# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLORADO

Civil Action No. 09-cv-1186-JLK-KMT IN RE: CORE BOND FUND

## NOTICE OF PENDENCY AND PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF CLASS ACTION FOR IDENTIFIED PURCHASERS

YOU HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS HAVING PURCHASED OR OTHERWISE ACQUIRED SHARES OF THE OPPENHEIMER CORE BOND FUND, A SERIES OF OPPENHEIMER INTEGRITY FUNDS (THE "CORE BOND FUND"), DURING THE PERIOD FROM APRIL 30, 2007 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2008, INCLUSIVE. YOU COULD RECEIVE A PAYMENT FROM A CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT.

A federal court authorized this Notice. This is not a solicitation from a lawyer. Your legal rights will be affected whether or not you act. Please read this Notice carefully.

**Securities and Time Period:** Core Bond Fund shares purchased or acquired during the period from April 30, 2007 through December 31, 2008, inclusive.

**Settlement Fund:** \$47,500,000 in cash. Your recovery will depend on the amount of shares purchased or acquired (including shares acquired through the reinvestment of dividends) and the timing of those purchases or acquisitions, and any sales. Depending on the number and type of shares of Class Members (defined below) that participate in the settlement and when those shares were acquired and sold, the estimated average recovery per share will be approximately \$0.46 per share using a damages analysis under Section 11 of the Securities Act of 1933 ("Securities Act") and \$0.47 per share using a damages analysis under Section 12 of the Securities Act—assuming that all eligible shares participate in the settlement.

The enclosed Record of Fund Transactions from April 30, 2007 to December 31, 2008 lists the Core Bond Fund shares you acquired and sold between April 30, 2007 and December 31, 2008 and estimates your Recognized Losses, pursuant to the proposed method for calculating your share of the settlement (see page 5 below). The settlement does not provide for payments regarding Core Bond Fund shares you acquired after December 31, 2008. If you believe the Record of Fund Transactions is incorrect or incomplete, please contact the Claims Administrator as described below.

**Reasons for Settlement:** The core of Lead Plaintiff's case is that the registration statements and prospectuses issued by the Core Bond Fund during the period between April 30, 2007 and December 31, 2008 ("Disclosure Documents") allegedly represented the Core Bond Fund as a "broadly diversified portfolio" that was designed to "seek total return and reduce share price volatility" and was focused "mainly on U.S. government securities and investment-grade debt securities." Lead Plaintiff alleges that the Disclosure Documents misrepresented the riskiness of investments in the Core Bond Fund when they acquired positions in leveraged derivative investments, such as credit default swaps, total return swaps and mortgage-backed securities. As strongly as Lead Plaintiff and Lead Counsel believed in their case, there were significant risks of pursuing this case to trial. For instance, Defendants: (i) denied having any liability to Lead Plaintiff or to the members of the Class (defined below) and argued that language in the Disclosure Documents put Class Members on notice of the risks associated with the Core Bond Fund's investments in derivatives and mortgage-backed securities; (ii) argued that the financial crisis was unprecedented and caught even the most sophisticated financial firms by surprise, thus any undisclosed risks were unforeseeable, no misrepresentations were made, and no statements, acts, or omissions by Defendants were the cause of any harm to Lead Plaintiff or Class Members; and (iii) disputed the amount of alleged damages and would use their own experts at trial to argue that the alleged damages were not related to the misrepresentations alleged in the case.

It is impossible to predict how a jury might resolve this case. Settlement avoids the uncertainty of a jury trial, the costs and risks associated with continued litigation, including the danger of no recovery, and provides a substantial benefit to the Class now.

If the Case Had Not Settled: The settlement must be compared to the risk of no recovery after contested motions, trial and likely appeals. While Lead Counsel was prepared to go to trial and was confident about the claims, a trial is a risky proposition and Lead Plaintiff might not have prevailed. The claims in this case involve numerous complex legal and factual issues that would require extensive expert testimony. Even if Defendants' liability was proven at trial, the two sides do not agree about, among other things: (1) the amount of alleged damages, if any, that could be recovered at trial; (2) the other causes, if any, of the losses to the Core Bond Fund during the relevant period; (3) the proper measure of alleged damages; and (4) the extent that various facts alleged by Lead Plaintiff influenced the net asset value of the Core Bond Fund during the relevant period.

