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FORT DEARBORN INCOME SECURITIES, INC.

NOTICE OF
ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS
DECEMBER 5, 2008

TO THE SHAREHOLDERS:

The annual meeting of shareholders of Fort Dearborn Income Securities, Inc. (the Fund) will be held on Friday, December 5, 2008 at 1:00 p.m., Central Time, at One North Wacker Drive, 38th Floor, Chicago, Illinois 60606 for the following purposes:

- (1) To elect four (4) directors to serve until the annual meeting of shareholders in 2009, or until their successors are elected and qualified or until they resign or are otherwise removed;
- (2) To consider, if properly presented, a shareholder proposal; and
- (3) To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof.

You are entitled to vote at the meeting and any adjournments thereof if you owned Fund shares at the close of business on October 6, 2008. If you attend the meeting, you may vote your shares in person. IF YOU DO NOT EXPECT TO ATTEND THE MEETING, PLEASE COMPLETE, DATE, SIGN AND RETURN THE ENCLOSED WHITE PROXY CARD IN THE ENCLOSED POSTAGE PAID ENVELOPE.

A dissident shareholder has indicated his intention to file a proxy statement to elect his own nominees to the Board of the Fund at the Meeting, Your vote is extremely important, especially in light of the dissident nominees and the shareholder proposal, both of which are unanimously opposed by your Fund's Board. Whether or not you plan to attend the Meeting, and regardless of the number of shares you own, we urge you to vote FOR your Board's nominees (Proposal 1) and AGAINST the shareholder proposal (Proposal 2) by promptly completing, signing, dating and returning the enclosed white proxy card.

By order of the Board of Directors,

MARK F. KEMPER
SECRETARY

October 13, 2008
One North Wacker Drive
Chicago, Illinois 60606

YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT
NO MATTER HOW MANY SHARES YOU OWN

PLEASE INDICATE YOUR VOTING INSTRUCTIONS ON THE ENCLOSED WHITE PROXY CARD, DATE AND SIGN IT, AND RETURN IT IN THE POSTAGE PAID ENVELOPE PROVIDED. IF YOU SIGN, DATE AND RETURN THE PROXY CARD BUT GIVE NO VOTING INSTRUCTIONS, YOUR SHARES WILL BE VOTED FOR THE NOMINEES FOR DIRECTOR NAMED IN THE ATTACHED PROXY STATEMENT, AGAINST THE SHAREHOLDER PROPOSAL, AND IN THE PROXIES DISCRETION, EITHER FOR OR

AGAINST ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY PROPERLY ARISE AT THE ANNUAL MEETING. IN ORDER TO AVOID THE ADDITIONAL EXPENSE TO THE FUND OF FURTHER SOLICITATION, WE ASK YOUR COOPERATION IN MAILING YOUR PROXY CARD PROMPTLY.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SIGNING PROXY CARDS

The following general guidelines for signing proxy cards may be of assistance to you and avoid the time and expense to the Fund in validating your vote if you fail to sign your proxy card properly.

1. INDIVIDUAL ACCOUNTS: Sign your name exactly as it appears in the registration on the proxy card.
2. JOINT ACCOUNTS: Either party may sign, but the name of the party signing should conform exactly to the name shown in the registration on the proxy card.
3. ALL OTHER ACCOUNTS: The capacity of the individual signing the proxy card should be indicated unless it is reflected in the form of registration. For example:

| <u>REGISTRATION</u> | <u>VALID SIGNATURE</u> |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| Corporate Accounts | |
| (1) ABC Corp | ABC Corp. John Doe, Treasurer |
| (2) ABC Corp | John Doe, Treasurer |
| (3) ABC Corp. c/o John Doe, Treasurer | John Doe |
| (4) ABC Corp. Profit Sharing Plan | John Doe, Trustee |
| Partnership Accounts | |
| (1) The XYZ Partnership | Jane B. Smith, Partner |
| (2) Smith and Jones, Limited Partnership | Jane B. Smith, General Partner |
| Trust Accounts | |
| (1) ABC Trust Account | Jane B. Doe, Trustee |
| (2) Jane B. Doe, Trustee u/t/d 12/18/78 | Jane B. Doe |
| Custodial or Estate Accounts | |
| (1) John B. Smith, Cust. f/b/o John B. Smith, Jr. UGMA/UTMA | John B. Smith |
| (2) Estate of John B. Smith | John B. Smith, Jr., Executor |

FORT DEARBORN INCOME SECURITIES, INC.
ONE NORTH WACKER DRIVE
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60606

PROXY STATEMENT

ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS TO BE HELD ON DECEMBER 5, 2008

This proxy statement is furnished to the shareholders of Fort Dearborn Income Securities, Inc. (the Fund) in connection with the Board of Directors' solicitation of proxies to be used at the annual meeting of shareholders of the Fund to be held on December 5, 2008, at 1:00 p.m., Central Time, at the principal executive offices of the Fund at One North Wacker Drive, 38th Floor, Chicago, Illinois 60606, or any adjournment or adjournments thereof. This proxy statement and the related proxy card will first be mailed to shareholders on or about October 13, 2008.

A majority of the shares outstanding and entitled to vote on October 6, 2008 represented in person or by proxy, must be present to establish a quorum for the transaction of business at the meeting. Abstentions and broker non-votes will be counted as shares present for purposes of determining whether a quorum is present. Broker non-votes are shares held in street name for which the broker indicates that instructions have not been received from the beneficial owners or other persons entitled to vote and for which the broker does not have discretionary voting authority. In the event that a quorum is not present at the annual meeting, shareholders present in person or the persons named as proxies may propose one or more adjournments of the annual meeting to permit further solicitation of proxies. Any such adjournment will require the affirmative vote of a majority of those shares represented at the annual meeting in person or by proxy. If the meeting is adjourned, notice need not be given of the adjourned meeting at which the adjournment is taken. At any adjourned meeting, the Fund may transact any business which might have been transacted at the original meeting.

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The individuals named as proxies on the enclosed proxy card will vote in accordance with your direction as indicated thereon if your proxy card is received properly executed by you or by your duly appointed agent or attorney-in-fact. If you give no voting instructions, your shares will be voted FOR the four nominees for director named herein, AGAINST the shareholder proposal described herein, and, in the proxies' discretion, either FOR or AGAINST any other business that may properly arise at the annual meeting, including questions of adjournment. You may revoke any proxy card by giving another proxy or by submitting a written notice of revocation to the Fund's Secretary at UBS Global Asset Management (Americas), Inc., One North Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60606. To be effective, your revocation must be received by the Fund prior to the meeting and must indicate your name and account number. In addition, if you attend the annual meeting in person you may, if you wish, vote by ballot at the meeting, thereby canceling any proxy previously given. If your shares are held by your bank or broker, then in order to vote in person at the meeting, you will need to obtain a Legal Proxy from your bank or broker and present it to the Inspector of Election at the meeting. In the event that the election of Directors is contested, the Fund expects that broker-dealer firms holding shares of the Fund in street name for their customers will not be permitted by New York Stock Exchange rules to vote on the election of Directors on behalf of their

customers and beneficial owners in the absence of voting instructions from their customers and beneficial owners.

