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FORM N-CSR

CERTIFIED SHAREHOLDER REPORT OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES

Investment Company Act file number 811-4980

TCW Strategic Income Fund, Inc. (Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

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Date of fiscal year December 31 end:

Date of reporting period: December 31, 2008

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Item 1. Report to Stockholders.

TCW Strategic

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Income Fund, Inc.

2008 Annual Report

The President's Letter

Dear Shareholder:

We are pleased to present the 2008 annual report of the TCW Strategic Income Fund, Inc. ("TSI" or the "Fund"). TSI is a multi-asset class closed-end fund managed by TCW Investment Management Company. The Fund's current distribution policy is to pay at least 7% annually based on previous year-end net asset value ("NAV"). During 2008, total quarterly dividends of \$0.30 per share plus a special year-end distribution of \$0.08 were paid out. The overall return of the Fund's NAV during 2008 was -6.0% (with dividends invested). The market price to NAV discount widened from 14.1% at the end of December 2007 to 15.7% at the end of December 2008. The custom index for the Fund, a blend of equity and fixed income indices, was down 16.1% during 2008. The Lipper peer universe that includes the Fund, the Lipper Closed-End Income & Preferred Funds Index, rates TSI as the top fund for the three-month, one-year, and three-year trailing periods ended December 31, 2008.

TSI's underlying asset allocation includes a mix of fixed income and equity securities. While most of these asset classes had significantly negative sector returns during 2008, the largest allocation of the Fund, to Mortgage-Backed Securities ("MBS"), had very strong performance, nearly offsetting losses in other areas. Prices for Collateralized Debt Obligation ("CDO") and Asset-Backed Security ("ABS") holdings in the Fund were marked down significantly as these markets continued to experience delinquencies in underlying collateral pools and rating downgrades. However, allocations to these areas, as well as to Preferred Equity, were very small so that there was a limited impact on overall NAV return.

The following table summarizes the performance of the seven principal market sectors included in the Fund during 2008:

	Percentage of				
TSI Fund Sector	Market Value* 12/31/2008		Fund Allocation 12/31/2008	2008 Sector Return Gross of Fees	
Mortgage-Backed Securities	\$	197.9	89.4%	20.0%	
Convertible Securities		13.3	6.0	-37.8%	
Collateralized Debt Obligation		5.0	2.3	-69.0%	
High Yield Debt		0.0	0.0	-14.0%	
Common Equity		4.7	2.1	-42.7%	
Preferred Equity		0.0	0.0	-96.8%	
Asset-Backed Securities		0.4	0.2	-69.1%	
Total	\$	221.3	100.0%		

* Excluding short-term investments

The above portfolio composition resulted from the following allocation decisions:

The Fund's exposure to MBS was increased from approximately 50% to an almost 90% allocation due to relative market action and strategic and tactical moves funded by trimming other asset classes and deploying Fund leverage. This reallocation added value during 2008 as the MBS component of the Fund had significantly positive performance and exceeded the Barclays Capital U.S. Aggregate Bond Index by a wide margin. This allocation is composed of MBS securities with high initial credit ratings, including those backed by mortgages securitized by Government Sponsored Enterprises ("GSEs") as well as through private channel issuance. Some securities have characteristics that differ from traditional pass-through MBS, including their liquidity and sensitivity to rate changes. These securities include inverse floaters and interest-only securities. The non-GSE-backed MBS securities have greater exposure to credit risk, although we have purchased these with a view to capturing the opportunities from pricing pressures they currently are experiencing, relative to our assessment of their default risks. Currently, the MBS tranche has minimal underlying exposure to lower-rated real estate borrowers (FICO score less than 650) and carries a minimum individual security rating of A and an average rating of AAA/Agency.

The President's Letter (cont'd)

The Fund's exposure to the ABS sector was very low during the year due to declining and previous period writedowns and returns of principal. As a result, the negative performance reported by this allocation had only a small impact on the overall Fund NAV performance.

The Fund's CDO allocation is now essentially all in the form of Collateralized Loan Obligations ("CLO") with exposure to collateral composed of bank and commercial real estate loans. These securities continued to have been repriced lower during the year with negative annual performance. Two CLO positions were sold at a price close to prevailing mark-to-market values. The investment team is looking for other opportunities to reduce exposure at reasonable values.