Attorneys' Fees and Expenses: Lead Counsel have not received any payment for their work investigating the facts, conducting this case and negotiating the settlement on behalf of Lead Plaintiff and the Class. Court-appointed Lead Counsel will ask the Court for attorneys' fees of up to 18.5 percent of the Settlement Fund, which will include accrued interest, in addition to reimbursement of Lead Counsel's litigation expenses in an amount not to exceed \$650,000, plus interest. In addition, Lead Plaintiff has incurred lost wages and expenses directly related to the representation of the Class for which he may seek reimbursement not to exceed \$50,000. If the Court approves these fee and expense applications in full, the average amount of fees and expenses per allegedly damaged share of the Core Bond Fund will be approximately \$0.007 per share. This amount will vary depending on the number of eligible claims submitted.

#### YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS AND OPTIONS IN THIS SETTLEMENT:

REQUEST EXCLUSION BY AUGUST 31, 2011	You may ask to be excluded from the Class. If you exclude yourself from the Class, you will get no payment. This is the only option that allows you to participate in or continue with another lawsuit, including an arbitration, against the Defendants or Released Defendant Parties relating to the legal claims in this case ("Released Claims"), see the full Release at page 9 enclosed in this packet.
OBJECT BY AUGUST 31, 2011	You may write to the Court if you do not like this settlement, the Plan of Allocation, or Lead Counsel's request for attorneys' fees and expenses.
GO TO THE SETTLEMENT HEARING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2011	You may ask to speak in Court about the fairness of the settlement, the proposed Plan of Allocation, or Lead Counsel's request for attorneys' fees and reimbursement of expenses.
DO NOTHING	You may choose to do nothing and receive a check if the settlement is approved.

- Your legal rights are affected whether you act or don't act. Read this Notice carefully.
- These rights and options and the deadlines to exercise them are explained in this Notice.
- The Court in charge of this case must decide whether to approve the settlement. Payments will be made if the Court approves the settlement and, if there are any appeals, after appeals are resolved. Please be patient.

#### More Information:

For more information please refer to the settlement website at <u>www.OppenheimerCoreSettlement.com</u> or contact the Claims Administrator or Lead Counsel at:

Claims Administrator:

Lead Counsel:

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#### **BASIC INFORMATION**

# 1. Why Did I Receive This Notice?

You or someone in your family may have acquired Oppenheimer Core Bond Fund shares during the period from April 30, 2007 through December 31, 2008, inclusive, through purchase of such shares or a dividend reinvestment in the Core Bond Fund.

The Court has certified a class in this case for purposes of the settlement. You received this Notice package by order of the Court, because you have a right to know about the class action and a proposed settlement of the lawsuit, and about all of your options, before the Court decides whether to approve the settlement. If the Court approves it, and after any objections or appeals are resolved, the Claims Administrator appointed by the Court will make the payments that the settlement allows.

This package explains the case, the settlement, your legal rights, what benefits are available, who is eligible for them, and how to get them.

The Court in charge of the case is the United States District Court for the District of Colorado, and the case is known as *In re: Core Bond Fund*, Case No. 09-cv-1186-JLK-KMT. The person who sued, Dr. C. Phillip Pattison, is called the Lead Plaintiff, and the companies and individuals he sued -- OppenheimerFunds, Inc. ("OFI"), OppenheimerFunds Distributor, Inc., Oppenheimer Integrity Funds ("OIF"), John V. Murphy, Brian W. Wixted, William L. Armstrong, Robert G. Avis, George C. Bowen, Edward L. Cameron, Jon S. Fossel, Sam Freedman, Beverly L. Hamilton, Robert J. Malone and F. William Marshall, Jr. -- are called the Defendants.

