

TRI-CONTINENTAL CORP  
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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM N-CSR

CERTIFIED SHAREHOLDER REPORT OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT  
INVESTMENT COMPANIES

Investment Company Act file number 811-0266

Tri-Continental Corporation  
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in charter)

100 Park Avenue  
New York, New York 10017  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

Lawrence P. Vogel  
100 Park Avenue  
New York, New York 10017  
(Name and address of agent for service)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (212) 850-1864

Date of fiscal year end: 12/31

Date of reporting period: 6/30/06

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ITEM 1. REPORTS TO STOCKHOLDERS.

**Mid-Year Report 2006**

*Tri-Continental  
Corporation*

**an investment you can live with**

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*Tri-Continental Corporation invests to produce future growth of both capital and income, while providing reasonable current income.*

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TY is Tri-Continental Corporation's symbol for its Common Stock on the New York Stock Exchange.

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# *Tri-Continental Corporation*

## **MID-YEAR REPORT 2006**

August 24, 2006

### **To the Stockholders:**

Your mid-year Stockholder report for Tri-Continental Corporation follows this letter. The report contains the Corporation's investment results, portfolio of investments, and financial statements. For the six months ended June 30, 2006, Tri-Continental posted a total return of 1.48% based on net asset value, and 5.48% based on market price. During the same period, the S&P 500 Index returned 2.71% and the Lipper Closed-End Growth & Income Funds Average returned 4.10% . Since June 30th, Tri-Continental's investment performance has continued to improve. We are pleased to report that, as of the date of this letter, total return year-to-date based on net asset value is in line with the S&P 500 Index.

On June 19, 2006, the independent inspectors of election for the Annual Meeting of Stockholders, held on May 4, 2006, released their final report. Although the Directors seeking re-election were supported by a significant plurality of votes cast, they were not elected because no candidate received at least 50% of the votes entitled to be cast, as required under the Corporation's Bylaws. The final results of the vote held at the Annual Meeting can be found on page 23 of this report.

Under Maryland law, the incumbent Directors could legally remain in office until the Corporation's 2007 Annual Meeting, at which time an election would be held for their successors. Following the 2006 Annual Meeting, however, the Board determined that it would be in the best interests of the Corporation and its Stockholders to have all directors duly elected by Stockholders. The Board has called for a Special Meeting, to be held in September, to provide Stockholders with another opportunity to elect directors without having to wait until the 2007 Annual Meeting. The Board has also approved an amendment to the Corporation's Charter to reduce the quorum requirement at a meeting of Stockholders from a majority of votes entitled to be cast to one-third of the votes entitled to be cast, unless a higher percentage is specified in the Bylaws of the Corporation. This amendment to the Charter is subject to Stockholder approval at the Special Meeting, the details of which are provided in the Corporation's proxy materials, which were mailed to Stockholders in July.

We are continuing to make progress at offsetting the Corporation's accumulated tax loss carryforward. The loss carryforward per share has decreased from \$2.60 on December 31, 2005 to \$0.91 on August 24, 2006. Once the loss carryforward is eliminated, the Corporation will again be able to make capital gain payments to Stockholders.

We thank you for your continued support of Tri-Continental Corporation, and look forward to serving your investment needs for many years to come.

By order of the Board of Directors,

William C. Morris  
Chairman

Brian T. Zino  
President

# Tri-Continental Corporation

## Investment Results Per Common Share

### TOTAL RETURNS

For Periods Ended June 30,  
2006

	Average Annual						
	Three Months*	Six Months*	One Year	Two Years	Three Years	Five Years	Ten Years
<b>Market Price</b>	(3.51)%	5.48%	10.81%	9.09%	11.02%	0.13%	6.42%
<b>Net Asset Value</b>	(3.11)	1.48	6.02	6.32	10.80	0.55	5.66
<b>Lipper Closed-End Growth &amp; Income Funds Average**</b>	(0.63)	4.10	8.42	10.12	11.51	4.00	7.68
<b>S&amp;P 500**</b>	(1.44)	2.71	8.62	7.46	11.20	2.49	8.31

### PRICE PER SHARE

	June 30, 2006	March 31, 2006	December 31, 2005
<b>Market Price</b>	\$19.46	\$20.24	\$18.58
<b>Net Asset Value</b>	22.33	23.13	22.16

### DIVIDEND AND CAPITAL GAIN PER SHARE AND YIELD INFORMATION

For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2006

Dividends Paid☐	Capital Gain/Loss			SEC 30-Day YieldØ
	Realized☐	Unrealized Gain☐☐	Unrealized Loss☐☐	
\$0.14	\$1.18	\$1.19	\$2.01	0.90%

Performance data quoted in this report represents past performance and does not guarantee or indicate future investment results. The rates of return will vary and the principal value of an investment will fluctuate. Shares, if sold, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted. Total returns of the Corporation as of the most recent month end will be made available at [www.seligman.com](http://www.seligman.com)<sup>1</sup> by the seventh business day following that month end. J. & W. Seligman & Co. Incorporated, the investment manager of the Corporation, made certain payments to the Corporation in 2004. Absent such payments, the net asset value returns that include this period would have been lower. Returns reflect changes in market price or net asset value, as applicable, and assume reinvestment of distributions. Performance data quoted does not reflect the deduction of taxes that investors may pay on distributions or the sale of shares. An investment in Tri-Continental is not a deposit in a bank and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

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\* Returns for periods of less than one year are not annualized.

\*\* The Lipper Closed-End Growth & Income Funds Average (the [Lipper Average]) and the Standard & Poor's 500 Composite Stock Price Index (the [S&P 500]) are unmanaged benchmarks that assume reinvestment of all distributions. The Lipper Average excludes the effect of taxes and any costs associated with the purchase of shares, and the S&P 500 excludes the effect of fees, taxes, and sales charges. The Lipper Average measures the performance of closed-end funds that combine a growth-of-earnings orientation and an income requirement for level and/or rising dividends. The S&P 500 measures the performance of 500 of the largest US companies based on market capitalizations. Investors cannot invest directly in an index or an average.

□ Preferred Stockholders were paid dividends totaling \$1.25 per share.

□ Information does not reflect the effect of capital loss carryforwards that are available to offset these and future capital gains. See Note 5 to Financial Statements.

□□ Represents the per share amount of gross unrealized gain or loss of portfolio securities as of June 30, 2006.

∅ Current yield, representing the annualized yield for the 30-day period ended June 30, 2006, has been computed in accordance with SEC regulations and will vary.

1 The website reference is an inactive textual reference and information contained in or otherwise accessible through the website does not form a part of this report or the Corporation's prospectus or statement of additional information.

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## Highlights of the First Half

<b>Assets:</b>	<b>June 30, 2006</b>	<b>December 31, 2005</b>
Total assets	\$ 2,410,884,811	\$ 2,443,519,572
Amount owed	10,208,452	13,578,973
<b>Net Investment Assets</b>	<b>2,400,676,359</b>	<b>2,429,940,599</b>
Preferred Stock, at par value	37,637,000	37,637,000
Net Assets for Common Stock	<b>\$ 2,363,039,359</b>	<b>2,392,303,599</b>
Common shares outstanding	105,836,575	107,965,119
<b>Net Assets Per Common Share</b>	<b>\$22.33</b>	<b>\$22.16</b>
	<b>Six Months Ended June 30,</b>	
	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>
<b>Taxable Gains:</b>		
Net capital gains realized	\$ 139,425,899	\$ 107,580,721
Per Common share	\$1.32	\$0.97
Accumulated capital losses, end of period	\$ (141,703,756)	\$ (414,328,176)
Per Common share, end of period	\$(1.34)	\$(3.74)
Unrealized capital gains, end of period	\$ 125,759,668	\$ 226,494,327
Per Common share, end of period	\$1.19	\$2.04
Unrealized capital losses, end of period.	\$ (212,605,518)	\$ (134,024,597)
Per Common share, end of period	\$(2.01)	\$(1.21)
<b>Income:</b>		
Total investment income earned	23,251,826	22,227,121
Expenses	8,956,611	7,754,499
Preferred Stock dividends	940,925	940,925
Income for Common Stock	<b>\$ 13,354,290</b>	<b>\$ 13,531,697</b>
Expenses to average net investment assets	0.73%*	0.65%*
Expenses to average net assets for Common Stock.	0.74%*	0.66%*
<b>Dividends per Common Share</b>	<b>\$0.14</b>	<b>\$0.11</b>

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\* Annualized





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## Diversification of Net Investment Assets

The diversification of portfolio holdings by industry on June 30, 2006, was as follows. Individual securities owned are listed on pages 7 to 12.

