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PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT
(To prospectus dated May 8, 2009)

2,750,000 Shares

Tortoise Energy Infrastructure Corporation

Common Stock

We are offering 2,750,000 shares of our common stock. We seek to provide our stockholders with an efficient vehicle to invest in a portfolio of publicly traded master limited partnerships (MLPs) in the energy infrastructure sector. Our investment objective is to seek a high level of total return with an emphasis on current distributions paid to stockholders. We are a nondiversified, closed-end management investment company. This prospectus supplement, together with the accompanying prospectus dated May 8, 2009, sets forth the information that you should know before investing.

Our currently outstanding shares of common stock are, and the shares offered in this prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus will be, listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol TYG. The last reported sale price of our common stock on January 21, 2010 was \$30.65 per share. The net asset value (NAV) per share of our common stock at the close of business on January 21, 2010 was \$28.22.

Investing in our common stock involves risks that are described in the Risk Factors section beginning on page 31 of the accompanying prospectus.

	Per Share	Total
Public offering price	\$ 30.50	\$ 83,875,000
Underwriting discount	\$ 1.22	\$ 3,355,000
Proceeds, before offering expenses, to us(1)	\$ 29.28	\$ 80,520,000

(1) The aggregate offering expenses are estimated to be \$245,000, all of which will be borne by us.

We have granted the underwriters the option to purchase up to an additional 412,500 shares of common stock from us at the public offering price, less the underwriting discount, to cover over-allotments, if any, within 45 days from the date of this prospectus supplement. If the underwriters exercise their over-allotment option, the total public offering price will be \$96,456,250 and the total underwriting discount will be \$3,858,250. The proceeds to us will then be \$92,598,000, before deducting offering expenses.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The shares will be ready for delivery to purchasers on or about January 26, 2010.

Joint Book-Running Managers

UBS Investment Bank

BofA Merrill Lynch

Co-Managers

Barclays Capital

Oppenheimer & Co.

RBC Capital Markets

Wunderlich Securities

The date of this prospectus supplement is January 21, 2010.

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You should rely only on the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and in the statement of additional information. We have not, and the underwriters have not, authorized anyone to provide you with different information. We are not making an offer of these securities where the offer is not permitted. The information appearing in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and in the statement of additional information is accurate only as of

the dates on their respective covers. Our business, financial condition and prospects may have changed since such dates. We will advise investors of any material changes to the extent required by applicable law.

Cautionary notice regarding forward-looking statements

This prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and the statement of additional information contain forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements can be identified by the words *may*, *will*, *intend*, *expect*, *estimate*, *continue*, *plan*, *anticipate*, and similar terms and the negative of such terms. Such forward-looking statements may be contained in this prospectus supplement as well as in the accompanying prospectus. By their nature, all forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties, and actual results could differ materially from those contemplated by the forward-looking statements. Several factors that could materially affect our actual results are the performance of the portfolio of securities we hold, the conditions in the U.S. and international financial, petroleum and other markets, the price at which our shares will trade in the public markets and other factors discussed in our periodic filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the *SEC*).

Although we believe that the expectations expressed in our forward-looking statements are reasonable, actual results could differ materially from those projected or assumed in our forward-looking statements. Our future financial condition and results of operations, as well as any forward-looking statements, are subject to change and are subject to inherent risks and uncertainties, such as those disclosed in the *Risk Factors* section of the prospectus accompanying this prospectus supplement. All forward-looking statements contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus are made as of the date of this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus, as the case may be. Except for our ongoing obligations under the federal securities laws, we do not intend, and we undertake no obligation, to update any forward-looking statement. The forward-looking statements contained in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus are excluded from the safe harbor protection provided by Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 (the *1933 Act*).

Currently known risk factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from our expectations include, but are not limited to, the factors described in the *Risk Factors* section of the prospectus accompanying this prospectus supplement. We urge you to review carefully these sections for a more complete discussion of the risks of an investment in our common stock.

Summary

This summary contains basic information about us and the offering but does not contain all of the information that is important to your investment decision. You should read this summary together with the more detailed information contained elsewhere in this prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus and in the statement of additional information, especially the information set forth under the heading "Risk Factors" beginning on page 31 of the accompanying prospectus. When used in this prospectus supplement, the terms "we," "us," and "our" refer to Tortoise Energy Infrastructure Corporation, unless specified otherwise.

THE COMPANY

We seek to provide our stockholders with an efficient vehicle to invest in a portfolio of publicly traded MLPs in the energy infrastructure sector. Our investment objective is to seek a high level of total return with an emphasis on current distributions paid to stockholders. For purposes of our investment objective, total return includes capital appreciation of, and all distributions received from, securities in which we invest regardless of the tax character of the distributions. Similar to the tax characterization of distributions made by MLPs to unitholders, a significant portion of our distributions to stockholders are expected to be treated as a return of capital to stockholders.

We are a nondiversified, closed-end management investment company. We commenced operations in February 2004 following our initial public offering. We were the first publicly traded investment company offering access to a portfolio of MLPs. As of the date of this prospectus supplement, we have outstanding \$73 million of our Mandatory Redeemable Preferred Stock due December 31, 2019 (the "Tortoise Preferred Shares") and approximately \$170 million of our privately placed Senior Notes (the "Tortoise Notes").

We have established an unsecured credit facility with U.S. Bank N.A. serving as a lender and the lending syndicate agent on behalf of other lenders participating in the credit facility, which currently allows us to borrow up to \$70 million. Outstanding balances under the credit facility generally accrue interest at a variable annual rate equal to the one-month LIBOR rate plus 2.00%, with a fee of 0.25% on any unused balance of the credit facility. As of the date of this prospectus supplement, the current rate is 2.23%. The credit facility remains in effect through June 20, 2010. We may draw on the facility from time to time in accordance with our investment policies. As of the date of this prospectus supplement, we have outstanding approximately \$18.4 million under the credit facility. We have a fiscal year ending November 30.

We expect to distribute substantially all of our distributable cash flow ("DCF") to holders of common stock through quarterly distributions. DCF is the amount we receive as cash or paid-in-kind distributions from MLPs or their affiliates, and interest payments received on debt securities owned by us, less current or anticipated operating expenses, current taxes on our taxable income, and leverage costs paid by us (including leverage costs of the Tortoise Notes and Tortoise Preferred Shares). Our Board of Directors adopted a policy to target distributions to common stockholders in an amount of at least 95% of DCF on an annual basis.