As of the record date, October 6, 2008, the Fund had 8,775,665 shares of common stock outstanding. The solicitation of proxies, the cost of which will be borne by the Fund, will be made primarily by mail but also may include telephone and oral communications by regular employees of UBS Global Asset Management (Americas), Inc. (UBS Global AM), who will not receive any compensation therefor from the Fund. Each full share of the Fund outstanding is entitled to one vote, and each fractional share of the Fund outstanding is entitled to a proportionate share of one vote. The Fund has made arrangements with Georgeson Inc. to assist with solicitation of proxies, as described in the section below entitled, Solicitation of Proxies.

UBS Global AM serves as the Fund's investment advisor. UBS Global AM is an indirect wholly owned asset management subsidiary of UBS AG. UBS AG is an internationally diversified organization with headquarters in Zurich and Basel, Switzerland. UBS AG operates in many areas of the financial services industry. The principal business offices of UBS Global AM are located at One North Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60606. The principal offices of UBS AG are Bahnhofstrasse 45, Zurich, Switzerland and Aeschenplatz 1, 4052 Basel, Switzerland.

THE FUND IS SENDING TO SHAREHOLDERS, IN A SEPARATE MAILING, THE FUND'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2008. YOU MAY OBTAIN, WITHOUT CHARGE, ADDITIONAL COPIES OF THE FUND'S ANNUAL REPORT AND SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT BY: (1) WRITTEN REQUEST TO: UBS GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT (AMERICAS), INC., ATTN: MARK F. KEMPER, ONE NORTH WACKER DRIVE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60606; OR (2) CALLING THE FUND'S TOLL-FREE NUMBER: 1-800-647 1568.

PROPOSAL 1. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Proposal 1 relates to the election of directors of the Fund. Management proposes the election of the four nominees named in the table below. Each nominee has indicated his or her willingness to serve if elected. If elected, each nominee will hold office until the next annual meeting of

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shareholders or until his or her successor is elected and qualified, or until he or she resigns or is otherwise removed. Each of the nominees was last elected director at the Fund's December 2007 Annual Meeting of Shareholders. As described more fully below, these nominees have significant experience managing investment vehicles. All of the Fund's nominees have been Fund directors for numerous years, and are also on the Boards of other funds managed by UBS Global AM. They have had experience as senior officers and directors of major business corporations and other investment advisors.

Directors are elected by a plurality vote of shareholders. Unless you give contrary instructions on the enclosed proxy card, your shares will be voted FOR the election of all four nominees. If any of the nominees should withdraw or otherwise become unavailable for election, your shares will be voted FOR such other nominee or nominees as management may recommend.

Directors, including those who are not interested persons of the Fund as that term is defined by the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (1940 Act) (Independent Directors), shall be elected by the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the shares of the Fund cast in person or by proxy and entitled

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to vote thereon, provided a quorum is present. Proxies cannot be voted for a greater number of persons than the number of nominees named. None of the directors or nominees beneficially owned 1% or more of the Fund's common stock and none of the executive officers beneficially owned any shares of the Fund's common stock as of October 6, 2008. In addition, the directors and executive officers, as a group, beneficially owned less than 1% of the outstanding common stock of the Fund as of October 6, 2008.

Listed in the table below, for each nominee, is a brief description of the nominee's experience as a director of the Fund and as a director or trustee of other funds, as well as other recent professional experience.

| NAME, AGE, AND <u>ADDRESS</u> | POSITION(S) HELD WITH <u>FUND</u> | LENGTH OF TIME <u>SERVED</u> | PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION(S) DURING PAST 5 <u>YEARS</u> | NUMBER OF | OTHER | SHARES |
|--|---|------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| | | | | PORTFOLIOS IN FUND COMPLEX OVERSEEN BY <u>NOMINEE</u> | DIRECTORSHIPS INDIRECTLY HELD BY <u>NOMINEE</u> | BENEFICIALLY OWNED DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY AT OCTOBER 6, <u>2008</u> |
| INDEPENDENT DIRECTORS: Adela Cepeda; 50 A.C. Advisory, Inc. 161 No. Clark Street, Suite 4975 Chicago, IL 60601 | Director | Since 2000 | Ms. Cepeda is founder and president of A.C. Advisory, Inc. (since 1995). | Ms. Cepeda is a director or trustee of four investment companies (consisting of 56 portfolios) for which UBS Global AM or one of its affiliates serves as investment advisor, sub- advisor or manager. | Ms. Cepeda is a director of the MGI Funds (7 portfolios) (since 2005) and a director of Amalgamated Bank of Chicago. | [] |
| Frank K. Reilly; 72 Mendoza College of Business University of Notre Dame Notre Dame, IN | Chairman and Director | Since 1992 | Mr. Reilly is a Professor at the University of Notre Dame (since 1982). | Mr. Reilly is a director or trustee of four investment companies (consisting of 56 | Mr. Reilly is a director of Discover Bank, a subsidiary of Discover Financial Services. | [] |

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| NAME, AGE, AND ADDRESS | POSITION(S) HELD WITH FUND | LENGTH OF TIME OF SERVED | PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION(S) DURING PAST 5 YEARS | PORTFOLIOS IN FUND COMPLEX OVERSEEN BY NOMINEE | OTHER DIRECTORSHIPS HELD BY NOMINEE | OWNED DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY AT OCTOBER 6, 2008 |
|--|----------------------------|--------------------------|--|---|--|---|
| 46556-5649 | | | | portfolios), for which UBS Global AM or one of its affiliates serves as investment advisor, sub-advisor or manager. | | |
| Edward M. Roob; 74 841 Woodbine Lane Northbrook, IL 60002 | Director | Since 1993 | Mr. Roob is retired (since 1993). | Mr. Roob is a director or trustee of four investment companies (consisting of 56 portfolios), for which UBS Global AM or one of its affiliates serves as investment advisor, sub-advisor or manager. | None | [] |
| J. Mikesell Thomas; 57 1353 Astor Street Chicago, IL 60610 | Director | Since 2002 | Mr. Thomas is the former President and CEO of Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago (2004 to March 2008). Mr. Thomas was an independent financial advisor (2001-2004). | Mr. Thomas is a director or trustee of four investment companies (consisting of 56 portfolios) for which UBS Global AM or one of its affiliates serves as investment advisor, sub-advisor or manager. | Mr. Thomas is a director and chairman of the Audit Committee for Evanston Northwestern Healthcare. | [] |

Each Independent Director receives from the Fund for his or her service to the Fund, an annual retainer of \$5,000 for serving as a board member, a \$2,000 retainer for serving as an Audit Committee member, and a \$2,000 retainer for serving as a Nominating, Compensation and Governance Committee member. In addition, the Chairman of the Board, for serving as Chairman of the Board, the Chairman of the Audit Committee, for serving as Chairman of the Audit Committee and the Chairman of the Nominating Committee, for serving as Chairman of the Nominating Committee, receive, from the Fund for his or her service to the Fund, an annual retainer of \$2,000, \$1,500 and \$1,000, respectively. Each Independent Director also will receive from the Fund \$500 for each regular Board meeting (and each in-person special meeting) actually attended. The Fund reimburses each Director and officer for out-of-pocket expenses in connection with travel and attendance at Board meetings. No officer, director or employee of UBS Global AM or any of its affiliates presently receives any compensation from the Fund for acting as a Board member or officer.

