

Virtus Global Multi-Sector Income Fund Institutes Managed Distribution Plan, Announces 20 Percent Increase in Distribution Rate, Declares Distributions

HARTFORD, Conn., March 4, 2015 /PRNewswire/ -- [Virtus Global Multi-Sector Income Fund](#) (NYSE: VGI), a diversified closed-end fund, today announced that it will institute a managed distribution plan and, with the adoption of the plan, will increase its monthly distribution rate by 20 percent from the previous month's distribution. The fund is undertaking these actions to enhance shareholder value by both providing a more attractive distribution rate and furthering its efforts to reduce the current discount to which its shares trade relative to their net asset value ("NAV").

The fund's adoption of the managed distribution plan and its increased distribution rate are attributable, in part, to the implementation of the fund's option overlay strategy that was adopted in 2014. Newfleet Asset Management, the subadviser to VGI, utilizes an option overlay strategy that purchases and sells puts and calls with the objective of monetizing the volatility inherent in the equity market.

Under the terms of the fund's managed distribution policy, the fund will seek to maintain a consistent distribution level that may be paid in part or in full from net investment income and realized capital gains, or a combination thereof. Shareholders should note, however, that if the fund's aggregate net investment income and net realized capital gains are less than the amount of the distribution level, the difference will be distributed from the Fund's assets and will constitute a return of the shareholder's capital. A return of capital is not taxable; rather it reduces a shareholder's tax basis in his or her shares of the fund.

The fund announced the following monthly distributions:

Amount of Distribution	Ex-Date	Record Date	Payable Date
\$0.156	April 9, 2015	April 13, 2015	April 20, 2015
\$0.156	May 7, 2015	May 11, 2015	May 18, 2015
\$0.156	June 9, 2015	June 11, 2015	June 18, 2015

The fund provided this estimate of the sources of the distributions:

Distribution Estimates (Sources)	February 2015 (MTD)		Year-to-date (YTD) ⁽¹⁾	
	Per Share Amount	Percentage of Current Distribution	Per Share Amount	Percentage of Current Distribution
Net Investment Income	\$ 0.097	74.2%	\$ 0.175	67.1%
Net Realized Short-Term Capital Gains	-	0.0%	0.024	9.3%
Net Realized Long-Term Capital Gains	0.013	10.1%	0.013	5.1%
Return of Capital (or other Capital Source)	0.020	15.7%	0.048	18.5%
Total Distribution	\$ 0.130	100.0%	\$ 0.260	100.0%

⁽¹⁾ YTD February 2, 2015 to January 11, 2016. (The distribution paid on January 9, 2015 was reportable for tax on Form 1099 in 2014.)

The amounts and sources of distributions reported in this notice are estimates only and are not being provided for tax reporting purposes. The actual amounts and sources of the distributions will depend on the fund's investment experience during the remainder of its fiscal year and may be subject to changes based on tax regulations. The fund will send shareholders a Form 1099-DIV for the calendar year that will tell shareholders what distributions to report for federal income tax purposes.

Information regarding the fund's performance and distribution rates is set forth below. Please note that all performance figures are based on the fund's NAV and not the market price of the fund's shares. Performance

figures are not meant to represent individual shareholder performance.

As of February 27, 2015	
Average Annual Total Return on NAV since inception ⁽²⁾	7.60%
Current Fiscal YTD Annualized Distribution Rate ⁽³⁾	8.56%
YTD Cumulative Total Return on NAV ⁽⁴⁾	3.70%
YTD Cumulative Distribution Rate ⁽⁵⁾	1.43%

⁽²⁾ Average Annual Total Return on NAV is the annual compound return from the commencement of the fund's operations on February 23, 2012. It reflects the change in the fund's NAV and reinvestment of all distributions.

⁽³⁾ Current Fiscal YTD Annualized Distribution Rate is the cumulative distribution rate annualized as a percentage of the fund's NAV at month end.

⁽⁴⁾ YTD Cumulative Total Return on NAV is the percentage change in the fund's NAV from the first day of the year to this month end, including distributions paid and assuming reinvestment of those distributions.

⁽⁵⁾ YTD Cumulative Distribution Rate is the dollar value of distributions from the first day of the year to this month end as a percentage of the fund's NAV at month end.

About the fund

The [Virtus Global Multi-Sector Income Fund](#) seeks to maximize current income while preserving capital by giving investors an opportunity to benefit from broadly diversified holdings across the major domestic and international fixed-income sectors. It is managed by Newfleet Asset Management, LLC, an affiliated manager of Virtus Investment Partners, Inc. that specializes in multi-sector fixed income investing. For more information on the fund, contact shareholder services at (866) 270-7788, by email at closedendfunds@virtus.com, or through the [closed end fund section](#) on the web at www.virtus.com.

An investment in the fund is subject to risk. The fund's shares may be worth less than what an investor paid for them when they are sold. The options strategy may not be successful in its objective of increasing distributable income while limiting the risk of loss and could result in increased losses for investors.

About Newfleet Asset Management

[Newfleet Asset Management](#), an affiliated manager of Virtus Investment Partners, provides comprehensive fixed income portfolio management in multiple strategies. The Newfleet Multi-Sector Strategies team that manages the Virtus Global Multi-Sector Income Fund leverages the knowledge and skill of investment professionals with expertise in every sector of the bond market, including evolving, specialized, and out-of-favor sectors. The team employs active sector rotation and disciplined risk management to portfolio construction, avoiding interest rate bets and remaining duration neutral to each strategy's stated benchmark.

About Virtus Investment Partners

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