Crystal Cove ABS CDO, LTD.

The "RAPID" Structure
("Rapidly Amortizing Principal through Interest Diversion")

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Executive Summary

- Crystal Cove CDO is a newly formed collateralized debt obligation ("CDO") incorporated under the laws of the Cayman Islands that will be managed by Pacific Investment Management Company ("PIMCO" or the "Collateral Manager"). The Collateral Manager is a leading global fixed income manager with approximately $395 billion in assets under management, including four ABS CDOs currently under management.

- Crystal Cove CDO plans to issue a $[451] MM Asset-Backed Collateralized Debt Obligation ("ABS CDO") backed by a portfolio consisting primarily of Consumer and Commercial Asset-Backed Securities ("ABS"), Residential Mortgage Backed Securities ("RMBS"), Commercial Mortgage Backed Securities ("CMBS"), (collectively with the ABS and RMBS, "Structured Finance Securities"), and CDOs.(1)

- Structured Finance Securities have historically exhibited lower default rates, higher recovery upon default and better rating stability than comparably rated corporate bonds. Consequently, CDOs secured by a portfolio of Structured Finance Securities have generally outperformed other CDO types.(2)

- Crystal Cove CDO will issue the following five classes of securities (the "Offered Securities") to be backed primarily by Structured Finance Securities:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Securities Issued by Crystal Cove CDO</th>
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<tr>
<td>[$315.0]MM Class A-1</td>
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<td>[Aaa/AAA]</td>
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<td>[$16.5]MM Preference Shares</td>
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<td>[NR]</td>
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(1) Definitions and other terms will be fully described in the Offering Circular
2. Asset Class Selection
A. Structured Finance Market Overview
Structured Finance Market Overview

Historical Defaults (1)(2)

The Offered Securities will be backed by a pool of assets that consists primarily of "Baa" rated Structured Finance Securities

For All Structured Finance Securities

- RMBS one-year average default rate (1993 – 2002) ~0.1% (3)
- CMBS one-year average default rate (1993 – 2002) ~0.1% (4)
- ABS one-year average default rate (1993 – 2002) ~0.1% (5)

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(3) This number denotes the total number of material impairments in RMBS (excluding deals originated from the mortgage lender “Quality Mortgage”, which will not originate any of the underlying mortgages in the Crystal Cove CDO) as a percentage of the sample of 4,281 rated RMBS analyzed in the study.
(4) This number denotes the total number of material impairments in CMBS as a percentage of the sample of 2,315 rated CMBS analyzed in the study.
(5) This number denotes the total number of material impairments in ABS (excluding Franchise Loans and Manufactured Housing Securities from 1993-2002, which are prohibited securities in the Crystal Cove CDO) as a percentage of the total number of the 6,522 rated ABS analyzed in the sample.
Structured Finance Market Overview

Historical Recovery Rates of ABS \(^{(1)(4)}\)

- A Moody’s study on recovery rates of Structured Finance Securities has concluded the following:
  - Structured Finance Securities have historically had an average recovery rate of 58\%. \(^{(1)}\)
  - Unlike corporate debt securities, Structured Finance Securities may receive more substantial cashflow in respect of interest and principal after a default.
    - Historically, RMBS have recovered at more than 1.5X the rate of corporate bonds and CMBS have recovered at more than twice the rate of corporate bonds.

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<th>Average Recoveries of Defaulted RMBS</th>
<th>55% (^{(1)})</th>
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<td>Average Recoveries of Defaulted CMBS</td>
<td>100% (^{(1)(2)})</td>
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<tr>
<td>Average Recoveries of Defaulted Other ABS</td>
<td>59% (^{(1)})</td>
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In contrast, the average recovery rate for corporate bonds from 1982-2003 was approximately 35\% \(^{(3)}\).

\(^{(2)}\) Because losses on defaulted Structured Finance Securities accumulate gradually over time, complete information about lifetime losses on defaulted Structured Finance Securities is available only for those few (84 in total) defaulters in our sample that have ceased making their payments (i.e., 'paid down' or written down defaulters). Among the 84 defaulters that have had zero outstanding balances, four were from CMBS, all of which were cured before their last payment date, and hence suffered zero lifetime cumulative losses.
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Structured Finance Market Overview (1)

Rating Stability (1)(2)

According to a recent Moody’s study, the long-term historical average (1983-2003) of unchanged ratings of Structured Finance Securities and CDOs was 92.3%, which compares favorably to the 76.6% average of unchanged ratings of corporate bonds for the same period.

Structured Finance Securities and CDOs (2003 only)(3)

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<th>Rating from:</th>
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Overall, rating stability in Structured Finance Securities and CDOs was more than 10 percentage points higher than in corporate bonds in 2003.

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Structured Finance Market Overview

Low Ratings Volatility \(1\)(2)

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**ABS CDO Performance**

- Better performance of Structured Finance Securities (including RMBS, CMBS, ABS and CDOs) has led to better performance of CDOs backed by those assets.

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<tr>
<th>Asset Collateralizing CDO</th>
<th>Subordinated Overcollateralization</th>
<th>Defaults</th>
<th>Rating Score</th>
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<tr>
<td>ABS</td>
<td>+1.05%</td>
<td>1.08%</td>
<td>&lt;47.37%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Collateralized Loan Obligations</td>
<td>+3.22%</td>
<td>2.46%</td>
<td>&lt;2.54%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Investment Grade Corp</td>
<td>&lt;0.03%</td>
<td>0.98%</td>
<td>&lt;70.42%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>High Yield Corp</td>
<td>&lt;11.91%</td>
<td>9.90%</td>
<td>&lt;44.03%</td>
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The Moody's CDO Index measures defaults in the portfolio as well as the extent of compliance (positive numbers) or non-compliance (negative numbers) with certain coverage and collateral quality tests including O/C tests and Rating Factor tests.

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(1) Source: Moody’s Investors Service, “Collateralized Debt Obligations Indices April 2004”.
(2) The Index shown for each respective deal type is the average of the Moody’s rated deals that closed between 1996-April 2004 for each respective deal type.
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Crystal Cove CDO Portfolio
Portfolio Assumptions

Crystal Cove CDO Composition (1)

Crystal Cove CDO is expected to have a majority of its portfolio in assets backed by residential securities, CDOs, and other ABS type securities. (2)

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2. The assets held by Crystal Cove CDO which back the Offered Securities may consist of such CDO securities provided that the securities issued by any one CDO may not exceed [ ]% Crystal Cove's portfolio. As a result, purchasers of the Offered Securities must understand that if they hold debt or equity issued by other CDOs, their credit exposure to such CDOs will increase to the extent securities issued by those CDOs are also included in the assets of Crystal Cove.
### Transaction Highlights (1)(7)

#### Summary of Terms

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<th>Class</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Ratings (Moody's/S&amp;P) (2)</th>
<th>Par/Investment Amount</th>
<th>Average Life (3)</th>
<th>Legal Maturity Date</th>
<th>Minimum Denomination(4)</th>
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<td>A-1</td>
<td>First Priority Senior Floating Rate Notes</td>
<td>[Aaa/AAA]</td>
<td>[$315.0] MM</td>
<td>[6.4] yrs</td>
<td>[August 2039]</td>
<td>[$1,000,000 minimum]</td>
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<td>Second Priority Senior Floating Rate Notes</td>
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<td>Third Priority Senior Floating Rate Notes</td>
<td>[Aa2/AA]</td>
<td>[$35.5] MM</td>
<td>[9.0] yrs</td>
<td>[August 2039]</td>
<td>[$1,000,000 minimum]</td>
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<td>C</td>
<td>Fourth Priority Mezzanine Floating Rate Notes</td>
<td>[Baa2/BBB]</td>
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#### Collateral Profile
- Maximum Single Issuer Concentration: [1.50%] (5)
- Maximum Single Servicer Concentration: [7.50%] (6)
- Minimum Diversity Score [18] (7)
- Maximum Weighted Average Rating Factor: [450] (7)
- Below Investment Grade Bucket: [10%] (8)
- Maximum Weighted Average Life: [6.00] Years
- Minimum Weighted Average Coupon: [6.20%]
- Minimum Weighted Average Spread: [2.05%]

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2. The classes will be rated by Moody's and S&P.
3. Please see "Transaction Highlights - Structuring Assumptions" for a description of modeling assumptions. Based on an auction call in [10] years. Assumes a 25 bps spread of 2.15% and an initial coupon of 6.20% for [10] years at the rolling 5 year swap rate + [2.00%].
4. Non-institutional investors may purchase debt tranche at a lesser minimum
7. Based on a Wadie-Diversity Score Matrix
8. Up to [50%] can be purchased at closing; the remainder will be used solely for rating migration purposes.

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Transaction Highlights

Advantages of Deleveraging

Benefits of the RAPID Structure

Class A-1 Notes Principal Paydown

- After the reinvestment period, principal paydowns on the underlying collateral will be used to pay down the Class A-1 Notes.

Benefits to Class A-1 Noteholders

- Principal payments are expected upon the end of the reinvestment period
- Build up of overcollateralization levels

Class C Notes Early Principal Paydown

- Returns on Preference Shares will be capped at [14.0%] until Class C Notes are fully amortized. Excess interest will be used to fully amortize the Class C (Baa2/BBB) Notes from the initial distribution date.

Benefits to Class C Noteholders

- Expected average life of the Class C (Baa2/BBB) Notes will be shorter as a result
- Build up of overcollateralization levels
### Transaction Highlights

**Break Even Default Rates (1)(2)(3)(4)**

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<tr>
<th>Class Description (Moody's/S&amp;P)</th>
<th>Annual Default Rate</th>
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<tr>
<td>Class A-1 First Priority Senior Floating Rate Notes (Aaa/AAA)</td>
<td>[19.1]%</td>
<td>[62.8]%</td>
<td>[30.6]%</td>
<td>[77.2]%</td>
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<td>Class A-2 Second Priority Senior Floating Rate Notes (Aaa/AAA)</td>
<td>[10.0]%</td>
<td>[41.8]%</td>
<td>[14.2]%</td>
<td>[52.9]%</td>
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<td>Class B Third Priority Senior Floating Rate Notes (Aa2/AA)</td>
<td>[5.9]%</td>
<td>[27.8]%</td>
<td>[7.9]%</td>
<td>[35.2]%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Class C Fourth Priority Mezzanine Floating Rate Notes (Baa2/BBB)</td>
<td>[3.2]%</td>
<td>[16.6]%</td>
<td>[4.4]%</td>
<td>[21.8]%</td>
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(1) Break in yield is the default rate at which the first dollar loss in principal occurs, and 0% yield is the default rate at which no principal is received.

