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Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM N-Q**

**QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS OF REGISTERED  
MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY**

Investment Company Act file number 811-00266

Tri-Continental Corporation  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

225 Franklin Street, Boston, Massachusetts  
(Address of principal executive offices)

02110  
(Zip code)

Ryan Larrenaga

c/o Columbia Management Investment Advisers, Inc.

225 Franklin Street

Boston, MA 02110  
(Name and address of agent for service)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (800) 345-6611

Date of fiscal year end: December 31

Date of reporting period: September 30, 2016

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**Item 1. Schedule of Investments.**

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## Portfolio of Investments

*Tri-Continental Corporation*

**September 30, 2016 (Unaudited)**

*(Percentages represent value of investments compared to net assets)*

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Issuer	Shares	Value
<b>Common Stocks 68.9%</b>		
<b>CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY 7.1%</b>		
<b>Automobiles 0.8%</b>		
Ford Motor Co.	938,800	\$ 11,331,316
<b>Distributors 0.2%</b>		
Genuine Parts Co.	27,100	2,722,195
<b>Hotels, Restaurants &amp; Leisure 1.1%</b>		
Darden Restaurants, Inc.	133,400	8,180,088
Extended Stay America, Inc.	550,000	7,810,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>15,990,088</b>
<b>Internet &amp; Direct Marketing Retail %</b>		
Amazon.com, Inc. (a)	550	460,521
<b>Media 1.6%</b>		
Comcast Corp., Class A	251,800	16,704,412
News Corp., Class A	475,500	6,647,490
<b>Total</b>		<b>23,351,902</b>
<b>Specialty Retail 3.4%</b>		
Best Buy Co., Inc.	256,700	9,800,806
Home Depot, Inc. (The)	136,100	17,513,348
Lowe's Companies, Inc.	174,300	12,586,203
Staples, Inc.	650,000	5,557,500
Urban Outfitters, Inc. (a)	104,300	3,600,436
<b>Total</b>		<b>49,058,293</b>
<b>TOTAL CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY</b>		<b>102,914,315</b>
<b>CONSUMER STAPLES 5.6%</b>		
<b>Beverages 0.1%</b>		
PepsiCo, Inc.	6,800	739,636
<b>Food &amp; Staples Retailing 2.4%</b>		
Kroger Co. (The)	134,000	3,977,120
SYSCO Corp.	237,800	11,654,578
Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.	222,700	16,061,124
Walgreens Boots Alliance, Inc.	43,200	3,482,784
<b>Total</b>		<b>35,175,606</b>
<b>Food Products 0.9%</b>		
Tyson Foods, Inc., Class A	180,200	13,455,534
<b>Tobacco 2.2%</b>		
Altria Group, Inc.	311,800	19,715,114
<b>Issuer</b>	<b>Shares</b>	<b>Value</b>
<b>Common Stocks (continued)</b>		
<b>CONSUMER STAPLES (CONTINUED)</b>		
<b>Tobacco (continued)</b>		
Philip Morris International, Inc.	127,400	\$ 12,385,828
<b>Total</b>		<b>32,100,942</b>
<b>TOTAL CONSUMER STAPLES</b>		<b>81,471,718</b>
<b>ENERGY 5.0%</b>		
<b>Energy Equipment &amp; Services 0.3%</b>		
Baker Hughes, Inc.	47,700	2,407,419
National Oilwell Varco, Inc.	58,600	2,152,964
<b>Total</b>		<b>4,560,383</b>
<b>Oil, Gas &amp; Consumable Fuels 4.7%</b>		
BP PLC, ADR	215,000	7,559,400
Cabot Oil & Gas Corp.	82,700	2,133,660
Chevron Corp. (b)	39,500	4,065,340
ConocoPhillips	330,000	14,345,100
Exxon Mobil Corp.	253,800	22,151,664
Suncor Energy, Inc.	147,500	4,097,550
Valero Energy Corp.	249,800	13,239,400
<b>Total</b>		<b>67,592,114</b>
<b>TOTAL ENERGY</b>		<b>72,152,497</b>
<b>FINANCIALS 10.3%</b>		
<b>Banks 4.4%</b>		
Bank of America Corp.	350,000	5,477,500

