EATON VANCE LTD DURATION INCOME FUND Form N-CSRS December 29, 2010

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CERTIFIED SHAREHOLDER REPORT OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES

Investment Company Act File Number: 811-21323

Eaton Vance Limited Duration Income Fund

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

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(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

Maureen A. Gemma

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April 30

Date of Fiscal Year End

October 31, 2010

Date of Reporting Period

Item 1. Reports to Stockholders

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Only such information received from you, through application forms or otherwise, and information about your Eaton Vance fund transactions will be collected. This may include information such as name, address, social security number, tax status, account balances and transactions.

None of such information about you (or former customers) will be disclosed to anyone, except as permitted by law (which includes disclosure to employees necessary to service your account). In the normal course of servicing a customer s account, Eaton Vance may share information with unaffiliated third parties that perform various required services such as transfer agents, custodians and broker/dealers.

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Portfolio Holdings. Each Eaton Vance Fund and its underlying Portfolio(s) (if applicable) will file a schedule of portfolio holdings on Form N-Q with the SEC for the first and third quarters of each fiscal year. The Form N-Q will be available on the Eaton Vance website at www.eatonvance.com, by calling Eaton Vance at 1-800-262-1122 or in the EDGAR database on the SEC s website at www.sec.gov. Form N-Q may also be reviewed and copied at the SEC s public reference room in Washington, D.C. (call 1-800-732-0330 for information on the operation of the public reference room).

Proxy Voting. From time to time, funds are required to vote proxies related to the securities held by the funds. The Eaton Vance Funds or their underlying Portfolios (if applicable) vote proxies according to a set of policies and procedures approved by the Funds and Portfolios Boards. You may obtain a description of these policies and procedures and information on how the Funds or Portfolios voted proxies relating to portfolio securities during the most recent 12 month period ended June 30, without charge, upon request, by calling 1-800-262-1122. This description is also available on the SEC s website at www.sec.gov.

Additional Notice to Shareholders. The Fund may redeem or purchase its outstanding auction preferred shares (APS) in order to maintain compliance with regulatory requirements, borrowing or rating agency requirements or for other purposes as it deems appropriate or necessary. The Fund also may purchase shares of its common stock in the open market when they trade at a discount to net asset value or at other times if the Fund determines such purchases are advisable. There can be no assurance that the Fund will take such action or that such purchases would reduce the discount.

Eaton Vance Limited Duration Income Fund as of October 31, 2010 **INVESTMENT UPDATE**

Payson F. Swaffield, CFA Co-Portfolio Manager

Mark S. Venezia, CFA Co-Portfolio Manager

Christine M. Johnston, CFA Co-Portfolio Manager Economic and Market Conditions

During the six months ending October 31, 2010, the rally in U.S. Treasuries rewarded longer duration, as the 10-and 30-year maturity bonds produced 10.6% and 10.8% returns, respectively. Reflecting modest spread widening during the period, the BofA Merrill Lynch U.S. High Yield Index returned 6.8% over the period while the shorter-duration S&P/ LSTA Leveraged Loan Index returned approximately 2.1%. U.S. government agency mortgage-backed securities (MBS) also generated positive returns, with the BofA Merrill Lynch Mortgage Master Index returning 4.0%.¹

The bank loan market generated positive returns and remained generally healthy, if not as robust as earlier in 2010, during the six-month period. Despite a negative return in the May-June period that was driven primarily by concerns over the European debt crisis, the loan market regained strength for the remainder of the period. The market s recovery was driven by stronger demand and greater liquidity in the marketplace, along with improved corporate fundamentals. As a result, investors in search of yield began to take on incremental credit risk once again, evidenced by improved inflows into high-yield bond and bank loan mutual funds.

The high-yield bond market had solid six-month returns, benefiting from the same economic and market factors that helped the bank loan market. High-yield fundamentals, which have been improving for the past several quarters, continued a positive trend into the latter months of the period. Corporate operating earnings growth were strong in the second and third quarters of 2010, and ratings downgrades

Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Returns are historical and are calculated by determining the percentage change in net asset value or market price (as applicable) with all distributions reinvested. The Fund's performance at market price will differ from its results at NAV. Although market price performance generally reflects investment results over time, during shorter periods, returns at market price can also be affected by factors such as changing perceptions about the Fund, market conditions, fluctuations in supply and demand for the Fund's shares, or changes in Fund distributions. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate so that shares, when sold, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Performance is for the stated time period only; due to market volatility, the Fund's current performance may be lower or higher than the quoted return. For performance as of the most recent month end, please refer to www.eatonvance.com.

and new defaults have diminished to more modest levels, providing additional evidence of fundamental improvements. Our expectation is for continued moderate declines in default rates as older defaults fall off of the rolling 12-month figures and are replaced by fewer new defaults.