INVESTMENT ADVISER

Tortoise Capital Advisors, L.L.C. (the "Adviser") serves as our investment adviser. The Adviser specializes in managing portfolios of investments in MLPs and other energy companies. The Adviser was formed in October 2002 to provide portfolio management services to institutional and high-net-worth investors seeking professional management of their MLP investments. As of December 31, 2009, the Adviser had approximately \$2.8 billion of client assets under management. The Adviser's investment committee is comprised of five portfolio managers. See "Management of the

Company in the accompanying prospectus.

The Adviser also serves as the investment adviser to Tortoise Energy Capital Corporation, Tortoise North American Energy Corporation, Tortoise Capital Resources Corporation, and Tortoise Power and Energy Infrastructure Fund, Inc., which are also publicly traded, closed-end management investment companies, as well as private accounts.

The principal business address of the Adviser is 11550 Ash Street, Suite 300, Leawood, Kansas 66211.

PORTFOLIO INVESTMENTS

We invest primarily in securities of energy infrastructure companies. Energy infrastructure companies engage in the business of transporting, processing, storing, distributing or marketing natural gas, natural gas liquids (primarily propane), coal, crude oil or refined petroleum products, or exploring, developing, managing or producing such commodities. Under normal circumstances, we invest at least 90% of our total assets (including assets we obtain through leverage) in securities of energy infrastructure companies and at least 70% of our total assets in equity securities of MLPs.

We have adopted the following additional nonfundamental investment policies.

- Ø We may invest up to 30% of our total assets in restricted securities, primarily through direct placements.
- Ø We may invest up to 25% of our total assets in debt securities of energy infrastructure companies, including securities rated below investment grade (commonly referred to as junk bonds). Below investment grade debt securities will be rated at least B3 by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. (Moody's) and at least B- by Standard & Poor's Ratings Group at the time of purchase, or comparably rated by another statistical rating organization or if unrated, determined to be of comparable quality by the Adviser.
- Ø We will not invest more than 10% of total assets in any single issuer.
- Ø We will not engage in short sales.

See Investment Objective and Principal Investment Strategies in the accompany prospectus.

As of December 31, 2009, our unaudited portfolio investments were approximately \$1.1 billion. Our top 10 holdings by issuer as of that date were:

Name	Market Value (in millions)	Percentage of Investment Securities ⁽¹⁾
1. Enterprise Products Partners L.P.	\$ 97.3	9.1%
2. Kinder Morgan Management, LLC	90.2	8.4%
3. Enbridge Energy Partners, L.P.	83.6	7.8%
4. Energy Transfer Partners, L.P.	80.9	7.5%
5. Magellan Midstream Partners, L.P.	68.4	6.4%
6. Inergy, L.P.	65.6	6.1%
7. Plains All American Pipeline, L.P.	61.7	5.7%
8. Sunoco Logistics Partners L.P.	53.4	5.0%
9. Boardwalk Pipeline Partners, LP	51.2	4.8%

10.	TC PipeLines, LP		45.0	4.2%
	Total	\$	697.3	65.0%

(1) Percent of investments and cash equivalents.

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NAV HISTORY

The following table sets forth our NAV per share of our common stock as of the end of each month since August 31, 2009.

Month Ending	NAV
September 30, 2009	\$ 23.92
October 31, 2009	\$ 24.62
November 30, 2009	\$ 25.53
December 31, 2009	\$ 27.38

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

Adviser Transaction. On September 15, 2009, the Adviser announced that senior management of the Adviser had acquired, along with Mariner Holdings, LLC (Mariner), all of the ownership interests in the Adviser (the Transaction). As part of the Transaction, Mariner purchased a majority stake in the Adviser, with the intention to provide growth capital and resources and provide the Adviser with a complementary strategic partner in the asset management business. Mariner is an independent investment firm with affiliates focused on wealth and asset management.

On September 11, 2009, our stockholders approved, and on September 15, 2009, effective upon the closing of the Transaction we entered into, a new Investment Advisory Agreement with the Adviser (the Current Investment Advisory Agreement). The terms of the Current Investment Advisory Agreement are substantially identical to the terms of the Investment Advisory Agreement formerly in place between us and the Adviser (the Former Investment Advisory Agreement), except for the effective and termination dates, and simply continue the relationship between us and the Adviser. The advisory fee we pay to the Adviser under the Current Investment Advisory Agreement has not changed from the amount paid under the Former Investment Advisory Agreement.

On September 15, 2009, effective upon the consummation of the Transaction, Terry Matlack resigned from our Board of Directors in order to comply with a safe harbor under Section 15(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the 1940 Act). Mr. Matlack remains a Managing Director of the Adviser, a member of the Adviser's Investment Committee and our Chief Financial Officer.

Our portfolio management, investment objectives and policies, and investment processes did not change as a result of the Transaction or entering into the Current Investment Advisory Agreement. The current Managing Directors of the Adviser continue to serve as the Investment Committee of the Adviser responsible for the investment management of our portfolio. The Adviser retained its name and other personnel currently providing services to us and remains located at 11550 Ash Street, Suite 300, Leawood, Kansas 66211.

The business and affairs of the Adviser are currently managed by its five Managing Directors David J. Schulte (also our Chief Executive Officer and President), Terry C. Matlack (also our Chief Financial Officer), H. Kevin Birzer (also a director and our Chairman of the Board), Zachary A. Hamel (also our Senior Vice President), and Kenneth P. Malvey (also our Senior Vice President and Treasurer).

Common Stock Distribution. On September 1, 2009, we paid a distribution in the amount of \$0.54 per common share. On November 30, 2009, we paid a distribution in the amount of \$0.54 per common share.

Credit Facility Extension. On June 19, 2009, we entered into an amendment of our unsecured credit facility with U.S. Bank N.A. and a lending syndicate effective as of June 20, 2009. The amended credit agreement provides for a \$70 million revolving credit facility and extends the term of the credit facility until June 20, 2010. During the extension, outstanding balances will accrue interest at a variable annual rate equal to the one-month LIBOR rate plus 2.00% and unused balances of the credit facility will accrue a non-use fee equal to an annual rate of 0.25%.

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Issuance of Mandatory Redeemable Preferred Stock. On December 14, 2009, we issued \$65 million of our Tortoise Preferred Shares. On December 21, 2009, we issued an additional \$8 million of our Tortoise Preferred Shares pursuant to the underwriters' exercise of their overallotment option. Distributions on the Tortoise Preferred Shares are payable monthly at a rate of 6.25% per annum. We must redeem the Tortoise Preferred Shares on December 31, 2019. We may redeem the Tortoise Preferred Shares prior to December 31, 2019 under certain circumstances. The Tortoise Preferred Shares are rated AA and A1 by Fitch Ratings (Fitch) and Moody's, respectively.