## 2. What Is This Case About?

This case was brought as a class action alleging that the Disclosure Documents made false and misleading statements and omissions regarding the investment profile and objectives of the Core Bond Fund. Lead Plaintiff alleges that Defendants violated federal law in registering, marketing and selling the Core Bond Fund as a "broadly diversified portfolio" that was designed to "seek total return and reduce share price volatility" and was focused "mainly on U.S. government securities and investment-grade debt securities." Lead Plaintiff alleges that the Core Bond Fund was not "broadly diversified" and designed to "reduce share volatility" and focused "mainly on U.S. government securities and investment-grade debt securities." Lead Plaintiff alleges that the Core Bond Fund was not "broadly diversified" and designed to "reduce share volatility" and focused "mainly on U.S. government securities and investment-grade debt securities, making the Core Bond Fund much riskier than represented. Lead Plaintiff alleges that eventually the true risks presented by the assets held by the Core Bond Fund were revealed, resulting in losses to Core Bond Fund investors. Defendants deny that they did anything wrong and argue that any and all risks associated with the Core Bond Fund's investments were fully and fairly disclosed, that any undisclosed risks were unforeseeable, that all of the alleged damages were the result of an unprecedented financial crisis, and that Lead Plaintiff and the Class Members cannot recover alleged damages from Defendants.

## 3. Why Is This a Class Action?

In a class action, one or more people called class representatives (in this case the Court-appointed Lead Plaintiff, Dr. C. Phillip Pattison) sue on behalf of people who have similar claims. All these people are called the Class or Class Members. One court resolves the issues for all Class Members, except for those who exclude themselves from the Class. Judge John L. Kane of the District of Colorado, in Denver, Colorado, is in charge of this class action. The Court determined, for purposes of settlement only, that everyone who fits the following description is a member of the Class:

All persons and entities who purchased or otherwise acquired shares of the Core Bond Fund during the period from April 30, 2007 through December 31, 2008, inclusive, and who were damaged thereby. Excluded from the Class are Defendants; Oppenheimer's Officers and Directors; members of Defendants' immediate families; Defendants' legal representatives, heirs, successors, or assigns; any entity in which Defendants have or had a controlling interest; any mutual fund or account managed by OFI or its affiliates (including without limitation "funds of funds") that owned shares of Core Bond Fund; and any 529 College Savings Plan. Also excluded from the Class are any proposed Class Members who properly exclude themselves by filing a valid and timely request for exclusion in accordance with the requirements set forth in this Notice.

## 4. Why Is There a Settlement?

The Court did not decide in favor of Lead Plaintiff or Defendants. Instead, both sides agreed to a settlement. The Lead Plaintiff and their attorneys think the settlement is best for all Class Members.

Defendants claim that the Disclosure Documents fully disclosed any and all risks presented by all of the Core Bond Fund's investments, including the derivatives challenged by Lead Plaintiff. Further, Defendants claim that any risks that were not disclosed in the Disclosure Documents were unforeseeable and that only an unprecedented economic crisis that few people in the country foresaw caused the loss in the Core Bond Fund's share value.

Lead Counsel engaged in three separate mediation sessions, with a former federal judge as mediator. The mediations and Lead Counsel's experiences indicated that there were substantial risks to Lead Plaintiff continuing the case through trial and that a settlement was in the best interests of all Class Members. The case was settled in conjunction with a related action involving the Oppenheimer Champion Income Fund for a joint settlement amount of \$100 million. That sum was allocated between the two cases by the mediator after considering positions advanced by independent counsel representing, respectively, the Class here and a class of Champion Income Fund shareholders. The mediator's decision provided that \$47,500,000 would be allocated to the Core Bond Fund Class.

#### WHO IS IN THE SETTLEMENT

To see if you will receive money from this settlement, you first have to determine if you are a Class Member.

#### 5. How Do I Know if I Am Part of the Settlement?

The Class includes all persons and entities who purchased or acquired shares of the Core Bond Fund during the period from April 30, 2007 through December 31, 2008, inclusive, and who were damaged thereby.

#### 6. What Are The Exceptions to Being Included?

Excluded from the Class are Defendants; Oppenheimer's Officers and Directors; members of Defendants' immediate families; Defendants' legal representatives, heirs, successors, or assigns; any entity in which Defendants have or had a controlling interest; any mutual fund or account managed by OFI or its affiliates (including without limitation "funds of funds") that owned shares of Core Bond Fund; and any 529 College Savings Plan. Also excluded from the Class are any proposed Class Members who properly exclude themselves by filing a valid and timely request for exclusion in accordance with the requirements set forth in this Notice.

