

Western Asset Municipal Defined Opportunity Trust Inc.

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**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM N-CSR**

**CERTIFIED SHAREHOLDER REPORT OF REGISTERED**

**MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES**

**Investment Company Act file number 811-22265**

**Western Asset Municipal Defined Opportunity Trust Inc.**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)**

**620 Eighth Avenue, 49th Floor, New York, NY 10018**

**(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)**

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**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (888) 777-0102**

**Date of fiscal year end: November 30**

**Date of reporting period: November 30, 2017**

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ITEM 1. REPORT TO STOCKHOLDERS.

The **Annual** Report to Stockholders is filed herewith.

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Annual Report

November 30, 2017

WESTERN ASSET

MUNICIPAL DEFINED OPPORTUNITY TRUST  
INC. (MTT)

INVESTMENT PRODUCTS: NOT FDIC INSURED NO BANK GUARANTEE MAY LOSE VALUE

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## Fund objectives

The Fund's primary investment objective is to provide high current income exempt from federal income tax\* and then to liquidate on or about April 30, 2021 and distribute all of the Fund's net assets to shareholders. As a secondary investment objective, the Fund will seek total return. There can be no assurance the Fund's investment objectives will be achieved.

As a fundamental policy, the Fund seeks to achieve its primary investment objective by investing, under normal market conditions, at least 80% of its net assets in investment grade municipal securities, the interest on which is exempt from federal income tax.

\* Certain investors may be subject to the federal alternative minimum tax ( AMT ), and state and local taxes will apply. Capital gains, if any, are fully taxable. Please consult your personal tax or legal adviser.

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## Letter from the chairman

**Dear Shareholder,**

We are pleased to provide the annual report of Western Asset Municipal Defined Opportunity Trust Inc. for the twelve-month reporting period ended November 30, 2017. Please read on for a detailed look at prevailing economic and market conditions during the Fund's reporting period and to learn how those conditions have affected Fund performance.

As always, we remain committed to providing you with excellent service and a full spectrum of investment choices. We also remain committed to supplementing the support you receive from your financial advisor. One way we accomplish this is through our website, [www.lmcef.com](http://www.lmcef.com). Here you can gain immediate access to market and investment information, including:

Fund prices and performance,

Market insights and commentaries from our portfolio managers, and

A host of educational resources.

We look forward to helping you meet your financial goals.

Sincerely,

Jane Trust, CFA

Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer

December 29, 2017

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## Investment commentary

### Economic review

Economic activity in the U.S. improved during the twelve months ended November 30, 2017 (the reporting period). Looking back, the U.S. Department of Commerce reported that U.S. gross domestic product (GDP) growth was 1.8% and 1.2%, as revised, for the fourth quarter of 2016 and the first quarter of 2017, respectively. Second quarter 2017 GDP growth then accelerated to 3.1%. Finally, the U.S. Department of Commerce's final reading for third quarter 2017 GDP growth released after the reporting period ended was 3.2%. Stronger growth was attributed to a number of factors, including positive contributions from private inventory investment and upturns in state and local government spending. These positive factors were partly offset by a decrease in personal consumption expenditures, nonresidential fixed investment and exports.

Job growth in the U.S. was solid overall and supported the economy during the reporting period. When the reporting period ended on November 30, 2017, the unemployment rate was 4.1%, as reported by the U.S. Department of Labor. This equaled the lowest unemployment rate since December 2000. The percentage of longer-term unemployed declined during the reporting period. In November 2017, 23.8% of Americans looking for a job had been out of work for more than six months, versus 24.2% when the period began.

Looking back, after an extended period of maintaining the federal funds rate<sup>ii</sup> at a historically low range between zero and 0.25%, the Federal Reserve Board (the Fed<sup>i</sup>) increased the rate at its meeting on December 16, 2015. In particular, the U.S. central bank raised the federal funds rate to a range between 0.25% and 0.50%. The Fed then kept rates on hold at each meeting prior to its meeting on December 14, 2016, at which time, the Fed raised rates to a range between 0.50% and 0.75%.

The Fed's next rate hike occurred at its meeting that ended on March 15, 2017, as it raised rates to a range between 0.75% and 1.00%. At its meeting that concluded on June 14, 2017, the Fed then raised rates to a range between 1.00% and 1.25%. During its meeting that concluded on September 20, 2017, the Fed kept rates on hold, but reiterated its intention to begin reducing its balance sheet, saying, "In October, the Committee will initiate the balance sheet normalization program." Finally, at its meeting that ended on December 13, 2017, after the reporting period ended, the Fed raised rates to a range between 1.25% and 1.50%.

As always, thank you for your confidence in our stewardship of your assets.

Sincerely,

Jane Trust, CFA

Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer

December 29, 2017

All investments are subject to risk including the possible loss of principal. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

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<sup>i</sup> Gross domestic product ( GDP ) is the market value of all final goods and services produced within a country in a given period of time.

<sup>ii</sup> The federal funds rate is the rate charged by one depository institution on an overnight sale of immediately available funds (balances at the Federal Reserve) to another depository institution; the rate may vary from depository institution to depository institution and from day to day.

<sup>iii</sup> The Federal Reserve Board (the Fed ) is responsible for the formulation of U.S. policies designed to promote economic growth, full employment, stable prices, and a sustainable pattern of international trade and payments.

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# Fund overview

### Q. What is the Fund's investment strategy?

A. The Fund's primary investment objective is to provide high current income exempt from federal income tax and then to liquidate on or about April 30, 2021 and distribute all of the Fund's net assets to shareholders. As a secondary investment objective, the Fund will seek total return. There can be no assurance the Fund's investment objectives will be achieved.

As a fundamental policy, the Fund seeks to achieve its primary investment objective by investing, under normal market conditions, at least 80% of its net assets in investment grade municipal securities, the interest on which is exempt from federal income tax. The Fund may invest up to 20% of its net assets in municipal securities rated below investment grade (commonly known as "high yield" or "junk" bonds) at the time of purchase by at least one nationally recognized statistical rating organization or which, if unrated, we deemed to be of comparable quality. The Fund may also invest up to 20% of its net assets in investments that generate income that is subject to federal income tax and in municipal securities, the interest on which is subject to the federal alternative minimum tax ("AMT"), and as a result, a portion of the Fund's distributions may be taxable to holders of common shares. The Fund may use a variety of derivative instruments as part of its investment strategies or for hedging and/or risk management purposes.

In purchasing securities and other investments for the Fund, we may take full advantage of the entire range of maturities and durations<sup>i</sup> offered by municipal securities and may adjust the average maturity or duration of the Fund's portfolio from time to time, depending on our assessment of the relative yields available on securities of different maturities and durations and our expectations of future changes in interest rates.

As a fundamental policy, the Fund will not leverage its capital structure by issuing senior securities such as preferred shares or debt instruments. However, the Fund may lend portfolio securities, invest in certain instruments, including inverse floating rate securities, participate in the creation of tender option bonds and enter into transactions such as short sales, that have the economic effect of financial leverage ("effective leverage"), provided that the Fund will not make such investments if, upon completion of the investment, the effective leverage of the Fund would be greater than 10% of the Fund's total assets.

At Western Asset Management Company ("Western Asset"), the Fund's subadviser, we utilize a fixed-income team approach, with decisions derived from interaction among various investment management sector specialists. The sector teams are comprised of Western Asset's senior portfolio management personnel, research analysts and an in-house economist. Under this team approach, management of client fixed-income portfolios will reflect a consensus of interdisciplinary views within the Western Asset organization. The individuals responsible for development of investment strategy, day-to-day portfolio management, oversight and coordination of the Fund are S. Kenneth Leech, Robert E. Amodeo and David T. Fare.

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## Fund overview (cont'd)

### Q. What were the overall market conditions during the Fund's reporting period?

A. Most spread sectors (non-Treasuries) posted positive returns, but generated mixed results versus equal-duration Treasuries over the twelve-month reporting period ended November 30, 2017. The fixed income market was impacted by a number of factors during the reporting period, including signs of generally improving economic growth, uncertainties related to future Federal Reserve Board (the "Fed") monetary policy, fiscal policy initiatives and several geopolitical issues.

Both short-term and longer-term Treasury yields moved higher during the reporting period as a whole. The yield for the two-year Treasury note began the reporting period at 1.11% and ended the period at 1.78%, the latter matching its peak for the period. The low for the period of 1.10% occurred on December 7, 2016. The yield for the ten-year Treasury began the reporting period at 2.37% and ended the period at 2.42%. The low for the period of 2.05% occurred on September 7, 2017 and the peak of 2.60% took place on both December 15 and December 16, 2016.

The municipal bond market outperformed its taxable bond counterpart during the twelve-month reporting period. Over that time, the Bloomberg Barclays Municipal Bond Index<sup>iii</sup> and the Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Index<sup>iv</sup> returned 5.58% and 3.21%, respectively. The municipal market posted positive returns during nine of the twelve months of the reporting period. This was driven by overall solid fundamentals and generally positive investor demand. Meanwhile, the Bloomberg Barclays Five-Year Municipal Bond Index<sup>v</sup>, which has a duration similar to that of the Fund, returned 3.18% during the reporting period.

### Q. How did we respond to these changing market conditions?

A. There were several changes made to the Fund's portfolio during the reporting period. We lengthened the Fund's duration after the November 2016 U.S. presidential election as we felt rates had moved up too far, too fast. We also selectively increased our exposure to the State and Local General Obligation bond sectors, namely debt issued by Illinois and Chicago, as we found them to be attractively valued. The Fund employed the use of U.S. Treasury futures during the reporting period to manage duration. This strategy contributed to performance.

### Performance review

For the twelve months ended November 30, 2017, Western Asset Municipal Defined Opportunity Trust Inc. returned 3.06% based on its net asset value (NAV<sup>i</sup>) and 1.81% based on its New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) market price per share. The Fund's unmanaged benchmark, the Bloomberg Barclays Municipal Bond Index, returned 5.58% for the same period. The Lipper General and Insured Municipal Debt (Unleveraged) Closed-End Funds Category Average<sup>vii</sup> returned 6.29% over the same time frame. Please note that Lipper performance returns are based on each fund's NAV.