The Fund's exposure to High Yield via synthetic exposure to the CDX index was trimmed in half during the first half of 2008 with the proceeds reinvested in MBS, an operation that added value. During the last half of the year, this synthetic exposure was eliminated in order to avoid any counterparty risk inherent in this investment.

The Fund has a small allocation to equities that underperformed the S&P 500 index and was negative in absolute terms. The exposure to equities was strategically reduced more than one year ago.

The Fund started the year with \$4.5 million in leverage and had \$58.1 million at the end of December 2008.

We are pleased with how these decisions positioned the Fund portfolio during 2008. The increased allocation to MBS and the strong performance of that allocation were a very favorable decision during the year. We also would note that the Fund has the discretion to use borrowed funds at a cost of 75 basis points over the Federal Funds rate to leverage the portfolio. During 2008, the Fund continued to increase leverage to invest primarily in MBS. The Fund as of today is benefiting from positive cash-flow carry on those positions.

Investors should be aware that TSI has additional information accessible via TCW's web site, <u>www.tcw.com</u>. Investors should periodically access it. Jeffrey Gundlach, the portfolio manager of the Fund, held a conference call for TSI investors in January 2009 to discuss Fund performance and market observations. The one hour call attracted numerous participants and has been posted on the TSI website.

On behalf of the Board and everyone at TCW, I would like to thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Ronald R. Redell President and Chief Executive Officer

TCW Strategic Income Fund

Schedule of Investments

December 31, 2008

Principal

Principal Amount		Value
7 mount	Fixed Income Securities	Value
	Asset-Backed Securities (0.3% of Net Assets)	
	Banking (0.3%)	
	Ameriquest Mortgage Securities, Inc., (06-R2-M10), 2.971%, due	
\$ 2,500,00		\$ 37,500
	Carrington Mortgage Loan Trust, (06-FRE2-M10), (144A), 2.471%, due 10/25/36	
2,000,00		20,000
	Carrington Mortgage Loan Trust, (06-NC1-M10), (144A), 3.471%, due	
2,000,00	01/25/36 (Cost \$1,882,813, Acquired 05/19/2006) ^{1,2,3,4}	120,000
2,000,00	Countrywide Asset-Backed Certificates, (06-26-B), (144A), 2.221%, due	120,000
	06/25/37	
1,500,00	00 (Cost \$1,229,772, Acquired 12/19/2006) ^{1,2,3,4,9} Countrywide Asset-Backed Certificates, (07-6-M8), 2.471%, due 09/25/37	4,350
2,000,00	•	22,000
	Countrywide Asset-Backed Certificates, (06-5-B), 2.871%, due 08/25/36	
1,691,86	53 1,2,5,9 Countrywide Asset-Backed Certificates, (06-6-B), (144A), 3.471%, due	8,121
	09/25/36	
426,09		1,065
2,000,00		30,000
2 000 0	HSI Asset Securitization Corp. Trust, (06-OPT3-M9), 2.471%, due	10.000
2,000,00	00 02/25/36 ^{1,2} HSI Asset Securitization Corp. Trust, (07-HE2-M8), 2.971%, due 04/25/37	10,000
1,740,00		52,200
1,000,00	00 Saxon Asset Securities Trust, (07-1-B2), 2.721%, due 01/25/47 ^{1,2}	30,000
2,000,00	00 Saxon Asset Securities Trust, (06-2-B4), 2.971%, due 09/25/36 ^{1,2}	15,000
	Securitized Asset-Backed Receivables LLC Trust, (07-BR1-B2), 2.721%,	
2,000,00	00 due 02/25/37 ^{1,2,9} Soundview Home Equity Loan Trust, (06-OPT2-M9), (144A), 2.971%,	19,220
	due 05/25/36	
579,00		1,448
	Soundview Home Equity Loan Trust, (06-OPT3-M9), (144A), 2.971%,	
1,771,94	due 06/25/36 (Cost \$1,811,875, Acquired 04/13/2006) ^{1,2,3,4,5}	8.860
2,000,00	•	20,000
2,700,00		27,000
2,.00,00	Total Banking	426,764
	Total Asset-Backed Securities (Cost: \$26,879,700)	426,764
	Collateralized Debt Obligations (2.9%)	720,707
	Banking (0.0%)	
	FM Leveraged Capital Fund, (06-2A-E), (144A), 5.986%, due 11/15/20	
1,000,00		74,752
	Diversified Financial Services-Multi-Sector Holdings (0.0%)	
1	Mantoloking CDO, Ltd., (144A), 0%, due 09/28/46 (Cost \$1,417,500,	
1,50	07 Acquired 11/21/2006) 1,2,3,4,6	