COMPENSATION TABLE⁺

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| NAME OF PERSON, POSITION | AGGREGATE COMPENSATION FROM THE FUND [*] | PENSION OR RETIREMENT BENEFITS ACCRUED AS PART OF FUND EXPENSES | TOTAL COMPENSATION FROM THE FUND AND THE FUND COMPLEX ^{**} |
|---|---|--|---|
| Adela Cepeda, Director | \$6,624 | N/A | \$123,500 |
| Frank K. Reilly, Director and Chairman | 8,283 | N/A | 144,500 |
| Edward M. Roob, Director | 6,624 | N/A | 127,500 |
| J. Mikesell Thomas, Director ^{***} | 6,994 | N/A | 125,850 |

+ Only Independent Directors are compensated by the Fund.

* Represents fees paid to each director for service on the Board during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2008.

** Represents fees paid for services during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2008 to each Board member by four investment companies for which UBS Global AM or one of its affiliates served as investment advisor, sub-advisor or manager. The Fund does not have a bonus, pension, profit sharing or retirement plan.

*** These amounts include compensation paid to Mr. Thomas for his service as the liaison for the Board of Directors for purposes of the UBS Global AM (Americas) Profitability Working Group.

NOMINEE OWNERSHIP OF FUND SHARES

| <u>NOMINEE</u> | <u>DOLLAR RANGE OF EQUITY SECURITIES IN FUND⁺</u> | <u>AGGREGATE DOLLAR RANGE OF EQUITY SECURITIES IN ALL REGISTERED INVESTMENT COMPANIES OVERSEEN BY NOMINEE FOR WHICH UBS GLOBAL AM OR AN AFFILIATE SERVES AS INVESTMENT ADVISOR, SUB-ADVISOR OR MANAGER⁺</u> |
|----------------|--|--|
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INDEPENDENT

DIRECTORS:

| | | |
|--------------------|-----|-----|
| Adela Cepeda | [] | [] |
| Frank K. Reilly | [] | [] |
| Edward M. Roob | [] | [] |
| J. Mikesell Thomas | [] | [] |

+ Information regarding ownership of shares of the Fund is as of October 6, 2008; information regarding ownership of shares in all registered investment companies overseen by nominee for which UBS Global AM or an affiliate serves as investment advisor, sub-advisor or manager is as of December 31, 2007.

As of December 31, 2007, the Independent Directors and their immediate family members did not own any securities issued by UBS Global AM or any company controlling, controlled by or under common control with UBS Global AM.

A dissident shareholder has indicated its intention to elect its own nominees to the Fund's Board of Directors at the Meeting. The dissident shareholder has also stated that it wants to

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terminate the Fund's investment advisory agreement with UBS Global AM (as described in the description of Proposal 2 below). If the dissident nominees are elected, the Fund's current Board strongly believes that your Fund's investment advisory agreement with UBS Global AM would be terminated stripping the Fund of the resources and expertise of UBS Global AM, which has been the Fund's investment advisor for over 35 years, and potentially leaving the Fund without the capacity to manage its portfolio, conduct research, or pursue trades.

As discussed in Proposal 2 below, the Fund's current Board believes that it is in shareholders' best interests to continue the Fund's investment advisory relationship with UBS Global AM. As a result, the Fund's current Board intends to vigorously contest the election of the dissident nominees. We urge you to vote **FOR** your Board's nominees by promptly completing, signing, dating and returning the enclosed white proxy card.

PROPOSAL 2. A SHAREHOLDER PROPOSAL

A shareholder (the Shareholder Proponent) has submitted the following proposal (the Shareholder Proposal) to be included in this proxy statement:

RESOLVED: The investment advisory agreement between UBS Global Asset Management (Americas), Inc. and Fort Dearborn Income Securities, Inc. shall be terminated.

Section 15(a)(3) of the 1940 Act provides that a shareholder proposal to terminate the advisory agreement requires the vote of a majority of the outstanding voting securities of the Fund, which is defined in the 1940 Act to be the vote, at the annual or a special meeting of the security holders of such company duly called, (A) of 67 per centum or more of the voting securities present at such meeting, if the holders of more than 50 per centum of the outstanding voting securities of such company are present or represented by proxy; or (B) of more than 50 per centum of the outstanding voting securities of such company, whichever is the less.

OPPOSITION STATEMENT OF FORT DEARBORN INCOME SECURITIES, INC.

Your Fund's Board opposes the Shareholder Proposal and believes it is in your best interests to maintain your Fund's investment advisory agreement with UBS Global Asset Management (Americas), Inc. ("UBS Global AM" or the "Advisor"). UBS Global AM has delivered consistently strong market returns to Fund investors over time. The Board believes strongly that your Fund receives significant benefits from its continued investment advisory relationship with UBS Global AM, but would not be able to provide the same benefits to shareholders if the investment advisory agreement with UBS Global AM is terminated. **The Board therefore recommends that shareholders vote AGAINST the Shareholder Proposal.**

Reasons for the Board's Recommendation

Your Fund's Board has reviewed and considered the Shareholder Proposal but believes that it is not in the best interests of the Fund and its shareholders. For the reasons discussed below, the

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Board believes that the Fund's shareholders are best served by voting **AGAINST** the Shareholder Proposal.

1. Your Fund's Competitive Performance

Your Fund's Board believes that the Fund's investment approach and long-term market price performance has benefited shareholders. With UBS Global AM as your Fund's investment advisor, your Fund's long-term performance at market price has been consistently competitive, both in absolute terms and relative to its Lipper peer group and benchmark indices, as shown in the table below:

Fort Dearborn Income Securities, Inc. as of September 30, 2008

| Average Annual Total Return¹ | 1-Year | 3-Year | 5-Year | 10-Year |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| Fund Return Based on Change in Market Price ² | -0.62% | 1.88% | 3.55% | 4.97% |
| Fund Return Based on Change in Net Asset Value ³ | -6.60% | 0.29% | 2.01% | 4.43% |
| Investment Grade Bond Index ⁴ | -4.07% | 0.81% | 2.56% | 4.84% |
| Lipper Corporate Debt Funds BBB-Rated (NAV) ⁵ | -7.48% | 0.17% | 2.42% | 4.53% |
| Lipper Corporate Debt Funds BBB-Rated (Market Price) ⁵ | -15.39% | -3.18% | 0.47% | 3.71% |
| Rank in Lipper Category Based on Change in NAV ⁵ | 10 out of 21 | 9 out of 20 | 11 out of 18 | 6 out of 12 |

Performance data represent past performance, which does not guarantee future results. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate, and you may have a gain or loss when you sell your shares. Current performance may differ from figures shown.

- (1) Total return calculations represent the cumulative and average annual changes in value of an investment over the periods indicated.
- (2) Source: Lipper Inc. Assumes reinvestment of distributions based on the Dividend Reinvestment Plan.
- (3) Source: Lipper Inc. Assumes reinvestment of distributions based on net asset value.
- (4) Index composition, 12/31/81 - present: 5% Lehman Brothers US Agency Index (7+ years); 75% Lehman Brothers US Credit Index (7+ years); 10% Lehman Brothers US Mortgage Fixed Rate MBS Index (all maturities); 10% Lehman Brothers US Treasury Index (7+ years).
- (5) Source: Lipper Inc.

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UBS Global AM has consistently provided your Fund with solid long-term investment performance, which leads the Board to recommend that shareholders continue the Fund's investment advisory relationship with UBS Global AM and vote **AGAINST** the Shareholder Proposal.