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During the twelve-month period, the Fund made distributions to shareholders totaling \$1.09 per share.\* The performance table shows the Fund's twelve-month total return based on its NAV and market price as of November 30, 2017. **Past performance is no guarantee of future results.**

**Performance Snapshot as of November 30, 2017**

<p>Price Per Share                  \$21.09 (NAV)                  \$21.37 (Market Price)</p>	<p>12-Month                  Total Return**                  3.06%                  1.81%</p>
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**All figures represent past performance and are not a guarantee of future results.**

**\*\* Total returns are based on changes in NAV or market price, respectively. Returns reflect the deduction of all Fund expenses, including management fees, operating expenses, and other Fund expenses. Returns do not reflect the deduction of brokerage commissions or taxes that investors may pay on distributions or the sale of shares.**

**Total return assumes the reinvestment of all distributions at NAV.**

**Total return assumes the reinvestment of all distributions in additional shares in accordance with the Fund's Dividend Reinvestment Plan.**

**Q. What were the leading contributors to performance?**

**A.** The largest contributor to the Fund's relative performance during the reporting period was its positioning in a number of sectors. We continued to favor revenue bonds as we found them to be attractively valued. In contrast, we maintained an underweight to the State and Local General Obligation bond sectors. In our view, we continue to be cautious about the overall health of state and local budgets, as well as the relatively unattractive valuations for general obligation debt. In addition, traditional general obligation and appropriation pledges are being viewed with more skepticism in certain situations throughout the country. In particular, an overweight to the Industrial Revenue (largely gas pre-pay) sector added the most value. It performed well given their greater spreads and yields, coupled with stable fundamentals. Security selection in the Local General Obligation bond sector, along with holdings in the Transportation and Water & Sewer sectors were also beneficial for performance.

Elsewhere, our quality biases were beneficial for returns. Having an overweight to municipal securities rated BBB was additive to performance as they outperformed their higher rated counterparts over the twelve-month reporting period.

**Q. What were the leading detractors from performance?**

**A.** The largest detractor from the Fund's relative performance for the reporting period was its yield curve<sup>viii</sup> positioning. The Fund was underweight the 10+ year portion of the yield curve versus the benchmark. This was not rewarded given the flattening of the municipal yield curve during the reporting period. However, the Fund was overweight the 10+ year portion of the yield curve versus the Bloomberg Barclays Five-Year Municipal Bond Index, which had a duration more similar to that of the Fund.

\*For the tax character of distributions paid during the fiscal year ended November 30, 2017, please refer to page 27 of this report.

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### Fund overview (cont d)

Security selection in the Special Tax Obligation sector was also negative for results during the reporting period. In particular, our holdings issued by the U.S. Virgin Islands detracted from performance as they were negatively impacted by the destruction caused by hurricane Maria, as well as concerns related to Puerto Rico's debt restructuring under the PROMESA ( Puerto Rico Oversight, Management, and Economic Stability Act ).

Underweights to the State and Local General Obligation bond sectors detracted from performance. We remained wary of the health of certain state and local budgets and underlying fundamentals. Finally, underweights to the Leasing, Transportation and Health Care sectors were also headwinds for results.

#### Looking for additional information?

The Fund is traded under the symbol MTT and its closing market price is available in most newspapers under the NYSE listings. The daily NAV is available on-line under the symbol XMTTX on most financial websites. *Barron's* and the *Wall Street Journal's* Monday edition both carry closed-end fund tables that provide additional information. In addition, the Fund issues a quarterly press release that can be found on most major financial websites as well as [www.lmcef.com](http://www.lmcef.com) (click on the name of the Fund).

In a continuing effort to provide information concerning the Fund, shareholders may call 1-888-777-0102 (toll free), Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Eastern Time, for the Fund's current NAV, market price and other information.

Thank you for your investment in Western Asset Municipal Defined Opportunity Trust Inc. As always, we appreciate that you have chosen us to manage your assets and we remain focused on achieving the Fund's investment goals.

Sincerely,

Western Asset Management Company

December 19, 2017

***RISKS:** The Fund is a non-diversified, closed-end management investment company designed primarily as a long-term investment and not as a trading vehicle. The Fund is not intended to be a complete investment program and, due to the uncertainty inherent in all investments, there can be no assurance that the Fund will achieve its investment objective. The Fund's common stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange. Similar to stocks, the Fund's share price will fluctuate with market conditions and, at the time of sale, may be worth more or less than the original investment. Shares of closed-end funds often trade at a discount to their net asset value. Because the Fund is non-diversified, it may be more susceptible to economic, political or regulatory events than a diversified fund. The Fund's investments are subject to a number of risks, including credit risk, inflation risk and interest rate risk. As interest rates rise, bond prices fall, reducing the value of the fixed-income securities held by the Fund. The Fund may invest in lower-rated high-yield bonds, known as junk bonds, which are subject to greater liquidity and credit risk (risk of default) than higher-rated obligations. Municipal securities purchased by the Fund may be adversely affected by changes in the financial condition of municipal issuers and insurers, regulatory and political developments, uncertainties and public perceptions, and other factors. The Fund may use derivatives, such as options and futures, which can be illiquid, may disproportionately increase losses, and have a potentially large impact on Fund performance.*

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*Investing in securities issued by other investment companies, including exchange-traded funds ( ETFs ) that invest primarily in municipal securities, involves risks similar to those of investing directly in the securities in which those investment companies invest. To the extent the Fund invests in securities of other investment companies, Fund stock holders will indirectly pay a portion of the operating costs of such companies, in addition to the expenses that the Fund bears directly in connection with its own operation. The Fund may invest up to 10% of its assets in securities that have the economic effects of leverage which can increase the risk and volatility of the Fund.*

The mention of sector breakdowns is for informational purposes only and should not be construed as a recommendation to purchase or sell any securities. The information provided regarding such sectors is not a sufficient basis upon which to make an investment decision. Investors seeking financial advice regarding the appropriateness of investing in any securities or investment strategies discussed should consult their financial professional. Portfolio holdings are subject to change at any time and may not be representative of the portfolio managers' current or future investments. The Fund's portfolio composition is subject to change at any time.

All investments are subject to risk including the possible loss of principal. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. All index performance reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes. Please note that an investor cannot invest directly in an index.

The information provided is not intended to be a forecast of future events, a guarantee of future results or investment advice. Views expressed may differ from those of the firm as a whole.

- <sup>i</sup> Duration is the measure of the price sensitivity of a fixed-income security to an interest rate change of 100 basis points. Calculation is based on the weighted average of the present values for all cash flows.
- <sup>ii</sup> The Federal Reserve Board (the Fed) is responsible for the formulation of U.S. policies designed to promote economic growth, full employment, stable prices, and a sustainable pattern of international trade and payments.
- <sup>iii</sup> The Bloomberg Barclays Municipal Bond Index is a market value weighted index of investment grade municipal bonds with maturities of one year or more.
- <sup>iv</sup> The Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Index is a broad-based bond index comprised of government, corporate, mortgage- and asset-backed issues, rated investment grade or higher, and having at least one year to maturity.
- <sup>v</sup> The Bloomberg Barclays Five-Year Municipal Bond Index is a market value weighted index representative of the medium term (four to six years) tax-exempt bond market.
- <sup>vi</sup> Net asset value ( NAV ) is calculated by subtracting total liabilities, including liabilities associated with financial leverage (if any), from the closing value of all securities held by the Fund (plus all other assets) and dividing the result (total net assets) by the total number of the common shares outstanding. The NAV fluctuates with changes in the market prices of securities in which the Fund has invested. However, the price at which an investor may buy or sell shares of the Fund is the Fund's market price as determined by supply of and demand for the Fund's shares.
- <sup>vii</sup> Lipper, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Reuters, provides independent insight on global collective investments. Returns are based on the twelve-month period ended November 30, 2017, including the reinvestment of all distributions, including returns of capital, if any, calculated among the 7 funds in the Fund's Lipper category.
- <sup>viii</sup> The yield curve is the graphical depiction of the relationship between the yield on bonds of the same credit quality but different maturities.



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**Fund at a glance** (unaudited)

**Investment breakdown** (%) as a percent of total investments

The bar graph above represents the composition of the Fund's investments as of November 30, 2017 and November 30, 2016 and does not include derivatives such as futures contracts. The Fund is actively managed. As a result, the composition of the Fund's investments is subject to change at anytime.

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## Spread duration (unaudited)

**Economic exposure** November 30, 2017

### Total Spread Duration

MTT 3.92 years

Benchmark 5.90 years

Spread duration measures the sensitivity to changes in spreads. The spread over Treasuries is the annual risk-premium demanded by investors to hold non-Treasury securities. Spread duration is quantified as the % change in price resulting from a 100 basis points change in spreads. For a security with positive spread duration, an increase in spreads would result in a price decline and a decline in spreads would result in a price increase. This chart highlights the market sector exposure of the Fund's portfolio and the exposure relative to the selected benchmark as of the end of the reporting period.

Benchmark Bloomberg Barclays Municipal Bond Index  
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**Effective duration** (unaudited)

**Interest rate exposure** November 30, 2017

**Total Effective Duration**

MTT 4.28 years

Benchmark 5.97 years

Effective duration measures the sensitivity to changes in relevant interest rates. Effective duration is quantified as the % change in price resulting from a 100 basis points change in interest rates. For a security with positive effective duration, an increase in interest rates would result in a price decline and a decline in interest rates would result in a price increase. This chart highlights the interest rate exposure of the Fund's sectors relative to the selected benchmark sectors as of the end of the reporting period.

Benchmark Bloomberg Barclays Municipal Bond Index

MTT Western Asset Municipal Defined Opportunity Trust Inc.

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**Western Asset Municipal Defined Opportunity Trust Inc.**

	Rate	Maturity Date	Face Amount	Value
Security				
<b>Municipal Bonds 99.3%</b>				
<i>Alabama 3.1%</i>				
Jefferson County, AL, Sewer Revenue, Convertible CAB, Subordinated Lien, Step bond, 0.000% until 10/1/23; 7.900%	0.000%	10/1/50	\$ 9,470,000	\$ 7,845,516
<i>Arizona 3.5%</i>				
Navajo Nation, AZ, Revenue	5.000%	12/1/25	350,000	377,020 <sup>(a)</sup>
Salt Verde, AZ, Financial Corp. Senior Gas Revenue	5.000%	12/1/32	7,110,000	8,596,132
<i>Total Arizona</i>				<i>8,973,152</i>
<i>California 4.0%</i>				
California State PCFA, Water Furnishing Revenue	5.000%	11/21/45	3,500,000	3,786,195 <sup>(a)(b)</sup>
California State, GO, Various Purpose	4.000%	11/1/36	250,000	269,063
California Statewide CDA, Student Housing Revenue, Provident Group-Pomona Properties LLC	5.600%	1/15/36	790,000	853,208
Lower Tule River, CA, Irrigation District Revenue, COP	5.000%	8/1/40	1,000,000	1,063,880
M-S-R Energy Authority, CA, Gas Revenue	6.125%	11/1/29	2,000,000	2,527,720
River Islands, CA, Public Financing Authority Special Tax, Community Facilities District No. 2003-1	5.000%	9/1/27	725,000	756,914
University of California, CA, Revenue	4.000%	5/15/46	1,000,000	1,058,030
<i>Total California</i>				<i>10,315,010</i>
<i>Colorado 4.4%</i>				
Base Village Metropolitan District #2 Co., GO	5.750%	12/1/46	500,000	522,195
Colorado High Performance Transportation Enterprise Revenue, C-470 Express Lanes	5.000%	12/31/51	200,000	218,260
Colorado State Health Facilities Authority Revenue, Adventist Health System/Sunbelt Obligated Group	5.000%	11/15/23	3,000,000	3,456,540 <sup>(c)(d)</sup>
Public Authority for Colorado Energy, Natural Gas Purchase Revenue	6.125%	11/15/23	6,000,000	7,075,080
<i>Total Colorado</i>				<i>11,272,075</i>
<i>Connecticut 0.1%</i>				
Connecticut State, GO	5.000%	10/15/34	280,000	318,156
<i>District of Columbia 0.1%</i>				
District of Columbia Revenue, Ingleside Rock Creek Project	4.125%	7/1/27	250,000	257,125
<i>Florida 0.9%</i>				
Florida State Municipal Power Agency Revenue, All Requirements Power	6.250%	10/1/31	1,000,000	1,084,600 <sup>(e)</sup>
Greater Orlando, FL, Aviation Authority, Airport Facilities Revenue	5.000%	10/1/42	500,000	578,080 <sup>(b)</sup>
Miami-Dade County, FL, Health Facilities Authority Hospital Revenue, Nicklaus Children's Hospital	5.000%	8/1/42	350,000	397,982
Orange County, FL, Health Facilities Authority Revenue, Presbyterian Retirement Communities	5.000%	8/1/47	250,000	275,250
<i>Total Florida</i>				<i>2,335,912</i>

