities (or up to 5% of our total assets) may include unrated debt securities of private companies.

Under normal market conditions, our policy is to utilize our Borrowings and our preferred stock (each a Leverage Instrument and collectively Leverage Instrument) in an amount that represents approximately 30% of our total assets, including proceeds from such Leverage Instruments. However, we reserve the right at any time, if we believe that market conditions are appropriate, to use Leverage Instruments to the extent permitted by the 1940 Act.

We may, but are not required to, use derivative investments and engage in short sales to hedge against interest rate, market and issuer risks.

Unless otherwise stated, all investment restrictions apply at the time of purchase and we will not be required to reduce a position due solely to market value fluctuations. However, although we may not be required to sell securities due to subsequent changes in value, if such changes cause us to have invested less than 80% of our total assets in securities of MLPs, we will be required to make future purchases of securities in a manner so as to bring us into compliance with this investment policy.

Our Board of Directors may change these investment policies without the approval of the holders of a majority of our voting securities, provided that our securities holders receive at least 60 days prior written notice of any change.

Our Portfolio Investments

As of January 31, 2012, we held \$3.8 billion in equity securities and \$34.9 million in debt securities. Our top 10 largest holdings by issuer as of that date were:

	Company	Sector	Units (In thousands)	Amount (\$ millions)	Percent of Long-Term Investments
1.	Enterprise Products Partners L.P.	Midstream MLP	7,286	\$351.9	9.1%
2.	Kinder Morgan Management, LLC	MLP Affiliate	3,796	292.1	7.5
3.	Plains All American Pipeline, L.P.	Midstream MLP	3,113	242.8	6.3
4.	MarketWest Energy Partners, L.P. Energy Transfer Equity, L.P.	Midstream MLP General Partner	3,744	217.0	5.6
5.		MLP	4,425	189.1	4.9
6.	Regency Energy Partners L.P.	Midstream MLP	6,299	163.0	4.2
7.	Williams Partners L.P.	Midstream MLP	2,492	155.5	4.0
8.	Magellan Midstream Partners, L.P.	Midstream MLP	2,309	154.9	4.0
9.	EI Paso Pipeline Partners, L.P.	Midstream MLP	4,042	142.0	3.7
10.	Buckeye Partners, L.P.	Midstream MLP	2,134	128.0	3.3

Our Investment Adviser

KA Fund Advisors, LLC (KAFA or the Adviser) is our investment adviser, responsible for implementing and administering our investment strategy. KAFA is a subsidiary of Kayne Anderson Capital Advisors, L.P. (KACALP and together with KAFA, Kayne Anderson). Both KAFA and KACALP are SEC-registered investment advisers. As

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of December 31, 2011, Kayne Anderson and its affiliates managed approximately \$14.2 billion, including approximately \$8.7 billion in MLPs and other Midstream Energy Companies.

KAFA manages three other publicly traded investment companies: Kayne Anderson Energy Total Return Fund, Inc. (NYSE: KYE); Kayne Anderson Energy Development Company (NYSE: KED); and Kayne Anderson Midstream/Energy Fund, Inc. (NYSE: KMF). Kayne Anderson has invested in MLPs and other Midstream Energy Companies since 1998. We believe that Kayne Anderson has developed an understanding of the MLP market that enables it to identify and take advantage of public MLP investment opportunities. In addition, Kayne Anderson's senior professionals have developed a strong reputation in the energy sector and have many long-term relationships with industry managers, which we believe gives Kayne Anderson an important advantage in sourcing and structuring private investments.

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The Offering

We may offer, from time to time, up to \$500 million of our common stock or preferred stock at prices and on terms to be set forth in one or more prospectus supplements to this prospectus.

We may offer and sell our securities to or through underwriters, through dealers or agents that we designate from time to time, directly to purchasers or through a combination of these methods. If an offering of securities involves any underwriters, dealers or agents, then the applicable prospectus supplement will name the underwriters, dealers or agents and will provide information regarding any applicable purchase price, fee, commission or discount arrangements made with those underwriters, dealers or agents or the basis upon which such amount may be calculated. See Plan of Distribution. We may not sell any of our securities through agents, underwriters or dealers without delivery of a prospectus supplement describing the method and terms of the offering of our securities.

Use of Financial Leverage

We plan to utilize financial leverage with respect to our common stock through the issuance of preferred stock and debt securities, our revolving credit facility and other borrowings (such as prime brokerage or margin loans). The timing and terms of any leverage transactions will be determined by our Board of Directors. The issuance of additional common stock offered by this prospectus will enable us to increase the aggregate amount of our leverage. Throughout this prospectus, our debt securities, our revolving credit facility and other borrowings are collectively referred to as Borrowings.

We generally will seek to enhance our total returns through the use of financial leverage. Under normal market conditions, our policy is to utilize our Borrowings and our preferred stock, (each a Leverage Instrument and collectively Leverage Instruments) in an amount that represents approximately 30% of our total assets, including proceeds from such Leverage Instruments (which equates to approximately 50.1% of our net asset value as of January 31, 2012). However, based on market conditions at the time, we may use Leverage Instruments in amounts that represent greater than 30% leverage to the extent permitted by the 1940 Act. As of January 31, 2012, our Leverage Instruments represented approximately 27.9% of our total assets. At January 31, 2012, our asset coverage ratios under the 1940 Act, were 393% and 299% for debt and total leverage (debt plus preferred stock), respectively. We currently target an asset coverage ratio with respect to our debt of 375%, but at times may be above or below our target depending on market conditions. Leverage Instruments have seniority in liquidation and distribution rights over our common stock. Costs associated with any issuance of preferred stock are borne immediately by common stockholders and result in a reduction of the net asset value of our common stock. See Use of Leverage.

Because our Adviser's management fee is based upon a percentage of our average total assets, our Adviser's fee is higher since we employ leverage. Therefore, our Adviser has a financial incentive to use leverage, which may create a conflict of interest between our Adviser and our common stockholders.

There can be no assurance that our leveraging strategy will be successful during any period in which it is used. The use of leverage involves significant risks and creates a greater risk of loss, as well as potential for more gain, for holders of our common stock than if leverage is not used. See Risk Factors Additional Risks Related to Our Common Stock Leverage Risk to Common Stockholders and Additional Risks Related to Our Preferred Stock Senior Leverage Risk to Preferred Stockholders.

