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# Institutional Long Duration Credit Fund

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## HIGHLIGHTS

- The Institutional Long Duration Credit Fund underperformed its benchmark in the 12-month period ended May 31, 2023.
- The fund's underweight in investment-grade corporate bonds and security selection within the sector both detracted from relative returns.
- We switched to a more conservative positioning in terms of overall credit risk exposure, moving to a more underweight posture compared with the benchmark.
- We continue to look to earn yield in the portfolio above the benchmark and to use our research capabilities to take advantage of the structural inefficiencies that are prevalent in fixed income markets and benchmarks.

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## Dear Investor

Major global stock and bond indexes produced mixed returns during your fund's fiscal year, the 12-month period ended May 31, 2023. Rising interest rates weighed on returns in the first half of the period, but many sectors rebounded over the past six months as growth remained positive in the major economies and corporate earnings results came in stronger than expected.

For the 12-month period, growth stocks outperformed value shares, and developed market shares generally outpaced their emerging market counterparts. In the U.S., the Russell 1000 Growth Index and Nasdaq Composite Index performed the best. Most currencies weakened versus the U.S. dollar over the period, which weighed on returns for U.S. investors in international securities.

Within the S&P 500 Index, the information technology sector had, by far, the strongest returns. Big tech companies rebounded strongly at the start of 2023, helped in part by growing investor enthusiasm for artificial intelligence applications. Meanwhile, falling prices for various commodities weighed on returns for the materials and energy sectors, and turmoil in the banking sector, which included the failure of three large regional banks, hurt the financials segment. Real estate stocks also came under pressure amid concerns about the ability of some commercial property owners to refinance their debt.

Cheaper oil contributed to slowing inflation during the period, although core inflation readings—which exclude volatile food and energy prices—remained stubbornly high. April's consumer price index data (the latest available in our reporting period) showed a headline inflation rate of 4.9% on a 12-month basis, down from more than 8% at the start of the period but still well above the Fed's long-term 2% inflation target.

In response to persistent inflation, the Fed raised its short-term lending benchmark rate from around 1.00% at the start of the period to a range of 5.00% to 5.25% by the end of May, the highest level since 2007. However, Fed officials have recently suggested that they might soon be ready to pause additional rate hikes as they wait to see how the economy is progressing.

Bond yields increased considerably across the U.S. Treasury yield curve as the Fed tightened monetary policy, with the yield on the benchmark 10-year note climbing from 2.85% at the start of the period to 3.64% at the end of May.

Significant inversions in the yield curve, which are often considered a warning sign of a coming recession, occurred during the period as shorter-maturity Treasuries experienced the largest yield increases. At the end of May, the yield on the three-month Treasury bill was 188 basis points (1.88 percentage point) higher than the yield on the 10-year Treasury note. Increasing yields led to weak results across most of the fixed income market, although high yield bonds, which are less sensitive to rising rates, held up relatively well.

Global economies and markets showed surprising resilience in recent months, but, moving into the second half of 2023, we believe investors could face potential challenges. The economic impact of the Fed's rate hikes has yet to be fully felt in the economy, and while the regional banking turmoil appears to have been contained by the swift actions of regulators, it could continue to have an impact on credit conditions. Moreover, the market consensus still seems to forecast a global recession starting later this year or in early 2024, although it could be a mild downturn.

We believe this environment makes skilled active management a critical tool for identifying risks and opportunities, and our investment teams will continue to use fundamental research to identify securities that can add value to your portfolio over the long term.

Thank you for your continued confidence in T. Rowe Price.

Sincerely,



Robert Sharps  
CEO and President

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The fund seeks to provide high income.

## FUND COMMENTARY

### How did the fund perform in the past 12 months?

The Institutional Long Duration Credit Fund returned -5.14% in the 12 months ended May 31, 2023, underperforming its benchmark, the Bloomberg U.S. Long Credit Bond Index. *(Past performance cannot guarantee future results.)*

Periods Ended 5/31/23	Total Return	
	6 Months	12 Months
Institutional Long Duration Credit Fund	2.18%	-5.14%
Bloomberg U.S. Long Credit Bond Index	2.30	-4.52

### What factors influenced the fund's performance?

Despite experiencing a rebound in the year-to-date period, the U.S. long-duration credit market, as measured by the Bloomberg U.S. Long Credit Bond Index, generated negative absolute returns over the past 12 months. Climbing Treasury yields weighed broadly on bond market performance.

The fund's underweight in investment-grade (IG) corporate bonds and credit selection within the sector dampened performance for the period. Similarly, the fund's out-of-benchmark allocation to U.S. Treasuries also detracted. As measured by the benchmark, longer-dated corporate credit spreads tightened over the period. (Credit spreads measure the additional yield that investors demand for holding a bond with credit risk over a similar-maturity, high-quality government security.) Demand for IG corporate bonds was resilient despite periods of risk aversion as investors looked to lock in attractive long-term yields in the corporate space.

Within the IG corporate sector, the fund's focus on usually less volatile intermediate-term corporate bonds weighed on relative performance. The credit curve compressed with investors looking to gain long-term exposure to higher yielding debt and focusing interest on longer maturities. The banking industry turmoil in March caused additional compression in the credit curve as investors sold shorter-dated credit to raise liquidity.

While our cash bond exposure in the IG corporate sector was a headwind for performance, the fund held material exposure to credit derivatives during the period, and these positions, which can provide more liquid exposure to corporate credit risk than cash bonds, meaningfully contributed to both absolute and relative returns for the period.

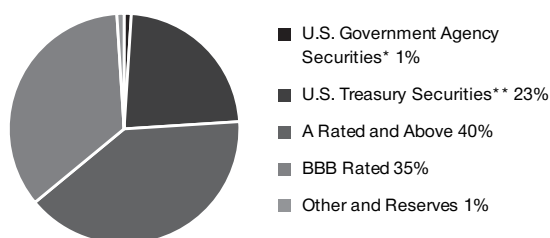
Interest rate management, in aggregate, was negative. Elevated interest rate volatility, along with a slight steepening bias in yield curve positioning, pressured fund performance. Having an incrementally shorter-than-benchmark duration posture in January and February was beneficial. Exposure to interest rate derivatives, which the fund uses to efficiently manage duration exposures, had a moderately negative effect on absolute performance. Without using these types of instruments, the fund would have deviated from its benchmark-like duration target due to our security selection preferences.

### How is the fund positioned?

We switched to a more conservative positioning in terms of overall risk exposure. The fund's overall exposure to risk, as measured by duration times spread, moved to an underweight posture compared with the benchmark in November 2022 as recession risks began to rise, and we have maintained that underweight risk positioning throughout 2023.

With increasing signals that the Federal Reserve's hawkish policies may be slowing inflation and the economy, we added notably to U.S. Treasuries while reducing exposure to IG corporate bonds. While we emphasize the potential benefits that our research platform can give us in investing in spread sectors, rising Treasury yields have reached compelling levels and are looking more interesting as an asset class that can provide real income and could serve as a risk hedge once again as inflation gradually declines and the market's focus shifts to the growth outlook.

While IG corporate spreads were resilient after the market shocks stemming from the regional banking turmoil in March, the near-term outlook for credit remains uncertain as companies start feeling the effects of higher interest rates. Slowing growth and consumer spending may also be less supportive for credit going forward, and we see more downside risk than upside potential at current spread levels. We also made reductions in emerging markets credit and taxable municipal bonds.

**CREDIT QUALITY DIVERSIFICATION**

Based on net assets as of 5/31/23.

Sources: Credit ratings for the securities held in the fund are provided by Moody's, Standard & Poor's, and Fitch and are converted to the Standard & Poor's nomenclature. A rating of AAA represents the highest-rated securities, and a rating of D represents the lowest-rated securities. If the rating agencies differ, the highest rating is applied to the security. If a rating is not available, the security is classified as Not Rated. T. Rowe Price uses the rating of the underlying investment vehicle to determine the creditworthiness of credit default swaps. The fund is not rated by any agency. Securities that have not been rated by any rating agency totaled 0.44% of the portfolio at the end of the reporting period.

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high inflation. Indeed, a recession is never desirable but may be necessary to bring inflation under control with a tight labor market continuing to fuel wage-growth pressures. The impact of the banking problems on market confidence and credit availability may have pulled an eventual recession forward from 2024 to later this year.

We are also mindful of the potential liquidity challenges that could arise as the Federal Reserve begins to rebuild the Treasury General Account through substantial Treasury bill issuance, along with falling bank reserves in general as investors seek higher-yielding alternatives to bank deposits. Additionally, consumer spending has been supportive of the economy, but falling excess savings data and rising unemployment have added to recession risks.

While we wait for greater clarity on the economic outlook, we believe a relatively neutral duration posture and an underweight in credit risk versus the benchmark is advisable. But we will look to add duration when it becomes clearer that the Fed tightening cycle is finished. We believe this positioning should be beneficial if the Fed is forced to cut rates as a result of a slowing economy, which would drive intermediate-term yields lower. Or, if the economy remains buoyant and the Fed pauses in the face of elevated inflation, it could drive long-end yields higher.

We continue to look to earn yield in the portfolio above the benchmark and to use our research capabilities to take advantage of the structural inefficiencies that are prevalent in fixed income markets and benchmarks. We remain confident in our investment approach, which is built on a foundation of quantitative portfolio construction elements, augmented with fundamental insights from our deep global credit research platform.

From an interest rate management perspective, we moved to a more neutral stance in late 2022 but ended the period with a slightly longer duration stance as the Federal Reserve indicated that it would pause interest rate hikes in June.

### What is portfolio management's outlook?

The emergence of stress in the banking industry has added to economic uncertainty and created a challenge for the Fed as it tries to balance market stability with its goal of lowering inflation. Although we believe the bank turmoil is idiosyncratic in nature and due to unique risks at certain banks rather than a fundamental, systemic issue, it comes at a time when global liquidity is rapidly falling, monetary policy is tight, and central banks have little scope to ease policy amid

**RISKS OF INVESTING IN FIXED INCOME SECURITIES**

Funds that invest in fixed income securities are subject to price declines due to rising interest rates, with long-term securities generally most sensitive to rate fluctuations. Other risks include credit rating downgrades and defaults on scheduled interest and principal payments. High yield corporate bonds could have greater price declines than funds that invest primarily in high-quality bonds. Companies issuing high yield bonds are not as strong financially as those with higher credit ratings, so the bonds are usually considered speculative investments. International investments can be riskier than U.S. investments because of the adverse effects of currency exchange rates and differences in market structure and liquidity, as well as specific country, regional, and economic developments.

**BENCHMARK INFORMATION**

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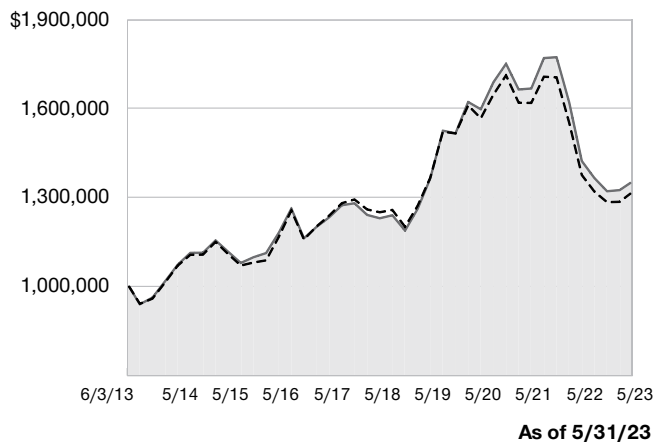
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## GROWTH OF \$1 MILLION

This chart shows the value of a hypothetical \$1 million investment in the fund over the past 10 fiscal year periods or since inception (for funds lacking 10-year records). The result is compared with benchmarks, which include a broad-based market index and may also include a peer group average or index. Market indexes do not include expenses, which are deducted from fund returns as well as mutual fund averages and indexes.