Change to Leverage Target. On December 16, 2009, our Board of Directors reduced our leverage target to 25% of our total assets (previously 33% of our total assets) at the time of incurrence and also approved a policy permitting temporary increases in the amount of leverage we may use from 25% of our total assets to up to 30% of our total assets at the time of incurrence, provided that (i) such leverage is consistent with the limits set forth in the 1940 Act and (ii) that we expect to reduce such increased leverage over time in an orderly fashion.

Issuance of Series F & G Tortoise Notes. On December 21, 2009, we issued \$59,975,000 in aggregate principal amount of our Series F and Series G Tortoise Notes to a single holder. The \$29,975,000 Series F Tortoise Notes are due December 21, 2012 and bear interest at 4.5% per annum. The \$30,000,000 Series G Tortoise Notes are due December 21, 2016 and bear interest at 5.85% per annum. The Series F and G Tortoise Notes are rated AAA by Fitch.

Full Redemption of Auction Rate Securities. On December 21, 2009, we used the proceeds from the issuance of our Tortoise Preferred Shares and Series F and G Tortoise Notes to redeem all \$70 million of our outstanding Auction Rate Preferred Stock and all \$60 million of our outstanding Auction Rate Senior Notes.

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THE OFFERING

Common stock offered by the Company	2,750,000 shares ⁽¹⁾
Shares outstanding after the offering	26,845,987 shares ⁽¹⁾
Use of proceeds	We estimate that our net proceeds from this offering after expenses without exercise of the overallotment option will be approximately \$80,275,000. We intend to use the net proceeds of this offering to invest in energy infrastructure companies in accordance with our investment objective and policies or for working capital purposes. Pending such investments, we anticipate (i) repaying short-term debt outstanding under our credit facility and/or (ii) investing in short-term securities issued by the U.S. government or its agencies or instrumentalities or in short-term debt obligations or money market instruments. See Use of Proceeds.
Risk factors	See the section titled Risk Factors and other information included in the accompanying prospectus for a discussion of factors you should carefully consider before deciding to invest in shares of our common stock.
New York Stock Exchange symbol	TYG

(1) The number of shares offered and outstanding after the offering assumes the underwriters' overallotment option is not exercised. If the overallotment option is exercised in full, we will issue and sell an additional 412,500 shares and have 27,258,487 shares outstanding following the offering.

Stockholder transaction expenses:

Underwriting discount (as a percentage of offering price)	4.00%
Offering expenses borne by us (as a percentage of offering price)	0.29%
Dividend reinvestment plan fees(1)	None

(1) Stockholders will pay a transaction fee plus brokerage charges if they direct the Plan Agent to sell common stock held in a dividend reinvestment account. See Automatic Dividend Reinvestment and Cash Purchase Plan in the accompanying prospectus.

Example This example replaces the example as set forth on page 9 of the accompanying prospectus with respect to this offering.

The following example illustrates the expenses that common stockholders would pay on a \$1,000 investment in common stock assuming (1) an underwriting discount of 4.00% and offering expenses of 0.29% of the offering price; (2) total annual expenses of 4.69% of net assets attributable to shares of common stock; (3) a 5% annual return; and (4) all distributions are reinvested at net asset value:

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
Total Expenses Paid by Common Stockholders(1)	\$ 88	\$ 178	\$ 269	\$ 499

(1) Includes deferred income tax expense.

The example should not be considered a representation of future expenses. Actual expenses may be greater or less than those assumed. Moreover, our actual rate of return may be greater or less than the hypothetical 5% return shown in the example.

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Use of proceeds

We estimate that we will receive net proceeds from this offering of approximately \$80,275,000 after deducting the underwriting discount and our estimated offering expenses, or \$92,353,000 if the underwriters exercise their overallotment option in full. We intend to use the net proceeds of this offering to invest in energy infrastructure companies in accordance with our investment objective and policies or for working capital purposes. Pending such investments, we anticipate (i) repaying short-term debt outstanding under our credit facility and/or (ii) investing in short-term securities issued by the U.S. government or its agencies or instrumentalities or in short-term debt obligations or money market instruments.

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Capitalization

The following table sets forth our capitalization: (i) as of August 31, 2009, (ii) pro forma to reflect the subsequent borrowing under our credit facility through the date of this prospectus supplement, the issuance of Tortoise Preferred Shares in the amount of \$65,000,000 on December 14, 2009, the issuance of Tortoise Preferred Shares in the amount of \$8,000,000 on December 21, 2009 pursuant to the underwriters' exercise of their overallotment option, the issuance of Series F & G Tortoise Notes in an aggregate amount of \$59,975,000 on December 21, 2009, the redemption of all \$70,000,000 of our outstanding Auction Rate Preferred Stock on December 21, 2009, the redemption of all \$60,000,000 of our outstanding Auction Rate Senior Notes on December 21, 2009, the issuance of 302,000 shares of common stock under our at-the-market offering program during the period from September 1, 2009 through the date of this prospectus supplement and the issuance of an aggregate of 134,593 shares of common stock pursuant to our dividend reinvestment plan on September 1, 2009 and November 30, 2009; and (iii) pro forma as adjusted to reflect the issuance of the common shares offered hereby. As indicated below, common stockholders will bear the offering costs associated with this offering.

	Actual August 31, 2009	Pro Forma	Pro Forma as Adjusted
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 425,783	\$ 124,244	\$ 61,999,244
Short-term debt:			
Unsecured credit facility: \$70,000,000 available ⁽¹⁾	4,400,000	18,400,000	
Long-term debt:			
Tortoise Notes, denominations of \$25,000 or any multiple thereof ⁽²⁾	170,000,000	169,975,000	169,975,000
Preferred Stock:			
Tortoise Preferred Shares, \$25,000 stated value per share at liquidation; 10,400 shares authorized/2,800 shares issued and outstanding actual; no shares outstanding pro forma and pro forma as adjusted ⁽²⁾	70,000,000		
Mandatory Redeemable Preferred Shares, \$10.00 stated value per share at liquidation; no shares authorized/outstanding actual; 7,475,000 shares authorized/7,300,000 outstanding pro forma and pro forma as adjusted ⁽²⁾		73,000,000	73,000,000
Net Assets Applicable to Common Stockholders Consist of:			
Capital Stock, \$0.001 par value, 100,000,000 common shares authorized; 23,659,394 common shares issued and outstanding actual; 24,095,987 common shares issued and outstanding pro forma; 26,845,987 common shares issued and outstanding pro forma as adjusted ⁽²⁾	23,659	24,096 ⁽³⁾	26,846 ⁽³⁾⁽⁵⁾
Additional paid-in capital	400,809,251	412,294,919 ⁽⁴⁾	492,567,169 ⁽⁴⁾⁽⁶⁾
Common stock subscribed	312,297	312,297	312,297