If you sold Core Bond Fund shares between April 30, 2007 through December 31, 2008, that does not make you a Class Member. You are a Class Member only if you purchased or acquired Core Bond Fund shares between April 30, 2007 through December 31, 2008 (including acquisitions through dividend reinvestments) and were damaged thereby.

#### 7. I'm Still Not Sure if I Am Included

If you are still not sure whether you are included, you can ask for free help. You can contact the Claims Administrator at the toll free number: 1-877-845-3575 or via email at info@oppenheimercoresettlement.com or visit <a href="https://www.OppenheimerCoreSettlement.com">www.OppenheimerCoreSettlement.com</a> for more information.

#### **REQUESTING EXCLUSION**

## 8. How Do I Request to Be Excluded From the Class?

If you are a member of the Class but you do not want a payment from this settlement, but you want to keep the right to sue or continue to sue the Released Defendant Parties (defined below) on your own about issues that relate to the Lead Plaintiff's allegations in this case, see the Released Claims (defined below), then you must take steps to get out of the Class. This is called excluding yourself and is sometimes referred to as "opting out" of the Class.

You may choose to exclude yourself from this class action at this time. In order to properly exclude yourself, your written exclusion must be postmarked no later than August 31, 2011. If you request exclusion, you will <u>NOT</u> receive any benefits under the proposed settlement. You cannot object to the settlement if you exclude yourself.

In order to be valid, your request for exclusion must: (i) set forth the name, address, and telephone number of the person or entity requesting exclusion; (ii) state that the person or entity "requests exclusion from the Class in *In re: Core Bond Fund*, Case No. 09-cv-1186-JLK-KMT;" (iii) be signed and dated by such person or entity; (iv) state the name of the broker at which such person or entity held Core Bond Fund shares, if any; (v) state the date, number and share price of each Core Bond Fund share

purchase and sale made during the period from April 30, 2007 through December 31, 2008, inclusive, and the dollar amount of dividends earned thereon, through December 31, 2008 or the date of sale of such shares, if earlier; (vi) state the number of Core Bond Fund shares that the person or entity held on April 29, 2007, and (vii) be postmarked no later than August 31, 2011. Requests for exclusion must be mailed to the following address:

## Oppenheimer Core Bond Securities Litigation Exclusions c/o Claims Administrator P.O. Box 2838 Portland, OR 97208-2838

Please keep a copy of everything you send by mail, in case it is lost or destroyed during shipping.

You cannot exclude yourself on the phone or by email. Do not request exclusion if you wish to participate in this lawsuit as a Class Member. If you exclude yourself from this lawsuit, you will not be affected by any decisions in this case, and you will not be entitled to share in the settlement. If you have brought or intend to bring your own arbitration or lawsuit against any of the Released Defendant Parties (described below), you should speak to a lawyer **immediately**. You must exclude yourself from *this* Class to continue your own lawsuit or arbitration.

If you do not request exclusion from this Class, you will be considered a Member of the Class, will be bound by the terms of the proposed settlement and you **will not** be able to pursue your own individual legal action based upon the claims that are being released in the settlement (described below).

#### THE SETTLEMENT BENEFITS - WHAT YOU GET

#### 9. What Does the Settlement Provide?

Defendants have agreed to pay \$47,500,000 million in cash. The balance of this fund after payment of Court-approved attorneys' fees and expenses and the costs of settlement administration, including the costs of printing and mailing this Notice, (the "Net Settlement Fund") will be divided among all eligible Class Members.

#### 10. How Much Will My Payment Be?

Your share of the Net Settlement Fund will depend on the number of Class Members, how many Core Bond Fund shares Class Members acquired during the relevant period, and when you acquired and sold Core Bond Fund shares. The enclosed Record of Fund Transactions from April 30, 2007 through December 31, 2008 lists the Core Bond Fund shares you acquired and sold between April 30, 2007 and December 31, 2008. If you believe the Record of Fund Transactions is incorrect or incomplete, you must contact the Claims Administrator as described below in Question 11.