### INSTITUTIONAL LONG DURATION CREDIT FUND



## AVERAGE ANNUAL COMPOUND TOTAL RETURN

Periods Ended 5/31/23	1 Year	5 Years	Since Inception 6/3/13
Institutional Long Duration Credit Fund	-5.14%	1.88%	3.05%

This table shows how the fund would have performed each year if its actual (or cumulative) returns for the periods shown had been earned at a constant rate. Returns do not reflect taxes that the shareholder may pay on fund distributions or the redemption of fund shares. Past performance cannot guarantee future results.

### EXPENSE RATIO

Institutional Long Duration Credit Fund	0.45%
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The expense ratio shown is as of the fund's most recent prospectus. This number may vary from the expense ratio shown elsewhere in this report because it is based on a different time period and, if applicable, includes acquired fund fees and expenses but does not include fee or expense waivers.

## FUND EXPENSE EXAMPLE

As a mutual fund shareholder, you may incur two types of costs: (1) transaction costs, such as redemption fees or sales loads, and (2) ongoing costs, including management fees, distribution and service (12b-1) fees, and other fund expenses. The following example is intended to help you understand your ongoing costs (in dollars) of investing in the fund and to compare these costs with the ongoing costs of investing in other mutual funds. The example is based on an investment of \$1,000 invested at the beginning of the most recent six-month period and held for the entire period.

### Actual Expenses

The first line of the following table (Actual) provides information about actual account values and actual expenses. You may use the information on this line, together with your account balance, to estimate the expenses that you paid over the period. Simply divide your account value by \$1,000 (for example, an \$8,600 account value divided by \$1,000 = 8.6), then multiply the result by the number on the first line under the heading "Expenses Paid During Period" to estimate the expenses you paid on your account during this period.

### Hypothetical Example for Comparison Purposes

The information on the second line of the table (Hypothetical) is based on hypothetical account values and expenses derived from the fund's actual expense ratio and an assumed 5% per year rate of return before expenses (not the fund's actual return). You may compare the ongoing costs of investing in the fund with other funds by contrasting this 5% hypothetical example and the 5% hypothetical examples that appear in the shareholder reports of the other funds. The hypothetical account values and expenses may not be used to estimate the actual ending account balance or expenses you paid for the period.

You should also be aware that the expenses shown in the table highlight only your ongoing costs and do not reflect any transaction costs, such as redemption fees or sales loads. Therefore, the second line of the table is useful in comparing ongoing costs only and will not help you determine the relative total costs of owning different funds. To the extent a fund charges transaction costs, however, the total cost of owning that fund is higher.

### INSTITUTIONAL LONG DURATION CREDIT FUND

	Beginning Account Value 12/1/22	Ending Account Value 5/31/23	Expenses Paid During Period* 12/1/22 to 5/31/23
Actual	\$1,000.00	\$1,021.80	\$2.27
Hypothetical (assumes 5% return before expenses)	1,000.00	1,022.69	2.27

\* Expenses are equal to the fund's annualized expense ratio for the 6-month period (0.45%), multiplied by the average account value over the period, multiplied by the number of days in the most recent fiscal half year (182), and divided by the days in the year (365) to reflect the half-year period.

**QUARTER-END RETURNS**

<b>Periods Ended 3/31/23</b>	<b>1 Year</b>	<b>5 Years</b>	<b>Since Inception 6/3/13</b>
Institutional Long Duration Credit Fund	-12.34%	1.93%	3.30%

*The fund's performance information represents only past performance and is not necessarily an indication of future results. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data cited. Share price, principal value, and return will vary, and you may have a gain or loss when you sell your shares. For the most recent month-end performance, please contact a T. Rowe Price representative at 1-800-638-8790.*

This table provides returns through the most recent calendar quarter-end rather than through the end of the fund's fiscal period. It shows how the fund would have performed each year if its actual (or cumulative) returns for the periods shown had been earned at a constant rate. Average annual total return figures include changes in principal value, reinvested dividends, and capital gain distributions. Returns do not reflect taxes that the shareholder may pay on fund distributions or the redemption of fund shares. When assessing performance, investors should consider both short- and long-term returns.



**FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

For a share outstanding throughout each period

	Year Ended 5/31/23	5/31/22	5/31/21	5/31/20	5/31/19
<b>NET ASSET VALUE</b>					
Beginning of period	\$ 8.59	\$ 10.70	\$ 11.00	\$ 10.68	\$ 10.06
Investment activities					
Net investment income <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	0.34	0.33	0.36	0.40	0.40
Net realized and unrealized gain/loss	(0.79)	(1.76)	0.15	1.35	0.66
Total from investment activities	(0.45)	(1.43)	0.51	1.75	1.06
Distributions					
Net investment income	(0.37)	(0.38)	(0.41)	(0.43)	(0.42)
Net realized gain	–	(0.27)	(0.40)	(1.00)	(0.02)
Tax return of capital	–	(0.03)	–	–	–
Total distributions	(0.37)	(0.68)	(0.81)	(1.43)	(0.44)
<b>NET ASSET VALUE</b>					
End of period	\$ 7.77	\$ 8.59	\$ 10.70	\$ 11.00	\$ 10.68
<b>Ratios/Supplemental Data</b>					
<b>Total return<sup>(2)(3)</sup></b>	<b>(5.14)%</b>	<b>(14.69)%</b>	<b>4.39%</b>	<b>17.12%</b>	<b>10.94%</b>
Ratios to average net assets: <sup>(2)</sup>					
Gross expenses before waivers/payments by Price Associates	0.45%	0.45%	0.45%	0.46%	0.45%
Net expenses after waivers/payments by Price Associates	0.45%	0.45%	0.45%	0.46%	0.45%
Net investment income	4.26%	3.21%	3.19%	3.56%	4.00%
Portfolio turnover rate	46.7%	59.9%	50.9%	70.5%	51.2%
Net assets, end of period (in thousands)	\$ 55,544	\$ 24,849	\$ 19,168	\$ 23,979	\$ 34,038

<sup>(1)</sup> Per share amounts calculated using average shares outstanding method.<sup>(2)</sup> See Note 6 for details of expense-related arrangements with Price Associates.<sup>(3)</sup> Total return reflects the rate that an investor would have earned on an investment in the fund during each period, assuming reinvestment of all distributions, and payment of no redemption or account fees, if applicable.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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**PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS†****Par/Shares      \$ Value**

(Amounts in 000s)

**CORPORATE BONDS 65.1%****Banking 10.9%**

Australia & New Zealand Banking Group, 6.742%, 12/8/32 (1)	200	207
Bank of America, 5.00%, 1/21/44	250	237
Bank of America, VR, 2.676%, 6/19/41 (2)	200	137
Bank of America, VR, 3.824%, 1/20/28 (2)	100	94
Bank of America, VR, 4.33%, 3/15/50 (2)	455	383
Barclays, VR, 7.437%, 11/2/33 (2)	200	218
BNP Paribas, VR, 2.871%, 4/19/32 (1) (2)	200	165
Capital One Financial, VR, 3.273%, 3/1/30 (2)	250	213
Citigroup, 4.65%, 7/30/45	530	470
Citigroup, VR, 6.174%, 5/25/34 (2)	115	117
Goldman Sachs Group, 2.60%, 2/7/30	100	86
Goldman Sachs Group, 4.75%, 10/21/45	315	282
Goldman Sachs Group, 5.15%, 5/22/45	200	184
HSBC Holdings, 7.625%, 5/17/32	155	165
JPMorgan Chase, 5.625%, 8/16/43	405	407
JPMorgan Chase, VR, 3.882%, 7/24/38 (2)	430	369
Lloyds Banking Group, 4.344%, 1/9/48	200	150
Morgan Stanley, 4.30%, 1/27/45	150	129
Morgan Stanley, VR, 3.971%, 7/22/38 (2)	200	170
NatWest Group, VR, 6.016%, 3/2/34 (2)	250	255
Standard Chartered, VR, 6.301%, 1/9/29 (1)(2)	200	203
State Street, VR, 5.159%, 5/18/34 (2)	305	303
Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group, 5.766%, 1/13/33 (3)	200	208
UBS Group, VR, 3.179%, 2/11/43 (1) (2)	200	140
Wells Fargo, VR, 2.393%, 6/2/28 (2)	150	134
Wells Fargo, VR, 3.068%, 4/30/41 (2)	500	364
Wells Fargo Bank, 6.60%, 1/15/38	250	274
		6,064

**Basic Industry 2.7%**

Dow Chemical, 4.80%, 5/15/49	190	164
Ecolab, 2.70%, 12/15/51 (3)	300	194
Ecolab, 3.70%, 11/1/46	30	23
International Paper, 4.35%, 8/15/48 (3)	139	115
LYB International Finance III, 5.625%, 5/15/33	250	249
Newmont, 5.45%, 6/9/44	195	191
Nucor, 4.40%, 5/1/48	75	63
Southern Copper, 5.25%, 11/8/42	200	186
Westlake, 3.125%, 8/15/51	500	308
		1,493

**Par/Shares      \$ Value**

(Amounts in 000s)

**Brokerage Assetmanagers  
Exchanges 0.3%**

Nasdaq, 3.95%, 3/7/52	220	169
		169

**Capital Goods 2.4%**

L3Harris Technologies, 4.854%, 4/27/35	280	269
Martin Marietta Materials, 4.25%, 12/15/47	305	251
Masco, 4.50%, 5/15/47	360	287
Raytheon Technologies, 4.45%, 11/16/38	145	134
Republic Services, 5.00%, 4/1/34	25	25
Stanley Black & Decker, 2.75%, 11/15/50	300	174
Vulcan Materials, 4.50%, 6/15/47	130	111
Waste Connections, 2.95%, 1/15/52	175	116
		1,367

**Communications 9.7%**

AT&T, 3.50%, 6/1/41	450	341
AT&T, 3.80%, 12/1/57	1,028	725
Bell Canada, 5.10%, 5/11/33	250	248
Charter Communications Operating, 3.70%, 4/1/51	200	123
Charter Communications Operating, 5.75%, 4/1/48	425	352
Comcast, 2.45%, 8/15/52	350	210
Comcast, 3.90%, 3/1/38	150	130
Comcast, 4.049%, 11/1/52	755	614
Cox Communications, 2.95%, 10/1/50 (1)	230	142
Crown Castle, 4.75%, 5/15/47	185	159
Meta Platforms, 5.60%, 5/15/53	180	180
Rogers Communications, 4.35%, 5/1/49	175	136
Rogers Communications, 4.50%, 3/15/42 (1)	160	131
Rogers Communications, 5.00%, 3/15/44	150	132
T-Mobile USA, 5.05%, 7/15/33	250	246
T-Mobile USA, 5.75%, 1/15/54	130	132
Time Warner Cable, 5.875%, 11/15/40	200	173
Verizon Communications, 2.987%, 10/30/56	1,336	823
Videotron, 5.125%, 4/15/27 (1)(3)	70	67
Vodafone Group, 4.875%, 6/19/49	230	198
Warnermedia Holdings, 5.05%, 3/15/42	135	109
		5,371

