

WESTERN ASSET HIGH INCOME OPPORTUNITY FUND INC.

Form N-Q

August 26, 2008

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM N-Q**

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

Investment Company Act file number 811- 7920

Western Asset High Income Opportunity Fund Inc.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

55 Water Street, New York, NY  
(Address of principal executive offices)

10041  
(Zip code)

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300 First Stamford Place

Stamford, CT 06902  
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 1-800-451-2010

Date of fiscal year end: September 30

Date of reporting period: June 30, 2008

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ITEM 1. SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

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**WESTERN ASSET HIGH INCOME**

**OPPORTUNITY FUND INC.**

**FORM N-Q**

**JUNE 30, 2008**

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## Western Asset High Income Opportunity Fund Inc.

Schedule of Investments (unaudited)

June 30, 2008

Face Amount	Security	Value
<b>CORPORATE BONDS &amp; NOTES</b> 91.5%		
<b>CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY</b> 18.0%		
<b>Auto Components</b> 1.5%		
970,000	Allison Transmission Inc.:	
	11.000% due 11/1/15 (a)	\$ 873,000
1,720,000	Senior Notes, 11.250% due 11/1/15 (a)(b)	1,496,400
1,820,000	Keystone Automotive Operations Inc., Senior Subordinated Notes, 9.750% due 11/1/13	882,700
	Visteon Corp.:	
3,456,000	12.250% due 12/31/16 (a)	2,782,080
1,372,000	Senior Notes, 8.250% due 8/1/10	1,227,940
	<b>Total Auto Components</b>	7,262,120
<b>Automobiles</b> 1.4%		
505,000	Ford Motor Co., Debentures, 8.900% due 1/15/32	325,725
	General Motors Corp.:	
1,330,000	Notes, 7.200% due 1/15/11	1,027,425
	Senior Debentures:	
1,350,000	8.250% due 7/15/23	793,125
5,040,000	8.375% due 7/15/33	3,011,400
2,125,000	Senior Notes, 7.125% due 7/15/13	1,354,687
	<b>Total Automobiles</b>	6,512,362
<b>Diversified Consumer Services</b> 0.5%		
2,485,000	Education Management LLC/Education Management Finance Corp., Senior Subordinated Notes, 10.250% due 6/1/16	2,298,625
<b>Hotels, Restaurants &amp; Leisure</b> 3.9%		
675,000	Boyd Gaming Corp., Senior Subordinated Notes, 7.125% due 2/1/16	501,188
2,345,000	Buffets Inc., Senior Notes, 12.500% due 11/1/14 (c)	46,900
1,370,000	Caesars Entertainment Inc., Senior Subordinated Notes, 8.125% due 5/15/11	1,102,850
	Carrols Corp., Senior Subordinated Notes, 9.000% due 1/15/13	1,268,750
1,450,000	Denny's Holdings Inc., Senior Notes, 10.000% due 10/1/12	602,550
618,000	Downstream Development Quapaw, Senior Notes, 12.000%	
1,220,000	due 10/15/15 (a)	972,950
	El Pollo Loco Inc., Senior Notes, 11.750% due 11/15/13	1,095,000
1,095,000	Fontainebleau Las Vegas Holdings LLC/Fontainebleau Las Vegas Capital Corp., 10.250% due 6/15/15 (a)	291,475
445,000	Harrah's Operating Co. Inc., Senior Notes, 10.750% due 2/1/16 (a)	935,200
1,120,000	Indianapolis Downs LLC & Capital Corp., 11.000% due 11/1/12 (a)	1,500,600
1,640,000		2,201,425
2,545,000		

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700,000	Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort & Casino, Senior Notes, 12.000% due 11/15/10	
	Mandalay Resort Group, Senior Subordinated Debentures, 7.625% due 7/15/13	591,500
1,130,000	MGM MIRAGE Inc.:	
360,000	Notes, 6.750% due 9/1/12	1,019,825
225,000	Senior Notes, 7.500% due 6/1/16	297,900
	Mohegan Tribal Gaming Authority, Senior Subordinated Notes, 6.875% due 2/15/15	178,875
2,135,000	Pokagon Gaming Authority, Senior Notes, 10.375% due 6/15/14 (a)	2,300,462
1,155,000	Sbarro Inc., Senior Notes, 10.375% due 2/1/15	993,300
790,000	Snoqualmie Entertainment Authority, Senior Secured Notes, 6.936% due 2/1/14 (a)(d)	584,600
	Station Casinos Inc.:	
	Senior Notes:	
80,000	6.000% due 4/1/12	64,000
1,865,000	7.750% due 8/15/16	1,436,050
	Senior Subordinated Notes:	
135,000	6.875% due 3/1/16	74,419

*See Notes to Schedule of Investments.*

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June 30, 2008

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<b>Hotels, Restaurants &amp; Leisure 3.9% (continued)</b>		
165,000	6.625% due 3/15/18	\$ 89,100
	<b>Total Hotels, Restaurants &amp; Leisure</b>	<b>18,148,919</b>
<b>Household Durables 1.9%</b>		
200,000	American Greetings Corp., Senior Notes, 7.375% due 6/1/16	196,000
1,140,000	D.R. Horton Inc., Senior Notes, 8.000% due 2/1/09	1,142,850
	Jarden Corp., Senior Subordinated Notes, 7.500% due 5/1/17	1,706,250
1,950,000	K Hovnanian Enterprises Inc., 11.500% due 5/1/13 (a)	2,048,513
1,965,000	Norcraft Cos. LP/Norcraft Finance Corp., Senior Subordinated Notes, 9.000% due 11/1/11	1,807,900
1,790,000	Norcraft Holdings LP/Norcraft Capital Corp., Senior Discount Notes, step bond to yield 10.128% due 9/1/12	2,069,112
2,210,000	<b>Total Household Durables</b>	<b>8,970,625</b>
<b>Internet &amp; Catalog Retail 0.2%</b>		
780,000	Expedia Inc., Senior Notes, 8.500% due 7/1/16 (a)	766,350
<b>Media 6.3%</b>		
550,000	Affinion Group Inc.: Senior Notes, 10.125% due 10/15/13	554,125
2,520,000	Senior Subordinated Notes, 11.500% due 10/15/15	2,526,300
8,745,000	CCH I LLC/CCH I Capital Corp., Senior Secured Notes, 11.000% due 10/1/15	6,525,956
	CCH II LLC/CCH II Capital Corp., Senior Notes, 10.250% due 10/1/13	721,463
795,000	Charter Communications Holdings LLC, Senior Discount Notes, 12.125% due 1/15/12	394,200
540,000	Charter Communications Holdings LLC/Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corp., Senior Discount Notes, 11.750% due 5/15/11	620,500
850,000	Charter Communications Inc., Senior Secured Notes, 10.875% due 9/15/14 (a)	3,025,225
2,930,000	CSC Holdings Inc., Senior Notes: 8.125% due 7/15/09	1,333,200
	6.750% due 4/15/12	718,200
1,320,000	Dex Media West LLC/Dex Media Finance Co., Senior Subordinated Notes, 9.875% due 8/15/13	1,277,940
760,000	DIRECTV Holdings LLC/DIRECTV Financing Co. Inc., Senior Notes, 8.375% due 3/15/13	683,100
1,416,000	EchoStar DBS Corp., Senior Notes, 7.750% due 5/31/15 (a)	615,825
660,000	Historic TW Inc., Senior Notes, 6.625% due 5/15/29	2,349,494
630,000	Idearc Inc., Senior Notes, 8.000% due 11/15/16	2,731,463
2,575,000	R.H. Donnelley Corp.: Senior Discount Notes, 6.875% due 1/15/13	885,000
4,310,000		
1,475,000		