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**Western Asset Municipal Defined Opportunity Trust Inc.**

Security	Rate	Maturity Date	Face Amount	Value
<i>Georgia 7.2%</i>				
Atlanta, GA, Water & Wastewater Revenue	6.000%	11/1/23	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 5,413,750 <sup>(e)</sup>
Atlanta, GA, Water & Wastewater Revenue	6.250%	11/1/34	3,260,000	3,545,022 <sup>(e)</sup>
DeKalb, Newton & Gwinnett Counties, GA, Joint Development Authority Revenue, GGC Foundation LLC Project	6.125%	7/1/40	9,000,000	9,635,130 <sup>(e)</sup>
<i>Total Georgia</i>				<i>18,593,902</i>
<i>Illinois 5.7%</i>				
Chicago, IL, Board of Education, GO, Dedicated	5.000%	12/1/34	360,000	369,688
Chicago, IL, GO	5.000%	1/1/25	250,000	274,135
Chicago, IL, GO	5.500%	1/1/30	1,685,000	1,851,326
Chicago, IL, GO	6.000%	1/1/38	500,000	574,230
Chicago, IL, Motor Fuel Tax Revenue	5.000%	1/1/26	1,000,000	1,078,020
Chicago, IL, O Hare International Airport Revenue	5.000%	1/1/46	2,000,000	2,237,000
Chicago, IL, O Hare International Airport Revenue:				
General, Senior Lien	5.000%	1/1/35	250,000	285,615
Senior Lien	5.000%	1/1/47	500,000	570,390
Senior Lien	5.000%	1/1/52	500,000	565,340
Chicago, IL, Wastewater Transmission Revenue, Second Lien	5.000%	1/1/36	750,000	832,492
Chicago, IL, Waterworks Revenue, Second Lien	5.000%	11/1/29	600,000	698,268
<i>Illinois State Finance Authority Revenue:</i>				
Southern Illinois Healthcare Enterprises Inc.	5.000%	3/1/31	600,000	694,104
Southern Illinois Healthcare Enterprises Inc.	5.000%	3/1/32	300,000	345,225
Illinois State Toll Highway Authority Revenue	5.000%	1/1/42	800,000	919,392 <sup>(f)</sup>
Illinois State, GO	5.000%	2/1/26	1,000,000	1,076,180
Illinois State, GO	5.000%	2/1/27	250,000	269,200
Illinois State, GO	5.000%	2/1/29	600,000	643,698
Metropolitan Pier & Exposition Authority, IL, Dedicated State Tax Revenue, McCormick Project, State Appropriations	5.250%	6/15/50	1,000,000	1,034,900
Metropolitan Pier & Exposition Authority, IL, Revenue, CAB-McCormick Place Expansion Project	0.000%	12/15/52	1,000,000	179,110
<i>Total Illinois</i>				<i>14,498,313</i>
<i>Indiana 6.9%</i>				
Indiana Finance Authority, Wastewater Utility Revenue, CWA Authority Project	5.000%	10/1/41	675,000	772,767
Indiana Municipal Power Agency, Power Supply System Revenue	6.000%	1/1/39	8,000,000	8,381,520 <sup>(e)</sup>
Richmond, IN, Hospital Authority Revenue, Reid Hospital & Health Care Services Inc. Project	6.500%	1/1/29	8,000,000	8,419,520 <sup>(e)</sup>
<i>Total Indiana</i>				<i>17,573,807</i>

See Notes to Financial Statements.

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Security	Rate	Maturity Date	Face Amount	Value
<i>Louisiana 4.0%</i>				
Louisiana State Citizens Property Insurance Corp., Assessment Revenue, AGC				\$
	6.125%	6/1/25	\$ 10,000,000	10,236,700 <sup>(e)</sup>
<i>Maryland 4.1%</i>				
Howard County, MD, Housing Commission Revenue, Columbia Commons Apartments	5.000%	6/1/44	1,350,000	1,461,969
Maryland State Health & Higher EFA Revenue, Washington County Hospital Issue	5.750%	1/1/38	9,000,000	9,030,600 <sup>(e)</sup>
<i>Total Maryland</i>				10,492,569
<i>Massachusetts 0.1%</i>				
Massachusetts State DFA Revenue, UMass Boston Student Housing Project	5.000%	10/1/41	250,000	275,255
<i>Michigan 9.9%</i>				
Detroit, MI, Water Supply System Revenue:				
Second Lien, AGM	6.250%	7/1/36	2,995,000	3,212,167 <sup>(e)</sup>
Second Lien, AGM	6.250%	7/1/36	5,000	5,313
Michigan State Finance Authority Ltd. Obligation Revenue, Higher Education, Thomas M Cooley Law School Project	6.000%	7/1/24	1,500,000	1,589,640 <sup>(a)</sup>
Michigan State Finance Authority Revenue:				
Local Government Loan Program, Detroit Water & Sewer Department	5.000%	7/1/33	350,000	392,822
Senior Lien Detroit Water & Sewer	5.000%	7/1/33	410,000	455,748
Michigan State Hospital Finance Authority Revenue, McLaren Health Care Corp.	5.750%	5/15/38	9,000,000	9,181,170 <sup>(e)</sup>
Royal Oak, MI, Hospital Finance Authority Revenue:				
William Beaumont Hospital	5.000%	9/1/39	2,000,000	2,206,100
William Beaumont Hospital	8.250%	9/1/39	8,000,000	8,408,160 <sup>(e)</sup>
<i>Total Michigan</i>				25,451,120
<i>New Jersey 6.2%</i>				
Gloucester County, NJ, PCFA Revenue, Keystone Urban Renewal, Logan Generating	5.000%	12/1/24	750,000	814,395 <sup>(b)</sup>
New Jersey State EDA Revenue	5.000%	6/15/34	1,500,000	1,639,020
New Jersey State EDA Revenue, Continental Airlines Inc. Project	4.875%	9/15/19	665,000	688,508 <sup>(b)</sup>
New Jersey State EFA Revenue, University of Medicine & Dentistry	7.500%	12/1/32	10,000,000	10,864,700 <sup>(e)</sup>
New Jersey State Health Care Facilities Financing Authority Revenue, Hackensack Meridian Health	5.000%	7/1/38	125,000	144,992
New Jersey State Transportation Trust Fund Authority Revenue, Capital Appreciation Transportation System, NATL	0.000%	12/15/31	3,000,000	1,702,200
<i>Total New Jersey</i>				15,853,815

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Security	Rate	Maturity Date	Face Amount	Value
<i>New York 8.7%</i>				
Hudson, NY, Yards Infrastructure Corp. Revenue	5.000%	2/15/36	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,168,420
Liberty, NY, Development Corp. Revenue, Goldman Sachs Headquarters	5.250%	10/1/35	2,500,000	3,164,525
MTA Hudson Rail Yards Trust Obligations Revenue	5.000%	11/15/51	1,250,000	1,348,187
MTA, NY, Dedicated Tax Fund Revenue, Green Bonds	5.000%	11/15/47	500,000	579,495
New York State Convention Center Development Corp. Revenue, CAB, Subordinated Lien, Hotel Unit Fee Secured	0.000%	11/15/32	2,000,000	1,165,640
New York State Dormitory Authority, State Personal Income Tax Revenue	5.000%	2/15/37	1,000,000	1,180,070 <sup>(g)</sup>
New York State Liberty Development Corp., Liberty Revenue, 3 World Trade Center LLC Project	5.000%	11/15/44	575,000	618,591 <sup>(a)</sup>
New York State Thruway Authority General Revenue, Junior Indebtedness Obligations, Junior Lien	5.000%	1/1/46	1,000,000	1,139,380
New York State Transportation Development Corp., Special Facilities Revenue, LaGuardia Airport Terminal B Redevelopment Project	5.000%	7/1/46	3,000,000	3,284,310 <sup>(b)</sup>
Port Authority of New York & New Jersey, Special Obligation Revenue, JFK International Air Terminal LLC	5.500%	12/1/31	7,925,000	8,696,261
<i>Total New York</i>				<i>22,344,879</i>
<i>North Carolina 0.4%</i>				
North Carolina State Turnpike Authority Monroe Expressway Toll Revenue	5.000%	7/1/54	750,000	821,063
North Carolina State Turnpike Authority Revenue, Senior Lien	5.000%	1/1/30	100,000	117,346
<i>Total North Carolina</i>				<i>938,409</i>
<i>Oklahoma 0.0%</i>				
Payne County, OK, EDA Revenue, Epworth Living at The Ranch	6.250%	11/1/31	170,000	127,007
<i>Oregon 0.3%</i>				
Oregon State Facilities Authority Revenue, Legacy Health Project	5.000%	6/1/46	650,000	733,935
<i>Pennsylvania 4.9%</i>				
Cumberland County, PA, Municipal Authority Revenue, Diakon Lutheran Social Ministries Project	5.000%	1/1/27	1,000,000	1,133,430
Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing Authority, Water Facility Revenue, American Water Co. Project	6.200%	4/1/39	10,000,000	10,555,600
State Public School Building Authority PA, Lease Revenue:				
Philadelphia School District Project, AGM	5.000%	6/1/31	200,000	225,934
Philadelphia School District Project, AGM	5.000%	6/1/33	550,000	616,775
<i>Total Pennsylvania</i>				<i>12,531,739</i>
<i>Rhode Island 4.2%</i>				
Rhode Island State Health & Educational Building Corp. Revenue, Hospital Financing	7.000%	5/15/39	10,000,000	10,782,900 <sup>(e)</sup>