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Subscriptions receivable	(312,297)	(312,297)	(312,297)
Accumulated net investment loss, net of income taxes	(35,808,080)	(35,808,080)	(35,808,080)
Undistributed realized gain, net of income taxes	25,084,073	25,084,073	25,084,073
Net unrealized appreciation of investments, net of income taxes	152,113,633	152,113,633	152,113,633
Net assets applicable to common stockholders	\$ 542,222,536	\$ 553,708,641	\$ 633,983,641

(1) *We have an unsecured credit facility with U.S. Bank, N.A. and a lending syndicate that allows us to borrow up to \$70 million. The amended credit facility expires on June 20, 2010. As of the date of this prospectus supplement, we had \$18.4 million borrowed under our credit facility.*

(2) *None of these outstanding shares/notes are held by us or for our account.*

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Capitalization

- (3) *Reflects the issuance of 302,000 shares of common stock (aggregate par value \$302) under our at-the-market offering program during the period from September 1, 2009 through the date of this prospectus supplement and the issuance of 134,593 shares of common stock (aggregate par value \$135) pursuant to our dividend reinvestment plan on September 1, 2009 and November 30, 2009.*
- (4) *Reflects the issuance of 302,000 shares of common stock during the period from September 1, 2009 through the date of this prospectus supplement in an aggregate amount of \$8,080,294 less \$0.001 par value per share (\$302) and the issuance of 134,593 shares of common stock pursuant to our dividend reinvestment plan on September 1, 2009 and November 30, 2009 in an aggregate amount of \$3,405,811 less \$0.001 par value per share (\$135).*
- (5) *Pro forma as adjusted common stock reflects the issuance of 2,750,000 shares of common stock offered hereby (aggregate par value \$2,750).*
- (6) *Pro forma as adjusted additional paid-in capital reflects the proceeds from the issuance of shares of common stock offered hereby (\$83,875,000), less \$0.001 par value per share of common stock (\$2,750), less the underwriting discount and offering costs (\$3,600,000).*

Financial highlights

Information contained in the table below under the heading "Per Common Share Data" and "Supplemental Data and Ratios" shows our per common share operating performance. Except when noted, the information in this table is derived from our financial statements audited by Ernst & Young LLP, whose report on such financial statements is contained in our 2008 Annual Report and incorporated by reference into the statement of additional information, both of which are available from us upon request. The information as of August 31, 2009 and for the period from December 1, 2008 through August 31, 2009 appears in our unaudited interim financial statements as filed with the SEC in our most recent stockholder report for the period ended August 31, 2009. See "Where You Can Find More Information" in this prospectus supplement.

	Period from December 1, 2008		Year ended			Period from February 27, 2004⁽¹⁾	
	through August 31, 2009	Year ended November 30, 2008	Year ended November 30, 2007	Year ended November 30, 2006	Year ended November 30, 2005	through November 30, 2004	
	(unaudited)						
Per Common Share Data⁽²⁾							
Net Asset Value, beginning of period	\$ 17.36	\$ 32.96	\$ 31.82	\$ 27.12	\$ 26.53	\$	
Public offering price							25.00
Underwriting discounts and offering costs on issuance of common and preferred stock ⁽³⁾		(0.01)	(0.08)	(0.14)	(0.02)		(1.23)
Premiums less underwriting discounts and offering costs on offerings ⁽⁴⁾	0.01	0.09	0.08				
Income (loss) from Investment Operations: Net investment loss ⁽⁵⁾⁽⁶⁾	(0.10)	(0.29)	(0.61)	(0.32)	(0.16)		(0.03)
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses) on investments and interest rate swap contracts ⁽⁵⁾⁽⁶⁾	7.41	(12.76)	4.33	7.41	2.67		3.77
Total increase (decrease) from	7.31	(13.05)	3.72	7.09	2.51		3.74

investment operations

Less Distributions to
Preferred Stockholders:

Net investment income

Return of capital	(0.14)	(0.40)	(0.39)	(0.23)	(0.11)	(0.01)
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Total distributions to preferred stockholders	(0.14)	(0.40)	(0.39)	(0.23)	(0.11)	(0.01)
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Less Distributions to
Common Stockholders:

Net investment income

Return of capital	(1.62)	(2.23)	(2.19)	(2.02)	(1.79)	(0.97)
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Total distributions to common stockholders	(1.62)	(2.23)	(2.19)	(2.02)	(1.79)	(0.97)
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Financial highlights

	Period from December 1, 2008 through August 31, 2009		Year ended November 30, 2008		Year ended November 30, 2007		Year ended November 30, 2006		Year ended November 30, 2005		Period from February 27, 2004⁽¹⁾ through November 30, 2004	
	(unaudited)											
Net Asset Value, end of period	\$	22.92	\$	17.36	\$	32.96	\$	31.82	\$	27.12	\$	26.53
Per common share market value, end of period	\$	25.82	\$	17.11	\$	32.46	\$	36.13	\$	28.72	\$	27.06
Total Investment Return Based on Market Value ⁽⁷⁾		62.17%		(42.47)%		(4.43)%		34.50%		13.06%		12.51%
Supplemental Data and Ratios												
Net assets applicable to common stockholders, end of period (000 s)	\$	542,223	\$	407,031	\$	618,412	\$	532,433	\$	404,274	\$	336,553
Ratio of expenses (including current and deferred income tax (benefit) expense) to average net assets before waiver ⁽⁸⁾⁽⁹⁾⁽¹⁰⁾		34.85%		(26.73)%		11.19%		20.03%		9.10%		15.20%
Ratio of expenses (including current and deferred income tax (benefit) expense) to average net assets after waiver ⁽⁸⁾⁽⁹⁾⁽¹⁰⁾		34.80%		(26.92)%		11.00%		19.81%		8.73%		14.92%