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1,915,000	Senior Notes, 8.875% due 1/15/16	1,158,575
1,060,000	Sun Media Corp., 7.625% due 2/15/13	1,030,850
	TL Acquisitions Inc.:	
1,080,000	Senior Notes, 10.500% due 1/15/15 (a)	939,600
1,790,000	Senior Subordinated Notes, step bond to yield 13.249% due 7/15/15 (a)	1,315,650
	<b>Total Media</b>	29,406,666
<b>Multiline Retail 1.4%</b>		
	Dollar General Corp.:	
510,000	10.625% due 7/15/15	507,450
1,840,000	Senior Subordinated Notes, 11.875% due 7/15/17 (b)	1,748,000
	Neiman Marcus Group Inc.:	
150,000	7.125% due 6/1/28	133,500
4,345,000	Senior Subordinated Notes, 10.375% due 10/15/15	4,366,725
	<b>Total Multiline Retail</b>	6,755,675
<b>Specialty Retail 0.9%</b>		
540,000	Ace Hardware Corp., Senior Secured Notes, 9.125% due 6/1/16 (a)	507,600

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Face Amount	Security	Value
<b>Specialty Retail 0.9% (continued)</b>		
225,000	AutoNation Inc., Senior Notes: 4.713% due 4/15/13 (d)	\$ 191,250
345,000	7.000% due 4/15/14	308,775
1,735,000	Blockbuster Inc., Senior Subordinated Notes, 9.000% due 9/1/12	1,427,037
365,000	Eye Care Centers of America, Senior Subordinated Notes, 10.750% due 2/15/15	379,600
1,120,000	Michaels Stores Inc.:	
840,000	Senior Notes, 10.000% due 11/1/14	975,800
	Senior Subordinated Bonds, 11.375% due 11/1/16	672,000
	<b>Total Specialty Retail</b>	4,462,062
	<b>TOTAL CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY</b>	84,583,404
<b>CONSUMER STAPLES 1.2%</b>		
<b>Food &amp; Staples Retailing 0.1%</b>		
276,000	Delhaize America Inc., Debentures, 9.000% due 4/15/31	325,767
<b>Food Products 0.5%</b>		
155,000	Dole Food Co. Inc., Senior Notes: 8.625% due 5/1/09	148,413
2,025,000	7.250% due 6/15/10	1,842,750
575,000	8.875% due 3/15/11	514,625
	<b>Total Food Products</b>	2,505,788
<b>Household Products 0.3%</b>		
1,235,000	Visant Holding Corp., Senior Notes, 8.750% due 12/1/13	1,216,475
<b>Tobacco 0.3%</b>		
385,000	Alliance One International Inc., Senior Notes: 8.500% due 5/15/12	363,825
1,270,000	11.000% due 5/15/12	1,314,450
	<b>Total Tobacco</b>	1,678,275
	<b>TOTAL CONSUMER STAPLES</b>	5,726,305
<b>ENERGY 13.1%</b>		
<b>Energy Equipment &amp; Services 2.1%</b>		
2,305,000	ANR Pipeline Co., Debentures, 9.625% due 11/1/21	2,951,642
1,150,000	Complete Production Services Inc., Senior Notes, 8.000% due 12/15/16	1,154,313
1,350,000	Key Energy Services Inc., Senior Notes, 8.375% due 12/1/14 (a)	1,383,750
625,000	Pride International Inc., Senior Notes, 7.375% due 7/15/14	626,563
60,000	Southern Natural Gas Co., Senior Notes, 8.000% due 3/1/32	65,110
3,270,000	Tennessee Gas Pipeline Co., Bonds, 8.375% due 6/15/32	3,667,982
	<b>Total Energy Equipment &amp; Services</b>	9,849,360
<b>Oil, Gas &amp; Consumable Fuels 11.0%</b>		
1,740,000	Atlas Pipeline Partners LP, 8.750% due 6/15/18 (a)	1,735,650



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3,572,000	Belden & Blake Corp., Secured Notes, 8.750% due 7/15/12	3,670,230
2,845,000	Chesapeake Energy Corp., Senior Notes:	
140,000	6.625% due 1/15/16	2,745,425
1,180,000	6.500% due 8/15/17	131,600
1,505,000	6.250% due 1/15/18	1,091,500
570,000	7.250% due 12/15/18	1,471,137
672,117	Compagnie Generale de Geophysique SA, Senior Notes, 7.500% due 5/15/15	571,425
540,000	Corral Finans AB, 4.291% due 4/15/10 (a)(b)(d)	591,463
4,965,000	El Paso Corp., Medium-Term Notes:	
1,310,000	7.800% due 8/1/31	546,513
	7.750% due 1/15/32	4,998,683
	Enterprise Products Operating LP:	
	Junior Subordinated Notes, 8.375% due 8/1/66	1,311,521