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(4) Restricted security (Note 7).

(5) The issuer has declared partial write-off on outstanding principal balance.

(6) Non-income producing security.

(7) Represents number of preferred shares.

(9) Fair valued security (Note 1).

CDO - Collateralized Debt Obligation.

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

Schedule of Investments

December 31, 2008 (cont'd)

Principal Amount		Value
Amount	Mantoloking CDO, Ltd., (06-1A-E), (144A), 0%, due 08/28/46 (Cost \$487,728,	Value
\$ 487,728	12346	\$
	Total Diversified Financial Services-Multi-Sector Holdings	
	Diversified Financial Services-Specialized Finance (2.9%)	
	ACA CLO, Ltd., (06-2), (144A), 1.264%, due 01/09/21 (Cost \$1,395,000,	
1,5007	 Acquired 11/28/2006) ^{1,2,3,4} ARES CLO, (06-5RA), (144A), 8.103%, due 02/24/18 (Cost \$3,840,000, 	75,000
4,000,000	1234	320,000
	Avenue CLO, Ltd., (07-6A), (144A), 1.122%, due 07/17/19 (Cost \$1,840,000,	
2,000,000	•	340,000
1.000	Centurion CDO VII, Ltd., (144A), 15.562%, due 01/30/16 (Cost \$760,000, Acquired 11/01/2006) ^{1,2,3,4,9}	100.000
1,0007	Clydesdale CLO, Ltd., (06-1A), (144A), 21.497%, due 12/19/18 (Cost	180,000
• • • • • • • •	\$1,860,000,	2 / 0 000
2,000,000	 Acquired 01/16/2007) 1.2.3.4.9 CW Capital Cobalt, (06-2A-K), (144A), 7.016%, due 04/26/50 (Cost 	340,000
	\$1,000,000,	
1,000,000	•	40,000
	CW Capital Cobalt II, (06-2A-PS), (144A), 8.46%, due 04/26/50 (Cost \$940,000,	
1,000,000	Acquired $04/12/2006$) ^{1,2,3,4}	286,803
	De Meer Middle Market CLO, Ltd., (06-1A-E), (144A), 8.059%, due 10/20/18	
857,103	· · · · ·	82,912
	De Meer Middle Market CLO, Ltd., (06-1A), (144A), 13.296%, due 10/20/18	
1,771,501		194,865
2 000 000	Duane Street CLO, (06-3-A), (144A), 0%, due 01/11/21 (Cost \$1,860,000, Acquired 11/15/2006) ^{1,3,4,8,9}	200,000
2,000,000	FM Leveraged Capital Fund II, (06-1A-PS), (144A), 0%, due 11/20/20	300,000
	(Cost \$1,860,000, $1,2,3,4,8,9$	200.000
2,000	L ,	300,000
2,000,000	 Galaxy CLO, Ltd., (06-61), 6.88%, due 06/13/18 ⁹ Galaxy CLO, Ltd., (06-7A), (144A), 12.708%, due 10/13/18 (Cost \$1,900,000, 	400,000
2,000,000	1349	400,000
2,000,000		420,000
	Octagon Investment Partners X, Ltd., (06-10A), (144A), 1.285%, due 10/18/20	
3,500,000		350,000
3,000,000	Prospect Park CDO, Ltd., (06-11), 11.484%, due 07/15/20 ^{1,9}	660,000