	Issues	Cost	Value	Percent of Net Investment Assets	
				June 30, 2006	December 31, 2005
<b>Common Stocks and Warrants:</b>					
Aerospace and Defense	4	\$ 47,802,884	\$ 53,674,309	2.2	1.5
Air Freight and Logistics	□	□	□	□	0.4
Beverages	3	33,977,099	33,202,061	1.4	2.0
Biotechnology	2	61,994,103	46,907,947	2.0	1.7
Building Products	1	4,090,521	4,060,680	0.2	0.5
Capital Markets	5	73,361,639	79,218,094	3.3	2.6
Chemicals	3	55,479,387	56,155,928	2.3	2.5
Commercial Banks	1	23,881,272	26,129,455	1.1	3.4
Commercial Services and Supplies	2	36,456,945	30,779,082	1.3	1.8
Communications Equipment	7	137,021,202	139,465,463	5.8	5.7
Computers and Peripherals	5	123,238,338	113,598,383	4.7	3.9
Containers and Packaging	1	41,191,687	33,442,510	1.4	1.2
Diversified Consumer Services	□	□	□	□	0.4
Diversified Financial Services	4	161,170,409	178,692,259	7.4	5.3
Diversified Telecommunication Services	4	49,794,549	51,976,125	2.2	2.4
Electric Utilities	2	12,450,604	11,406,080	0.5	□
Electronic Equipment and Instruments	1	11,902,678	10,999,326	0.5	□
Energy Equipment and Services	2	23,518,333	26,184,937	1.1	□
Food and Staples Retailing	2	57,828,704	57,661,887	2.4	3.6
Food Products	1	10,928,978	11,250,801	0.5	0.4
Health Care Equipment and Supplies	3	60,283,504	47,873,160	2.0	1.2
Health Care Providers and Services	3	74,818,057	67,913,325	2.8	1.3
Hotels, Restaurants and Leisure	1	21,374,215	20,734,560	0.9	1.1
Household Products	1	25,468,747	25,147,880	1.0	0.5
Industrial Conglomerates	2	103,350,100	90,560,466	3.8	5.0
Insurance	5	81,102,836	77,424,799	3.2	3.1
Internet Software and Services	3	43,928,571	45,512,841	1.9	1.5
Machinery	1	14,873,010	22,228,100	0.9	1.5

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Media	6	113,990,652	114,368,422	4.8	5.1
Metals and Mining	2	35,374,221	35,054,374	1.5	0.5
Multi-Utilities	1	14,872,269	14,127,831	0.6	0.3
Multiline Retail	1	28,420,977	20,275,194	0.8	1.5
Oil, Gas and Consumable Fuels	5	187,544,327	189,782,829	7.9	4.5
Personal Products	□	□	□	□	0.5
Pharmaceuticals	6	166,694,006	139,880,869	5.8	10.0
Semiconductors and Semiconductor Equipment	3	43,333,743	40,162,646	1.7	2.2

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## Diversification of Net Investment Assets (continued)

	Issues	Cost	Value	Percent of Net Investment Assets	
				June 30, 2006	December 31, 2005
<b>Common Stocks and Warrants: (continued)</b>					
Software	5	\$ 153,010,197	\$ 131,042,042	5.4	6.0
Specialty Retail	3	50,854,967	46,235,703	1.9	1.9
Thrifts and Mortgage					
Finance	2	37,730,535	32,007,567	1.3	1.2
Tobacco	2	48,129,423	73,211,219	3.0	3.3
Wireless					
Telecommunication					
Services	2	48,676,716	55,252,725	2.3	2.5
<b>Total Common Stocks and Warrants</b>					
	107	2,319,920,405	2,253,601,879	93.8	94.0
<b>Options Purchased</b>	23	100,584,967	83,993,725	3.5	1.8
<b>US Treasury Notes</b>	□	□	□	□	0.3
<b>Tri-Continental Financial Division</b>	2	5,515,974	1,814,122	0.1	0.1
<b>Short-Term Holdings and Other Assets Less Liabilities</b>					
	3	61,500,863	61,266,633	2.6	3.8
<b>Net Investment Assets</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>\$ 2,487,522,209</b>	<b>\$ 2,400,676,359</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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## Largest Portfolio Changes

April 1 to June 30, 2006

### Largest Purchases

Procter & Gamble Company (The)\*  
 QUALCOMM Inc.  
 Hewlett-Packard Company\*  
 Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc.  
 Class B\*  
 AT&T Inc.\*  
 Boston Scientific Corporation  
 Sunoco, Inc.  
 Chevron Corporation  
 Urban Outfitters, Inc.\*  
 Verizon Communications Inc.\*

### Largest Sales

BellSouth Corporation  
 Yahoo!, Inc.\*\*  
 UST Inc.  
 Kohl's Corporation\*\*  
 Nokia Corp. (ADR)  
 International Business Machines Corporation  
 Halliburton Company  
 HCA Inc.\*\*  
 Federated Department Stores, Inc.\*\*  
 Johnson & Johnson

Largest portfolio changes from the previous period to the current period are based on cost of purchases and proceeds from sales of securities, listed in descending order.

\* Position added during the period.

\*\* Position eliminated during the period.

## Ten Largest Equity Holdings

June 30, 2006

	<b>Cost (000s)</b>	<b>Value (000s)</b>
General Electric Company	\$ 91,996	\$ 78,226
Exxon Mobil Corporation	64,203	65,749
Altria Group, Inc.	37,784	61,349
Citigroup Inc.	54,107	60,166
Bank of America Corporation	52,386	59,506
Microsoft Corp.	58,867	49,785
JPMorgan Chase & Co.	45,402	48,300
Chevron Corporation	41,210	46,626
Pfizer Inc.	67,012	43,082
QUALCOMM Inc.	36,614	35,868
	<b>\$ 549,581</b>	<b>\$ 548,657</b>

There can be no assurance that the securities presented have remained or will remain in the Corporation's portfolio. Information regarding the Corporation's portfolio holdings should not be construed as a recommendation to buy or sell any security or as an indication that any security is suitable for a particular

investor.

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Excludes options purchased.

*Tri-Continental Corporation***Portfolio of Investments** (unaudited)**June 30, 2006**

	<b>Shares or Warrants</b>	<b>Value</b>
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<b>COMMON STOCKS AND WARRANTS 93.8%</b>		
<b>AEROSPACE AND DEFENSE 2.2%</b>		
Boeing Company (The)	147,800 shs.	\$ 12,106,298
General Dynamics Corporation	191,800	12,555,228
Honeywell International Inc.	712,500	28,713,750
Raytheon Company* (exercise price of \$37.50, expiring 6/16/2011)	23,639 wts.	299,033
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		53,674,309
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<b>BEVERAGES 1.4%</b>		
Coca-Cola Company (The)	275,200 shs.	11,839,104
Coca-Cola Enterprises Inc.	636,100	12,957,357
PepsiCo, Inc.	140,000	8,405,600
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		33,202,061
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<b>BIOTECHNOLOGY 2.0%</b>		
Amgen Inc.*	400,500	26,120,610
Pharmion Corporation*	1,222,425	20,787,337
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		46,907,947
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<b>BUILDING PRODUCTS 0.2%</b>		
Masco Corporation	137,000	4,060,680
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<b>CAPITAL MARKETS 3.3%</b>		
Bank of New York Company, Inc. (The)	633,500	20,398,700
Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. (The)	82,300	12,380,389
Legg Mason, Inc.	61,300	6,100,576
Merrill Lynch & Co. Inc.	360,300	25,062,468
Morgan Stanley	241,670	15,275,961
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		79,218,094
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**CHEMICALS 2.3%**

