EATON VANCE SENIOR FLOATING RATE TRUST Form N-CSRS June 28, 2007

### **UNITED STATES**

## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

# **FORM N-CSR**

# CERTIFIED SHAREHOLDER REPORT OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES

Investment Company Act file number 811-21411

Eaton Vance Senior Floating Rate Trust (Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

The Eaton Vance Building, 255 State Street, Boston, Massachusetts (Address of principal executive offices)

02109 (Zip code)

Alan R. Dynner

The Eaton Vance Building, 255 State Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02109 (Name and address of agent for service)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (617) 482-8260

Date of fiscal year October 31

end:

Date of reporting period: April 30, 2007

Item 1. Reports to Stockholders

Semiannual Report April 30, 2007

EATON VANCE SENIOR FLOATING-RATE TRUST

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Eaton Vance Senior Floating-Rate Trust as of April 30, 2007

#### INVESTMENT UPDATE

The Trust

Performance for the Past Six Months

- Based on share price, Eaton Vance Senior Floating-Rate Trust (the Trust ), a closed-end fund traded on the New York Stock Exchange, had a total return of 9.77% for the six months ended April 30, 2007. That return was the result of an increase in share price to \$19.18 on April 30, 2007, from \$18.24 on October 31, 2006, and the reinvestment of \$0.808 in dividends.(1)
- Based on net asset value (NAV), the Trust had a total return of 5.06% for the six months ended April 30, 2007. That return was the result of an increase in NAV to \$18.81 on April 30, 2007, from \$18.69 on October 31, 2006, and the reinvestment of all distributions. (1)
- Based on its April 2007 monthly dividend payment of \$0.13 and a closing share price of \$19.18, the Trust had a market yield of 8.13%.(2)
- For performance comparison, the S&P/LSTA Leveraged Loan Index an unmanaged index of U.S. dollar-denominated leveraged loans had a total return of 3.86% for the six months ended April 30, 2007.(3)

The Trust s Investments

- The Trust s loan investments represented 454 borrowers and 39 industries as of April 30, 2007. The Trust s average loan size was 0.19% of total investments, and no industry constituted more than 8.0% of the Trust s total assets. Health care, business equipment/services, leisure goods/activities/movies, publishing and chemicals/plastics were the Trust s largest industry weightings. (4)
- In the six months ended April 30, 2007, despite record new loan issuance, demand exceeded loan supply. The technical imbalance resulted in loans repricing at slightly lower credit spreads. In addition, certain large new issues came to market with fewer financial covenants. However, despite this fact, management notes that the chief determinants of the loan asset class s long-term performance—seniority and security—remain in place. Reflecting increasing investor demand for loans, the Trust—s share price traded at a premium at April 30, 2007, reversing the discount that prevailed throughout most of 2006.
- The Trust had a 7.0% exposure in European loans at April 30, 2007. European issuance continued to grow and represented further opportunities for diversification. For example, while there may be concerns about a slowing U.S. economy, the Trust benefited from loans to companies operating in the relatively robust U.K. and German economies. All of the Trust s non-dollar-denominated investments were hedged to help protect against foreign currency risk.
- The Trust s 8% investment in high-yield bonds contributed to performance during the six months ended April 30, 2007. With high-yield spreads at historically low levels, the Trust s bond investments remained focused on shorter-maturity securities, while avoiding deeply subordinated and overleveraged new issues.
- At April 30, 2007, the Trust had leverage in the amount of approximately 38.5% of the Trust s total assets. The Trust employs leverage though the issuance of Auction Preferred Shares (APS).(5) Use of financial leverage creates an opportunity for increased income but, at the same time, creates special risks (including the likelihood of

greater volatility of net asset value and market price of common shares). The cost of the Trust s APS rises and falls with changes in short-term interest rates. Such increases/ decreases in the cost of the Trust s APS may be offset by increased/decreased income from the Trust s senior loan investments.

The views expressed in this report are those of the portfolio managers and are current only through the end of the period of the report as stated on the cover. These views are subject to change at any time based upon market or other conditions, and Eaton Vance disclaims any responsibility to update such views. These views may not be relied on as investment advice and, because investment decisions for an Eaton Vance fund are based on many factors, may not be relied on as an indication of trading intent on behalf of any Eaton Vance fund.