Derivatives and Other Strategies

We currently expect to write call options with the purpose of generating realized gains or reducing our ownership of certain securities. We will only write call options on securities that we hold in our portfolio (*i.e.*, covered calls). A call

option on a security is a contract that gives the holder of such call option the right to buy the security underlying the call option from the writer of such call option at a specified price at any time during the term of the option. At the time the call option is sold, the writer of a call option receives a premium (or call premium) from the buyer of such call option. If we write a call option on a security, we have the obligation upon exercise of such call option to deliver the underlying security upon payment of the exercise price. When we write a call option, an amount equal to the premium received by us will be recorded as a

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liability and will be subsequently adjusted to the current fair value of the option written. Premiums received from writing options that expire unexercised are treated by us as realized gains from investments on the expiration date. If we repurchase a written call option prior to its exercise, the difference between the premium received and the amount paid to repurchase the option is treated as a realized gain or realized loss. If a call option is exercised, the premium is added to the proceeds from the sale of the underlying security in determining whether we have realized a gain or loss. We, as the writer of the option, bear the market risk of an unfavorable change in the price of the security underlying the written option.

We currently expect to utilize hedging techniques such as interest rate swaps to mitigate potential interest rate risk on a portion of our Leverage Instruments. Such interest rate swaps would principally be used to protect us against higher costs on our Leverage Instruments resulting from increases in short-term interest rates. We anticipate that the majority of our interest rate hedges will be interest rate swap contracts with financial institutions.

We may use short sales, arbitrage and other strategies to try to generate additional return. As part of such strategies, we may (i) engage in paired long-short trades to arbitrage pricing disparities in securities held in our portfolio; (ii) purchase call options or put options, (iii) enter into total return swap contracts; or (iv) sell securities short. Paired trading consists of taking a long position in one security and concurrently taking a short position in another security within the same or an affiliated issuer. With a long position, we purchase a stock outright; whereas with a short position, we would sell a security that we do not own and must borrow to meet our settlement obligations. We will realize a profit or incur a loss from a short position depending on whether the value of the underlying stock decreases or increases, respectively, between the time the stock is sold and when we replace the borrowed security. See **Risk Factors** **Risks Related to Our Investments and Investment Techniques** **Short Sales Risk**. A total return swap is a contract between two parties designed to replicate the economics of directly owning a security. We may enter into total return swaps with financial institutions related to equity investments in certain MLPs.

To a lesser extent, we may use various hedging and other risk management strategies to seek to manage market risks. Such hedging strategies would be utilized to seek to protect against possible adverse changes in the market value of securities held in our portfolio, or to otherwise protect the value of our portfolio. We may execute our hedging and risk management strategy by engaging in a variety of transactions, including buying or selling options or futures contracts on indexes. See **Risk Factors** **Risks Related to Our Investments and Investment Techniques** **Derivatives Risk**.

For purposes of determining compliance with the requirement that we invest 80% of our total assets in MLPs, we value derivative instruments based on their respective current fair market values. See **Investment Objective and Policies**.

Distributions

We have paid distributions to our common stockholders every fiscal quarter since inception and intend to continue to pay quarterly distributions to our common stockholders, funded in part by the net distributable income generated from our portfolio investments. The net distributable income generated from our portfolio investments is the amount received by us as cash or paid-in-kind distributions from equity securities owned by us, interest payments received on debt securities owned by us, other payments on securities owned by us, net premiums received from the sale of covered call options and income tax benefits, if any, less current or anticipated operating expenses, income tax expense, if any, and our leverage costs (including dividends on preferred stock issued by us and excluding non-cash amortization of costs to issue leverage). On January 13, 2012 we paid a quarterly distribution of \$0.51 per share to our common stockholders. Payment of future distributions is subject to approval by our Board of Directors, as well as meeting the covenants of our senior debt, the terms of our preferred stock and the asset coverage requirements of the 1940 Act.

We pay dividends on the Series A MRP Shares, Series B MRP Shares, Series C MRP Shares and Series D MRP Shares (collectively, the MRP Shares) in accordance with the terms thereof. The holders of the Series A MRP Shares, Series B MRP Shares and Series C MRP Shares shall be entitled to receive quarterly cumulative cash dividends, and the holders of the Series D MRP Shares shall be entitled to receive monthly cumulative

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cash dividends, when, as and if authorized by the Board of Directors. The Series A MRP Shares pay dividends at a rate of 5.57% per annum, the Series B MRP Shares pay dividends at a rate of 4.53% per annum, the Series C MRP Shares pay dividends at a rate of 5.20% per annum and the Series D MRP Shares pay dividends at a rate of 4.95% per annum.

Use of Proceeds

Unless otherwise specified in a prospectus supplement, we intend to use the net proceeds of any sales of our securities pursuant to this prospectus to make investments in portfolio companies in accordance with our investment objective and policies, to repay indebtedness or for general corporate purposes. Pending such investments, we anticipate either investing the proceeds in short-term securities issued by the U.S. government or its agencies or instrumentalities or in high quality, short-term or long-term debt obligations or money market instruments. The supplement to this prospectus relating to an offering will more fully identify the use of proceeds from such offering. See Use of Proceeds.

Taxation

We are treated as a corporation for federal income tax purposes and, as a result, we are subject to corporate income tax to the extent we recognize net taxable income. As a partner in MLPs, we report our allocable share of each MLP's taxable income or loss in computing our taxable income or loss, whether or not we actually receive any cash from such MLP. See Tax Matters.

Stockholder Tax Features

Excluding the impact of any realized gains or realized losses, we expect that a portion of our distributions to our common stockholders may constitute a non-taxable return of capital distribution. If we make distributions from current and accumulated earnings and profits (which includes realized gains or realized losses, if any) as computed for federal income tax purposes, such distributions will generally be taxable to stockholders in the current period as ordinary income for federal income tax purposes and would be eligible for the lower tax rates applicable to qualified dividend income of non-corporate taxpayers under current law. If such distributions exceed our current and accumulated earnings and profits as computed for federal income tax purposes, such excess distributions will constitute a non-taxable return of capital to the extent of a common stockholder's basis in our common stock and will result in a reduction of such basis. To the extent such excess exceeds a common stockholder's basis in our common stock, such excess will be taxed as capital gain. A return of capital represents a return of a stockholder's original investment in our shares, and should not be confused with a dividend from earnings and profits. Upon the sale of common stock, a holder of our common stock generally will recognize capital gain or loss measured by the difference between the sale proceeds received by the common stockholder and the common stockholder's federal income tax basis in our common stock sold, as adjusted to reflect return of capital. See Tax Matters.

Risk Considerations

Investing in our common stock or preferred stock involves risk, including the risk that you may receive little or no return on your investment, or even that you may lose part of all of your investment. Therefore, before investing in our common stock or preferred stock you should consider carefully the risks set forth in Risk Factors beginning on page 17. We are designed primarily as a long-term investment vehicle, and neither our common stock nor our preferred stock is an appropriate investment for a short-term trading strategy. An investment in our common stock or preferred stock should not constitute a complete investment program for any investor and involves a high degree of risk. Due to the uncertainty in all investments, there can be no assurance that we will achieve our investment objective.