Dow Chemical Co. (The)	591,000	20,045,808
E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company	599,400	23,241,920
Praxair, Inc.	238,300	12,868,200
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		56,155,928
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**COMMERCIAL BANKS 3.6%**

Bank of America Corporation	1,237,140	59,506,434
Wachovia Corporation	483,163	26,129,455
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		85,635,889
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**COMMERCIAL SERVICES AND SUPPLIES 1.3%**

Cendant Corporation	1,132,200	18,443,538
Waste Management Inc.	343,800	12,335,544
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		30,779,082
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# Tri-Continental Corporation

## Portfolio of Investments (unaudited)

June 30, 2006

	Shares or Warrants	Value
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<b>COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT 5.8%</b>		
Cisco Systems, Inc.*	1,486,280 shs.	\$ 29,019,617
Corning Incorporated*	1,218,300	29,470,677
Lucent Technologies, Inc.*	11,626,025	3,080,897
Lucent Technologies, Inc.* (exercise price of \$2.75, expiring 12/10/2007)	5,067,200 wts.	12,262,624
Motorola, Inc.	592,800 shs.	11,944,920
Nokia Corp. (ADR)	879,500	17,818,670
QUALCOMM Inc.	894,800	35,868,058
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		139,465,463
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<b>COMPUTERS AND PERIPHERALS 4.7%</b>		
Apple Computer, Inc.*	270,500	15,480,715
EMC Corporation*	2,793,800	30,647,986
Hewlett-Packard Company	671,200	21,263,616
International Business Machines Corporation	383,720	29,477,370
Seagate Technology*	738,900	16,728,696
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		113,598,383
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<b>CONTAINERS AND PACKAGING 1.4%</b>		
Smurfit-Stone Container Company*	3,058,300	33,442,510
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<b>DIVERSIFIED FINANCIAL SERVICES 4.9%</b>		
CIT Group Inc.	205,000	10,719,450
Citigroup Inc.	1,247,230	60,166,375
JPMorgan Chase & Co.	1,150,000	48,300,000
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		119,185,825
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<b>DIVERSIFIED TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES 2.2%</b>		
AT&T Inc.	600,000	16,734,000
BellSouth Corporation	198,700	7,192,940
Citizens Communications Company	1,119,000	14,602,950
Verizon Communications Inc.	401,500	13,446,235
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		51,976,125
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<b>ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT AND INSTRUMENTS 0.5%</b>		
Symbol Technologies, Inc.	1,019,400	10,999,326
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<b>ELECTRIC UTILITIES 0.5%</b>		
American Electric Power Company, Inc.	167,300	5,730,025
Southern Company	177,100	5,676,055
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		11,406,080
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<b>ENERGY EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES 1.1%</b>		
Halliburton Company	187,700	13,929,217
Tidewater Inc.	249,100	12,255,720
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		26,184,937
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<b>FOOD AND STAPLES RETAILING 2.4%</b>		
CVS Corporation	1,051,000	32,265,700
Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.	527,220	25,396,187
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		57,661,887
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## Portfolio of Investments (unaudited)

June 30, 2006

	<u>Shares</u>	<u>Value</u>
<b>FOOD PRODUCTS 0.5%</b>		
Hershey Company (The)	204,300	\$ 11,250,801
<b>HEALTH CARE EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES 2.0%</b>		
Bausch & Lomb Inc.	123,400	6,051,536
Boston Scientific Corporation*	1,360,900	22,917,556
Medtronic, Inc.	402,900	18,904,068
		<u>47,873,160</u>
<b>HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS AND SERVICES 2.8%</b>		
Aetna Inc.	444,000	17,728,920
UnitedHealth Group Incorporated	380,800	17,052,224
WellPoint Inc.*	455,300	33,132,181
		<u>67,913,325</u>
<b>HOTELS, RESTAURANTS AND LEISURE 0.9%</b>		
McDonald's Corporation	617,100	20,734,560
<b>HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS 1.0%</b>		
Procter & Gamble Company (The)	452,300	25,147,880
<b>INDUSTRIAL CONGLOMERATES 3.8%</b>		
General Electric Company	2,373,350	78,225,616
Tyco International Ltd.	448,540	12,334,850
		<u>90,560,466</u>
<b>INSURANCE 3.2%</b>		
Allstate Corporation (The)	247,900	13,567,567
American International Group, Inc.	527,800	31,166,590
MetLife, Inc.	173,300	8,874,693
UnumProvident Corporation	489,300	8,871,009

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XL Capital Ltd. Class A	243,800	14,944,940
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		77,424,799
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<b>INTERNET SOFTWARE AND SERVICES 1.9%</b>		
Google Inc. Class A*	61,900	25,956,218
McAfee Inc.*	560,400	13,600,908
Symantec Corporation*	383,374	5,955,715
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		45,512,841
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<b>MACHINERY 0.9%</b>		
Illinois Tool Works Inc.	467,960	22,228,100
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<b>MEDIA 4.8%</b>		
Clear Channel Communications, Inc.	552,900	17,112,255
Comcast Corporation Class A*	546,500	17,938,863
News Corp. Class A	1,030,000	19,755,400
Time Warner Inc.	1,880,300	32,529,190
Univision Communications Inc. Class A*	535,900	17,952,650
Viacom Inc. Class B*	253,350	9,080,064
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		114,368,422
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## Portfolio of Investments (unaudited)

June 30, 2006

	Shares	Value
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<b>METALS AND MINING 1.5%</b>		
Alcoa Inc.	656,900	\$ 21,257,284
Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc. Class B	249,000	13,797,090
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		35,054,374
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<b>MULTI-UTILITIES 0.6%</b>		
Dominion Resources, Inc.	188,900	14,127,831
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<b>MULTILINE RETAIL 0.8%</b>		
Dollar General Corporation	1,450,300	20,275,194
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<b>OIL, GAS AND CONSUMABLE FUELS 7.9%</b>		
Chevron Corporation	751,300	46,625,678
ConocoPhillips	512,200	33,564,466
Exxon Mobil Corporation	1,071,700	65,748,795
Murphy Oil Corporation	268,625	15,005,392
Sunoco, Inc.	416,200	28,838,498
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		189,782,829
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<b>PHARMACEUTICALS 5.8%</b>		
Forest Laboratories, Inc.*	456,900	17,677,461
Johnson & Johnson	288,907	17,311,307
Lilly, Eli & Company	225,700	12,474,439
Pfizer Inc.	1,835,638	43,082,424
Valeant Pharmaceuticals International	1,310,000	22,165,200
Wyeth	611,800	27,170,038
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		139,880,869
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<b>SEMICONDUCTORS AND SEMICONDUCTOR EQUIPMENT 1.7%</b>		
Broadcom Corporation Class A*	359,600	10,807,778
Maxim Integrated Products, Inc.	534,400	17,178,288
Texas Instruments Incorporated	402,000	12,176,580

		40,162,646
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<b>SOFTWARE 5.4%</b>		
Activision, Inc.*	745,500	8,487,518
Business Objects S.A. (ADR)*	686,000	18,655,770
Cogent Inc.	2,019,600	30,344,490
Mercury Interactive Corporation*	680,470	23,768,817
Microsoft Corp.	2,136,256	49,785,446
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		131,042,041
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<b>SPECIALTY RETAIL 1.9%</b>		
Abercrombie & Fitch Co. Class A	373,100	20,680,934
Home Depot, Inc. (The)	415,800	14,881,482
Urban Outfitters, Inc.*	610,600	10,673,288
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		46,235,704
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<b>THRIFTS AND MORTGAGE FINANCE 1.3%</b>		
Fannie Mae	400,300	19,254,430
Freddie Mac	223,700	12,753,137
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		32,007,567
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# Tri-Continental Corporation