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- (6) Non-income producing security.
- (7) Represents number of preferred shares.
- (8) As of December 31, 2008, security is not accruing interest.
- (9) Fair valued security (Note 1).
- CDO Collateralized Debt Obligation.
- CLO Collateralized Loan Obligation.
- See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

TCW Strategic Income Fund

Schedule of Investments

December 31, 2008 (cont'd)

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Amount	t	Vertical CDO, Ltd., (06-1), (144A), 0%, due 04/22/46 (Cost \$1,697,500,		Value
\$	1,750,000 ⁷	Acquired 05/16/2006) ^{1,2,3,4,8}	\$	122,500
Ŷ	1,750,000*	Whitehorse III, Ltd., (144A), 5.726%, due 05/01/18 (Cost \$900,000,	φ	122,300
	1,000,0007	Acquired 02/22/2007) 1,2,3,4,9		140,000
		Total Diversified Financial Services-Specialized Finance		4,952,080
		Thrifts & Mortgage Finance (0.0%)		
		Bering CDO, Ltd., (06-1A), (144A), 0%, due 09/07/46 (Cost \$870,000,		
	10,000	Acquired 08/03/2006) ^{1,2,3,4,6,8}		
		Bering CDO, Ltd., (06-1A-C), (144A), 0%, due 09/07/46 (Cost \$1,000,000,		
	1,123,341	Acquired 08/03/2006) ^{1,2,3,4,6,8}		
		Fortius Funding, Ltd., (06-2-A), (144A), 0%, due 02/03/42 (Cost \$1,900,000,		
	2,000,000	Acquired 11/03/2006) ^{1,2,3,4,6,8}		200
		Fortius Funding, Ltd., (06-2-AE), (144A), 0%, due 02/03/42 (Cost \$955,559,		
	1,031,101	Acquired 11/06/2006) 1.2.3.4.6.8		103
	1,0007	Fortius I Funding, Ltd., (144A), 0%, due 07/12/41 (Cost \$970,000, Acquired 03/13/2006) ^{1,2,3,4,6,8}		100
		Hudson Mezzanine Funding, (06-1-AE), (144A), 0%, due 04/12/42 (Cost \$1,553,359,		
	1,744,763	Acquired 10/25/2006) ^{1,2,3,4,6,8}		
	1,500,000	Hudson Mezzanine Funding, (06-1A-INC), (144A), 0%, due 04/12/42 (Cost \$1,395,000, Acquired 10/25/2006) ^{1,2,3,4,6,8}		
	1,500,000	Vertical CDO, Ltd., (06-2A), (144A), 0%, due 05/09/46 (Cost \$1,860,000,		
	2,000,000	Acquired 05/19/2006) ^{1,2,3,4,6,8}		
	2,000,000	Vertical CDO, Ltd., (06-2A-C), (144A), 0%, due 05/09/46 (Cost		
	0 001 110	\$2,171,422,		
	2,221,110	Acquired 05/19/2006) ^{1,2,3,4,6,8}		403
		Total Thrifts & Mortgage Finance Total Collateralized Debt Obligations (Cost: \$5,027,235)		5,027,235
		Collateralized Mortgage Obligations (114.1%)		5,027,255
		Private Mortgage-Backed Securities (44.9%)		
	5,250,000	Adjustable Rate Mortgage Trust, $(05-11-2A3)$, 5.326% , due $02/25/36^2$		3,033,438
	3,230,000	Adjustable Rate Mortgage Trust, $(05-11-2A3)$, 5.520% , due $02/23/30^{-2}$ Adjustable Rate Mortgage Trust, $(05-4-6A22)$, 5.288% , due $08/25/35^{-2}$		1,698,440
	4,200,090	American Home Mortgage Assets, (05-2-2A1A), 6.019%, due 01/25/36 ²		3,046,714
	3,914,644	Banc of America Funding Corp., (07-6-A2), 0.751%, due 07/25/37 ²		2,127,931
	2,653,944	Bear Stearns Alternative Loan Trust, (06-2-22A1), 5.931%, due 03/25/36		1,189,156
	3,500,000	Citi Mortgage Alternative Loan Trust, (06-A3-1A7), 6%, due 07/25/36		2,316,276
	3,000,000	Countrywide Alternative Loan Trust, (07-11T1-A21), 6%, due 05/25/37		1,403,398