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June 30, 2008

Face Amount	Security	Value
<b>Oil, Gas &amp; Consumable Fuels 11.0% (continued)</b>		
425,000	Subordinated Notes, 7.034% due 1/15/68	\$ 372,176
2,500,000	EXCO Resources Inc., Senior Notes, 7.250% due 1/15/11	2,468,750
515,000	Inergy LP/Inergy Finance Corp., Senior Notes, 8.250% due 3/1/16 (a)	509,850
1,905,000	International Coal Group Inc., Senior Notes, 10.250% due 7/15/14	1,947,862
940,000	Mariner Energy Inc., Senior Notes: 7.500% due 4/15/13	916,500
555,000	8.000% due 5/15/17	539,738
1,060,000	MarkWest Energy Partners LP/MarkWest Energy Finance Corp., Senior Notes, 8.750% due 4/15/18 (a)	1,089,150
470,000	OPTI Canada Inc., Senior Secured Notes: 7.875% due 12/15/14	466,475
505,000	8.250% due 12/15/14	505,000
1,080,000	Parallel Petroleum Corp., 10.250% due 8/1/14	1,088,100
1,075,000	Petrohawk Energy Corp., Senior Notes: 9.125% due 7/15/13	1,107,250
420,000	7.875% due 6/1/15 (a)	412,125
630,000	Petroplus Finance Ltd.: 6.750% due 5/1/14 (a)	573,300
1,150,000	Senior Note, 7.000% due 5/1/17 (a)	1,020,625
1,200,000	Quicksilver Resources Inc., 7.750% due 8/1/15	1,194,000
4,500,000	SandRidge Energy Inc., 8.625% due 4/1/15 (a)(b)	4,635,000
2,905,000	SemGroup LP, Senior Notes, 8.750% due 11/15/15 (a)(c)	2,832,375
1,020,000	Southwestern Energy Co., Senior Notes, 7.500% due 2/1/18 (a)	1,054,588
350,000	Targa Resources Partners LP, Senior Notes, 8.250% due 7/1/16 (a)	339,500
600,000	Teekay Shipping Corp., Senior Notes, 8.875% due 7/15/11	651,750
2,335,000	VeraSun Energy Corp., 9.375% due 6/1/17	1,214,200
1,325,000	W&T Offshore Inc., Senior Notes, 8.250% due 6/15/14 (a)	1,285,250
1,275,000	Whiting Petroleum Corp., Senior Subordinated Notes, 7.000% due 2/1/14	1,257,469
1,280,000	Williams Cos. Inc.: Notes: 7.875% due 9/1/21	1,363,200
2,320,000	8.750% due 3/15/32	2,644,800
1,125,000	Senior Notes, 7.625% due 7/15/19	1,186,875
	<b>Total Oil, Gas &amp; Consumable Fuels</b>	<b>51,541,055</b>
	<b>TOTAL ENERGY</b>	<b>61,390,415</b>

**FINANCIALS 11.8%**  
**Commercial Banks 0.5%**

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500,000		ATF Capital BV, Senior Notes, 9.250% due 2/21/14 (a)	503,750
		TuranAlem Finance BV, Bonds:	
1,530,000		8.250% due 1/22/37 (a)	1,281,375
470,000		8.250% due 1/22/37 (a)	394,212
		<b>Total Commercial Banks</b>	<b>2,179,337</b>
<b>Consumer Finance</b>	<b>4.7%</b>		
1,925,000		AmeriCredit Corp., 8.500% due 7/1/15	1,549,625
		Ford Motor Credit Co.:	
		Notes:	
925,000		7.875% due 6/15/10	798,760
2,535,000		7.241% due 4/15/12 (d)	2,376,349
1,140,000		7.000% due 10/1/13	840,358
		Senior Notes:	
1,037,000		8.050% due 6/15/11 (d)	844,390
1,370,000		5.538% due 1/13/12 (d)	974,506
7,610,000		12.000% due 5/15/15	6,701,640
		General Motors Acceptance Corp.:	
6,290,000		Bonds, 8.000% due 11/1/31	4,100,231

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Face Amount	Security	Value
<b>Consumer Finance 4.7% (continued)</b>		
1,255,000	Notes, 6.875% due 8/28/12	\$ 860,098
3,170,000	SLM Corp., 8.450% due 6/15/18	3,046,081
	<b>Total Consumer Finance</b>	<b>22,092,038</b>
<b>Diversified Financial Services 4.1%</b>		
1,085,000	Basell AF SCA, Senior Secured Subordinated Second Priority Notes, 8.375% due 8/15/15 (a)	694,400
1,040,000	Capmark Financial Group Inc., 5.875% due 5/10/12	734,209
1,250,000	CCM Merger Inc., Notes, 8.000% due 8/1/13 (a)	1,071,875
1,970,000	Citigroup Inc., Junior Subordinated Notes, 8.400% due 4/30/18 (d)	1,875,164
2,200,000	Elyria Foundry Co./EH Acquisition Inc., 13.000% due 3/1/13 (a)	2,200,000
1,220,000	Leucadia National Corp., Senior Notes: 8.125% due 9/15/15	1,232,200
450,000	7.125% due 3/15/17	432,000
500,000	LVB Acquisition Merger: Senior Notes, 10.375% due 10/15/17 (a)	532,500
820,000	Senior Subordinated Bonds, 11.625% due 10/15/17 (a)	873,300
2,458,000	Residential Capital LLC: 8.500% due 5/15/10 (a)	2,077,010
3,676,000	9.625% due 5/15/15 (a)	1,801,240
1,525,000	TNK-BP Finance SA: 7.875% due 3/13/18 (a)	1,477,344
744,000	Senior Notes, 7.875% due 3/13/18 (a)	719,820
2,820,000	Vanguard Health Holdings Co.: I LLC, Senior Discount Notes, step bond to yield 12.741% due 10/1/15	2,495,700
765,000	II LLC, Senior Subordinated Notes, 9.000% due 10/1/14	761,175
	<b>Total Diversified Financial Services</b>	<b>18,977,937</b>
<b>Insurance 0.6%</b>		
3,080,000	American International Group Inc., 8.175% due 5/15/58 (a)(d)	2,906,359
<b>Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) 0.3%</b>		
75,000	Forest City Enterprises Inc., Senior Notes, 7.625% due 6/1/15	70,125
360,000	Ventas Realty LP/Ventas Capital Corp., Senior Notes: 6.500% due 6/1/16	345,600
1,165,000	6.750% due 4/1/17	1,124,225
	<b>Total Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs)</b>	<b>1,539,950</b>
<b>Real Estate Management &amp; Development 0.7%</b>		
1,270,000	Ashton Woods USA LLC/Ashton Woods Finance Co., Senior Subordinated Notes, 9.500% due 10/1/15	742,950
450,000	Realogy Corp.: 10.500% due 4/15/14	315,000

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1,885,000	11.000% due 4/15/14 (b)	1,121,575
2,045,000	Senior Subordinated Notes, 12.375% due 4/15/15	1,012,275
	<b>Total Real Estate Management &amp; Development</b>	<b>3,191,800</b>
<b>Thrifts &amp; Mortgage Finance 0.9%</b>		
5,500,000	Ocwen Capital Trust I, Capital Securities, 10.875% due 8/1/27 (e)	4,317,500
	<b>TOTAL FINANCIALS</b>	<b>55,204,921</b>
<b>HEALTH CARE 6.1%</b>		
<b>Health Care Equipment &amp; Supplies 0.2%</b>		
1,270,000	Advanced Medical Optics Inc., Senior Subordinated Notes, 7.500% due 5/1/17	1,174,750
<b>Health Care Providers &amp; Services 5.9%</b>		
2,185,000	CRC Health Corp., 10.750% due 2/1/16	1,802,625
	DaVita Inc.:	

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## Western Asset High Income Opportunity Fund Inc.