**Consumer Cyclical 3.5%**

Amazon.com, 4.95%, 12/5/44	250	252
AutoZone, 4.75%, 2/1/33	250	243
Best Buy, 1.95%, 10/1/30	200	161
Home Depot, 4.20%, 4/1/43	250	219
Home Depot, 4.40%, 3/15/45	200	179
Lowe's, 5.85%, 4/1/63	300	292
Magna International, 5.50%, 3/21/33	270	275
McDonald's, 4.20%, 4/1/50	90	76

	Par/Shares	\$ Value
(Amounts in 000s)		
Tractor Supply, 5.25%, 5/15/33	250	249
		1,946
<b>Consumer Non-Cyclical 11.8%</b>		
AbbVie, 4.25%, 11/21/49	735	623
AbbVie, 4.50%, 5/14/35	200	189
Altria Group, 5.80%, 2/14/39	140	135
Amgen, 5.65%, 3/2/53	525	521
Anheuser-Busch, 4.90%, 2/1/46	380	360
Anheuser-Busch InBev Worldwide, 5.45%, 1/23/39	305	317
Anheuser-Busch InBev Worldwide, 5.55%, 1/23/49	200	209
Astrazeneca Finance, 4.875%, 3/3/33	200	204
Banner Health, 2.913%, 1/1/51	115	77
Becton Dickinson & Company, 4.669%, 6/6/47	200	179
Biogen, 3.15%, 5/1/50	270	181
Centra Health, 4.70%, 1/1/48	190	161
Cigna Group, 3.875%, 10/15/47	370	285
CommonSpirit Health, 3.91%, 10/1/50	170	130
CommonSpirit Health, 4.187%, 10/1/49	135	108
CVS Health, 4.125%, 4/1/40	130	108
CVS Health, 5.05%, 3/25/48	465	420
CVS Health, 6.00%, 6/1/63	250	251
Hackensack Meridian Health, 4.211%, 7/1/48	170	143
HCA, 4.375%, 3/15/42 (1)	80	65
HCA, 5.90%, 6/1/53	250	242
Mars, 4.75%, 4/20/33 (1)	225	223
Merck, 5.00%, 5/17/53	340	341
Nestle Holdings, 4.85%, 3/14/33 (1)	300	308
Pfizer Investment Enterprises, 5.30%, 5/19/53	190	195
Reynolds American, 5.70%, 8/15/35	150	140
Reynolds American, 5.85%, 8/15/45	200	175
Tyson Foods, 5.10%, 9/28/48	195	176
West Virginia United Health System Obligated Group, Series 2018, 4.924%, 6/1/48	95	86
		6,552
<b>Electric 6.6%</b>		
AEP Texas, 5.40%, 6/1/33	220	220
American Electric Power, 5.625%, 3/1/33	250	254
Appalachian Power, 6.375%, 4/1/36	145	153
Baltimore Gas & Electric, 5.40%, 6/1/53	95	95
Berkshire Hathaway Energy, 6.125%, 4/1/36	300	323
Commonwealth Edison, 5.30%, 2/1/53	40	40
Duke Energy, 3.75%, 9/1/46	130	97
Duke Energy Indiana, 5.40%, 4/1/53	70	69
Duke Energy Progress, 5.35%, 3/15/53	200	200
El Paso Electric, 5.00%, 12/1/44	110	97
Exelon, 4.10%, 3/15/52	170	134
Florida Power & Light, 2.875%, 12/4/51	130	88
Georgia Power, 4.95%, 5/17/33	140	138

	Par/Shares	\$ Value
(Amounts in 000s)		
Kentucky Utilities, 4.375%, 10/1/45	200	168
Louisville Gas & Electric, 4.375%, 10/1/45	100	84
NextEra Energy Capital Holdings, 3.00%, 1/15/52	45	29
NextEra Energy Capital Holdings, 5.25%, 2/28/53	85	80
Pacific Gas & Electric, 6.15%, 1/15/33	150	148
Pennsylvania Electric, 6.15%, 10/1/38	165	165
Public Service Company of Colorado, 5.25%, 4/1/53	100	98
San Diego Gas & Electric, Series TTT, 4.10%, 6/15/49	55	45
Southern, 4.25%, 7/1/36	430	384
Southern California Edison, 5.875%, 12/1/53	250	254
Southern California Edison, Series C, 4.125%, 3/1/48	150	120
Vistra Operations, 4.30%, 7/15/29 (1)	225	201
		3,684
<b>Energy 3.8%</b>		
Diamondback Energy, 4.25%, 3/15/52	170	128
Enbridge Energy Partners, 7.375%, 10/15/45	120	136
Energy Transfer, 6.50%, 2/1/42	195	194
Kinder Morgan Energy Partners, 6.95%, 1/15/38	195	210
MPLX, 5.65%, 3/1/53	300	274
Ovintiv, 6.25%, 7/15/33	75	74
Southern Natural Gas, 4.80%, 3/15/47 (1)	205	167
Spectra Energy Partners, 5.95%, 9/25/43	115	112
Suncor Energy, 4.00%, 11/15/47	310	236
Targa Resources, 4.95%, 4/15/52	80	63
Targa Resources, 6.50%, 2/15/53	100	97
Transcanada Trust, VR, 5.30%, 3/15/77 (2)	120	104
Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line, 4.60%, 3/15/48	275	229
Williams, 4.85%, 3/1/48	100	85
		2,109
<b>Finance Companies 0.9%</b>		
AerCap Ireland Capital, 3.40%, 10/29/33	300	238
GATX, 5.45%, 9/15/33	250	245
		483
<b>Insurance 4.6%</b>		
American International Group, 5.125%, 3/27/33	75	73
Chubb INA Holdings, 2.85%, 12/15/51 (3)	100	68
Elevance Health, 4.375%, 12/1/47	355	304
Elevance Health, 5.125%, 2/15/53	100	96
Equitable Holdings, 5.594%, 1/11/33	100	98
Humana, 5.50%, 3/15/53	75	74
Jackson Financial, 4.00%, 11/23/51	300	196
Liberty Mutual Group, 4.85%, 8/1/44 (1)	180	151

	Par/Shares	\$ Value
(Amounts in 000s)		
Marsh & McLennan, 5.45%, 3/15/53	200	199
Principal Financial Group, 6.05%, 10/15/36	235	244
Teachers Insurance & Annuity Assn. of America, 4.90%, 9/15/44 (1)	200	182
UnitedHealth Group, 3.50%, 8/15/39	300	250
UnitedHealth Group, 5.875%, 2/15/53	550	602
		2,537
<b>Miscellaneous 0.4%</b>		
Ally Financial, 8.00%, 11/1/31	200	208
		208
<b>Natural Gas 0.7%</b>		
NiSource, 3.95%, 3/30/48	260	205
NiSource, 5.40%, 6/30/33	75	75
Sempra Energy, 4.00%, 2/1/48	120	93
		373
<b>Real Estate Investment Trusts 1.0%</b>		
Alexandria Real Estate Equities, 4.75%, 4/15/35	70	65
Essex Portfolio, 4.50%, 3/15/48	130	106
NNN REIT, 4.80%, 10/15/48	235	192
Simon Property Group, 5.85%, 3/8/53	200	196
		559
<b>Technology 3.8%</b>		
Apple, 2.95%, 9/11/49	400	294
Apple, 4.85%, 5/10/53 (3)	200	201
Fiserv, 4.40%, 7/1/49	185	153
Fiserv, 5.60%, 3/2/33	85	87
Microsoft, 2.921%, 3/17/52	250	184
Oracle, 3.95%, 3/25/51	350	257
Oracle, 5.55%, 2/6/53	380	355
Texas Instruments, 5.00%, 3/14/53	250	249
Texas Instruments, 5.05%, 5/18/63	180	176
Workday, 3.80%, 4/1/32 (3)	200	180
		2,136
<b>Transportation 2.0%</b>		
Burlington Northern Santa Fe, 5.05%, 3/1/41	75	73
Canadian Pacific Railway, 3.10%, 12/2/51	125	86
CSX, 4.30%, 3/1/48	140	120
CSX, 4.50%, 11/15/52	400	354
ERAC USA Finance, 5.40%, 5/1/53 (1)	250	245
Norfolk Southern, 4.837%, 10/1/41	250	230
		1,108
<b>Total Corporate Bonds (Cost \$41,043)</b>		<b>36,159</b>
<b>FOREIGN GOVERNMENT OBLIGATIONS &amp; MUNICIPALITIES 1.9%</b>		
<b>Owned No Guarantee 0.4%</b>		
Petroleos Mexicanos, 5.50%, 6/27/44	175	97
Petroleos Mexicanos, 7.69%, 1/23/50 (3)	200	130
		227
<b>Sovereign 1.5%</b>		
Republic of Panama, 4.50%, 1/19/63	200	144

	Par/Shares	\$ Value
(Amounts in 000s)		
State of Qatar, 4.40%, 4/16/50 (1)	200	181
United Mexican States, 4.40%, 2/12/52	400	311
United Mexican States, 6.338%, 5/4/53	200	201
		837
<b>Total Foreign Government Obligations &amp; Municipalities (Cost \$1,295)</b>		<b>1,064</b>
<b>MUNICIPAL SECURITIES 6.4%</b>		
<b>California 1.1%</b>		
California, Various Purpose, GO, 5.20%, 3/1/43	350	344
Los Angeles Dept. of Water & Power, Build America, 6.574%, 7/1/45	200	240
		584
<b>Florida 1.0%</b>		
Florida Dev. Finance, Nova Southeastern Univ., Series B, 4.109%, 4/1/50	125	101
Miami-Dade County Transit System, Series B, Build America, 5.624%, 7/1/40	200	211
Miami-Dade County Water & Sewer System, Series C, 3.49%, 10/1/42	275	222
		534
<b>Georgia 0.4%</b>		
Municipal Electric Auth. of Georgia, Build America, Vogtle Units, 6.655%, 4/1/57	191	210
		210
<b>Illinois 0.1%</b>		
Illinois Municipal Electric Agency, Build America, 6.832%, 2/1/35	75	81
		81
<b>Louisiana 0.2%</b>		
Louisiana Local Government Environmental Fac., CDA, Series A, 4.475%, 8/1/39	90	86
		86
<b>Maryland 0.2%</b>		
Maryland Economic Development, Seagirt Marine Terminal, Series B, 4.75%, 6/1/42	150	122
		122
<b>Massachusetts 0.5%</b>		
Massachusetts Bay Transportation Auth., Build America, 5.869%, 7/1/40	115	125
Massachusetts Water Resources Auth., Series C, 2.823%, 8/1/41	200	156
		281
<b>Michigan 0.4%</b>		
Gerald R Ford Int'l. Airport Auth., Series A, 5.435%, 1/1/43	220	224
		224
<b>Minnesota 0.2%</b>		
Western Minnesota Municipal Power Agency, Series A, 3.156%, 1/1/39	150	126
		126