It is anticipated that the Net Settlement Fund available for distribution will be less than the total losses or damages alleged to be suffered by Class Members. As a result, the Net Settlement Fund will be distributed *pro rata* to Class Members, based upon their "Recognized Losses" as that term is described below, whose payment from the Net Settlement Fund equals or exceeds \$10.00. The Claims Administrator will determine each Authorized Claimant's *pro rata* share of the Net Settlement Fund. The Distribution Plan is not intended to estimate the amount a Class Member might have been able to recover after a trial, nor is it intended to estimate the amount that will be paid to Authorized Claimants. The Plan is the basis upon which the Net Settlement Fund will be proportionately divided among all the Authorized Claimants. The Court will be asked to approve the Claims Administrator's determinations before the Net Settlement Fund is distributed to Authorized Claimants. The Court may approve the Distribution Plan with or without modifications agreed to among the Settling Parties, or another plan, without further notice to the Class.

#### **DISTRIBUTION PLAN**

Your share of the Net Settlement Fund will be calculated as the greater of your Section 11 Recognized Loss (subparagraph A, below) or Section 12 Recognized Loss (subparagraph B, below). This is called the "Distribution Plan."

The date of purchase or sale is the "contract" or "trade" date as distinguished from the "settlement" date.

For Class Members who held shares at the beginning of the Class Period or who made multiple purchases or sales during the Class Period, the first-in, first-out ("FIFO") method will be applied to such holdings, purchases and sales for purposes of calculating the Recognized Loss. Under the FIFO method, sales of shares during the Class Period will be matched, in chronological order, first against shares held at the beginning of the Class Period. The remaining sales of shares during the Class Period.

A Class Member will be eligible to receive a distribution from the Net Settlement Fund only if he or she has a net loss, after all profits from transactions in Core Bond Fund shares during the Class Period are subtracted from all losses.

A. <u>Section 11 Recognized Loss</u>. Pursuant to Section 11 of the Securities Act, 15 U.S.C. § 77k, for shares purchased between April 30, 2007 and December 31, 2008, and:

- (1) sold prior to December 31, 2008, a Class Member's Recognized Loss will be the lesser of (a) the Net Asset Value ("NAV") of the shares on the date of purchase minus the NAV on the date of sale; or (b) the NAV of the shares on the date of purchase minus \$6.12 (the NAV on December 31, 2008).
- (2) held as of the close of trading on December 31, 2008, a Class Member's Recognized Loss will be the NAV on the date of purchase minus \$6.12 (the NAV on December 31, 2008).
- (3) disposed of after December 31, 2008, a Class Member's Recognized Loss is calculated in the same way as for shares retained as of December 31, 2008.

B. <u>Section 12 Recognized Loss</u>. Pursuant to Section 12 of the Securities Act, 15 U.S.C. §771, for shares purchased between April 30, 2007 and December 31, 2008, and:

- (1) sold prior to December 31, 2008, a Class Member's Recognized Loss will be (a) the NAV on the date of purchase; (b) plus interest that could have been earned from the date of purchase through the date of sale at a rate equal to the weekly average/one year constant maturity Treasury yield, as published by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for the calendar week preceding the date of such purchase compounded annually ("Interest"); (c) less any dividends received from the date of purchase through the date of sale on those shares; and (d) less the NAV on the date of sale.
- (2) held as of December 31, 2008, a Class Member's Recognized Loss will be (a) the NAV on the date of purchase; (b) plus Interest that could have been earned from the date of purchase through December 31, 2008; (c) less any dividends received through December 31, 2008 on shares purchased between April 30, 2007 and December 31, 2008; and (d) less the NAV on December 31, 2008, which was \$6.12.
- (3) disposed of after December 31, 2008, the Recognized Loss is calculated in the same way as for shares retained as of December 31, 2008.

