

COHEN & STEERS REIT & PREFERRED INCOME FUND INC

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COHEN & STEERS REIT AND PREFERRED INCOME FUND, INC.

October 9, 2003

To Our Shareholders:

We are pleased to submit to you our report for the quarter ended September 30, 2003, the fund's first full quarter of operations. The net asset value per common share at that date was \$24.68. The fund declared its first three monthly dividends of \$0.17 per share for the months of August, September and October to common shareholders of record on August 15, 2003, September 15, 2003 and October 15, 2003, respectively. During the quarter, we completed the investment of our initial equity capital as well as the deployment of the majority of the additional proceeds raised through the issuance of \$620 million in Auction Market Preferred Shares in late August. Additionally, we entered into several interest rate swap transactions that substantially lock in our cost of leverage, thereby reducing the impact that an increase in interest rates could have on the fund's investment income. The average maturity of the fund's interest rate swaps is approximately five years, and the average fixed rate is 3.7%. We note, however, that the use of leverage generally may increase the volatility of the fund's net asset value per share.

For the quarter, Cohen & Steers REIT and Preferred Income Fund had a total return, based on income and change in net asset value, of 5.0%. As of September 30, 2003, the fund had invested approximately \$1.57 billion, or 87% of its total assets. Of this amount, 54% was invested in REIT common stocks and 33% was invested in preferred and debt securities.

REIT MARKET OVERVIEW

The REIT bull market rolled on in the third quarter, in a fashion totally consistent with what we expected at this point in the economic and real estate cycle. In our view, prices rose because investors recognized the bottoming of fundamentals, turned their attention to the recovery currently in force and anticipated that the recovery would continue over the next several quarters. We believe that recent developments and events validated this price advance. This has frustrated the growing chorus of REIT skeptics, many of whom believe that the sector had outperformed for too long and valuations were stretched to unsustainable levels. Analyst predictions -- such as 'REITs will lag a rising stock market' and 'REITs are interest rate sensitive' -- never came to pass as REITs performed well as stock prices rose and interest rates experienced a record increase.

Widespread expectations by economists that U.S. GDP grew 5% in the third quarter had a positive impact on most asset classes, with the exception of long-term bonds. This economic strength was evidenced by improving consumer and business confidence, strong retail sales, increasing factory orders and growing manufacturing strength. Despite concerns about the 'jobless recovery,' signs finally appeared that job losses were abating and, by September, there was an actual increase in jobs.

Indicators of improving health in the property market abound. Commentators have noted that vacancy rates in the office sector appear to be nearing their bottom. The prospect for future job growth should facilitate further

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improvement in this sector. In addition, developers and lenders have shown much greater restraint in this downturn than in the office market in the early 1990s, which should help the market recover more quickly than it did in the last recession. The apartment sector, which has been battered over the past several years, showed moderate signs of improvement during the third quarter. Indicators such as revenue per available room in the hotel industry turned positive for the first time in over two years, and hotel stocks were the star performers of the quarter, rising 21%. Retail sales trends and as a result regional mall fundamentals continued to be very positive and the stocks rose over 13% in the quarter.

The industry-wide improvement in REIT balance sheets and growth prospects has continued unabated this year. The refinancing or retirement of high cost debt and preferred stock has improved financial strength and flexibility. This, in turn, has enhanced equity values. Still, it is notable that unsecured borrowing by REITs this year, at \$6.4 billion, trails the \$8.1 billion raised in the same period last year, suggesting that REITs are taking advantage of low interest rates without increasing financial leverage. Many companies have taken advantage of strong stock prices to issue what we consider to be judicious amounts of common equity. This equity has in many cases been used to replace debt or make property acquisitions, often contributing to increased earnings. Whereas some commentators and analysts have argued that equity issuance is a warning sign, the \$3.8 billion in common equity raised in the first nine months of 2003 significantly trails the \$4.7 billion raised in the same period of 2002. (As a point of reference, the record for REIT equity issuance was \$20 billion in 1997.) Further, considering that the equity market capitalization of the REIT industry is now over \$200 billion, this equity issuance is rather insignificant.

Many commentators and analysts have attributed the REIT rally simply to money flows, implying that rising prices are exclusively the result of irrational technical factors rather than fundamental factors. Indeed, while \$3.0 billion has been invested in real estate mutual funds so far this year, this is well below absolute levels experienced historically. (As with equity issuance, fund inflows reached their peak in 1997, with \$4.1 billion of new assets being invested in real estate mutual funds.) Further, as a percentage of the existing \$23.5 billion in fund assets, it is an even less significant statistic. This flow of funds, in our opinion, is the result of the aforementioned fundamental factors. To believe that funds flows are the drivers of bull markets in our view places cause and effect in reverse order. Demand for an asset class is based on its investment merits, and that is what causes money to flow into that asset class.