(2) Assumes no default loss, 60% immediate recovery and forward LIBOR.

(3) Please see "Transaction Highlights - Structuring Assumptions" for a description of modeling assumptions. Based on an auction call in [9] years. Assumes a VNA spread of 2.15% and an initial coupon of 6.20% reinvested for [4] years at the rolling 5 year swap rate *+2.00%*

(4) Definitions and other terms will be fully described in the Offering Circular.

*Note: All information shown in these materials is for illustrative purposes only. See Important Notice in the beginning of the materials.*
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**Structuring Assumptions** (1)(4)

**Collateral Assumptions** (1)

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<td>Minimum Weighted Average Fixed Coupon</td>
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<td>Minimum Weighted Average Floating Spread</td>
<td>2.15%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Weighted Average Price</td>
<td>99.5%</td>
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<td>Maximum Weighted Average Life</td>
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<tr>
<td>Principal Amount</td>
<td>$450MM</td>
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<td>Minimum Diversity Score</td>
<td>&gt;=[23]</td>
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<tr>
<td>Maximum Weighted Average Rating Factor</td>
<td>450</td>
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<td>(Baa2/Baa3)</td>
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**Funding and Payment Dates**

- **Closing Date**: [8/15/04]
- **Reinvestment Period**: [4] years
- **Non-Call Period**: [4] years
- **5-Year Swap Rate**: [4.03]%

**Coverage Tests** (3)

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<tr>
<td>A/B</td>
<td>[103.8%]</td>
<td>[108.8%]</td>
<td>[115.0%]</td>
<td>[144.5%]</td>
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<td>C</td>
<td>[101.5%]</td>
<td>[104.0%]</td>
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**Ongoing Fees and Expenses** (2)

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<td>Senior Advisory Fees</td>
<td>30.0 bps</td>
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<tr>
<td>Subordinate Advisory Fees</td>
<td>25.0 bps</td>
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<tr>
<td>Incentive Fees</td>
<td>20.0% of the equity cashflows once [12.5%] IRR is achieved</td>
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<tr>
<td>Trustee Fees</td>
<td>2.0 bps</td>
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<tr>
<td>Administrative Expenses</td>
<td>4.0 bps</td>
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<td>Administrative Fee Cap</td>
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**Closing Fees and Expenses** (6)

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(1) These assumptions are general and are not conclusive or exhaustive. Actual collateral characteristics may be different from those assumed and even if they are the same as a weighted average basis, the use of individual securities in the actual CDO structure may substantially change the results indicated.

(2) Calculated on the outstanding collateral balance as of the first day of each payment period.

(3) Subject to change. Initial represents expected characteristics of target portfolio.

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(5) Based on a WARE/Spread/Diversity matrix. Other points on the matrix may include: WARE [350], D-Score [21], Spread [2.65%] or WARE [350], D-Score [18], Spread [2.15%]

(6) There will be certain up-front closing fees associated with this transaction including Merrill Lynch structuring and placement fees, legal, agency, and other fees. These fees may be partially offset by the receipt of up-front hedge payments. The gross proceeds from the issuance of the Notes and Preference Shares will be approximately $451MM. The net proceeds from the issuance of the Notes and Preference Shares will be approximately $449MM after payment of fees and expenses and any receipt of up-front hedge payments. As of July 19, 2004.

(7)
Transaction Highlights

Preference Share Return (IRR) \(^{(1)}\)

\[
\begin{array}{c|c|c|c|c|c|c}
\text{Annual Default Rates} & 0.00\% & 0.25\% & 0.50\% & 0.75\% & 1.00\% & 1.25\% & 1.50\% & 1.75\% & 2.00\% & 2.25\% \\
\hline
16.9\% & 15.9\% & 14.8\% & 13.6\% & 12.2\% & 10.3\% & 7.8\% & 4.6\% & 0.2\% & -5.1\%
\end{array}
\]

Assuming every year of the transaction experiences 0.1\% default rate, which is approximately the average one-year default rate for BBB-rated Structured Finance Securities, according to Moody's, the Preference Share return would be \([16.5\%]^{(1)}\).

\footnote{(1) Please see prior page for description of modeling assumptions. Annual defaults begin immediately at "Stated Default Rate." Recovery Assumptions: 60\%. Assumes a WAC spread of 2.15\% and an initial coupon of 6.20\% retroceded for 40 years at the rolling 5 year swap rate +2.00\%.}

\footnote{(2) Refer to footnotes in historical default section of Structured Finance Market Overview.}

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4. Risk Factors
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An investment in the Offered Securities described herein, if such offering is consummated, will involve certain risks. A detailed list of risk factors will be included in the Offering Circular (including the preliminary and final versions thereof). Set forth below is a summary description of certain of the risks to which an investor in the Offered Securities would be subject. These summary risks will be described in greater detail in the Offering Circular (together with additional risks). An investor should not make any decision to invest in the Offered Securities until after such investor has had an opportunity to read and review carefully the Offering Circular.

Limited Liquidity and Restrictions on Transfer. There is unlikely to be any secondary market for the Offered Securities. The Offered Securities will be subject to certain transfer restrictions and will only be transferable to certain permitted transferees to be identified in the Offering Circular. Consequently, an investor in the Offered Securities must be prepared to hold for an indefinite period of time or until maturity or redemption.

Limited-Recourse Obligations. The Offered Securities will be limited-recourse obligations, payable solely from an identified pool of assets. No recourse may be had to any person or entity other than to the issuer of the CDO in respect of such collateral in respect of payments or distributions on Securities.

Subordination. Principal of and interest and commitment fee on the notes, and distributions on the equity securities, to be issued by the CDO will be subject to payment in accordance with a priority of payments. Payments of principal and interest on the notes of each class (other than the most senior class then outstanding) will in most circumstances be subordinate to payment when due of principal of and interest and commitment fee on the notes of each more senior class. Remedies and certain consensual acts will generally be directed by the most senior class then outstanding (without regard to the interests of the holders of more subordinate classes). In addition, the Preference Shares will be unsecured, distributions thereon will be subject to compliance with applicable corporate laws and such distributions will rank behind all of the creditors of the CDO, whether secured or unsecured and known or unknown, including any judgment creditors.

Investment in CDO Equity. CDO preference shares are a first loss, leveraged credit position. An investor in a CDO is exposed to a portfolio of diversified credits, but only a portion of those credits need to default (recovery values adjust this range upward) for clients that invest in CDO preference shares to lose 100% of their original investment—hence the leveraged credit position. Client loss is limited to original investment. CDO debt tranche investors effectively have loan money to CDO preference share investors. Criteria governing a CDO will divert cashflow intended for equity to start paying down debt in the event that certain coverage ratios (over-collateralization and interest coverage tests) are triggered. Collateral deterioration is the cause for these ratios to be triggered. This may result in a cutoff of cashflow to CDO preference shares for some time and potential phantom income tax issues. Equity investors are leveraged. Spread movement in the underlying collateral portfolio will have exaggerated mark-to-market effect on client positions. However, only defaults affect the potential cashflow equity investors receive. CDO preference shares are a purchase of a stream of cashflows. These cashflows are amortizing in nature, i.e., clients do not normally receive their full principal at maturity. CDO preference share returns are projected in terms of the IRR of this stream of cashflows. The earlier cash is received, the higher the IRR will be.

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Redemption: Diversion of Cash. The Offered Securities will be subject to redemption under certain circumstances described in the Offering Circular (including, under certain circumstances, upon the failure of certain financial coverage tests to be satisfied). Any such redemption may cause the economic return from an investment in the Offered Securities to vary from the expected economic return. In addition, the failure to satisfy certain financial coverage tests could result in an elimination, deferral or reduction in the payments to be made to holders of one or more classes of notes or the preference shares, which could adversely impact the economic return realized by such holders.

Average Life of the Offered Securities. The average life of each class of Offered Securities is expected to be shorter than the number of years until their stated maturity. Such average lives will be affected by numerous factors described in the Offering Circular.

Nature of Collateral. The collateral underlying the Offering Securities will consist primarily of securities that entitle the holders thereof to receive payments that depend primarily on the cash flow from a specified pool of financial assets, either fixed or revolving, that by their terms convert into cash within a finite time period. Such underlying securities will be subject to credit, liquidity, interest rate, market, operations, fraud and structural risks. The underlying securities and certain risks arising from their ownership by the CDO issuer will be described in more detail in the Offering Circular.

Reinvestment Risk. If reinvestment in additional Collateral after the closing of the sale of the Offered Securities is completed, then CDO issuer will depend upon reinvestment rates and other market conditions in effect at the time of reinvestment (and whether available investment opportunities satisfy the requirements for purchase of additional Collateral).

Certain Conflicts of Interest. Various potential and actual conflicts of interest may arise from the overall investment activities of Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, any collateral manager or adviser retained by the CDO issuer and any other entity providing services to the CDO issuer (such as a hedge counterparty). These potential and actual conflicts of interests will be described generically in the Offering Circular and should be considered by any prospective investor in the Offered Securities.

Relation to Prior Investment Results. Any prior investment results of any person or entity described herein will not be indicative of the CDO issuer's future investment results. Such results are intended only to give potential investors information concerning the general experience of the relevant person or entity as an asset manager or adviser and is not intended as a representation or warranty by Merrill Lynch or any other person or entity as to the actual composition of or performance of any future investments that would be made by the CDO issuer. The nature of, and risks associated with, the CDO issuer's future investments may differ substantially from (and will be subject to constraints that were not applicable to) those investments and strategies undertaken historically by such persons and entities. There can be no assurance that the CDO issuer's investments will perform as well as, or in a manner similar to, the past investments of any such persons or entities.