Tax Risks

In addition to other risk considerations, an investment in our securities will involve certain tax risks, including, the risk the master limited partnerships in which we invest will be classified as corporations rather than as partnerships for federal income tax purposes (which may reduce our return and negatively affect the net asset value of our common stock) and the risk of changes in tax laws or regulations, or interpretations thereof, which could adversely affect us or the portfolio companies in which we invest. Tax matters are very

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complicated, and the federal, state, local and foreign tax consequences of an investment in and holding of our securities will depend on the facts of each investor's situation. Investors are encouraged to consult their own tax advisers regarding the specific tax consequences that may affect such investors. See Risk Factors Tax Risks for more information on these risks.

Dividend Reinvestment Plan

We have adopted a dividend reinvestment plan for our common stockholders. Our plan is an opt out dividend reinvestment plan. As a result, if we declare a cash distribution to our common stockholders, then such distributions will be automatically reinvested in additional shares of our common stock, unless the stockholder specifically elects to receive cash. Common stockholders who receive distributions in the form of stock will be subject to the same federal, state and local tax consequences as common stockholders who elect to receive their distribution in cash. See Dividend Reinvestment Plan.

Trading at a Discount

The shares of common stock of closed-end investment companies frequently trade at prices lower than their net asset value. We cannot assure you that our common stock will trade at a price higher than or equal to our net asset value. The possibility that our common stock may trade at a discount to our net asset value is separate and distinct from the risk that our common stock's net asset value may decline. In addition to net asset value, the market price of our common stock may be affected by such factors as the distributions we make, which are in turn affected by expenses, the stability of our distributions, liquidity and market supply and demand. If the proceeds per share from offering our common stock, after underwriting discounts and offering costs, are less than our net asset value, our net asset value will be reduced immediately following this offering. See Risk Factors, Description of Capital Stock and Our Structure; Common Stock Repurchases and Change In Our Structure. Our common stock is designed primarily for long-term investors and you should not purchase our common stock if you intend to sell it shortly after purchase.

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FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Certain statements in this prospectus constitute forward-looking statements, which involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause our actual results, levels of activity, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, levels of activity, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Such factors include, among others, those listed under **Risk Factors** in this prospectus and our SAI. In this prospectus, we use words such as **anticipates, believes, expects, intends** and similar expressions to identify forward-looking statements.

The forward-looking statements contained in this prospectus include statements as to:

our operating results;

our business prospects;

our expected investments and the impact of investments that we expect to make;

our contractual arrangements and relationships with third parties;

the dependence of our future success on the general economy and its impact on the industries in which we invest;

our ability to source favorable private investments;

the ability of the MLPs and other Midstream Energy Companies in which we invest to achieve their objectives;

our use of financial leverage and expected financings;

our tax status;

the tax status of the MLPs in which we intend to invest;

the adequacy of our cash resources and working capital; and

the timing and amount of distributions, dividends and interest income from the MLPs and other Midstream Energy Companies in which we intend to invest.

The factors identified above are believed to be important factors, but not necessarily all of the important factors, that could cause our actual results to differ materially from those expressed in any forward-looking statement. Unpredictable or unknown factors could also have material adverse effects on us. Since our actual results, performance or achievements could differ materially from those expressed in, or implied by, these forward-looking statements, we cannot give any assurance that any of the events anticipated by the forward-looking statements will occur, or, if any of them do, what impact they will have on our results of operations and financial condition. All forward-looking statements included in this prospectus are expressly qualified in their entirety by the foregoing cautionary statements. You are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date of this prospectus. We do not undertake any obligation to update, amend or clarify these forward-looking statements or the risk factors contained in this prospectus, whether as a result of new information,

future events or otherwise, except as may be required under the federal securities laws. Although we undertake no obligation to revise or update any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, you are advised to consult any additional disclosures that we may make directly to you or through reports that we in the future may file with the SEC, including our annual reports. We acknowledge that, notwithstanding the foregoing statement, the safe harbor for forward-looking statements under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 does not apply to investment companies such as us.

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We are a non-diversified, closed-end management investment company registered under the 1940 Act. We were formed as a Maryland corporation in June 2004 and began investment activities in September 2004 after our initial public offering. Our common stock is listed on the NYSE under the symbol KYN.

As of January 31, 2012, we had (a) approximately 75.4 million shares of common stock outstanding, (b) \$775 million in Senior Notes outstanding and (c) \$260 million of MRP Shares outstanding. As of January 31, 2012, we had net assets applicable to our common stock of approximately \$2.2 billion and total assets of approximately \$3.9 billion.

The following table sets forth information about our outstanding securities as of January 31, 2012 (the information in the table is unaudited; and amounts are in 000s):

Title of Class	Amount of Shares/ Aggregate Liquidation Preference/ Aggregate Principal Amount Authorized	Amount Held by Us or for Our Account	Actual Amount Outstanding
Common Stock	189,600	0	75,369
Series A Mandatory Redeemable Preferred Shares(1)	\$ 110,000	\$ 0	\$ 110,000
Series B Mandatory Redeemable Preferred Shares(1)	8,000	0	8,000
Series C Mandatory Redeemable Preferred Shares(1)	42,000	0	42,000
Series D Mandatory Redeemable Preferred Shares(1)	100,000	0	100,000
Senior Notes, Series I	60,000	0	60,000
Senior Notes, Series K	125,000	0	125,000
Senior Notes, Series M	60,000	0	60,000
Senior Notes, Series N	50,000	0	50,000
Senior Notes, Series O	65,000	0	65,000
Senior Notes, Series P	45,000	0	45,000
Senior Notes, Series Q	15,000	0	15,000
Senior Notes, Series R	25,000	0	25,000
Senior Notes, Series S	60,000	0	60,000
Senior Notes, Series T	40,000	0	40,000
Senior Notes, Series U	60,000	0	60,000
Senior Notes, Series V	70,000	0	70,000
Senior Notes, Series W	100,000	0	100,000

(1) Each share has a liquidation preference of \$25.00.

Our principal office is located at 717 Texas Avenue, Suite 3100, Houston, Texas 77002, and our telephone number is (713) 493-2020.