PREFERRED MARKET OVERVIEW

The preferred market was remarkably resilient throughout the quarter despite a meaningful weakening in Treasury bond prices. Demand for high-income securities, including preferreds, continued to be very strong, and credit risk

spreads on preferreds narrowed during the quarter. However, we were able to take advantage of the short periods of market weakness whenever they emerged, particularly during the brief spike in interest rates during July. There were also points in the quarter when we believed that certain segments of the preferred market, particularly foreign U.S. dollar-denominated preferreds and U.S. institutionally traded issues, offered better value than the U.S.

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\$25 par exchange-traded market. Due to much greater liquidity and, in our view, much better fundamental attractiveness, such instruments make up a meaningful proportion of the fund.

As we near the end of our initial investment program, we are pleased that we have been able to achieve our diversification and credit quality objectives. As of September 30, 2003, 90% of the fund's preferred and other fixed income holdings are of investment grade quality, and the fund has broad exposure to many different industry sectors. Our largest weightings are in the financial, auto and utility sectors, which collectively comprise approximately 26% of the fund's total assets. Financial companies are the largest issuers of preferred securities, comprising roughly 60% of the market. We find that financials offer relatively strong regulatory and other protections that can be lacking in other sectors. Earnings for U.S. and many European banks remain quite strong, and non-performing assets are low. Certain life and property & casualty insurance company preferreds also offer attractive yields, in our view. Insurers continue to enjoy strong demand for their products and have pricing power in certain segments. Utilities are another meaningful sector holding. In this sector we have avoided certain 'turnaround' companies, preferring to stick with issuers we consider to have remained sound throughout the troubles that the utility industry has experienced since 2001. While we are comfortable with certain turnaround stories, we generally have not found adequate yield compensation in the preferreds of weaker issuers. By comparison, auto issues, which also have challenging fundamentals, appear to us to offer more compelling value.

INVESTMENT OUTLOOK

Perhaps the most passionate debate in the REIT industry revolves around the current level of stock valuations. Following their strong price advance this year, REITs are trading, on average, at a modest premium to net asset value (NAV), approximately 5% to 10% compared to their long-term average of 0%. In addition, they are trading at a price/cash flow multiple of 11.5, above their long-term average of 11.3. REIT skeptics assert that this limits any further upside price potential, and makes them vulnerable to a price decline. Overlooked, however, is the fact that improving fundamentals are already translating into higher earnings -- thereby resulting in declining future price/cash flow ratios. Similarly, as property level cash flows increase, so are underlying property values. Almost every company that has reported or forecasted improving operations has seen Wall Street earnings estimates and NAV estimates rise, sometimes substantially.

Just as fundamental events have validated price movements to date, further strong returns from REITs (as well as stocks in general), will require the anticipation of ongoing improvement in economic and real estate fundamentals. As this economic recovery proceeds, we expect continued increases in earnings and NAV estimates. As long as this prospect remains intact, we would expect share prices to perform in accordance.

With respect to our outlook for the major property sectors, our portfolio weights reflect our view that the office sector is in the early stages of recovery, while it still has some of the lowest valuations. Regional mall growth rates have remained strong and valuations have remained favorable; however, dividend yields have been driven down, causing us to have a low weight in this sector. Rising interest rates and the creation of new jobs have begun to improve apartment demand, and we have found several attractively valued companies offering appealing

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dividend yields in the apartment sector. Industrial valuations appear to already anticipate an early recovery in fundamentals, and with acceptable yield difficult to find, we have a low weight in this property type. While shopping center fundamentals have remained sound, we believe the sector is fully valued and likely to experience a slowing growth rate.

We are optimistic about the preferred market despite some expected challenges ahead. The persistence of a low interest rate environment suggests that demand for higher income securities will remain strong; by comparison, the pipeline of new corporate bond and preferred issues appears to be moderate. The improving corporate earnings backdrop, consistent with the global economic recovery we see unfolding, supports our positive credit view. Also important, inflation, which is the greatest threat to long-term fixed-income securities and will signal the next Fed tightening cycle, appears to remain well in check. In short, we see an economic recovery emerging, in which case yields on income securities could rise somewhat over the next year.

Based on our positive view of the economy and the relative valuation between REITs and preferreds, we have positioned the fund with a slightly higher weight in REIT common stocks. This asset mix reflects our belief that we are at the beginning of both a new economic and real estate cycle, and that REITs are very well-positioned to prosper in such an environment. This framework would likely result in an improving credit profile for our preferred holdings. Whereas pricing upside could be limited, on a relative basis, by any increase in interest rates that may accompany an improving economy, preferred stocks continue to provide the potential for above-average current income while lowering portfolio volatility.