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**Projections, Forecasts and Estimates.** Any projections, forecasts and estimates contained herein are forward looking statements and are based upon assumptions that are disclosed herein. Projections are necessarily speculative in nature, and it can be expected that some or all of the assumptions underlying the projections will not materialize or will vary significantly from actual results. Accordingly, the projections are only an estimate. Actual results may vary from the projections, and the variations may be material.

Certain hypothetical performance analyses are based on assumptions that may prove to be incorrect. Prospective investors should understand those assumptions and evaluate whether they are appropriate for their purposes. Certain analyses are based on mathematical models that use hypothetical inputs to calculate results. As with all models, results may vary significantly depending upon the values of the inputs used. Models used in any analysis may be proprietary, making the results difficult for any third party to reproduce. Moreover, hypothetical performance analyses will address only certain aspects of the characteristics of the Offered Securities and will not provide a complete assessment of the results that may follow from all possible contingencies (including default, interest rate and other scenarios and certain economic features of the Offered Securities, including call features and cash flow diversion events). Prospective investors should consider whether the behavior of these securities should be tested based on assumptions different from those used to prepare these analyses.

**Dependence on Certain Personnel.** To the extent that the CDO issuer relies upon a collateral manager or adviser in analyzing, selecting, managing or selling any items of Collateral, the CDO issuer will depend on the financial and managerial experience of certain individuals associated with such manager or adviser. The termination of any managerial or advisory agreement, and the loss of one or more of these individuals, could have a material adverse effect on the performance of the CDO issuer.

**Mandatory Repayment of the Notes.** If any coverage test applicable to a class of notes is not met, first, interest proceeds, then, to the extent that the application of interest proceeds is insufficient, principal proceeds, then, to the extent that the application of interest proceeds and principal proceeds is insufficient, uninvested proceeds, will be used to the extent that funds are available in accordance with the priority of payments and to the extent necessary to restore the relevant coverage tests to certain minimum required levels, will be used to repay principal of one or more classes of notes.

In addition, if the CDO issuer is unable to obtain confirmation of the ratings of the notes from each of the rating agencies rating the notes by the 30th day following the ramp-up completion date, first uninvested proceeds, then, to the extent that the application of uninvested proceeds is insufficient, interest proceeds, then, to the extent that the application of uninvested proceeds and interest proceeds is insufficient, principal proceeds, will be applied on the first distribution date following such 30th day to redeem first, the Class A-1 Notes, then the Class A-2 Notes, then the Class B Notes, then, the Class C Notes, in each case to the extent necessary to obtain such rating confirmation from each of the rating agencies.

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Either of the foregoing could result in an elimination, deferral or reduction in the payments in respect of interest or commitment fee or the principal repayments made to the holders of one or more classes of notes that are subordinate to any other outstanding class of notes, which could adversely impact the returns of such holders.

The Collateral Manager may, on any distribution date occurring prior to the last day of the reinvestment period, in its sole discretion elect to apply all or a portion of the principal proceeds available for reinvestment to the payment of principal of the notes in accordance with the priority of payments, which application may result in additional payments of principal on the notes.

Currency Risk. The notes will be denominated in U.S. dollars. The eligibility criteria will permit collateral debt securities (and, with respect to synthetic securities, reference obligations) to be denominated in U.S. dollars, in sterling or in euros which, in each case, are not convertible into or payable in any other currency. Notwithstanding the fact each such collateral debt security will be required, upon acquisition thereof by the CDO issuer, to have an associated hedge agreement and will include currency protection provisions with respect to scheduled payments thereunder, losses may be incurred due to fluctuations in the U.S. dollar/sterling or U.S. dollar/euro exchange rates in the event of (i) a default under any such hedge agreement, (ii) certain termination events under any such hedge agreement or (iii) any increase in the scheduled coupon or interest payment in respect of such security related to such hedge agreement.

Interest Rate Risk. The notes will bear interest at a rate based on three-month LIBOR. Certain of the collateral debt securities included in the collateral will include obligations that bear interest at fixed rates. Accordingly, the notes are subject to interest rate risk to the extent that there is an interest rate mismatch between the floating rate at which interest accrues on the notes and the rates at which interest accrues on fixed rate securities included in the collateral. A portion of such interest rate mismatch will be mitigated by one or more hedge agreements which the CDO issuer will enter into in connection with the transaction. There can be no assurance that the collateral debt securities and eligible investments, together with such hedge agreements, will in all circumstances generate sufficient interest proceeds to make timely payments of interest on the notes.

Early Termination of the Reinvestment Period. Although the reinvestment period is expected to terminate on the distribution date occurring in [______], the reinvestment period may terminate prior to such distribution date if (i) the Collateral Manager notifies the trustee and each hedge counterparty, that, in light of the composition of collateral debt securities, general market conditions and other factors, the Collateral Manager (in its sole discretion) has determined that investments in additional securities within the foreseeable future would either be impractical or not beneficial, (ii) the notes are redeemed or (iii) an event of default occurs. If the Reinvestment Period terminates prior to the Distribution Date occurring in [______], such early termination may affect the expected average lives of the notes and the duration of the Preference Shares.

CDO of CDOs The assets held by Crystal Cove CDO which back the Offered Securities may consist of such CDO securities; provided that the securities issued by any one CDO may not exceed [ ]% Crystal Cove's portfolio. As a result, purchasers of the Offered Securities must understand that if they hold debt or equity issued by other CDOs, their credit exposure to such CDOs will increase to the extent securities issued by those CDOs are also included in the assets of Crystal Cove.

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**Ongoing Commitments—Class A-1 Notes.** Holders of the Class A-1 Notes will be obligated during an agreed commitment period, subject to compliance by the CDO issuer with certain borrowing conditions, to advance funds to the CDO issuer until the aggregate principal amount advanced in respect of the Class A-1 Notes equals the aggregate amount of commitments to make advances; provided that at the time of and immediately after giving effect to such borrowing, no event of default or default has occurred and is continuing or would result from such borrowing.

**Auction Call Redemption.** If the Notes have not been redeemed in full prior to the Payment Date occurring in [, [2013], then an auction of the Collateral Debt Securities will be conducted and, provided that certain conditions are satisfied, in particular with respect to the sufficiency of anticipated proceeds from the proposed sale of the Collateral Debt Securities, the Collateral Debt Securities will be sold and the Notes will be redeemed on such Payment Date. If such conditions are not satisfied and the auction is not successfully conducted on such Payment Date, the Investment Advisor will conduct auctions on each Payment Date thereafter, however the Notes will not be redeemed until the conditions are satisfied.

**Application of Principal Proceeds.** Principal Proceeds from the Collateral Debt Securities, except for sales proceeds that are reinvested in substitute Collateral Debt Securities, will be used to pay principal on the Notes beginning with the first Payment Date. The timing of receipts of principal on the Collateral Debt Securities with respect to such substitute Collateral Debt Securities will depend on, among other factors, the rate of prepayments on Collateral Debt Securities which may be influenced by the level of interest rates and economic conditions. The Issuers cannot predict the actual rate of principal payments that will be experienced on the Collateral Debt Securities.

**Redemption of Class C Notes.** On any Payment Date occurring after the [, [2004] Payment Date, if Preference Shareholders have received distributions on the Preference Shares sufficient to achieve a Preference Share Preferred Return (as defined herein) of [%] during the related 12 month calculation period for such Payment Date, any remaining Interest Proceeds will be applied to redeem the Class C Notes. While the anticipated effect of this feature is to accelerate the payment of the Class C Notes, the Issuers cannot predict whether Interest Proceeds received on the Collateral Debt Securities will be sufficient to make such redemptions. Moreover, if the Class C Notes are redeemed sooner than anticipated due to this feature, investors in the Class C Notes may not be able to reinvest the proceeds in investments with the same yield.

**Conflicts of Interest Involving Merrill Lynch.** Certain of the securities acquired by the CDO issuer may consist of obligations of issuers or obligors, or obligations sponsored or serviced by companies, for which Merrill Lynch or an affiliate of Merrill Lynch acted as underwriter, agent, placement agent or dealer or for which an affiliate of Merrill Lynch acted as lender or provided other commercial or investment banking services. Merrill Lynch or one or more of its affiliates may also act as counterparty with respect to synthetic securities acquired by the issuer or interest rate hedging arrangements entered into by the issuer. In addition, Merrill Lynch, its employees, affiliates and employees of affiliates will receive compensation in connection with the structuring of the CDO and/or distribution of the Offered Securities.

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PIMCO’s Expertise in Structured Credit

Leader in Fixed Income
- Fixed Income Manager of the Year: 1998, 2000 (Morningstar) (1)
- Risk Manager of the Year: 2001 (Risk Magazine) (2)
- Award for Investment Excellence for High Yield Bonds: 2000 (Global Investor Magazine) (4)

Leader in Structured Finance
- PIMCO has been managing dedicated structured credit portfolios since 1993
- PIMCO manages $18.4 billion* in structured credit
- Global structured credit platform
- PIMCO has consistently overweighed MBS, ABS and CMBS across portfolios for the last 10 years

Leader in CDO Execution & Valuation
- PIMCO has traded over $4 billion in CDO tranches and has developed a proprietary valuation model utilizing NAV, cash flow and option methodologies to identify relative value

Superior ABS Capabilities
- Team of 11 people with an average of over 7 years of experience focused on this asset class
- Experience in all major sectors of structured credit
- Unparalleled ancillary resources such as global credit teams and deep analytics infrastructure

* Assets as of March 31, 2004. Potential differences in asset totals are due to rounding.
Source: PIMCO as of June, 2004
(1) The Morningstar “Fixed Income Manager of the Year” was awarded in January 1999 and January 2001. Winners are chosen based on Morningstar’s own research and in-depth evaluation by its senior editorial staff.
(2) PIMCO was chosen as the 2003 Risk Manager of the Year based on an in-depth evaluation done by the senior editors of Risk Magazine.
(3) PIMCO was awarded Global Investor Magazine award for Investment Excellence for Global Bonds in 1998, 2000, 2002 based on an extensive evaluation by a panel of independent judges.
(4) PIMCO was awarded Global Investor Magazine award for Investment Excellence for High Yield Bonds in 2001, based on an extensive evaluation by a panel of independent judges.
# Summary of PIMCO's Investment Strategies