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<i>Texas 12.6%</i>				
Arlington, TX, Higher Education Finance Corp., Education Revenue, Uplift Education, PSF-GTD	5.000%	12/1/35	\$ 300,000	\$ 348,432
Brazos River, TX, Harbor Navigation District Revenue, Brazoria County Environmental, Dow Chemical Co. Project	5.950%	5/15/33	10,000,000	10,424,500 <sup>(b)</sup>
Clifton, TX, Higher Education Finance Corp., Education Revenue, IDEA Public Schools, PSF-GTD	5.000%	8/15/35	2,400,000	2,802,960
Love Field, TX, Airport Modernization Corp., General Airport Revenue	5.000%	11/1/31	120,000	139,043 <sup>(b)</sup>
Love Field, TX, Airport Modernization Corp., Special Facilities Revenue, Southwest Airlines Co. Project	5.250%	11/1/40	3,000,000	3,288,360
North Texas Tollway Authority Revenue	5.750%	1/1/33	8,500,000	8,528,900 <sup>(e)</sup>
North Texas Tollway Authority Revenue, First Tier	5.000%	1/1/43	2,000,000	2,326,620
Tarrant County, TX, Cultural Education Facilities Finance Corp., Retirement Facility Revenue, Buckner Senior Living Ventana Project	6.625%	11/15/37	190,000	212,106
Texas State Municipal Gas Acquisition & Supply Corp. I, Gas Supply Revenue	6.250%	12/15/26	1,310,000	1,594,794
Texas State Private Activity Bond Surface Transportation Corp. Revenue, Senior Lien, Blueridge Transportation Group LLC	5.000%	12/31/40	500,000	554,200 <sup>(b)</sup>
Texas State Water Development Board Revenue	5.000%	10/15/42	1,500,000	1,776,975
Woodloch Health Facilities Development Corp., TX, Senior Housing Revenue: Inspired Living Lewsville Project	6.750%	12/1/51	300,000	318,456 <sup>(a)</sup>
Inspired Living Lewsville Project	10.000%	12/1/51	50,000	49,474
<i>Total Texas</i>				<i>32,364,820</i>
<i>U.S. Virgin Islands 0.9%</i>				
Virgin Islands Public Finance Authority Revenue, Matching Fund Loan	6.625%	10/1/29	4,000,000	2,190,000
<i>Utah 0.1%</i>				
Utah State Charter School Finance Authority, Charter School Revenue, Syracuse Arts Academy Project, UT CSCE	5.000%	4/15/47	250,000	279,090
<i>Virginia 1.3%</i>				
Virginia State Port Authority Port Facility Revenue	5.000%	7/1/41	400,000	454,252 <sup>(b)</sup>
Virginia State Port Authority Port Facility Revenue	5.000%	7/1/45	500,000	563,815 <sup>(b)</sup>
Virginia State Small Business Financing Authority Revenue: Elizabeth River Crossings OpCo LLC Project	5.000%	7/1/23	1,775,000	1,985,231 <sup>(b)</sup>
Senior Lien, 95 Express Lanes LLC	5.000%	1/1/40	400,000	429,352 <sup>(b)</sup>
<i>Total Virginia</i>				<i>3,432,650</i>

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Security	Rate	Maturity Date	Face Amount	Value
<i>Washington 0.9%</i>				
Washington State HFC Revenue:				
Heron s Key	5.500%	1/1/24	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,255 <sup>(a)</sup>
Heron s Key	6.000%	7/1/25	675,000	714,920 <sup>(a)</sup>
Washington State, GO	5.000%	8/1/33	1,000,000	1,194,510 <sup>(f)</sup>
<i>Total Washington</i>				<i>2,409,685</i>
<i>Wisconsin 4.8%</i>				
Public Finance Authority, WI, Ltd. Obligation Pilot Revenue, American Dream @ Meadowlands Project				
	5.000%	12/1/27	1,500,000	1,651,110 <sup>(a)</sup>
Wisconsin State HEFA Revenue, Prohealth Care Inc. Obligation Group	6.625%	2/15/39	10,000,000	10,592,000 <sup>(e)</sup>
<i>Total Wisconsin</i>				<i>12,243,110</i>
<b>Total Investments before Short-Term Investments (Cost \$230,803,562)</b>				<b>254,670,651</b>
<b>Short-Term Investments 0.3%</b>				
<b>Municipal Bonds 0.3%</b>				
<i>New York 0.3%</i>				
New York State Urban Development Corp. Revenue, SPA-JPMorgan Chase (Cost \$700,000)	0.990%	3/15/33	700,000	<b>700,000</b> <sup>(b)(i)</sup>
			Shares	
<b>Money Market Funds 0.0%</b>				
State Street Institutional U.S. Government Money Market Fund, Premier Class (Cost \$84,531)	1.013%		84,531	<b>84,531</b>
<b>Total Short-Term Investments (Cost \$784,531)</b>				<b>784,531</b>
<b>Total Investments 99.6% (Cost \$231,588,093)</b>				<b>255,455,182</b>
Other Assets in Excess of Liabilities 0.4%				1,009,018
<b>Total Net Assets 100.0%</b>				<b>\$ 256,464,200</b>

(a) Security is exempt from registration under Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933. This security may be resold in transactions that are exempt from registration, normally to qualified institutional buyers. This security has been deemed liquid pursuant to guidelines approved by the Board of Directors.

(b) Income from this issue is considered a preference item for purposes of calculating the alternative minimum tax ( AMT ).

(c) Variable rate security. Interest rate disclosed is as of the most recent information available. Certain variable rate securities are not based on a published reference rate and spread but are determined by the issuer or agent and are based on current market conditions. These securities do not indicate a reference rate and spread in their description above.

(d) Maturity date shown represents the mandatory tender date.

(e) Pre-Refunded bonds are escrowed with U.S. government obligations and/or U.S. government agency securities and are considered by the manager to be triple-A rated even if issuer has not applied for new ratings.

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(f) Securities traded on a when-issued or delayed delivery basis.

(g) All or a portion of this security is held at the broker as collateral for open futures contracts.

(h) Variable rate demand obligations ( VRDOs ) have a demand feature under which the Fund can tender them back to the issuer or liquidity provider on no more than 7 days notice. The interest rate generally resets on a daily or weekly basis and is

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determined on the specific interest rate reset date by the Remarketing Agent, pursuant to a formula specified in official documents for the VRDO, or set at the highest rate allowable as specified in official documents for the VRDO. VRDOs are benchmarked to the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association (SIFMA) Municipal Swap Index. The SIFMA Municipal Swap Index is compiled from weekly interest rate resets of tax-exempt VRDOs reported to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board's Short-term Obligation Rate Transparency System.

(i) Maturity date shown is the final maturity date. The security may be sold back to the issuer before final maturity.

**Abbreviations used in this schedule:**

AGC	Assured Guaranty Corporation Insured Bonds
AGM	Assured Guaranty Municipal Corporation Insured Bonds
CAB	Capital Appreciation Bonds
CDA	Communities Development Authority
COP	Certificates of Participation
CSCE	Charter School Credit Enhancement
DFA	Development Finance Agency
EDA	Economic Development Authority
EFA	Educational Facilities Authority
GO	General Obligation
GTD	Guaranteed
HEFA	Health & Educational Facilities Authority
HFC	Housing Finance Commission
MTA	Metropolitan Transportation Authority
NATL	National Public Finance Guarantee Corporation Insured Bonds
PCFA	Pollution Control Financing Authority
PSF	Permanent School Fund
SPA	Standby Bond Purchase Agreement Insured Bonds

At November 30, 2017, the Fund had the following open futures contracts:

	Number of Contracts	Expiration Date	Notional Amount	Market Value	Unrealized Depreciation
<b>Contracts to Buy:</b>					
U.S. Treasury Long-Term Bonds	40	3/18	\$ 6,117,728	\$ 6,068,750	\$ (48,978)

**Ratings Table\* (unaudited)**

Standard & Poor's/Moody's/Fitch\*\*

AAA/Aaa	9.9%
AA/Aa	16.9
A	32.7
BBB/Baa	26.2
BB/Ba	1.0
CCC/Caa	0.9
A-1/VMIG 1	0.3
NR***	12.1
	<b>100.0%</b>

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\* As a percentage of total investments.

\*\* The ratings shown are based on each portfolio security's rating as determined by Standard & Poor's, Moody's or Fitch, each a Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organization (NRSRO). These ratings are the opinions of the NRSRO and are not measures of quality or guarantees of performance. Securities may be rated by other NRSROs, and these ratings may be higher or lower. In the event that a security is rated by multiple NRSROs and receives different ratings, the Fund will treat the security as being rated in the highest rating category received from a NRSRO.

\*\*\* The credit quality of unrated investments is evaluated based upon certain factors including, but not limited to, credit ratings for similar investments and financial analysis of sectors and individual investments.

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<b>Assets:</b>	
Investments, at value (Cost \$231,588,093)	\$ 255,455,182
Interest receivable	3,925,229
Receivable for securities sold	832,895
Prepaid expenses	6,461
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>260,219,767</b>
<b>Liabilities:</b>	
Payable for securities purchased	2,520,410
Income distribution payable	1,021,575
Investment management fee payable	127,355
Payable to broker - variation margin on open futures contracts	18,750
Directors' fees payable	4,756
Accrued expenses	62,721
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>3,755,567</b>
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 256,464,200</b>
<b>Net Assets:</b>	
Par value (\$0.001 par value; 12,161,604 shares issued outstanding; 100,000,000 shares authorized)	\$ 12,162
Paid-in capital in excess of par value	232,536,499
Undistributed net investment income	1,524,467
Accumulated net realized loss on investments and futures contracts	(1,427,039)
Net unrealized appreciation on investments and futures contracts	23,818,111
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 256,464,200</b>
<b>Shares Outstanding</b>	<b>12,161,604</b>
<b>Net Asset Value</b>	<b>\$21.09</b>

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For the Year Ended November 30, 2017

<b>Investment Income:</b>	
<i>Interest</i>	<b>\$ 13,927,345</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>	
Investment management fee (Note 2)	1,561,832
Directors' fees	70,262
Audit and tax fees	45,491
Legal fees	37,243
Transfer agent fees	33,211
Fund accounting fees	26,018
Shareholder reports	25,338
Stock exchange listing fees	14,763
Insurance	4,729
Custody fees	1,815
Interest expense	547
Miscellaneous expenses	12,851
<i>Total Expenses</i>	<b>1,834,100</b>
<b>Net Investment Income</b>	<b>12,093,245</b>
<b>Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments and Futures Contracts (Notes 1, 3 and 4):</b>	
Net Realized Gain (Loss) From:	
Investment transactions	(599,103)
Futures contracts	228,747
<i>Net Realized Loss</i>	<b>(370,356)</b>
Change in Net Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation) From:	
Investments	(3,887,585)
Futures contracts	(17,775)
<i>Change in Net Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)</i>	<b>(3,905,360)</b>
<b>Net Loss on Investments and Futures Contracts</b>	<b>(4,275,716)</b>
<b>Increase in Net Assets From Operations</b>	<b>\$ 7,817,529</b>