Ratio of expenses (excluding current and deferred income tax (benefit) expense) to average net assets before waiver ⁽⁸⁾⁽⁹⁾⁽¹¹⁾	4.57%	5.51%	4.75%	3.97%	3.15%	2.01%
Ratio of expenses (excluding current and deferred income tax (benefit) expense) to average net assets after waiver ⁽⁸⁾⁽⁹⁾⁽¹¹⁾	4.52%	5.32%	4.56%	3.75%	2.78%	1.73%
Ratio of expenses (excluding current and deferred income tax (benefit) expense), without regard to non-recurring organizational expenses, to average net assets before waiver ⁽⁸⁾⁽⁹⁾⁽¹¹⁾	4.57%	5.51%	4.75%	3.97%	3.15%	1.90%
Ratio of expenses (excluding current and deferred income tax (benefit) expense), without regard to non-recurring organizational expenses, to average net assets after waiver ⁽⁸⁾⁽⁹⁾⁽¹¹⁾	4.52%	5.32%	4.56%	3.75%	2.78%	1.62%

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	Period from December 1, 2008 through August 31, 2009	Year ended November 30, 2008	Year ended November 30, 2007	Year ended November 30, 2006	Year ended November 30, 2005	Period from February 27, 2004⁽¹⁾ through November 30, 2004
	(unaudited)					
Ratio of net investment loss to average net assets before waiver ⁽⁸⁾⁽⁹⁾⁽¹¹⁾	(1.38)%	(3.05)%	(3.24)%	(2.24)%	(1.42)%	(0.45)%
Ratio of net investment loss to average net assets after waiver ⁽⁸⁾⁽⁹⁾⁽¹¹⁾	(1.33)%	(2.86)%	(3.05)%	(2.02)%	(1.05)%	(0.17)%
Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets after current and deferred income tax benefit (expense), before waiver ⁽⁸⁾⁽⁹⁾⁽¹⁰⁾	(31.66)%	29.19%	(9.68)%	(18.31)%	(7.37)%	(13.37)%
Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets after current and deferred income tax benefit (expense), after waiver ⁽⁸⁾⁽⁹⁾⁽¹⁰⁾	(31.61)%	29.38%	(9.49)%	(18.09)%	(7.00)%	(13.65)%
Portfolio turnover rate ⁽⁸⁾	16.65%	5.81%	9.30%	2.18%	4.92%	1.83%
Short-term borrowings, end of	\$ 4,400		\$ 38,050	\$ 32,450		

period (000 s)						
Long-term debt obligations, end of period (000 s)	\$ 170,000	\$ 210,000	\$ 235,000	\$ 165,000	\$ 165,000	\$ 110,000
Preferred stock, end of period (000 s)	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000	\$ 185,000	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000	\$ 35,000
Per common share amount of long-term debt obligations outstanding, at end of period	\$ 7.19	\$ 8.96	\$ 12.53	\$ 9.86	\$ 11.07	\$ 8.67
Per common share amount of net assets, excluding long-term debt obligations, at end of period	\$ 30.11	\$ 26.32	\$ 45.49	\$ 41.68	\$ 38.19	\$ 35.21
Asset coverage, per \$1,000 of principal amount of long-term debt obligations and short-term borrowings ⁽¹²⁾⁽¹³⁾	\$ 4,510	\$ 3,509	\$ 3,942	\$ 4,051	\$ 3,874	\$ 4,378
Asset coverage ratio of long-term debt obligations and short-term borrowings ⁽¹²⁾⁽¹³⁾	451%	351%	394%	405%	387%	438%
Asset coverage, per \$25,000 liquidation value per share of preferred stock ⁽¹⁴⁾	\$ 218,651	\$ 170,225	\$ 108,569	\$ 215,155	\$ 169,383	\$ 265,395
Asset coverage, per \$25,000 liquidation value per share of preferred stock ⁽¹³⁾⁽¹⁵⁾	\$ 80,465	\$ 64,099	\$ 58,752	\$ 74,769	\$ 68,008	\$ 83,026
Asset coverage ratio of preferred stock ⁽¹³⁾⁽¹⁵⁾	322%	256%	235%	299%	272%	332%

(1) Commencement of Operations.

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- (2) *Information presented relates to a share of common stock outstanding for the entire period.*
- (3) *Represents the dilution per common share from underwriting and other offering costs for the year ended November 30, 2008 and the period ended August 31, 2009. Represents the effect of the issuance of preferred stock for the year ended November 30, 2007. Represents the dilution per common share from underwriting and other offering costs for the year ended November 30, 2006. Represents the effect of the issuance of preferred stock for the year ended November 30, 2005. Represents \$(1.17) and \$(0.06) for the issuance of common and preferred stock, respectively, for the period from February 27, 2004 through November 30, 2004.*
- (4) *Represents the premium on the shelf offerings of \$0.02 per share, less the underwriting and offering costs of \$0.01 per share for the period ended August 31, 2009. Represents the premium on the shelf offerings of \$0.34 per share, less the underwriting and offering costs of \$0.25 per share for the year ended November 30, 2008. Represents the premium on the shelf offerings of \$0.21 per share, less the underwriting and offering costs of \$0.13 per share for the year ended November 30, 2007. The amount is less than \$0.01 per share, and represents the premium on the secondary offering of \$0.14 per share, less the underwriting discounts and offering costs of \$0.14 per share for the year ended November 30, 2005.*
- (5) *The per common share data for the periods ended November 30, 2008, 2007, 2006, 2005 and 2004 do not reflect the change in estimate of investment income and return of capital, for the respective period. See Note 2C to the August 31, 2009 financial statements for further disclosure.*
- (6) *The per common share data for the year ended November 30, 2008 reflects the cumulative effect of adopting FIN 48, which was a \$1,165,009 increase to the beginning balance of accumulated net investment loss, or \$(0.06) per share. See Note 5 to the November 30, 2008 financial statements for further disclosure.*
- (7) *Not annualized. Total investment return is calculated assuming a purchase of common stock at the beginning of the period (or initial public offering price) and a sale at the closing price on the last day of the period reported (excluding brokerage commissions). The calculation also assumes reinvestment of distributions at actual prices pursuant to the Company's dividend reinvestment plan.*
- (8) *Annualized for periods less than one full year.*
- (9) *The expense ratios and net investment income (loss) ratios do not reflect the effect of distributions to preferred stockholders.*
- (10) *For the period from December 1, 2008 through August 31, 2009, the Company accrued \$7,514,900 and \$99,744,644 for current and deferred income tax expense, respectively. For the year ended November 30, 2008, the Company accrued \$260,089 for current tax expense and \$185,024,497 for deferred income tax benefit. The Company accrued \$42,516,321, \$71,661,802, \$24,659,420 and \$30,330,018 for the years ended November 30, 2007, 2006, 2005 and 2004, respectively, for current and deferred income tax expense.*
- (11) *The ratio excludes the impact of current and deferred income taxes.*
- (12)

Represents value of total assets less all liabilities and indebtedness not represented by long-term debt obligations, short-term borrowings and preferred stock at the end of the period divided by long-term debt obligations and short-term borrowings outstanding at the end of the period.