Schedule of Investments (unaudited) (continued)

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Face Amount	Security	Value
<b>Health Care Providers &amp; Services 5.9% (continued)</b>		
230,000	Senior Notes, 6.625% due 3/15/13	\$ 221,950
1,640,000	Senior Subordinated Notes, 7.250% due 3/15/15	1,603,100
3,920,000	HCA Inc.: Debentures, 7.500% due 11/15/95	2,892,113
1,150,000	Notes: 6.375% due 1/15/15	960,250
970,000	7.690% due 6/15/25	798,085
40,000	Senior Notes, 6.250% due 2/15/13	34,900
1,640,000	Senior Secured Notes: 9.250% due 11/15/16	1,693,300
2,885,000	9.625% due 11/15/16 (b)	2,978,763
2,675,000	IASIS Healthcare LLC/IASIS Capital Corp., Senior Subordinated Notes, 8.750% due 6/15/14	2,715,125
2,310,000	Tenet Healthcare Corp., Senior Notes: 6.375% due 12/1/11	2,223,375
90,000	6.500% due 6/1/12	85,275
4,250,000	7.375% due 2/1/13	4,016,250
530,000	Universal Hospital Services Inc.: 6.303% due 6/1/15 (d)	498,200
1,990,000	Senior Secured Notes, 8.500% due 6/1/15 (b)	1,999,950
3,700,000	US Oncology Holdings Inc., Senior Notes, 7.949% due 3/15/12 (b)(d)	2,941,500
	<b>Total Health Care Providers &amp; Services</b>	<b>27,464,761</b>
<b>Pharmaceuticals 0.0%</b>		
4,870,000	Leiner Health Products Inc., Senior Subordinated Notes, 11.000% due 6/1/12 (c)(f)	109,575
	<b>TOTAL HEALTH CARE</b>	<b>28,749,086</b>
<b>INDUSTRIALS 13.1%</b>		
<b>Aerospace &amp; Defense 1.8%</b>		
1,120,000	BE Aerospace Inc., 8.500% due 7/1/18	1,129,800
310,000	DRS Technologies Inc., Senior Subordinated Notes: 6.625% due 2/1/16	316,200
1,405,000	7.625% due 2/1/18	1,492,812
4,235,000	Hawker Beechcraft Acquisition Co., Senior Notes, 8.875% due 4/1/15 (b)	4,277,350
1,460,000	L-3 Communications Corp., Senior Subordinated Notes, 5.875% due 1/15/15	1,354,150
	<b>Total Aerospace &amp; Defense</b>	<b>8,570,312</b>
<b>Airlines 2.4%</b>		
285,309	Continental Airlines Inc., Pass-Through Certificates: 8.312% due 4/2/11	262,484
930,000	7.339% due 4/19/14	723,075
3,950,000	DAE Aviation Holdings Inc., Senior Notes, 11.250% due 8/1/15 (a)	3,940,125
1,089,547	Delta Air Lines Inc., 8.954% due 8/10/14	817,160

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1,045,000	United Airlines Inc., Pass-Through Certificates:	
2,268,135	6.831% due 9/1/08	1,115,538
962,968	7.811% due 10/1/09	2,574,333
460,000	8.030% due 7/1/11	1,097,784
	6.932% due 9/1/11	540,500
	<b>Total Airlines</b>	<b>11,070,999</b>
<b>Building Products 1.7%</b>		
	Associated Materials Inc.:	
5,335,000	Senior Discount Notes, step bond to yield 13.704% due 3/1/14	3,547,775
945,000	Senior Subordinated Notes, 9.750% due 4/15/12	940,275
	Nortek Inc.:	
880,000	Senior Secured Notes, 10.000% due 12/1/13 (a)	844,800
970,000	Senior Subordinated Notes, 8.500% due 9/1/14	625,650

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Face Amount		Security	Value
<b>Building Products 1.7% (continued)</b>			
3,890,000		NTK Holdings Inc., Senior Discount Notes, step bond to yield 11.354% due 3/1/14	\$ 1,789,400
		<b>Total Building Products</b>	<b>7,747,900</b>
<b>Commercial Services &amp; Supplies 2.8%</b>			
3,155,000		Allied Security Escrow Corp., Senior Subordinated Notes, 11.375% due 7/15/11	2,729,075
855,000		Ashtead Holdings PLC, Secured Notes, 8.625% due 8/1/15 (a)	748,125
4,100,000		DynCorp International LLC/DIV Capital Corp., Senior Subordinated Notes, 9.500% due 2/15/13	4,100,000
2,150,000		Interface Inc., Senior Notes, 10.375% due 2/1/10	2,268,250
2,495,000		Rental Services Corp., Senior Notes, 9.500% due 12/1/14	2,095,800
1,110,000		US Investigations Services Inc.:	
280,000		11.750% due 5/1/16 (a)	960,150
		Senior Subordinated Notes, 10.500% due 11/1/15 (a)	259,000
		<b>Total Commercial Services &amp; Supplies</b>	<b>13,160,400</b>
<b>Construction &amp; Engineering 0.3%</b>			
1,460,000		CSC Holdings Inc., 8.500% due 6/15/15 (a)	1,441,750
<b>Industrial Conglomerates 0.3%</b>			
840,000		Sequa Corp.:	
840,000		11.750% due 12/1/15 (a)	751,800
		13.500% due 12/1/15 (a)(b)	777,000
		<b>Total Industrial Conglomerates</b>	<b>1,528,800</b>
<b>Machinery 0.3%</b>			
730,000		American Railcar Industries Inc., Senior Notes, 7.500% due 3/1/14	682,550
760,000		Terex Corp., Senior Subordinated Notes, 7.375% due 1/15/14	752,400
		<b>Total Machinery</b>	<b>1,434,950</b>
<b>Road &amp; Rail 2.1%</b>			
2,740,000		Grupo Transportacion Ferroviaria Mexicana SA de CV, Senior Notes, 9.375% due 5/1/12	2,863,300
5,965,000		Hertz Corp., Senior Subordinated Notes, 10.500% due 1/1/16	5,457,975
1,180,000		Kansas City Southern de Mexico, Senior Notes:	
520,000		7.625% due 12/1/13	1,150,500
		7.375% due 6/1/14	507,000
105,000		Kansas City Southern Railway, Senior Notes, 7.500% due 6/15/09	106,575
		<b>Total Road &amp; Rail</b>	<b>10,085,350</b>
<b>Trading Companies &amp; Distributors 1.1%</b>			
1,140,000		Ashtead Capital Inc., Notes, 9.000% due 8/15/16 (a)	1,008,900
2,755,000		H&E Equipment Services Inc., Senior Notes, 8.375% due 7/15/16	2,424,400