Over the six-month period, the pace of acceleration in economic activity moderated worldwide, shifting investor focus to the weakening in the U.S. economy and anticipation of another round of quantitative easing by the Federal Reserve.

Management Discussion

The Fund is a closed-end fund and trades on the NYSE Amex exchange under the symbol EVV. The Fund s primary investment objective is to provide a high level of current income, with a secondary objective of capital appreciation. The Fund pursues its objective by investing primarily in two distinct investment categories: 1) U.S. government agency MBS and other

Total Return Performance 4/30/10 10/31/10

NYSE Amex Symbol		EVV
At Net Asset Value (NAV) ² At Market Price ²		6.09% 4.90%
Premium/(Discount) to NAV (10/31/10)		-1.30%
Total Distributions per common share		\$ 0.695
Distribution Rate ³	At NAV	8.22%
	At Market	
	Price	8.33%

See page 3 for more performance information.

1 It is not possible to invest directly in an Index. The Indices total returns do not reflect the commissions or expenses that would have been incurred if an investor individually purchased or sold the s e c u r i t i e s represented in the Indices. The S & P / L S T A Leveraged Loan Index s total return reflects changes in value of the loans constituting the Index and accrual of interest. The S & P / L S T A Leveraged Loan Index is an unmanaged index of the institutional leveraged loan market. The BofA Merrill Lynch U.S. High Yield Index is

an unmanaged index of below-investment grade U.S. corporate bonds. The BofA Merrill Lynch Mortgage Master Index is an unmanaged index of S mortgage-backed securities traded on the secondary market. Unlike the Fund, the Indices returns do not reflect the effects of leverage.

- ² Six-month returns are cumulative. Performance results reflect the effects of leverage resulting from the Fund s issuance of Auction Preferred Shares (APS) and its debt financing.
- The Distribution
 Rate is based on the
 Fund s last regular
 distribution per share
 in the period
 (annualized) divided
 by the Fund s NAV
 or market price at the
 end of the period.
 The Fund s
 distributions may be
 comprised of
 ordinary income, net
 realized capital gains
 and return of capital.

Fund shares are not insured by the FDIC and are not deposits or other obligations of, or guaranteed by, any depository institution. Shares are subject to investment risks, including possible loss of principal invested.

Eaton Vance Limited Duration Income Fund as of October 31, 2010 **INVESTMENT UPDATE**

Michael W. Weilheimer, CFA Co-Portfolio Manager

Scott H. Page, CFA

Co-Portfolio Manager U.S. government securities; and 2) investments rated below investment-grade, which include (but are not limited to) senior, secured loans and high-yield bonds. As of October 31, 2010, the Fund was invested 26.6% in seasoned U.S. government agency MBS (seasoned MBS) and other U.S. government agency debt and 59.3% in below-investment-grade securities; of the latter, 27.8% was invested in senior, secured loans and 31.6% was invested in high-yield corporate bonds. The Fund s other investments included 6.7% in commercial MBS (CMBS) and 3.5% in investment-grade corporate bonds. During the six-month period, the Fund had total returns of 6.09% at net asset value and 4.90% at market price.

The Fund s high-yield bond investments performed well, in line with the market, for the six months ending October 31, 2010. During the first three months of the period, the Fund s high-yield securities benefited from a shorter average duration and from an underweighting in low-quality CCC-rated holdings. In the latter three months, however, these characteristics detracted from performance as investor demand increased in the riskier segments of the market.