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For the Years Ended November 30,	2017	2016
<b>Operations:</b>		
Net investment income	\$ 12,093,245	\$ 12,569,339
Net realized gain (loss)	(370,356)	67,246
Change in net unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	(3,905,360)	(12,825,814)
<i>Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets From Operations</i>	<i>7,817,529</i>	<i>(189,229)</i>
<b>Distributions to Shareholders From (Note 1):</b>		
Net investment income	(13,216,728)	(12,677,708)
<i>Decrease in Net Assets From Distributions to Shareholders</i>	<i>(13,216,728)</i>	<i>(12,677,708)</i>
<b>Fund Share Transactions:</b>		
Reinvestment of distributions (25,427 and 30,064 shares issued, respectively)	546,505	676,163
<i>Increase in Net Assets From Fund Share Transactions</i>	<i>546,505</i>	<i>676,163</i>
<i>Decrease in Net Assets</i>	<i>(4,852,694)</i>	<i>(12,190,774)</i>
<b>Net Assets:</b>		
Beginning of year	261,316,894	273,507,668
<b>End of year*</b>	<b>\$ 256,464,200</b>	<b>\$ 261,316,894</b>
*Includes undistributed net investment income of:	\$1,524,467	\$2,952,713

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	2017 <sup>1</sup>	2016 <sup>1</sup>	2015 <sup>1</sup>	2014 <sup>1</sup>	2013 <sup>1</sup>
Net asset value, beginning of year	\$21.53	\$22.59	\$22.90	\$21.78	\$23.49
<b>Income (loss) from operations:</b>					
Net investment income	1.00	1.04	1.11	1.08	1.08
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	(0.35)	(1.05)	(0.41)	1.05	(1.78)
<i>Total income (loss) from operations</i>	<i>0.65</i>	<i>(0.01)</i>	<i>0.70</i>	<i>2.13</i>	<i>(0.70)</i>
<b>Less distributions from:</b>					
Net investment income	(1.09)	(1.05)	(1.01)	(1.01)	(1.01)
<i>Total distributions</i>	<i>(1.09)</i>	<i>(1.05)</i>	<i>(1.01)</i>	<i>(1.01)</i>	<i>(1.01)</i>
Net asset value, end of year	\$21.09	\$21.53	\$22.59	\$22.90	\$21.78
Market price, end of year	\$21.37	\$22.08	\$23.87	\$23.07	\$20.86
<i>Total return, based on NAV<sup>2,3</sup></i>	<i>3.06%</i>	<i>(0.16)%</i>	<i>3.11%</i>	<i>9.96%</i>	<i>(3.04)%</i>
<i>Total return, based on Market Price<sup>4</sup></i>	<i>1.81%</i>	<i>(3.10)%</i>	<i>8.15%</i>	<i>15.72%</i>	<i>(11.77)%</i>
Net assets, end of year (000s)	\$256,464	\$261,317	\$273,508	\$276,491	\$262,743
<b>Ratios to average net assets:</b>					
Gross expenses	0.70%	0.70%	0.70%	0.70%	0.69%
Net expenses	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.69
Net investment income	4.65	4.60	4.87	4.79	4.79
<b>Portfolio turnover rate</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>3%</b>

<sup>1</sup> Per share amounts have been calculated using the average shares method.

<sup>2</sup> Performance figures may reflect compensating balance arrangements, fee waivers and/or expense reimbursements. In the absence of compensating balance arrangements, fee waivers and/or expense reimbursements, the total return would have been lower. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

<sup>3</sup> The total return calculation assumes that distributions are reinvested at NAV. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

<sup>4</sup> The total return calculation assumes that distributions are reinvested in accordance with the Fund's dividend reinvestment plan. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

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### 1. Organization and significant accounting policies

Western Asset Municipal Defined Opportunity Trust Inc. (the Fund) was incorporated in Maryland on January 15, 2009 and is registered as a non-diversified, closed-end management investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the 1940 Act). The Fund's primary investment objective is to provide high current income exempt from federal income tax and then to liquidate on or about April 30, 2021 and distribute all of the Fund's net assets to shareholders. As a secondary investment objective, the Fund will seek total return. There can be no assurance the Fund's investment objectives will be achieved.

The following are significant accounting policies consistently followed by the Fund and are in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Estimates and assumptions are required to be made regarding assets, liabilities and changes in net assets resulting from operations when financial statements are prepared. Changes in the economic environment, financial markets and any other parameters used in determining these estimates could cause actual results to differ. Subsequent events have been evaluated through the date the financial statements were issued.

**(a) Investment valuation.** The valuations for fixed income securities (which may include, but are not limited to, corporate, government, municipal, mortgage-backed, collateralized mortgage obligations and asset-backed securities) and certain derivative instruments are typically the prices supplied by independent third party pricing services, which may use market prices or broker/dealer quotations or a variety of valuation techniques and methodologies. The independent third party pricing services use inputs that are observable such as issuer details, interest rates, yield curves, prepayment speeds, credit risks/spreads, default rates and quoted prices for similar securities. Short-term fixed income securities that will mature in 60 days or less are valued at amortized cost, unless it is determined that using this method would not reflect an investment's fair value. Investments in open-end funds are valued at the closing net asset value per share of each fund on the day of valuation. Futures contracts are valued daily at the settlement price established by the board of trade or exchange on which they are traded. If independent third party pricing services are unable to supply prices for a portfolio investment, or if the prices supplied are deemed by the manager to be unreliable, the market price may be determined by the manager using quotations from one or more broker/dealers or at the transaction price if the security has recently been purchased and no value has yet been obtained from a pricing service or pricing broker. When reliable prices are not readily available, such as when the value of a security has been significantly affected by events after the close of the exchange or market on which the security is principally traded, but before the Fund calculates its net asset value, the Fund values these securities as determined in accordance with procedures approved by the Fund's Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors is responsible for the valuation process and has delegated the supervision of the daily valuation process to the Legg Mason North Atlantic Fund Valuation Committee (the Valuation Committee). The Valuation Committee, pursuant to the policies

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adopted by the Board of Directors, is responsible for making fair value determinations, evaluating the effectiveness of the Fund's pricing policies, and reporting to the Board of Directors. When determining the reliability of third party pricing information for investments owned by the Fund, the Valuation Committee, among other things, conducts due diligence reviews of pricing vendors, monitors the daily change in prices and reviews transactions among market participants.

The Valuation Committee will consider pricing methodologies it deems relevant and appropriate when making fair value determinations. Examples of possible methodologies include, but are not limited to, multiple of earnings; discount from market of a similar freely traded security; discounted cash-flow analysis; book value or a multiple thereof; risk premium/yield analysis; yield to maturity; and/or fundamental investment analysis. The Valuation Committee will also consider factors it deems relevant and appropriate in light of the facts and circumstances. Examples of possible factors include, but are not limited to, the type of security; the issuer's financial statements; the purchase price of the security; the discount from market value of unrestricted securities of the same class at the time of purchase; analysts' research and observations from financial institutions; information regarding any transactions or offers with respect to the security; the existence of merger proposals or tender offers affecting the security; the price and extent of public trading in similar securities of the issuer or comparable companies; and the existence of a shelf registration for restricted securities.

For each portfolio security that has been fair valued pursuant to the policies adopted by the Board of Directors, the fair value price is compared against the last available and next available market quotations. The Valuation Committee reviews the results of such back testing monthly and fair valuation occurrences are reported to the Board of Directors quarterly.

The Fund uses valuation techniques to measure fair value that are consistent with the market approach and/or income approach, depending on the type of security and the particular circumstance. The market approach uses prices and other relevant information generated by market transactions involving identical or comparable securities. The income approach uses valuation techniques to discount estimated future cash flows to present value.

GAAP establishes a disclosure hierarchy that categorizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to value assets and liabilities at measurement date. These inputs are summarized in the three broad levels listed below:

Level 1 quoted prices in active markets for identical investments

Level 2 other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar investments, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, etc.)

Level 3 significant unobservable inputs (including the Fund's own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments)



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The inputs or methodologies used to value securities are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities.

The following is a summary of the inputs used in valuing the Fund's assets and liabilities carried at fair value:

<b>ASSETS</b>				
Description	Quoted Prices (Level 1)	Other Significant Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	Total
Municipal bonds		\$ 254,670,651		\$ 254,670,651
Short-term investments :				
Municipal bonds		700,000		700,000
Money market funds	\$ 84,531			84,531
Total short-term investments	84,531	700,000		784,531
<b>Total investments</b>	<b>\$ 84,531</b>	<b>\$ 255,370,651</b>		<b>\$ 255,455,182</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Description	Quoted Prices (Level 1)	Other Significant Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	Total
Other financial instruments:				
Futures contracts	\$ 48,978			\$ 48,978

See Schedule of Investments for additional detailed categorizations.

**(b) Futures contracts.** The Fund uses futures contracts generally to gain exposure to, or hedge against, changes in interest rates or gain exposure to, or hedge against, changes in certain asset classes. A futures contract represents a commitment for the future purchase or sale of an asset at a specified price on a specified date.

Upon entering into a futures contract, the Fund is required to deposit cash or cash equivalents with a broker in an amount equal to a certain percentage of the contract amount. This is known as the initial margin and subsequent payments (variation margin) are made or received by the Fund each day, depending on the daily fluctuation in the value of the contract. For certain futures, including foreign denominated futures, variation margin is not settled daily, but is recorded as a net variation margin payable or receivable. The daily changes in contract value are recorded as unrealized gains or losses in the Statement of Operations and the Fund recognizes a realized gain or loss when the contract is closed.

Futures contracts involve, to varying degrees, risk of loss in excess of the amounts reflected in the financial statements. In addition, there is the risk that the Fund may not be able to enter into a closing transaction because of an illiquid secondary market.

**(c) Securities traded on a when-issued and delayed delivery basis.** The Fund may trade securities on when-issued or delayed delivery basis. In a when-issued and delayed delivery transactions, the securities are purchased or sold by the Fund with pay-

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ment and delivery taking place in the future in order to secure what is considered to be an advantageous price and yield to the Fund at the time of entering into the transaction.

Purchasing such securities involves risk of loss if the value of the securities declines prior to settlement. These securities are subject to market fluctuations and their current value is determined in the same manner as for other securities.

**(d) Security transactions and investment income.** Security transactions are accounted for on a trade date basis. Interest income (including interest income from payment-in-kind securities), adjusted for amortization of premium and accretion of discount, is recorded on the accrual basis. The cost of investments sold is determined by use of the specific identification method. To the extent any issuer defaults or a credit event occurs that impacts the issuer, the Fund may halt any additional interest income accruals and consider the realizability of interest accrued up to the date of default or credit event.