#### HOW YOU OBTAIN A PAYMENT

## 11. How Will I Obtain a Payment?

To qualify for payment, you must be a member of the Class. You do not need to submit a claim or a request for payment, because your transactions that may qualify for a share of the settlement have been obtained from Oppenheimer's transaction records. A list of those transactions, your Record of Fund Transactions, is enclosed with this Notice. If you believe the listed transactions are inaccurate, you **must** notify the Claims Administrator by the deadline stated in the Record of Fund Transactions. You may contact the Claims Administrator at 1-877-845-3575, by email at info@oppenheimercoresettlement.com, or visit the website at <u>www.OppenheimerCoreSettlement.com</u>. If you do nothing, your claim will be calculated based on the listed transactions.

## 12. When Will I Receive My Payment?

The Court will hold a hearing on September 30, 2011 to decide whether to approve the settlement. If Judge Kane approves the settlement, there may be appeals. It is always uncertain whether these appeals can be resolved, and resolving them can take time, perhaps several years. Please be patient. If the Court approves the Settlement, your check will be mailed to you – <u>YOU DO NOT NEED TO FILE A CLAIM FORM</u>.

## THE LAWYERS REPRESENTING YOU

## 13. Do I Have a Lawyer in This Case?

The Court appointed Labaton Sucharow LLP and Hagens Berman Sobol Shapiro LLP to represent you and other Class Members. These lawyers are called Lead Counsel. You will not be charged for these lawyers. If you want to be represented by your own lawyer, you may hire one at your own expense.

## 14. How Will the Lawyers Be Paid?

Lead Counsel will ask the Court for attorneys' fees of 18.5% of the Settlement Fund, which will include any accrued interest, and for reimbursement of litigation expenses advanced on behalf of Lead Plaintiff and the Class that will not exceed \$650,000, plus accrued interest. Such sums as may be approved by the Court will be paid from the Settlement Fund. Class Members are not personally liable for any such fees or expenses.

The attorneys' fees and expenses requested will be the only payment to Lead Counsel for their efforts in achieving this settlement and for their risk in undertaking this representation on a wholly contingent basis. To date, Lead Counsel have not been paid for their services in conducting this case on behalf of the Lead Plaintiff and the Class, nor for their substantial litigation expenses. The fee requested will compensate Lead Counsel for their work in achieving the Settlement Fund and is well within the range of fees awarded to class counsel under similar circumstances in other cases of this type. The Court may award less than this amount. Lead Counsel will file papers in support of their fee request on or before July 29, 2011 and post copies of such papers on the firms' websites (www.labaton.com and www.hbsslaw.com).

#### **RELEASE OF SETTLEMENT**

#### 15. Release

Your settlement check will have a release enclosed with it. A release means you cannot continue with or bring a lawsuit or action of any kind, including an arbitration, against the Released Defendant Parties (defined below) about issues that relate to the Lead Plaintiff's allegations in this case (see the Released Claims, defined below). The language of the release is attached to this Notice (see page 9 enclosed in this packet). Please read this release carefully because it affects your legal rights.

#### **OBJECTING TO THE SETTLEMENT**

You can tell the Court that you do not agree with the settlement or some part of it.

## 16. How Do I Tell the Court that I Do Not Like the Settlement?

If you are a Class Member, you can object to the settlement if you do not like any part of it, including the Distribution Plan and the request for attorneys' fees and expenses. You must timely state the reasons why you think the Court should not approve the settlement or anything related to it. The Court will consider your views. To object, you must send a letter saying that you object to the settlement in *"In re: Core Bond Fund*, Case No. 09-cv-1186-JLK-KMT." You must include your name, address, telephone number, your signature, the number of Core Bond Fund shares purchased and sold during the period from April 30, 2007 through December 31, 2008, inclusive, the reasons you object, and all supporting papers. Any objection must be postmarked no later than August 31, 2011 and mailed to:

Court:

Clerk of the Court Alfred A. Arraj United States Courthouse Room A105 901 19th Street Denver, Colorado 80294-3589

Counsel for Defendants:

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You can object **only if** you are a member of the Class. You cannot object if you are requesting to be excluded.

## THE COURT'S FAIRNESS HEARING

The Court will hold a hearing to decide whether to approve the settlement. You may attend and you may ask to speak, but you do not have to.