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Citigroup, Inc.	227,900	10,763,717
Fifth Third Bancorp	494,600	10,119,516
First Hawaiian, Inc. (a)	125,000	3,357,500
JPMorgan Chase & Co.	284,400	18,938,196
PacWest Bancorp	195,000	8,367,450
SunTrust Banks, Inc.	14,000	613,200
Wells Fargo & Co.	120,000	5,313,600
<b>Total</b>		<b>62,950,679</b>
<b>Capital Markets 2.3%</b>		
Ares Capital Corp.	485,000	7,517,500
CME Group, Inc.	9,700	1,013,844
S&P Global, Inc.	112,700	14,263,312
T. Rowe Price Group, Inc.	166,100	11,045,650
<b>Total</b>		<b>33,840,306</b>
<b>Consumer Finance 0.6%</b>		
Discover Financial Services	46,100	2,606,955
Navient Corp.	406,100	5,876,267
<b>Total</b>		<b>8,483,222</b>
<b>Insurance 2.3%</b>		
Aflac, Inc.	177,200	12,735,364





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Issuer	Shares	Value
<b>Common Stocks (continued)</b>		
<b>FINANCIALS (CONTINUED)</b>		
<b>Insurance (continued)</b>		
Marsh & McLennan Companies, Inc.	58,100	\$ 3,907,225
MetLife, Inc.	85,000	3,776,550
Prudential Financial, Inc.	120,100	9,806,165
Validus Holdings Ltd.	75,000	3,736,500
<b>Total</b>		<b>33,961,804</b>
<b>Mortgage Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) 0.7%</b>		
Blackstone Mortgage Trust, Inc.	70,000	2,061,500
Starwood Property Trust, Inc.	330,000	7,431,600
<b>Total</b>		<b>9,493,100</b>
<b>TOTAL FINANCIALS</b>		
<b>148,729,111</b>		
<b>HEALTH CARE 10.0%</b>		
<b>Biotechnology 2.2%</b>		
Alexion Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (a)	26,200	3,210,548
Alkermes PLC (a)	29,500	1,387,385
Amgen, Inc.	45,000	7,506,450
Biogen, Inc. (a)	19,000	5,947,570
BioMarin Pharmaceutical, Inc. (a)	21,100	1,952,172
Celgene Corp. (a)	57,500	6,010,475
Incyte Corp. (a)	26,000	2,451,540
Vertex Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (a)	34,600	3,017,466
<b>Total</b>		<b>31,483,606</b>
<b>Health Care Equipment &amp; Supplies 1.2%</b>		
Baxter International, Inc.	90,800	4,322,080
Hologic, Inc. (a)	154,800	6,010,884
Medtronic PLC	85,000	7,344,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>17,676,964</b>
<b>Health Care Providers &amp; Services 1.9%</b>		
Aetna, Inc.	15,100	1,743,295
AmerisourceBergen Corp.	58,100	4,693,318
Cardinal Health, Inc.	97,500	7,575,750
Express Scripts Holding Co. (a)	139,100	9,810,723
McKesson Corp.	16,900	2,818,075
<b>Total</b>		<b>26,641,161</b>
<b>Pharmaceuticals 4.7%</b>		
Johnson & Johnson	144,600	17,081,598
Merck & Co., Inc.	394,000	24,589,540
Pfizer, Inc.	778,909	26,381,648
<b>Total</b>		<b>68,052,786</b>
<b>TOTAL HEALTH CARE</b>		
<b>143,854,517</b>		

Issuer	Shares	Value
<b>Common Stocks (continued)</b>		
<b>INDUSTRIALS 6.8%</b>		
<b>Aerospace &amp; Defense 2.3%</b>		
Boeing Co. (The)	109,000	\$ 14,359,660
Lockheed Martin Corp.	54,000	12,944,880
Raytheon Co.	49,500	6,738,435
<b>Total</b>		<b>34,042,975</b>
<b>Air Freight &amp; Logistics 0.5%</b>		
United Parcel Service, Inc., Class B	66,800	7,305,248
<b>Airlines 1.1%</b>		
Delta Air Lines, Inc.	288,000	11,335,680
United Continental Holdings, Inc. (a)	94,900	4,979,403
<b>Total</b>		<b>16,315,083</b>
<b>Commercial Services &amp; Supplies 0.1%</b>		
Waste Management, Inc.	18,800	1,198,688
<b>Electrical Equipment 0.4%</b>		
Emerson Electric Co.	97,200	5,298,372
<b>Industrial Conglomerates 0.9%</b>		
3M Co.	28,600	5,040,178