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The following table contains information about the costs and expenses that common stockholders will bear directly or indirectly. The table below assumes the use of Leverage Instruments in an amount equal to 28.8% of our total assets, which represents our average leverage levels for the fiscal year ended November 30, 2011, and shows our expenses as a percentage of net assets attributable to our common stock. **We caution you that the percentages in the table below indicating annual expenses are estimates and may vary from actual results.**

Stockholder Transaction Expenses:

Sales Load Paid (as a percentage of offering price) (1)	%
Offering Expenses Borne (as a percentage of offering price) (2)	
Dividend Reinvestment Plan Fees (3)	None
Total Stockholder Transaction Expenses (as a percentage of offering price)(4)	%

Percentage of Net Assets Attributable to Common Stock (5)**Annual Expenses:**

Management Fees (6)	2.36%
Interest Payments on Borrowed Funds	1.70
Dividend Payments on Preferred Stock	0.61
Other Expenses (exclusive of current and deferred income tax expense)	0.22
Annual Expenses (exclusive of current and deferred income tax expense)	4.89
Current Income Tax Expense (7)	0.00
Deferred Income Tax Expense (7)	4.84
Total Annual Expenses (including current and deferred income tax expenses)	9.73%

- (1) The sales load will apply only if the securities to which this prospectus relates are sold to or through underwriters. In such case, a corresponding prospectus supplement will disclose the applicable sales load.
- (2) The related prospectus supplement will disclose the estimated amount of offering expenses, the offering price and the offering expenses as a percentage of the offering price.
- (3) The expenses of administering our Dividend Reinvestment Plan are included in Other Expenses. Common stockholders will pay brokerage charges if they direct American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, as their agent (the Plan Administrator), to sell their common stock held in a dividend reinvestment account. See Dividend Reinvestment Plan.
- (4) The related prospectus supplement will disclose the offering price and the total stockholder transaction expenses as a percentage of the offering price.

- (5) The annual expenses in the table are calculated using (i) such expenses as reported on our statement of operations for the fiscal year ended November 30, 2011 and (ii) our average net assets for the fiscal year ended November 30, 2011.
- (6) Pursuant to the terms of the investment management agreement between us and our Adviser, the management fee is calculated at an annual rate of 1.375% of our average total assets (excluding net deferred income tax assets, if any). Management fees in the table above are calculated as a percentage of net assets attributable to common stock, which results in a higher percentage than the percentage attributable to average total assets. See Management Investment Management Agreement.
- (7) For the fiscal year ended November 30, 2011, we recorded no current tax expense and net deferred tax expense of \$95 million attributable to our net investment loss, realized gains and unrealized gains.

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The purpose of the table above and the example below is to help you understand all fees and expenses that you would bear directly or indirectly as a holder of our common stock. See Management and Dividend Reinvestment Plan.

Example

The following example illustrates the expenses that common stockholders would pay on a \$1,000 investment in our common stock, assuming total annual expenses before tax are 4.89% of net asset value in year 1. The following example assumes that all distributions are reinvested at net asset value, an annual rate of return of 5% on our portfolio securities, and expenses include income tax expense associated with the 5% assumed rate of return on such portfolio securities.

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
Expenses	\$ 66	\$ 202	\$ 344	\$ 728

THE EXAMPLE AND THE EXPENSES IN THE TABLE ABOVE SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED A REPRESENTATION OF FUTURE EXPENSES. The example assumes that the estimated Annual Expenses (exclusive of current and deferred income tax expense) set forth in the Annual Expenses table are accurate and that all distributions are reinvested at net asset value. ACTUAL EXPENSES (INCLUDING THE COST OF LEVERAGE, IF ANY, AND OTHER EXPENSES) MAY BE GREATER OR LESS THAN THOSE SHOWN. Moreover, our actual rate of return may be greater or less than the hypothetical 5% return shown in the example.

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FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The Financial Highlights for the period September 28, 2004 (commencement of operations) through November 30, 2004 and the fiscal years ended November 30, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011, including accompanying notes thereto and the reports of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP thereon, contained in our Annual Report to Stockholders for the fiscal year ended November 30, 2011 contained in our Form N-CSR filed with the SEC on February 7, 2012 are hereby incorporated by reference into, and are made part of, this prospectus. A copy of such Annual Report to Stockholders must accompany the delivery of this prospectus.

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Information about our outstanding senior securities (including Series D Auction Rate Preferred Shares (ARP Shares), MRP Shares, Senior Notes and other indebtedness) is shown in the following table as of each fiscal year ended November 30 since we commenced operations. The information for the fiscal years ended 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011, and for the period ended November 30, 2004 has been derived from our financial statements which have been audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, whose report thereon is included in the financial statements incorporated by reference herein.

Year	Title of Security	Total Amount Outstanding (1) (\$ in 000s)	Asset Coverage Per \$1,000 of Principal or Liquidation Preference Amount	Involuntary Liquidating Preference Per Amount (2) (\$ in 000s)	Average Market Value Per Unit (3)
2004	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2005	Senior Notes				
	Series A	\$85,000	\$4,873	\$85,000	N/A
	Series B	85,000	4,873	85,000	N/A
	Series C	90,000	4,873	90,000	N/A
	ARP Shares	75,000	3,782	75,000	N/A
2006	Senior Notes				
	Series A	\$85,000	\$4,497	\$85,000	N/A
	Series B	85,000	4,497	85,000	N/A
	Series C	90,000	4,497	90,000	N/A
	Series E	60,000	4,497	60,000	N/A
	Revolving Credit Facility	17,000	4,497	17,000	N/A
	ARP Shares	75,000	3,678	75,000	N/A
2007	Senior Notes				
	Series A	\$85,000	\$3,284	\$85,000	N/A
	Series B	85,000	3,284	85,000	N/A
	Series C	90,000	3,284	90,000	N/A
	Series E	60,000	3,284	60,000	N/A
	Series F	185,000	3,284	185,000	N/A
	Revolving Credit Facility	97,000	3,284	97,000	N/A
	ARP Shares	75,000	2,920	75,000	N/A
2008	Senior Notes				
	Series G	\$75,000	\$3,389	\$75,000	N/A

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Series H	20,000	3,389	20,000	N/A
Series I	60,000	3,389	60,000	N/A
Series J	24,000	3,389	24,000	N/A
Series K	125,000	3,389	125,000	N/A
Revolving Credit Facility				N/A
ARP Shares	75,000	2,718	75,000	N/A