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mount		Value
\$ 4,000,000	Countrywide Alternative Loan Trust, (07-12T1-A5), 6%, due 06/25/37	\$ 2,718,368
3,000,000	Countrywide Alternative Loan Trust, (07-19-1A4), 6%, due 08/25/37	1,841,242
2,772,000	Countrywide Alternative Loan Trust, (07-9T1-2A3), 6%, due 05/25/37	1,451,273
2,293,479	Countrywide Home Loans, (04-HYB4-B1), 4.589%, due 09/20/34 ²	1,380,629
209,515,498	Countrywide Home Loans, (06-14-X), 0.338%, due 09/25/36 (I/O) ²	1,857,208
251,512,205	Countrywide Home Loans, (06-15-X), 0.385%, due 10/25/36 (I/O) ²	2,234,384
3,900,000	Countrywide Home Loans, (07-J2-2A6), 6%, due 07/25/37	1,350,997
3,738,542	Credit Suisse First Boston Mortgage Securities Corp., (05-12-1A1), 6.5%, due 01/25/36	3,106,920
36,301,699	Credit Suisse Mortgage Capital Certificates, (06-9-7A2), 6.079%, due $11/25/36$ (I/O) (I/F) ²	2,572,563
2,481,679	Credit Suisse Mortgage Capital Certificates, (07-5-DB1), 7.089%, due 08/25/37 ²	185,267
2,631,917	GSC Capital Corp. Mortgage Trust, (06-2-A1), 0.651%, due 05/25/36 ²	993,344
6,640,496	GSR Mortgage Loan Trust, (03-7F-1A4), 5.25%, due 06/25/33	4,665,958
1,042,447	GSR Mortgage Loan Trust, (04-3F-2A10), 16.579%, due 02/25/34 (I/F) 2	840,328
2,235,145	GSR Mortgage Loan Trust, (05-AR3-6A1), 5.02%, due 05/25/35 $^{\rm 2}$	1,151,589
3,908,883	GSR Mortgage Loan Trust, (06-1F-1A5), 27.933%, due 02/25/36 (I/F) (TAC) 2	3,757,945
4,337,786	JP Morgan Alternative Loan Trust, (07-A1-2A1), 5.925%, due 03/25/37 ²	2,947,975
4,215,291	JP Morgan Mortgage Trust, (07-S2-1A1), 5%, due 06/25/37	2,669,722
3,639,061	MASTR Alternative Loans Trust, (07-HF1-4A1), 7%, due 10/25/47	1,932,780
3,927,684	Morgan Stanley Mortgage Loan Trust, (06-2-6A), 6.5%, due 02/25/36	2,322,997
2,000,000	Nomura Asset Acceptance Corp., (07-1-1A2), 5.669%, due 03/25/47 ²	938,025
2,500,000	Novastar Home Equity Loan, (04-2-M4), 1.671%, due 09/25/34 ²	1,246,834
2,442,285	Residential Accredit Loans, Inc., (05-QA7-M1), 5.504%, due 07/25/35 ²	601,139
5,000,000	Residential Accredit Loans, Inc., (06-QS8-A3), 6%, due 08/25/36	2,222,509
2,779,000	Residential Asset Securitization Trust, (05-A8CB-A3), 5.5%, due 07/25/35	1,862,221
12,813,332	Residential Asset Securitization Trust, (07-A5-AX), 6%, due 05/25/37 (I/O)	1,433,812
286,113,909	Residential Funding Mortgage Securities, (06-S9-AV), 0.297%, due 09/25/36 (I/O) 2	2,091,579
3,089,246	Structured Adjustable Rate Mortgage Loan Trust, (05-20-1A1), 5.88%, due 10/25/35 ²	1,603,586
3,546,356	Structured Adjustable Rate Mortgage Loan Trust, (05-23-3A1), 6.122%, due 01/25/36 ²	1,896,805
2,724,458	Structured Adjustable Rate Mortgage Loan Trust, (06-3-4A), 6%, due 04/25/36	1,566,132
1,983,671	Structured Adjustable Rate Mortgage Loan Trust, (07-9-2A1), 5.981%, due 10/25/47 ²	973,579
1,679,924	Terwin Mortgage Trust, (06-17HE-A2A), (144A), 0.551%, due 01/25/38 ^{2,3} Washington Mutual Alternative Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, (05-7-3CB),	1,243,144
4,359,600	6.5%, due 08/25/35	2,951,024
4,500,000	Wells Fargo Mortgage Backed Securities Trust, (07-8-2A10), 6%, due 07/25/37 (PAC)	2,401,768