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General Electric Co.	250,000	7,405,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>12,445,178</b>
<b>Machinery 1.0%</b>		
Illinois Tool Works, Inc.	118,800	14,236,992
<b>Transportation Infrastructure 0.5%</b>		
Macquarie Infrastructure Corp.	95,000	7,907,800
<b>TOTAL INDUSTRIALS</b>		<b>98,750,336</b>
<b>INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY 14.5%</b>		
<b>Communications Equipment 2.0%</b>		
Cisco Systems, Inc.	814,200	25,826,424
F5 Networks, Inc. (a)	19,500	2,430,480
<b>Total</b>		<b>28,256,904</b>
<b>Electronic Equipment, Instruments &amp; Components 0.4%</b>		
Corning, Inc.	250,000	5,912,500
<b>Internet Software &amp; Services 3.4%</b>		
Alphabet, Inc., Class A (a)	16,200	13,025,772
Facebook, Inc., Class A (a)	187,200	24,012,144
VeriSign, Inc. (a)	145,100	11,352,624
<b>Total</b>		<b>48,390,540</b>





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Issuer	Shares		Value
<b>Common Stocks (continued)</b>			
<b>INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (CONTINUED)</b>			
<b>IT Services 2.0%</b>			
Automatic Data Processing, Inc.	90,000	\$	7,938,000
Leidos Holdings, Inc.	90,000		3,895,200
MasterCard, Inc., Class A	168,500		17,148,245
<b>Total</b>			<b>28,981,445</b>
<b>Semiconductors &amp; Semiconductor Equipment 2.3%</b>			
Analog Devices, Inc.	90,000		5,800,500
Maxim Integrated Products, Inc.	147,000		5,869,710
QUALCOMM, Inc.	323,500		22,159,750
<b>Total</b>			<b>33,829,960</b>
<b>Software 2.9%</b>			
Electronic Arts, Inc. (a)	36,100		3,082,940
Microsoft Corp.	627,300		36,132,480
Red Hat, Inc. (a)	40,700		3,289,781
<b>Total</b>			<b>42,505,201</b>
<b>Technology Hardware, Storage &amp; Peripherals 1.5%</b>			
Apple, Inc.	193,550		21,880,827
<b>TOTAL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY</b>			<b>209,757,377</b>
<b>MATERIALS 1.9%</b>			
<b>Chemicals 1.6%</b>			
Dow Chemical Co. (The)	188,400		9,764,772
LyondellBasell Industries NV, Class A	162,700		13,123,382
<b>Total</b>			<b>22,888,154</b>
<b>Metals &amp; Mining 0.3%</b>			
Newmont Mining Corp.	101,100		3,972,219
<b>TOTAL MATERIALS</b>			<b>26,860,373</b>
<b>REAL ESTATE 2.4%</b>			
<b>Equity Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) 2.4%</b>			
Alexandria Real Estate Equities, Inc.	20,000		2,175,400
American Tower Corp.	22,700		2,572,591
Digital Realty Trust, Inc.	39,800		3,865,376
Equinix, Inc.	15,500		5,583,875
Extra Space Storage, Inc.	92,500		7,345,425
Public Storage	35,900		8,010,726
Simon Property Group, Inc.	26,900		5,568,569
<b>Total</b>			<b>35,121,962</b>
<b>TOTAL REAL ESTATE</b>			<b>35,121,962</b>

Issuer	Shares		Value
<b>Common Stocks (continued)</b>			
<b>TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES 2.0%</b>			
<b>Diversified Telecommunication Services 2.0%</b>			
AT&T, Inc.	185,000	\$	7,512,850
CenturyLink, Inc.	248,600		6,819,098
Verizon Communications, Inc.	275,500		14,320,490
<b>Total</b>			<b>28,652,438</b>
<b>TOTAL TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES</b>			<b>28,652,438</b>
<b>UTILITIES 3.3%</b>			
<b>Electric Utilities 1.4%</b>			
Entergy Corp.	153,100		11,747,363
Xcel Energy, Inc.	185,000		7,610,900
<b>Total</b>			<b>19,358,263</b>
<b>Independent Power and Renewable Electricity Producers 0.5%</b>			
NRG Yield, Inc. Class A	425,000		6,936,000
NRG Yield, Inc. Class C	40,000		678,400
<b>Total</b>			<b>7,614,400</b>
<b>Multi-Utilities 1.4%</b>			
Ameren Corp.	160,000		7,868,800
CenterPoint Energy, Inc.	187,300		4,350,979
Public Service Enterprise Group, Inc.	189,400		7,930,178
<b>Total</b>			<b>20,149,957</b>