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A Summary of 33 Years of History

Source: PIMCO as of June, 2004
PIMCO’s CDO Management Experience

- PIMCO is one of the largest managers of cash flow arbitrage CDO’s in the world
- PIMCO manages collateral for 26 CDO deals across 6 asset classes in 3 currencies
  - 7 high yield bond deals (2 are still actively managed)
  - 9 leveraged loan deals (6 are still actively managed)
  - 5 investment grade corporate deals (1 is synthetic)
  - 2 European leveraged loan deals (combination of dollars, euros and sterling collateral and liabilities)
  - 3 ABS deals
  - 1 European ABS deal
  - 1 emerging markets deal
- Each asset class is managed by a separate team of portfolio managers

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Source: PIMCO as of June, 2004
# Previous CDO Collateral Performance

## Pacific Coast CDO
- **US ABS CDO Cash Flow Transaction**
- Total Size – $600 million
- Closing: September 2001

## Pacific Shores CDO
- **US ABS CDO Cash Flow Transaction**
- Total Size – $700 million
- Closing: June 2002

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Source: PIMCO as of May 2004
# Previous CDO Collateral Performance

## Euro Multi-Credit CDO

- **European ABS CDO Cash Flow Transaction**
- **Total Size** – € 250 million
- **Closing** : December 2002

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## Pacific Bay CDO

- **US ABS CDO Cash Flow Transaction**
- **Total Size** – $450 million
- **Closing** : November 2003

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(1) Source: PIMCO as of May 2004
PIMCO Expertise Across All Sectors of ABS/CMB/CMBS Markets (As of March 31, 2004)

**Firm Holdings ($77.4 Billion)**

- **Agency RMBS**: 44%
- **Non-Agency RMBS**: 5%
- **ABS/CMBs**: 24%
- **FHA/VA Reperforming**: 6%
- **Non-Agency CMO's**: 6%
- **Agency CMO's**: 4%
- **Agency ARMS**: 5%

**ABS Breakout ($18.4 Billion)**

- **Home Equity/Residential B/C**: 54%
- **CMBS**: 11%
- **Multi Family**: 14%
- **Manufactured Housing**: 1%
- **SBA**: 7%
- **Student**: 12%
- **Other**: 3%
- **Auto**: 1%
- **Credit Card**: 2%

*Source: PIMCO as of 2004*

*Holdings subject to change without notice.*
PIMCO’s ABS Philosophy

Top down economic, bottom up credit analysis

- Broad economic outlook determined in cyclical / secular forums
- Extensive credit risk assessment
- Issuer selection, primarily driven by proprietary analytics and fundamental credit research
- Thorough due diligence & structural expertise
- Analyze downside risk first

Quality structural focus with emphasis on downside risk

- Preference for high quality, A rated credits which represent relative value
- Prefer liquidity premium over credit premium
- Seek structural subordination while minimizing corporate guarantees
- Relative value benchmarking (cheap vs. rich)

Issue, sector diversity

- Spread risk across multiple capital structures and collateral types
- Diversity across cohort, issuer, collateral type, management style, servicer and collateral manager
- Intimate knowledge of underlying collateral

Flexible, opportunistic manager

- Significant presence in all global fixed income markets
- Apply proprietary analytics and credit discipline to explore opportunities in non-traditional sectors and complex security structures

Source: PIMCO as of June, 2004
Asset-Backed Securities are complex hybrids that require a multifaceted approach to fully understand the risks

- Detailed analysis of collateral
- Complete understanding of structure and nuances of cashflows
- Evaluation of associated corporate and issuer risks
- Valuation of imbedded optionality
- Macro economic and industry trends

PIMCO is uniquely positioned to manage portfolios of structured credit

- Dedicated global platform
- Structured credit team
- Proprietary analytics & derivatives modeling capabilities
- Global corporate credit resources
- Well defined economic forecasting process

Source: PIMCO as of June, 2004
Structured Credit Process

Determine the Value of Collateral Utilizing Market Data

Use Proprietary Cash Flow Scenarios & Models to Allocate Value Across Different Tranches

Detailed Analysis of Other Key Market Factors to Validate Market Value & Cash Flow Stresses

Source: PIMCO as of June, 2004
Structured Credit Process

Market Value
- Starting point is always market value based
- Price underlying assets to determine if:
  - Sum of the parts = Whole
  - Assets = Liabilities + Equity

Cash Flow Stress
- Proprietary cash flow analysis utilizes delinquency, default and loss curves based on historical patterns for each asset class
- Constant Default Rates, or “CDR” may be market convention but is unrealistic and inadequate in assessing credit risk

Validation
- Industry fundamentals
- Servicer
- Bankruptcy risk
- Value imbedded options – Is hedging truly effective?
- Assess alignment of interests within the capital structure

Source: PIMCO as of June, 2004
Cash Flow Stress Test – Constant Default Rate (CDR) is Unrealistic

**Example**

- CDR is market convention but unrealistic
- PIMCO utilizes proprietary loss curves based upon historic loss patterns
- PIMCO adjusts loss curves to reflect industry, servicer and other risks

*Source: Intex, PIMCO as of June, 2004*

The above chart is not indicative of past or future performance of any PIMCO product.
### Bottom-Up Analytics of “Other Factors”

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*Source: PIMCO as of June, 2004*
Quantitative Analysis - Evaluation of Embedded Hedges

Does the Bond's Spread Compensate for the Embedded Optionality?
PIMCO has been managing the Commercial Mortgage Securities Trust since 1993.

- The only dedicated non-CDO fund at PIMCO that invests in mezzanine asset-backed securities

Structured for Success

- Long term orientation
- Diversified sources of value
- Depth and breadth of resources

Result

- Fund outperformed
- Consistency achieved in different market environments

PIMCO Commercial Mortgage Securities Trust versus Lehman Brothers Aggregate Bond Index*

Source: PIMCO as of June, 2004

* 82 annualized rolling three-year periods from September 02, 1996 through March 31, 2004. Returns are calculated after fees.

Past performance is no guarantee of future results. The performance above represents the total return performance of the PIMCO Commercial Mortgage Securities Trust, Inc., as compared to the Lehman Brothers Aggregate Bond Index, an unmanaged market index considered to be representative of the bond market. Closed end funds, unlike open end funds, are not continuously offered. There is a one-time public offering and once issued, shares of closed end funds are sold in the open market through a stock exchange. Net asset value (NAV) is total assets less total liabilities divided by the number of shares outstanding. An investment in the PIMCO Commercial Mortgage Securities Trust involves risk, including the loss of principal. Investment return, price, yields and net asset value fluctuate with changes in market conditions. This data is provided for information only and is not intended for trading purposes.

(1) Closed end management investment company. Fund invests in at least 65% of assets in investment-grade commercial mortgage-backed securities

(2) Lehman Index is the relevant benchmark to PIMCO Commercial Mortgage Securities Trust - there is no index that measures mezzanine asset-backed securities.
Active mortgage management offers enhanced returns

- Longer term investment outlook
- Strong quantitative systems control risk
- Experienced management team
- Moderate consistent returns

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PIMCO Commercial Mortgage Securities Trust ¹

After Fees (%)    | 9.30   | 8.93  | 9.53   | 9.44   | 2.44  | 10.50 | 10.69  | 10.97  | 7.03  | 4.28  |

Lehman Brothers

Aggregate Bond Index (%) | 7.54 | 7.29 | 7.44 | 5.40 | (0.82) | 11.63 | 8.44 | 10.26 | 4.10 | 2.66 |

Value Added (basis points)** | 176 | 164 | 209 | 404 | 326 | (113) | 225 | 71 | 293 | 162 |

Source: PIMCO as of June 2004
(1) Since inception on 9/2/93: 9.73% (net of expenses and annualized).  
(2) Annualized.  
(3) Value Added is after expenses.

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ABS Surveillance Process

End Result: Every ABS/CMBS/CDO bond held at PIMCO is assigned an internal credit and risk rating which is updated every month, at a minimum.

- Every ABS/CMBS/CDO is reviewed every month and assigned a credit and risk rating.
- Risk ratings are:
  - Green Light - credit is stable or improving
  - Yellow Light - credit is declining and surveillance is increasing
  - Red Light - downgrade and/or principal loss is possible to likely
- Red Light credits are constantly monitored. A firmwide red light list is distributed on a regular basis.
- This process is consistent with PIMCO’s corporate credit process.

Fundamental Credit Analysis

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Source: PIMCO as of June, 2004
Structured Credit Surveillance

- Value added Monitoring and Surveillance Systems
  - Various sources for pricing underlying assets
  - Real time automated trustee downloads
- System procedures - reports across sectors

Rating Agencies

- Intex
- Bloomberg
- Trepp

Analysts/Notes

- ABSnet
- Trustee Reports
- Murray Hill

Source: PIMCO as of June, 2004
Example of high risk credit

Redlight Credits

Deal Summary:
SBA Bonds backed by both equipment (55%) and real estate (45%) to small businesses primarily in the Manufacturing sector. Expect some loss of principal to senior bonds and total loss to our B holdings. However, based on the structure of this transaction, all bonds will continue to receive interest for the life of deal.

Credit Notes:

6/1/2003: Pitche Downgrades Class A to BBB- from BBB and Class B was affirmed at CC. Downgrade due to deterioration in credit quality and adverse collateral performance.

1/23/2003: PBM currently in 1.5% of the B2-2004 A Class B. These bonds are backed by both equipment (95%) and real estate (5%) to small businesses primarily in the manufacturing sector. The sector of the market has been hit extremely hard by the current recession. Current 30+ days delinquencies are 25%. Current loss projections for delinquent loans are in the 30-54% range. Bond is structured as a private pay and no date has passed down 47%.