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Year	Title of Security	Total Amount Outstanding (1) (\$ in 000s)	Asset Coverage Per \$1,000 of Principal or Liquidation Preference Amount	Involuntary Liquidating Preference Per Amount (2) (\$ in 000s)	Average Market Value Per Unit (3)
2009	Senior Notes				
	Series G	\$75,000	\$4,009	\$75,000	N/A
	Series I	60,000	4,009	60,000	N/A
	Series K	125,000	4,009	125,000	N/A
	Series M	60,000	4,009	60,000	N/A
	Series N	50,000	4,009	50,000	N/A
	Revolving Credit Facility				N/A
	ARP Shares	75,000	3,333	75,000	N/A
2010	Senior Notes				
	Series G	\$75,000	\$4,203	\$75,000	N/A
	Series I	60,000	4,203	60,000	N/A
	Series K	125,000	4,203	125,000	N/A
	Series M	60,000	4,203	60,000	N/A
	Series N	50,000	4,203	50,000	N/A
	Series O	65,000	4,203	65,000	N/A
	Series P	45,000	4,203	45,000	N/A
	Series Q	15,000	4,203	15,000	N/A
	Series R	25,000	4,203	25,000	N/A
	Series S	60,000	4,203	60,000	N/A
	Series T	40,000	4,203	40,000	N/A
	Revolving Credit Facility				N/A
	MRP Shares				
	Series A	110,000	3,341	110,000	N/A
	Series B	8,000	3,341	8,000	N/A
	Series C	42,000	3,341	42,000	N/A
2011	Senior Notes				
	Series I	\$60,000	\$3,954	\$60,000	N/A
	Series K	125,000	3,954	125,000	N/A
	Series M	60,000	3,954	60,000	N/A
	Series N	50,000	3,954	50,000	N/A
	Series O	65,000	3,954	65,000	N/A
	Series P	45,000	3,954	45,000	N/A
	Series Q	15,000	3,954	15,000	N/A
	Series R	25,000	3,954	25,000	N/A
	Series S	60,000	3,954	60,000	N/A

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Series T	40,000	3,954	40,000	N/A
Series U	60,000	3,954	60,000	N/A

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Year	Title of Security	Total Amount Outstanding (1) (\$ in 000s)	Asset Coverage Per \$1,000 of Principal or Liquidation Preference Amount	Involuntary Liquidating Preference Per Amount (2) (\$ in 000s)	Average Market Value Per Unit (3)
	Series V	\$70,000	\$3,954	\$70,000	N/A
	Series W	100,000	3,954	100,000	N/A
	Revolving Credit Facility				N/A
	MRP Shares				
	Series A	110,000	2,961	110,000	N/A
	Series B	8,000	2,961	8,000	N/A
	Series C	42,000	2,961	42,000	N/A
	Series D	100,000	2,961	100,000	N/A

(1) Total amount of each class of senior securities outstanding at the end of the period presented.

(2) The amount to which such class of senior security would be entitled upon the involuntary liquidation of the issuer in preference to any security junior to it.

(3) Not applicable, as senior securities are not registered for public trading.

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Shares of our common stock are listed on the NYSE under the symbol KYN. Our common stock commenced trading on the NYSE on September 28, 2004.

Our common stock has traded both at a premium and at a discount in relation to its net asset value. Although our common stock has traded at a premium to net asset value, we cannot assure that this will continue after the offering or that the common stock will not trade at a discount in the future. Our issuance of common stock may have an adverse effect on prices in the secondary market for our common stock by increasing the number of shares of common stock available, which may create downward pressure on the market price for our common stock. Shares of closed-end investment companies frequently trade at a discount to net asset value. See Risk Factors Additional Risks Related to Our Common Stock Market Discount From Net Asset Value Risk.

The following table sets forth for each of the fiscal quarters indicated the range of high and low closing sales price of our common stock and the quarter-end sales price, each as reported on the NYSE, the net asset value per share of common stock and the premium or discount to net asset value per share at which our shares were trading. Net asset value is generally determined on the last business day of each calendar month. See Net Asset Value for information as to the determination of our net asset value.

	Quarterly Closing Sales Price		Sales Price	Quarter-End Closing	
				Net Asset Value Per Share of Common Stock (1)	Premium/ (Discount) of Quarter-End Sales Price to Net Asset Value (2)
	High	Low			
Fiscal Year 2011					
Fourth Quarter	\$29.18	\$ 25.53	\$ 28.03	\$ 27.01	3.8%
Third Quarter	30.37	24.35	28.40	26.01	9.2
Second Quarter	32.71	28.44	29.43	27.53	6.9
First Quarter	31.51	27.93	30.91	28.73	7.6
Fiscal Year 2010					
Fourth Quarter	\$28.49	\$ 25.63	\$ 28.49	\$ 26.67	6.8%
Third Quarter	27.11	24.65	25.54	23.96	6.6
Second Quarter	27.46	24.75	25.25	21.90	15.3
First Quarter	26.31	22.99	24.86	22.23	11.8
Fiscal Year 2009					
Fourth Quarter	\$24.95	\$ 20.24	\$ 24.43	\$ 20.13	21.4%
Third Quarter	22.25	19.17	20.35	18.02	12.9
Second Quarter	21.00	14.96	21.00	17.04	23.2
First Quarter	19.84	11.12	17.32	14.84	16.7

Source of market prices: Reuters Group PLC.

- (1) NAV per share is determined as of close of business on the last day of the relevant quarter and therefore may not reflect the NAV per share on the date of the high and low closing sales prices, which may or may not fall on the last day of the quarter. NAV per share is calculated as described in Net Asset Value.
- (2) Calculated as of the quarter-end closing sales price divided by the quarter-end NAV.

On January 31, 2012, the last reported sales price of our common stock on the NYSE was \$31.35, which represented a premium of approximately 8.2% to the NAV per share reported by us on that date.

As of January 31, 2012, we had approximately 75.4 million shares of common stock outstanding and we had net assets applicable to common stockholders of approximately \$2.2 billion.

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USE OF PROCEEDS

Unless otherwise specified in a prospectus supplement, we will use the net proceeds from any sales of our securities pursuant to this prospectus to make investments in portfolio companies in accordance with our investment objectives and policies, to repay indebtedness, or for general corporate purposes. The supplement to this prospectus relating to an offering will more fully identify the use of proceeds from such offering.

To the extent a portion of the proceeds from such offering are used to make investments in portfolio companies, the relevant prospectus supplement will include an estimate of the length of time it is expected to take to invest such proceeds. We anticipate such length of time will be less than three months. To the extent a portion of the proceeds from such offering are used to repay indebtedness, such transactions will be effected as soon as practicable after completion of the relevant offering.

Pending the use of proceeds, as described above, we anticipate either investing the proceeds in short-term securities issued by the U.S. government or its agencies or instrumentalities or in high quality, short-term or long-term debt obligations or money market instruments. A delay in the anticipated use of proceeds could lower returns, reduce our distribution to common stockholders and reduce the amount of cash available to make dividend and interest payments on preferred stock and debt securities, respectively.

As of January 31, 2012, we had \$60.0 million borrowed under our credit facility. The credit facility has a three-year commitment terminating on June 11, 2013. Amounts repaid under our credit facility will remain available for future borrowings. Outstanding balances under the credit facility accrue interest daily at a rate equal to the one-month LIBOR plus 1.75% per annum based on current asset coverage ratios. The interest rate may vary between LIBOR plus 1.75% and LIBOR plus 3.00% depending on asset coverage ratios. We will pay a fee equal to a rate of 0.40% per annum on any unused amounts of the credit facility.