Sincerely,

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We have enhanced both the look and features of our Web site to give you more information about our company, our funds and the REIT market in general. Check out our interactive Asset Allocation Tool, which allows you to hypothetically add REITs to any portfolio to see how they impact expected total returns and risk. Or try the Fund Performance Calculator and see how our funds have performed versus the S&P 500 Index or Nasdaq Composite. As always, you can also get daily net asset values, fund fact sheets, portfolio highlights, recent news articles and our overall insights on the REIT market.

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SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2003 (UNAUDITED)

NUMBER
OF SHARES

VALUE

DIVI
YIELD

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COMMON STOCK	82.23%			
DIVERSIFIED	6.95%			
Colonial Properties Trust.....		225,000	\$ 8,106,750	7.
Crescent Real Estate Equities Co.		1,490,500	21,612,250	10.
iStar Financial.....		936,900	36,492,255	6.
Newcastle Investment Corp.		149,000	3,425,510	8.
Vornado Realty Trust.....		274,100	13,167,764	5.
			82,804,529	
HEALTH CARE	11.90%			
Health Care Property Investors.....		1,450,300	67,729,010	7.
Health Care REIT.....		1,441,500	44,470,275	7.
Nationwide Health Properties.....		1,362,200	23,824,878	8.
Ventas.....		335,000	5,735,200	6.
			141,759,363	
HOTEL	0.92%			
Hospitality Properties Trust.....		312,000	10,944,960	8.
INDUSTRIAL	3.97%			
First Industrial Realty Trust.....		1,472,200	47,213,454	8.
OFFICE	23.16%			
Arden Realty.....		1,444,200	40,322,064	7.
Brandywine Realty Trust.....		656,500	16,865,485	6.
CarrAmerica Realty Corp.		982,300	29,321,655	6.
Equity Office Properties Trust.....		2,943,300	81,029,049	7.
Highwoods Properties.....		910,200	21,717,372	7.
Mack-Cali Realty Corp.		1,240,000	48,608,000	6.
Maguire Properties.....		1,286,100	26,365,050	7.
Prentiss Properties Trust.....		374,900	11,621,900	7.
			275,850,575	
OFFICE/INDUSTRIAL	4.84%			
Liberty Property Trust.....		1,243,300	45,977,234	6.
Mission West Properties.....		939,500	11,612,220	7.
			57,589,454	

(a) Dividend yield is computed by dividing the security's current annual dividend rate by the last sale price on the principal exchange, or market, on which such security trades.

SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS -- (CONTINUED)
 SEPTEMBER 30, 2003 (UNAUDITED)

	NUMBER OF SHARES	VALUE	DIVI YIE
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RESIDENTIAL -- APARTMENT	17.53%		
AMLI Residential Properties Trust.....	541,700	\$ 14,192,540	7.
Apartment Investment & Management Co.	984,700	38,757,792	8.
Archstone-Smith Trust.....	2,374,000	62,626,120	6.
AvalonBay Communities.....	170,800	7,993,440	5.
Camden Property Trust.....	647,800	24,894,954	6.
Equity Residential.....	200,000	5,856,000	5.
Gables Residential Trust.....	1,186,100	38,334,752	7.
Mid-America Apartment Communities.....	308,300	9,304,494	7.
Post Properties.....	100,000	2,723,000	6.
Town & Country Trust.....	173,400	4,073,166	7.

		208,756,258	

SELF STORAGE	0.61%		
Sovran Self Storage.....	220,100	7,296,315	7.

SHOPPING CENTER	12.35%		
COMMUNITY CENTER	7.37%		
Heritage Property Investment Trust.....	1,456,100	42,052,168	7.
New Plan Excel Realty Trust.....	1,538,100	35,837,730	7.
Ramco-Gershenson Properties Trust.....	390,000	9,925,500	6.

		87,815,398	

REGIONAL MALL	4.98%		
Glimcher Realty Trust.....	2,074,000	43,699,180	9.
Macerich Co.	215,200	8,123,800	6.
Mills Corp.	190,200	7,484,370	5.

		59,307,350	

TOTAL SHOPPING CENTER.....		147,122,748	

TOTAL COMMON STOCK (Identified cost -- \$934,890,739).....		979,337,656	

SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS -- (CONTINUED)
 SEPTEMBER 30, 2003 (UNAUDITED)

	NUMBER OF SHARES	VALUE	DIVI YIE
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PREFERRED SECURITIES -- \$25 PAR VALUE			
AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS			
Agrium, 8.00% (COPrS) (a).....	43,300	\$ 1,092,892	7.

