

Flaherty & Crumrine PREFERRED SECURITIES INCOME FUND INC

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To the Shareholders of Flaherty & Crumrine Preferred Securities Income Fund:

FFC's fiscal 2014 got off to a strong start, as preferred securities continued to recover from 2013's mid-year swoon. Total return on net asset value¹ was +4.8%, for the first fiscal quarter.² Market price performance was even better: The Fund's market price discount to NAV narrowed, generating total return on market value for the fiscal quarter of +7.7%.

After a difficult stretch during the second half of 2013, the preferred securities market seemed ripe for recovery, and it didn't disappoint. One probably would not have concluded that in December, however, when long-term interest rates rose to their highest levels of the year (nearly 4% for the 30-year Treasury bond) after the Federal Reserve began to taper its securities purchases. Many holders of preferred securities—particularly \$25-par issues—sold them to book tax losses before year-end. Such selling pressure hurt prices even more. Preferred securities' prices ended 2013 at or near their lows for the year.

As 2014 began, preferred securities started to turn around. Unusually cold temperatures and heavy snowfall blanketed much of the United States from December through February, dampening economic activity. Job growth sputtered, personal spending eased and housing activity slowed. The 30-year Treasury bond yield drifted back down to finish the fiscal quarter at 3.58%, 0.23% lower than where it started in December. Meanwhile, fundamental credit conditions—profits, balance sheets and loan performance, among others—continued to improve for most preferred issuers.

As fears of sharply higher interest rates faded and tax-loss selling ran its course, preferred investors returned to the market. And they had company! Some investors who typically focus on other fixed-income markets, such as corporate or high-yield bonds, also bought preferred securities, attracted by their higher yields in an otherwise low-yield environment. Those other fixed-income markets dwarf the preferred market in size, so even a small reallocation to preferreds inside a bond portfolio can translate into a lot of dollars being invested in preferreds. Demand for preferred securities picked up noticeably.

Among major issuers, financial companies, especially banks, are adapting to new rules and regulations implemented since the financial crisis. Regular readers of our letters will recall many discussions about Basel III and other regulatory pronouncements. These regulations are intended to strengthen balance sheets and improve transparency—positives for preferred investors. In almost every case in the U.S. and abroad, preferred securities are, or will be, an integral component of capital. As a result, we have seen and will continue to see a steady supply of new preferred issues. However, new issuance has been modest in size and readily absorbed by investors; and spreads on these and secondary-market issues have gradually compressed.

Although interest-rate fears have receded recently, we know many Fund investors remain concerned about the possibility of rising interest rates. Three observations. First, although preferred security prices tend to move with intermediate and long-term Treasury yields, their correlation is not perfect. Yields on preferred securities are high relative to Treasuries and corporate bonds, and they should be able to absorb some increase in Treasury yields while still generating positive total returns. We think improving credit fundamentals support that view.

¹ Following methodology required by the SEC, total return assumes dividend reinvestment and includes income and principal change, plus the impact of the Fund's leverage and expenses.

² December 1, 2013–February 28, 2014

Second, as the Fund's experience in 2013's third fiscal quarter demonstrated, prices of preferred securities can fall when interest rates increase significantly. However, preferred securities pay dividends year-in and year-out. If we have picked our credits correctly, over time, those dividends can turn modest principal losses into positive total returns. Shareholders probably will have to live through some quarter-to-quarter volatility, but we think prospective returns on preferred securities remain attractive for long-term investors.

Third, there are a number of ways we can manage interest-rate risk in a portfolio of preferred securities, even if we exclude outright interest-rate hedging (something the Fund has not done since 2008). In particular, so-called fixed-to-floating rate preferred securities can offer attractive yields with only intermediate duration or interest-rate risk. A typical such security starts with a coupon rate that is fixed for five or 10 years and then floats at a margin over an index (usually 3-month LIBOR). These preferred securities have *credit* risk similar to fixed-rate issues, but they can have much less *interest-rate* risk. Of course, not all fixed-to-floating rate preferred securities are the same, and none are riskless. Investors need to evaluate each issue's creditworthiness, terms and conditions carefully, something we spend a lot of time doing. As of February 28, 2014, roughly 51% of the Fund's portfolio was comprised of fixed-to-floating rate issues, and they fit well with our market outlook.