- (1) Performance results reflect the effect of leverage resulting from the Trust's issuance of Auction Preferred Shares. Absent an expense waiver by the investment adviser, returns would be lower.
- (2) The Trust s market yield is calculated by dividing the most recent dividend per share by the share market price at the end of the period and annualizing the result.
- (3) It is not possible to invest directly in an Index. The Index s total return reflects changes in value of the loans constituting the Index and accrual of interest and does not reflect the commissions or expenses that would have been incurred if an investor individually purchased or sold the loans represented in the Index. Unlike the Trust, the Index s return does not reflect the effect of leverage, such as the issuance of Auction Preferred Shares.
- (4) Holdings and industry weightings are subject to change due to active management.
- (5) In the event of a rise in long-term interest rates, the value of the Trust s investment portfolio could decline, which would reduce the asset coverage for its Auction Preferred Shares.

Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Returns are historical and are calculated by determining the percentage change in net asset value or share price (as applicable) with all distributions reinvested. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate so that shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Performance is for the stated time period only; due to market volatility, the Trust s current performance may be lower or higher than the quoted return. For performance as of the most recent month end, please refer to www.eatonvance.com.

Shares of the Trust are not insured by the FDIC and are not deposits or other obligations of, or guaranteed by, any depository institution. Shares are subject to investment risks, including possible loss of principal invested.

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#### Eaton Vance Senior Floating-Rate Trust as of April 30, 2007

#### **PERFORMANCE**

#### Performance(1)

Average Annual Total Return (by share price, NYSE)	
Six Months	9.77 %
One Year	18.49
Life of Trust (11/28/03)	7.40
Average Annual Total Return (at net asset value)	
Six Months	5.06 %
One Year	8.74
Life of Trust (11/28/03)	6.79

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#### Diversification by Industries(2)

#### By total investments

Health Care	7.5%
Business Equip. & Services	7.2
Leisure Goods/Activities/Movies	6.1
Chemicals & Plastics	5.9
Publishing	5.4
Building & Development	5.2
Cable & Satellite Television	4.7
Radio & Television	4.5
Automotive	4.3
Telecommunications	4.2
Containers & Glass Products	3.2
Retailers (Except Food & Drug)	3.2
Lodging & Casinos	3.1
Electronics/Electrical	2.8
Utilities	2.6
Oil & Gas	2.4
Financial Intermediaries	2.4
Food Products	2.4
Forest Products	1.8
Industrial Equipment	1.8
Conglomerates	1.8%
Nonferrous Metals/Minerals	1.7
Aerospace & Defense	1.7
Ecological Services & Equip.	1.6

Food Service	1.4
Food/Drug Retailers	1.3
Home Furnishings	1.2
Insurance	0.9
Drugs	0.9
Equipment Leasing	0.7
Surface Transport	0.7
Beverage & Tobacco	0.7
Clothing/Textiles	0.5
Farming/Agriculture	0.3
Air Transport	0.3
Broker/Dealer/Investment	0.3
Rail Industries	0.3
Cosmetics/Toiletries	0.3
Steel	0.1

Reflects the Trust s investments as of April 30, 2007. Industries are shown as a percentage of the Trust s total investments. Portfolio information may not be representative of the Trust s current or future investments and are subject to change due to active management.

Trust allocations(3)

By total investments

Trust Allocations are shown as a percentage of the Trust s total investments, which represents 159.1% of the Trust s net assets as of April 30, 2007. Trust statistics may not be representative of the Trust s current or future investments and are subject to change due to active management.