**(e) Counterparty risk and credit-risk-related contingent features of derivative instruments.** The Fund may invest in certain securities or engage in other transactions, where the Fund is exposed to counterparty credit risk in addition to broader market risks. The Fund may invest in securities of issuers, which may also be considered counterparties as trading partners in other transactions. This may increase the risk of loss in the event of default or bankruptcy by the counterparty or if the counterparty otherwise fails to meet its contractual obligations. The Fund's subadviser attempts to mitigate counterparty risk by (i) periodically assessing the creditworthiness of its trading partners, (ii) monitoring and/or limiting the amount of its net exposure to each individual counterparty based on its assessment and (iii) requiring collateral from the counterparty for certain transactions. Market events and changes in overall economic conditions may impact the assessment of such counterparty risk by the subadviser. In addition, declines in the values of underlying collateral received may expose the Fund to increased risk of loss.

With exchange traded and centrally cleared derivatives, there is less counterparty risk to the Fund since the exchange or clearinghouse, as counterparty to such instruments, guarantees against a possible default. The clearinghouse stands between the buyer and the seller of the contract; therefore, the credit risk is limited to failure of the clearinghouse. While offset rights may exist under applicable law, the Fund does not have a contractual right of offset against a clearing broker or clearinghouse in the event of a default of the clearing broker or clearinghouse.

The Fund has entered into master agreements, such as an International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc. Master Agreement ( ISDA Master Agreement ) or similar agreement, with certain of its derivative counterparties that govern over-the-counter derivatives and provide for general obligations, representations, agreements, collateral posting terms, netting provisions in the event of default or termination and credit related contingent features. The credit related contingent features include, but are not limited to, a percentage decrease in the Fund's net assets or NAV over a specified period of time. If these credit related contingent features were triggered, the derivatives counterparty could terminate the positions and demand payment or require additional collateral.

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Under an ISDA Master Agreement, the Fund may, under certain circumstances, offset with the counterparty certain derivative financial instruments payables and/or receivables with collateral held and/or posted and create one single net payment. However, absent an event of default by the counterparty or a termination of the agreement, the terms of the ISDA Master Agreements do not result in an offset of reported amounts of financial assets and financial liabilities in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities across transactions between the Fund and the applicable counterparty. The enforceability of the right to offset may vary by jurisdiction.

Collateral requirements differ by type of derivative. Collateral or margin requirements are set by the broker or exchange clearing house for exchange traded derivatives while collateral terms are contract specific for over-the-counter traded derivatives. Cash collateral that has been pledged to cover obligations of the Fund under derivative contracts, if any, will be reported separately in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. Securities pledged as collateral, if any, for the same purpose are noted in the Schedule of Investments.

As of November 30, 2017, the Fund did not have any open derivative transactions with credit related contingent features in a net liability position.

**(f) Distributions to shareholders.** Distributions from net investment income of the Fund, if any, are declared quarterly and paid on a monthly basis. The Fund intends to satisfy conditions that will enable interest from municipal securities, which is exempt from federal and certain state income taxes, to retain such tax-exempt status when distributed to the shareholders of the Fund. Distributions of net realized gains, if any, are taxable and are declared at least annually. Distributions to shareholders of the Fund are recorded on the ex-dividend date and are determined in accordance with income tax regulations, which may differ from GAAP.

**(g) Compensating balance arrangements.** The Fund has an arrangement with its custodian bank whereby a portion of the custodian's fees is paid indirectly by credits earned on the Fund's cash on deposit with the bank.

**(h) Federal and other taxes.** It is the Fund's policy to comply with the federal income and excise tax requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the Code), as amended, applicable to regulated investment companies. Accordingly, the Fund intends to distribute its taxable income and net realized gains, if any, to shareholders in accordance with timing requirements imposed by the Code. Therefore, no federal or state income tax provision is required in the Fund's financial statements.

Management has analyzed the Fund's tax positions taken on income tax returns for all open tax years and has concluded that as of November 30, 2017, no provision for income tax is required in the Fund's financial statements. The Fund's federal and state income and federal excise tax returns for tax years for which the applicable statutes of limitations have not expired are subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service and state departments of revenue.

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**(i) Reclassification.** GAAP requires that certain components of net assets be reclassified to reflect permanent differences between financial and tax reporting. These reclassifications have no effect on net assets or net asset value per share. During the current year, the following reclassifications have been made:

	Undistributed Net Investment Income	Accumulated Net Realized Loss
(a)	\$ (304,763)	\$ 304,763

(a) Reclassifications are due to differences between book and tax accretion of market discount on fixed income securities.

**2. Investment management agreement and other transactions with affiliates**

Legg Mason Partners Fund Advisor, LLC ( LMPFA ) is the Fund's investment manager and Western Asset Management Company ( Western Asset ) is the Fund's subadviser. LMPFA and Western Asset are wholly-owned subsidiaries of Legg Mason, Inc. ( Legg Mason ).

LMPFA provides administrative and certain oversight services to the Fund. The Fund pays an investment management fee, calculated daily and paid monthly, at an annual rate of 0.60% of the Fund's average daily Managed Assets. Managed Assets means the total assets of the Fund (including assets financed through the creation of tender option bond trusts) minus the sum of accrued liabilities (other than Fund liabilities representing financial leverage).

LMPFA delegates to Western Asset the day-to-day portfolio management of the Fund. For its services, LMPFA pays Western Asset monthly 70% of the net management fee it receives from the Fund.

All officers and one Director of the Fund are employees of Legg Mason or its affiliates and do not receive compensation from the Fund.

The Fund is permitted to purchase or sell securities, typically short-term variable rate demand obligations, from or to certain other affiliated funds or portfolios under specified conditions outlined in procedures adopted by the Board of Directors. The procedures have been designed to provide assurance that any purchase or sale of securities by the Fund from or to another fund or portfolio that is, or could be considered, an affiliate by virtue of having a common investment manager or subadviser (or affiliated investment manager or subadviser), common Directors and/or common officers complies with Rule 17a-7 under the 1940 Act. Further, as defined under the procedures, each transaction is effected at the current market price. For the year ended November 30, 2017, such purchase and sale transactions (excluding accrued interest) were \$17,725,000 and \$21,590,000, respectively.

**3. Investments**

During the year ended November 30, 2017, the aggregate cost of purchases and proceeds from sales of investments (excluding short-term investments) were as follows:

Purchases	\$ 27,681,257
Sales	25,741,624

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At November 30, 2017, the aggregate cost of investments and the aggregate gross unrealized appreciation and depreciation of investments for federal income tax purposes were as follows:

	Cost	Gross Unrealized Appreciation	Gross Unrealized Depreciation	Net Unrealized Appreciation/ (Depreciation)
Securities	\$ 229,640,257	\$ 28,204,841	\$ (2,389,916)	\$ 25,814,925
Futures contracts			(48,978)	(48,978)

**4. Derivative instruments and hedging activities**

Below is a table, grouped by derivative type, that provides information about the fair value and the location of derivatives within the Statement of Assets and Liabilities at November 30, 2017.

**LIABILITY DERIVATIVES<sup>1</sup>**

	Interest Rate Risk
Futures contracts <sup>2</sup>	\$ 48,978

<sup>1</sup> Generally, the balance sheet location for asset derivatives is receivables/net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) and for liability derivatives is payables/net unrealized appreciation (depreciation).

<sup>2</sup> Includes cumulative appreciation (depreciation) of futures contracts as reported in the Schedule of Investments. Only variation margin is reported within the receivables and/or payables on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

The following tables provide information about the effect of derivatives and hedging activities on the Fund's Statement of Operations for the year ended November 30, 2017. The first table provides additional detail about the amounts and sources of gains (losses) realized on derivatives during the period. The second table provides additional information about the change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) resulting from the Fund's derivatives and hedging activities during the period.

**AMOUNT OF REALIZED GAIN (LOSS) ON DERIVATIVES RECOGNIZED**

	Interest Rate Risk
Futures contracts	\$ 228,747

**CHANGE IN UNREALIZED APPRECIATION (DEPRECIATION) ON DERIVATIVES RECOGNIZED**

	Interest Rate Risk
Futures contracts	\$ (17,775)

During the year ended November 30, 2017, the volume of derivative activity for the Fund was as follows:

	Average Market Value
Futures contracts (to buy)	\$ 6,097,885

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The following distributions have been declared by the Fund's Board of Directors and are payable subsequent to the period end of this report:

Record Date	Payable Date	Amount
11/24/2017	12/01/2017	\$ 0.084
12/22/2017	12/29/2017	\$ 0.084
1/19/2018	2/1/2018	\$ 0.084
2/16/2018	3/1/2018	\$ 0.084

**6. Stock repurchase program**

On November 16, 2015, the Fund announced that the Fund's Board of Directors (the Board) had authorized the Fund to repurchase in the open market up to approximately 10% of the Fund's outstanding common stock when the Fund's shares are trading at a discount to net asset value. The Board has directed management of the Fund to repurchase shares of common stock at such times and in such amounts as management reasonably believes may enhance stockholder value. The Fund is under no obligation to purchase shares at any specific discount levels or in any specific amounts. During the year ended November 30, 2017, the Fund did not repurchase any shares.

**7. Income tax information and distributions to shareholders**

The tax character of distributions paid during the fiscal years ended November 30, was as follows:

	2017	2016
<b>Distributions paid from:</b>		
Tax exempt income	\$ 12,060,003	\$ 12,215,810
Ordinary income	1,156,725	461,898
Net long-term capital gains		
<b>Total distributions paid</b>	<b>\$ 13,216,728</b>	<b>\$ 12,677,708</b>

As of November 30, 2017, the components of accumulated earnings (losses) on a tax basis were as follows:

Undistributed tax-exempt income net	\$ 1,557,735
Deferred capital losses*	(1,003,899)
Capital loss carryforward**	(2,419,954)
Other book/tax temporary differences <sup>(a)</sup>	15,710
Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) <sup>(b)</sup>	25,765,947
<b>Total accumulated earnings (losses) net</b>	<b>\$ 23,915,539</b>

\*These capital losses have been deferred in the current year as either short-term or long-term losses. The losses will be deemed to occur on the first day of the next taxable year in the same character as they were originally deferred and will be available to offset future taxable capital gains. These losses must be utilized before any of the Fund's capital loss carryforward may be utilized.

\*\* As of November 30, 2017, the Fund had the following net capital loss carryforward remaining:

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Year of Expiration

11/30/2018

Amount

\$ 2,419,954

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This amount will be available to offset any future taxable capital gains.

- (a) Other book/tax temporary differences are attributable to the realization for tax purposes of unrealized gains (losses) on certain futures contracts and book/tax differences in the timing of the deductibility of various expenses.
- (b) The difference between book-basis and tax-basis unrealized appreciation (depreciation) is attributable to the difference between book and tax accretion methods for market discount on fixed income securities.