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I/F - Inverse Floating rate security whose interest rate moves in the opposite direction of prevailing interest rates.

- I/O Interest Only Security.
- PAC Planned Amortization Class.
- TAC Target Amortization Class.

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TCW Strategic Income Fund

Schedule of Investments

December 31, 2008 (cont'd)

Principal		
Amount		Value
	U.S. Government Agency Obligations (69.2%)	
\$ 4,460,936	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp., (2654-CO), 0%, due 08/15/33 (P/O) Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp., (2684-SN), 22.275%, due 10/15/33	\$ 2,432,178
3,258,000	$(I/F)^2$	3,364,438
5,688,598	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp., (2691-CO), 0%, due 10/15/33 (P/O)	4,928,796
1,670,011	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp., (2727-AS), 7.283%, due 07/15/32 (I/F) ²	1,332,389
3,278,006	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp., (2857-OM), 0%, due 09/15/34 (P/O)	2,014,646
1,950,546	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp., (2870-EO), 0%, due 10/15/34 (P/O)	1,462,932
3,358,313	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp., (2937-SW), 16.683%, due $02/15/35$ (I/F) (TAC) ²	3,504,022
832,360	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp., (2950-GS), 16.275%, due 03/15/35 (I/F) ²	780,823
3,144,097	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp., (2951-NS), 16.275%, due 03/15/35 (I/F) ²	2,842,710
5,144,097	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp., (2962-GT), 16%, due 04/15/35 (I/F)	2,042,710
1,529,079	(TAC) ²	1,536,007
987,732	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp., (2990-JK), 17.223%, due 03/15/35 (I/F) 2	965,596
3,352,070	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp., (3000-SR), 16.183%, due 03/15/35 (I/F) (TAC) ²	3,484,253
5,552,070	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp., (3014-SJ), 9.189%, due 08/15/35	3,тот,235
2,242,315	(I/F) ²	1,846,658
1,607,354	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp., (3019-SQ), 26.962%, due 06/15/35 (<i>I/F</i>) ²	1,737,302
2,167,131	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp., (3035-TP), 6.5%, due 12/15/33 (I/F) 2	1,994,601
3,226,609	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp., (3063-JS), 22.468%, due 11/15/35 (I/F) ²	3,406,859
474,925	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp., (3076-ZQ), 5.5%, due 11/15/35 (PAC)	475,325
2,658,445	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp., (3077-ZW), 4.5%, due 08/15/35	2,657,326
1,801,093	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp., (3081-PO), 0%, due 07/15/33 (P/O)	1,562,989
2,184,497	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp., (3092-CS), 16.113%, due 12/15/35 (I/F) (TAC) ²	2,231,839
2,274,394	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp., (3092-LO), 0%, due 12/15/35 (P/O)	
2,274,394	(TAC) Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp., (3092-OL), 0%, due 12/15/35 (P/O)	2,024,384 2,245,168
2,019,518	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp., (3122-SG), 4.435%, due 03/15/36	2,243,100
24,825,292	(I/O) (I/F) (TAC) (PAC) ²	1,485,523
2,542,913	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp., (3128-OJ), 0%, due 03/15/36 (P/O)	2,262,474
1,948,802	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp., (3146-SB), 19.268%, due 04/15/36 (I/F) 2	1,996,524
1,258,231	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp., (3153-NK), 19.195%, due 05/15/36 (I/F) 2	1,249,099
2,006,725	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp., (3161-SA), 19.085%, due 05/15/36 (I/F) 2	2,055,684
3,085,207	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp., (3171-GO), 0%, due 06/15/36 (P/O) (PAC)	2,874,081
3,404,911	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp., (3185-SA), 9.009%, due 07/15/36 (I/F) 2	2,908,817
1,359,530	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp., (3186-SB), 18.352%, due 07/15/36 (I/F) 2	1,323,522

