

Western Asset High Income Fund Inc.
as of
December 31, 2009

NEW YORK – (Business Wire) – January 20, 2010 – Western Asset High Income Fund Inc. (NYSE: HIF) announces its portfolio composition as of December 31, 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

High Yield	77.2%
Emerging Market Debt	13.9%
Investment Grade	4.7%
<i>US Dollar</i>	3.9%
<i>Local Currency</i>	0.8%
Non-Investment Grade	9.2%
<i>US Dollar</i>	8.8%
<i>Local Currency</i>	0.4%
Investment Grade	6.5%
Cash & Other Securities	2.4%

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

AAA	0.8%
AA	0.4%
A	0.6%
BBB	6.1%
BB	18.5%
B	39.4%
CCC	26.5%
CC	1.9%
C	2.9%
D	1.7%
Not Rated	1.3%

Top Ten High Yield Industries

Consumer Cyclical	17.2%
Communications	10.8%
Consumer Non Cyclical	10.4%
Energy	8.4%
Basic Industry	8.3%
Electric	7.1%
Capital Goods	4.6%
Transportation	2.7%
Natural Gas	1.8%
Banking	1.5%

Top Five Emerging Market Countries

Russia	2.6%
Brazil	2.5%
Mexico	1.7%
Thailand	1.2%
United Arab Emirates	1.0%

Currency Allocation

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

Average Life (years)	6.62
Effective Duration (years)	4.25
Average Credit Quality (S&P)	B
Average Coupon (%)	8.90

Portfolio Statistics:

Inception Date	January 29, 1993
Inception Price	\$15.00
Total Assets	\$46,930,440

Market Price	\$9.23
NAV	\$9.08

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

Distribution Rate	\$0.0750 per share
Frequency	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.

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