AUTOMOTIVE			
DaimlerChrysler, 7.50% (CBTCS) (b).....	34,200	877,230	7.
DaimlerChrysler, 7.875% (CORTS) (c).....	9,600	249,504	7.
DaimlerChrysler, 8.00% (CORTS) (c).....	10,000	261,000	7.
Ford Motor Co., 7.40% (CORTS) (c).....	33,000	810,150	7.
Ford Motor Co., 7.50%, Note.....	172,251	4,280,437	7.
Ford Motor Co., 8.00% (CORTS) (c).....	125,000	3,156,250	7.
Ford Motor Co., 8.125%, Series F (SATURNS) (d).....	32,200	817,880	7.
General Motors Corp., 7.375%, Senior Notes.....	3,100	77,965	7.

		10,530,416	

BANK			
ASBC Capital I, 7.625%, Series A (TOPrS) (e).....	65,300	1,742,204	7.
BAC Captial Trust III, 7.00%.....	11,800	317,892	6.
Chittenden Capital Trust I, 8.00%, Capital Securities.....	13,700	367,160	7.
Colonial Capital Trust IV, 7.875%.....	300,000	7,641,000	7.
Compass Capital III, 7.35%, Capital Securities.....	8,600	228,330	6.
Countrywide Capital II, 8.00% (CORTS) (c).....	5,500	147,730	7.
Countrywide Capital IV, 6.75%.....	74,600	1,879,920	6.
Fleet Capital Trust VII, 7.20% Series.....	94,800	2,484,708	6.
Fleet Capital Trust VIII, 7.20% Series.....	87,900	2,335,503	6.
Old Second Bancorp Capital Trust I, 7.80%.....	90,000	967,500	7.
VNB Capital Trust I, 7.75% (TOPrS) (e).....	9,300	251,100	7.
Zions Capital Trust B, 8.00%.....	18,600	502,758	7.

		18,865,805	

BANK -- FOREIGN			
Abbey National PLC, 7.25%, Perpetual Subordinated Notes.....	11,800	310,340	6.
Abbey National PLC, 7.375%, Series B.....	130,700	3,555,040	6.
Abbey National PLC, 7.375%, Series C.....	493,264	13,096,159	6.

		16,961,539	

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- (a) (COPrS) Canadian Origin Preferred Securities.
 - (b) (CBTCS) Corporate Backed Trust Certificates.
 - (c) (CORTS) Corporate Backed Trust Securities.
 - (d) (SATURNS) Structured Asset Trust Unit Repackagings.
 - (e) (TOPrS) Trust Originated Preferred Securities.

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SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS -- (CONTINUED)
SEPTEMBER 30, 2003 (UNAUDITED)

	NUMBER OF SHARES	VALUE	DIVI YIE
ELECTRIC -- INTEGRATED 1.04%			
Energy East Capital Trust I, 8.25%.....	61,000	\$ 1,645,170	7.
Entergy Louisiana, 7.60% Series, due 4/1/32.....	11,900	315,945	7.
Georgia Power Capital Trust V, 7.128%.....	20,200	537,522	6.
Gulf Power Capital Trust III, 7.375% (TruPS) (a)....	11,199	293,526	7.
Northern States Power Co., 8.00%, Notes (PINES) (b).	38,200	1,027,580	7.
PSEG Funding Trust II, 8.75% Series.....	170,100	4,626,720	8.
Puget Sound Energy Capital Trust II, 8.40% (TOPrS) (c).....	77,500	2,070,800	7.
Southern Company Capital Trust VI, 7.125% Series...	7,800	209,508	6.
Virginia Power Capital Trust II, 7.375%, (TruPS) (a).....	62,061	1,666,338	6.
		----- 12,393,109 -----	
FINANCE 2.56%			
AUTO LOAN 0.49%			
Ford Motor Credit Co., 7.375%, Note.....	88,000	2,173,600	7.
Ford Motor Credit Co., 7.60%, Note.....	39,300	993,111	7.
General Motors Acceptance Corp., 7.25%, Notes.....	104,900	2,627,745	7.
		----- 5,794,456 -----	
CREDIT CARD 0.68%			
MBNA Capital, 8.125%, Series D (TruPS) (a).....	189,800	5,029,700	7.
MBNA Capital, 8.10%, Series E (TOPrS) (c).....	115,900	3,099,166	7.
		----- 8,128,866 -----	
DIVERSIFIED FINANCIAL SERVICES 0.12%			
Household Capital Trust VII, 7.50%.....	6,400	173,440	6.
National Rural Utilities, 7.40% (QUICS) (d).....	48,300	1,297,821	6.
		----- 1,471,261 -----	
INVESTMENT BANKER/BROKER 1.27%			
JP Morgan Chase Capital Co. X, 7.00% Series J.....	5,900	155,701	6.
Lehman Brothers Holdings, 6.50%, Series F.....	550,000	14,492,500	6.