# Eaton Vance Senior Floating-Rate Trust as of April 30, 2007

# PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (Unaudited)

Senior, Floating Rate Interests	139.2%)		
Principal		Parmayyar/Transha Dagarintian	Value
Amount Aerospace and Defense 2.6%		Borrower/Tranche Description	value
DRS Technologies, Inc.			
		Term Loan, 6.86%, Maturing	
\$	828,386	January 31, 2013	\$ 830,561
Evergreen International Aviation		Town Loon 9 920/ Motoring	
	1,472,461	Term Loan, 8.83%, Maturing October 31, 2011	1,481,664
Hawker Beechcraft Acquisition			
•	47670	Term Loan, 5.25%, Maturing	455.500
	176,702	March 26, 2014 Term Loan, 7.32%, Maturing	177,538
	2,088,298	March 26, 2014	2,098,180
Hexcel Corp.			
	1,386,641	Term Loan, 7.11%, Maturing March 1, 2012	1,391,840
IAP Worldwide Services, Inc.	1,500,041	Water 1, 2012	1,371,040
THE WORLDWIGE SELVICES, INC.		Term Loan, 9.69%, Maturing	
	962,813	December 30, 2012	965,069
K&F Industries, Inc.		Torm Loop 7 22% Motoring	
	1,385,545	Term Loan, 7.32%, Maturing November 18, 2012	1,387,927
Spirit AeroSystems, Inc.			
	1 (22 010	Term Loan, 7.11%, Maturing	1 (21 124
C4	1,622,010	December 31, 2011	1,631,134
Standard Aero Holdings, Inc.		Term Loan, 7.59%, Maturing	
	1,220,448	August 24, 2012	1,222,737
TransDigm, Inc.			
	1,625,000	Term Loan, 7.35%, Maturing June 23, 2013	1,636,578
Vought Aircraft Industries, Inc.	1,020,000	20, 2010	1,000,070
		Term Loan, 7.83%, Maturing	
	2,138,729	December 17, 2011	2,157,443
Wesco Aircraft Hardware Corp.		Term Loan, 7.60%, Maturing	
	1,164,229	September 29, 2013	1,173,689
Wyle Laboratories, Inc.			
	250,335	Term Loan, 8.11%, Maturing January 28, 2011	251,665
	250,555	January 26, 2011	\$ 16,406,025
Air Transport 0.3%			Ψ 10,100,025
Northwest Airlines, Inc.			
		DIP Loan, 7.32%, Maturing	
\$	2,100,000	August 21, 2008	\$ 2,109,845
			\$ 2,109,845
Automotive 6.4%			
AA Acquisitions Co., Ltd.		Term Loan, 7.90%, Maturing June	
GBP	1,000,000	25, 2012	\$ 2,029,564
Accuride Corp.			

	2,024,423	Term Loan, 7.38%, Maturing January 31, 2012	2,038,762
Affina Group, Inc.			
	1,370,985	Term Loan, 8.36%, Maturing November 30, 2011	1,381,910
AxleTech International Holding, Inc.			
	1,750,000	Term Loan, 11.85%, Maturing April 21, 2013	1,767,500
Principal Amount		Borrower/Tranche Description	Value
Automotive (continued)			
CSA Acquisition Corp.			
\$	361,032	Term Loan, 7.88%, Maturing December 23, 2011	\$ 363,232
	929,390	Term Loan, 7.88%, Maturing December 23, 2011	935,054
	727,370	Term Loan, 7.88%, Maturing	755,054
	493,750	December 23, 2012	497,453
Dana Corp.			
	2 250 000	Term Loan, 7.88%, Maturing	2 257 004
	2,350,000	March 30, 2008	2,357,894
Dayco Products, LLC		Term Loan, 7.85%, Maturing June	
	2,009,813	21, 2011	2,031,585
Exide Technologies, Inc.			
		Term Loan, 11.63%, Maturing	
	600,067	May 5, 2010	630,821
	606,424	Term Loan, 11.63%, Maturing May 5, 2010	637,503
Federal-Mogul Corp.			
- Tarina arangan arangan		Revolving Loan, 6.83%, Maturing	
	2,915,607	July 1, 2007 <sup>(2)</sup>	2,904,977
Ford Motor Co.		Tana Lara 9 200 Mataria	
	1,770,563	Term Loan, 8.36%, Maturing December 15, 2013	1,784,784
General Motors Corp.	, ,,,,,,,,,		, , , , , ,
		Term Loan, 7.73%, Maturing	
	1,446,375	November 29, 2013	1,459,483
Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.		T 100 M 1 1	
	2,400,000	Term Loan, 7.10%, Maturing April 30, 2010	2,412,127
	1,000,000	Term Loan, 8.82%, Maturing March 1, 2011	1,006,000
HI I Operating Co. Inc.	1,000,000	Water 1, 2011	1,000,000
HLI Operating Co., Inc.	1,788,705	Term Loan, 8.84%, Maturing June 3, 2009	1,798,394
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