Source: PIMCO as of June 2004
Surveillance Reports – Exception Report

- Assists in making trading decisions

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#### Conditions:
- Serious DQ exceeds 30%

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#### Conditions:
- Increase in 604 over 2%
- Serious DQ exceeds 30%

Tuesday, December 30, 2003

Source: PIMCO as of June, 2004
Surveillance Reports – Murray Hill Reports

Independent research on collateral

Loss Analysis

High Loss Amounts and/or High Loss Severe:
- This security experienced losses totaling $1,062,000 in the 1.25% distribution. There were two loans that experienced a loss severity over 10% and one loan greater than 50%. These loans are detailed in the table below:

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Amounts were provided by Murray Hill, 3/30/04.
Tailored for its portfolio managers and created by PIMCO's internal analytics department, Corporate default model is primarily used as a tool to highlight any changes in default probability of the issuer/servicer.
U.S. Structured Credit Portfolio Management & Research Team

Scott Simon
Managing Director
27 Years of Experience

Head of Manager and
ABS Portfolio Management

Dan Wegg
Executive Vice President
16 Years of Experience

Primary ABS Portfolio Manager

Joshua Anderson
MD, Portfolio
6 Years of Experience

Head of Structured Credit Research

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Years of experience include all credit analyst experience, including firms other than PIMCO.
Key ABS Portfolio Management Resources

W. Scott Simon – Head of Mortgage and ABS Desk

Mr. Simon is a Managing Director and a senior member of PIMCO’s portfolio management and strategy groups, and head of the mortgage/asset backed securities team. He joined the firm in 2000 from Bear Stearns & Co. in New York, where he was a senior managing director and co-head of MBS pass-through trading. He also authored The Daily MBS Commentary. Mr. Simon has seven times been named to positions on the Institutional Investor All-America Fixed-Income Research Team, including first place honors in MBS pass-throughs and overall MBS strategies. He has twenty-one years investment experience, and holds a bachelor’s and master’s degrees in industrial engineering from Stanford University.

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Joshua Anderson, CFA – Head of Structured Credit Research

Mr. Anderson is a Vice President and a portfolio manager in our ABS/MBS group who also manages the ABS research team. Before joining PIMCO in 2003, he was an institutional investor ranked analyst at Merrill Lynch covering both the residential ABS and CDO sectors. Prior to that, he was a portfolio manager at Merrill Lynch Investment Managers. Mr. Anderson has nine years of investment experience and holds an MBA in both accounting and finance from the State University of New York, Buffalo and the CPA certification. In addition, he is a CFA charterholder and Series 7, 63 and 65 certified.

Alfonso Portillo – Senior Member of CDO Analytics Team

Mr. Portillo is a Vice President and an asset backed specialist and CDO structure analyst with our structured products group. He rejoined the firm in 2001 after working as a corporate trader on the High Grade desk of Payden and Rygel. Prior to that he was senior portfolio associate on the PIMCO mortgage hub. He has six years of investment experience, holds a bachelor’s degree in Finance and Business Economics from the University of Southern California, and is a Level II candidate for the Chartered Financial Analyst designation.

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U.S. Structured Credit Team

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Mr. Mather is a Managing Director, and a senior member of PIMCO’s portfolio management and strategy groups. He is head of Fixed Income in Munich where he manages euro and pan-European portfolios and oversees portfolio management teams based in Munich and London. In addition, he works closely with many Allianz related companies and is a Managing Director of DIT. Previously, he co-headed PIMCO’s mortgage and ABS team and managed portfolios of European Supranationals and U.S. Agencies. Mr. Mather joined the firm in 1998, previously having been associated with Goldman Sachs in New York, where he was a fixed income trader specializing in a broad range of mortgage backed securities. He has ten years of investment experience and holds both a bachelor’s and master’s degree in engineering from the University of Pennsylvania, as well as a bachelor’s degree in Finance from The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.

Felix Blomenkamp, CFA

Mr. Blomenkamp is a Portfolio Manager and Head of the European Collateralized Sector Team, responsible for ABS and Pfandbriefe in Europe. Mr. Blomenkamp joined the firm in 1998, having been previously associated with Allianz Life Insurance Company in Stuttgart as Portfolio Manager for the loan portfolio. Mr. Blomenkamp has nine years of investment experience and holds a Master’s degree in Business Administration from the University of Wuerzburg, Germany.

Ana Cortes Gonzales

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European Structured Credit Team

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Mr. Linder is a Portfolio Manager with Allianz Capital Management and is responsible for managing several portfolios within the direct insurance holdings of the Allianz Group. As a member of the European Collateralized Debt Team, his specialty is the analysis of Asset Backed Securities, primarily MBS and CDOs. Mr. Linder joined Allianz Life Insurance in January of 1998 as a trader and portfolio manager in the loan department. In July 1998 he commenced at Allianz Asset Management as a fixed income portfolio manager focusing on the Municipal Bond Market. Prior to joining Allianz, Mr. Linder worked as a real estate broker. He has six years of investment experience and holds a Master's degree in Economics from the University of Muenster, Germany.

Gerlinde Schwab

Mrs. Schwab is a Portfolio Manager and heads the European Money Market Team. She manages money market and Asset-backed portfolios and is a member of the European Collateralized team. She joined the firm in 1999, previously having been associated with Bayerische Hypotheken- und Wechsel Bank AG where she went through a trainee program. Mrs. Schwab has six years of investment experience. She holds a master's degree in business administration from the University of Regensburg and studied Finance for one year at the University College of Dublin.

Eva Traber

Ms. Traber is a member of the Portfolio Management Fixed Income Team in Munich since November 2001. She supports the Portfolio Managers in bond and currency trading as well as reporting issues. In addition, she is deputy for the Money Market activities of the insurance cash pool and security lending. She joined the Asset Management Group in 1998 at the equity-trading desk of Allianz Asset Management (AAM). She holds a Diploma in Banking and passed the German trader’s license.

David Andrews

Mr. Andrews is a Senior Vice President and a senior member of the credit analyst team responsible for research coverage on autos, airlines and aerospace/defense. Mr. Andrews has over twenty-one years of industry experience. Prior to joining PIMCO, he was a Director in Investment Grade Fixed Income Research at UBS Warburg/Paine Webber covering US autos, transportation, aerospace/defense and capital goods companies. In 2002, Mr. Andrews was ranked third for investment grade autos by Institutional Investor Magazine’s annual ranking of Fixed Income Analysts. Prior to joining UBS Warburg he spent six years at Moody’s and was responsible for global ratings of all automobile companies. He holds a bachelor’s degree from Kenyon College, an MBA from the Lublin School of Business at Pace University and also attended the Executive Program at the University of Virginia.

David G. Behenna

Mr. Behenna joined PIMCO in 2000 as a consultant to assist with distressed or defaulted debt investments. Since 1993, he has provided financial advisory services to a variety of clients, including a private investment partnership that invested in distressed securities and special situations. Mr. Behenna previously was a member of a team that managed a $5 billion portfolio of high yield and distressed securities held by the bankruptcy estate of Drexel Burnham Lambert, where he had worked for more than seven years as a generalist investment banker focused on high yield debt offerings. Mr. Behenna has over nineteen years of investment experience and holds a bachelor’s degree from Northeastern University and an MBA from Harvard Business School.

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Mr. Borneleit is a Senior Vice President, credit analyst and a member of PIMCO's credit research team. He joined the firm in 2000, previously having been associated with SunAmerica's high-yield group, PriceWaterhouse-Moscow's corporate finance group, and Prudential's private-placement group. Mr. Borneleit has nine years of investment experience. He holds bachelor's degrees in both economics and French from the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School and College of Arts and Sciences, and an MBA from Stanford University's Graduate School of Business.

Robert Boyd

Mr. Boyd is a Senior Structure Analyst in PIMCO's high yield portfolio management group. He also oversees a CDO research and structuring team. Mr. Boyd joined the firm in 1998 in PIMCO's mutual fund client service group, having previously been associated with American Express Financial Advisors. He also previously worked as an analyst in both account management and product management. Mr. Boyd has seven years of investment experience and holds a bachelor's degree in Finance from California State University, Long Beach and an MBA from the Marshall School of Business at the University of Southern California.

Michael Chang, CFA

Mr. Chang is a credit analyst and a member of the credit research team. He joined the firm in 2000 and previously held positions as a portfolio associate on the high-yield trading desk, and as an account management analyst. Mr. Chang has four years of investment experience and holds bachelor's degrees in both finance and international business from the University of British Columbia.

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Mr. Conseil is a Senior Vice President and credit analyst. Mr. Conseil joined the firm in 1998, previously having been associated with the high-yield group at Moody's Investors Service. Over the past twelve years, Mr. Conseil has been involved in corporate credit research for both speculative- and investment-grade issues. He has over twelve years of investment experience and holds a bachelor's degree in economics from The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania and an MBA in finance/international business from Columbia University Graduate School of Business.

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Craig A. Dawson, CFA

Mr. Dawson is a Senior Vice President and member of PIMCO’s product management group. He focuses on credit products, including investment-grade corporates, high yield and global credit. Mr. Dawson joined the firm in 1999, having been previously associated with Wilshire Associates, an investment consulting firm. He has ten years of investment experience and holds a bachelor’s degree in quantitative economics from the University of California, San Diego, and an MBA in analytic finance from the University of Chicago Graduate School of Business.

Chris P. Dialynas

Mr. Dialynas is a Managing Director, portfolio manager, and a senior member of PIMCO’s investment strategy group. He joined PIMCO in 1980. Mr. Dialynas has written extensively and lectured on the topic of fixed income investing. He served on the Editorial Board of The Journal of Portfolio Management and was a member of Fixed Income Curriculum Committee of the Association for Investment Management and Research. He has twenty-four years of investment experience and holds a bachelor’s degree in economics from Pomona College, and holds an MBA in finance from The University of Chicago Graduate School of Business.

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Jeff Helsing

Mr. Helsing is a Vice President and a trader focusing on Investment Grade Corporate Securities. He joined PIMCO in 1999, previously having been affiliated with Prudential Securities Institutional Fixed Income Sales. Mr. Helsing has five years of investment experience and holds a bachelor’s degree in finance from Arizona State University and is currently a CFA Level II candidate.