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RISK FACTORS

Investing in our securities involves risk, including the risk that you may receive little or no return on your investment or that you may lose part or all of your investment. The following discussion summarizes some of the risks that a potential investor should carefully consider before deciding whether to invest in our securities offered hereby. For additional information about the risks associated with investing in our securities, see *Our Investments* in our SAI, as well as any risk factors included in the applicable prospectus supplement.

Risks Related to Our Investments and Investment Techniques

Investment and Market Risk

An investment in our securities is subject to investment risk, including the possible loss of the entire amount that you invest. Your investment in our securities represents an indirect investment in MLPs, other Midstream Energy Companies and other securities owned by us, some of which will be traded on a national securities exchange or in the over-the-counter markets. An investment in our securities is not intended to constitute a complete investment program and should not be viewed as such. The value of these publicly traded securities, like other market investments, may move up or down, sometimes rapidly and unpredictably. The value of the securities in which we invest may affect the value of our securities. Your securities at any point in time may be worth less than your original investment, even after taking into account the reinvestment of our distributions. We are primarily a long-term investment vehicle and should not be used for short-term trading.

Risks of Investing in MLP Units

In addition to the risks summarized herein, an investment in MLP units involves certain risks which differ from an investment in the securities of a corporation. Investors in MLPs, unlike investors in the securities of a corporation, have limited control and voting rights on matters affecting the partnership. In addition, there are certain tax risks associated with an investment in MLP units and conflicts of interest exist between common unitholders and the general partner, including those arising from incentive distribution payments.

Energy Sector Risks

Our concentration in the energy sector may present more risk than if we were broadly diversified over multiple sectors of the economy. A downturn in the energy sector of the economy, adverse political, legislative or regulatory developments or other events could have a larger impact on us than on an investment company that does not concentrate in the energy sector. At times, the performance of companies in the energy sector may lag the performance of other sectors or the broader market as a whole. In addition, there are several specific risks associated with investments in the energy sector, including the following:

Supply and Demand Risk. MLPs and other Midstream Energy Companies operating in the energy sector could be adversely affected by reductions in the supply of or demand for energy commodities. The volume of production of energy commodities and the volume of energy commodities available for transportation, mining, storage, processing or distribution could be affected by a variety of factors, including depletion of resources; depressed commodity prices; catastrophic events; labor relations; increased environmental or other governmental regulation; equipment malfunctions and maintenance difficulties; import volumes; international politics, policies of OPEC; and increased competition from alternative energy sources. Alternatively, a decline in demand for energy commodities could result from factors such as adverse economic conditions; increased taxation; increased environmental or other governmental

regulation; increased fuel economy; increased energy conservation or use of alternative energy sources; legislation intended to promote the use of alternative energy sources; or increased commodity prices.

Commodity Pricing Risk. The operations and financial performance of MLPs and other Midstream Energy Companies may be directly affected by energy commodity prices, especially those MLPs and other Midstream Energy Companies which own the underlying energy commodity or receive payments for services that are based on commodity prices. Such impact may be a result of changes in the price for such commodity or a result of changes in the price of one energy commodity relative to the price of another energy commodity (*i.e.*, the price of natural gas relative to the price of natural gas liquids). Commodity prices fluctuate for

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several reasons, including changes in market and economic conditions, the impact of weather on demand, levels of domestic production and imported commodities, energy conservation, domestic and foreign governmental regulation and taxation and the availability of local, intrastate and interstate transportation systems. Volatility of commodity prices, which may lead to a reduction in production or supply, may also negatively impact the performance of MLPs and other Midstream Energy Companies which are solely involved in the transportation, processing, storing, distribution or marketing of commodities. Volatility of commodity prices may also make it more difficult for MLPs and other Midstream Energy Companies to raise capital to the extent the market perceives that their performance may be directly or indirectly tied to commodity prices. In addition to the volatility of commodity prices, extremely high commodity prices may drive further energy conservation efforts which may adversely affect the performance of MLPs and other Midstream Energy Companies.

Depletion Risk. Most MLPs and other Midstream Energy Companies are engaged in the transporting, storing, distributing and processing of natural gas, natural gas liquids, crude oil, refined petroleum products or coal on behalf of shippers. In addition, some MLPs and Midstream Energy Companies are engaged in the production of such commodities. Energy reserves naturally deplete as they are produced over time, and to maintain or grow their revenues, these companies need to maintain or expand their reserves through exploration of new sources of supply, through the development of existing sources, through acquisitions, or through long-term contracts to acquire reserves. The financial performance of MLPs and other Midstream Energy Companies may be adversely affected if they, or the companies to whom they provide the service, are unable to cost-effectively acquire additional reserves sufficient to replace the natural decline. If an energy company fails to add reserves by acquiring or developing them, its reserves and production will decline over time as they are produced. If an energy company is not able to raise capital on favorable terms, it may not be able to add to or maintain its reserves.

Regulatory Risk. MLPs and other Energy Companies are subject to significant federal, state and local government regulation in virtually every aspect of their operations, including (i) how facilities are constructed, maintained and operated, (ii) how services are provided, (iii) environmental and safety controls, and, in some cases (iv) the prices they may charge for the products and services they provide. Such regulation can change rapidly or over time in both scope and intensity. Various governmental authorities have the power to enforce compliance with these regulations and the permits issued under them, and violators are subject to administrative, civil and criminal penalties, including civil fines, injunctions or both. Stricter laws, regulations or enforcement policies could be enacted in the future which would likely increase compliance costs and may adversely affect the financial performance of MLPs and other Energy Companies.

In particular, changes to laws and increased regulations or enforcement policies as a result of oil spills, such as the Macondo oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico or onshore oil pipeline spills may adversely affect the financial performance of MLPs and other Energy Companies. Additionally, changes to laws and increased regulation or restrictions to the use of hydraulic fracturing may adversely impact the ability of Energy Companies to economically develop oil and natural gas resources and, in turn, reduce production for such commodities and adversely impact the financial performance of MLPs and Midstream Energy Companies.

The operation of energy assets, including wells, gathering systems, pipelines, refineries and other facilities, is subject to stringent and complex federal, state and local environmental laws and regulations. Failure to comply with these laws and regulations may trigger a variety of administrative, civil and criminal enforcement measures, including the assessment of monetary penalties, the imposition of remedial requirements, and the issuance of orders enjoining future operations. Certain environmental statutes, including RCRA, CERCLA, the federal Oil Pollution Act and analogous state laws and regulations, impose strict, joint and several liability for costs required to clean up and restore sites where hazardous substances have been disposed of or otherwise released. Moreover, it is not uncommon for neighboring landowners and other third parties to file claims for personal injury and property damage allegedly caused by the release of hazardous substances or other waste products into the environment.