We expect economic growth to improve in the second quarter as weather effects fade. We don't think weather was the whole story behind sluggish first-quarter growth, but it was an important factor, and one that inevitably will thaw come spring. Stronger growth may push interest rates higher once again. However, for 2014 as a whole, we foresee modest economic growth, improving credit conditions and accommodative monetary policy. That should translate into gradually (if erratically) rising Treasury rates along with narrower yield spreads on preferred securities. Investors should be prepared for some volatility over coming quarters, but we think coupon or coupon minus a bit returns on preferred securities should remain attractive for long-term investors.

As always, we encourage you to visit the Fund's website www.preferredincome.com, for current information on preferred-securities markets, the Fund and the broader economy.

Sincerely,

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PORTFOLIO OVERVIEW

February 28, 2014 (Unaudited)

Fund Statistics

Net Asset Value	\$	18.74
Market Price	\$	18.49
Discount		1.33%
Yield on Market Price		8.83%
Common Stock Shares Outstanding		43,474,105

Moody's Ratings

	% of Net Assets
A	4.3%
BBB	55.3%
BB	34.4%
Below BB	0.1%
Not Rated*	4.7%
Below Investment Grade**	19.1%

* Does not include net other assets and liabilities of 1.2%.

** Below investment grade by all of Moody's, S&P and Fitch.

Industry Categories**% of Net Assets****Top 10 Holdings by Issuer**

	% of Net Assets
Liberty Mutual Group	5.5%
JPMorgan Chase	4.7%
Banco Santander, S.A.	4.4%
MetLife	4.1%
HSBC PLC	4.0%
Barclays Bank PLC	3.3%
XL Group PLC	2.9%
Wells Fargo & Company	2.8%
Axis Capital Holdings Ltd	2.8%
Enbridge Energy Partners	2.6%

% of Net Assets***

Holdings Generating Qualified Dividend Income (QDI) for Individuals	49%
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Holdings Generating Income Eligible for the Corporate Dividend Received Deduction (DRD)

29%

*** This does not reflect year-end results or actual tax categorization of Fund distributions. These percentages can, and do, change, perhaps significantly, depending on market conditions. Investors should consult their tax advisor regarding their personal situation.
Net Assets includes assets attributable to the use of leverage.

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PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS

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Shares/\$ Par		Value
Preferred Securities 93.6%		
Banking 40.2%		
4,500	Astoria Financial Corp., 6.50% Pfd., Series C	\$ 106,886*
Banco Santander, S.A.:		
2,046,320	Banco Santander, 10.50% Pfd., Series 10	54,844,445**(1)(3)
Bank of America:		
15,000	Countrywide Capital IV, 6.75% Pfd. 04/01/33	381,563
61,311	Countrywide Capital V, 7.00% Pfd. 11/01/36	1,550,647
Barclays Bank PLC:		
\$ 14,750,000	Barclays Bank PLC, 6.278%	14,553,029**(1)(2)(3)
390,600	Barclays Bank PLC, 7.10% Pfd.	9,995,454**(3)
23,000	Barclays Bank PLC, 7.75% Pfd., Series 4	592,480**(3)
600,000	Barclays Bank PLC, 8.125% Pfd., Series 5	15,540,000**(1)(3)
48,000	BB&T Corporation, 5.625% Pfd., Series E	1,058,472*(1)
\$ 13,600,000	BNP Paribas, 7.195%, 144A****	14,467,000**(1)(2)(3)
Citigroup:		
522,896	Citigroup, Inc., 6.875% Pfd., Series K	13,606,538*(1)(2)
225,400	Citigroup, Inc., 7.125% Pfd., Series J	6,006,910*
40,000	City National Corporation, 6.75% Pfd., Series D	1,075,200*
CoBank ACB:		
44,700	CoBank ACB, 6.125% Pfd., Series G, 144A****	3,872,138*
60,000	CoBank ACB, 6.25% Pfd., 144A****	6,045,000*(1)
\$ 35,100,000	Colonial BancGroup, 7.114%, 144A****	52,650(4)(5)
38,100	Cullen/Frost Bankers, Inc., 5.375% Pfd., Series A	831,056*
645,118	Fifth Third Bancorp, 6.625% Pfd., Series I	17,148,849*(1)(2)
First Horizon:		
3,730	First Tennessee Bank, Adj. Rate Pfd., 3.75%(6), 144A****	2,518,916*
8	FT Real Estate Securities Company, 9.50% Pfd., 144A****	9,540,000
642,800	First Niagara Financial Group, Inc., 8.625% Pfd.	18,185,776*(1)
99,000	First Republic Bank, 6.70% Pfd.	2,491,088*
Goldman Sachs Group:		
\$ 30,019,923	Goldman Sachs Capital I, 6.345% 02/15/34	31,351,307(1)
HSBC PLC:		
\$ 4,400,000	HSBC Capital Funding LP, 10.176%, 144A****	6,369,000(1)(2)(3)
776,000	HSBC Holdings PLC, 8.00% Pfd., Series 2	20,853,060**(1)(3)
\$ 850,000	HSBC USA Capital Trust I, 7.808% 12/15/26, 144A****	863,812
\$ 580,000	HSBC USA Capital Trust II, 8.38% 05/15/27, 144A****	589,609(1)
516,426	HSBC USA, Inc., 6.50% Pfd., Series H	12,894,538*(1)