- (13) *As of November 30, 2008, the Company had restricted cash in the amount of \$20,400,000 to be used to redeem long-term debt obligations with a par value of \$20,000,000, which are excluded from these asset coverage calculations.*
- (14) *Represents value of total assets less all liabilities and indebtedness not represented by preferred stock at the end of the period divided by preferred stock outstanding at the end of the period, assuming the retirement of all long-term debt obligations and short-term borrowings.*
- (15) *Represents value of total assets less all liabilities and indebtedness not represented by long-term debt obligations, short-term borrowings and preferred stock at the end of the period divided by long-term debt obligations, short-term borrowings and preferred stock outstanding at the end of the period.*

Underwriting

Under the terms and subject to the conditions contained in an underwriting agreement dated the date of this prospectus supplement, the underwriters have severally agreed to purchase, and we have agreed to sell, the number of common shares set forth opposite the underwriter's name in the following table. UBS Securities LLC and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated are the representatives of the underwriters.

Underwriter	Number of Common Shares
UBS Securities LLC.	841,775
Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated	841,775
Barclays Capital Inc.	312,675
Oppenheimer & Co. Inc.	312,675
RBC Capital Markets Corporation	312,675
Wunderlich Securities, Inc.	128,425
	2,750,000

The underwriting agreement provides that the underwriters must buy all of the common shares if they buy any of them. However, the underwriters are not required to take or pay for the common shares covered by the underwriters option to purchase additional common shares described below.

Our common shares and the common shares to be sold upon the exercise of the underwriters' option to purchase additional common shares, if any, are offered subject to a number of conditions, including:

Ø receipt and acceptance of our common shares by the underwriters; and

Ø the underwriters' right to reject orders in whole or in part.

We have been advised by the representatives that the underwriters intend to make a market in our common shares, but that they are not obligated to do so and may discontinue making a market at any time without notice.

In connection with this offering, certain of the underwriters or securities dealers may distribute prospectuses electronically.

OPTION TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL COMMON SHARES

We have granted the underwriters an option to buy up to an aggregate 412,500 additional common shares. This option may be exercised if the underwriters sell more than 2,750,000 common shares in connection with this offering. The underwriters have 45 days from the date of this prospectus supplement to exercise this option. If the underwriters exercise this option, they will each purchase additional common shares approximately in proportion to the amounts specified in the table above.

COMMISSIONS AND DISCOUNTS

Common shares sold by the underwriters to the public will initially be offered at the offering price set forth on the cover of this prospectus supplement. Any common shares sold by the underwriters to securities dealers may be sold at a discount of up to \$0.73 per common share from the offering price.

If all the common shares are not sold at the offering price, the representatives may change the offering price and the other selling terms. Sales of common shares made outside of the United States may be made by affiliates of the underwriters. Upon execution of the underwriting agreement, the underwriters will be obligated to purchase the common shares at the price and upon the terms stated therein, and, as a result, will thereafter bear any risk associated with changing the offering price to the public or other selling terms.

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Underwriting

The following table shows the per unit and total underwriting discounts and commissions we will pay to the underwriters assuming both no exercise and full exercise of the underwriters' option to purchase up to an additional 412,500 shares.

	Per Share	Without Option	With Option
Public offering price	\$ 30.50	\$ 83,875,000	\$ 96,456,250
Underwriting discount	\$ 1.22	\$ 3,355,000	\$ 3,858,250
Proceeds, before offering expenses, to us	\$ 29.28	\$ 80,520,000	\$ 92,598,000

We estimate that the total expenses of this offering payable by us, not including the underwriting discounts and commissions, will be approximately \$245,000, all of which will be borne by us.

INDEMNIFICATION

We and the Adviser have agreed to indemnify the underwriters and their affiliates against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and to contribute to payments that may be required to be made in respect of these liabilities.

LOCK-UP AGREEMENT

We and our officers and directors have agreed that, without the prior written approval of UBS Securities LLC and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, we and they may not offer, sell, contract or otherwise dispose of or agree to sell or otherwise dispose of, directly or indirectly, or hedge our common shares or securities convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for our common shares, enter into any swap or other agreement that transfers, in whole or in part, any of the economic consequences of ownership of the common shares, make any demand for or exercise any right or file or cause to be filed a registration statement (except the filing of a new shelf registration statement) with respect to the registration of any common shares or securities convertible, exercisable or exchangeable into common shares or any of our other securities or publicly disclose the intention to do any of the foregoing. These restrictions will be in effect for a period of 60 days after the date of this prospectus supplement, but shall not apply to our common stock issued pursuant to our dividend reinvestment and cash purchase plan.

At any time and without public notice, UBS Securities LLC and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated may, in their joint discretion, release all or some of the securities from this lock-up agreement.

PRICE STABILIZATION, SHORT POSITIONS AND PENALTY BIDS

In connection with this offering, the underwriters may engage in activities that stabilize, maintain or otherwise affect the price of our common shares including:

Ø stabilizing transactions;

Ø short sales;

Ø purchases to cover positions created by short sales;

Ø imposition of penalty bids; and

Ø syndicate covering transactions.

Stabilizing transactions consist of bids or purchases made for the purpose of preventing or retarding a decline in the market price of our common shares while this offering is in progress. These transactions may also include making short sales of our common shares, which involves the sale by the underwriters of a greater number of common shares than they are required to purchase in this offering, and purchasing common shares on the open market to cover positions created by short sales. Short sales may be covered shorts, which are short positions in an amount not greater than the underwriters' option to purchase additional common shares referred to above, or may be naked shorts, which are short positions in excess of that amount.

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Underwriting

The underwriters may close out any covered short position by either exercising their option to purchase additional common shares, in whole or in part, or by purchasing common shares in the open market. In making this determination, the underwriters will consider, among other things, the price of common shares available for purchase in the open market as compared to the price at which they may purchase common shares through their option to purchase additional common shares.