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Merrill Lynch Perferred Capital Trust V, 7.28% (TOPrS) (c).....	16,500	440,880	6.

		15,089,081	

TOTAL FINANCE.....		30,483,664	

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- (a) (TruPS) Trust Preferred Securities.
 - (b) (PINES) Public Income Notes
 - (c) (TOPrS) Trust Originated Preferred Securities.
 - (d) (QUICS) Quarterly Income Capital Securities.
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		NUMBER OF SHARES	VALUE	DIVI YIE
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GAS -- DISTRIBUTION	1.61%			
Dominion CNG Capital, 7.80%.....		3,300	\$ 89,727	7.
Dominion CNG Capital, 8.40%.....		78,700	2,140,640	7.
Laclede Capital Trust I, 7.70% (TOPrS) (a).....		47,400	1,279,800	7.
Southwest Gas Capital Trust II, 7.70%.....		600,000	15,690,000	7.

			19,200,167	

INSURANCE	2.97%			
BROKERS	0.05%			
Aon Capital, 7.50%, Class A (SATURNS) (b).....		22,528	559,821	7.

LIFE/HEALTH INSURANCE	0.30%			
Lincoln National Capital V, 7.65%, Series E (TruPS) (c).....		52,300	1,393,795	7.
PLC Capital Trust III, 7.50% (TOPrS) (a).....		42,000	1,109,640	7.
Torchmark Capital Trust I, 7.75%.....		41,000	1,103,310	7.

			3,606,745	

MULTI-LINE	1.12%			
ING Groep NV, 7.05% Series.....		341,600	8,908,928	6.
ING Groep NV, 7.20% Series.....		165,700	4,379,451	6.

			13,288,379	

PROPERTY/CASUALTY	1.12%			
ACE Ltd., 7.80%, Series C.....		380,400	9,966,480	7.
St. Paul Capital Trust I, 7.60% (TruPS) (c).....		114,130	3,030,151	7.
XL Capital Ltd., 7.625%, Series B.....		12,800	346,240	7.
			13,342,871	
REINSURANCE -- FOREIGN	0.38%			
Everest Re Capital Trust, 7.85%.....		12,700	345,567	7.
PartnerRe Ltd., 6.75%, Series C.....		65,000	1,638,000	6.
RenaissanceRE Holdings Ltd., 8.10%, Series A.....		30,900	830,901	7.
RenaissanceRE Holdings Ltd., 7.30%, Series B.....		65,900	1,756,235	6.
			4,570,703	
TOTAL INSURANCE.....			35,368,519	

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- (a) (TOPrS) Trust Originated Preferred Securities.
 - (b) (SATURNS) Structured Asset Trust Unit Repackagings.
 - (c) (TruPS) Trust Preferred Securities.

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		NUMBER OF SHARES	VALUE	DIVI YIE
MEDIA	1.24%			
CABLE TELEVISION	0.67%			
Shaw Communications, 8.45%, Series A (COPrS) (a)....		146,092	\$ 3,646,456	8.
Shaw Communications, 8.50%, Series B (COPrS) (a)....		173,500	4,332,295	8.
			7,978,751	
DIVERSIFIED SERVICES	0.57%			
AOL Time Warner, 7.625%, Series A-1 (CABCO) (b).....		53,200	1,373,624	7.
Liberty Media Corp., 8.75% (CBTCS) (c).....		143,300	3,814,646	8.
Liberty Media Corp., 8.75% (PPLUS) (d).....		44,145	1,191,915	8.
Viacom, 7.25%, Senior Notes.....		16,500	436,095	6.

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			6,816,280	

TOTAL MEDIA.....			14,795,031	

MEDICAL -- HMO	0.05%			
Aetna, 8.50%, Senior Notes.....		23,800	644,266	7.

REAL ESTATE	6.20%			
Apartment Investment and Management Co., 8.00%, Series T.....		93,700	2,342,500	8.
CBL & Associates Properties, 7.75%, Series C.....		200,000	5,140,000	7.
CarrAmerica Realty Corp., 7.50%, Series E.....		300,000	7,590,000	7.
Cousins Properties, 7.75%, Series A.....		457,500	11,629,650	7.
Developers Diversified Realty Corp., 8.00%, Series G.....		88,700	2,328,375	7.
Glimcher Realty Trust, 8.75%, Series F.....		280,000	7,168,000	8.
Health Care REIT, 7.875%, Series D.....		100,000	2,550,000	7.
iStar Financial, 7.875%, Series E.....		400,000	10,180,000	7.
iStar Financial, 7.80%, Series F.....		168,000	4,242,000	7.
Mid-America Apartment Communities, 8.30%, Series H.....		690,600	18,024,660	7.
Mills Corp., 8.75%, Series E.....		100,000	2,645,000	8.