	Par/Shares	\$ Value
(Amounts in 000s)		
<b>Tennessee 0.1%</b>		
Metropolitan Government Nashville & Davidson County Health & Ed. Facs, Vanderbilt Univ. Medical, Series B, 3.235%, 7/1/52	85	55
		55
<b>Texas 1.7%</b>		
Board of Regents of the Univ. of Texas System, Series D, Build America, 5.134%, 8/15/42	200	211
Central Texas Regional Mobility Auth., Series E, 3.167%, 1/1/41	150	117
Central Texas Turnpike System, Series C, 3.029%, 8/15/41	105	76
Dallas/Fort Worth Int'l. Airport, Series A, 2.994%, 11/1/38	280	236
Dallas/Fort Worth Int'l. Airport, Series A, 4.507%, 11/1/51	150	137
Texas Natural Gas Securitization Fin., Series 2023-1, Class A2, 5.169%, 4/1/41	45	47
Texas Private Activity Bond Surface Transportation, North Tarrant Express, Series B, 3.922%, 12/31/49	125	102
		926
<b>Virginia 0.5%</b>		
Univ. of Virginia, Series B, 2.584%, 11/1/51	300	199
Virginia Commonwealth Univ. Health System Auth., Series A, 4.956%, 1/1/44	105	101
		300
<b>Total Municipal Securities (Cost \$3,880)</b>		<b>3,529</b>
<b>NON-U.S. GOVERNMENT MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES 1.2%</b>		
<b>Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities 1.2%</b>		
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Multifamily Structured PTC Series K137, Class A2, ARM 2.347%, 11/25/31	460	394
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Multifamily Structured PTC Series K150, Class A2, ARM 3.71%, 9/25/32	265	252
<b>Total Non-U.S. Government Mortgage-Backed Securities (Cost \$654)</b>		<b>646</b>
<b>U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCY OBLIGATIONS (EXCLUDING MORTGAGE-BACKED) 22.6%</b>		
<b>U.S. Treasury Obligations 22.6%</b>		
U.S. Treasury Bonds, 1.75%, 8/15/41	620	437
U.S. Treasury Bonds, 2.00%, 8/15/51	90	61
U.S. Treasury Bonds, 2.25%, 2/15/52	540	390

	Par/Shares	\$ Value
(Amounts in 000s)		
U.S. Treasury Bonds, 2.375%, 2/15/42	75	59
U.S. Treasury Bonds, 2.50%, 2/15/45	85	66
U.S. Treasury Bonds, 3.00%, 8/15/52	480	408
U.S. Treasury Bonds, 3.375%, 8/15/42	4,405	4,024
U.S. Treasury Bonds, 3.625%, 2/15/53	2,130	2,047
U.S. Treasury Bonds, 3.875%, 2/15/43	4,150	4,074
U.S. Treasury Bonds, 4.00%, 11/15/52	975	1,003
<b>Total U.S. Government Agency Obligations (Excluding Mortgage-Backed) (Cost \$12,674)</b>		<b>12,569</b>
<b>SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS 1.0%</b>		
<b>Money Market Funds 1.0%</b>		
T. Rowe Price Government Reserve Fund, 5.11% (4)(5)	549	549
<b>Total Short-Term Investments (Cost \$549)</b>		<b>549</b>
<b>SECURITIES LENDING COLLATERAL 1.3%</b>		
<b>INVESTMENTS IN A POOLED ACCOUNT THROUGH SECURITIES LENDING PROGRAM WITH JPMORGAN CHASE BANK 0.3%</b>		
<b>Money Market Funds 0.3%</b>		
T. Rowe Price Government Reserve Fund, 5.11% (4)(5)	194	194
<b>Total Investments in a Pooled Account through Securities Lending Program with JPMorgan Chase Bank</b>		<b>194</b>
<b>INVESTMENTS IN A POOLED ACCOUNT THROUGH SECURITIES LENDING PROGRAM WITH STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY 1.0%</b>		
<b>Money Market Funds 1.0%</b>		
T. Rowe Price Government Reserve Fund, 5.11% (4)(5)	535	535
<b>Total Investments in a Pooled Account through Securities Lending Program with State Street Bank and Trust Company</b>		<b>535</b>
<b>Total Securities Lending Collateral (Cost \$729)</b>		<b>729</b>
<b>Total Investments in Securities 99.5% of Net Assets (Cost \$60,824)</b>		<b>\$ 55,245</b>

- ‡ Par/Shares and Notional Amount are denominated in U.S. dollars unless otherwise noted.
- (1) Security was purchased pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933 and may be resold in transactions exempt from registration only to qualified institutional buyers. Total value of such securities at period-end amounts to \$2,778 and represents 5.0% of net assets.
  - (2) Security is a fix-to-float security, which carries a fixed coupon until a certain date, upon which it switches to a floating rate. Reference rate and spread are provided if the rate is currently floating.
  - (3) See Note 4. All or a portion of this security is on loan at May 31, 2023.
  - (4) Seven-day yield
  - (5) Affiliated Companies
- ARM Adjustable Rate Mortgage (ARM); rate shown is effective rate at period-end. The rates for certain ARMs are not based on a published reference rate and spread but may be determined using a formula based on the rates of the underlying loans.
- CDA Community Development Administration/Authority
- GO General Obligation
- PTC Pass-Through Certificate
- VR Variable Rate; rate shown is effective rate at period-end. The rates for certain variable rate securities are not based on a published reference rate and spread but are determined by the issuer or agent and based on current market conditions.

(Amounts in 000s)

**SWAPS 0.4%**

Description	Notional Amount	\$ Value	Initial \$ Value**	Unrealized \$ Gain/(Loss)
<b>CENTRALLY CLEARED SWAPS 0.4%</b>				
<b>Credit Default Swaps, Protection Sold 0.4%</b>				
Protection Sold (Relevant Credit: Markit CDX.NA.HY-S39, 5 Year Index), Receive 5.00% Quarterly, Pay upon credit default, 12/20/27	2,970	76	(85)	161
Protection Sold (Relevant Credit: Markit CDX.NA.HY-S40, 5 Year Index), Receive 5.00% Quarterly, Pay upon credit default, 6/20/28	2,500	53	6	47
Protection Sold (Relevant Credit: Markit CDX.NA.IG-S39, 5 Year Index), Receive 1.00% Quarterly, Pay upon credit default, 12/20/27	3,200	42	14	28
Protection Sold (Relevant Credit: Markit CDX.NA.IG-S40, 5 Year Index), Receive 1.00% Quarterly, Pay upon credit default, 6/20/28	2,750	36	24	12
<b>Total Centrally Cleared Credit Default Swaps, Protection Sold</b>				<b>248</b>
<b>Total Centrally Cleared Swaps</b>				<b>248</b>
<b>Net payments (receipts) of variation margin to date</b>				<b>(261)</b>
<b>Variation margin receivable (payable) on centrally cleared swaps</b>			<b>\$</b>	<b>(13)</b>

\*\* Includes interest purchased or sold but not yet collected of \$15.

**FUTURES CONTRACTS**

(\$000s)

	Expiration Date	Notional Amount	Value and Unrealized Gain (Loss)
Long, 14 U.S. Treasury Long Bond contracts	9/23	1,797	\$ 20
Long, 4 U.S. Treasury Notes five year contracts	9/23	436	—
Short, 8 U.S. Treasury Notes ten year contracts	9/23	(916)	(2)
<b>Net payments (receipts) of variation margin to date</b>			<b>(9)</b>
<b>Variation margin receivable (payable) on open futures contracts</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>9</b>



**AFFILIATED COMPANIES**

(\$000s)

The fund may invest in certain securities that are considered affiliated companies. As defined by the 1940 Act, an affiliated company is one in which the fund owns 5% or more of the outstanding voting securities, or a company that is under common ownership or control. The following securities were considered affiliated companies for all or some portion of the year ended May 31, 2023. Net realized gain (loss), investment income, change in net unrealized gain/loss, and purchase and sales cost reflect all activity for the period then ended.

Affiliate	Change in Net		
	Net Realized Gain (Loss)	Unrealized Gain/Loss	Investment Income
T. Rowe Price Government Reserve Fund, 5.11%	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 20++
Totals	\$ —#	\$ —	\$ 20+

**Supplementary Investment Schedule**

Affiliate	Value 05/31/22	Purchase Cost	Sales Cost	Value 05/31/23
T. Rowe Price Government Reserve Fund, 5.11%	\$ 419	□	□	\$ 1,278
Total				\$ 1,278^

# Capital gain distributions from underlying Price funds represented \$0 of the net realized gain (loss).

++ Excludes earnings on securities lending collateral, which are subject to rebates and fees as described in Note 4.

+ Investment income comprised \$20 of dividend income and \$0 of interest income.

□ Purchase and sale information not shown for cash management funds.

^ The cost basis of investments in affiliated companies was \$1,278.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

May 31, 2023

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

(\$000s, except shares and per share amounts)

**Assets**

Investments in securities, at value (cost \$60,824)	\$	55,245
Interest receivable		619
Cash deposits on centrally cleared swaps		599
Receivable for shares sold		351
Cash deposits on futures contracts		55
Cash		21
Variation margin receivable on futures contracts		9
Total assets		<u>56,899</u>

**Liabilities**

Obligation to return securities lending collateral		729
Payable for investment securities purchased		521
Investment management and administrative fees payable		35
Payable for shares redeemed		23
Variation margin payable on centrally cleared swaps		13
Other liabilities		34
Total liabilities		<u>1,355</u>

**NET ASSETS****\$ 55,544****Net Assets Consist of:**

Total distributable earnings (loss)	\$	(8,624)
Paid-in capital applicable to 7,146,954 shares of \$0.0001 par value capital stock outstanding; 4,000,000,000 shares of the Corporation authorized		<u>64,168</u>

**NET ASSETS****\$ 55,544****NET ASSET VALUE PER SHARE****\$ 7.77**

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**STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS**

(\$000s)

	Year Ended 5/31/23
<b>Investment Income (Loss)</b>	
Income	
Interest	\$ 1,449
Dividend	20
Securities lending	2
Total income	1,471
Expenses	
Investment management and administrative expense	141
Net investment income	1,330
<b>Realized and Unrealized Gain / Loss</b>	
Net realized gain (loss)	
Securities	(638)
Futures	(128)
Swaps	(152)
Net realized loss	(918)
Change in net unrealized gain / loss	
Securities	(2,081)
Futures	42
Swaps	372
Change in net unrealized gain / loss	(1,667)
Net realized and unrealized gain / loss	(2,585)
<b>DECREASE IN NET ASSETS FROM OPERATIONS</b>	<b>\$ (1,255)</b>

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS**

(\$000s)

	Year Ended 5/31/23	5/31/22
<b>Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets</b>		
Operations		
Net investment income	\$ 1,330	\$ 857
Net realized loss	(918)	(1,361)
Change in net unrealized gain / loss	(1,667)	(5,727)
Decrease in net assets from operations	(1,255)	(6,231)
Distributions to shareholders		
Net earnings	(1,489)	(1,767)
Tax return of capital	-	(66)
Decrease in net assets from distributions	(1,489)	(1,833)
Capital share transactions*		
Shares sold	34,945	20,981
Distributions reinvested	1,105	800
Shares redeemed	(2,611)	(8,036)
Increase in net assets from capital share transactions	33,439	13,745
<b>Net Assets</b>		
Increase during period	30,695	5,681
Beginning of period	24,849	19,168
<b>End of period</b>	<b>\$ 55,544</b>	<b>\$ 24,849</b>
*Share information (000s)		
Shares sold	4,439	1,924
Distributions reinvested	140	78
Shares redeemed	(326)	(899)
Increase in shares outstanding	4,253	1,103

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

T. Rowe Price Institutional Income Funds, Inc. (the corporation) is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the 1940 Act). The Institutional Long Duration Credit Fund (the fund) is a diversified, open-end management investment company established by the corporation. The fund seeks to provide high income.

## NOTE 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

**Basis of Preparation** The fund is an investment company and follows accounting and reporting guidance in the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) *Accounting Standards Codification* Topic 946 (ASC 946). The accompanying financial statements were prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), including, but not limited to, ASC 946. GAAP requires the use of estimates made by management. Management believes that estimates and valuations are appropriate; however, actual results may differ from those estimates, and the valuations reflected in the accompanying financial statements may differ from the value ultimately realized upon sale or maturity.