Naked short sales are in excess of the underwriters' option to purchase additional common shares. The underwriters must close out any naked short position by purchasing common shares in the open market. A naked short position is more likely to be created if the underwriters are concerned that there may be downward pressure on the price of the common shares in the open market that could adversely affect investors who purchased in this offering.

We have been advised that, on January 21, 2010, one of the underwriters purchased, on behalf of the syndicate, 102,000 shares of our common stock at an average price of \$30.8630 per share in compliance with Rule 104 of Regulation M.

LISTING

Our currently outstanding shares of common stock are, and the shares of common stock sold pursuant to this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, subject to notice of issuance, will be listed on the NYSE under the symbol TYG.

AFFILIATIONS

The underwriters and their affiliates may from time to time in the future engage in transactions with us and perform services for us in the ordinary course of business. In addition, some of the underwriters and their affiliates have engaged in transactions with us and our predecessor and performed services for us in the ordinary course of their business.

FINRA CONDUCT RULES

Because the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, or the FINRA (formerly known as the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc., or NASD), views the common shares offered by this prospectus supplement as interests in a direct participation program, this offering is being made in compliance with Rule 2310 of the NASD's Conduct Rules.

Pursuant to a requirement by the NASD, the maximum commission or discount to be received by any NASD member or independent broker/dealer may not be greater than five percent (5%) of the gross proceeds received by us for the sale of any securities being registered pursuant to SEC Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933.

ELECTRONIC DISTRIBUTION

A prospectus supplement in electronic format may be made available by one or more of the underwriters or their affiliates. The representatives may agree to allocate a number of common shares to underwriters for sale to their online brokerage account holders. The representative will allocate common shares to underwriters that may make Internet distributions on the same basis as other allocations. In addition, common shares may be sold by the underwriters to securities dealers who resell common shares to online brokerage account holders.

Other than the prospectus supplement in electronic format, the information on any underwriter's website and any information contained in any other website maintained by an underwriter is not part of the prospectus supplement or the registration statement of which this prospectus supplement forms a part, has not been approved and/or endorsed by us or any underwriter in its capacity as an underwriter and should not be relied upon by investors.

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Underwriting

ADDRESSES

UBS Securities LLC's principal office is located at 299 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10171.

Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated's principal office is located at One Bryant Park, New York, New York 10036.

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Legal matters

Certain legal matters in connection with the securities offered hereby will be passed upon for us by Husch Blackwell Sanders LLP, Kansas City, Missouri (Husch Blackwell). Certain legal matters in connection with the securities offered hereby will be passed upon for the underwriters by Andrews Kurth LLP, New York, New York (Andrews Kurth). Husch Blackwell and Andrews Kurth may rely on the opinion of Venable LLP, Baltimore, Maryland, on certain matters of Maryland law.

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Where you can find more information

We are subject to the informational requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the 1940 Act and are required to file reports, including annual and semi-annual reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. We voluntarily file quarterly shareholder reports.

Our 2008 Annual Report, as filed with the SEC and which contains our audited financial statements as of November 30, 2008 and for the year then ended, notes thereto, and other information about us is incorporated by reference into our statement of additional information. Our 2009 1st, 2nd and 3rd Quarter Reports, as filed with the SEC and which contain our unaudited financial statements as of February 28, 2009, May 31, 2009 and August 31, 2009, notes thereto, and other information about us is incorporated by reference into our statement of additional information. These documents are available on the SEC's EDGAR system and can be inspected and copied for a fee at the SEC's public reference room, 100 F Street, N.E., Room 1580, Washington, D.C. 20549. Additional information about the operation of the public reference room facilities may be obtained by calling the SEC at (202) 551-5850.

This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus do not contain all of the information in our registration statement, including amendments, exhibits, and schedules. Statements in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus about the contents of any contract or other document are not necessarily complete and in each instance reference is made to the copy of the contract or other document filed as an exhibit to the registration statement, each such statement being qualified in all respects by this reference.

Additional information about us can be found on the Adviser's website at www.tortoiseadvisors.com and in our registration statement (including amendments, exhibits, and schedules) on Form N-2 filed with the SEC. Information included on the Adviser's website does not form part of this prospectus supplement. The SEC maintains a web site (<http://www.sec.gov>) that contains our registration statement, other documents incorporated by reference, and other information we have filed electronically with the SEC, including proxy statements and other reports we have filed with the SEC.

Base Prospectus

\$375,000,000

Tortoise Energy Infrastructure Corporation

Common Stock

Preferred Stock

Debt Securities

Tortoise Energy Infrastructure Corporation (the Company, we or our) is a nondiversified, closed-end management investment company. Our investment objective is to seek a high level of total return with an emphasis on current distributions paid to stockholders. We seek to provide our stockholders with an efficient vehicle to invest in a portfolio of publicly traded master limited partnerships (MLPs) in the energy infrastructure sector. Under normal circumstances, we invest at least 90% of our total assets (including assets obtained through leverage) in securities of energy infrastructure companies and invest at least 70% of our total assets in equity securities of MLPs. We cannot assure you that we will achieve our investment objective. Unlike most investment companies, we have not elected to be treated as a regulated investment company under the Internal Revenue Code.

We may offer, on an immediate, continuous or delayed basis, including through a rights offering to existing stockholders, up to \$375,000,000 aggregate initial offering price of our common stock (\$0.001 par value per share), preferred stock (\$0.001 par value per share) or debt securities, which we refer to in this prospectus collectively as our securities, in one or more offerings. We may offer our common stock, preferred stock or debt securities separately or together, in amounts, at prices and on terms set forth in a prospectus supplement to this prospectus. In addition, from time to time, certain of our stockholders may offer our common stock in one or more offerings. The sale of such stock by certain of our stockholders may involve shares of common stock that were issued to the stockholders in one or more private transactions and will be registered by us for resale. The identity of any selling stockholder, the number of shares of our common stock to be offered by such selling stockholder, the price and terms upon which our shares of common stock are to be sold from time to time by such selling stockholder, and the percentage of common stock held by any selling stockholder after the offering, will be set forth in a prospectus supplement to this prospectus. You should read this prospectus and the related prospectus supplement carefully before you decide to invest in any of our securities.

We may offer our securities, or certain of our stockholders may offer our common stock, directly to one or more purchasers through agents that we or they designate from time to time, or to or through underwriters or dealers. The prospectus supplement relating to the particular offering will identify any agents or underwriters involved in the sale of our securities, and will set forth any applicable purchase price, fee, commission or discount arrangement between us or any selling stockholder and such agents or underwriters or among the underwriters or the basis upon which such amount may be calculated. For more information about the manner in which we may offer our securities, or a selling stockholder may offer our common stock, see Plan of Distribution and Selling Stockholders. Our securities may not be sold through agents, underwriters or dealers without delivery of a prospectus supplement.