2 200 144	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp., (3330-SB), 19.452%, due 06/15/37	2 4(5.072
2,399,144	(I/F) (TAC) ²	2,465,073
	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp., (3349-SD), 18.168%, due 07/15/37	
3,254,610	(I/F) ²	3,176,108
1,858,681	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp., (3457-PO), 0%, due 09/15/36 (P/O)	1,730,191

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ncipal nount		Value
\$ 3,647,488	Federal National Mortgage Association, (05-1-GZ), 5%, due 02/25/35	\$ 3,553,519
	Federal National Mortgage Association, (05-13-JS), 20.894%, due	
3,704,674	03/25/35 (I/F) ²	3,499,999
1,941,663	Federal National Mortgage Association, (05-44-TS), 18.263%, due $03/25/35$ (I/F) (TAC) ²	1,957,890
1,911,005	Federal National Mortgage Association, (05-62-BO), 0%, due 07/25/35	1,207,090
2,094,842	(P/O)	1,866,750
2,923,909	Federal National Mortgage Association, (05-69-HO), 0%, due 08/25/35 (P/O)	2,243,498
1,169,544	Federal National Mortgage Association, (05-87-ZQ), 4.5%, due 10/25/25	1,152,049
-,,-	Federal National Mortgage Association, (05-92-DT), 6%, due 10/25/35	-,,,-
1,354,243	(I/F) (TAC)	1,361,230
1,056,294	Federal National Mortgage Association, (06-14-SP), 18.889%, due $03/25/36$ (I/F) (TAC) ²	1,090,890
1,050,254	Federal National Mortgage Association, (06-15-LO), 0%, due 03/25/36	1,050,050
1,384,308	(P/O)	1,041,384
3,604,348	Federal National Mortgage Association, (06-45-SP), 21.482%, due $06/25/36$ (I/F) ²	3,773,740
5,004,548	Federal National Mortgage Association, (06-57-SA), 21.262%, due	5,775,740
1,876,092	06/25/36 (I/F) ²	1,841,886
2 000 000	Federal National Mortgage Association, (06-67-DS), 23.227%, due	1 905 090
2,000,000	07/25/36 (I/F) ² Federal National Mortgage Association, (07-48-SD), 5.629%, due	1,895,980
27,411,922	05/25/37 (I/O) (I/F) ²	1,992,318
	Federal National Mortgage Association, (07-58-SL), 14.947%, due	
2,340,578	06/25/36 (I/F) ² Government National Mortgage Association, (05-45-DK), 17.84%, due	2,216,021
5,863,296	06/16/35 (I/F) ²	5,655,708
	Government National Mortgage Association, (06-35-SA), 6.093%,	
41,384,520	due 07/20/36 (I/O) (I/F) ²	2,532,066
	Government National Mortgage Association, (06-61-SA), 4.243%,	
77,160,365	due 11/20/36 (I/O) (I/F) (TAC) ²	4,404,561
	Government National Mortgage Association, $(08-53-TS)$, 5.963%,	
38,938,753	due 05/20/38 (I/O) (I/F) (TAC) ² Government National Mortgage Association, (08-58-TS), 5.893%,	2,536,190
49,054,836	due 05/20/38 (I/O) (I/F) (TAC) ²	2 125 010
49,034,830		3,125,019
	Total U.S. Government Agency Obligations	120,099,035
	Total Collateralized Mortgage Obligations (Cost: \$186,480,700)	197,928,034
	Total Fixed Income Securities (Cost: \$218,387,635) (117.3%)	203,382,033
	Convertible Securities	
	Convertible Corporate Bonds (4.3%)	
	Banking (0.7%)	
907,000	Euronet Worldwide, Inc., 3.5%, due 10/15/25	587,282
683,000	National City Corp., 4%, due 02/01/11	612,139
	Total Banking	1,199,421
	Commercial Services (0.3%)	
865,000	Sotheby's, (144A), 3.125%, due 06/15/13 ³	536,300