2. Your Fund Benefits from the Consistent and Continuous Management of UBS Global AM

UBS Global AM and its predecessors have managed your Fund consistently for over 35 years, since its inception, with the goal of providing long-term shareholders with a total return over time that is above what they could receive by investing individually in the investment grade and long-term maturity sectors of the bond market. UBS Global AM has continuously managed your Fund over the years using a proven management style with an experienced management team. This has benefited Fund shareholders year in and year out providing steady, uninterrupted management, which in turn, has reduced potential expenses attributable to changes in fund management.

Fund shareholders also benefit from the experience and resources of the Advisor. As of June 30, 2008, the Advisor had approximately \$160 billion in assets under management. Moreover, the Advisor is an indirect, wholly owned asset management subsidiary of UBS AG and a member of the UBS Global Asset Management division, which had approximately \$741 billion in assets under management worldwide as of June 30, 2008. The Advisor's expertise and resources enable it to provide your Fund with first rate research, trading, and investment management support. Michael G. Dow, your Fund's lead portfolio manager, is Head of US Long Duration Fixed Income Investments at UBS Global AM and has more than 18 years of investment industry experience.

The extensive experience of the Advisor has contributed to the long-term success of your Fund. Your Fund's Board therefore believes that it is in the best interest of the Fund and its shareholders to retain UBS Global AM as the Fund's investment adviser, and recommends voting **AGAINST** the Shareholder Proposal.

3. The Shareholder Proposal Is Incomplete

Your Fund's Board also opposes the Shareholder Proposal because it offers no viable alternative if UBS Global AM is removed as your Fund's investment adviser, raising the possibility that your Fund could be orphaned without any adviser at all. If the Shareholder Proposal is approved, your Fund will have no investment adviser, making it impossible for your Fund to carry out any portfolio management, research or trading your Fund's investment program would be completely paralyzed. Your Fund's Board would, of course, use its best efforts to avoid this catastrophe by searching for a replacement investment adviser that would be willing and able to manage the Fund. There is no guarantee, however, that the Fund's Board would be able to find and retain a qualified investment adviser that would agree to assume the management of your Fund for a reasonable cost.

The Shareholder Proposal also ignores the significant expenses that the Fund and its shareholders could incur in replacing UBS Global AM. Not only could the search process for a replacement investment adviser itself prove costly, but your Fund may be further forced to pay higher advisory fees to attract a replacement adviser that is qualified and willing to manage the Fund. Your

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Fund's expenses could also increase if it must bear the replacement adviser's costs of establishing portfolio management, research, and trading facilities dedicated to the Fund's resources that UBS Global AM already provides. Your Fund's costs could escalate even further depending on other integration expenses that come with a replacement investment adviser, such as obtaining shareholder approval of a new investment advisory agreement with a replacement investment adviser or increased portfolio turnover from a replacement investment adviser implementing its new strategy.

Contrary to the Shareholder Proponent's assertion that terminating UBS Global AM as the Fund's adviser would have a positive effect on your Fund's market share price, the Board is concerned that the uncertainty surrounding a dismissal of UBS Global AM could seriously undermine your Fund's market share price. In light of these significant management continuity and expense issues, the Board believes that the Shareholder Proposal is not in the best interest of the Fund's shareholders. The Board therefore recommends that Fund shareholders vote **AGAINST** the Shareholder Proposal.

4. Your Fund's Discount is Consistent with Other Closed-End Funds

As with most other closed-end funds within the Fund's Lipper peer group, the market price of the Fund's shares often trades at a lower price than the Fund's NAV per share. That is, the Fund's shares often trade at a discount. As of September 30, 2008, the median discount for Lipper Corporate Debt BBB-Rated closed end funds peer group was -14.7% and the average discount for that group was -14.8%, compared to the Fund's discount of -6.4%. (Source: Lipper Inc.). The Fund's discount is thus in line with that currently experienced by similar corporate bond closed-end funds generally. Accordingly, the Board believes that the presence of a discount should not, by itself, necessitate the drastic step of terminating your Fund's investment advisory agreement with UBS Global AM. Given your Fund's consistently solid returns at

market price and NAV, your Fund's Board believes it would be unwise to terminate the investment advisory agreement with UBS Global AM based on factors wholly unrelated to the Advisor's long-term investment performance. The Board therefore recommends that the Fund's shareholders vote **AGAINST** the Shareholder Proposal.

Conclusion

For the reasons stated above, the Board recommends that Shareholders vote **AGAINST** the Shareholder Proposal.

SUPPORTING STATEMENT OF THE SHAREHOLDER PROPONENT

Many closed-end funds are trading at a premium to their net asset value ("NAV"). However, neither the Board of Directors of Fort Dearborn Income Securities, Inc. (the "Fund") nor the adviser, UBS Global Asset Management (Americas), Inc., has taken effective steps to help provide shareholders of this Fund with such an opportunity for increased value. To the contrary, for many years this Fund has instead continued to sell at a persistent discount to its NAV. This shareholder proposal to terminate the investment advisory agreement with UBS Global Asset Management (Americas), Inc. may be the only type of shareholder proposal that the Board cannot legally ignore. If the existing advisory agreement is terminated by this shareholder proposal, the Board could be forced

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to take action that may lead to a significant increase in the market value of shares of the Fund, to the direct benefit of its shareholders.

The Shareholder Proponent is Ralph W. Bradshaw, One West Pack Square, Suite 1650, Asheville, North Carolina 28801. Neither the Fund, its Board of Directors nor management is responsible for the contents of the Shareholder Proposal or the Supporting Statement of the Shareholder Proponent.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

INFORMATION CONCERNING INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

The Fund's financial statements for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2008, were audited by Ernst & Young LLP (Ernst & Young), independent registered public accounting firm. In addition, Ernst & Young prepares the Fund's federal and state annual income tax returns and provides certain non-audit services. The Audit Committee has considered whether the provision of those non-audit services is compatible with maintaining Ernst & Young's independence. In the past two fiscal years, the Audit Committee did not approve any services provided by Ernst & Young pursuant to Rule 2-01(c)(7)(i)(C) of Regulation S-X. The Board of Directors of the Fund has selected Ernst & Young as the independent registered public accounting

firm for the Fund for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009. Ernst & Young has been the Fund's independent registered public accounting firm since the fiscal year ended September 30, 2001. Ernst & Young has informed the Fund that it has no material direct or indirect financial interest in the Fund.

Representatives of Ernst & Young are not expected to be present at the meeting but have been given the opportunity to make a statement if they so desire and will be available should any matter arise requiring their presence.

AUDIT FEES

For the fiscal years ended September 30, 2008 and September 30, 2007, the aggregate Ernst & Young audit fees for professional services rendered to the Fund were approximately \$35,000 and \$34,350, respectively.

Fees included in the audit fees category are those associated with the annual audits of financial statements and services that are normally provided in connection with statutory and regulatory filings.

AUDIT-RELATED FEES

In each of the fiscal years ended September 30, 2008 and September 30, 2007, the aggregate audit-related fees billed by Ernst & Young for services rendered to the Fund that are reasonably related to the performance of the audits of the financial statements, but not reported as audit fees, were approximately \$2,500 and \$2,500, respectively.

Fees included in the audit-related fees category are those associated with the reading and providing comments on the semi-annual statements.

There were no audit-related fees required to be approved pursuant to paragraph (c)(7)(ii) of Rule 2-01 of Regulation S-X during the fiscal years indicated above.

TAX FEES

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In each of the fiscal years ended September 30, 2008 and September 30, 2007, the aggregate tax fees billed by Ernst & Young for professional services rendered to the Fund were approximately \$4,440 and \$4,150, respectively.

