

**Western Asset High Income Fund Inc.**  
**as of**  
**September 30, 2009**

NEW YORK – (Business Wire) – November 23, 2009 – Western Asset High Income Fund Inc. (NYSE: HIF) announces its portfolio composition as of September 30, 2009.

**Investment Objective:** The Fund seeks to maintain a high level of current income. As a secondary objective, the Fund seeks capital appreciation.

**Portfolio Composition\*:**

**Asset Allocation**

<b>High Yield</b>	<b>78.3%</b>
<b>Emerging Market Debt</b>	<b>14.1%</b>
Investment Grade	4.7%
<i>US Dollar</i>	4.0%
<i>Local Currency</i>	0.7%
Non-Investment Grade	9.5%
<i>US Dollar</i>	9.1%
<i>Local Currency</i>	0.4%
<b>Investment Grade</b>	<b>6.8%</b>
<b>Cash &amp; Other Securities</b>	<b>0.7%</b>

**Credit Quality Allocation (Lower of S&P/Moody's/Fitch)**

AAA	0.3%
AA	0.4%
A	0.4%
BBB	6.4%
BB	17.9%
B	33.6%
CCC	31.3%
CC	2.6%
C	3.1%
D	4.1%

**Top Ten High Yield Industries**

Consumer Cyclical	16.7%
Communications	12.2%
Consumer Non Cyclical	9.5%
Energy	8.8%
Basic Industry	7.4%
Electric	6.7%
Capital Goods	5.8%
Transportation	2.7%
Natural Gas	2.4%
Technology	1.8%

**Top Five Emerging Market Countries**

Russia	2.7%
Brazil	2.3%
Mexico	2.0%
Thailand	1.3%
Turkey	1.0%

**Currency Allocation**

US Dollar	98.9%
Brazilian Reals	0.7%
Indonesian Rupiahs	0.4%
Russian Rubles	0.1%

<b>Average Life (years)</b>	6.73
<b>Effective Duration (years)</b>	4.18
<b>Average Credit Quality (S&amp;P)</b>	B
<b>Average Coupon (%)</b>	9.04

**Portfolio Statistics:**

<b>Inception Date</b>	January 29, 1993
<b>Inception Price</b>	\$15.00
<b>Total Assets</b>	\$45,130,135

<b>Market Price</b>	\$9.06
<b>NAV</b>	\$8.74

(Daily NAV is available on market quotation systems using the symbol XHIFX.)

<b>Distribution Rate</b>	\$0.0750 per share
<b>Frequency</b>	Monthly (Declared quarterly, paid monthly)

\* Portfolio holdings and weightings are historical and are presented here for informational purposes only. They are subject to change at any time.

Western Asset High Income Fund Inc., a diversified closed-end investment management company, is advised by Legg Mason Partners Fund Advisor, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Legg Mason, Inc., and is sub-advised by Western Asset Management Company, an affiliate of the advisor.

An investment in the Fund involves risk, including loss of principal. Investment return and the value of shares will fluctuate.

For more information, please call Fund Investor Services at 888-777-0102, or consult the Fund's web site at [www.leggmason.com/cef](http://www.leggmason.com/cef).

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