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<b>TOTAL UTILITIES</b>		<b>47,122,620</b>
<b>Total Common Stocks</b>		
<b>(Cost: \$918,879,241)</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>995,387,264</b>
<b>Convertible Preferred Stocks 8.2%</b>		
<b>CONSUMER STAPLES 0.8%</b>		
<b>Food Products 0.8%</b>		
Bunge Ltd., 4.875%	77,500	7,291,433
Post Holdings, Inc., 5.250% (a)	28,000	3,819,088
<b>Total</b>		<b>11,110,521</b>
<b>TOTAL CONSUMER STAPLES</b>		<b>11,110,521</b>
<b>ENERGY 1.0%</b>		
<b>Oil, Gas &amp; Consumable Fuels 1.0%</b>		
Anadarko Petroleum Corp., 7.500%	100,000	4,165,000
Hess Corp., 8.000%	92,000	6,056,360
WPX Energy, Inc., 6.250%	70,500	4,384,395
<b>Total</b>		<b>14,605,755</b>
<b>TOTAL ENERGY</b>		<b>14,605,755</b>









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**Trading Companies & Distributors 0.3%**

Fortress Transportation & Infrastructure Investors  
LLC

325,000

4,065,750

**TOTAL INDUSTRIALS**

**4,065,750**





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Issuer	Shares		Value
<b>Limited Partnerships (continued)</b>			
<b>UTILITIES 0.4%</b>			
<b>Independent Power and Renewable Electricity Producers 0.4%</b>			
8Point3 Energy Partners LP	385,000	\$	5,544,000
<b>TOTAL UTILITIES</b>			<b>5,544,000</b>
<b>Total Limited Partnerships</b>			
<b>(Cost: \$15,419,275)</b>		\$	<b>13,523,300</b>

Issuer	Coupon Rate	Principal Amount	Value
<b>Corporate Bonds &amp; Notes 11.8%</b>			
<b>Aerospace &amp; Defense 0.5%</b>			
ADS Tactical, Inc. (c)			
04/01/18	11.000%	7,400,000	7,603,500
<b>Banking 0.8%</b>			
Popular, Inc.			
07/01/19	7.000%	7,500,000	7,725,000
Synovus Financial Corp. Subordinated (d)			
12/15/25	5.750%	4,000,000	4,240,000
<b>Total</b>			<b>11,965,000</b>
<b>Cable and Satellite 0.5%</b>			
Charter Communications Operating LLC/Capital (c)			
10/23/45	6.484%	6,200,000	7,497,796
<b>Chemicals 0.3%</b>			
A. Schulman, Inc. (c)			
06/01/23	6.875%	4,000,000	4,040,000
<b>Construction Machinery 0.5%</b>			
United Rentals North America, Inc.			
11/15/24	5.750%	7,400,000	7,677,500
<b>Diversified Manufacturing 1.1%</b>			
Gardner Denver, Inc. (c)			
08/15/21	6.875%	8,500,000	7,968,750
Hamilton Sundstrand Corp. (c)			
12/15/20	7.750%	8,850,000	7,013,625
<b>Total</b>			<b>14,982,375</b>
<b>Gaming 0.5%</b>			
Scientific Games International, Inc.			
12/01/22	10.000%	8,300,000	7,656,750

Issuer	Coupon Rate	Principal Amount	Value
<b>Corporate Bonds &amp; Notes (continued)</b>			
<b>Independent Energy 1.0%</b>			
Goodrich Petroleum Corp. (e)			
03/15/18	0.000%	\$ 1,699,000	\$ 237,860
03/15/19	0.000%	3,824,000	23,327
PDC Energy, Inc. (c)			
09/15/24	6.125%	2,313,000	2,393,955
Stone Energy Corp.			
11/15/22	7.500%	9,300,000	5,324,250
Whiting Petroleum Corp.			
10/01/18	6.500%	6,800,000	6,698,000
<b>Total</b>			<b>14,677,392</b>
<b>Media and Entertainment 0.5%</b>			
AMC Networks, Inc.			
12/15/22	4.750%	1,400,000	1,417,500
04/01/24	5.000%	6,169,000	6,207,556
<b>Total</b>			<b>7,625,056</b>
<b>Metals 0.1%</b>			