The EPA and federal, state and local governmental agencies may enact laws that prohibit or significantly regulate the operation of energy assets. For instance, increased regulatory scrutiny of hydraulic fracturing,

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which is used by Energy Companies to develop oil and natural gas reserves, could result in additional laws and regulations governing hydraulic fracturing or, potentially, prohibit the action. While we are not able to predict the likelihood of such an event or its impact, it is possible that additional restrictions on hydraulic fracturing could result in a reduction in production of oil, natural gas and natural gas liquids. The use of hydraulic fracturing is critical to the recovery of economic amounts of oil, natural gas and natural gas liquids from unconventional reserves, and MLPs and Midstream Energy Companies have increasingly focused on the construction of midstream assets to facilitate the development of unconventional resources. As a result, restrictions on hydraulic fracturing could have an adverse impact on the financial performance of MLPs and Midstream Energy Companies.

There is an inherent risk that MLPs may incur material environmental costs and liabilities due to the nature of their businesses and the substances they handle. For example, an accidental release from a pipeline could subject the owner of such pipeline to substantial liabilities for environmental cleanup and restoration costs, claims made by neighboring landowners and other third parties for personal injury and property damage, and fines or penalties for related violations of environmental laws or regulations. Moreover, the possibility exists that stricter laws, regulations or enforcement policies could significantly increase the compliance costs of MLPs. Similarly, the implementation of more stringent environmental requirements could significantly increase the cost of any remediation that may become necessary. MLPs may not be able to recover these costs from insurance or recover these costs in the rates it charges customers.

Acquisition Risk. The abilities of MLPs and other Midstream Energy Companies to grow and to increase cash distributions to unitholders can be highly dependent on their ability to make acquisitions that result in an increase in cash flows. In the event that MLPs and other Midstream Energy Companies are unable to make such accretive acquisitions because they are unable to identify attractive acquisition candidates and negotiate acceptable purchase contracts, because they are unable to raise financing for such acquisitions on economically acceptable terms, or because they are outbid by competitors, their future growth and ability to raise distributions will be limited. Furthermore, even if MLPs and other Midstream Energy Companies do consummate acquisitions that they believe will be accretive, the acquisitions may instead result in a decrease in cash flow. Any acquisition involves risks, including, among other things: mistaken assumptions about revenues and costs, including synergies; the assumption of unknown liabilities; limitations on rights to indemnity from the seller; the diversion of management's attention from other business concerns; unforeseen difficulties operating in new product or geographic areas; and customer or key employee losses at the acquired businesses.

Interest Rate Risk. Rising interest rates could adversely impact the financial performance of MLPs and other Midstream Energy Companies by increasing their costs of capital. This may reduce their ability to execute acquisitions or expansion projects in a cost-effective manner. MLP and other Midstream Energy Company valuations are based on numerous factors, including sector and business fundamentals, management expertise, and expectations of future operating results. However, MLP yields are also susceptible in the short-term to fluctuations in interest rates and the prices of MLP securities may decline when interest rates rise. Because we will principally invest in MLP equity securities, our investment in such securities means that the net asset value and market price of our securities may decline if interest rates rise.

Weather Risks. Weather conditions and the seasonality of weather patterns play a role in the cash flows of certain MLPs. MLPs in the propane industry, for example, rely on the winter heating season to generate almost all of their cash flow. In an unusually warm winter season, propane MLPs experience decreased demand for their product. Although most MLPs can reasonably predict seasonal weather demand based on normal weather patterns, extreme weather conditions, such as the hurricanes that severely damaged cities along the U.S. Gulf Coast in recent years, demonstrate that no amount of preparation can protect an MLP from the unpredictability of the weather. The damage done by extreme weather also may serve to increase insurance premiums for energy assets owned by MLPs and other Midstream Energy Companies, could significantly increase the volatility in the supply of energy-related commodities

and could adversely affect such companies' financial condition and ability to pay distributions to shareholders.

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Catastrophic Event Risk. MLPs and other Midstream Energy Companies operating in the energy sector are subject to many dangers inherent in the production, exploration, management, transportation, processing and distribution of natural gas, natural gas liquids, crude oil, refined petroleum products and other hydrocarbons. These dangers include leaks, fires, explosions, damage to facilities and equipment resulting from natural disasters, inadvertent damage to facilities and equipment (such as those suffered by BP's Deepwater Horizon drilling platform in 2010) and terrorist acts. Since the September 11th terrorist attacks, the U.S. government has issued warnings that energy assets, specifically U.S. pipeline infrastructure, may be targeted in future terrorist attacks. These dangers give rise to risks of substantial losses as a result of loss or destruction of reserves; damage to or destruction of property, facilities and equipment; pollution and environmental damage; and personal injury or loss of life. Any occurrence of such catastrophic events could bring about a limitation, suspension or discontinuation of the operations of certain assets owned by such MLP or other Midstream Energy Company. MLPs and other Midstream Energy Companies operating in the energy sector may not be fully insured against all risks inherent in their business operations and, therefore, accidents and catastrophic events could adversely affect such companies' financial condition and ability to pay distributions to shareholders. We expect that increased governmental regulation to mitigate such catastrophic risk such as the recent oil spills referred to above, could increase insurance premiums and other operating costs for MLPs and other Midstream Energy Companies.

Reserve Risks. Companies engaged in the production of natural gas, natural gas liquids, crude oil and other energy commodities are subject to overstatement of the quantities of their reserves based upon any reserve estimates that prove to be inaccurate, that no commercially productive amounts of such commodities will be discovered as a result of drilling or other exploration activities, the curtailment, delay or cancellation of exploration activities are as a result of a unexpected conditions or miscalculations, title problems, pressure or irregularities in formations, equipment failures or accidents, adverse weather conditions, compliance with environmental and other governmental requirements and cost of, or shortages or delays in the availability of, drilling rigs and other exploration equipment, and operational risks and hazards associated with the development of the underlying properties, including natural disasters, blowouts, explosions, fires, leakage of such energy commodities, mechanical failures, cratering, and pollution.

Industry Specific Risks

MLPs and other Midstream Energy Companies operating in the energy sector are also subject to risks that are specific to the industry they serve.

Midstream. MLPs and other Midstream Energy Companies that operate midstream assets are subject to supply and demand fluctuations in the markets they serve which may be impacted by a wide range of factors including fluctuating commodity prices, weather, increased conservation or use of alternative fuel sources, increased governmental or environmental regulation, depletion, rising interest rates, declines in domestic or foreign production, accidents or catastrophic events, and economic conditions, among others. Further, MLPs and other Midstream Energy Companies that operate gathering and processing assets are subject to natural declines in the production of the oil and gas fields they serve. In addition, some gathering and processing contracts subject the owner of such assets to direct commodity price risk.