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2,410,000	Penhall International Corp., Senior Secured Notes, 12.000% due 8/1/14 (a)	1,819,550
	<b>Total Trading Companies &amp; Distributors</b>	5,252,850
<b>Transportation Infrastructure 0.3%</b>		
2,515,000	Swift Transportation Co., Senior Secured Notes: 10.426% due 5/15/15 (a)(d)	817,375
1,495,000	12.500% due 5/15/17 (a)	515,775
	<b>Total Transportation Infrastructure</b>	1,333,150
	<b>TOTAL INDUSTRIALS</b>	61,626,461
<b>INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY 2.8%</b>		
<b>Communications Equipment 0.5%</b>		
3,140,000	Lucent Technologies Inc., Debentures, 6.450% due 3/15/29	2,417,800
<b>Electronic Equipment &amp; Instruments 0.5%</b>		
	NXP BV/NXP Funding LLC:	

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Face Amount	Security	Value
<b>Electronic Equipment &amp; Instruments 0.5% (continued)</b>		
1,135,000	Senior Notes, 9.500% due 10/15/15	\$ 990,288
520,000	Senior Secured Notes: 5.541% due 10/15/13 (d)	459,550
760,000	7.875% due 10/15/14	703,000
	<b>Total Electronic Equipment &amp; Instruments</b>	<b>2,152,838</b>
<b>IT Services 1.5%</b>		
1,430,000	Ceridian Corp., Senior Notes, 12.250% due 11/15/15 (a)(b)	1,301,300
250,000	First Data Corp.: 5.625% due 11/1/11	146,250
2,390,000	9.875% due 9/24/15 (a)	2,082,287
570,000	SunGard Data Systems Inc.: Senior Notes, 9.125% due 8/15/13	578,550
3,020,000	Senior Subordinated Notes, 10.250% due 8/15/15	3,050,200
	<b>Total IT Services</b>	<b>7,158,587</b>
<b>Software 0.3%</b>		
1,820,000	Activant Solutions Inc., Senior Subordinated Notes, 9.500% due 5/1/16	1,446,900
	<b>TOTAL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY</b>	<b>13,176,125</b>
<b>MATERIALS 7.6%</b>		
<b>Chemicals 1.4%</b>		
165,000	Georgia Gulf Corp., Senior Notes: 9.500% due 10/15/14	124,163
3,420,000	10.750% due 10/15/16	2,069,100
800,000	Huntsman International LLC, Senior Subordinated Notes, 7.875% due 11/15/14	736,000
1,440,000	Methanex Corp., Senior Notes, 8.750% due 8/15/12	1,530,000
2,870,000	Montell Finance Co. BV, Debentures, 8.100% due 3/15/27 (a)	1,736,350
494,000	Westlake Chemical Corp., Senior Notes, 6.625% due 1/15/16	417,430
	<b>Total Chemicals</b>	<b>6,613,043</b>
<b>Containers &amp; Packaging 0.5%</b>		
650,000	Graphic Packaging International Corp., Senior Subordinated Notes, 9.500% due 8/15/13	624,000
525,000	Plastipak Holdings Inc., Senior Notes, 8.500% due 12/15/15 (a)	488,250
725,000	Radnor Holdings Corp., Senior Notes, 11.000% due 3/15/10 (c)(e)(f)	0
810,000	Rock-Tenn Co., Senior Notes, 9.250% due 3/15/16 (a)	862,650
400,000	Solo Cup Co., Senior Subordinated Notes, 8.500% due 2/15/14	352,000
	<b>Total Containers &amp; Packaging</b>	<b>2,326,900</b>
<b>Metals &amp; Mining 2.8%</b>		
2,090,000		2,208,378

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	Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc., Senior Notes, 8.375% due 4/1/17	
880,000	Metals USA Holdings Corp., 8.791% due 7/1/12 (b)(d)	814,000
2,345,000	Metals USA Inc., Senior Secured Notes, 11.125% due 12/1/15	2,450,525
230,000	Noranda Aluminium Acquisition Corp., 6.828% due 5/15/15 (b)(d)	199,525
1,390,000	Noranda Aluminium Holding Corp., Senior Notes, 8.578% due 11/15/14 (b)(d)	1,146,750
2,425,000	Novelis Inc., Senior Notes, 7.250% due 2/15/15	2,303,750
4,195,000	Ryerson Inc., Senior Secured Notes, 12.000% due 11/1/15 (a)	4,184,512
	<b>Total Metals &amp; Mining</b>	<b>13,307,440</b>
<b>Paper &amp; Forest Products</b>	<b>2.9%</b>	
3,215,000	Abitibi-Consolidated Co. of Canada: 15.500% due 7/15/10 (a)	2,539,850
2,480,000	Senior Secured Notes, 13.750% due 4/1/11 (a)	2,628,800
125,000	Appleton Papers Inc.: Senior Notes, 8.125% due 6/15/11	118,750
2,410,000	Senior Subordinated Notes, 9.750% due 6/15/14	2,253,350