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Mr. Hudoff is an Executive Vice President and portfolio manager. Mr. Hudoff joined the firm in 1996, previously having been associated with Bank Credit Analyst Research Group where he worked as a fixed income strategist. He also has been associated with International City Managers Association, Quantitative Risk Management Group and Martin Marietta Corporation as a financial analyst. He has seventeen years of investment experience and holds a bachelor’s degree in economics from Arizona State University, and an MBA in finance from the University of Chicago School of Business.

Elissa Johnson

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Brian N. Kim

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Certain U.S. Federal INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS

General

The following discussion summarizes certain of the U.S. federal income tax consequences of the purchase, ownership and disposition of Offered Securities. Except as provided below under U.S. Federal Tax Treatment of Non-U.S. Holders of Notes and U.S. Federal Tax Treatment of Non-U.S. Holders of Preference Shares, this summary deals only with a beneficial owner of the Offered Securities that is (i) a citizen or resident of the United States, (ii) a corporation (or other entity that is treated as a corporation for U.S. federal tax purposes) that is created or organized in or under the laws of the United States or any State or political subdivision thereof (including the District of Columbia), (iii) an estate the income of which is subject to U.S. federal income taxation regardless of its source, or (iv) a trust if a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over its administration and one or more United States persons have the authority to control all of its substantial decisions (each, a "U.S. Holder"). If a partnership (including any entity that is treated as a partnership for U.S. federal tax purposes) is a beneficial owner of Offered Securities, the treatment of a partner in the partnership will generally depend upon the status of the partner and upon the activities of the partnership. A beneficial owner of Offered Securities that is a partnership, and partners in such a partnership, should consult their tax advisors about the U.S. federal income tax consequences of holding and disposing of the Notes.

This discussion is based on interpretations of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), regulations issued thereunder, and rulings and decisions currently in effect (or in some cases proposed), all of which are subject to change. Any such change may be applied retroactively and may adversely affect the federal income tax consequences described herein. This summary addresses only U.S. Holders that purchase Offered Securities at initial issuance and beneficially own such Offered Securities as capital assets and not as part of a "straddle," "hedge," "synthetic security" or a "conversion transaction" for federal income tax purposes, or as part of some other integrated investment. This summary does not discuss all of the tax consequences that may be relevant to particular investors or to investors subject to special treatment under the federal income tax laws (such as banks, trusts, insurance companies, retirement plans, real estate investment trusts, regulated investment companies, securities dealers or investors whose functional currency is not the U.S. Dollar). Accordingly, prospective investors are urged to consult their tax advisors with respect to the federal, state and local tax consequences of investing in the Offered Securities, as well as any consequences arising under the laws of any other taxing jurisdiction to which they may be subject.

U.S. Federal Tax Treatment of the Issuer

The Code provides a specific exemption from U.S. federal income tax on a net income basis for foreign corporations which restrict their activities in the United States to trading in stocks and securities (and any other activity closely related thereto) for their own account, whether such trading (or such other activity) is conducted by the corporation or its employees or through a resident broker, commission agent, custodian or other agent. This particular exemption does not apply to foreign corporations that are engaged in activities in the United States other than trading in stocks and securities (and any other activity closely related thereto) for their own account or that are dealers in stocks and securities.

The Issuer intends to rely on the above exemption and does not intend to operate so as to be subject to U.S. federal income taxes on its net income. However, if it were determined that the Issuer were engaged in a trade or business in the United States for federal income tax purposes, and the Issuer had taxable income that was effectively connected with such U.S. trade or business, the Issuer would be subject under the Code to the regular U.S. corporate income tax on such effectively connected taxable income (and possibly to a 30% branch profits tax as well). The balance of this summary assumes that the Issuer is not subject to U.S. federal income tax on its net income. The imposition of such a tax liability would materially affect the Issuer's financial ability to repay the Offered Securities.
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U.S. Federal Tax Treatment of U.S. holders of Notes

[The Class A Notes and the Class B Notes, will, and the Class C Notes should be treated as indebtedness for U.S. federal income tax purposes and the Issuer intends to take the position that the Class [C] Notes constitute indebtedness for U.S. federal, state, and local income and franchise tax purposes.] The Indenture requires the holders to agree to take the position that the Notes constitute indebtedness for U.S. federal, state and local income and franchise tax purposes. The Issuer’s characterizations will be binding on U.S. Holders. Nevertheless, the IRS could assert, and a court could ultimately hold, that one or more Classes of Notes are equity in the Issuer. If any Notes are treated as equity in, rather than debt of, the Issuer for U.S. federal income tax purposes, there may be adverse tax consequences to any U.S. Holder of such Notes. Except as otherwise indicated, the balance of this summary assumes that all of the Notes are treated as debt of the Issuer for U.S. federal, state and local income and franchise tax purposes. In the event such Notes are treated as equity in the Issuer, prospective investors in the Notes should consult their tax advisors regarding the U.S. federal, state and local income and franchise tax consequences to the Notes and the Issuer.

For U.S. federal income tax purposes, the Issuer, and not the Co-Issuer, will be treated as the issuer of the Notes.

U.S. Federal Tax Treatment of U.S. holders of the Class A Notes and the Class B Notes

Stated Interest. U.S. holders of the Class A Notes and the Class B Notes will include in gross income payments of stated interest accrued or received on the Class A Notes and the Class B Notes, in accordance with their usual method of tax accounting, as ordinary interest income from sources outside the United States.

Sale, Exchange and Retirement of the Class A Notes and the Class B Notes. In general, a U.S. holder of a Class A Note or a Class B Note will have a basis in such Note equal to the cost of such Note reduced by payments of principal on such Note. Upon a sale, exchange, or retirement of a Class A Note or a Class B Note, a U.S. Holder will generally recognize gain or loss equal to the difference between the amount realized on the sale, exchange, or retirement (less any accrued and unpaid interest, which will be taxable as such) and the holder’s tax basis in such Note. Such gain or loss will be long-term capital gain or loss if the U.S. Holder held the Note for more than one year at the time of disposition. In certain circumstances, U.S. Holders that are individuals may be entitled to preferential treatment for net long-term capital gains; however, the ability of U.S. Holders to offset capital losses against ordinary income is limited.

Gain or loss recognized by a U.S. Holder on the sale, exchange or retirement of a Class A Note or a Class B Note generally will be treated as U.S.-source gain or loss.

U.S. Federal Tax Treatment of U.S. holders of the Class C Notes

Original Issue Discount. The Issuer will treat the Class C Notes as issued with original issue discount (“OID”) for U.S. federal income tax purposes. The total amount of such discount with respect to a Class C Note will equal the sum of all payments to be received under such Note less its issue price (the first price at which a substantial amount of the Class C Notes were sold to investors). A U.S. Holder of a Class C Note will be required to include OID in income as it accrues. The amount of OID accruing in any accrual period will generally equal the stated interest accruing in that period (whether or not currently due) plus any additional amount representing the accrual under a constant yield method of any additional OID represented by the excess of the principal amount of the Class C Notes over their issue price. Accruals of any such additional OID will be based on the weighted average life of the Class C Notes rather than their stated maturity. It is possible the IRS could assert and a court could ultimately hold that some other method of accruing OID on the Class C Notes should apply. U.S. Holders of the Class C Notes may be required to include OID in advance of the receipt of cash attributable to such income.

Sale and Retirement of the Class C Notes. In general, a U.S. Holder of a Class C Note will have a basis in such Note equal to the cost of such Note (i) increased by any amount includible in income by such U.S. Holder as OID, and (ii) reduced by any payments received on such Note. Upon a sale, exchange, or retirement of a Class C Note, a U.S. holder will generally recognize gain or loss equal to the difference between the amount realized on the sale, exchange, or retirement and the U.S. Holder’s tax basis in such Note. Such gain or loss will be long term capital gain or loss if the U.S. Holder held the Note for more than one year at the time of disposition. In certain circumstances, U.S. Holders that are individuals may be entitled to preferential treatment for net long-term capital gains; however, the ability of U.S. Holders to offset capital losses against ordinary income is limited.
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Gain or loss recognized by a U.S. Holder on the sale, exchange or retirement of a Class C Note generally will be treated as U.S.-source gain or loss.

Alternate Characterizations. It is possible that the Class C Notes could be treated as "contingent payment debt instruments" for federal income tax purposes. In this event, the timing of a U.S. Holder's OID inclusions could differ from that described above and any gain recognized on the sale, exchange, or retirement of such Notes would be treated as ordinary income and not capital gain.

U.S. Federal Tax Treatment of Tax-Exempt U.S. Holders of Notes

U.S. Holders that are tax-exempt entities should not be subject to the tax on unrelated business taxable income in respect of the Notes unless (i) the Notes constitute "debt financed property" (as defined in the Code) of that entity or (ii) in the case of any Notes that are treated as indebtedness for federal income tax purposes, such entity also owns more than 50 percent of the Preference Shares and any Notes that are treated as equity in the Issuer for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

U.S. Federal Tax Treatment of Non-U.S. Holders of Notes

In general, payments on the Notes to a Non-U.S. Holder and gain realized on the sale, exchange or retirement of the Notes by a Non-U.S. Holder will not be subject to U.S. federal income or withholding tax, unless (i) such income is effectively connected with a trade or business conducted by such Non-U.S. Holder in the United States, or (ii) in the case of gain, such Non-U.S. Holder is a nonresident alien individual who holds the Notes as a capital asset and is present in the United States for more than 182 days in the taxable year of the sale and certain other conditions are satisfied. For this purpose, a "Non-U.S. Holder" is any Holder that is not a U.S. Holder.

U.S. Federal Tax Treatment of U.S. Holders of Preference Shares

The Issuer intends to take the position that the Preference Shares constitute equity interests in the Issuer for U.S. federal, state and local income and franchise tax purposes, and the balance of this summary assumes that the Preference Shares are so treated.