## 17. When and Where Will the Court Decide Whether to Approve the Settlement?

The Court will hold a settlement hearing at 1:30 p.m. on September 30, 2011 at the Alfred A. Arraj United States Courthouse, 901 19th Street, Denver, Colorado. At this hearing, the Court will consider whether the settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate. If there are objections, the Court will consider them. Judge John Kane will listen to people who have asked to speak at the hearing. The Court will also consider how much to pay to Lead Counsel. The Court may decide these issues at the hearing or take them under consideration. We do not know how long these decisions will take.

You should also be aware that the Court may change the date and time for the hearing without giving another notice to Class Members. If you want to attend, you should check the date and time with Lead Counsel.

# 18. Do I Have to Come to the Hearing?

No. Lead Counsel will answer any questions Judge Kane may have. But you are welcome to come at your own expense. If you send an objection, you do not have to come to Court to talk about it. As long as you mailed your written objection on time, the Court will consider it. If you want to be represented by your own lawyer at the hearing, you may hire one at your own expense.

## 19. May I Speak at the Hearing?

You may ask the Court for permission to speak at the settlement hearing. To do so, you must send a letter saying that it is your "intention to appear in *In re: Core Bond Fund*, Case No. 09-cv-1186-JLK-KMT." You must include your name, address, telephone number, your signature, and the number of Core Bond Fund shares purchased and sold during the period from April 30, 2007 through December 31, 2008, inclusive. If you intend to present evidence at the hearing, you must identify any witness you may call to testify and any exhibits you intend to introduce at the hearing in your notice. Your notice of intention to appear must be postmarked no later than August 31, 2011 and be sent to the Clerk of the Court, Lead Counsel, and Defendants' counsel, at the three addresses listed in Question 16. You cannot speak at the hearing if you have excluded yourself from the Class.

#### IF YOU DO NOTHING

## 20. What Happens if I Do Nothing at All?

If you do nothing, you remain a member of the Class. If certain conditions that are listed in the publicly-filed Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement (the "Stipulation") between Lead Plaintiff and Defendants are met and the Settlement becomes effective, the Claims Administrator will calculate your share of the settlement and send you a check of that amount if you are eligible. You will not be able to bring a lawsuit or action of any kind, including arbitration, continue with a lawsuit of any kind, including arbitration, or be part of any other lawsuit or arbitration against the Released Defendant Parties about the Released Claims, which are described in the Stipulation and in this Notice at page 9 enclosed in this packet.

#### **GETTING MORE INFORMATION**

## 21. Are There More Details About the Settlement?

This Notice summarizes the proposed settlement. More details are in the May 19, 2011 Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement. You can obtain a copy of the Stipulation by downloading a copy from these websites: www.OppenheimerCoreSettlement.com, www.labaton.com, www.hbsslaw.com or by writing to Jonathan M. Plasse, c/o Labaton Sucharow LLP, 140 Broadway, New York, NY 10005.

## 22. How Do I Get More Information?

You can contact the Claims Administrator by phone at 1-877-845-3575, by email at info@oppenheimercoresettlement.com, or visit the website at <u>www.OppenheimerCoreSettlement.com</u>.

#### PLEASE DO NOT TELEPHONE THE COURT REGARDING THIS NOTICE

Date: Denver, Colorado July 1, 2011 BY ORDER OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLORADO

#### RELEASE TO ACCOMPANY CHECK

You have received the enclosed check from the Claims Administrator in *In re: Core Bond Fund*, Case No. 09-cv-1186-JLK-KMT (District of Colorado) (the "Class Action"), because you have been identified as a member of the Class certified for the purposes of settlement only by the United States District Court for the District of Colorado. By cashing the enclosed check, you provide an additional release to all "Released Defendant Parties" from all "Released Claims." This Release is an "additional release" because the

\_\_\_\_\_ 2011 Judgment in *In re: Core Bond Fund* entered by the Court independently orders that you have released the Released Claims against the Released Defendant Parties.