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Face Amount	Security	Value
<b>Paper &amp; Forest Products 2.9% (continued)</b>		
3,505,000	NewPage Corp., Senior Secured Notes: 9.123% due 5/1/12 (d)	\$ 3,540,050
430,000	10.000% due 5/1/12	437,525
789,511	Newpage Holding Corp., 9.986% due 11/1/13 (b)(d)	765,826
	Verso Paper Holdings LLC:	
448,000	8.709% due 2/1/13 (d)	403,200
830,000	11.375% due 8/1/16	790,575
	<b>Total Paper &amp; Forest Products</b>	13,477,926
	<b>TOTAL MATERIALS</b>	35,725,309
<b>TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES 8.3%</b>		
<b>Diversified Telecommunication Services 5.3%</b>		
385,000	Cincinnati Bell Telephone Co., Senior Debentures, 6.300% due 12/1/28	309,925
160,000	Citizens Communications Co.:	
2,125,000	Debentures, 7.050% due 10/1/46	112,800
1,555,000	Senior Notes, 7.875% due 1/15/27	1,870,000
	GT Group Telecom Inc., Senior Discount Notes, 13.250% due 2/1/10 (c)(e)(f)	0
130,000	Hawaiian Telcom Communications Inc.:	
980,000	Senior Notes, 9.750% due 5/1/13	52,650
	Senior Subordinated Notes, 12.500% due 5/1/15	249,900
40,000	Level 3 Financing Inc.:	
3,390,000	6.704% due 2/15/15 (d)	33,600
2,200,000	Senior Notes, 9.250% due 11/1/14	3,101,850
	Nordic Telephone Co. Holdings, Senior Secured Bonds, 8.875% due 5/1/16 (a)	2,167,000
500,000	Qwest Communications International Inc.:	
	7.250% due 2/15/11	485,625
250,000	Senior Notes:	
1,440,000	6.176% due 2/15/09 (d)	250,000
4,245,000	7.500% due 2/15/14	1,375,200
	Telcordia Technologies Inc., Senior Subordinated Notes, 10.000% due 3/15/13 (a)	3,459,675
10,000	Virgin Media Finance PLC, Senior Notes:	
4,097,000	8.750% due 4/15/14	9,450
	9.125% due 8/15/16	3,861,422
3,950,000	Wind Acquisition Finance SA, Senior Bonds, 10.750% due 12/1/15 (a)	4,167,250
3,100,000	Windstream Corp., Senior Notes, 8.625% due 8/1/16	3,107,750
	<b>Total Diversified Telecommunication Services</b>	24,614,097
<b>Wireless Telecommunication Services 3.0%</b>		
1,340,000	ALLTEL Communications Inc., Senior Notes, 10.375% due 12/1/17 (a)(b)	1,554,400
610,000	iPCS Inc., 4.998% due 5/1/13 (d)	552,050

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760,000	MetroPCS Wireless Inc., Senior Notes, 9.250% due 11/1/14	735,300
	Sprint Capital Corp.:	
5,550,000	Notes, 8.750% due 3/15/32	5,299,140
3,250,000	Senior Notes, 6.875% due 11/15/28	2,712,369
3,700,000	True Move Co., Ltd., 10.750% due 12/16/13 (a)	3,242,125
	<b>Total Wireless Telecommunication Services</b>	14,095,384
	<b>TOTAL TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES</b>	38,709,481
<b>UTILITIES 9.5%</b>		
<b>Electric Utilities 1.4%</b>		
	Orion Power Holdings Inc., Senior Notes, 12.000% due	
2,130,000	5/1/10	2,311,050
4,230,000	Texas Competitive Electric Holding Co. LLC, Senior Notes,	
	10.500% due 11/1/16 (a)(b)	4,113,675
	<b>Total Electric Utilities</b>	6,424,725

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Face Amount	Security	Value
<b>Gas Utilities 0.6%</b>		
2,890,000	Suburban Propane Partners LP/Suburban Energy Finance Corp., Senior Notes, 6.875% due 12/15/13	\$ 2,745,500
<b>Independent Power Producers &amp; Energy Traders 7.5%</b>		
646,000	AES China Generating Co., Ltd., 8.250% due 6/26/10	613,921
	AES Corp., Senior Notes:	
3,435,000	8.000% due 10/15/17	3,383,475
560,000	8.000% due 6/1/20 (a)	543,200
	Dynegy Holdings Inc.:	
2,090,000	Senior Debentures, 7.625% due 10/15/26	1,745,150
1,890,000	Senior Notes, 7.750% due 6/1/19	1,729,350
320,000	Dynegy Inc., 7.670% due 11/8/16	315,200
	Edison Mission Energy, Senior Notes:	
1,670,000	7.750% due 6/15/16	1,670,000
1,150,000	7.200% due 5/15/19	1,078,125
1,785,000	7.625% due 5/15/27	1,610,962
14,920,000	Energy Future Holdings, Senior Notes, 11.250% due 11/1/17 (a)(b)	14,957,300
1,159,410	Mirant Mid Atlantic LLC, Pass-Through Certificates, 10.060% due 12/30/28	1,336,220
	Mirant North America LLC, Senior Notes, 7.375% due 12/31/13	1,195,500
1,200,000	NRG Energy Inc., Senior Notes:	
500,000	7.250% due 2/1/14	478,750
4,220,000	7.375% due 2/1/16 (g)	3,982,625
165,000	7.375% due 1/15/17	156,338
520,000	TXU Corp., Senior Notes, 6.500% due 11/15/24	386,257
	<b>Total Independent Power Producers &amp; Energy Traders</b>	<b>35,182,373</b>
	<b>TOTAL UTILITIES</b>	<b>44,352,598</b>
	<b>TOTAL CORPORATE BONDS &amp; NOTES</b>	
	(Cost \$471,771,737)	429,244,105
<b>ASSET-BACKED SECURITY 0.0%</b>		
<b>Diversified Financial Services 0.0%</b>		
9,956,016	Airplanes Pass-Through Trust, Subordinated Notes, 10.875% due 3/15/19 (c)(e)(f)	
	(Cost - \$10,648,125)	0
<b>CONVERTIBLE BOND &amp; NOTE 0.3%</b>		
<b>Transportation 0.3%</b>		
1,685,000	Horizon Lines Inc., 4.250% due 8/15/12	
	(Cost - \$1,332,257)	1,316,406

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<b>COLLATERALIZED MORTGAGE OBLIGATION</b>	<b>0.2%</b>		
1,739,254		Countrywide Home Loan Mortgage Pass Through Trust, 5.214% due 4/20/35 (d) (Cost - \$1,050,797)	1,130,516
<b>COLLATERALIZED SENIOR LOANS</b>	<b>2.8%</b>		
<b>Auto Components</b>	<b>0.4%</b>		
2,238,750		Allison Transmission, Term Loan B, 5.573% due 8/7/14 (d)	2,003,681
<b>Containers &amp; Packaging</b>	<b>0.4%</b>		
2,678,397		Berry Plastics Corp., Senior Term Loan, 9.728% due 6/15/14 (d)	1,941,838
<b>Diversified Telecommunication Services</b>	<b>0.9%</b>		
4,250,000		Intelsat Ltd., Term Loan, 9.250% due 8/15/14 (d)	4,282,984
<b>Energy Equipment &amp; Services</b>	<b>0.6%</b>		
2,533,474		Turbo Beta Ltd., Term Loan, 14.500% due 3/15/18 (d)(e)	2,533,474