## Portfolio of Investments (unaudited)

	Shares or Shares subject to Call	June 30, 2006 Value
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<b>TOBACCO 3.0%</b>		
Altria Group, Inc.	835,480	\$ 61,349,296
UST Inc.	262,490	11,861,923
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		73,211,219
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<b>WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES 2.3%</b>		
American Tower Corporation Class A*	769,100	23,934,392
Sprint Nextel Corporation	1,566,700	31,318,333
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		55,252,725
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<b>TOTAL COMMON STOCKS AND WARRANTS (Cost \$2,319,920,405)</b>		
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		2,253,601,879
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<b>OPTIONS PURCHASED* 3.5%</b>		
<b>BEVERAGES 0.3%</b>		
Coca-Cola Enterprise Inc., Call expiring January 2008 at \$15	9,925	6,600,125
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<b>COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT 0.4%</b>		
Comverse Technology Inc., Call expiring January 2008 at \$20	9,672	4,207,320
Corning Incorporated, Call expiring January 2007 at \$22.50	7,706	3,197,990
Motorola, Inc., Call expiring January 2008 at \$17.50	6,282	3,266,640
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		10,671,950
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<b>COMPUTERS AND PERIPHERALS 0.4%</b>		
Dell Inc., Call expiring January 2008 at \$25	9,812	4,022,920
Seagate Technology, Call expiring January 2007 at \$17.50	7,522	4,663,640
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		8,686,560
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<b>HEALTH CARE EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES 0.3%</b>		

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Bausch & Lomb Inc., Call expiring January 2008 at \$50	3,365	3,163,100
St. Jude Medical Inc., Call expiring January 2008 at \$35	7,466	3,546,350
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		6,709,450
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<b>HOTELS, RESTAURANTS AND LEISURE 0.2%</b>		
McDonald's Corporation, Call expiring January 2008 at \$30	8,055	5,396,850
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<b>HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS 0.1%</b>		
Procter & Gamble Company (The), Call expiring January 2008 at \$55	3,266	2,442,968
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<b>MEDIA 0.1%</b>		
Univision Communications Inc., Call expiring September 2006 at \$30	6,337	2,534,800
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<b>MULTILINE RETAIL 0.1%</b>		
Dollar General Corp., Call expiring January 2008 at \$15	13,324	2,531,560
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<b>PHARMACEUTICALS 0.1%</b>		
Forest Laboratories, Inc., Call expiring January 2007 at \$40	4,973	2,635,690
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## Portfolio of Investments (unaudited)

	Shares subject to Call, Partnership Interest or Principal Amount	June 30, 2006  Value
<b>SEMICONDUCTORS AND SEMICONDUCTOR EQUIPMENT 0.2%</b>		
Intel Corp., Call expiring January 2008 at \$20	21,057 shs.	\$ 5,495,877
<b>SOFTWARE 0.6%</b>		
Activision, Inc., Call expiring January 2008 at \$15	15,446	2,703,050
Cogent, Inc., Call expiring December 2006 at \$15	13,974	3,423,630
Mercury Interactive Corporation, Call expiring January 2008 at \$20	4,628	7,867,600
		13,994,280
<b>THRIFTS AND MORTGAGE FINANCE 0.1%</b>		
Fannie Mae, Call expiring September 2006 at \$70	15,114	75,570
Freddie Mac, Call expiring January 2008 at \$55	2,073	1,751,685
		1,827,255
<b>TOBACCO 0.6%</b>		
Altria Group Inc., Call expiring January 2008 at \$70	3,941	4,059,230
Altria Group Inc., Call expiring January 2008 at \$75	3,148	2,518,400
Altria Group Inc., Call expiring January 2008 at \$80	6,841	3,625,730
Altria Group Inc., Call expiring January 2008 at \$85	12,180	4,263,000
		14,466,360
<b>TOTAL OPTIONS PURCHASED</b> (Cost \$100,584,967)		83,993,725
<b>TRI-CONTINENTAL FINANCIAL DIVISION 0.1%</b>		
WCAS Capital Partners II, L.P.	\$ 4,301,124	1,794,644
Whitney Subordinated Debt Fund, L.P.	1,214,850	19,478
<b>TOTAL TRI-CONTINENTAL FINANCIAL DIVISION</b> (Cost \$5,515,974)		1,814,122



**SHORT-TERM HOLDINGS 2.5%****CORPORATE NOTES 0.5%**

Goldman Sachs Group (The), Aggregate Mandatory Exchangeable

Notes 13%, 12/20/06 <input type="checkbox"/>	12,130,000	11,895,770
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**TIME DEPOSIT 1.4%**

Citibank N.A., Nassau 4.94%, 7/3/06

34,575,000	34,575,000
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**US TREASURY NOTES 0.6%**

US Treasury Notes 7%, 7/15/06

13,550,000	13,560,704
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**TOTAL SHORT-TERM HOLDINGS** (Cost \$60,265,704)

60,031,474

**TOTAL INVESTMENTS** (Cost \$2,486,287,050) **99.9%****2,399,441,200****OTHER ASSETS LESS LIABILITIES 0.1%****1,235,159****NET INVESTMENT ASSETS 100.0%****\$ 2,400,676,359**

\* Non-income producing security.

 Restricted security.

<sup>ø</sup> The notes are exchangeable at maturity for value of the common stock of five companies in the home building industry. The maturity value of each stock is limited to 115% of the stock's price at the date of purchase of the notes.

The security may be offered and sold only to a qualified institutional buyer under Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933.

ADR  American Depositary Receipts.

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## Statement of Assets and Liabilities (unaudited)

June 30, 2006

### Assets:

Investments, at value:

Common stocks and warrants (cost \$2,319,920,405)	\$ 2,253,601,879
Options purchased (cost \$100,584,967)	83,993,725
Tri-Continental Financial Division (cost \$5,515,974)	1,814,122
Short-term holdings (cost \$60,265,704)	60,031,474

Total investments (cost \$2,486,287,050)	2,399,441,200
Restricted cash	206,670
Receivable for securities sold	8,406,015
Receivable for dividends and interest	2,364,185
Investment in, and expenses prepaid to, stockholder service agent	266,360
Other	200,381

### Total Assets

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**2,410,884,811**


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### Liabilities:

Payable for securities purchased	7,023,226
Management fee payable	817,637
Payable for Common Stock repurchased	528,207
Preferred dividends payable	470,463
Bank overdraft	398,263
Accrued expenses and other	970,656

### Total Liabilities

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**10,208,452**


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### Net Investment Assets

Preferred Stock	2,400,676,359
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37,637,000

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### Net Assets for Common Stock

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**\$ 2,363,039,359**


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### Net Assets per share of Common Stock

(Market value □ \$19.46)

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**\$22.33**


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## Statement of Capital Stock and Surplus (unaudited)

June 30, 2006

### Capital Stock:

\$2.50 Cumulative Preferred Stock, \$50 par value,

assets coverage per share \$3,189

Shares authorized □ 1,000,000; issued and

outstanding □ 752,740

\$	37,637,000
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Common Stock, \$0.50 par value:

Shares authorized 159,000,000; issued and  
outstanding 105,836,575

52,918,288

**Surplus:**

Capital surplus

2,539,114,388

Dividends in excess of net investment income

(443,711)

Accumulated net realized loss

(141,703,756)

Net unrealized depreciation of investments

(86,845,850)

**Net Investment Assets**

**\$ 2,400,676,359**

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See Notes to Financial Statements.

# Tri-Continental Corporation

## Statement of Operations (unaudited)

For the Six Months Ended  
June 30, 2006

### Investment Income:

Dividends (net of foreign taxes withheld of \$128,993)	\$ 21,494,543
Interest	1,754,789
Other income	2,494

<b>Total Investment Income</b>	<b>23,251,826</b>
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### Expenses:

Management fee	5,091,402
Stockholder account and registrar services	1,855,712
Stockholders' meeting	1,093,551
Custody and related services	272,913
Stockholder reports and communications	190,183
Directors' fees and expenses	173,373
Auditing and legal fees	74,883
Registration	23,474
Miscellaneous	181,120

<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>8,956,611</b>
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<b>Net Investment Income</b>	<b>14,295,215*</b>
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### Net Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments and Options Written:

Net realized gain on investments	133,639,680
Net realized gain on options written	5,786,219
Net change in unrealized appreciation of investments and options written	(124,503,730)

<b>Net Gain on Investments and Options Written</b>	<b>14,922,169</b>
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<b>Increase in Net Assets from Operations</b>	<b>\$ 29,217,384</b>
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\* Net investment income for Common Stock is \$13,354,290, which is net of Preferred Stock dividends of \$940,925.

See Notes to Financial Statements.