**Investment Transactions, Investment Income, and Distributions** Investment transactions are accounted for on the trade date basis. Income and expenses are recorded on the accrual basis. Realized gains and losses are reported on the identified cost basis. Premiums and discounts on debt securities are amortized for financial reporting purposes. Paydown gains and losses are recorded as an adjustment to interest income. Income tax-related interest and penalties, if incurred, are recorded as income tax expense. Dividends received from other investment companies are reflected as dividend income; capital gain distributions are reflected as realized gain/loss. Dividend income and capital gain distributions are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Non-cash dividends, if any, are recorded at the fair market value of the asset received. Proceeds from litigation payments, if any, are included in either net realized gain (loss) or change in net unrealized gain/loss from securities. Distributions to shareholders are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Income distributions, if any, are declared daily and paid monthly. A capital gain distribution, if any, may also be declared and paid by the fund annually.

**Capital Transactions** Each investor's interest in the net assets of the fund is represented by fund shares. The fund's net asset value (NAV) per share is computed at the close of the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE), normally 4 p.m. ET, each day the NYSE is open for business. However, the NAV per share may be calculated at a time other than the normal close of the NYSE if trading on the NYSE is restricted, if the NYSE closes earlier, or as may be permitted by the SEC. Purchases and redemptions of fund shares are transacted at the next-computed NAV per share, after receipt of the transaction order by T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc., or its agents.

**New Accounting Guidance** The FASB issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU), ASU 2020-04, Reference Rate Reform (Topic 848) – Facilitation of the Effects of Reference Rate Reform on Financial Reporting in March 2020 and ASU 2021-01 in January 2021 which provided further amendments and clarifications to Topic 848. These ASUs provide optional, temporary relief with respect to the financial reporting of contracts subject to certain types of modifications due to the planned discontinuation of the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR), and other interbank-offered based reference rates, through December 31, 2022. In December 2022, FASB issued ASU 2022-06 which defers the sunset date of Topic 848 from December 31, 2022 to December 31, 2024, after which entities will no longer be permitted to apply the relief in Topic 848. Management intends to rely upon the relief provided under Topic 848, which is not expected to have a material impact on the fund's financial statements.

**Indemnification** In the normal course of business, the fund may provide indemnification in connection with its officers and directors, service providers, and/or private company investments. The fund's maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown; however, the risk of material loss is currently considered to be remote.

## NOTE 2 - VALUATION

**Fair Value** The fund's financial instruments are valued at the close of the NYSE and are reported at fair value, which GAAP defines as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The fund's Board of Directors (the Board) has designated T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc. as the fund's valuation designee (Valuation Designee). Subject to oversight by the Board, the Valuation Designee performs the following functions in performing fair value determinations: assesses and manages valuation risks; establishes and applies fair value methodologies; tests fair value methodologies; and evaluates pricing vendors and pricing agents. The duties and responsibilities of the Valuation Designee are performed by its Valuation Committee. The Valuation Designee provides periodic reporting to the Board on valuation matters.

Various valuation techniques and inputs are used to determine the fair value of financial instruments. GAAP establishes the following fair value hierarchy that categorizes the inputs used to measure fair value:

Level 1 – quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical financial instruments that the fund can access at the reporting date

Level 2 – inputs other than Level 1 quoted prices that are observable, either directly or indirectly (including, but not limited to, quoted prices for similar financial instruments in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar financial instruments in inactive markets, interest rates and yield curves, implied volatilities, and credit spreads)

Level 3 – unobservable inputs (including the Valuation Designee's assumptions in determining fair value)

Observable inputs are developed using market data, such as publicly available information about actual events or transactions, and reflect the assumptions that market participants would use to price the financial instrument. Unobservable inputs are those for which market data are not available and are developed using the best information available about the assumptions that market participants would use to price the financial instrument. GAAP requires valuation techniques to maximize the use of relevant observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. When multiple inputs are used to derive fair value, the financial instrument is assigned to the level within the fair value hierarchy based on the lowest-level input that is significant to the fair value of the financial instrument. Input levels are not necessarily an indication of the risk or liquidity associated with financial instruments at that level but rather the degree of judgment used in determining those values.

**Valuation Techniques** Debt securities generally are traded in the over-the-counter (OTC) market and are valued at prices furnished by independent pricing services or by broker dealers who make markets in such securities. When valuing securities, the independent pricing services consider factors such as, but not limited to, the yield or price of bonds of comparable quality, coupon, maturity, and type, as well as prices quoted by dealers who make markets in such securities.

Investments in mutual funds are valued at the mutual fund's closing NAV per share on the day of valuation. Futures contracts are valued at closing settlement prices. Swaps are valued at prices furnished by an independent pricing service or independent swap dealers. Assets and liabilities other than financial instruments, including short-term receivables and payables, are carried at cost, or estimated realizable value, if less, which approximates fair value.

Investments for which market quotations are not readily available or deemed unreliable are valued at fair value as determined in good faith by the Valuation Designee. The Valuation Designee has adopted methodologies for determining the fair value of investments for which market quotations are not readily available or deemed unreliable, including the use of other pricing sources. Factors used in determining fair value vary by type of investment and may include market or investment specific considerations. The Valuation Designee typically will afford greatest weight to actual prices in arm's length transactions, to the extent they represent orderly transactions between market participants, transaction information can be reliably obtained, and prices are deemed representative of fair value. However, the Valuation Designee may also consider other valuation methods such as market-based valuation multiples; a discount or premium from market value of a similar, freely traded security of the same issuer; discounted cash flows; yield to maturity; or some combination. Fair value determinations are reviewed on a regular basis. Because any fair value determination involves a significant amount of judgment, there is a degree of subjectivity inherent in such pricing decisions. Fair value prices determined by the Valuation Designee could differ from those of other market participants, and it is possible that the fair value determined for a security may be materially different from the value that could be realized upon the sale of that security.

**Valuation Inputs** The following table summarizes the fund's financial instruments, based on the inputs used to determine their fair values on May 31, 2023 (for further detail by category, please refer to the accompanying Portfolio of Investments):

(\$000s)	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total Value
<b>Assets</b>				
Fixed Income Securities <sup>1</sup>	\$ —	\$ 53,967	\$ —	\$ 53,967
Short-Term Investments	549	—	—	549
Securities Lending Collateral	729	—	—	729
Total Securities	1,278	53,967	—	55,245
Swaps*	—	248	—	248
Futures Contracts*	20	—	—	20
Total	\$ 1,298	\$ 54,215	\$ —	\$ 55,513
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Futures Contracts*	\$ 2	\$ —	\$ —	2

<sup>1</sup> Includes Corporate Bonds, Foreign Government Obligations & Municipalities, Municipal Securities, Non-U.S. Government Mortgage-Backed Securities and U.S. Government Agency Obligations (Excluding Mortgage-Backed).

\* The fair value presented includes cumulative gain (loss) on open futures contracts and centrally cleared swaps; however, the net value reflected on the accompanying Portfolio of Investments is only the unsettled variation margin receivable (payable) at that date.

### NOTE 3 - DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS

During the year ended May 31, 2023, the fund invested in derivative instruments. As defined by GAAP, a derivative is a financial instrument whose value is derived from an underlying security price, foreign exchange rate, interest rate, index of prices or rates, or other variable; it requires little or no initial investment and permits or requires net settlement. The fund invests in derivatives only if the expected risks and rewards are consistent with its investment objectives, policies, and overall risk profile, as described in its prospectus and Statement of Additional Information. The fund may use derivatives for a variety of purposes and may use them to establish both long and short positions within the fund's portfolio. Potential uses include to hedge against declines in principal value, increase yield, invest in an asset with greater efficiency and at a lower cost than is possible through direct investment, to enhance return, or to adjust portfolio duration and credit exposure. The risks associated with the use of derivatives are different from, and potentially much greater than, the risks associated with investing directly in the instruments on which the derivatives are based.

The fund values its derivatives at fair value and recognizes changes in fair value currently in its results of operations. Accordingly, the fund does not follow hedge accounting, even for derivatives employed as economic hedges. Generally, the fund accounts for its derivatives on a gross basis. It does not offset the fair value of derivative liabilities against the fair value of derivative assets on its financial statements, nor does it offset the fair value of derivative instruments against the right to reclaim or obligation to return collateral. The following table summarizes the fair value of the fund's derivative instruments held as of May 31, 2023, and the related location on the accompanying Statement of Assets and Liabilities, presented by primary underlying risk exposure:

(\$000s)	Location on Statement of Assets and Liabilities	Fair Value*
<b>Assets</b>		
Interest rate derivatives	Futures	\$ 20
Credit derivatives	Centrally Cleared Swaps	248
Total		\$ 268
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Interest rate derivatives	Futures	\$ 2
Total		\$ 2

\* The fair value presented includes cumulative gain (loss) on open futures contracts and centrally cleared swaps; however, the value reflected on the accompanying Statement of Assets and Liabilities is only the unsettled variation margin receivable (payable) at that date.

Additionally, the amount of gains and losses on derivative instruments recognized in fund earnings during the year ended May 31, 2023, and the related location on the accompanying Statement of Operations is summarized in the following table by primary underlying risk exposure:

(\$000s)	Location of Gain (Loss) on Statement of Operations				
	Futures		Swaps		Total
<b>Realized Gain (Loss)</b>					
Interest rate derivatives	\$	(128)	\$	—	\$ (128)
Credit derivatives		—		(152)	(152)
Total	\$	(128)	\$	(152)	\$ (280)
<b>Change in Unrealized Gain (Loss)</b>					
Interest rate derivatives	\$	42	\$	—	\$ 42
Credit derivatives		—		372	372
Total	\$	42	\$	372	\$ 414

**Counterparty Risk and Collateral** The fund invests in exchange-traded and/or centrally cleared derivative contracts, such as futures, exchange-traded options, and centrally cleared swaps. Counterparty risk on such derivatives is minimal because the clearinghouse provides protection against counterparty defaults. For futures and centrally cleared swaps, the fund is required to deposit collateral in an amount specified by the clearinghouse and the clearing firm (margin requirement), and the margin requirement must be maintained over the life of the contract. Each clearinghouse and clearing firm, in its sole discretion, may adjust the margin requirements applicable to the fund.

Collateral may be in the form of cash or debt securities issued by the U.S. government or related agencies. Cash posted by the fund is reflected as cash deposits in the accompanying financial statements and generally is restricted from withdrawal by the fund; securities posted by the fund are so noted in the accompanying Portfolio of Investments; both remain in the fund's assets. While typically not sold in the same manner as equity or fixed income securities, exchange-traded or centrally cleared derivatives may be closed out only



on the exchange or clearinghouse where the contracts were cleared. This ability is subject to the liquidity of underlying positions. As of May 31, 2023, cash of \$654,000 had been posted by the fund for exchange-traded and/or centrally cleared derivatives.

**Futures Contracts** The fund is subject to interest rate risk in the normal course of pursuing its investment objectives and uses futures contracts to help manage such risk. The fund may enter into futures contracts to manage exposure to interest rate and yield curve movements, security prices, foreign currencies, credit quality, and mortgage prepayments; as an efficient means of adjusting exposure to all or part of a target market; to enhance income; as a cash management tool; or to adjust portfolio duration and credit exposure. A futures contract provides for the future sale by one party and purchase by another of a specified amount of a specific underlying financial instrument at an agreed-upon price, date, time, and place. The fund currently invests only in exchange-traded futures, which generally are standardized as to maturity date, underlying financial instrument, and other contract terms. Payments are made or received by the fund each day to settle daily fluctuations in the value of the contract (variation margin), which reflect changes in the value of the underlying financial instrument. Variation margin is recorded as unrealized gain or loss until the contract is closed. The value of a futures contract included in net assets is the amount of unsettled variation margin; net variation margin receivable is reflected as an asset and net variation margin payable is reflected as a liability on the accompanying Statement of Assets and Liabilities. Risks related to the use of futures contracts include possible illiquidity of the futures markets, contract prices that can be highly volatile and imperfectly correlated to movements in hedged security values and/or interest rates, and potential losses in excess of the fund's initial investment. During the year ended May 31, 2023, the volume of the fund's activity in futures, based on underlying notional amounts, was generally between 4% and 13% of net assets.