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Face Amount	Security	Value
<b>Oil, Gas &amp; Consumable Fuels 0.3%</b>		
1,500,000	Stallion Oilfield Services, Term Loan, 8.361% due 7/31/12 (d)	\$ 1,335,000
<b>Trading Companies &amp; Distributors 0.2%</b>		
1,120,195	Penhall International Corp., Term Loan, 9.883% due 4/1/12 (a)(d)	996,974
	<b>TOTAL COLLATERALIZED SENIOR LOANS</b> (Cost \$13,991,576)	13,093,951
<b>SOVEREIGN BOND 0.7%</b>		
<b>Russia 0.7%</b>		
2,856,500	Russian Federation, 7.500% due 3/31/30 (a) (Cost - \$3,126,649)	3,207,928
<b>Shares</b>		
<b>COMMON STOCKS 0.0%</b>		
<b>CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY 0.0%</b>		
<b>Household Durables 0.0%</b>		
4,660,992	Home Interiors & Gifts Inc. (e)(f)*	5
<b>CONSUMER STAPLES 0.0%</b>		
<b>Food Products 0.0%</b>		
73,499	Aurora Foods Inc. (e)(f)*	0
<b>MATERIALS 0.0%</b>		
<b>Chemicals 0.0%</b>		
1	Pliant Corp. (e)(f)*	0
<b>TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES 0.0%</b>		
<b>Diversified Telecommunication Services 0.0%</b>		
3,736	McLeodUSA Inc., Class A Shares (e)(f)*	0
20,125	Pagemart Wireless (e)(f)*	201
	<b>TOTAL TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES</b>	201
	<b>TOTAL COMMON STOCKS</b> (Cost \$2,167,617)	206
<b>CONVERTIBLE PREFERRED STOCKS 0.8%</b>		
<b>FINANCIALS 0.8%</b>		
2,790	Bank of America Corp., 7.250%	2,469,150
32,700	Citigroup Inc., 6.500%	1,422,450
	<b>TOTAL CONVERTIBLE PREFERRED STOCKS</b> (Cost \$4,432,120)	3,891,600
<b>PREFERRED STOCKS 0.5%</b>		
<b>CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY 0.3%</b>		
<b>Automobiles 0.3%</b>		



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22,300	Ford Motor Co., 7.400%	267,600
17,100	Ford Motor Co., 8.000%	239,400
1,600	Ford Motor Co., Series F, 7.550%	20,496
900	General Motors Corp., 7.250%	10,962
10,100	General Motors Corp., Senior Notes, 7.250%	127,361
2,600	General Motors Corp., Senior Notes, 7.375%	32,296
31,700	General Motors Corp., Senior Notes, 7.500%	408,296
	<b>Total Automobiles</b>	<b>1,106,411</b>
<b>Media 0.0%</b>		
4	ION Media Networks Inc., Series B, 12.000% *	2,600
	<b>TOTAL CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY</b>	<b>1,109,011</b>
<b>FINANCIALS 0.2%</b>		
<b>Diversified Financial Services 0.0%</b>		
3,400	Preferred Plus, Trust Series FRD-1, 7.400%	41,888

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Shares	Security	Value
<b>Diversified Financial Services 0.0% (continued)</b>		
8,400	Saturns, Series F 2003-5, 8.125%	\$ 121,044
	<b>Total Diversified Financial Services</b>	<b>162,932</b>
<b>Thrifts &amp; Mortgage Finance 0.2%</b>		
37,200	Federal National Mortgage Association (FNMA), 8.250%	853,740
	<b>TOTAL FINANCIALS</b>	<b>1,016,672</b>
	<b>TOTAL PREFERRED STOCKS</b>	
	(Cost \$2,619,799)	2,125,683
<b>Warrants</b>		
<b>WARRANTS 0.0%</b>		
1,705	Cybernet Internet Services International Inc., Expires 7/1/09(e)(f)*	0
2,200	Elyria Foundry Co. LLC, Expires 3/1/15(a)(e)(f)*	0
1,555	GT Group Telecom Inc., Class B Shares, Expires 2/1/10(a)(e)(f)*	0
1,185	IWO Holdings Inc., Expires 1/15/11(a)(e)(f)*	0
1,000	Jazztel PLC, Expires 7/15/10(e)(f)*	0
1,765	Merrill Corp., Class B Shares, Expires 5/5/09(e)(f)*	0
3,510	Viasystems Group Inc., Expires 1/12/10(e)(f)*	0
	<b>TOTAL WARRANTS</b>	
	(Cost \$623,617)	0
	<b>TOTAL INVESTMENTS BEFORE SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS (Cost \$511,764,294)</b>	<b>454,010,395</b>
<b>Face Amount</b>		
<b>SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS 1.3%</b>		
<b>Sovereign Bonds 1.0%</b>		
\$ 13,250,000	Egypt Treasury Bills:	
12,850,000	Zero coupon bond to yield 10.240% due 11/4/08	2,397,329
	Zero coupon bond to yield 10.341% due 11/11/08	2,319,659
	<b>Total Sovereign Bonds</b>	
	(Cost \$4,649,955)	4,716,988
<b>Repurchase Agreement 0.3%</b>		
1,338,000	Morgan Stanley tri-party repurchase agreement dated 6/30/08, 2.400% due 7/1/08; Proceeds at maturity - \$1,338,089; (Fully collateralized by U.S. government agency obligation, 0.000% due 12/30/08; Market value \$1,367,272)	
	(Cost - \$1,338,000) (g)	1,338,000
	<b>TOTAL SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS</b>	
	(Cost \$5,987,955)	6,054,988

<b>TOTAL INVESTMENTS</b>	<b>98.1%</b> (Cost	
\$517,752,249#)		460,065,383
Other Assets in Excess of Liabilities	1.9%	9,119,828
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	\$ 469,185,211

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Face amount denominated in U.S. dollars, unless otherwise noted.

\* Non-income producing security.