			73,840,185	

RETAIL -- DEPARTMENT STORE	0.41%			
Sears Roebuck Acceptance Corp., 7.00%, Notes.....		166,500	4,240,755	6.
Sears Roebuck Acceptance Corp., 7.40%, Notes.....		22,417	593,602	6.

			4,834,357	

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- (a) (COPrS) Canadian Origin Preferred Securities.
 - (b) (CABCO) Corporate Assets Backed Corporation.
 - (c) (CBTCS) Corporate Backed Trust Certificates.
 - (d) (PPLUS) Preferred Plus Trust.

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TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES	1.42%			
Centaur Funding Corp., 9.08%.....		11,028	\$ 12,802,685	7.
Telephone & Data Systems, 7.60%, Series A.....		156,000	4,110,600	7.
			16,913,285	
TELEPHONE -- INTEGRATED	0.10%			
Bellsouth Telecommunications, 6.75% (CABCO) (a).....		3,700	93,906	6.
Bellsouth Telecommunications, 7.00% (CBTCS) (b).....		7,300	190,895	6.
Bellsouth Telecommunications, 7.00% (CORTS) (c).....		2,000	53,500	6.
Bellsouth Telecommunications, 7.125% (SATURNS) (d)..		2,600	67,132	6.
Verizon Global Funding Trust, 7.75% (CBTCS) (b).....		2,000	54,000	7.
Verizon Global Trust, 7.375% (CORTS) (c).....		4,600	123,510	6.
Verizon New England, 7.00% (QUIBS) (e).....		11,900	315,707	6.
Verizon South, 7.00%, Series F.....		10,200	270,402	6.
			1,169,052	
TOTAL PREFERRED SECURITIES -- \$25 PAR VALUE				
(Identified cost -- \$252,929,000).....			257,092,287	
PREFERRED SECURITIES -- CAPITAL TRUST	22.75%			
BANK	2.35%			
Astoria Capital Trust I, 9.75%, due 11/1/29,				
Series B.....		12,500,000	14,750,000	8.
BankBoston Capital Trust II, 7.75%, due 12/15/26...		1,500,000	1,692,150	6.
BT Capital Trust B, 7.90%, due 1/15/27.....		365,000	406,618	7.
Great Western Financial Trust II, 8.206%, due				
2/1/27, Series A.....		5,232,000	6,013,305	7.
NB Capital Trust IV, 8.25%, due 4/15/27.....		570,000	679,474	6.
Republic New York Capital I, 7.75%, due 11/15/26				
(TruPS) (f).....		1,000,000	1,105,193	7.
Sky Financial Capital Trust I, 9.75%, due 5/1/30,				
Series B.....		3,000,000	3,359,355	8.
			28,006,095	

- (a) (CABCO) Corporate Assets Backed Corporation.
 (b) (CBTCS) Corporate Backed Trust Certificates.
 (c) (CORTS) Corporate Backed Trust Securities.
 (d) (SATURNS) Structured Asset Trust Unit Repackagings.
 (e) (QUIBS) Quarterly Interest Bonds.
 (f) (TruPS) Trust Preferred Securities.

SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS -- (CONTINUED)
SEPTEMBER 30, 2003 (UNAUDITED)

	NUMBER OF SHARES	VALUE	DIVI YIE
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BANK -- FOREIGN			
7.23%			
BNP Paribas Capital Trust V, 7.20%.....	12,000,000	\$ 12,368,040	6.
CA Preferred Fund Trust, 7.00%, due 1/29/49 (Eurobond).....	25,700,000	25,947,285	6.
HBOS Capital Funding LP, 6.85%.....	19,500,000	19,546,781	6.
HSBC Capital Funding LP, 10.176%.....	9,680,000	14,539,360	6.
RBS Capital Trust B, 6.80%.....	13,700,000	13,733,866	6.

		86,135,332	

ELECTRIC -- INTEGRATED			
1.07%			
Dominion Resources Capital Trust III, 8.40%, due 1/15/31.....	10,421,000	12,767,257	6.

FINANCE			
4.13%			
CREDIT CARD			
0.18%			
MBNA Capital, 8.278%, due 12/1/26, Series A.....	2,000,000	2,167,806	7.

DIVERSIFIED FINANCIAL SERVICES			
1.99%			
Old Mutual Capital Funding, 8.00%, due 5/29/49 (Eurobond).....	23,500,000	23,676,250	7.

INVESTMENT BANKER/BROKER			
0.85%			
Chase Capital I, 7.67%, due 12/1/06.....	2,519,000	2,817,862	6.
JPM Capital Trust II, 7.95%, due 2/27/07.....	6,400,000	7,289,235	6.