### **8. Recent accounting pronouncement**

In October 2016, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission adopted new rules and amended existing rules (together, the final rules ) intended to modernize the reporting and disclosure of information by registered investment companies. In part, the final rules amend Regulation S-X and require standardized, enhanced disclosure about derivatives in investment company financial statements, as well as other amendments. The compliance date for the amendments to Regulation S-X was August 1, 2017. The Fund has adopted the amendments to Regulation S-X and, upon evaluation, has concluded that the amendments do not materially impact the financial statement amounts; however, as required, additional or enhanced disclosure has been included.



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## Report of independent registered public accounting firm

### **To the Board of Directors and Shareholders of the Western Asset Municipal Defined Opportunity Trust Inc.**

In our opinion, the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities, including the schedule of investments, and the related statements of operations and of changes in net assets and the financial highlights present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Western Asset Municipal Defined Opportunity Trust Inc. (the Fund ) as of November 30, 2017, the results of its operations, the changes in its net assets and the financial highlights for the year then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. These financial statements and financial highlights (hereafter referred to as financial statements ) are the responsibility of the Fund's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit of these financial statements in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit, which included confirmation of securities as of November 30, 2017 by correspondence with the custodian and brokers, provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. The financial statements of the Fund as of and for the year ended November 30, 2016 and the financial highlights for each of the years ended on or prior to November 30, 2016 (not presented herein, other than the statement of changes in net assets and the financial highlights) were audited by other auditors whose report dated January 19, 2017 expressed an unqualified opinion on those financial statements and financial highlights.

/s/PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Baltimore, Maryland

January 19, 2018

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## Board approval of management agreement and sub-advisory agreement (unaudited)

### Background

The Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the 1940 Act), requires that the Board of Directors (the Board) of Western Asset Municipal Defined Opportunity Trust Inc. (the Fund), including a majority of its members who are not considered to be interested persons under the 1940 Act (the Independent Directors) voting separately, approve on an annual basis the continuation of the investment management contract (the Management Agreement) with the Fund's manager, Legg Mason Partners Fund Advisor, LLC (the Manager), and the sub-advisory agreement (the Sub-Advisory Agreement) with the Manager's affiliate, Western Asset Management Company (Western Asset). At a meeting (the Contract Renewal Meeting) held in-person on November 8 and 9, 2017, the Board, including the Independent Directors, considered and approved the continuation of each of the Management Agreement and the Sub-Advisory Agreement for an additional one-year term. To assist in its consideration of the renewals of the Management Agreement and the Sub-Advisory Agreement, the Board received and considered a variety of information (together with the information provided at the Contract Renewal Meeting, the Contract Renewal Information) about the Manager and Western Asset, as well as the management and sub-advisory arrangements for the Fund and the other closed-end funds in the same complex under the Board's supervision (the Legg Mason Closed-end Funds), certain portions of which are discussed below. A presentation made by the Manager and Western Asset to the Board at the Contract Renewal Meeting in connection with its evaluations of the Management Agreement and the Sub-Advisory Agreement encompassed the Fund and other Legg Mason Closed-end Funds. In addition to the Contract Renewal Information, the Board received performance and other information throughout the year related to the respective services rendered by the Manager and Western Asset to the Fund. The Board's evaluation took into account the information received throughout the year and also reflected the knowledge and familiarity gained as members of the Boards of the Fund and other Legg Mason Closed-end Funds with respect to the services provided to the Fund by the Manager and Western Asset.

At a meeting held by conference call on November 2, 2017, the Independent Directors in preparation for the Contract Renewal Meeting met in a private session with their independent counsel to review Contract Renewal Information in respect of the Legg Mason Closed-end Funds, including the Fund, received to date. No representatives of the Manager or Western Asset participated in this meeting. The discussion below reflects all of these reviews.

The Manager provides the Fund with investment advisory and administrative services pursuant to the Management Agreement and Western Asset provides the Fund with certain investment sub-advisory services pursuant to the Sub-Advisory Agreement. The discussion below covers both the advisory and administrative functions being rendered by the Manager, each such function being encompassed by the Management Agreement, and the investment sub-advisory functions being rendered by Western Asset.

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**Board approval of management agreement and sub-advisory agreement**

In its deliberations regarding renewal of the Management Agreement and the Sub-Advisory Agreement, the Board, including the Independent Directors, considered the factors below.

**Nature, extent and quality of the services under the management agreement and sub-advisory agreement**

The Board received and considered Contract Renewal Information regarding the nature, extent, and quality of services provided to the Fund by the Manager and Western Asset under the Management Agreement and the Sub-Advisory Agreement, respectively, during the past year. The Board also reviewed Contract Renewal Information regarding the Fund's compliance policies and procedures established pursuant to the 1940 Act.

The Board reviewed the qualifications, backgrounds, and responsibilities of the Fund's senior personnel and the portfolio management team primarily responsible for the day-to-day portfolio management of the Fund. The Board also considered, based on its knowledge of the Manager and its affiliates, the Contract Renewal Information and the Board's discussions with the Manager and Western Asset at the Contract Renewal Meeting, the general reputation and investment performance records of the Manager and Western Asset and their affiliates and the financial resources available to the corporate parent of the Manager and Western Asset, Legg Mason, Inc. (Legg Mason), to support their activities in respect of the Fund and the other Legg Mason Closed-end Funds.

The Board considered the responsibilities of the Manager and Western Asset under the Management Agreement and the Sub-Advisory Agreement, respectively, including the Manager's coordination and oversight of the services provided to the Fund by Western Asset and others. The Management Agreement permits the Manager to delegate certain of its responsibilities, including its investment advisory duties thereunder, provided that the Manager, in each case, will supervise the activities of the delegee. Pursuant to this provision of the Management Agreement, the Manager does not provide day-to-day portfolio management services to the Fund. Rather, portfolio management services for the Fund are provided by Western Asset pursuant to the Sub-Advisory Agreement.

In reaching its determinations regarding continuation of the Management Agreement and the Sub-Advisory Agreement, the Board took into account that Fund shareholders, in pursuing their investment goals and objectives, likely purchased their shares based upon the reputation and the investment style, philosophy and strategy of the Manager and Western Asset, as well as the resources available to the Manager and Western Asset.

The Board concluded that, overall, the nature, extent, and quality of the management and other services provided to the Fund under the Management Agreement and the Sub-Advisory Agreement have been satisfactory under the circumstances.

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### Fund performance

The Board received and considered information regarding Fund performance, including information and analyses (the Broadridge Performance Information ) for the Fund, as well as for a group of funds (the Performance Universe ) selected by Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc. ( Broadridge ), an independent provider of investment company data. The Board was provided with a description of the methodology Broadridge used to determine the similarity of the Fund with the funds included in the Performance Universe. The Performance Universe included the Fund and all general and insured municipal debt closed-end funds, as classified by Broadridge, regardless of asset size. Both leveraged and non-leveraged funds were included by Broadridge in the Performance Universe because of the limited number of similar funds. The Performance Universe consisted of seven funds, including the Fund, for each of the 1-, 3-, and 5-year periods ended June 30, 2017. The Board noted that it had received and discussed with the Manager and Western Asset information throughout the year at periodic intervals comparing the Fund s performance against its benchmark and its peer funds as selected by Broadridge.

The Broadridge Performance Information comparing the Fund s performance to that of the Performance Universe based on net asset value per share showed, among other things, that among the funds in the Performance Universe, the Fund s performance was ranked fifth (first being best in these performance rankings) for the 1-year period ended June 30, 2017; seventh (last) for the 3-year period ended such date; and sixth for the 5-year period ended such date. The Fund s performance was worse than the Performance Universe median for each of the 1-, 3-, and 5-year periods ended June 30, 2017. The Board noted that the small number of funds and the inclusion of leveraged and non-leveraged funds in the Performance Universe made meaningful performance comparisons difficult. In reviewing the Fund s performance relative to the Performance Universe, the Manager noted the small size of the Performance Universe and the differences between the investment strategies of the Fund and other Performance Universe funds. Among other things, the Fund seeks to provide current income exempt from federal income tax and will liquidate and distribute its assets to shareholders on or about April 30, 2021. According to the Manager, the Fund s overweight to pre-funded tax-exempt bonds detracted from its total return performance relative to the Performance Universe funds over the 1-, 3-, and 5-year periods, as lower quality securities outperformed higher quality securities during the periods. However, the Manager noted that, in line with the Fund s objective to maximize current income, the Fund generated a higher yield than the other Performance Universe funds during the 1-year period. The Manager further noted that the pre-funded tax-exempt bonds in the Fund s portfolio had above-market book yields for each of the 1-, 3-, and 5-year periods, helping to maintain its distribution levels, although there is no assurance that this will continue to be the case in the future. The Manager further explained that the Fund s performance for the 3- and 5-year periods was impaired by its exposure to Puerto Rico and that the Fund s Puerto Rico exposure has since been eliminated. In addition to the Fund s performance relative to the Performance Universe, the Board considered the Fund s performance in absolute terms and

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the Fund's performance relative to its benchmark. On a net asset value basis, the Fund underperformed its benchmark for each of the 1- and 3-year periods ended June 30, 2017 but outperformed its benchmark for the 5-year period ended such date.

Based on the reviews and discussions of Fund performance and considering other relevant factors, including those noted above, the Board concluded, under the circumstances, that continuation of the Management Agreement and the Sub-Advisory Agreement for an additional one-year period would be consistent with the interests of the Fund and its shareholders.

**Management fees and expense ratios**

The Board reviewed and considered the management fee (the Management Fee) payable by the Fund to the Manager under the Management Agreement and the sub-advisory fee (the Sub-Advisory Fee) payable to Western Asset under the Sub-Advisory Agreement in light of the nature, extent and overall quality of the management, investment advisory and other services provided by the Manager and Western Asset. The Board noted that the Sub-Advisory Fee is paid by the Manager, not the Fund, and, accordingly, that the retention of Western Asset does not increase the fees or expenses otherwise incurred by the Fund's shareholders.

Additionally, the Board received and considered information and analyses prepared by Broadridge (the Broadridge Expense Information) comparing the Management Fee and the Fund's overall expenses with those of funds in an expense group (the Expense Group) selected and provided by Broadridge. The comparison was based upon the constituent funds' latest fiscal years. The Expense Group consisted of the Fund, one other general and insured municipal debt fund, and six high yield municipal debt funds, as classified by Broadridge, and included both leveraged and non-leveraged funds. The eight funds in the Expense Group had average net common share assets ranging from \$146.7 million to \$513.1 million. Five of the other Expense Group funds were larger than the Fund and two were smaller.