Investment in a Passive Foreign Investment Company. The Issuer will constitute a "passive foreign investment company" (a "PFIC") for federal income tax purposes, and U.S. Holders of the Preference Shares (other than certain U.S. Holders that are subject to the rules pertaining to a "controlled foreign corporation," described below) will be considered shareholders in a PFIC. U.S. Holders may desire to make an election to treat the Issuer as a "qualified electing fund" (a "QEF") with respect to such U.S. Holder. Generally, a U.S. Holder makes a QEF election on IRS Form 8621, attaching a copy of such form to its U.S. federal income tax return for the first taxable year for which it held its Preference Shares. If a U.S. Holder makes a timely QEF election with respect to the Issuer, the electing U.S. Holder will be required in each taxable year to include in gross income (i) as ordinary income, such U.S. Holder's pro rata share of the Issuer's ordinary earnings and (ii) as long term capital gain, such U.S. Holder's pro rata share of the Issuer's net capital gain, whether or not distributed. A U.S. Holder will not be eligible for the dividends received deduction in respect of such income or gain. In addition, any losses of the Issuer in a taxable year will not be available to such U.S. Holder and may not be carried back or forward in computing the Issuer's ordinary earnings and net capital gain in other taxable years. If applicable, the rules pertaining to a "controlled foreign corporation" or a "foreign personal holding company," discussed below, generally override those pertaining to a PFIC with respect to which a QEF election is in effect.

In certain cases in which a QEF does not distribute all of its earnings in a taxable year, the electing U.S. Holder may also be permitted to elect to defer payment of some or all of the taxes on the QEF's income, subject to a non-deductible interest charge on the deferred amount. In this respect, prospective purchasers of Preference Shares should be aware that it is expected that the Collateral Debt Securities will include high yield debt obligations and such instruments may have substantial OID, the cash payment of which may be deferred, perhaps for a substantial period of time. In addition, the Issuer may use proceeds from the sale of Collateral Debt Securities to retire other classes of Notes. As a result, in any given year, the Issuer may have substantial amounts of earnings for U.S. federal income tax purposes that are not distributed on the Preference Shares. Thus, absent an election to defer payment of taxes, U.S. Holders that make a QEF election with respect to the Issuer may owe tax on significant "phantom" income.
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The Issuer will provide, upon request, all information and documentation that a U.S. Holder making a QEF election is required to obtain for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

A U.S. Holder of a Preference Share (other than certain U.S. Holders that are subject to the rules pertaining to a "controlled foreign corporation," described below) that does not make a timely QEF election will be required to report any gain on the disposition of any Preference Shares as ordinary income, rather than capital gain, and to compute the tax liability on such gain and any "Excess Distribution" (as defined below) received in respect of the Preference Shares as if such items had been earned ratably over each day in the U.S. Holder's holding period (or a certain portion thereof) for the Preference Shares. An "Excess Distribution" is the amount by which distributions during a taxable year in respect of a Preference Share exceed 125% of the average amount of distributions in respect thereof during the three preceding taxable years (or, if shorter, the U.S. Holder's holding period for the Preference Share). The U.S. Holder will be subject to tax on such items at the highest ordinary income tax rate for each taxable year, other than the current year, in which the items were treated as having been earned, regardless of the rate otherwise applicable to the U.S. Holder. Further, such U.S. Holder will also be liable for a non-deductible interest charge as if such income tax liabilities had been due with respect to each such prior year. For purposes of these rules, gifts, exchanges pursuant to corporate reorganizations and use of the Preference Shares as security for a loan may be treated as a taxable disposition of such Preference Shares. In addition, a stepped-up basis in the Preference Shares will not be available upon the death of an individual U.S. Holder.

In many cases, the U.S. federal income tax on any gain on disposition or receipt of Excess Distributions is likely to be substantially greater than the tax if a timely QEF election is made. A U.S. HOLDER OF A PREFERENCE SHARE SHOULD CONSIDER CAREFULLY WHETHER TO MAKE A QEF ELECTION WITH RESPECT TO SUCH PREFERENCE SHARE.

Investment in a Controlled Foreign Corporation. The Issuer will constitute a "controlled foreign corporation" ("CFC") if more than 50% of the equity interests in the Issuer, measured by reference to combined voting power or value, is owned directly, indirectly, or constructively by "United States shareholders." For this purpose, a United States shareholder is any United States person that possesses directly, indirectly, or constructively 10% or more of the combined voting power of all classes of equity in the Issuer. It is likely that the Preference Share will be treated as voting securities. In this case, a U.S. Holder of Preference Shares possessing directly, indirectly, or constructively 10% or more of the sum of the aggregate voting principal amount of the voting Preference Shares of the Issuer would be treated as a United States shareholder. If more than 50% of the Preference Shares of the Issuer, determined with respect to aggregate value or aggregate outstanding principal amount, are owned directly, indirectly, or constructively by such United States shareholders, the Issuer would be treated as a CFC.

If, for any given taxable year, the Issuer is treated as a CFC, a United States shareholder of the Issuer would be required to include as ordinary income an amount equal to that person's pro rata share of the Issuer's "subpart F income" at the end of each taxable year. Among other items, and subject to certain exceptions, "subpart F income" includes dividends, interest, annuities, gains from the sale of shares and securities, certain gains from commodities transactions, certain types of insurance income and income from certain transactions with related parties. It is likely that, if the Issuer were to constitute a CFC, all or most of its income would be subpart F income.

If the Issuer is treated as a CFC and a U.S. Holder is treated as a United States shareholder of the Issuer, the Issuer would not be treated as a PFIC with respect to such U.S. Holder for the period during which the Issuer remains a CFC and such U.S. Holder remains a United States shareholder of the Issuer (the "qualified portion" of the U.S. Holder's holding period for the Preference Shares). As a result, to the extent the Issuer's subpart F income includes net capital gains, such gains would be treated as ordinary income to the United States shareholder under the CFC rules, notwithstanding the fact that the character of such gains generally would otherwise be preserved under the QEF rules. If the qualified portion of such U.S. Holder's holding period for the Preference Shares subsequently ceases (either because the Issuer ceases to be a CFC or the U.S. Holder ceases to be a United States shareholder), then solely for purposes of the PFIC rules, such U.S. Holder's holding period for the Preference Shares would be treated as beginning on the first day following the end of such qualified portion, unless the U.S. Holder had owned any Preference Shares for a period of time prior to such qualified portion and had not made a QEF election with respect to the Issuer. In that case, the Issuer would again be treated as a PFIC which is not a QEF with respect to such U.S. Holder and the beginning of such U.S. Holder's holding period for the Preference Shares would continue to be the date upon which such U.S. Holder acquired the Preference Shares, unless the U.S. Holder makes an election to recognize gain with respect to the Preference Shares and a QEF election with respect to the Issuer.

Investment in a Foreign Personal Holding Company. The Issuer will constitute a "foreign personal holding company" ("FPHC") if more than 50% of the equity interests in the Issuer, measured by reference to voting power or value of the corporation is owned directly, indirectly, or constructively by five or fewer individuals who are U.S. citizens or residents and more than 60% (50% in any year after the corporation qualifies as a FPHC) of the foreign corporation's income is passive income. It is expected that substantially all of the Issuer's income will be passive income for this purpose. As a result, if more than 50% of the aggregate outstanding balance or value of the sum of the equity interests of the Issuer are owned directly, indirectly, or constructively by five or fewer individuals who are U.S. citizens or residents, it is possible that the IRS would assert that the Issuer is a FPHC.
Tax Considerations

If, for any given taxable year, the Issuer is treated as a FPHC, all U.S. Holders of equity in the Issuer would be treated as receiving a dividend in an amount equal to such U.S. Holder's pro rata share of the Issuer's undistributed "foreign personal holding company income" ("FPHCI") (very generally, all of the Issuer's taxable income less a dividends paid deduction) at the end of such taxable year.

In the event the Issuer is treated as both a CFC and a FPHC, the Issuer's FPHCI would be reduced by the amount of subpart F income deemed distributed under the CFC rules. In the event the Issuer is treated as both a FPHC and a PFIC with respect to which a QEF election is in effect, the FPHCI rules would apply first. As a result, to the extent FPHCI of the Issuer included net capital gains, such gains would be treated as ordinary income to a U.S. Holder of equity in the Issuer under the FPHC rules, notwithstanding the fact that the character of such gains generally would otherwise be preserved (subject to the CFC rules discussed above) under the PFIC rules if a QEF election is in effect.

Distributions on Preference Shares. The treatment of actual distributions of cash on the Preference Shares, in very general terms, will vary depending on whether a U.S. Holder has made a timely QEF election (as described above). See "— Investment in a Passive Foreign Investment Company." If a timely QEF election has been made, distributions should be allocated first to amounts previously taxed pursuant to the QEF election (or pursuant to the CFC or FPHC rules, if applicable) and to the extent within the excess of such previously taxed amounts will be taxable to U.S. Holders as ordinary income upon receipt, to the extent of any remaining amounts of untaxed current and accumulated earnings and profits of the Issuer. Distributions in excess of previously taxed amounts and any remaining current and accumulated earnings and profits of the Issuer will be treated first as a non-taxable return of capital and then as capital gain.

In the event that a U.S. Holder does not make a timely QEF election then, except to the extent that distributions may be attributable to amounts previously taxed pursuant to the CFC or FPHC rules, some or all of any distributions with respect to the Preference Shares may constitute Excess Distributions, taxable as previously described. See "— Investment in a Passive Foreign Investment Company."

Sale, Redemption, or other Disposition of Preference Shares. In general, a U.S. Holder of a Preference Share will recognize gain or loss upon the sale, redemption, or other disposition of a Preference Share equal to the difference between the amount realized and such U.S. Holder's adjusted tax basis in the Preference Share. Initially, a U.S. Holder's tax basis for a Preference Share will equal the amount paid for the Preference Share. Such basis will be increased by amounts taxable to such U.S. Holder by reason of a QEF election, or by reason of the CFC or FPHC rules, as applicable, and decreased by actual distributions from the Issuer that are deemed to consist of such previously taxed amounts or are treated as a nontaxable reduction to the U.S. Holder's tax basis for the Preference Share (as described above). Except as discussed below, such gain or loss will be long-term capital gain or loss if the U.S. Holder held the Preference Share for more than one year at the time of the disposition. In certain circumstances, U.S. Holders who are individuals (or whose income is taxable to U.S. individuals) may be entitled to preferential treatment for long-term capital gains; however, the ability of U.S. Holders to offset capital losses against ordinary income is limited.

