

## Western Asset High Income Opportunity Fund Inc. Announces Financial Position as of December 31, 2021

NEW YORK-- (Business Wire)—March 1, 2022 —Western Asset High Income Opportunity Fund Inc. (NYSE: HIO) today announced the financial position of the Fund as of December 31, 2021.

	Current Q December 31, 2021	Previous Q September 30, 2021	Prior Yr Q December 31, 2020
Total Net Assets	\$ 506,185,150	\$ 517,966,660	\$ 522,785,517
NAV Per Share of Common Stock (a)	\$ 5.32	\$ 5.45	\$ 5.50
Market Price Per Share	\$ 5.20	\$ 5.19	\$ 4.95
Premium / (Discount)	(2.26)%	(4.77)%	(10.00)%
Outstanding Shares	95,099,215	95,099,215	95,099,215
Total Net Investment Income (b)	\$ 7,924,148	\$ 7,691,660	\$ 8,392,279
Total Net Realized/Unrealized Gain/(Loss) (b)	\$ (11,146,729)	\$ (3,475,031)	\$ 26,701,059
Net Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets From Operations (b)	<u>\$ (3,222,581)</u>	<u>\$ 4,216,629</u>	<u>\$ 35,093,338</u>
<u>Earnings per Common Share Outstanding</u>			
Total Net Investment Income (b)	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.09
Total Net Realized/Unrealized Gain/(Loss) (b)	\$ (0.12)	\$ (0.04)	\$ 0.28
Net Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets From Operations (b)	<u>\$ (0.04)</u>	<u>\$ 0.04</u>	<u>\$ 0.37</u>
Undistributed/(Overdistributed) Net Investment Income (c)	\$ (4,397,253)	\$ (3,762,472)	\$ (6,315,689)
Undistributed/(Overdistributed) Net Investment Income Per Share (c)	\$ (0.05)	\$ (0.04)	\$ (0.07)

**Footnotes:**

- (a) NAVs are calculated as of the close of business on the last business day in the periods indicated above.
- (b) For the quarter indicated.
- (c) As of the date indicated above.

This financial data is unaudited.

The Fund files its semi-annual and annual reports with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"), as well as its complete schedule of portfolio holdings for the first and third quarters of each fiscal year as an exhibit to its reports on Form N-PORT. These reports are available on the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). To obtain information on Forms N-PORT or a semi-annual or annual report from the Fund, shareholders can call 1-888-777-0102.

Western Asset High Income Opportunity Fund Inc., a diversified, closed-end management investment company, is managed by Legg Mason Partners Fund Advisor, LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Franklin Resources, and is sub-advised by Western Asset Management Company, an affiliate of the investment manager.

For more information about the Fund, please call 1-888-777-0102 or consult the Fund's web site at [www.franklintempleton.com/investments/options/closed-end-funds](http://www.franklintempleton.com/investments/options/closed-end-funds). Hard copies of the Fund's complete audited financial statements are available free of charge upon request.

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