The Broadridge Expense Information, comparing the Management Fee as well as the Fund's actual total expenses to the Fund's Expense Group, showed, among other things, that the Management Fee on a contractual basis was ranked fourth among the funds in the Expense Group (first being lowest and, therefore, best in these expense component rankings) and was at the Expense Group median for that expense component. The Fund's actual Management Fee (i.e., giving effect to any voluntary fee waivers implemented by the Manager with respect to the Fund and by the managers of the other Expense Group funds) was ranked second among the funds in the Expense Group and was better (i.e., lower) than the Expense Group median for that expense component. The Broadridge Expense Information further showed that the Fund's actual total expenses ranked first among the Expense Group funds and were better than the Expense Group median for that expense component. The Board noted that the small number and different types of leveraged and non-leveraged funds in the Expense Group made meaningful expense comparisons difficult.

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The Board also reviewed Contract Renewal Information regarding fees charged by the Manager to other U.S. clients investing primarily in an asset class similar to that of the Fund, including, where applicable, institutional and separate accounts. The Board was advised that the fees paid by such institutional, separate account and other clients (collectively, institutional clients) generally are lower, and may be significantly lower, than the Management Fee. The Contract Renewal Information discussed the significant differences in scope of services provided to the Fund and to institutional clients. Among other things, institutional clients have fewer compliance, administration and other needs than the Fund and the Fund is subject not only to heightened regulatory requirements relative to institutional clients but also to requirements for listing on the New York Stock Exchange. The Contract Renewal Information noted further that the Fund is provided with administrative services, office facilities, Fund officers (including the Fund's chief executive, chief financial and chief compliance officers), and that the Manager coordinates and oversees the provision of services to the Fund by other fund service providers. The Contract Renewal Information included information regarding management fees paid by open-end mutual funds in the same complex (the Legg Mason Open-end Funds) and such information indicated that the management fees paid by the Legg Mason Closed-end Funds generally were higher than those paid by the Legg Mason Open-end Funds. The Manager, in response to an inquiry from the Board as to the reasons for the fee differential, provided information as to differences between the services provided to the Fund and the other Legg Mason Closed-end Funds and the services provided to the Legg Mason Open-end Funds. The Board considered the fee comparisons in light of the different services provided in managing these other types of clients and funds.

Taking all of the above into consideration, the Board determined that the Management Fee and the Sub-Advisory Fee were reasonable in light of the nature, extent and overall quality of the management, investment advisory and other services provided to the Fund under the Management Agreement and the Sub-Advisory Agreement.

### **Manager profitability**

The Board, as part of the Contract Renewal Information, received an analysis of the profitability to the Manager and its affiliates in providing services to the Fund for the Manager's fiscal years ended March 31, 2017 and March 31, 2016. The Board also received profitability information with respect to the Legg Mason fund complex as a whole. In addition, the Board received Contract Renewal Information with respect to the Manager's revenue and cost allocation methodologies used in preparing such profitability data. The profitability to Western Asset was not considered to be a material factor in the Board's considerations since the Sub-Advisory Fee is paid by the Manager, not the Fund. The profitability analysis presented to the Board as part of the Contract Renewal Information indicated that profitability to the Manager had increased by 6 percent during the period covered by the analysis but remained at a level that the Board did not consider to be excessive in light of judicial guidance and the nature, extent and overall quality of the investment advisory and other services provided to the Fund.

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**Economies of scale**

The Board received and discussed Contract Renewal Information concerning whether the Manager realizes economies of scale if the Fund's assets grow. The Board noted that because the Fund is a closed-end fund with no current plans to seek additional assets beyond maintaining its dividend reinvestment plan, any significant growth in its assets generally will occur through appreciation in the value of the Fund's investment portfolio, rather than sales of additional shares in the Fund. The Board determined that the Management Fee structure, which incorporates no breakpoints reducing the Management Fee at specified increased asset levels, was appropriate under present circumstances.

**Other benefits to the manager and western asset**

The Board considered other benefits received by the Manager, Western Asset and their affiliates as a result of their relationship with the Fund and did not regard such benefits as excessive.

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In light of all of the foregoing and other relevant factors, the Board determined, under the circumstances, that continuation of the Management Agreement and the Sub-Advisory Agreement would be consistent with the interests of the Fund and its shareholders and unanimously voted to continue each Agreement for a period of one additional year. No single factor reviewed by the Board was identified by the Board as the principal factor in determining whether to approve continuation of the Management Agreement and the Sub-Advisory Agreement, and each Board member may have attributed different weights to the various factors. The Independent Directors were advised by separate independent legal counsel throughout the process. Prior to the Contract Renewal Meeting, the Board received a memorandum prepared by the Manager discussing its responsibilities in connection with the proposed continuation of the Management Agreement and the Sub-Advisory Agreement as part of the Contract Renewal Information and the Independent Directors separately received a memorandum discussing such responsibilities from their independent counsel. Prior to voting, the Independent Directors also discussed the proposed continuation of the Management Agreement and the Sub-Advisory Agreement in private sessions with their independent legal counsel at which no representatives of the Manager or Western Asset were present.

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**Additional information (unaudited)**

**Information about Directors and Officers**

The business and affairs of Western Asset Municipal Defined Opportunity Trust Inc. (the Fund) are conducted by management under the supervision and subject to the direction of its Board of Directors. The business address of each Director is c/o Jane Trust, Legg Mason, 100 International Drive, 11th Floor, Baltimore, Maryland 21202. Information pertaining to the Directors and officers of the Fund is set forth below.

The Fund's annual proxy statement includes additional information about Directors and is available, without charge, upon request by calling the Fund at 1-888-777-0102.

**Independent Directors:**

**Robert D. Agdern**

Year of birth	1950
Position(s) held with Fund <sup>1</sup>	Director and Member of Nominating and Audit Committees, Class III
Term of office <sup>1</sup> and length of time served	Since 2015
Principal occupation(s) during past five years	Member of the Advisory Committee of the Dispute Resolution Research Center at the Kellogg Graduate School of Business, Northwestern University (2002 to 2016); formerly, Deputy General Counsel responsible for western hemisphere matters for BP PLC (1999 to 2001); formerly, Associate General Counsel at Amoco Corporation responsible for corporate, chemical, and refining and marketing matters and special assignments (1993 to 1998) (Amoco merged with British Petroleum in 1998 forming BP PLC).
Number of portfolios in fund complex overseen by Director (including the Fund)	27
Other board memberships held by Director during past five years	None

**Carol L. Colman**

Year of birth	1946
Position(s) held with Fund <sup>1</sup>	Director and Member of Nominating and Audit Committees, Class I
Term of office <sup>1</sup> and length of time served	Since 2009
Principal occupation(s) during past five years	President, Colman Consulting Company (consulting)
Number of portfolios in fund complex overseen by Director (including the Fund)	27
Other board memberships held by Director during past five years	None

**Daniel P. Cronin**

Year of birth	1946
Position(s) held with Fund <sup>1</sup>	Director and Member of Nominating and Audit Committees, Class I
Term of office <sup>1</sup> and length of time served	Since 2009
Principal occupation(s) during past five years	Retired; formerly, Associate General Counsel, Pfizer Inc. (prior to and including 2004)
Number of portfolios in fund complex overseen by Director (including the Fund)	27
Other board memberships held by Director during past five years	None



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**Additional information (unaudited) (cont d)**

**Information about Directors and Officers**

**Independent Directors cont d**

**Paolo M. Cucchi**

Year of birth	1941
Position(s) held with Fund <sup>1</sup>	Director and Member of Nominating and Audit Committees, Class II
Term of office <sup>1</sup> and length of time served	Since 2009
Principal occupation(s) during past five years	Emeritus Professor of French and Italian (since 2014) and formerly, Vice President and Dean of The College of Liberal Arts (1984 to 2009) and Professor of French and Italian (2009 to 2014) at Drew University
Number of portfolios in fund complex overseen by Director (including the Fund)	27
Other board memberships held by Director during past five years	None

**Leslie H. Gelb**

Year of birth	1937
Position(s) held with Fund <sup>1</sup>	Director and Member of Nominating and Audit Committees, Class II
Term of office <sup>1</sup> and length of time served	Since 2009
Principal occupation(s) during past five years	Consultant and Lecturer; President Emeritus (since 2003); formerly, Senior Board Fellow (2003 to 2015) and President, (prior to 2003), the Council on Foreign Relations; formerly, Columnist, Deputy Editorial Page Editor and Editor, Op-Ed Page, The New York Times
Number of portfolios in fund complex overseen by Director (including the Fund)	27
Other board memberships held by Director during past five years	Director of two registered investment companies advised by Aberdeen Asset Management Asia Limited (since 1994); Trustee, Encyclopedia Britannica; Director, Centre Partners IV and V, LP and Affiliates

**William R. Hutchinson**

Year of birth	1942
Position(s) held with Fund <sup>1</sup>	Director and Member of Nominating and Audit Committees, Class III
Term of office <sup>1</sup> and length of time served	Since 2009
Principal occupation(s) during past five years	President, W.R. Hutchinson & Associates Inc. (Consulting) (since 2001)
Number of portfolios in fund complex overseen by Director (including the Fund)	27
Other board memberships held by Director during past five years	Director (Non-Executive Chairman of the Board (since December 1, 2009)), Associated Banc Corp. (banking) (since 1994)

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**Independent Directors cont d**

**Eileen A. Kamerick**

Year of birth	1958
Position(s) held with Fund <sup>1</sup>	Director and Member of Nominating and Audit Committees, Class I
Term of office <sup>1</sup> and length of time served	Since 2013
Principal occupation(s) during past five years	National Association of Corporate Directors Board Leadership Fellow and financial expert; Adjunct Professor, The University of Chicago Law School (since 2018); Adjunct Professor, Washington University in St. Louis and University of Iowa law schools (since 2007); formerly, Senior Advisor to the Chief Executive Officer and Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of ConnectWise, Inc. (software and services company) (2015 to 2016); Chief Financial Officer, Press Ganey Associates (health care informatics company) (2012 to 2014); Managing Director and Chief Financial Officer, Houlihan Lokey (international investment bank) and President, Houlihan Lokey Foundation (2010 to 2012)
Number of portfolios in fund complex overseen by Director (including the Fund)	27
Other board memberships held by Director during past five years	Trustee of AIG Funds and Anchor Series Trust (since 2018); Hochschild Mining plc (precious metals company) (since 2016); Director of Associated Banc-Corp (financial services company) (since 2007); Westell Technologies, Inc. (technology company) (2003 to 2016)

**Riordan Roett**

Year of birth	1938
Position(s) held with Fund <sup>1</sup>	Director and Member of Nominating and Audit Committees, Class III
Term of office <sup>1</sup> and length of time served	Since 2009
Principal occupation(s) during past five years	The Sarita and Don Johnston Professor of Political Science and Director of Latin American Studies, Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, The Johns Hopkins University (since 1973)
Number of portfolios in fund complex overseen by Director (including the Fund)	27
Other board memberships held by Director during past five years	None

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**Additional information** (unaudited) (cont d)

**Information about Directors and Officers**

**Interested Director and Officer:**

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**Jane Trust, CFA<sup>2</sup>**

Year of birth

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