		10,107,097	

MORTGAGE LOAN/BROKER			
1.11%			
Countrywide Capital III, 8.05%, due 6/15/27, Series B (SKIS) (a).....	11,285,000	13,295,874	6.

TOTAL FINANCE.....		49,247,027	

INSURANCE			
7.02%			
BROKERS			
0.53%			
Aon Capital Trust A, 8.205%, due 1/1/27.....	5,500,000	6,319,395	7.

LIFE/HEALTH			
0.35%			
AmerUS Capital, 8.85%, due 2/1/27, Series A.....	4,000,000	4,203,392	8.

MULTI-LINE			
5.67%			
AXA, 7.10%, due 5/29/49 (Eurobond).....	25,000,000	25,053,750	7.
GenAmerica Capital I, 8.525%, due 6/30/27.....	10,000,000	11,300,060	7.
USF&G Capital, 8.312%, due 7/1/46.....	2,000,000	2,137,170	7.
Zurich Capital Trust I, 8.376%, due 6/1/37.....	25,212,000	28,991,657	7.

		67,482,637	

 (a) (SKIS) Subordinated Capital Income Securities.

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 COHEN & STEERS REIT AND PREFERRED INCOME FUND, INC.

SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS -- (CONTINUED)
 SEPTEMBER 30, 2003 (UNAUDITED)

	NUMBER OF SHARES	VALUE	DIVI YIE
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PROPERTY/CASUALITY			
0.47%			
W.R. Berkley Capital Trust, 8.197% due 12/15/45....	5,100,000	\$ 5,582,144	7.

TOTAL INSURANCE.....		83,587,568	

PIPELINES			
0.95%			
K N Capital Trust I, 8.56%, due 4/15/27 (TruPS) (a).	9,513,000	11,266,094	7.

TOTAL PREFERRED SECURITIES -- CAPITAL TRUST (Identified cost -- \$263,966,314).....		271,009,373	

CORPORATE BOND			
5.62%			
AUTOMOTIVE			
4.33%			
Ford Holdings, 9.30%, due 3/1/30.....	\$ 2,500,000	\$ 2,676,998	
Ford Motor Co., 9.98%, due 2/15/47.....	14,400,000	16,078,032	
General Motors Corp., 7.375%, due 5/23/48.....	18,500,000	17,132,924	
General Motors Corp, 8.25%, due 7/15/23.....	15,000,000	15,725,550	

		51,613,504	

MEDIA -- DIVERSIFIED SERVICES			
1.20%			
Liberty Media, 8.25%, due 2/1/30.....	12,250,000	14,231,389	

REAL ESTATE			
0.09%			
Highwoods/Forsyth Limited Partnership, 7.50%, due 4/15/18.....	1,000,000	1,034,604	

TOTAL CORPORATE BOND (Identified cost -- \$64,029,651).....		66,879,497	

 (a) (TruPS) Trust Preferred Securities.

 COHEN & STEERS REIT AND PREFERRED INCOME FUND, INC.

SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS -- (CONTINUED)
 SEPTEMBER 30, 2003 (UNAUDITED)

	PRINCIPAL AMOUNT	VALUE
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COMMERCIAL PAPER		
American General Financial Corp., 0.90% due 10/1/03.....	50,000,000	50,000,000
BNP Paribas Financial, 0.90% due 10/1/03.....	50,000,000	50,000,000
General Electric Capital Corp., 0.90% due 10/1/03.....	1,969,000	1,969,000
San Paolo U.S. Finance Co., 0.90% due 10/1/03.....	50,000,000	50,000,000
State Street Boston Corp., 0.90% due 10/1/03...	50,000,000	50,000,000
UBS Financial, 0.90% due 10/1/03.....	50,000,000	50,000,000
TOTAL COMMERCIAL PAPER (Identified cost -- \$251,969,000).....		----- 251,969,000
TOTAL INVESTMENTS (Identified cost -- \$1,767,784,704)		1,826,287,813
LIABILITIES IN EXCESS OF OTHER ASSETS		(15,284,779)
LIQUIDATION VALUE OF TAXABLE AUCTION MARKET PREFERRED SHARES: SERIES M7, SERIES T7, SERIES W7, SERIES TH7, SERIES F7 (Equivalent to \$25,000 per share based on 3,280 shares outstanding per class), SERIES W28A, SERIES W28B AND SERIES W28C (Equivalent to \$25,000 per share based on 2,800 shares outstanding per class) ...	(52.06)%	(620,000,000)
NET ASSETS -- COMMON STOCK (Equivalent to \$24.68 per share based on 48,251,666 shares of capital stock outstanding)	100.00%	----- \$1,191,003,034 -----
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SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS -- (CONTINUED)
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NOTE 1. INVESTMENTS IN INTEREST RATE SWAPS