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Alcoa Nederland Holding BV (c) 09/30/24	6.750%	1,056,000	1,096,920
<b>Midstream 0.5%</b>			
Blue Racer Midstream LLC/Finance Corp. (c) 11/15/22	6.125%	7,700,000	7,526,750
<b>Oil Field Services 0.3%</b>			
Transocean, Inc. 03/15/18	6.000%	4,553,000	4,575,765
<b>Other Industry 0.5%</b>			
MasTec, Inc. 03/15/23	4.875%	7,350,000	7,258,125
<b>Pharmaceuticals 1.1%</b>			
AMAG Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (c) 09/01/23	7.875%	8,000,000	7,640,000
Valeant Pharmaceuticals International, Inc. (c) 03/01/23	5.500%	8,700,000	7,438,500
<b>Total</b>			<b>15,078,500</b>
<b>Property &amp; Casualty 0.3%</b>			
MGIC Investment Corp. 08/15/23	5.750%	3,800,000	3,952,000









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**Media and Entertainment 0.2%**

Liberty Interactive LLC (c) 09/30/46	1.750%	3,245,000	3,427,531
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**Oil Field Services 0.5%**

Cobalt International Energy, Inc. 12/01/19	2.625%	6,400,000	3,265,907
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Weatherford International Ltd. 07/01/21	5.875%	3,730,000	4,184,594
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<b>Total</b>			<b>7,450,501</b>
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**Other Financial Institutions 0.3%**

Walter Investment Management Corp. 11/01/19	4.500%	6,500,000	3,733,438
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**Other Industry 0.4%**

General Cable Corp. Subordinated (d) 11/15/29	4.500%	9,000,000	6,024,375
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**Other REIT 0.4%**

Blackstone Mortgage Trust, Inc. 12/01/18	5.250%	5,050,000	5,533,740
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<b>Total Money Market Funds</b>		
<b>(Cost: \$37,405,725)</b>	\$	<b>37,405,725</b>
<b>Total Investments</b>		
<b>(Cost: \$1,427,998,747) (i)</b>	\$	<b>1,493,791,041(j)</b>
Other Assets & Liabilities, Net		(48,424,716)
<b>Net Assets</b>	\$	<b>1,445,366,325</b>

At September 30, 2016, securities totaling \$535,184 were pledged as collateral.

**Investments in Derivatives**

**Futures Contracts Outstanding at September 30, 2016**

**Long Futures Contracts Outstanding**

<b>Contract Description</b>	<b>Number of Contracts</b>	<b>Trading Currency</b>	<b>Notional Market Value (\$)</b>	<b>Expiration Date</b>	<b>Unrealized Appreciation (\$)</b>	<b>Unrealized (Depreciation) (\$)</b>
S&P 500 Index	15	USD	8,101,500	12/2016	58,987	

**Notes to Portfolio of Investments**

- (a) Non-income producing investment.
- (b) This security or a portion of this security has been pledged as collateral in connection with derivative contracts.
- (c) Represents privately placed and other securities and instruments exempt from SEC registration (collectively, private placements), such as Section 4(a)(2) and Rule 144A eligible securities, which are often sold only to qualified institutional buyers. The Fund may invest in private placements determined to be liquid as well as those determined to be illiquid. Private placements may be determined to be liquid under guidelines established by the Fund's Board of Trustees. At September 30, 2016, the value of these securities amounted to \$141,421,219 or 9.78% of net assets.
- (d) Variable rate security.
- (e) Represents securities that have defaulted on payment of interest. The Fund has stopped accruing interest on these securities. At September 30, 2016, the value of these securities amounted to \$261,187, which represents 0.02% of net assets.
- (f) Security, or a portion thereof, has been purchased on a when-issued or delayed delivery basis.
- (g) The rate shown is the seven-day current annualized yield at September 30, 2016.
- (h) As defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, an affiliated company is one in which the Fund owns 5% or more of the company's outstanding voting securities, or a company which is under common ownership or control with the Fund. Holdings and transactions in these affiliated companies during the period ended September 30, 2016 are as follows:

