# ClearBridge

# LMP Capital and Income Fund Inc.

**Product Commentary** 

#### **Performance Review**

- Despite a fast start to the year a broad-based rally propelled the S&P 500 Index +2.8% in January the market struggled for traction in the first
  quarter of 2025. Post-election animal spirits faded in February and March as investors grappled with on again/off again tariff announcements and
  consternation over the AI outlook. By the end of the quarter, the S&P declined -4.3%, breaking the index's streak of five consecutive
  quarterly advances.
- For the quarter, the fund returned -2.71% at NAV, while the benchmark, the 65% S&P 500, 35% Bloomberg US Aggregate, returned -1.80%.

#### QUARTERLY KEY PERFORMANCE DRIVERS

- Enterprise Products Partners LP, Plains GP Holdings LP and MPLX shares were higher as an energy-friendly administration took the White House
  and the trend for more power demand from Al-related data centers continued. Shares also rose as the energy sector outperformed amid rising oil and
  gas prices.
- Broadcom was lower as the unveiling of Chinese AI startup DeepSeek, whose new foundational and reasoning models reportedly offering similar performance to leading U.S. models at lower compute costs — triggered a broader selloff in the AI ecosystem.
- Blue Owl Capital and Apollo Asset Management 6.75% convertible preferred shares were down as the market rotated from alternative asset managers, which performed well in 2024.

# **Outlook & Strategy**

- Market risks remain elevated as a result of anemic economic activity due to still-high interest rates, tight financial conditions and heightened political uncertainty, particularly in the areas of tariffs, taxes and fiscal spending priorities. The cloud of unpredictability and uncertainty surrounding these topics is causing elevated volatility on an almost daily basis. The war in the Middle East is nearing its final stages and the risk to the overall market appears to be contained. The U.S. housing market remains weak, in large part due to still-high mortgage rates and weakening economic fundamentals. Corporate earnings are solid but remain under pressure from a slowing economy and high interest rates, which puts upward pressure on interest expense. We believe the Federal Reserve will pause its rate decreases for the time being, but we continue to anticipate additional cuts in 2025, which we view as a positive for the economy more broadly and risk assets such as stocks in particular.
- As always, we carefully weigh short-term risks against the longer-term backdrop, and our assessment is that the environment remains challenging for
  risk assets such as common stocks in the short term. In the long term, we continue to be comfortable owning high-quality companies that exhibit
  leadership positions in their sectors, have sound balance sheets, generate strong free cash flow and offer attractive dividend yields and dividend
  growth potential. In particular, we seek out and analyze those companies that can represent the next generation of dividend aristocrats and have
  identified a number of our existing holdings that could reach that status over time.
- In recognizing the current volatile investment landscape, we have been increasing our positions in defensive names as evidenced by our recent initiations in Walmart and PepsiCo in consumer staples and McKesson in health care. Indeed, we have increased our focus on more defensive sectors like consumer staples and health care. Those sectors are also very good hunting grounds to find high-quality (emerging) dividend aristocrats, which typically offer solid dividend profiles while providing more stability during turbulent times. By the same token, we have diminished our positions in more cyclical sectors such as information technology and alternative asset managers and used the proceeds as a source of funds for these more defensive companies. We continue to carefully assess the risks and rewards in our exposures and recognize that the investment environment has become increasingly volatile.
- We remain opportunistic and tactical in managing through the high level of volatility in the energy market. Oil supply remains adequate for the time being and the risk of escalation of the war in the Middle East involving oil-related infrastructure such as those in Iran appears diminished. We continue to emphasize balance sheet strength, asset footprint diversity and quality, and we carefully assess our holdings with an eye toward managing successfully through the short-term disruption and thriving in the long term. We continue to believe that in the long term, midstream companies and MLPs continue to represent an attractive investment opportunity as the U.S. continues to cement its status as an energy superpower and exhibit sustained hydrocarbon production increases, which can bode well for high-quality energy MLPs as volumes to be processed are poised to increase over time.
- With relative weakness in the REIT sector over the past year, largely a result of high interest rates, we continue to assess whether our exposure warrants a change. For the time being, we are content holding onto to our positions. As always, we emphasize those REITs with strong balance sheets, ample cash flows, leadership positions in their sectors and attractive valuations. In particular, we continue to hold infrastructure REITs such as data center REITs and telecommunication REITs where growth opportunities remain robust due to the buildout of artificial intelligence and cloud computing. We believe these next-generation REITs are well-positioned to capitalize on this large opportunity ahead.
- We continue to believe alternative asset managers are an attractive long-term opportunity as many institutional investors seek uncorrelated returns,
  which these alternative asset managers can provide. Further, they operate in a loosely regulated environment, unlike their large bank counterparties,
  providing a competitive and sustainable advantage. We particularly like the sector leaders and we expect the growth of assets under management for
  them to continue to increase.

We remain bullish about the growth prospects for our technology holdings, especially those holdings that have the prospect for outsize growth
opportunities in the artificial intelligence and cloud computing ecosystem. This includes hyperscalers, select software companies, semiconductor
investments and some energy and utility companies. In our view, the portfolio is well-positioned to capitalize on these trends, which we believe to be
large and long term in nature.

#### **Product Details**

Inception Date	02/24/2004
Benchmark	65% S&P 500, 35% Bloomberg US Aggregate, Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index, S&P 500 Index
Ticker	SCD
CUSIP	50208A102

## **Product Description**

Provides a broad-based portfolio that can invest in a range of equity and fixed-income securities of both U.S. and foreign issuers, including MLPs, stocks, REITs and fixed income. Seeks total return, emphasizing income. Invests using a rigorous, research process to identify companies with strong fundamentals, skilled and committed management teams and a clear market advantage.

#### **Performance Data**

#### Average Annual Total Returns1 (%)

· ·	1 Mth	3 Mths	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Since Inception (02/24/2004)
LMP Capital and Income Fund Inc. (NAV Returns) <sup>a</sup>	-4.41	-2.71	10.44	9.50	22.29	7.56	7.35
LMP Capital and Income Fund Inc. (Market Price Return) <sup>a</sup>	-5.32	-5.44	10.66	12.42	25.10	8.95	7.72
65% S&P 500, 35% Bloomberg US Aggregate	-3.65	-1.80	7.18	6.20	11.83	8.77	7.77
Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index	0.04	2.78	4.88	0.52	-0.40	1.46	3.11
S&P 500 Index	-5.63	-4.27	8.25	9.06	18.59	12.50	9.96

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# **Portfolio Diversification**

Top Equity Issuers
% of Total
Top Holdings

Top Holdings	%
Energy Transfer LP	5.02
Enterprise Products Partners LP	4.52
ONEOK Inc	3.21
MPLX LP	2.82
Plains GP Holdings LP	2.53
Procter & Gamble Co/The	2.10
PepsiCo Inc	2.08
Union Pacific Corp	1.92
Equity LifeStyle Properties Inc	1.87
JPMorgan Chase & Co	1.80

# **Investment Team**

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<sup>1.</sup> Periods shorter than one year are shown as cumulative total returns.

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