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TCW Strategic Income Fund

Schedule of Investments

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Principal	l		
Amount			Value
		Electronics (0.9%)	
\$	736,000	Agere Systems, Inc., 6.5%, due 12/15/09	\$ 725,880
	45,000	JA Solar Holdings Co., Ltd., 4.5%, due 05/15/13	18,225
	751,000	LSI Logic Corp., 4%, due 05/15/10	705,001
	339,000	Xilinx, Inc., (144A), 3.125%, due 03/15/37 ³	231,791
		Total Electronics	1,680,897
		Healthcare Providers (0.4%)	
	1,186,000	Omnicare, Inc., 3.25%, due 12/15/35	671,573
		Media-Broadcasting & Publishing (0.1%)	
	319,000	Ciena Corp., 0.875%, due 06/15/17	114,043
		Medical Supplies (0.1%)	
	160,000	Integra LifeSciences Holdings Corp., (144A), 2.375%, due 06/01/12 ³	117,800
	160,000	Integra LifeSciences Holdings Corp., (144A), 2.75%, due 06/01/10 ³	142,000
		Total Medical Supplies	259,800
		Metals (0.1%)	
	370,000	Coeur d'Alene Mines Corp., 3.25%, due 03/15/28	119,325
		Oil & Gas (0.6%)	
	99,000	Hercules Offshore, Inc., (144A), 3.375%, due 06/01/38 ³	45,787
	443,000	Transocean, Inc., Class A, 1.625%, due 12/15/37	388,179
	442,000	Transocean, Inc., Class B, 1.5%, due 12/15/37	360,230
	442,000	Transocean, Inc., Class C, 1.5%, due 12/15/37	342,550
		Total Oil & Gas	1,136,746
		Pharmaceuticals (0.2%)	
	357,000	United Therapeutics Corp., (144A), 0.5%, due 10/15/11 ³	340,043
		Real Estate (0.8%)	
	1,517,000	Affordable Residential Communities, Inc., (144A), 7.5%, due 08/15/25 (Cost \$1,516,330, Acquired 08/03/2005-05/12/2006) ^{1,3,4}	1,283,761
	180,000	ProLogis, 2.625%, due 05/15/38	77,400
		Total Real Estate	1,361,161
		Retailers (0.1%)	
	140,000	RadioShack Corp., (144A), 2.5%, due 08/01/13 ³	117,075
		Total Convertible Corporate Bonds (Cost: \$9,716,352)	7,536,384

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(4) Restricted security (Note 7).

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Number of

Shares		Value
	Convertible Preferred Stocks (3.3%)	
	Commercial Banks (0.1%)	
1,542	Fifth Third Bancorp, Series G, \$8.50	\$ 125,025
	Commercial Services (0.1%)	
10,940	United Rentals Trust I, \$3.25	173,673
	Diversified Financial Services (0.5%)	
1,160	Bank of America Corp., \$72.50	754,000
4,300	Citigroup, Inc., \$3.25	120,357
	Total Diversified Financial Services	874,357
	Electric Utilities (0.8%)	
16,500	AES Corp., \$3.375	624,360
16,100	Entergy Corp., \$3.8125	806,932
	Total Electric Utilities	1,431,292
	Energy Equipment & Services (0.4%)	
17,850	Bristow Group, Inc., \$2.75	653,131
	Financial Services (0.1%)	
2,724	Vale Capital, Ltd., Series A, \$2.75	72,186
1,612	Vale Capital, Ltd., Series B, \$2.75	41,912
	Total Financial Services	114,098
	Food Products (0.1%)	
5,900	Archer-Daniels-Midland Co., \$3.125	223,610
	Insurance (0.4%)	
13,105	Reinsurance Group of America, Inc., \$2.875	707,670
	Media (0.1%)	
800	Interpublic Group of Companies, Inc., (144A), \$52.50 ³	267,200
	Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels (0.3%)	
8,445	Chesapeake Energy Corp., \$4.50	504,589
	Pharmaceuticals (0.1%)	
330	Mylan, Inc., \$65.00	