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Shares/\$ Par		Value
Preferred Securities (Continued)		
Banking (Continued)		
ING Groep NV:		
355,000	ING Groep NV, 6.375% Pfd.	\$ 8,733,000**(3)
125,000	ING Groep NV, 7.05% Pfd.	3,182,688**(3)
116,054	ING Groep NV, 7.20% Pfd.	2,959,667**(3)
230,000	ING Groep NV, 7.375% Pfd.	5,897,200**(1)(3)
JPMorgan Chase:		
56,600	JPMorgan Chase & Company, 5.50% Pfd.	1,236,710*
\$ 5,450,000	JPMorgan Chase & Company, 6.00%, Series R	5,450,000*(1)
\$ 14,600,000	JPMorgan Chase & Company, 6.75% , Series S	15,403,000*
\$ 32,000,000	JPMorgan Chase & Company, 7.90%, Series I	36,070,400*(1)
\$ 17,800,000	Lloyds Banking Group PLC, 6.657%, 144A****	17,800,000**(1)(2)(3)
M&T Bank Corporation:		
\$ 8,750,000	M&T Bank Corporation, 6.450%, Series E	9,089,062*
\$ 12,450,000	M&T Bank Corporation, 6.875%, Series D, 144A****	12,471,999*(1)
Morgan Stanley:		
174,829	Morgan Stanley, 6.875%, Pfd. , Series F	4,524,575*
274,300	Morgan Stanley, 7.125%, Pfd., Series E	7,351,651*
PNC Financial Services:		
469,960	PNC Financial Services Group, Inc., 6.125% Pfd., Series P	12,276,530*(1)
\$ 7,885,000	RaboBank Nederland, 11.00%, 144A****	10,427,913(1)(3)
Royal Bank of Scotland:		
12,500	Royal Bank of Scotland Group PLC, 6.40%, Pfd., Series M	285,250**(3)
25,000	Royal Bank of Scotland Group PLC, 6.60% Pfd., Series S	576,750**(3)
Sovereign Bancorp:		
\$ 1,000,000	Sovereign Capital Trust VI, 7.908% 06/13/36	1,003,750
8,641	Sovereign REIT, 12.00% Pfd., Series A, 144A****	11,516,673
107,166	SunTrust Banks, Inc., 5.875% Pfd.	2,404,537*
86,000	US Bancorp, 6.50%, Pfd., Series F	2,389,192*
Wells Fargo:		
222,600	Wells Fargo & Company, 6.625% Pfd., Series R	5,956,776*
2,751	Wells Fargo & Company, 7.50% Pfd., Series L	3,241,710*(1)
\$ 6,314,000	Wells Fargo & Company, 7.98%, Series K	7,229,530*
646,500	Wells Fargo & Company, 8.00% Pfd., Series J	18,536,771*(1)
Zions Bancorporation:		
\$ 9,000,000	Zions Bancorporation, 7.20%, Series J	9,360,000*(1)
20,000	Zions Bancorporation, 6.30% Pfd., Series G	497,500*
519,842	Zions Bancorporation, 7.90% Pfd., Series F	14,711,529*(1)
		497,969,786

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PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (Continued)

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Preferred Securities (Continued)		
Financial Services 1.5%		
Credit Suisse Group:		
\$ 2,602,000	Claudius, Ltd. Credit Suisse AG, 7.875%, Series B, 144A****	\$ 2,680,060 ⁽³⁾
\$ 7,900,000	General Electric Capital Corp., 7.125%, Series A	8,980,783 ^{*(1)}
HSBC PLC:		
305,000	HSBC Finance Corporation, 6.36% Pfd., Series B	7,400,063 ^{*(1)}
		19,060,906
Insurance 28.3%		
Ace Ltd.:		
\$ 4,566,000	Ace Capital Trust II, 9.70% 04/01/30	6,643,530 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽³⁾
\$ 1,053,000	Aon Corporation, 8.205% 01/01/27	1,291,020
602,961	Arch Capital Group, Ltd., 6.75% Pfd., Series C	