Fees included in the tax fees category comprise all services performed by professional staff in the independent accountant's tax division except those services related to the audits. This category comprises fees for tax return preparation and review of excise tax calculations.

There were no tax fees required to be approved pursuant to paragraph (c)(7)(ii) of Rule 2-01 of Regulation S-X during the fiscal years indicated above.

ALL OTHER FEES

In each of the fiscal years ended September 30, 2008 and September 30, 2007, there were no fees billed by Ernst & Young for products and services, other than the services reported above, rendered to the Fund.

Fees included in the all other fees category would consist of services related to internal control reviews, strategy and other consulting, financial information systems design and implementation, consulting on other information systems, and other tax services unrelated to the Fund.

There were no all other fees required to be approved pursuant to paragraph (c)(7)(ii) of Rule 2-01 of Regulation S-X during the fiscal years indicated above.

PRE-APPROVAL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

The Audit Committee Charter contains the Audit Committee's pre-approval policies and procedures. Reproduced below is an excerpt from the Audit Committee Charter regarding pre-approval policies and procedures:

To carry out its purposes, the Audit Committee shall have the following duties and powers:

- (a) To pre-approve the engagement of, and to recommend to the Board the engagement, retention or termination of, the independent auditors to provide audit, review or attest services to the Fund, and, in connection therewith, to review and evaluate the capabilities and independence of the auditors, and receive the auditors' specific representations as to their independence. In evaluating the auditor's qualifications, performance and independence, the Committee must, among other things, obtain and review a report by the auditors, at least annually, describing the following items: (i) all relationships between the independent auditors and the Fund, as well as with the Fund's investment adviser or any control affiliate of the investment adviser that provides ongoing services to the Fund; (ii) any material issues raised by the most recent internal quality control review, or peer review, of the audit firm, or by any inquiry or investigation by governmental or professional authorities, within the preceding five years, with respect to one or more independent audits carried out by the firm, and any steps taken to deal with any such issues; and (iii) the audit firm's internal quality control procedures.

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- (b) To pre-approve all non-audit services to be provided to the Fund by the independent auditors when, without such pre-approval, the auditors would not be independent of the Fund under applicable federal securities laws, rules or auditing standards.
 - (c) To pre-approve all non-audit services to be provided by the Fund's independent auditors to the Fund's investment adviser or to any entity that controls, is controlled by or is under common control with the Fund's investment adviser (adviser affiliate) and that provides ongoing services to the Fund, when, without such pre-approval by the Committee, the auditors would not be independent of the Fund under applicable federal securities laws, rules or auditing standards.
 - (d) To establish, if deemed necessary or appropriate as an alternative to Committee pre-approval of services to be provided by the independent auditors as required by paragraphs (b) and (c) above, policies and procedures to permit such services to be pre-approved by other means, such as by

action of a designated member or members of the Committee, subject to subsequent Committee review or oversight.

- (e) To consider whether the non-audit services provided by the Fund's independent auditor to the Fund's investment adviser or any adviser affiliate that provides on-going services to the Fund, which services were not pre-approved by the Committee, are compatible with maintaining the auditors independence.

AGGREGATE NON-AUDIT FEES

For the fiscal years ended September 30, 2008 and September 30, 2007, the aggregate non-audit fees billed by Ernst & Young of \$211,849 and \$6,650, respectively, included non-audit services rendered on behalf of the Fund of \$6,940 and \$6,650, respectively, and non-audit services rendered on behalf of the Fund's investment adviser (not including any sub-adviser whose role is primarily portfolio management and is subcontracted with or overseen by another investment adviser) and any entity controlling, controlled by, or under common control with the investment adviser that provides ongoing services to the Fund of \$204,909 and \$0, respectively.

The Audit Committee was not required to consider whether the provision of non-audit services that were rendered to the Fund's investment adviser (not including any sub-adviser whose role is primarily portfolio management and is subcontracted with or overseen by another investment adviser), and any entity controlling, controlled by, or under common control with the investment adviser that provides ongoing services to the Fund that were not pre-approved pursuant to paragraph (c)(7)(ii) of Rule 2-01 of Regulation S-X is compatible with maintaining Ernst & Young's independence.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors (the Board) of the Fund met seven times during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2008. Each director attended 75% or more of the Board meetings during the last fiscal year. In addition, no directors attended less than 75% of the aggregate of the total number of meetings held by the Board and the total number of meetings held by all committees on which such director served during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2008.

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The Fund's directors are not required to attend the Fund's annual meetings. All four of the directors attended the annual meeting of shareholders in 2007.

The Board has established an Audit Committee that acts pursuant to a written charter (Audit Committee Charter) and is responsible for, among other things: (i) selecting, overseeing and setting the compensation of the Fund's independent registered public accounting firm; (ii) overseeing the Fund's accounting and financial reporting policies and practices, its internal controls and, as appropriate, the internal controls of certain service providers; (iii) overseeing the quality and objectivity of the Fund's financial statements and the independent audits thereof; and (iv) acting as a liaison between the Fund's independent registered public accounting firm and the full Board of Directors. A copy of the Audit Committee Charter is available on the Fund's website at www.ubs.com. In fulfilling its duties, the Audit Committee has: (a) reviewed and discussed the Fund's audited financial statements with management; (b) discussed with the independent auditors the matters required to be discussed by Statement on Auditing Standards No. 61; (c) received

certain written disclosures and the letter from the independent auditors required by Independence Standards Board Standard No. 1 and discussed the independent auditors' independence with them; and (d) based upon its review of the above, recommended to the Board that the Fund's audited financial statements be included in the Fund's annual report to shareholders for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2008. The Audit Committee currently consists of Ms. Cepeda and Messrs. Reilly, Roob and Thomas, none of whom have any relationship to the Fund that may interfere with the exercise of their independence from management or the Fund and each of whom is independent as defined under listing standards of the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) applicable to closed-end funds. Each member of the Fund's Audit Committee is also a member of a similar committee established by the boards of certain other investment companies for which UBS Global AM or an affiliate serves as investment advisor, sub-advisor or manager. The Audit Committee met five times during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2008.

The Board has also established a Nominating, Compensation and Governance Committee that acts pursuant to a written charter (Nominating, Compensation and Governance Committee Charter). The Nominating, Compensation and Governance Committee is responsible for, among other things, selecting, evaluating and recommending to the Board candidates to be nominated as additional independent directors of the Board, periodically reviewing the composition of the Board, periodically reviewing Board governance procedures and recommending any appropriate changes thereto and periodically reviewing the compensation structure for independent directors. A copy of the Nominating, Compensation and Governance Committee Charter is filed as Appendix A. The Nominating, Compensation and Governance Committee currently consists of Ms. Cepeda and Messrs. Reilly, Roob and Thomas, none of whom is an interested person for purposes of the 1940 Act, and all of whom are independent as defined under listing standards of the NYSE applicable to closed-end funds. The Nominating, Compensation and Governance Committee met four times during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2008.