# Tri-Continental Corporation

## Statements of Changes in Net Investment Assets (unaudited)

	Six Months Ended	Year Ended
	June 30, 2006	December 31, 2005
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<b>Operations:</b>		
Net investment income	\$ 14,295,215	\$ 28,586,031
Net realized gain on investments	133,639,680	232,990,389
Net realized gain on options written	5,786,219	7,783,566
Net change in unrealized appreciation of investments and options written	(124,503,730)	(228,289,164)
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<b>Increase in Net Investment Assets from Operations</b>	<b>29,217,384</b>	<b>41,070,822</b>
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<b>Distributions to Stockholders:</b>		
Net investment income:		
Preferred Stock (per share: \$1.25 and \$2.50)	(940,925)	(1,881,850)
Common Stock (per share: \$0.14 and \$0.24)	(14,910,444)	(26,442,677)
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<b>Decrease in Net Investment Assets from Distributions</b>	<b>(15,851,369)</b>	<b>(28,324,527)</b>
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<b>Capital Share Transactions:</b>		
Value of shares of Common Stock issued for investment plans (325,529 and 623,631 shares)	6,438,765	11,321,060
Cost of shares of Common Stock purchased from investment plan participants (1,616,991 and 3,126,041 shares)	(32,173,335)	(56,684,947)
Cost of shares of Common Stock purchased in the open market (843,832 and 2,527,047 shares)	(16,902,435)	(45,869,616)
Net proceeds from issuance of shares of Common Stock upon exercise of warrants (6,750 and 9,900 shares)	6,750	9,900
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<b>Decrease in Net Investment Assets from Capital Share Transactions</b>	<b>(42,630,255)</b>	<b>(91,223,603)</b>
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<b>Decrease in Net Investment Assets</b>	<b>(29,264,240)</b>	<b>(78,477,308)</b>
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<b>Net Investment Assets:</b>		
Beginning of period	2,429,940,599	2,508,417,907

**End of Period** (including undistributed (dividends in excess of) net investment income of \$(443,711) and \$1,112,443, respectively)

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**\$ 2,400,676,359**

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**\$ 2,429,940,599**

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See Notes to Financial Statements.

# Tri-Continental Corporation

## Notes to Financial Statements (unaudited)

**1. Significant Accounting Policies** [The financial statements of Tri-Continental Corporation (the [Corporation]) have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, which require management to make certain estimates and assumptions at the date of the financial statements. Actual results may differ from these estimates. These unaudited interim financial statements reflect all adjustments which are, in the opinion of management, necessary to a fair statement of the results for the interim period presented. All such adjustments are of a normal recurring nature. The following summarizes the significant accounting policies of the Corporation:

- a. Security Valuation** [Securities traded on an exchange are valued at the last sales price on the primary exchange or market on which they are traded. Securities not listed on an exchange or security market, or securities for which there is no last sales price, are valued at the mean of the most recent bid and asked prices or are valued by J. & W. Seligman & Co. Incorporated (the [Manager]) based on quotations provided by primary market makers in such securities. Securities for which market quotations are not readily available (or are otherwise no longer valid or reliable) are valued at fair value determined in accordance with procedures approved by the Board of Directors. This can occur in the event of, among other things, natural disasters, acts of terrorism, market disruptions, intra-day trading halts, and extreme market volatility. The determination of fair value involves subjective judgments. As a result, using fair value to price a security may result in a price materially different from the prices used by other investment companies to determine net asset value or the price that may be realized upon the actual sale of the security. Short-term holdings that mature in more than 60 days are valued at current market quotations. Short-term holdings maturing in 60 days or less are valued at amortized cost.
- b. Federal Taxes** [There is no provision for federal income tax. The Corporation has elected to be taxed as a regulated investment company and intends to distribute substantially all taxable net income and net realized gain.
- c. Security Transactions and Related Investment Income** [Investment transactions are recorded on trade dates. Identified cost of investments sold is used for both financial statements and federal income tax purposes. Dividends receivable are recorded on ex-dividend dates, except that certain dividends from foreign securities where the ex-dividend dates may have passed are recorded as soon as the Corporation is informed of the dividend. Interest income is recorded on an accrual basis.
- d. Distributions to Stockholders** [Dividends and other distributions to stockholders are recorded on ex-dividend date.
- e. Options** [The Corporation is authorized to write and purchase put and call options. When the Corporation writes an option, an amount equal to the premium received by the Corporation is reflected as an asset and an equivalent liability. The amount of the liability is subsequently marked to market to reflect the current market value of the option written. When a security is purchased or sold through an exercise of an option, the related premium paid (or received) is added to (or deducted from) the basis of the security acquired or deducted from (or added to) the proceeds of the security sold. When an option expires (or the Corporation enters into a closing transaction), the Corporation realizes a gain or loss on the option to the extent of the premiums received or paid (or gain or loss to the extent the cost of the closing transaction exceeds the premium paid or received). The Corporation, as writer of an option, bears the market risk of an unfavorable change in the price of the security underlying the written option.
- f. Repurchase Agreements** [The Corporation may enter into repurchase agreements. Generally, securities received as collateral subject to repurchase agreements are deposited with the Corporation's custodian and, pursuant to the terms of the repurchase agreements, must have an aggregate market value greater than or equal to the repurchase price plus accrued interest at all times. On a daily basis, the market value of repurchase agreements' underlying securities are monitored to ensure the existence of the proper level of collateral.



- 9. Restricted Cash** [Restricted cash represents deposits that are being held by banks as collateral for letters of credit issued in connection with the Corporation's insurance policies.

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- h. Aggregate Mandatory Exchangeable Notes** [The Corporation may purchase notes created by a counterparty, typically an investment bank. The notes bear interest at a fixed or floating rate. At maturity, the notes must be exchanged for an amount based on the value of one or more equity securities ([Index Stocks]) of third party issuers. The exchange value may be limited to an amount less than the actual value of the Index Stocks at the maturity date. Any difference between the exchange amount and the original cost of the notes will be a gain or loss.

**2. Capital Stock Transactions** [Under the Corporation's Charter, dividends on Common Stock cannot be declared unless net assets, after such dividends and dividends on Preferred Stock, equal at least \$100 per share of Preferred Stock outstanding. The Preferred Stock is subject to redemption at the Corporation's option at any time on 30 days' notice at \$55 per share (or a total of \$41,400,700 for the shares outstanding) plus accrued dividends, and entitled in liquidation to \$50 per share plus accrued dividends.

The Corporation, in connection with its Automatic Dividend Investment and Cash Purchase Plan and other Stockholder plans, acquires and issues shares of its own Common Stock, as needed, to satisfy Plan requirements. For the six months ended June 30, 2006, 1,616,991 shares were purchased from Plan participants at a cost of \$32,173,335, which represented a weighted average discount of 13.10% from the net asset value of those acquired shares. A total of 325,529 shares were issued to Plan participants during the year for proceeds of \$6,438,765, an average discount of 13.11% from the net asset value of those shares.

For the six months ended June 30, 2006, the Corporation purchased 843,832 shares of its Common Stock in the open market at an aggregate cost of \$16,902,435, which represented a weighted average discount of 12.53% from the net asset value of those acquired shares.

Shares of Common Stock repurchased to satisfy Plan requirements or in the open market are retired and no longer outstanding.

At June 30, 2006, 271,845 shares of Common Stock were reserved for issuance upon exercise of 12,082 Warrants, each of which entitled the holder to purchase 22.50 shares of Common Stock at \$1.00 per share.

Assuming the exercise of all Warrants outstanding at June 30, 2006, net investment assets would have increased by \$271,845 and the net asset value of the Common Stock would have been \$22.27 per share. The number of Warrants exercised during the six months ended June 30, 2006 and the year ended December 31, 2005 was 300 and 440, respectively.

**3. Management Fee, Administrative Services, and Other Transactions** [The Manager manages the affairs of the Corporation and provides for the necessary personnel and facilities. Compensation of all officers of the Corporation, all directors of the Corporation who are employees of the Manager, and all personnel of the Corporation and the Manager is paid by the Manager. The Manager receives a fee, calculated daily and payable monthly, equal to a percentage of the Corporation's daily net assets at the close of business on the previous business day. The management fee rate is calculated on a sliding scale of 0.45% to 0.375%, based on average daily net assets of all the investment companies managed by the Manager. The management fee for the six months ended June 30, 2006 was equivalent to an average annual rate of 0.41% of the average daily net assets of the Corporation.