Issuer	Beginning Cost (\$)	Purchase Cost (\$)	Proceeds From Sales (\$)	Ending Cost (\$)	Dividends Affiliated Issuers (\$)	Value (\$)
Columbia Short-Term Cash Fund	4,906,344	142,241,370	(139,142,745)	8,004,969	19,483	8,004,969

- (i) At September 30, 2016, the cost of securities for federal income tax purposes was approximately \$1,427,999,000 and the approximate aggregate gross unrealized appreciation and depreciation based on that cost was:

Unrealized Appreciation	\$	137,594,000
Unrealized Depreciation		(71,802,000)
Net Unrealized Appreciation	\$	65,792,000

- (j) Investments are valued using policies described in the Notes to Financial Statements in the most recent shareholder report.

**Abbreviation Legend**

ADR American Depositary Receipt

**Currency Legend**

USD US Dollar

**Fair Value Measurements**

The Fund categorizes its fair value measurements according to a three-level hierarchy that maximizes the use of observable inputs and minimizes the use of unobservable inputs by prioritizing that the most observable input be used when available. Observable inputs are those that market participants would use in pricing an investment based on market data obtained from sources independent of the reporting entity. Unobservable inputs are those that reflect the Fund's assumptions about the information market participants would use in pricing an investment. An investment's level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is deemed significant to the asset's or liability's fair value measurement. The input levels are not necessarily an indication of the risk or liquidity associated with investments at that level. For example, certain U.S. government securities are generally high quality and liquid, however, they are reflected as Level 2 because the inputs used to determine fair value may not always be quoted prices in an active market.

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Fair value inputs are summarized in the three broad levels listed below:

- Level 1 - Valuations based on quoted prices for investments in active markets that the Fund has the ability to access at the measurement date (including NAV for open-end mutual funds). Valuation adjustments are not applied to Level 1 investments.
- Level 2 - Valuations based on other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar securities, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risks, etc.).
- Level 3 - Valuations based on significant unobservable inputs (including the Fund's own assumptions and judgment in determining the fair value of investments).

Inputs that are used in determining fair value of an investment may include price information, credit data, volatility statistics, and other factors. These inputs can be either observable or unobservable. The availability of observable inputs can vary between investments, and is affected by various factors such as the type of investment, and the volume and level of activity for that investment or similar investments in the marketplace. The inputs will be considered by the Investment Manager, along with any other relevant factors in the calculation of an investment's fair value. The Fund uses prices and inputs that are current as of the measurement date, which may include periods of market dislocations. During these periods, the availability of prices and inputs may be reduced for many investments. This condition could cause an investment to be reclassified between the various levels within the hierarchy.



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Certain investments that have been measured at fair value using the net asset value per share (or its equivalent) are not categorized in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in the table are intended to reconcile the fair value hierarchy to the amounts presented in the Portfolio of Investments. The Columbia Short-Term Cash Fund seeks to provide shareholders with maximum current income consistent with liquidity and stability of principal. Investments in Columbia Short-Term Cash Fund may be redeemed on a daily basis without restriction.

Investments falling into the Level 3 category are primarily supported by quoted prices from brokers and dealers participating in the market for those investments. However, these may be classified as Level 3 investments due to lack of market transparency and corroboration to support these quoted prices. Additionally, valuation models may be used as the pricing source for any remaining investments classified as Level 3. These models may rely on one or more significant unobservable inputs and/or significant assumptions by the Investment Manager. Inputs used in valuations may include, but are not limited to, financial statement analysis, capital account balances, discount rates and estimated cash flows, and comparable company data.

Under the direction of the Fund's Board of Directors (the Board), the Investment Manager's Valuation Committee (the Committee) is responsible for overseeing the valuation procedures approved by the Board. The Committee consists of voting and non-voting members from various groups within the Investment Manager's organization, including operations and accounting, trading and investments, compliance, risk management and legal.

The Committee meets at least monthly to review and approve valuation matters, which may include a description of specific valuation determinations, data regarding pricing information received from approved pricing vendors and brokers and the results of Board-approved valuation control policies and procedures (the Policies). The Policies address, among other things, instances when market quotations are or are not readily available, including recommendations of third party pricing vendors and a determination of appropriate pricing methodologies; events that require specific valuation determinations and assessment of fair value techniques; securities with a potential for stale pricing, including those that are illiquid, restricted, or in default; and the effectiveness of third party pricing vendors, including periodic reviews of vendors. The Committee meets more frequently, as needed, to discuss additional valuation matters, which may include the need to review back-testing results, review time-sensitive information or approve related valuation actions. The Committee reports to the Board, with members of the Committee meeting with the Board at each of its regularly scheduled meetings to discuss valuation matters and actions during the period, similar to those described earlier.