In nominating candidates, the Nominating, Compensation and Governance Committee believes that no specific qualifications or disqualifications are controlling or paramount, or that specific qualities or skills are necessary for each candidate to possess. In identifying and evaluating nominees for director, the Nominating, Compensation and Governance Committee takes into consideration such factors as it deems appropriate. These factors may include: (i) whether or not the person is an interested person as defined in the 1940 Act, meets the applicable independence and

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experience requirements of the NYSE and is otherwise qualified under applicable laws and regulations to serve as a member of the Board; (ii) whether or not the person has any relationships that might impair his or her independence, such as any business, financial or family relationships with Fund management, the investment advisor of the Fund, other Fund service providers or their affiliates; (iii) whether or not the person is willing to serve, and willing and able to commit the time necessary for the performance of the duties of a Board member; (iv) the person's judgment, skill, diversity and experience with investment companies and other organizations of comparable purpose, complexity and size and subject to similar legal restrictions and oversight; (v) the interplay of the candidate's experience with the experience of other Board members; and (vi) the extent to which the candidate would be a desirable addition to the Board and any committees thereof.

While the Nominating, Compensation and Governance Committee is solely responsible for the selection and recommendation to the Board of Board candidates, the Nominating, Compensation and Governance

Committee will consider nominees recommended by Qualifying Fund Shareholders if a vacancy occurs among those board members who are independent board members. A Qualifying Fund Shareholder is a shareholder that: (i) owns of record, or beneficially through a financial intermediary, 1/2 of 1% or more of the Fund's outstanding shares and (ii) has been a shareholder of at least 1/2 of 1% of the Fund's total outstanding shares for 12 months or more prior to submitting the recommendation to the Nominating, Compensation and Governance Committee. In order to recommend a nominee, a Qualifying Fund Shareholder should send a letter to the chairperson of the Nominating, Compensation and Governance Committee, care of the Secretary of the Fund at UBS Global Asset Management (Americas), Inc., One North Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60606. The Qualifying Fund Shareholder's letter should include: (i) the name and address of the Qualifying Fund Shareholder making the recommendation; (ii) the number of shares of the Fund which are owned of record and beneficially by such Qualifying Fund Shareholder and the length of time that such shares have been so owned by the Qualifying Fund Shareholder; (iii) a description of all arrangements and understandings between such Qualifying Fund Shareholder and any other person or persons (naming such person or persons) pursuant to which the recommendation is being made; (iv) the name and address of the nominee; and (v) the nominee's resume or curriculum vitae.

The Qualifying Fund Shareholder's letter must be accompanied by a written consent of the individual to stand for election if nominated for the Board and to serve if elected by shareholders. The Nominating, Compensation and Governance Committee may also seek such additional information about the nominee as it considers appropriate, including information relating to such nominee that is required to be disclosed in solicitations or proxies for the election of board members.

Shareholders may send other communications to the Board by sending a letter to the chairperson of the Board of Directors, Mr. Frank K. Reilly, care of the Secretary of the Fund at UBS Global Asset Management (Americas), Inc., One North Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60606. The chairperson of the Board of Directors will relay shareholder communications to the other Board members.

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Officers of the Fund are appointed by the directors and serve at the pleasure of the board. None of the Fund's officers currently receives any compensation from the Fund. The executive officers of the Fund are:

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| Joseph J. Allesie*; 43 | Vice President and Assistant Secretary | Since 2005 | Mr. Allesie is an executive director (since 2008) (prior to which he was a director) and |

deputy general counsel (since 2005) at UBS Global Asset Management (US) Inc. and UBS Global AM (collectively, UBS Global AM Americas region). Prior to joining UBS Global AM Americas region, he was senior vice president and general counsel of Kenmar Advisory corp. (from 2004 to 2005). Prior to that, Mr. Alessie was general counsel and secretary of GAM USA Inc., GAM Investments, GAM Services, GAM Funds, Inc. and the GAM Avalon Funds (from 1999 to 2004). Mr. Alessie is a vice president and assistant secretary of 21 investment companies (consisting of 105 portfolios) for which UBS Global AM or one of its affiliates serves as investment advisor, sub-advisor or manager.

Thomas Disbrow*; 42

Vice President, Treasurer, and Principal Accounting Officer

Since 2000 (Vice President) and since 2006 (Treasurer and Principal

Mr. Disbrow is an executive director (since 2007) (prior to which he was a director) and head of US mutual fund treasury administration department (since 2006)

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| Michael J. Flook*; 43 | Vice President and Assistant Treasurer | Since 2006 | <p>Accounting Officer)</p> <p>of UBS Global AM Americas region. Mr. Disbrow is vice president, treasurer and principal accounting officer of 21 investment companies (consisting of 105 portfolios) for which UBS Global AM or one of its affiliates serves as investment advisor, sub-advisor or manager.</p> <p>Mr. Flook is an associate director and senior manager of the US mutual fund treasury administration department of UBS Global AM Americas region (since 2006). Prior to joining UBS Global AM Americas region, he was a senior manager with The Reserve (asset management firm) from May 2005 to May 2006. Prior to that he was a senior manager with PFPC Worldwide since October 2000. Mr. Flook is a vice president and assistant treasurer 21 investment companies (consisting of 105 portfolios) for which UBS Global AM or one of its affiliates serve as investment advisor, sub-advisor or manager.</p> |

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| Mark F. Kemper**; 50 | Vice President and Secretary | Since 1999 and 2004, | Mr. Kemper is general counsel of UBS Global |
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| Joanne M. Kilkeary*; 40 | Vice President and | Since 2006 | Ms. Kilkeary is a |

Assistant Treasurer

director (since 2005) and a senior manager (since 2004) of the US mutual fund treasury administration department of UBS Global AM Americas region. Ms. Kilkeary is a vice president and assistant treasurer of 21 investment companies (consisting of 105 portfolios) for which UBS Global AM or one

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| Tammie Lee*; 37 | Vice President and Assistant Secretary | Since 2005 | <p>of its affiliates serves as investment advisor, sub-advisor or manager.</p> <p>Ms. Lee is a director and associate general counsel of UBS Global AM Americas region (since 2005). Prior to joining UBS Global AM Americas region, she was vice president and counsel at Deutsche Asset Management/Scudder Investments from 2003 to 2005. Prior to that, she was assistant vice president and counsel at Deutsche Asset Management/Scudder</p> |

Investments from 2000 to 2003. Ms. Lee is a vice president and assistant secretary of 21 investment companies (consisting of 105 portfolios) for which UBS Global AM or one of its affiliates serves as investment advisor, sub-advisor or manager.

Steven LeMire*; 39

Vice President and Assistant Treasurer

Since 2007

Mr. LeMire is a director and senior manager of the US mutual fund treasury administration department of UBS Global AM Americas region (since October 2007). Prior to joining UBS Global AM Americas region, he was an independent consultant with Third River Capital, LLC

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| | | | (formerly Two Rivers Capital, LLC) (from 2005 to 2007). Prior to that, he was vice president of operations and fund administration with Oberweis Asset Management, Inc. (from 1997 to 2005). Mr. |

LeMire is a vice president and assistant treasurer of 21 investment companies (consisting of 105 portfolios) for which UBS Global AM Americas region or one of its affiliates serves as investment advisor, sub-advisor or manager.

Joseph McGill*; 46

Vice President and Chief Compliance Officer

Since 2004

Mr. McGill is a managing director (since 2006) and chief compliance officer (since 2003) at UBS Global AM Americas region. Prior to joining UBS Global AM Americas region, he was assistant general counsel at J.P. Morgan Investment Management (from 1999 to 2003). Mr. McGill is a vice president and chief compliance officer of 21 investment companies (consisting of 105 portfolios) for which UBS Global AM or one of its affiliates serves as investment advisor, sub-advisor or manager.