If a U.S. Holder does not make a timely QEF election as described above, any gain realized on the sale, redemption, or other disposition of a Preference Share (or any gain deemed to accrue prior to the time a non-timely QEF election is made) will be taxed as ordinary income and subject to an additional tax reflecting a deemed interest charge under the special tax rules described above. See "— Investment in a Passive Foreign Investment Company."

If the Issuer is treated as a CFC and a U.S. Holder is treated as a "United States shareholder" therein, then any gain realized by such U.S. Holder upon the disposition of a Preference Share, other than gain subject to the PFIC rules, if applicable, would be treated as ordinary income to the extent of the U.S. Holder's pro-rata share of the Issuer's current and accumulated earnings and profits. In this regard, earnings and profits would not include any amounts previously taxed pursuant to a timely QEF election or pursuant to the CFC or FPHC rules.

Transfer Reporting Requirements. A U.S. Holder (including a tax exempt entity) that purchases the Preference Shares for cash would be required to file an IRS Form 926 or similar form with the IRS, if (i) such person is treated as owning, directly or by attribution, immediately after the transfer at least 10% by vote or value of the Issuer or (ii) if the amount of cash transferred by such person (or any related person) to the Issuer during the 12-month period ending on the date of such transfer, exceeds $100,000. U.S. Holders should consult their tax advisors with respect to this or any other reporting requirement which may apply with respect to their acquisition of the Preference Shares.
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U.S. Federal Tax Treatment of Tax-Exempt U.S. Holders of Preference Shares

U.S. Holders that are tax-exempt entities should not be subject to the tax on unrelated business taxable income in respect of the Preference Shares unless the Preference Shares constitute "debt financed property" (as defined in the Code) of that entity.

U.S. Federal Tax Treatment of Non-U.S. Holders of Preference Shares

In general, payments on the Preference Shares to a Non-U.S. Holder and gain realized on the sale, exchange or retirement of the Preference Shares by a Non-U.S. Holder will not be subject to U.S. federal income or withholding tax, unless (i) such income is effectively connected with a trade or business conducted by such Non-U.S. Holder in the United States, or (ii) in the case of gain, such Non-U.S. Holder is a nonresident alien individual who holds the Preference Shares as a capital asset and is present in the United States for more than 182 days in the taxable year of the sale and certain other conditions are satisfied.

Information Reporting and Backup Withholding

Under certain circumstances, the Code requires "information reporting" annually to the IRS and to each holder, and "backup withholding" with respect to certain payments made on or with respect to the Offered Securities. Backup withholding generally does not apply with respect to certain holders, including corporations, tax-exempt organizations, qualified pension and profit sharing trusts, and individual retirement accounts. Backup withholding will apply to a U.S. Holder or a partnership formed under the laws of the United States (including an entity treated as a partnership for U.S. federal tax purposes), any State thereof or the District of Columbia (a "U.S. Partnership") only if the U.S. Holder or U.S. Partnership (i) fails to furnish its Taxpayer Identification Number ("TIN") which, for an individual would be his or her Social Security Number, (ii) furnishes an incorrect TIN, (iv) is notified by the IRS that it has failed to properly report payments of interest and dividends, or (iv) under certain circumstances, fails to certify, under penalty of perjury, that it has furnished a correct TIN and has not been notified by the IRS that it is subject to backup withholding for failure to report interest and dividend payments. The application for exemption is available by providing a properly completed IRS Form W-9.

A Non-U.S. Holder that provides the applicable IRS Form W-8BEN or Form W-8IMY, together with all appropriate attachments, signed under penalties of perjury, identifying the Non-U.S. Holder and stating that the Non-U.S. Holder is not a United States person will not be subject to IRS reporting requirements and U.S. backup withholding. In addition, IRS Forms W-8BEN will be required from the beneficial owners of interests in a Non-U.S. Holder that is treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

The payment of the proceeds on the disposition of a Note or Preference Share by a holder to or through the U.S. office of a broker generally will be subject to information reporting and backup withholding unless the holder either certifies its status as a Non-U.S. Holder under penalties of perjury on the applicable IRS Form W-8BEN or Form W-8IMY (as described above) or otherwise establishes an exemption. The payment of the proceeds on the disposition of a Note or Preference Share by a Non-U.S. Holder to or through a non-U.S. office of a non-U.S. broker will not be subject to backup withholding or information reporting unless the non-U.S. broker is a "U.S. Related Person" (as defined below). The payment of proceeds on the disposition of a Note or Preference Share by a Non-U.S. Holder to or through a non-U.S. office of a U.S. broker or a U.S. Related Person generally will not be subject to backup withholding but will be subject to information reporting unless the holder certifies its status as a Non-U.S. Holder under penalties of perjury or the broker has certain documentary evidence in its files as to the Non-U.S. Holder's foreign status and the broker has no actual knowledge to the contrary.

For this purpose, a "U.S. Related Person" is (i) a "controlled foreign corporation" for U.S. federal income tax purposes, (ii) a foreign person 50% or more of whose gross income from all sources for the three-year period ending with the close of its taxable year preceding the payment (or for such part of the period that the broker has been in existence) is derived from activities that are effectively connected with the conduct of a U.S. trade or business, or (iv) a foreign partnership if at any time during its tax year one or more of its partners are United States persons who, in the aggregate, hold more than 50% of the income or capital interest of the partnership or if, at any time during its taxable year, the partnership is engaged in the conduct of a U.S. trade or business.

Backup withholding is not an additional tax and may be refunded (or credited against the holder's U.S. federal income tax liability, if any), provided that certain required information is furnished. The information reporting requirements may apply regardless of whether withholding is required. Copies of the information returns reporting such interest and withholding also may be made available to the tax authorities in the country in which a Non-U.S. Holder is a resident under the provisions of an applicable income tax treaty or agreement.
Disclosure Requirements for U.S. Holders Recognizing Significant Losses or Experiencing Significant Book-Tax Differences, and for Certain Preference Shareholders

Any U.S. Holder of (i) Class C Notes, (ii) Class A Notes or (iii) Class B Notes that are purchased for more or less than their principal amount or (iv) Preference Shares that claims significant losses in respect of such Offered Securities (generally U.S.$2 million or more for individuals and partnerships with one or more noncorporate partners, and U.S.$10 million or more for corporations and partnerships consisting solely of corporate partners) or any U.S. Holder of any Offered Security that reports any item or items of income, gain, expense, or loss in respect of the Offered Security for tax purposes in an amount that differs from the amount reported for book purposes by more than U.S.$10 million, on a gross basis, in any taxable year may be subject to certain disclosure requirements for “reportable transactions.” In addition, a U.S. Holder of 10% of the Preference Shares (or any U.S. Holder of the Preference Shares if the Issuer is FPHC) could be subject to these disclosure requirements if the Issuer recognizes losses of $10 million or more with respect to a transaction, enters into a transaction that is offered under conditions of confidentiality, or experiences certain book-tax differences in excess of U.S.$10 million in any taxable year. Prospective investors should consult their tax advisors concerning any possible disclosure obligation with respect to the Offered Securities.

THE PRECEDING DISCUSSION IS ONLY A SUMMARY OF CERTAIN OF THE TAX IMPLICATIONS OF AN INVESTMENT IN THE OFFERED SECURITIES. PROSPECTIVE INVESTORS ARE URGED TO CONSULT WITH THEIR OWN TAX ADVISORS PRIOR TO INVESTING TO DETERMINE THE TAX IMPLICATIONS OF SUCH INVESTMENT IN LIGHT OF EACH SUCH INVESTOR’S PARTICULAR CIRCUMSTANCES.
CERTAIN CAYMAN ISLANDS TAX CONSIDERATIONS

Under existing Cayman Islands Laws:

(i) payments of principal and interest in respect of the Notes and any dividends or other distributions on the Preference Shares will not be subject to taxation in the Cayman Islands and no withholding will be required on such payments to any holder of a Note and gains derived from the sale of Notes will not be subject to Cayman Islands income or corporation tax. The Cayman Islands currently have no income, corporation or capital gains tax and no estate duty, inheritance tax or gift tax;

(ii) no holder of any Preference Share is liable for stamp duty in respect of the issue or the transfer of any Preference Shares; however, any agreement to transfer any Preference Shares if executed in the Cayman Islands or brought into the Cayman Islands after execution outside the Cayman Islands is subject to nominal Cayman Islands stamp duty; and

(iii) the holder of any Note (or the legal personal representative of such holder) whose Note is brought into the Cayman Islands may, in certain circumstances, be liable to pay stamp duty imposed under the laws of the Cayman Islands in respect of such Note.

The Issuer has been incorporated under the laws of the Cayman Islands as an exempted company and, as such, received an undertaking from the Governor-in-Council of the Cayman Islands substantially in the following form:

The Tax Concessions Law
(1999 Revision)
Undertaking as to Tax Concessions

In accordance with Section 6 of the Tax Concessions Law (1999 Revision) the Governor-in-Council undertakes with: Crystal Cove CDO, Ltd. (the "Issuer")

(a) that no Law which is hereafter enacted in the Islands imposing any tax to be levied on profits, income, gains or appreciations shall apply to the Issuer or its operations; and

(b) in addition, that no tax to be levied on profits, income, gains or appreciations or which is in the nature of estate duty or inheritance tax shall be payable

(i) on or in respect of the shares debentures or other obligations of the Issuer; or

(ii) by way of the withholding in whole or in part of any relevant payment as defined in Section 6(3) of the Tax Concessions Law (1999 Revision).

These concessions shall be for a period of TWENTY years from the [ ] day of [ ] 2004.

"Governor In Council"

The Cayman Islands do not have an income tax treaty arrangement with the U.S. or any other country.

THE ATTENTION OF POTENTIAL INVESTORS IS DRAWN TO THE TAX CONSIDERATIONS WHICH ARE DESCRIBED IN THE OFFERING CIRCULAR TO BE PROVIDED