**Swaps** The fund is subject to credit risk in the normal course of pursuing its investment objectives and uses swap contracts to help manage such risk. The fund may use swaps in an effort to manage both long and short exposure to changes in interest rates, inflation rates, and credit quality; to adjust overall exposure to certain markets; to enhance total return or protect the value of portfolio securities; to serve as a cash management tool; or to adjust portfolio duration and credit exposure. Swap agreements can be settled either directly with the counterparty (bilateral swap) or through a central clearinghouse (centrally cleared swap). Fluctuations in the fair value of a contract are reflected in unrealized gain or loss and are reclassified to realized gain or loss upon contract termination or cash settlement. Net periodic receipts or payments required by a contract increase or decrease, respectively, the value of the contract until the contractual payment date, at which time such amounts are reclassified from unrealized to realized gain or loss. For bilateral swaps, cash payments are made or received by the fund on a periodic basis in accordance with contract terms; unrealized gain on contracts and premiums paid are reflected as assets and unrealized loss on contracts and premiums received are reflected as liabilities on the accompanying Statement of Assets and Liabilities. For bilateral swaps, premiums paid or received are amortized over the life of the swap and are recognized as realized gain or loss in the Statement of Operations. For centrally cleared swaps, payments are made or received by the fund each day to settle the daily fluctuation in the value of the contract (variation margin). Accordingly, the value of a centrally cleared swap included in net assets is the unsettled variation margin; net variation margin receivable is reflected as an asset and net variation margin payable is reflected as a liability on the accompanying Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

Credit default swaps are agreements where one party (the protection buyer) agrees to make periodic payments to another party (the protection seller) in exchange for protection against specified credit events, such as certain defaults and bankruptcies related to an underlying credit instrument, or issuer or index of such instruments. Upon occurrence of a specified credit event, the protection seller is required to pay the buyer the difference between the notional amount of the swap and the value of the underlying credit, either in the form of a net cash settlement or by paying the gross notional amount and accepting delivery of the relevant underlying credit. For credit default swaps where the underlying credit is an index, a specified credit event may affect all or individual underlying securities included in the index and will be settled based upon the relative weighting of the affected underlying security(ies) within the index. Generally, the payment risk for the seller of protection is inversely related to the current market price or credit rating of the underlying credit or the market value of the contract relative to the notional amount, which are indicators of the markets' valuation of credit quality. As of May 31, 2023, the notional amount of protection sold by the fund totaled \$11,420,000 (20.6% of net assets), which reflects the maximum potential amount the fund could be required to pay under such contracts. Risks related to the use of credit default swaps include the possible inability of the fund to accurately assess the current and future creditworthiness of underlying issuers, the possible failure of a counterparty to perform in accordance with the terms of the swap agreements, potential government regulation that could adversely affect the fund's swap investments, and potential losses in excess of the fund's initial investment.

During the year ended May 31, 2023, the volume of the fund's activity in swaps, based on underlying notional amounts, was generally between 13% and 23% of net assets.

**NOTE 4 - OTHER INVESTMENT TRANSACTIONS**

Consistent with its investment objective, the fund engages in the following practices to manage exposure to certain risks and/or to enhance performance. The investment objective, policies, program, and risk factors of the fund are described more fully in the fund's prospectus and Statement of Additional Information.

**Restricted Securities** The fund invests in securities that are subject to legal or contractual restrictions on resale. Prompt sale of such securities at an acceptable price may be difficult and may involve substantial delays and additional costs.

**Mortgage-Backed Securities** The fund invests in mortgage-backed securities (MBS or pass-through certificates) that represent an interest in a pool of specific underlying mortgage loans and entitle the fund to the periodic payments of principal and interest from those mortgages. MBS may be issued by government agencies or corporations, or private issuers. Most MBS issued by government agencies are guaranteed; however, the degree of protection differs based on the issuer. MBS are sensitive to changes in economic conditions that affect the rate of prepayments and defaults on the underlying mortgages; accordingly, the value, income, and related cash flows from MBS may be more volatile than other debt instruments.

**LIBOR Transition** The fund may invest in instruments that are tied to reference rates, including LIBOR. Over the course of the last several years, global regulators have indicated an intent to phase out the use of LIBOR and similar interbank offered rates (IBOR). There remains uncertainty regarding the future utilization of LIBOR and the nature of any replacement rate. Any potential effects of the transition away from LIBOR on the fund, or on certain instruments in which the fund invests, cannot yet be determined. The transition process may result in, among other things, an increase in volatility or illiquidity of markets for instruments that currently rely on LIBOR, a reduction in the value of certain instruments held by the fund, or a reduction in the effectiveness of related fund transactions such as hedges. Any such effects could have an adverse impact on the fund's performance.

**Securities Lending** The fund may lend its securities to approved borrowers to earn additional income. Its securities lending activities are administered by a lending agent in accordance with a securities lending agreement. Security loans generally do not have stated maturity dates, and the fund may recall a security at any time. The fund receives collateral in the form of cash or U.S. government securities. Collateral is maintained over the life of the loan in an amount not less than the value of loaned securities; any additional collateral required due to changes in security values is delivered to the fund the next business day. Cash collateral is invested in accordance with investment guidelines approved by fund management. Additionally, the lending agent indemnifies the fund against losses resulting from borrower default. Although risk is mitigated by the collateral and indemnification, the fund could experience a delay in recovering its securities and a possible loss of income or value if the borrower fails to return the securities, collateral investments decline in value, and the lending agent fails to perform. Securities lending revenue consists of earnings on invested collateral and borrowing fees, net of any rebates to the borrower, compensation to the lending agent, and other administrative costs. In accordance with GAAP, investments made with cash collateral are reflected in the accompanying financial statements, but collateral received in the form of securities is not. At May 31, 2023, the value of loaned securities was \$703,000; the value of cash collateral and related investments was \$729,000.

**Other** Purchases and sales of portfolio securities other than short-term and U.S. government securities aggregated \$22,232,000 and \$1,184,000, respectively, for the year ended May 31, 2023. Purchases and sales of U.S. government securities aggregated \$24,810,000 and \$13,386,000, respectively, for the year ended May 31, 2023.

**NOTE 5 - FEDERAL INCOME TAXES**

Generally, no provision for federal income taxes is required since the fund intends to continue to qualify as a regulated investment company under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code and distribute to shareholders all of its taxable income and gains. Distributions determined in accordance with federal income tax regulations may differ in amount or character from net investment income and realized gains for financial reporting purposes.

The fund files U.S. federal, state, and local tax returns as required. The fund's tax returns are subject to examination by the relevant tax authorities until expiration of the applicable statute of limitations, which is generally three years after the filing of the tax return, but which can be extended to six years in certain circumstances. Tax returns for open years have incorporated no uncertain tax positions that require a provision for income taxes.

Capital accounts within the financial reporting records are adjusted for permanent book/tax differences to reflect tax character but are not adjusted for temporary differences. The permanent book/tax adjustments, if any, have no impact on results of operations or net assets. The permanent book/tax adjustments relate primarily to character of income on swaps.

The tax character of distributions paid for the periods presented was as follows:

(\$000s)	May 31, 2023	May 31, 2022
Ordinary income (including short-term capital gains, if any)	\$ 1,489	\$ 1,284
Long-term capital gain	—	483
Return of capital	—	66
Total distributions	\$ 1,489	\$ 1,833

At May 31, 2023, the tax-basis cost of investments (including derivatives, if any) and gross unrealized appreciation and depreciation were as follows:

(\$000s)	
Cost of investments	\$ 61,071
Unrealized appreciation	\$ 170
Unrealized depreciation	(5,995)
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	\$ (5,825)

At May 31, 2023, the tax-basis components of accumulated net earnings (loss) were as follows:

(\$000s)	
Overdistributed ordinary income	\$ (83)
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	(5,825)
Loss carryforwards and deferrals	(2,716)
Total distributable earnings (loss)	\$ (8,624)

Temporary differences between book-basis and tax-basis components of total distributable earnings (loss) arise when certain items of income, gain, or loss are recognized in different periods for financial statement purposes versus for tax purposes; these differences will reverse in a subsequent reporting period. The temporary differences relate primarily to the deferral of losses from wash sales and the realization of gains/losses on certain open derivative contracts. The loss carryforwards and deferrals primarily relate to capital loss carryforwards and straddle deferrals. Capital loss carryforwards are available indefinitely to offset future realized capital gains.

## NOTE 6 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The fund is managed by T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc. (Price Associates), a wholly owned subsidiary of T. Rowe Price Group, Inc. (Price Group). The investment management and administrative agreement between the fund and Price Associates provides for an all-inclusive annual fee equal to 0.45% of the fund's average daily net assets. The fee is computed daily and paid monthly. The all-inclusive fee covers investment management services and ordinary, recurring operating expenses but does not cover interest expense; expenses related to borrowing, taxes, and brokerage; or nonrecurring, extraordinary expenses.

In addition, the fund has entered into service agreements with Price Associates and a wholly owned subsidiary of Price Associates, each an affiliate of the fund. Price Associates provides certain accounting and administrative services to the fund. T. Rowe Price Services, Inc. provides shareholder and administrative services in its capacity as the fund's transfer and dividend-disbursing agent. Pursuant to the all-inclusive fee arrangement under the investment management and administrative agreement, expenses incurred by the funds pursuant to these service agreements are paid by Price Associates.

The fund may invest its cash reserves in certain open-end management investment companies managed by Price Associates and considered affiliates of the fund: the T. Rowe Price Government Reserve Fund or the T. Rowe Price Treasury Reserve Fund, organized as money market funds (together, the Price Reserve Funds). The Price Reserve Funds are offered as short-term investment options to mutual funds, trusts, and other accounts managed by Price Associates or its affiliates and are not available for direct purchase by members of the public. Cash collateral from securities lending, if any, is invested in the T. Rowe Price Government Reserve Fund. The Price Reserve Funds pay no investment management fees.

The fund may participate in securities purchase and sale transactions with other funds or accounts advised by Price Associates (cross trades), in accordance with procedures adopted by the fund's Board and Securities and Exchange Commission rules, which require, among other things, that such purchase and sale cross trades be effected at the independent current market price of the security. During the year ended May 31, 2023, the fund had no purchases or sales cross trades with other funds or accounts advised by Price Associates.

#### **NOTE 7 - OTHER MATTERS**

Unpredictable events such as environmental or natural disasters, war, terrorism, pandemics, outbreaks of infectious diseases, and similar public health threats may significantly affect the economy and the markets and issuers in which the fund invests. Certain events may cause instability across global markets, including reduced liquidity and disruptions in trading markets, while some events may affect certain geographic regions, countries, sectors, and industries more significantly than others, and exacerbate other pre-existing political, social, and economic risks.

Since 2020, a novel strain of coronavirus (COVID-19) has resulted in disruptions to global business activity and caused significant volatility and declines in global financial markets.

In February 2022, Russian forces entered Ukraine and commenced an armed conflict leading to economic sanctions being imposed on Russia and certain of its citizens, creating impacts on Russian-related stocks and debt and greater volatility in global markets.