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Nancy Osborn*; 42

Vice President and
Assistant Treasurer

Since 2007

Ms. Osborn is an associate director and a senior manager of the US mutual fund treasury administration department of UBS Global AM Americas region (since 2006). Prior to joining UBS Global AM Americas region, she was an Assistant Vice President with Brown Brothers Harriman since April 1996. Ms. Osborn is a vice president and assistant treasurer of 21 investment companies (consisting of 105 portfolios) for which UBS Global AM or one of its affiliates serves as investment advisor, sub-advisor or manager.

Eric Sanders*; 43

Vice President and
Assistant Secretary

Since 2005

Mr. Sanders is a director and associate general counsel of UBS Global AM Americas region (since 2005). From 1996 until June 2005, he held various positions at Fred Alger & Company, Incorporated, the most recent being assistant vice president and associate general counsel. Mr. Sanders is a vice president and assistant secretary of 21 investment companies (consisting of 105 portfolios) for which UBS Global AM or one of its affiliates serves as

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| Andrew Shoup*; 52 | Vice President and Chief Operating Officer | Since 2006 | <p>investment advisor, sub-advisor or manager.</p> <p>Mr. Shoup is a managing director and the Global Head of the Fund Treasury Administration department of UBS Global AM--Americas region (since July 2006). Prior to joining UBS Global AM Americas region, he was Chief Administrative Officer for the Legg Mason Partner Funds (formerly Smith Barney, Salomon Brothers, and CitiFunds mutual funds) from November 2003 to July 2006. Prior to that, he held various positions with Citigroup Asset Management and related companies with their domestic and offshore mutual funds since 1993. Additionally, he has worked for another mutual fund complex as well as spending eleven years in public accounting. Mr. Shoup is a vice president and chief operating officer of 21 investment</p> |

companies (consisting of 105 portfolios) for which UBS Global AM or one of its affiliates serves as investment advisor, sub-advisor or manager.

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| Kai R. Sotorp**; 49 | President | Since 2006 | Mr. Sotorp is the head of the Americas for UBS Global Asset Management (since 2004); a member of the UBS Group Managing Board (since w003) and a member of the UBS Global Asset Management Executive Committee (since 2001). Prior to his current role, Mr. Sotorp was Head of UBS Global Asset Management Asia Pacific (2002-2004), covering Australia, Japan, Hong Kong, Singapore and Taiwan; head of UBS Global Asset Management (Japan) Ltd. (2001-2004); representative director and president of UBS Global Asset |

Management (Japan) Ltd. (2000-2004); and a member of the board of Mitsubishi Corp. UBS Realty Inc. (2000-2004). Mr. Sotorp is President of 21 investment companies (consisting of 105 portfolios) for which UBS Global AM or one of its affiliates serves as investment advisor, sub-advisor or manager.

Keith Weller*; 47

Vice President and Assistant Secretary

Since 2004

Mr. Weller is an executive director and senior associate general counsel of UBS Global

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| | | | <p>AM Americas region (since 2005) and has been an attorney with affiliated entities since 1995. Mr. Weller is a vice president and assistant secretary of 21 investment companies (consisting of 105 portfolios) for which UBS Global AM or one of its affiliates serves as investment advisor, sub-advisor or manager.</p> |

* This person's business address is 51 West 52nd Street, New York, NY 10019-6114.

** This person's business address is One North Wacker Drive, Chicago, IL 60606.

BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SHARES

As of October 6, 2008, the following person was known by the Registrant to be the beneficial owner of more than 5% of the Fund's common stock:

| NAME AND ADDRESS OF BENEFICIAL OWNER | AMOUNT AND NATURE OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP | PERCENT OF FUND |
|---|---|--------------------|
| Doliver Capital Advisors, Inc.* 6363 Woodway, Suite 963 Houston, TX 77057 | 1,352,800 shares of common stock of the Fund | 15.4% |

* Based on amended Schedule 13G filed with the SEC by Doliver Capital Advisors, Inc. with respect to the Fund on February 14, 2008 (the Filing). The Filing reported that Doliver Capital Advisors, Inc. had shared dispositive power, but no voting power.

Other than as set forth above, as of October 6, 2008, Management of UBS Global AM did not know of any other person who owned beneficially 5% or more of the common stock of the Fund.

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SECTION 16(A) BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP REPORTING COMPLIANCE

The Fund is not aware of any outstanding report required to be filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 by any Board member or officer.

SHAREHOLDER PROPOSALS

The Fund anticipates mailing this proxy statement on or about October 13, 2008. In addition, the Fund anticipates that its next annual meeting of shareholders will be held on or around the same date next year. Any shareholder who wishes to submit proposals for inclusion in the Fund's proxy statement and proxy card to be considered at the Fund's 2009 annual meeting of shareholders should send such proposals to the Secretary of the Fund at UBS Global Asset Management (Americas), Inc., One North Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60606. In order for such proposals to be included in the Fund's proxy statement and proxy card relating to the 2009 annual meeting of shareholders, shareholder proposals must be received by the Fund no later than June 16, 2009 and must satisfy other requirements of the federal securities laws. Submission of a proposal by a shareholder does not guarantee that the proposal will be included in the proxy statement. A shareholder who wishes to make a proposal at the Fund's 2009 annual shareholders meeting without including the proposal in the Fund's proxy statement and proxy card must notify the Fund of such proposal by directing such notice to the Secretary of the Fund at the address set forth above by no later than August 28, 2009. If a shareholder fails to give notice to the Fund by this date, then the persons named as proxies in the proxies solicited by the Board for the 2009 annual meeting of shareholders may exercise discretionary voting power with respect to any such proposal.

SOLICITATION OF PROXIES

Your vote is being solicited by the directors of the Fund. The cost of soliciting these proxies will be borne by the Fund. The Fund reimburses brokerage firms and others for their expenses in forwarding proxy material to the beneficial owners and soliciting them to execute proxies.

In addition, the Fund has made arrangements with a professional proxy solicitation firm, Georgeson Inc., to assist with solicitation of proxies. The Fund anticipates that the cost of retaining Georgeson Inc. will be approximately \$50,000, plus expenses. The Fund has agreed to indemnify Georgeson Inc. against certain liabilities, including liabilities arising under the federal securities laws. Georgeson Inc. has informed the Fund that it intends to employ approximately 40 persons to solicit proxies.

The Fund expects that the solicitation will be primarily by mail, but also may include telephone, telecopy, electronic, oral, or other means of communication. If the Fund does not receive your proxy by a certain time you may receive a telephone call from a proxy soliciting agent asking you to vote.

It is currently estimated that the total amount estimated to be spent on the solicitation (in excess of those normally spent for an annual meeting where only the reelection of the existing board members is at issue, and excluding salaries and wages of Fund officers and employees of UBS Global AM) will be approximately \$[] to \$[]. To date, approximately \$[] has been spent

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on the solicitation. These amounts exclude costs normally expended for the election of directors in the absence of a contest. The directors and officers of the Fund, or regular employees and agents of UBS Global AM, may be involved in the solicitation of proxies. The Fund does not reimburse such persons for the solicitation of proxies. The Fund intends to pay all costs associated with the solicitation and the Meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Management knows of no business to be presented at the meeting other than the matters set forth in this proxy statement, but should any other matter requiring a vote of shareholders arise, the proxies will vote thereon according to their best judgment in the interest of the Fund.

By order of the Board of Directors,

MARK F. KEMPER
SECRETARY

October 13, 2008

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU EXECUTE AND RETURN YOUR PROXY PROMPTLY.