The fund has entered into interest rate swap transactions with UBS AG and Royal Bank of Canada. Under the agreements, the fund receives a floating rate of interest and pays a respective fixed rate of interest on the nominal values of the swaps. Details of the interest rate swap transactions as of September 30, 2003 are as follows:

COUNTERPARTY	NOTIONAL AMOUNT	FIXED RATE	FLOATING RATE (a) (RESET MONTHLY)	TERMINATION DATE	U DE
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Royal Bank of Canada....	\$58,125,000	3.3980%	1.1200%	8/27/2007	\$ (
Royal Bank of Canada....	43,250,000	3.4525%	1.1200%	9/16/2008	
UBS AG.....	58,125,000	2.8325%	1.1200%	8/25/2006	
UBS AG.....	58,125,000	3.9900%	1.1200%	8/25/2009	(
UBS AG.....	58,125,000	4.3975%	1.1200%	8/25/2010	(
UBS AG.....	58,125,000	4.5950%	1.1200%	8/25/2011	(

					\$ (

 (a) Based on LIBOR (London Interbank Offered Rate).

 COHEN & STEERS REIT AND PREFERRED INCOME FUND, INC.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS (a)
 SEPTEMBER 30, 2003 (UNAUDITED)

	TOTAL NET ASSETS	NET ASSET VALUE PER SHARE
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NET ASSET VALUE:		
Beginning of period: 6/27/03.....	\$ 100,275	\$23.88
Net investment income.....	\$ 17,697,425	\$ 0.30
Net realized and unrealized gain on investments and interest rate swap transactions.....	48,266,370	1.07
Offering and organization costs charged to paid in capital -- common shares.....	(2,409,500)	(0.05)
Offering and organization costs charged to paid in capital -- preferred shares.....	(7,185,000)	(0.16)
Distributions from net investment income to:		
Common shareholders.....	(16,395,797)	(0.34)
Preferred shareholders.....	(982,733)	(0.02)

Capital stock transactions:		
Sold.....	1,150,536,250	
Distributions reinvested.....	1,375,744	

Net increase in net asset value.....	1,190,902,759	0.80
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End of period: 9/30/03.....	\$1,191,003,034	\$24.68
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AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (b)
 (PERIOD ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2003) (UNAUDITED)

SINCE INCEPTION
 (6/27/03)

 4.83%

REINVESTMENT PLAN

We urge shareholders who want to take advantage of this plan and whose shares are held in 'Street Name' to consult your broker as soon as possible to determine if you must change registration into your own name to participate.

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 23(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 that the fund may purchase, from time to time, shares of its common stock in the open market.

(a) Financial information included in this report has been taken from the records of the fund without examination by independent accountants.

(b) Based on net asset value.

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COHEN & STEERS REIT AND PREFERRED INCOME FUND, INC.

MEET THE COHEN & STEERS FAMILY OF OPEN-END FUNDS:

FOR HIGH CURRENT INCOME:

COHEN & STEERS
EQUITY INCOME FUND LOGO
IDEAL FOR INVESTORS SEEKING A HIGH DIVIDEND
YIELD AND CAPITAL APPRECIATION, INVESTING
PRIMARILY IN REITS
A, B, C AND I SHARES AVAILABLE
SYMBOLS: CSEIX, CSBIX, CSCIX,
CSDIX

FOR TOTAL RETURN:

COHEN & STEERS
REALTY SHARES LOGO
IDEAL FOR INVESTORS SEEKING MAXIMUM TOTAL
RETURN THROUGH BOTH CURRENT INCOME AND
CAPITAL APPRECIATION, INVESTING PRIMARILY
IN REITS
SYMBOL: CSRSX

FOR CAPITAL APPRECIATION:

COHEN & STEERS
SPECIAL EQUITY FUND LOGO
IDEAL FOR INVESTORS SEEKING MAXIMUM CAPITAL
APPRECIATION, INVESTING IN A LIMITED NUMBER
OF REITS AND OTHER REAL ESTATE COMPANIES
CONCENTRATED, HIGHLY FOCUSED PORTFOLIO
SYMBOL: CSSPX

FOR TOTAL RETURN:

COHEN & STEERS
INSTITUTIONAL REALTY SHARES LOGO
IDEAL FOR INVESTORS SEEKING MAXIMUM TOTAL
RETURN THROUGH BOTH CURRENT INCOME AND
CAPITAL APPRECIATION, INVESTING PRIMARILY
IN REITS
OFFERS LOW TOTAL EXPENSE RATIO
HIGHER MINIMUM PURCHASE REQUIRED
SYMBOL: CSRIX

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THE PROSPECTUS CONTAINS MORE INFORMATION ABOUT EACH FUND INCLUDING ALL CHARGES AND EXPENSES,
AND SHOULD BE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE YOU INVEST.

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