For the six months ended June 30, 2006, Seligman Data Corp., which is owned by the Corporation and certain associated investment companies, charged the Corporation at cost \$1,855,712 for stockholder account services in accordance with a methodology approved by the Corporation's directors. Costs of Seligman Data Corp. directly attributable to the Corporation were charged to the Corporation. The remaining charges were allocated to the Corporation by Seligman Data Corp. pursuant to a formula based on the Corporation's net assets, stockholder transaction volume and number of stockholder accounts. The Corporation's investment in Seligman Data Corp. is recorded at a cost of \$43,681.

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The Corporation and certain other associated investment companies (together, the "Guarantors") have severally but not jointly guaranteed the performance and observance of all the terms and conditions of two leases entered into by Seligman Data Corp., including the payment of rent by Seligman Data Corp. (the "Guaranties"). The leases and the Guaranties expire in September 2008 and January 2009. The obligation of the Corporation to pay any amount due under either Guaranty is limited to a specified percentage of

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the full amount, which generally is based on the Corporation's percentage of the expenses billed by Seligman Data Corp. to all Guarantors in the most recent calendar quarter. As of June 30, 2006, the Corporation's potential obligation under the Guaranties is \$356,200. As of June 30, 2006, no event has occurred which would result in the Corporation becoming liable to make any payment under a Guaranty. A portion of rent paid by Seligman Data Corp. is charged to the Corporation as part of Seligman Data Corp.'s stockholder account services cost.

Certain officers and directors of the Corporation are officers or directors of the Manager and/or Seligman Data Corp.

The Corporation has a compensation arrangement under which directors who receive fees may elect to defer receiving such fees. Directors may elect to have their deferred fees accrue interest or earn a return based on the performance of the Corporation or other funds in the Seligman Group of Investment Companies. Deferred fees and related accrued earnings are not deductible by the Corporation for federal income tax purposes until such amounts are paid. The accumulated balance at December 31, 2005 of \$247,499 was paid to the participating director in January 2006. As of June 30, 2006, no directors were participating in the deferred compensation arrangement.

**4. Purchases and Sales of Securities** [Purchases and sales of portfolio securities, excluding US Government obligations and short-term investments, for the six months ended June 30, 2006, amounted to \$1,135,597,399 and \$1,144,519,921, respectively; purchases and sales of US Government obligations for this period were \$0 and \$6,814,289, respectively.

**5. Federal Tax Information** [Certain components of income, expense and realized capital gain and loss are recognized at different times or have a different character for federal income tax purposes and for financial reporting purposes. Where such differences are permanent in nature, they are reclassified in the components of net assets based on their characterization for federal income tax purposes. Any such reclassifications will have no effect on net assets, results of operations or net asset value per share of the Corporation. As a result of the differences described above, the treatment for financial reporting purposes of distributions made during the year from net investment income or net realized gains may differ from their ultimate treatment for federal income tax purposes. Further, the cost of investments also can differ for federal income tax purposes.

The tax basis information presented is based on operating results for the six months ended June 30, 2006, and will vary from the final tax information as of the Corporation's year end.

At June 30, 2006, the cost of investments for federal income tax purposes was \$2,481,563,552. The tax basis cost was lower than the cost for financial reporting purposes primarily due to tax losses passed through to the Corporation from its limited partnership investments of \$6,463,469 offset, in part, by the tax deferral of losses on wash sales and certain option transactions in the amount of \$1,739,971.

At June 30, 2006, the tax basis components of accumulated earnings/losses were as follows:

Gross unrealized appreciation of portfolio securities	\$ 132,223,137
Gross unrealized depreciation of portfolio securities	(214,345,489)
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Net unrealized depreciation of portfolio securities	(82,122,352)
Capital loss carryforward	(285,514,996)
Current period net realized gain	139,046,543
Undistributed ordinary income	□
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Total accumulated loss	\$ (228,590,805)
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At December 31, 2005, the Corporation had a net capital loss carryforward for federal income tax purposes of \$285,514,996 which is available for offset against future taxable net capital gains, with \$248,552,472 expiring in 2010 and \$36,962,524 expiring in 2011. Accordingly, no capital gain distributions are expected to be paid to stockholders until net capital gains have been realized in excess of the available capital loss carryforward.

For the six months ended June 30, 2006 and for the year ended December 31, 2005, the tax characterization of distributions to stockholders was the same as for financial reporting purposes.

**6. Restricted Securities** [At June 30, 2006, the Tri-Continental Financial Division of the Corporation comprised two investments that were purchased through private offerings and cannot be sold without prior registration under the Securities Act of 1933 or pursuant to an exemption therefrom. These investments are valued at fair value as determined in accordance with procedures approved by the Board of Directors of the Corporation. The acquisition dates of investments in the limited partnerships, along with their cost and values at June 30, 2006, were as follows:

Investments	Acquisition Date(s)	Cost	Value
WCAS Capital Partners II, L.P. Whitney Subordinated Debt Fund, L.P.	12/11/90 to 3/24/98  7/12/89 to 11/10/98	\$ 4,301,124  1,214,850	\$ 1,794,644  19,478
Total		<u>\$ 5,515,974</u>	<u>\$ 1,814,122</u>

**7. Options Written** [Transactions in options written during the six months ended June 30, 2006 were as follows:

	Shares Subject	Premium
	to Call/Put	
Options outstanding at December 31, 2005	1,243,100	\$ 4,161,063
Options written	9,007,400	11,807,682
Options expired	(4,672,300)	(5,062,196)
Options exercised	(5,163,500)	(8,259,452)
Options terminated in closing purchase transactions	(414,700)	(2,647,098)
Options outstanding at June 30, 2006	<u>□</u>	<u>\$ □</u>

**8. Other Matters** [In late 2003, the Manager conducted an extensive internal review in response to public announcements concerning frequent trading in shares of open-end mutual funds. The Manager's review of frequent trading appropriately did not include Tri-Continental Corporation because it is a listed, closed-end investment company. As of September 2003, the Manager had one arrangement that permitted frequent trading in the Seligman mutual funds. This arrangement was in the process of being closed down by the Manager before

the first proceedings relating to trading practices within the mutual fund industry were publicly announced. Based on a review of the Manager's records for 2001 through 2003, the Manager identified three other arrangements that had permitted frequent trading in the Seligman mutual funds. All three had already been terminated prior to the end of September 2002. None of these arrangements involved Tri-Continental Corporation.

The results of the Manager's internal review were presented to the Independent Directors of all Seligman registered investment companies (the "Seligman Funds"). In order to resolve matters with the Independent Directors relating to the four arrangements that permitted frequent trading, the Manager, in May 2004, made payments to three mutual funds and agreed to waive a portion of its management fee with respect to another mutual fund.

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## **Notes to Financial Statements** (unaudited)

Since February 2004, the Manager has been in discussions with the New York staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission (["SEC"]) and the Office of the New York Attorney General (["Attorney General"]) in connection with their review of frequent trading in certain of the Seligman Funds. No late trading is involved. This review was apparently stimulated by the Manager's voluntary public disclosure of the foregoing arrangements in January 2004. In March 2005, negotiations to settle the matter were initiated by the New York staff of the SEC. After several months of negotiations, tentative agreement was reached, both with the New York staff of the SEC and the Attorney General, on the financial terms of a settlement. However, settlement discussions with the Attorney General ended when the Attorney General sought to impose operating conditions on the Manager that were unacceptable to the Manager, would have applied in perpetuity and were not requested or required by the SEC. Subsequently, the New York staff of the SEC indicated that, in lieu of moving forward under the terms of the tentative financial settlement, the staff was considering recommending to the Commissioners of the SEC the instituting of a formal action against the Manager and Seligman Advisors, Inc. (together, ["Seligman"]).

Seligman believes that any action would be both inappropriate and unnecessary, especially in light of the fact that Seligman previously resolved the underlying issue with the Independent Directors of the Seligman Funds and made recompense to the affected Seligman Funds.