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NOMINATING, COMPENSATION AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE CHARTER

I. The Committee.

The Nominating, Compensation and Governance Committee (the Committee) is a committee of, and established by, the Board of Trustees/Directors (the Board) of each of the entities listed on Schedule A hereto (each a Fund). The Committee consists of such number of members as set by the Board from time to time and its members shall be selected by the Board. The Committee shall be comprised entirely of independent members. For purposes of this Charter, independent members shall mean members who are not interested persons of the Fund (Disinterested Board members) as defined in Section 2(a)(19) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the 1940 Act).

II. Board Nominations and Functions.

1. The Committee shall make recommendations for nominations for Disinterested Board members on the Board to the incumbent Disinterested Board members and to the full Board. The Committee shall evaluate candidates' qualifications for Board membership and the independence of such candidates from the Fund's investment advisors and other principal service providers. Persons selected must be independent in terms of both the letter and the spirit of the 1940 Act. The Committee shall also consider the effect of any relationships beyond those delineated in the 1940 Act that might impair independence, e.g., business, financial or family relationships with investment advisors or service providers.
2. The Committee also shall evaluate candidates' qualifications and make recommendations for interested members on the Board to the full Board.
3. The Committee may consider the factors listed in Schedule B to evaluate candidates for membership on the Board. The Committee also may from time to time establish specific requirements and/or additional factors to be considered for Board candidates as it deems necessary or appropriate.
4. The Committee shall periodically review Board governance procedures and shall recommend any appropriate changes to the full Board.
5. The Committee shall periodically review the composition of the Board to determine whether it may be appropriate to add individuals with backgrounds or skill sets that differ from those of the members currently on the Board.
6. The Committee shall periodically review Disinterested Board member compensation and shall recommend any appropriate changes to the Disinterested Board members as a group.

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The Committee shall review recommendations from Qualifying Fund Shareholders (as defined in Schedule B) for nominations to fill vacancies on the Board if such recommendations are submitted in

accordance with the procedures described in Schedule B.

III. Committee Nominations and Functions.

1. The Committee shall make recommendations to the full Board for nomination for membership on all committees of the Board and shall review committee assignments at least annually.
2. The Committee shall review as necessary the responsibilities of any committees of the Board, whether there is a continuing need for each committee, whether there is a need for additional committees of the Board, and whether committees should be combined or reorganized. The Committee shall make recommendations for any such action to the full Board.

IV. Other Powers and Responsibilities.

1. The Committee shall meet as often as it deems appropriate.
2. The Committee shall have the resources and authority appropriate to discharge its responsibilities, including authority to retain special counsel and other experts or consultants at the expense of the Fund.
3. The Committee shall report its activities to the Board and make such recommendations as the Committee may deem necessary or appropriate.
4. A majority of the members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Committee. The action of a majority of the members of the Committee present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the action of the Committee. The Committee may meet in person or by telephone, and a majority of the members of the Committee may act by written consent to the extent not inconsistent with the Fund's by-laws. In the event of any inconsistency between this Charter and the Fund's organizational documents, the provisions of the Fund's organizational documents shall be given precedence.
5. The Committee shall review this Charter at least annually and recommend any changes to the full Board.

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Schedule A

The UBS Funds
UBS Relationship Funds
SMA Relationship Trust
Fort Dearborn Income Securities, Inc.

Schedule B

NOMINATION AND APPOINTMENT POLICY

1. The Committee believes that it is in the best interests of the Fund and its shareholders to obtain highly-qualified candidates to serve as members of the Board.
2. In nominating candidates, the Committee believes that no specific qualifications or disqualifications are controlling or paramount, or that specific qualities or skills are necessary for each candidate to possess. The Committee shall take into consideration such factors as it deems appropriate. These factors may include:
 - whether or not the person is an interested person as defined in the 1940 Act, meets the independence and experience requirements applicable to closed-end funds as they may be adopted and modified from time to time by the New York Stock Exchange and is otherwise qualified under applicable laws and regulations to serve as a member of the Board;
 - whether or not the person has any relationships that might impair his or her independence, such as any business, financial or family relationships with Fund management, the investment advisor and/or sub-advisors of the Fund, Fund service providers or their affiliates;
 - whether or not the person is willing to serve, and willing and able to commit the time necessary for the performance of the duties of a Board member;
 - the person's judgment, skill, diversity and experience with investment companies and other organizations of comparable purpose, complexity and size and subject to similar legal restrictions and oversight,
 - the interplay of the candidate's experience with the experience of other Board members; and
 - the extent to which the candidate would be a desirable addition to the Board and any committees thereof.
3. While the Committee is solely responsible for the selection and recommendation to the Board of Board candidates, the Committee will consider nominees recommended by Qualifying Fund Shareholders if a vacancy occurs among those Board members who are Independent Board Members. A Qualifying Fund Shareholder is a shareholder that: (i) owns of record, or beneficially through a financial intermediary, ½ or 1% or more of the Fund's outstanding shares and (ii) has been a shareholder of ½ of 1% of the Fund's total outstanding shares for 12 months or more prior to submitting the recommendation to the Committee. Such recommendations shall be directed to the Secretary of the Fund at such address as is set forth in the Fund's disclosure documents. The Qualifying Fund

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Shareholder's letter should include: (i) the name and address of the Qualifying Fund Shareholder making the recommendation; (ii) the number of shares of each class and series of shares of the Fund which are owned of record and beneficially by such Qualifying Fund Shareholder and the length of time that such shares have been so owned by the Qualifying Fund Shareholder; (iii) a description of all arrangements and understandings between such Qualifying Fund Shareholder and any other person or persons (naming such person or persons) pursuant to which the recommendation is being made; (iv) the name and address of the nominee; and (v) the nominee's resume or curriculum vitae. The Qualifying Fund Shareholder's letter must be accompanied by a written consent of the individual to stand for election if nominated for the Board and to serve if elected by shareholders. The Committee may also seek such additional information about the nominee as it considers appropriate, including information relating to such nominee that is required to be disclosed in solicitations or proxies for the election of Board members.

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FORT DEARBORN INCOME SECURITIES, INC.

ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS December 5, 2008

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The undersigned hereby appoints as proxies, Joseph J. Alessie and Tammie Lee, and each of them (with full power of substitution) to represent the undersigned and to vote for the undersigned all shares of common stock of the undersigned at the aforesaid meeting and any adjournment or postponement thereof with all the power the undersigned would have if personally present. The shares represented by this proxy will be voted as instructed. **If no instructions are received, this proxy shall be deemed to grant authority to vote "FOR" proposal 1 and "AGAINST" proposal 2. Additionally, the votes entitled to be cast by the undersigned will be cast in the discretion of the proxy holder on any other matter that may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof. This proxy is solicited on behalf of the Board of Directors of Fort Dearborn Income Securities, Inc.**

YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT. Please date and sign this proxy on the reverse side and return it in the enclosed.

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Authorized Signatures This card must be signed and dated for your vote to be counted. Date and Sign Below

This proxy will not be voted unless it is dated and signed exactly as instructed below.

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Signature

Signature, if held jointly

Title or Authority

If shares are held by an individual, sign your name exactly as it appears on this card. If shares are held jointly, either party may sign, but the name of the party signing should conform exactly to the name shown on this proxy card. If shares are held by a corporation, partnership or other entity, the name and capacity of the individual signing the proxy card should be indicated unless it is reflected in the form of registration.

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