Shipping. MLPs and other Midstream Energy Companies with marine transportation assets are exposed to many of the same risks as other MLPs and Midstream Energy Companies. In addition, the highly cyclical nature of the marine transportation industry may lead to volatile changes in charter rates and vessel values, which may adversely affect the revenues, profitability and cash flows of such companies our portfolio. Fluctuations in charter rates result from changes in the supply and demand for vessel capacity and changes in the supply and demand for certain energy commodities. Changes in demand for transportation of commodities over longer distances and supply of vessels to carry those commodities may materially affect revenues, profitability and cash flows. The value of marine transportation vessels may fluctuate and could adversely affect the value of shipping company securities in our

portfolio. Declining marine transportation values could affect the ability of shipping companies to raise cash by limiting their ability to refinance their vessels, thereby adversely impacting such company's liquidity. Shipping company vessels are at risk of damage or loss because of events such as mechanical failure, collision, human error, war, terrorism, piracy, cargo loss and bad weather.

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In addition, changing economic, regulatory and political conditions in some countries, including political and military conflicts, have from time to time resulted in attacks on vessels, mining of waterways, piracy, terrorism, labor strikes, boycotts and government requisitioning of vessels. These sorts of events could interfere with shipping lanes and result in market disruptions and a significant reduction in cash flow for the shipping companies in our portfolio.

Coal. MLPs with coal assets are subject to supply and demand fluctuations in the markets they serve, which will be impacted by a wide range of domestic and foreign factors including fluctuating commodity prices, the level of their customers' coal stockpiles, weather, increased conservation or use of alternative fuel sources, increased governmental or environmental regulation, depletion, declines in production, mining accidents or catastrophic events, health claims and economic conditions, among others. In light of increased state and federal regulation, it has been increasingly difficult to obtain and maintain the permits necessary to mine coal. Further, such permits, if obtained, have increasingly contained more stringent, and more difficult and costly to comply with, provisions relating to environmental protection.

Propane. MLPs and with propane assets are subject to earnings variability based upon weather conditions in the markets they serve, fluctuating commodity prices, customer conservation and increased use of alternative fuels, increased governmental or environmental regulation, and accidents or catastrophic events, among others.

Exploration and production. MLPs and other Midstream Energy Companies that own oil and gas reserves are particularly vulnerable to declines in the demand for and prices of crude oil and natural gas. The accuracy of any reserve estimate is a function of the quality of available data, the accuracy of assumptions regarding future commodity prices and future exploration and development costs and engineering and geological interpretations and judgments. Any significant variance from the assumptions used could result in the actual quantity of reserves and future net cash flow being materially different from those estimated in reserve reports. Substantial downward adjustments in reserve estimates could have a material adverse effect on the value of such reserves and the financial condition of such company. In addition, due to natural declines in reserves and production, energy companies must economically find or acquire and develop additional reserves in order to maintain and grow their production levels and cash flow.

Tax Risks of Investing in Equity Securities of MLPs

Tax Risk of MLPs. Our ability to meet our investment objective will depend, in part, on the level of taxable income and distributions and dividends we receive from the MLP securities in which we invest, a factor over which we have no control. The benefit we derive from our investment in MLPs is largely dependent on the MLPs being treated as partnerships and not as corporations for federal income tax purposes. As a partnership, an MLP has no tax liability at the entity level. If, as a result of a change in current law or a change in an MLP's business, an MLP were treated as a corporation for federal income tax purposes, such MLP would be obligated to pay federal income tax on its income at the corporate tax rate. If an MLP were classified as a corporation for federal income tax purposes, the amount of cash available for distribution by the MLP would likely be reduced and distributions received by us would be taxed under federal income tax laws applicable to corporate distributions (as dividend income, return of capital, or capital gain). As a result, treatment of an MLP as a corporation for federal income tax purposes would likely result in a reduction in the after-tax return to us, likely causing a reduction in the value of our common stock.

New legislative efforts to change tax laws to simplify the tax code and increase corporate tax receipts could result in proposals to eliminate pass-through entities for tax purposes. We cannot predict the likelihood of any such changes. Such legislation, if approved by Congress, could result in MLPs no longer being treated as partnerships for tax purposes and instead being taxed as corporations.

Non-Diversification Risk

We are a non-diversified, closed-end investment company under the 1940 Act and will not be treated as a regulated investment company under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the Code. Accordingly, there are no regulatory requirements under the 1940 Act or the Code on the minimum number or size of securities we hold. As of January 31, 2012, we held investments in approximately 67 issuers.

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As of January 31, 2012, substantially all of our total assets were invested in publicly traded securities of MLPs and other Midstream Energy Companies. As of January 31, 2012, there were 78 publicly traded MLPs (partnerships) which manage and operate energy assets. We primarily select our investments in publicly traded securities from securities issued by MLPs in this small pool, together with securities issued by newly public MLPs, if any. We also invest in publicly traded securities issued by other Midstream Energy Companies.

As a result of selecting our investments from this small pool of publicly traded securities, a change in the value of the securities of any one of these publicly traded MLPs could have a significant impact on our portfolio. In addition, as there can be a correlation in the valuation of the securities of publicly traded MLPs, a change in value of the securities of one such MLP could negatively influence the valuations of the securities of other publicly traded MLPs that we may hold in our portfolio.

As we may invest up to 15% of our total assets in any single issuer, a decline in value of the securities of such an issuer could significantly impact the value of our portfolio.

Affiliated Party Risk

Certain MLPs are dependent on their parents or sponsors for a majority of their revenues. Any failure by an MLP's parents or sponsors to satisfy their payments or obligations would impact the MLP's revenues and cash flows and ability to make interest payments and distributions.

Dependence on Limited Number of MLP Customers and Suppliers

Certain MLPs and other Midstream Energy Companies in which we may invest depend upon a limited number of customers for a majority of their revenue. Similarly, certain MLPs and other Midstream Energy Companies in which we may invest depend upon a limited number of suppliers of goods or services to continue their operations. The loss of any such customers or suppliers could materially adversely affect such MLPs' and other Midstream Companies' results of operation and cash flow, and their ability to make distributions to stockholders could therefore be materially adversely affected.

Delay in Use of Proceeds

Although we intend to invest the proceeds of this offering in accordance with our investment objective as soon as practicable, such investments may be delayed if suitable investments are unavailable at the time. The trading market and volumes for securities of MLPs and other Midstream Energy Companies may, at times, be less liquid than the market for other securities. Pending such investment, the proceeds of the offering may temporarily be invested in cash, cash equivalents, short-term securities issued by the U.S. government or its agencies or instrumentalities or in high quality, short-term or long-term debt obligation