During the six-month period, the Fund s bank loan investments underperformed the broader bank loan market, primarily as a result of strong performance in the riskier end of the market. Management continued to maintain smaller allocations to large lower-quality loans notably, some significant issues that came to market in 2007 than did the market, an underweighting that it believes may lead to better long-term performance. A lower allocation to B-rated loans, which rallied the most after the May/June volatility, slightly detracted during the summer months. The price of these issues rallied more than the overall

¹ APS percentage represents the liquidation value of the Fund s APS outstanding at 10/31/10 as a percentage of the Fund s net assets applicable to common shares plus APS and borrowings outstanding. In the event of a rise in long-term interest rates, the value of the Fund s investment portfolio could decline, which would reduce the asset coverage for its APS and borrowings.

Susan Schiff, CFA Co-Portfolio Manager

Catherine C. McDermott

Co-Portfolio Manager market as investors sought higher discount opportunities. European bank loan holdings, meanwhile, contributed positively to performance.

In the MBS portion of the Fund, the investment emphasis remained on seasoned MBS. Typically, the mortgages underlying seasoned MBS were originated in the 1980s and 1990s. As a result, they have generally lower loan-to-home value ratios, meaning that the underlying homeowners have more equity in their homes than the average borrower. In addition, these loans are guaranteed by government agencies. For the six-month period, seasoned MBS spreads tightened by approximately 15 basis points (0.15%). Prepayment rates continued to run in the low- to mid-teens without any meaningful increase, despite new lows in mortgage rates. Shifting focus to the entire U.S. government agency MBS market, a lack of new supply resulted in a positive technical environment, providing support for yield spreads as U.S. Treasury yields declined.

As of October 31, 2010, the Fund employed leverage of 32.1% of total assets 1.7% from TALF loans, 21.2% in other borrowings and 9.2% from APS. TALF loans are non-recourse to the Fund. Use of leverage creates an opportunity for income, but at the same time creates special risks (including the likelihood of greater volatility of NAV and market price of common shares).

Eaton Vance Limited Duration Income Fund as of October 31, 2010 **FUND PERFORMANCE**

Fund Performance¹

NYSE Amex Symbol EVV

Average Annual Total Returns (by market price, NYSE Amex)

Six Months	4.90%
One Year	31.09
Five Years	9.85
Life of Fund (5/30/03)	7.53

Average Annual Total Returns (at net asset value)

Six Months	6.09%
One Year	17.12
Five Years	8.41
Life of Fund (5/30/03)	7.72

1 Six - monthreturns are cumulative. Other returns are presented on an average annual basis. Performance results reflect the effect of leverage from the Fund s issuance of APS and its debt financing. Absent a fee reduction by the investment adviser of the Fund, thereturns would be lower.

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Portfolio Composition Fund Allocations² By net investments

 2 F u n Allocations are shown as a percentage of the Fund s net investments, w h i c h represented 145.9% of the Fund s net assets as of 10/31/10. Fund allocations may not be representative of the Fund s current or future investments and are subject to change due to a c t i v e management.

The views expressed throughout this report are those of the portfolio managers and are current only through the end of the period of the report as stated on the cover. These views are subject to change at any time based upon market or other conditions, and the investment adviser disclaims any responsibility to update such views. These views may not be relied on as investment advice and, because investment decisions for a fund are based on many factors, may not be relied on as an indication of trading intent on behalf of any Eaton Vance fund. Portfolio information provided in the report may not be representative of the Fund s current or future investments and may change due to active management.

Eaton Vance Limited Duration Income Fund as of October 31, 2010

PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (Unaudited)

Senior Floating-Rate Interests 40.4%)