In March 2023, the collapse of some US regional and global banks as well as overall concerns around the soundness and stability of the global banking sector has sparked concerns of a broader financial crisis impacting the overall global banking sector. In certain cases, government agencies have assumed control or otherwise intervened in the operations of certain banks due to liquidity and solvency concerns. The extent of impact of these events on the US and global markets is highly uncertain.

These are recent examples of global events which may have a negative impact on the values of certain portfolio holdings or the fund's overall performance. Management is actively monitoring the risks and financial impacts arising from these events.

**Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

**To the Board of Directors of T. Rowe Price Institutional Income Funds, Inc.  
and Shareholders of T. Rowe Price Institutional Long Duration Credit Fund**

**Opinion on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities, including the portfolio of investments, of T. Rowe Price Institutional Long Duration Credit Fund (one of the funds constituting T. Rowe Price Institutional Income Funds, Inc., referred to hereafter as the "Fund") as of May 31, 2023, the related statement of operations for the year ended May 31, 2023, the statement of changes in net assets for each of the two years in the period ended May 31, 2023, including the related notes, and the financial highlights for each of the five years in the period ended May 31, 2023 (collectively referred to as the "financial statements"). In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Fund as of May 31, 2023, the results of its operations for the year then ended, the changes in its net assets for each of the two years in the period ended May 31, 2023 and the financial highlights for each of the five years in the period ended May 31, 2023, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

**Basis for Opinion**

These financial statements are the responsibility of the Fund's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Fund's financial statements based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB) and are required to be independent with respect to the Fund in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits of these financial statements in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud.

Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. Our procedures included confirmation of securities owned as of May 31, 2023 by correspondence with the custodians, transfer agent and brokers; when replies were not received from brokers, we performed other auditing procedures. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

/s/ PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP  
Baltimore, Maryland  
July 20, 2023

We have served as the auditor of one or more investment companies in the T. Rowe Price group of investment companies since 1973.

**TAX INFORMATION (UNAUDITED) FOR THE TAX YEAR ENDED 5/31/23**

We are providing this information as required by the Internal Revenue Code. The amounts shown may differ from those elsewhere in this report because of differences between tax and financial reporting requirements.

For shareholders subject to interest expense deduction limitation under Section 163(j), \$1,221,000 of the fund's income qualifies as a Section 163(j) interest dividend and can be treated as interest income for purposes of Section 163(j), subject to holding period requirements and other limitations.

## **INFORMATION ON PROXY VOTING POLICIES, PROCEDURES, AND RECORDS**

A description of the policies and procedures used by T. Rowe Price funds to determine how to vote proxies relating to portfolio securities is available in each fund's Statement of Additional Information. You may request this document by calling 1-800-225-5132 or by accessing the SEC's website, sec.gov.

The description of our proxy voting policies and procedures is also available on our corporate website. To access it, please visit the following Web page:

<https://www.troweprice.com/corporate/us/en/utility/policies.html>

Scroll down to the section near the bottom of the page that says, "Proxy Voting Guidelines." Click on the links in the shaded box.

Each fund's most recent annual proxy voting record is available on our website and through the SEC's website. To access it through T. Rowe Price, visit the website location shown above, and scroll down to the section near the bottom of the page that says, "Proxy Voting Records." Click on the Proxy Voting Records link in the shaded box.

## **HOW TO OBTAIN QUARTERLY PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS**

The fund files a complete schedule of portfolio holdings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) for the first and third quarters of each fiscal year as an exhibit to its reports on Form N-PORT. The fund's reports on Form N-PORT are available electronically on the SEC's website (sec.gov). In addition, most T. Rowe Price funds disclose their first and third fiscal quarter-end holdings on **troweprice.com**.

**APPROVAL OF INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT**

Each year, the fund's Board of Directors (Board) considers the continuation of the investment management agreement (Advisory Contract) between the fund and its investment adviser, T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc. (Adviser). In that regard, at a meeting held on March 6–7, 2023 (Meeting), the Board, including all of the fund's independent directors, approved the continuation of the fund's Advisory Contract. At the Meeting, the Board considered the factors and reached the conclusions described below relating to the selection of the Adviser and the approval of the Advisory Contract. The independent directors were assisted in their evaluation of the Advisory Contract by independent legal counsel from whom they received separate legal advice and with whom they met separately.

In providing information to the Board, the Adviser was guided by a detailed set of requests for information submitted by independent legal counsel on behalf of the independent directors. In considering and approving the continuation of the Advisory Contract, the Board considered the information it believed was relevant, including, but not limited to, the information discussed below. The Board considered not only the specific information presented in connection with the Meeting but also the knowledge gained over time through interaction with the Adviser about various topics. The Board meets regularly and, at each of its meetings, covers an extensive agenda of topics and materials and considers factors that are relevant to its annual consideration of the renewal of the T. Rowe Price funds' advisory contracts, including performance and the services and support provided to the funds and their shareholders.

**Services Provided by the Adviser**

The Board considered the nature, quality, and extent of the services provided to the fund by the Adviser. These services included, but were not limited to, directing the fund's investments in accordance with its investment program and the overall management of the fund's portfolio, as well as a variety of related activities such as financial, investment operations, and administrative services; compliance; maintaining the fund's records and registrations; and shareholder communications. The Board also reviewed the background and experience of the Adviser's senior management team and investment personnel involved in the management of the fund, as well as the Adviser's compliance record. The Board concluded that the information it considered with respect to the nature, quality, and extent of the services provided by the Adviser, as well as the other factors considered at the Meeting, supported the Board's approval of the continuation of the Advisory Contract.

**Investment Performance of the Fund**

The Board took into account discussions with the Adviser and detailed reports that it regularly receives throughout the year on relative and absolute performance for the T. Rowe Price funds. In connection with the Meeting, the Board reviewed information provided by the Adviser that compared the fund's total returns, as well as a wide variety of other previously agreed-upon performance measures and market data, against relevant benchmark indexes and peer groups of funds with similar investment programs for various periods through December 31, 2022. Additionally, the Board reviewed the fund's relative performance information as of September 30, 2022, which ranked the returns of the fund for various periods against a universe of funds with similar investment programs selected by Broadridge, an independent provider of mutual fund data. In the course of its deliberations, the Board considered performance information provided throughout the year and in connection with the Advisory Contract review at the Meeting, as well as information provided during investment review meetings conducted with portfolio managers and senior investment personnel during the course of the year regarding the fund's performance. The Board also considered relevant factors, such as overall market conditions and trends that could adversely impact the fund's performance, length of the fund's performance track record, and how closely the fund's strategies align with its benchmarks and peer groups. The Board concluded that the information it considered with respect to the fund's performance, as well as the other factors considered at the Meeting, supported the Board's approval of the continuation of the Advisory Contract.

**Costs, Benefits, Profits, and Economies of Scale**

The Board reviewed detailed information regarding the revenues received by the Adviser under the Advisory Contract and other direct and indirect benefits that the Adviser (and its affiliates) may have realized from its relationship with the fund. In considering soft-dollar arrangements pursuant to which research may be received from broker-dealers that execute the fund's portfolio transactions, the Board noted that the Adviser bears the cost of research services for all client accounts that it advises, including the T. Rowe Price funds. The Board received information on the estimated costs incurred and profits realized by the Adviser from managing the T. Rowe Price funds. While the Board did not review information regarding profits realized from managing the fund in particular because the fund had either not achieved sufficient portfolio asset size or not recognized sufficient revenues to produce meaningful profit margin percentages, the Board concluded that the Adviser's profits were reasonable in light of the services provided to the T. Rowe Price funds.



The Board also considered whether the fund benefits under the fee levels set forth in the Advisory Contract or otherwise from any economies of scale realized by the Adviser. Under the Advisory Contract, the fund pays the Adviser an all-inclusive management fee, which is based on the fund's average daily net assets. The all-inclusive management fee includes investment management services and provides for the Adviser to pay all of the fund's ordinary, recurring operating expenses except for interest, taxes, portfolio transaction fees, and any nonrecurring extraordinary expenses that may arise. The Adviser has generally implemented an all-inclusive management fee structure in situations where a fixed total expense ratio is useful for purposes of providing certainty of fees and expenses for investors and has historically sought to set the initial all-inclusive management fee rate at levels below the expense ratios of comparable funds to take into account potential future economies of scale. In addition, the assets of the fund are included in the calculation of the group fee rate, which serves as a component of the management fee for many T. Rowe Price funds and declines at certain asset levels based on the combined average net assets of most of the T. Rowe Price funds (including the fund). Although the fund does not have a group fee component to its management fee, its assets are included in the calculation because certain resources utilized to operate the fund are shared with other T. Rowe Price funds.

In addition, the Board noted that the fund potentially shares in indirect economies of scale through the Adviser's ongoing investments in its business in support of the T. Rowe Price funds, including investments in trading systems, technology, and regulatory support enhancements, and the ability to possibly negotiate lower fee arrangements with third-party service providers. The Board concluded that the advisory fee structure for the fund provides for a reasonable sharing of benefits from any economies of scale with the fund's investors.

### **Fees and Expenses**

The Board was provided with information regarding industry trends in management fees and expenses. Among other things, the Board reviewed data for peer groups that were compiled by Broadridge, which compared: (i) contractual management fees, actual management fees, nonmanagement expenses, and total expenses of the fund with a group of competitor funds selected by Broadridge (Expense Group) and (ii) actual management fees, nonmanagement expenses, and total expenses of the fund with a broader set of funds within the Lipper investment classification (Expense Universe). The Board considered the fund's contractual management fee rate, actual management fee rate, and total expenses (each of which reflects the fund's all-inclusive management fee rate) in comparison with the information for the Broadridge peer groups. Broadridge generally constructed the peer groups by seeking the most comparable funds based on similar investment classifications and objectives, expense structure, asset size, and operating components and attributes and ranked funds into quintiles, with the first quintile representing the funds with the lowest relative expenses and the fifth quintile representing the funds with the highest relative expenses. The information provided to the Board indicated that the fund's contractual management fee ranked in the second quintile (Expense Group), the fund's actual management fee rate ranked in the fourth quintile (Expense Group) and fifth quintile (Expense Universe), and the fund's total expenses ranked in the first quintile (Expense Group) and second quintile (Expense Universe).

The Board also reviewed the fee schedules for other investment portfolios with similar mandates that are advised or subadvised by the Adviser and its affiliates, including separately managed accounts for institutional and individual investors; subadvised funds; and other sponsored investment portfolios, including collective investment trusts and pooled vehicles organized and offered to investors outside the United States. Management provided the Board with information about the Adviser's responsibilities and services provided to subadvisory and other institutional account clients, including information about how the requirements and economics of the institutional business are fundamentally different from those of the proprietary mutual fund business. The Board considered information showing that the Adviser's mutual fund business is generally more complex from a business and compliance perspective than its institutional account business and considered various relevant factors, such as the broader scope of operations and oversight, more extensive shareholder communication infrastructure, greater asset flows, heightened business risks, and differences in applicable laws and regulations associated with the Adviser's proprietary mutual fund business. In assessing the reasonableness of the fund's management fee rate, the Board considered the differences in the nature of the services required for the Adviser to manage its mutual fund business versus managing a discrete pool of assets as a subadviser to another institution's mutual fund or for an institutional account and that the Adviser generally performs significant additional services and assumes greater risk in managing the fund and other T. Rowe Price funds than it does for institutional account clients, including subadvised funds.

On the basis of the information provided and the factors considered, the Board concluded that the fees paid by the fund under the Advisory Contract are reasonable.