"Released Claim(s)" means all claims, demands, rights, actions, suits, or causes of action of every nature and description, whether known or unknown (including Unknown Claims, as defined herein), whether the claims arise under federal, state, statutory, regulatory, common, foreign or other law, whether foreseen or unforeseen, and whether asserted individually, directly, representatively, derivatively, or in any other capacity, that the Releasing Plaintiff Parties: (1) asserted in the Complaint or the Action as against the Released Defendant Parties; (2) have asserted, could have asserted, or could assert in the future, in any forum against the Released Defendant Parties that are based upon, arise out of, or relate in any way to the facts, matters, transactions, allegations, claims, losses, damages, disclosures, filings, or statements set forth in the Complaint or at issue in the Action; or (3) have asserted, could have asserted, or could assert in the future relating to the prosecution, defense, or settlement of the Action as against the Released Defendant Parties. Released Claim(s) does not include: (1) claims to enforce the Settlement or (2) the rights of the Core Bond Fund in any derivative claim filed or asserted against the Released Defendant Parties prior to the date of this Stipulation.

"Released Defendant Parties" means (1) any and all of the Defendants and/or their current or former attorneys, auditors, officers, directors, employees, partners, subsidiaries, affiliates, related companies, parents, insurers, heirs, executors, representatives, predecessors, successors, assigns, trustees, or other individual or entity in which any Defendant has a controlling interest; and (2) broker-dealers or financial advisers of any Class Member. For the avoidance of doubt, OIF and the Core Bond Fund are included in the definition of Released Defendant Parties.

"Released Plaintiff Parties" means any and all of the Lead Plaintiff, Class Members, Lead Counsel, and their respective partners, employees, attorneys, heirs, executors, administrators, trustees, successors, predecessors, and assigns.

"Releasing Plaintiff Parties" means: (i) Lead Plaintiff; (ii) all Class Members; (iii) the Lead Plaintiff's and each Class Member's present or past heirs, executors, administrators, successors, assigns, and predecessors; and (iv) any person or entity who claims by, through, or on behalf of the Lead Plaintiff or any Class Member.

"Unknown Claims" means (i) any and all Released Claims that any of the Releasing Plaintiff Parties does not know or suspect to exist in his, her, or its favor at the time of the release of the Released Defendant Parties which, if known by him, her or it might have affected his, her, or its settlement with and release of the Released Defendant Parties, or might have affected his, her, or its decision(s) with respect to the Settlement (including the decision not to object or exclude himself, herself, or itself from the Settlement), and (ii) any Released Defendants' Claims that any Defendant does not know to exist in his, her, or its favor at the time of the release of the Released Plaintiff Parties, which, if known by him, her or it might have affected his, her, or its settlement with and release of the Released Plaintiff Parties, or might have affected his, her, or its decision(s) with respect to the Settlement. Moreover, with respect to any and all Released Claims and any and all Released Defendants' Claims, upon the Effective Date, the Releasing Plaintiff Parties and Defendants, respectively, shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the Final Judgment shall have, fully, finally, and expressly waived any and all provisions, rights, and benefits conferred by any law of any state or territory of the United States, or principle of common law, that is similar, comparable, or equivalent to California Civil Code § 1542, which provides:

#### A GENERAL RELEASE DOES NOT EXTEND TO CLAIMS WHICH THE CREDITOR DOES NOT KNOW OR SUSPECT TO EXIST IN HIS OR HER FAVOR AT THE TIME OF EXECUTING THE RELEASE, WHICH IF KNOWN BY HIM OR HER MUST HAVE MATERIALLY AFFECTED HIS OR HER SETTLEMENT WITH THE DEBTOR.

The Releasing Plaintiff Parties, or any one of them, may hereafter discover facts other than or different than those which he, she or it knows or believes to be true, but each of the Releasing Plaintiff Parties hereby expressly waives and fully, finally, and forever settles and releases, upon the Effective Date, any known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, contingent or non-contingent Released Claim. Likewise, the Defendants, or any one of them, may hereafter discover facts other than or different than those which he, she or it knows or believes to be true, but each of the Defendants hereby expressly waives and fully, finally, and forever settles and releases, upon the Effective Date, any known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, contingent or non-contingent Released Defendants' Claim. The Parties acknowledge that the inclusion of "Unknown Claims" in the definition of Released Claims and Released Defendants' Claims was separately bargained for and was a key element of the Settlement.