Principal		
Amount*		
(000 s omitted)	Borrower/Tranche Description	Value

Aerospace and Defense 1.0%

r-			
Aveos Fl	eet Perfor	rmance, Inc.	
	40	Revolving Loan, 8.18%, Maturing	
		March 12, 2013 ⁽²⁾	\$ 39,120
	59	Term Loan, 11.25%, Maturing March 12,	
		2013	58,829
	158	Term Loan - Second Lien, 10.75%,	
		Maturing March 12, 2015 ⁽³⁾	148,036
Avio Hol	ding SpA		,
EUR	700	Term Loan - Second Lien, 5.10%,	
		Maturing June 14, 2016	927,983
Booz All	en Hamilt		,
	2,973	Term Loan, 6.00%, Maturing July 31,	
	,	2015	2,988,131
DAE Avi	iation Hol	dings, Inc.	_,, -,,
2122121	654	Term Loan, 4.04%, Maturing July 31,	
		2014	629,109
	675	Term Loan, 4.04%, Maturing July 31,	02),10)
	075	2014	649,688
Delos Air	rcraft, Inc		012,000
Delos III	775	Term Loan, 7.00%, Maturing March 17,	
	775	2016	794,375
Doncaste	ers (Dund	e HoldCo 4 Ltd.)	174,313
Doncaste	560	Term Loan, 4.26%, Maturing July 13,	
	300	2015	504,186
	560	Term Loan, 4.76%, Maturing July 13,	304,180
	300	2015	504,187
GBP	1,234	Term Loan - Second Lien, 6.57%,	304,167
UDF	1,234		1 525 490
Ezzanana	T4	Maturing January 13, 2016	1,535,480
Evergree		tional Aviation	
	809	Term Loan, 10.50%, Maturing	700 042
II avvilva	D	October 31, 2011 ⁽³⁾	798,843
Hawker		ft Acquisition	
	3,515	Term Loan, 2.26%, Maturing March 26,	0.050.550
		2014	2,953,553

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187	Term Loan, 2.29%, Maturing March 26,			
	2014		157,239	
IAP Worldwide So	ervices, Inc.		,	
1,046	Term Loan, 8.25%, Maturing			
-,	December 30, 2012 ⁽³⁾		1,027,425	
International Leas	•		1,027,120	
1,050	Term Loan, 6.75%, Maturing March 17,			
1,000	2015		1,077,469	
TransDigm, Inc.	2010		1,077,105	
2,075	Term Loan, 2.27%, Maturing June 23,			
2,075	2013		2,054,769	
Wesco Aircraft Ha			2,03 1,707	
1,295	Term Loan, 2.51%, Maturing			
1,273	September 30, 2013		1,285,742	
Wyle Laboratories	•		1,203,742	
948	Term Loan, 7.75%, Maturing March 25,			
7 4 0	2016		951,177	
	2010		931,177	
		\$	19,085,341	
		Ψ	17,005,541	
Automotive 1.7%				
Automotive 1.776	,			
Adesa, Inc.				
3,994	Term Loan, 3.01%, Maturing			
	October 18, 2013	\$	3,904,016	
Allison Transmiss	ion, Inc.			
5,881	Term Loan, 3.03%, Maturing August 7,			
•	2014		5,656,141	
Dayco Products, L			,,	
547	Term Loan, 10.50%, Maturing May 13,			
317	2014		545,915	
86	Term Loan, 12.50%, Maturing		5 15,715	
00	November 13, 2014 ⁽³⁾		84,417	
Federal-Mogul Co			07,71/	
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4,083	Term Loan, 2.20%, Maturing		2 624 744	
2.620	December 29, 2014		3,634,744	
3,628	Term Loan, 2.20%, Maturing		2.220.405	
D 135 / C	December 28, 2015		3,229,485	
Ford Motor Co.				
4,490	Term Loan, 3.04%, Maturing			
	December 16, 2013		4,452,586	
1,000	Term Loan, Maturing December 16,			
	2013 ⁽⁴⁾		988,594	
Goodyear Tire &				
4,450	Term Loan - Second Lien, 2.21%,			
	Maturing April 30, 2014		4,292,394	
HHI Holdings, LL	.C			

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975	Term Loan, 9.75%, Maturing March 30,	
	2015	989,625
Keystone Automot	tive Operations, Inc.	
1,284	Term Loan, 3.79%, Maturing January 12,	
	2012	1,091,522
LKQ Corp. U.S.		
1,203	Term Loan, 2.51%, Maturing	
	October 12, 2013	1,199,710
TriMas Corp.		
205	T	

397 Term Loan, 6.00%, Maturing August 2, 2011 397,867 2,477 Term Loan, 6.00%, Maturing December 15, 2015 2,482,691

United Components, Inc.

1,300 Term Loan, 6.25%, Maturing March 23, 2017 1,313,650

\$ 34,263,357

Beverage and Tobacco 0.2%

Constellation Brands, Inc.