For investments categorized as Level 3, the Committee monitors information similar to that described above, which may include: (i) data specific to the issuer or comparable issuers, (ii) general market or specific sector news and (iii) quoted prices and specific or similar security transactions. The Committee considers this data and any changes from prior periods in order to assess the reasonableness of observable and unobservable inputs, any assumptions or internal models used to value those securities and changes in fair value. This data is also used to corroborate, when available, information received from approved pricing vendors and brokers. Various factors impact the frequency of monitoring this information (which may occur as often as daily). However, the Committee may determine that changes to inputs, assumptions and models are not required as a result of the monitoring procedures performed.

The following table is a summary of the inputs used to value the Fund's investments at September 30, 2016:

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	Level 1 Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (\$)	Level 2 Other Significant Observable Inputs (\$)	Level 3 Significant Unobservable Inputs (\$)	Total (\$)
Investments				
Common Stocks				
Consumer Discretionary	102,914,315			102,914,315
Consumer Staples	81,471,718			81,471,718
Energy	72,152,497			72,152,497
Financials	148,729,111			148,729,111
Health Care	143,854,517			143,854,517
Industrials	98,750,336			98,750,336
Information Technology	209,757,377			209,757,377
Materials	26,860,373			26,860,373
Real Estate	35,121,962			35,121,962
Telecommunication Services	28,652,438			28,652,438
Utilities	47,122,620			47,122,620
Total Common Stocks	995,387,264			995,387,264
Convertible Preferred Stocks				
Consumer Staples		11,110,521		11,110,521
Energy	14,605,755			14,605,755
Financials	7,325,040	10,129,822		17,454,862
Health Care	22,097,980			22,097,980
Information Technology	7,783,325	4,001,170		11,784,495
Materials	3,759,350	4,227,960		7,987,310
Real Estate	8,219,250	3,291,150		11,510,400
Telecommunication Services	9,162,475			9,162,475
Utilities		12,075,837		12,075,837
Total Convertible Preferred Stocks	72,953,175	44,836,460		117,789,635
Limited Partnerships				
Energy	3,913,550			3,913,550
Industrials	4,065,750			4,065,750
Utilities	5,544,000			5,544,000
Total Limited Partnerships	13,523,300			13,523,300
Corporate Bonds & Notes		170,037,544		170,037,544
Convertible Bonds		144,549,113		144,549,113
Preferred Debt	15,098,460			15,098,460
Money Market Funds	29,400,756			29,400,756
Investments measured at net asset value				
Money Market Funds				8,004,969
Total Investments	1,126,362,955	359,423,117		1,493,791,041
Derivatives				
Assets				
Futures Contracts	58,987			58,987
Total	1,126,421,942	359,423,117		1,493,850,028

See the Portfolio of Investments for all investment classifications not indicated in the table.

The Fund's assets assigned to the Level 2 input category are generally valued using the market approach, in which a security's value is determined through reference to prices and information from market transactions for similar or identical assets.

Derivative instruments are valued at unrealized appreciation (depreciation).

Financial assets were transferred from Level 2 to Level 1 as the market for these assets was deemed to be active during the period and fair values were consequently obtained using quoted prices for identical assets rather than being based upon other observable market inputs as of period end.

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The following table shows transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy:

	Transfers In		Transfers Out	
Level 1 (\$)		Level 2 (\$)		Level 2 (\$)
7,752,271				7,752,271

Transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 are determined based on the fair value at the beginning of the period for security positions held throughout the period.

**Item 2. Controls and Procedures.**

(a) The registrant's principal executive officer and principal financial officers, based on their evaluation of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures as of a date within 90 days of the filing of this report, have concluded that such controls and procedures are adequately designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the registrant in Form N-Q is accumulated and communicated to the registrant's management, including the principal executive officer and principal financial officer, or persons performing similar functions, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

(b) There was no change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's last fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

**Item 3. Exhibits.**

Certifications pursuant to Rule 30a-2(a) under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (17 CFR 270.30a-2(a)) attached hereto as Exhibit 99.CERT.

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