### **Approval of the Advisory Contract**

As noted, the Board approved the continuation of the Advisory Contract. No single factor was considered in isolation or to be determinative to the decision. Rather, the Board concluded, in light of a weighting and balancing of all factors considered, that it was in the best interests of the fund and its shareholders for the Board to approve the continuation of the Advisory Contract (including the fees to be charged for services thereunder).

## ABOUT THE FUND'S DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

Your fund is overseen by a Board of Directors (Board) that meets regularly to review a wide variety of matters affecting or potentially affecting the fund, including performance, investment programs, compliance matters, advisory fees and expenses, service providers, and business and regulatory affairs. The Board elects the fund's officers, who are listed in the final table. The directors who are also employees or officers of T. Rowe Price are considered to be "interested" directors as defined in Section 2(a)(19) of the 1940 Act because of their relationships with T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc. (T. Rowe Price), and its affiliates. The business address of each director and officer is 100 East Pratt Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202. The Statement of Additional Information includes additional information about the fund directors and is available without charge by calling a T. Rowe Price representative at 1-800-638-5660.

## INDEPENDENT DIRECTORS<sup>(a)</sup>

<b>Name (Year of Birth) Year Elected [Number of T. Rowe Price Portfolios Overseen]</b>	<b>Principal Occupation(s) and Directorships of Public Companies and Other Investment Companies During the Past Five Years</b>
Teresa Bryce Bazemore (1959) 2018 [210]	President and Chief Executive Officer, Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco (2021 to present); Chief Executive Officer, Bazemore Consulting LLC (2018 to 2021); Director, Chimera Investment Corporation (2017 to 2021); Director, First Industrial Realty Trust (2020 to present); Director, Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh (2017 to 2019)
Melody Bianchetto (1966) 2023 [210]	Advisory Board Member; Vice President for Finance, University of Virginia (2015 to 2023)
Bruce W. Duncan (1951) 2013 [210]	President, Chief Executive Officer, and Director, CyrusOne, Inc. (2020 to 2021); Chair of the Board (2016 to 2020) and President (2009 to 2016), First Industrial Realty Trust, owner and operator of industrial properties; Member, Investment Company Institute Board of Governors (2017 to 2019); Member, Independent Directors Council Governing Board (2017 to 2019); Senior Advisor, KKR (2018 to 2022); Director, Boston Properties (2016 to present); Director, Marriott International, Inc. (2016 to 2020)
Robert J. Gerrard, Jr. (1952) 2013 [210]	Chair of the Board, all funds (July 2018 to present)
Paul F. McBride (1956) 2013 [210]	Advisory Board Member, Vizzia Technologies (2015 to present); Board Member, Dunbar Armored (2012 to 2018)
Mark J. Parrell (1966) 2023 [210]	Advisory Board Member; Board of Trustees Member and Chief Executive Officer (2019 to present), President (2018 to present), Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (2007 to 2018), and Senior Vice President and Treasurer (2005 to 2007), EQR; Member and Chair, Nareit Dividends Through Diversity, Equity & Inclusion CEO Council, Nareit 2021 Audit and Investment Committee (2021); Advisory Board, Ross Business School at University of Michigan (2015 to 2016); Member and Chair of the Finance Committee, National Multifamily Housing Council (2015 to 2016); Member, Economic Club of Chicago; Director, Brookdale Senior Living, Inc. (2015 to 2017); Director, Aviv REIT, Inc. (2013 to 2015); Director, Real Estate Roundtable (July 2021 to present) and the 2022 Executive Board Nareit (November 2021 to present); Board of Directors and Chair of the Finance Committee, Greater Chicago Food Depository (July 2017 to present)
Kellye L. Walker (1966) 2021 [210]	Executive Vice President and Chief Legal Officer, Eastman Chemical Company (April 2020 to present); Executive Vice President and Chief Legal Officer, Huntington Ingalls Industries, Inc. (January 2015 to March 2020); Director, Lincoln Electric Company (October 2020 to present)

<sup>(a)</sup> All information about the independent directors was current as of December 31, 2022, unless otherwise indicated, except for the number of portfolios overseen, which is current as of the date of this report.

**INTERESTED DIRECTORS<sup>(a)</sup>**

<b>Name (Year of Birth) Year Elected [Number of T. Rowe Price Portfolios Overseen]</b>	<b>Principal Occupation(s) and Directorships of Public Companies and Other Investment Companies During the Past Five Years</b>
David Oestreicher (1967) 2018 [210]	Director, Vice President, and Secretary, T. Rowe Price, T. Rowe Price Investment Services, Inc., T. Rowe Price Retirement Plan Services, Inc., and T. Rowe Price Services, Inc.; Director and Secretary, T. Rowe Price Investment Management, Inc. (Price Investment Management); Vice President and Secretary, T. Rowe Price International (Price International); Vice President, T. Rowe Price Hong Kong (Price Hong Kong), T. Rowe Price Japan (Price Japan), and T. Rowe Price Singapore (Price Singapore); General Counsel, Vice President, and Secretary, T. Rowe Price Group, Inc.; Chair of the Board, Chief Executive Officer, President, and Secretary, T. Rowe Price Trust Company; Principal Executive Officer and Executive Vice President, all funds
Eric L. Veiel, CFA (1972) 2022 [210]	Director and Vice President, T. Rowe Price; Vice President, T. Rowe Price Group, Inc., and T. Rowe Price Trust Company; Vice President, Global Funds

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**OFFICERS**

<b>Name (Year of Birth) Position Held With Institutional Income Funds</b>	<b>Principal Occupation(s)</b>
Jason A. Bauer (1979) Vice President	Vice President, T. Rowe Price and T. Rowe Price Group, Inc.
Steven E. Boothe, CFA (1977) Vice President	Vice President, T. Rowe Price and T. Rowe Price Group, Inc.
Armando (Dino) Capasso (1974) Chief Compliance Officer	Chief Compliance Officer and Vice President, T. Rowe Price and Price Investment Management; Vice President, T. Rowe Price Group, Inc.; formerly, Chief Compliance Officer, PGIM Investments LLC and AST Investment Services, Inc. (ASTIS) (to 2022); Chief Compliance Officer, PGIM Retail Funds complex and Prudential Insurance Funds (to 2022); Vice President and Deputy Chief Compliance Officer, PGIM Investments LLC and ASTIS (to 2019)
Michael F. Connelly, CFA (1977) Vice President	Vice President, T. Rowe Price and T. Rowe Price Group, Inc.
Michael Patrick Daley (1981) Vice President	Vice President, T. Rowe Price and T. Rowe Price Group, Inc.
Amit Deshpande, CFA, FRM (1972) Vice President	Vice President, T. Rowe Price and T. Rowe Price Group, Inc.
Alan S. Dupski, CPA (1982) Principal Financial Officer, Vice President, and Treasurer	Vice President, Price Investment Management, T. Rowe Price, T. Rowe Price Group, Inc., and T. Rowe Price Trust Company
Stephen M. Finamore, CFA (1976) Vice President	Vice President, T. Rowe Price and T. Rowe Price Group, Inc.
Justin T. Gerbereux, CFA (1975) Vice President	Vice President, T. Rowe Price, T. Rowe Price Group, Inc., and T. Rowe Price Trust Company
Gary J. Greb (1961) Vice President	Vice President, Price Investment Management, T. Rowe Price, Price International, and T. Rowe Price Trust Company
Michael J. Grogan, CFA (1971) Vice President	Vice President, T. Rowe Price and T. Rowe Price Group, Inc.
Cheryl Hampton, CPA (1969) Vice President	Vice President, T. Rowe Price; formerly, Tax Director, Invesco Ltd. (to 2021); Vice President, Oppenheimer Funds, Inc. (to 2019)
Benjamin Kersse, CPA (1989) Vice President	Vice President, T. Rowe Price

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**OFFICERS (CONTINUED)**

<b>Name (Year of Birth)</b> <b>Position Held With Institutional Income Funds</b>	<b>Principal Occupation(s)</b>
Paul J. Krug, CPA (1964) Vice President	Vice President, T. Rowe Price, T. Rowe Price Group, Inc., and T. Rowe Price Trust Company
Michael Lambe, CFA (1977) Vice President	Vice President, T. Rowe Price Group, Inc., and Price International
Robert M. Larkins, CFA (1973) Executive Vice President	Vice President, T. Rowe Price, T. Rowe Price Group, Inc., and T. Rowe Price Trust Company
Yongheon Lee (1975) Vice President	Vice President, T. Rowe Price and T. Rowe Price Group, Inc.
Paul M. Massaro, CFA (1975) Executive Vice President	Vice President, T. Rowe Price, T. Rowe Price Group, Inc., and T. Rowe Price Trust Company
Andrew C. McCormick (1960) President	Vice President, T. Rowe Price, T. Rowe Price Group, Inc., and T. Rowe Price Trust Company
Michael J. McGonigle (1966) Vice President	Vice President, T. Rowe Price and T. Rowe Price Group, Inc.
Samy B. Muaddi, CFA (1984) Vice President	Vice President, T. Rowe Price, T. Rowe Price Group, Inc., and T. Rowe Price Trust Company
Alexander S. Obaza (1981) Vice President	Vice President, T. Rowe Price, T. Rowe Price Group, Inc., and T. Rowe Price Trust Company
Miso Park, CFA (1982) Vice President	Vice President, T. Rowe Price and T. Rowe Price Group, Inc.
Fran M. Pollack-Matz (1961) Vice President and Secretary	Vice President, T. Rowe Price, T. Rowe Price Group, Inc., T. Rowe Price Investment Services, Inc., and T. Rowe Price Services, Inc.
Shannon H. Rauser (1987) Assistant Secretary	Assistant Vice President, T. Rowe Price
Rodney M. Rayburn, CFA (1970) Executive Vice President	Vice President, T. Rowe Price, T. Rowe Price Group, Inc., and T. Rowe Price Trust Company
Theodore E. Robson, CFA (1965) Vice President	Vice President, T. Rowe Price, T. Rowe Price Group, Inc., and T. Rowe Price Trust Company
Brian A. Rubin, CPA (1974) Vice President	Vice President, T. Rowe Price, T. Rowe Price Group, Inc., and T. Rowe Price Trust Company
Richard Sennett, CPA (1970) Assistant Treasurer	Vice President, T. Rowe Price, T. Rowe Price Group, Inc., and T. Rowe Price Trust Company
Jeanny Silva (1975) Vice President	Vice President, T. Rowe Price and T. Rowe Price Group, Inc.
Robert D. Thomas (1971) Vice President	Vice President, T. Rowe Price Group, Inc., and Price International
Michael J. Trivino (1981) Vice President	Vice President, T. Rowe Price and T. Rowe Price Group, Inc.
Wesley Ross Trowbridge (1987) Vice President	Vice President, T. Rowe Price and T. Rowe Price Group, Inc.
Lauren T. Wagandt (1984) Vice President	Vice President, T. Rowe Price and T. Rowe Price Group, Inc.
Megan Warren (1968) Vice President	OFAC Sanctions Compliance Officer and Vice President, Price Investment Management; Vice President, T. Rowe Price, T. Rowe Price Group, Inc., T. Rowe Price Retirement Plan Services, Inc., T. Rowe Price Services, Inc., and T. Rowe Price Trust Company

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<b>Name (Year of Birth)</b> <b>Position Held With Institutional Income Funds</b>	<b>Principal Occupation(s)</b>
Bineesha Wickremarachchi, CFA (1980) Vice President	Vice President, T. Rowe Price Group, Inc., and Price International
Rebecca Willey (1987) Vice President	Vice President, T. Rowe Price
James Woodward, CFA (1974) Vice President	Vice President, T. Rowe Price Group, Inc., and Price International

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