		,	
	708	Term Loan, 1.81%, Maturing June 5,	
		2013	\$ 705,890
	349	Term Loan, 3.06%, Maturing June 5,	
		2015	351,840
Liberator I	Midco I	Ltd.	
GBP	800	Term Loan, 11.32%, Maturing	
		November 3, 2016 ⁽³⁾	1,307,246
Maine Bev	erage C	Co., LLC	
	319	Term Loan, 2.04%, Maturing March 31,	
		2013	306,797
Van Houtte	e, Inc.		
	113	Term Loan, 2.79%, Maturing July 19,	
		2014	111,576
	825	Term Loan, 2.79%, Maturing July 19,	

\$ 3,601,576

818,227

Building and Development 0.8%

2014

Beacon Sales Acquisition, Inc.

851 Term Loan, 2.28%, Maturing

September 30, 2013 \$ 810,895

Brickman Group Holdings, Inc.

1,325 Term Loan, 7.25%, Maturing

October 14, 2016 1,340,736

See notes to financial statements

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Eaton Vance Limited Duration Income Fund as of October 31, 2010

PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (Unaudited) CONT D

Principal		
Amount*	Borrower/Tranche Description	Value
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Duilding and Day	alamant (aantimad)	
Building and Dev	relopment (continued)	
Duilding Motori	ola Com, of Amorica	
984	als Corp. of America Term Loan, 3.06%, Maturing February 24,	
701	2014	\$ 978,533
Forestar USA Re	eal Estate Group, Inc.	
311	Revolving Loan, 1.18%, Maturing	
	December 1,	
• • • • •	$2010^{(2)}$	292,711
2,854	Term Loan, 6.50%, Maturing December 1,	2 707 250
Metroflag BP, L	2010 LC	2,797,258
1,700	Term Loan - Second Lien, 0.00%, Maturing	
1,700	October 31, 2009 ⁽⁵⁾⁽⁶⁾	0
NCI Building Sy	•	
639	Term Loan, 8.00%, Maturing April 18,	
	2014	616,137
	ries Holdings, Inc.	
2,103	Term Loan, 8.25%, Maturing December 31,	1 041 200
RE/MAX Intern	2013	1,941,380
2,363	Term Loan, 5.50%, Maturing April 15,	
2,303	2016	2,370,510
Realogy Corp.		, ,
314	Term Loan, 3.26%, Maturing October 10,	
	2013	286,521
2,307	Term Loan, 3.26%, Maturing October 10,	2 101 007
Caralla Edina III.	2013	2,101,995
South Edge, LLC 288	Term Loan, 0.00%, Maturing October 31,	
200	2009 ⁽⁵⁾	136,562
Standard Pacific		130,302
1,260	Term Loan, 2.12%, Maturing May 5, 2013	1,146,600
WCI Communit	— · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
370	Term Loan, 11.00%, Maturing	
2	September 3, 2014 ⁽³⁾	368,880
848		819,305

Term Loan, 10.00%, Maturing September 2, 2016

\$ 16,008,023

Business Equipment and Services 3.6%

Activant Solutio	ns, Inc.		
1,801	Term Loan, 2.31%, Maturing May 2, 2013 \$	1,741,386	
Advantage Sales	& Marketing, Inc.		
1,493	Term Loan, 5.00%, Maturing May 5, 2016	1,492,127	
Affinion Group,	Inc.		
4,677	Term Loan, 5.00%, Maturing October 10,		
	2016	4,623,889	
Allied Barton Se	curity Service		
1,092	Term Loan, 7.75%, Maturing February 18,		
	2015	1,097,882	
Dealer Compute	r Services, Inc.		
2,101	Term Loan, 5.25%, Maturing April 21,		
	2017	2,103,851	
Education Mana	gement, LLC		
4,784	Term Loan, 2.06%, Maturing June 3, 2013	4,456,160	
First American	Corp.		
1,172	Term Loan, 4.75%, Maturing April 12,		
	2016	1,180,120	
Infogroup, Inc.			
898	Term Loan, 6.25%, Maturing July 1, 2016	903,735	
Information Res	ources, Inc.		
1,425	Term Loan, 3.35%, Maturing May 16, 2014	1,399,958	
iPayment, Inc.			
2,071	Term Loan, 2.28%, Maturing May 10, 2013	1,961,941	
Kronos, Inc.			
1,472	Term Loan, 2.04%, Maturing June 11, 2014	1,442,645	
Language Line, Inc.			
1,471	Term Loan, 5.50%, Maturing November 4, 2015		