Immediately after settlement discussions with the Attorney General ended, the Attorney General issued subpoenas to certain of the Seligman Funds and their directors. The subpoenas seek various Board materials and information relating to the deliberations of the Independent Directors as to the advisory fees paid by the Seligman Funds to the Manager. The Manager has objected to the Attorney General's seeking of such information and, on September 6, 2005, filed suit in federal district court seeking to enjoin the Attorney General from pursuing a fee inquiry. Seligman believes that the Attorney General's inquiry is improper because Congress has vested exclusive regulatory oversight of investment company advisory fees in the SEC.

At the end of September 2005, the Attorney General indicated that it intends to file an action at some time in the future alleging, in substance, that the Manager permitted other persons to engage in frequent trading other than the arrangements described above and, as a result, the prospectus disclosure of the Seligman Funds is and has been misleading. Seligman believes any such action would be without merit.

Any resolution of these matters with regulatory authorities may include, but not be limited to, sanctions, penalties, injunctions regarding Seligman, restitution to mutual fund shareholders or changes in procedures. Any penalties or restitution will be paid by Seligman and not by the Seligman Funds.

Seligman does not believe that the foregoing possible actions or any threatened legal actions should have a material adverse impact on the Manager, Seligman Advisors, Inc. or the Seligman Funds; however, there can be no assurance of this, or that these matters and any related publicity will not result in reduced demand for shares of the Seligman Funds or other adverse consequences.

**9. Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncement** [In July 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (["FASB"]) issued FASB Interpretation No. 48 (["FIN 48"]), ["Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes"] an interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109. FIN 48 provides guidance for how uncertain tax positions, if any, should be recognized, measured, presented and disclosed in the financial statements. FIN 48 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2006. The Corporation is currently evaluating the impact, if any, of applying the various provisions of FIN 48.



# Tri-Continental Corporation

## Financial Highlights (unaudited)

The Corporation's financial highlights are presented below. Per share operating performance data is designed to allow investors to trace the operating performance, on a per Common share basis, from the beginning net asset value to the ending net asset value, so that investors can understand what effect the individual items have on their investment, assuming it was held throughout the period. Generally, the per share amounts are derived by converting the actual dollar amounts incurred for each item, as disclosed in the financial statements, to their equivalent per Common share amounts, using average shares outstanding.

Total investment return measures the Corporation's performance assuming that investors purchased shares of the Corporation at the market value or net asset value as of the beginning of the period, invested dividends and capital gains paid, as provided for in the Corporation's Prospectus and Automatic Dividend Investment and Cash Purchase Plan, and then sold their shares at the closing market value or net asset value per share on the last day of the period. The computations do not reflect taxes or any sales commissions investors may incur in purchasing or selling shares of the Corporation. Total investment returns are not annualized for periods of less than one year.

The ratios of expenses and net investment income to average net investment assets and to average net assets for Common Stock for the periods presented do not reflect the effect of dividends paid to Preferred Stockholders.

	Six Months Ended June 30, 2006	Year Ended December 31,				
		2005	2004	2003	2002	2001
<b>Per Share Operating Performance:</b>						
<b>Net Asset Value, Beginning of Period</b>	<b>\$ 22.16</b>	<b>\$ 21.87</b>	<b>\$ 19.55</b>	<b>\$ 15.72</b>	<b>\$ 21.69</b>	<b>\$ 25.87</b>
Net investment income	0.14	0.26	0.26	0.18	0.25	0.32
Net realized and unrealized investment gain (loss)	0.18	0.29	2.31	3.84	(5.95)	(3.02)
<b>Increase (Decrease) from Investment Operations</b>	<b>0.32</b>	<b>0.55</b>	<b>2.57</b>	<b>4.02</b>	<b>(5.70)</b>	<b>(2.70)</b>
Dividends paid on Preferred Stock	(0.01)	(0.02)	(0.02)	(0.02)	(0.01)	(0.01)
Dividends paid on Common Stock	(0.14)	(0.24)	(0.23)	(0.17)	(0.26)	(0.28)
Distributions from net gain realized	□	□	□	□	□	(1.11)
Issuance of Common Stock in gain distributions	□	□	□	□	□	(0.08)
<b>Net Increase (Decrease) in Net Asset Value</b>	<b>0.17</b>	<b>0.29</b>	<b>2.32</b>	<b>3.83</b>	<b>(5.97)</b>	<b>(4.18)</b>
<b>Net Asset Value, End of Period</b>	<b>\$ 22.33</b>	<b>\$ 22.16</b>	<b>\$ 21.87</b>	<b>\$ 19.55</b>	<b>\$ 15.72</b>	<b>\$ 21.69</b>

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<b>Adjusted Net Asset Value, End of Period*</b>	\$ 22.27	\$ 22.10	\$ 21.82	\$ 19.51	\$ 15.69	\$ 21.65
<b>Market Value, End of Period</b>	\$ 19.46	\$ 18.58	\$ 18.28	\$ 16.40	\$ 13.25	\$ 18.75

See footnotes on page 22.

# Tri-Continental Corporation

## Financial Highlights (unaudited) (continued)

	Six Months	Year Ended December 31,				
	Ended					
	June 30, 2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001
<b>Total Investment Return:</b>						
Based upon market value	5.48%	2.98%	12.95%	25.24%	(28.18)%	(5.2)
Based upon net asset value	1.48%	2.66%	13.36%#	25.84%	(26.35)%	(10.2)
<b>Ratios/Supplemental Data:</b>						
Expenses to average net investment assets.	0.73%□	0.64%	0.65%	0.68%	0.67%	0.5
Expenses to average net assets for Common Stock	0.74%□	0.65%	0.66%	0.70%	0.68%	0.6
Net investment income to average net investment assets	1.18%□	1.18%	1.26%	1.03%	1.29%	1.3
Net investment income to average net assets for Common Stock	1.20%□	1.20%	1.28%	1.05%	1.31%	1.3
Portfolio turnover rate	47.91%	70.77%	47.36%	138.65%	152.79%	124.3
<b>Net Investment Assets, End of Period</b>						
(000s omitted):						
For Common Stock	\$ 2,363,039	\$ 2,392,304	\$ 2,470,781	\$ 2,310,999	\$ 1,958,295	\$ 2,873,65
For Preferred Stock	37,637	37,637	37,637	37,637	37,637	37,637
<b>Total Net Investment Assets</b>	<b>\$ 2,400,676</b>	<b>\$ 2,429,941</b>	<b>\$ 2,508,418</b>	<b>\$ 2,348,636</b>	<b>\$ 1,995,932</b>	<b>\$ 2,911,29</b>

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\* Assumes the exercise of outstanding warrants.

# Excluding the effect of the payments received from the Manager in 2004, the total investment return would have been 13.33%

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Annualized.

See Notes to Financial Statements.

# Tri-Continental Corporation

## Proxy Results

Tri-Continental Corporation Stockholders voted on the following proposals at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders on May 4, 2006, in Baltimore, MD. Each proposal and number of shares voted are as follows:

### Election of Directors:

	<u>For</u>	<u>Withheld</u>
<b>Tri-Continental's Slate</b>		
John R. Galvin	47,863,843	4,777,433
William C. Morris	49,000,824	3,640,452
Robert L. Shafer	49,046,166	3,595,110

### Dissident's Slate

Arthur D. Lipson	26,976,342	979,048
Paul DeRosa	27,032,586	922,804
Marlene A. Plumlee	26,988,125	967,265

	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Ratification of Deloitte & Touche LLP as auditors:	78,925,851	1,797,056	1,337,019
To provide for cumulative voting in the election of directors:	36,916,603	42,075,778	3,067,523

# Tri-Continental Corporation

## Board of Directors

### **John R. Galvin** (1,3)

*Dean Emeritus, Fletcher School of Law and  
Diplomacy at Tufts University  
Chairman Emeritus, American Council on  
Germany*

### **Frank A. McPherson** (2,3)

*Retired Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive  
Officer, Kerr-McGee Corporation  
Director, DCP Midstream GP, LLP, Integris  
Health, Oklahoma Chapter of the Nature  
Conservancy, Oklahoma Medical Research  
Foundation, Boys and Girls Clubs of  
Oklahoma, Oklahoma City Public Schools  
Foundation and Oklahoma Foundation for  
Excellence in Education*