- (a) Security is exempt from registration under Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933. This security may be resold in transactions that are exempt from registration, normally to qualified institutional buyers. This security has been deemed liquid pursuant to guidelines approved by the Board of Directors, unless otherwise noted.
  - (b) Payment-in-kind security for which part of the income earned may be paid as additional principal.
  - (c) Security is currently in default.
  - (d) Variable rate security. Interest rate disclosed is that which is in effect at June 30, 2008.
  - (e) Security is valued in good faith at fair value by or under the direction of the Board of Directors (See Note 1).
  - (f) Illiquid security.
  - (g) All or a portion of this security is segregated for swap contracts.
- # Aggregate cost for federal income tax purposes is substantially the same.

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Abbreviation used in this schedule:

EGP - Egyptian Pound

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**Notes to Schedule of Investments (unaudited)**

**1. Organization and Significant Accounting Policies**

Western Asset High Income Opportunity Fund Inc. (the Fund) was incorporated in Maryland and is registered as a diversified, closed-end management investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the 1940 Act). The Fund's primary investment objective is to seek high current income. Capital appreciation is a secondary objective.

The following are significant accounting policies consistently followed by the Fund and are in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

**(a) Investment Valuation.** Debt securities are valued at the mean between the last quoted bid and asked prices provided by an independent pricing service that are based on transactions in debt obligations, quotations from bond dealers, market transactions in comparable securities and various other relationships between securities. Equity securities for which market quotations are available are valued at the last reported sales price or official closing price on the primary market or exchange on which they trade. When prices are not readily available, or are determined not to reflect fair value, such as when the value of a security has been significantly affected by events after the close of the exchange or market on which the security is principally traded, but before the Fund calculates its net asset value, the Fund may value these securities at fair value as determined in accordance with the procedures approved by the Fund's Board of Directors. Short-term obligations with maturities of 60 days or less are valued at amortized cost, which approximates fair value.

**(b) Repurchase Agreements.** When entering into repurchase agreements, it is the Fund's policy that its custodian or a third party custodian take possession of the underlying collateral securities, the market value of which, at all times, at least equals the principal amount of the repurchase transaction, including accrued interest. To the extent that any repurchase transaction exceeds one business day, the value of the collateral is marked-to-market to ensure the adequacy of the collateral. If the seller defaults, and the market value of the collateral declines or if bankruptcy proceedings are commenced with respect to the seller of the security, realization of the collateral by the Fund may be delayed or limited.

**(c) Credit Default Swaps.** The Fund may enter into credit default swap (CDS) contracts for investment purposes, to manage its credit risk or to add leverage. CDS agreements involve one party making a stream of payments to another party in exchange for the right to receive a specified return in the event of a default by a third party, typically corporate issuers or sovereign issuers of an emerging country, on a specified obligation. The Fund may use a CDS to provide a measure of protection against defaults of the issuers (i.e., to reduce risk where a Fund has exposure to the sovereign issuer) or to take an active long or short position with respect to the likelihood of a particular issuer's default. As a seller of protection, the Fund generally receives an upfront payment or a fixed rate of income throughout the term of the swap provided that there is no credit event. If the Fund is a seller of protection and a credit event occurs, as

defined under the terms of that particular swap agreement, the Fund will pay to the buyer of the protection an amount up to the notional value of the swap, and in certain instances take delivery of the security. As the seller, the Fund would effectively add leverage to its portfolio because, in addition to its total net assets, the Fund would be subject to investment exposure on the notional amount of the swap. As a buyer of protection, the Fund generally receives an amount up to the notional value of the swap if a credit event occurs.

**(d) Credit and Market Risk.** The Fund invests in high yield instruments that are subject to certain credit and market risks. The yields of high yield obligations reflect, among other things, perceived credit and market risks. The Fund's investment in securities rated below investment grade typically involves risks not associated with higher rated securities including, among others, greater risk related to timely and ultimate payment of interest and principal, greater market price volatility and less liquid secondary market trading.

**(e) Security Transactions.** Security transactions are accounted for on a trade date basis.

## 2. Investments

At June 30, 2008, the aggregate gross unrealized appreciation and depreciation of investments for federal income tax purposes were substantially as follows:

**Notes to Schedule of Investments (unaudited) (continued)**

Gross unrealized appreciation	\$	8,193,153
Gross unrealized depreciation		(65,880,019)
Net unrealized depreciation	\$	(57,686,866)

At June 30, 2008, the Fund held the following credit default swap contract:

Swap Counterparty:	Barclays Capital Inc.
Referenced Entity:	CDX.NA.HY.10
Notional Amount:	\$3,500,000
Payments Received by Fund:	Payment only if credit event occurs
Payments Made by Fund:	Fixed Rate, 5.000%
Termination Date:	6/20/13
Unrealized Appreciation	\$45,648

**3. Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

On September 20, 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ( FASB ) released Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 157, Fair Value Measurements ( FAS 157 ). FAS 157 establishes an authoritative definition of fair value, sets out a framework for measuring fair value, and requires additional disclosures about fair value measurements. The application of FAS 157 is required for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007 and interim periods within those fiscal years. Management has determined that there is no material impact to the Fund s valuation policies as a result of adopting FAS 157. The Fund will implement the disclosure requirements beginning with its December 31, 2008 Form N-Q.

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In March 2008, the FASB issued the Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 161, *Disclosures about Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities* ( FAS 161 ). FAS 161 is effective for fiscal years and interim periods beginning after November 15, 2008. FAS 161 requires enhanced disclosures about the Fund s derivative and hedging activities, including how such activities are accounted for and their effect on the Fund s financial position, performance and cash flows. Management is currently evaluating the impact the adoption of FAS 161 will have on the Fund s financial statements and related disclosures.

ITEM 2. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES.

- (a) The registrant's principal executive officer and principal financial officer have concluded that the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 30a-3(c) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act")) are effective as of a date within 90 days of the filing date of this report that includes the disclosure required by this paragraph, based on their evaluation of the disclosure controls and procedures required by Rule 30a-3(b) under the 1940 Act and 15d-15(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
- (b) There were no changes in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the 1940 Act) that occurred during the registrant's last fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or are 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, as amended, are attached hereto.

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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.

**Western Asset High Income Opportunity Fund Inc.**

By */s/ R. Jay Gerken*  
R. Jay Gerken  
Chief Executive Officer

Date: August 26, 2008

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

By */s/ R. Jay Gerken*  
R. Jay Gerken  
Chief Executive Officer

Date: August 26, 2008

By */s/ Kaprel Ozsolak*  
Kaprel Ozsolak  
Chief Financial Officer

Date: August 26, 2008

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