### **Betsy S. Michel** (1,3)

*Trustee, The Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation*

### **William C. Morris**

*Chairman, J. & W. Seligman & Co. Incorporated,  
Carbo Ceramics Inc., Seligman Advisors, Inc.*

*and Seligman Services, Inc.  
Director, Seligman Data Corp.  
President and Chief Executive Officer,  
The Metropolitan Opera Association*

### **Leroy C. Richie** (1,3)

*Counsel, Lewis & Munday, P.C.  
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Q Standards  
Worldwide, Inc.  
Director, Kerr-McGee Corporation, Infinity, Inc.  
and Vibration Control Technologies, LLC  
Lead Outside Director, Digital Ally Inc.  
Director and Chairman, Highland Park Michigan  
Economic Development Corp.  
Chairman, Detroit Public Schools Foundation*

### **Robert L. Shafer** (2,3)

*Ambassador and Permanent Observer of the  
Sovereign Military Order of Malta to the  
United Nations*

### **James N. Whitson** (1,3)

*Retired Executive Vice President and Chief Operating  
Officer, Sammons Enterprises, Inc.  
Director, CommScope, Inc.*

### **Brian T. Zino**

*Director and President, J. & W. Seligman & Co.  
Incorporated  
Chairman, Seligman Data Corp.  
Director, ICI Mutual Insurance Company,  
Seligman Advisors, Inc. and Seligman  
Services, Inc.  
Member of the Board of Governors, Investment  
Company Institute*

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Member:

- (1) Audit Committee
- (2) Director Nominating Committee
- (3) Board Operations Committee

It is with deep sorrow that we mourn the recent death of Alice Stone Ilchman, a respected member since 1990 of the Board of Directors of Tri-Continental Corporation.

## Executive Officers

**William C. Morris**

**Eleanor T.M. Hoagland**

**Thomas G. Rose**

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*Chairman*

**Brian T. Zino**

*President and Chief Executive  
Officer*

**John B. Cunningham**

*Vice President*

*Vice President and Chief  
Compliance Officer*

**Charles W. Kadlec**

*Vice President*

**Michael F. McGarry**

*Vice President*

*Vice President*

**Lawrence P. Vogel**

*Vice President and Treasurer*

**Marco F. Acosta**

*Assistant Vice President*

**Frank J. Nasta**

*Secretary*

# Tri-Continental Corporation

## Additional Information

### Manager

J. & W. Seligman & Co. Incorporated  
100 Park Avenue  
New York, NY 10017

### Stockholder Service Agent

Seligman Data Corp.  
100 Park Avenue  
New York, NY 10017

### Important Telephone Numbers

<b>(800) TRI-1092</b>	Stockholder Services
<b>(800) 445-1777</b>	Retirement Plan Services
<b>(212) 682-7600</b>	Outside the United States
<b>(800) 622-4597</b>	24-Hour Automated Telephone Access Service

## Quarterly Schedule of Investments

A complete schedule of portfolio holdings owned by the Corporation will be filed with the SEC as of the end of the first and third quarters of each fiscal year on Form N-Q, and will be available to stockholders (i) without charge, upon request, by calling toll-free (800) 874-1092 in the US or collect (212) 682-7600 outside the US or (ii) on the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). In addition, the Form N-Q may be reviewed and copied at the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington, D.C. Information on the operation of the Public Reference Room may be obtained by calling (800) SEC-0330. Certain of the information contained in the Corporation's Form N-Q is also made available to stockholders on Seligman's website at [www.seligman.com](http://www.seligman.com)<sup>1</sup>.

## Proxy Voting

A description of the policies and procedures used by the Corporation to determine how to vote proxies relating to portfolio securities as well as information regarding how the Corporation voted proxies relating to portfolio securities during the 12-month period ended June 30 of each year will be available (i) without charge, upon request, by calling toll-free (800) 874-1092 in the US or collect (212) 682-7600 outside the US and (ii) on the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). Information for each new 12-month period ending June 30 will be available no later than August 31 of that year.

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<sup>1</sup> These website references are inactive textual references and information contained in or otherwise accessible through these websites does not form a part of this report or the Corporation's prospectus or statement of additional information.



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## *Tri-Continental Corporation*

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This report is intended only for the information of Stockholders who have received the current prospectus covering shares of Common Stock of Tri-Continental Corporation, which contains information about investment objectives, risks, management fees and other costs. The prospectus should be read carefully before investing and may be obtained by calling Stockholder Services at 800-TRI-1092.

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ITEM 2. CODE OF ETHICS.  
Not applicable.

ITEM 3. AUDIT COMMITTEE FINANCIAL EXPERT.  
Not applicable.

ITEM 4. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT FEES AND SERVICES.  
Not applicable.

ITEM 5. AUDIT COMMITTEE OF LISTED REGISTRANTS.  
Not applicable.

ITEM 6. SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS.  
Included in Item 1 above.

ITEM 7. DISCLOSURE OF PROXY VOTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR CLOSED-END MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES.  
Not applicable.

ITEM 8. PORTFOLIO MANAGERS OF CLOSED-END MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES.  
Not applicable.

ITEM 9. PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES BY CLOSED-END MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY AND AFFILIATED PURCHASERS.

Period	Total Number of Shares (or Units) Purchased	Average Price Paid per Share (or Unit)	Total Number of Shares (or Units) Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs (1)	Maximum Number (or Approximate Dollar Value) of Shares (or Units) that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs (1)
1-01-06 to 1-31-06	376,016	\$ 19.57	376,016	Shares 5,022,240
2-01-06 to 2-28-06	307,531	19.68	307,531	4,714,709
3-01-06 to 3-31-06	435,135	20.19	435,135	4,279,574
4-01-06 to 4-30-06	413,045	20.53	413,045	3,866,529
5-01-06 to 5-31-06	580,616	20.15	580,616	3,285,913
6-01-06 to 6-30-06	348,480	19.23	348,480	2,937,433

- (1) The stock repurchase program, renewed on November 17, 2005, authorizes the Registrant to repurchase up to 5.0% of its common stock in the open market or elsewhere from January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006 as long as the discount of the net asset value of the common stock to its market price exceeds 10%.
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ITEM 10. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS.

Not applicable.

ITEM 11. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES.

- (a) The registrant's principal executive officer and principal financial officer have concluded, based upon their evaluation of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures as conducted within 90 days of the filing date of this report, that these disclosure controls and procedures provide reasonable assurance that material information required to be disclosed by the registrant in the report it files or submits on Form N-CSR is recorded, processed, summarized and reported, within the time periods specified in the Commission's rules and forms and that such material information is accumulated and communicated to the registrant's management, including its principal executive officer and principal financial officer, as appropriate, in order to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.
- (b) The registrant's principal executive officer and principal financial officer are aware of no changes in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the second fiscal quarter of the period covered by this report that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

ITEM 12. EXHIBITS.

- (a)(1) Not applicable.
  - (a)(2) Certifications of principal executive officer and principal financial officer as required by Rule 30a-2(a) under the Investment Company Act of 1940.
  - (a)(3) Not applicable.
  - (b) Certifications of chief executive officer and chief financial officer as required by Rule 30a-2(b) under the Investment Company Act of 1940.
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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

TRI-CONTINENTAL CORPORATION

By: /S/ BRIAN T. ZINO  
Brian T. Zino  
President and Chief Executive Officer

Date: August 30, 2006

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

By: /S/ BRIAN T. ZINO  
Brian T. Zino  
President and Chief Executive Officer

Date: August 30, 2006

By: /S/ LAWRENCE P. VOGEL  
Lawrence P. Vogel  
Vice President, Treasurer and Chief Financial  
Officer

Date: August 30, 2006

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TRI-CONTINENTAL CORPORATION

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- (a)(2) Certifications of principal executive officer and principal financial officer as required by Rule 30a-2(a) under the Investment Company Act of 1940.
  - (b) Certification of chief executive officer and chief financial officer as required by Rule 30a-2(b) of the Investment Company Act of 1940.
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