Our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol TYG. As of April 28, 2009, the last reported sale price for our common stock was \$23.86.

Investing in our securities involves certain risks. You could lose some or all of your investment. See Risk Factors beginning on page 31 of this prospectus. You should consider carefully these risks together with all of the other information contained in this prospectus and any prospectus supplement before making a decision to purchase our securities.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

Prospectus dated May 8, 2009

This prospectus, together with any prospectus supplement, sets forth concisely the information that you should know before investing. You should read the prospectus and prospectus supplement, which contain important information, before deciding whether to invest in our securities. You should retain the prospectus and prospectus supplement for future reference. A statement of additional information, dated May 8, 2009, as supplemented from time to time, containing additional information, has been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and is incorporated by reference in its entirety into this prospectus. You may request a free copy of the statement of additional information, the table of contents of which is on page 66 of this prospectus, request a free copy of our annual, semi-annual and quarterly reports, request other information or make stockholder inquiries, by calling toll-free 1-866-362-9331 or by writing to us at 11550 Ash Street, Suite 300, Leawood, Kansas 66211. Our annual, semi-annual and quarterly reports and the statement of additional information also are available on our investment adviser's website at www.tortoiseadvisors.com. Information included on our website does not form part of this prospectus. You can review and copy documents we have filed at the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington, D.C. Call 1-202-551-5850 for information. The SEC charges a fee for copies. You can get the same information free from the SEC's website (<http://www.sec.gov>). You may also e-mail requests for these documents to publicinfo@sec.gov or make a request in writing to the SEC's Public Reference Section, 100 F Street, N.E., Room 1580, Washington, D.C. 20549.

Our securities do not represent a deposit or obligation of, and are not guaranteed or endorsed by, any bank or other insured depository institution and are not federally insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Federal Reserve Board or any other government agency.

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You should rely only on the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus and any related prospectus supplement in making your investment decisions. We have not authorized any other person to provide you with different or inconsistent information. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. This prospectus and any prospectus supplement do not constitute an offer to sell or solicitation of an offer to buy any securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted. The information appearing in this prospectus and in any prospectus supplement is accurate only as of the dates on their covers. Our business, financial condition and prospects may have changed since such dates. We will advise investors of any material changes to the extent required by applicable law.

CAUTIONARY NOTICE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus, any accompanying prospectus supplement and the statement of additional information contain forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements can be identified by the words may, will, intend, expect, estimate, continue, plan, anticipate, and similar terms and the negative of such terms. Such forward-looking statements may be contained in this prospectus as well as in any accompanying prospectus supplement. By their nature, all forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties, and actual results could differ materially from those contemplated by the forward-looking statements. Several factors that could materially affect our actual results are the performance of the portfolio of securities we hold, the conditions in the U.S. and international financial, petroleum and other markets, the price at which our shares will trade in the public markets and other factors discussed in our periodic filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC).

Although we believe that the expectations expressed in our forward-looking statements are reasonable, actual results could differ materially from those projected or assumed in our forward-looking statements. Our future financial condition and results of operations, as well as any forward-looking statements, are subject to change and are subject to inherent risks and uncertainties, such as those disclosed in the Risk Factors section of this prospectus. All forward-looking statements contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus or any accompanying prospectus supplement are made as of the date of this prospectus or the accompanying prospectus supplement, as the case may be. Except for our ongoing obligations under the federal securities laws, we do not intend, and we undertake no obligation, to update any forward-looking statement. The forward-looking statements contained in this prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement are excluded from the safe harbor protection provided by Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the 1933 Act).

Currently known risk factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from our expectations include, but are not limited to, the factors described in the Risk Factors section of this prospectus. We urge you to review carefully that section for a more detailed discussion of the risks of an investment in our securities.

PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

The following summary contains basic information about us and our securities. It is not complete and may not contain all of the information you may want to consider. You should review the more detailed information contained in this prospectus and in any related prospectus supplement and in the statement of additional information, especially the information set forth under the heading "Risk Factors" beginning on page 31 of this prospectus.

The Company

We seek to provide our stockholders with an efficient vehicle to invest in a portfolio of publicly traded master limited partnerships (MLPs) in the energy infrastructure sector. Our investment objective is to seek a high level of total return with an emphasis on current distributions paid to stockholders. For purposes of our investment objective, total return includes capital appreciation of, and all distributions received from, securities in which we invest regardless of the tax character of the distributions. Similar to the tax characterization of distributions made by MLPs to unitholders, a significant portion of our distributions have been and are expected to continue to be treated as a return of capital to stockholders.

We are a nondiversified, closed-end management investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the 1940 Act). We were organized as a corporation on October 30, 2003, pursuant to a charter (the Charter) governed by the laws of the State of Maryland. Our fiscal year ends on November 30. We commenced operations in February 2004 following our initial public offering. Since that time, we completed eight additional offerings of common stock. As of November 30, 2008, we had net assets of \$407,031,320 attributable to our common stock. Our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) under the symbol TYG. As of the date of this prospectus, we have outstanding \$70 million of preferred stock and \$170 million of long-term debt obligations. We have entered into an unsecured revolving credit facility with U.S. Bank N.A. serving as a lender and the lending syndicate agent on behalf of other lenders participating in the credit facility, which currently allows us to borrow up to \$40,000,000. The credit facility remains in effect through June 20, 2009. We currently expect to seek to renew the credit facility at an amount sufficient to meet our operating needs. As of the date of this prospectus, we have outstanding approximately \$22.3 million under the credit facility.

Investment Adviser

Tortoise Capital Advisors, L.L.C., a registered investment adviser specializing in managing portfolios of investments in MLPs and other energy companies (the Adviser), serves as our investment adviser. As of March 31, 2009, the Adviser managed assets of approximately \$1.7 billion in the energy sector, including the assets of four publicly traded and two privately held closed-end management investment companies, and separate accounts for institutions and high net worth individuals. The Adviser 's investment committee is comprised of five portfolio managers. See Management of the Company .

The principal business address of the Adviser is 11550 Ash Street, Suite 300, Leawood, Kansas 66211.

The Offering

We may offer, on an immediate, continuous or delayed basis, up to \$375,000,000 of our securities, including common stock pursuant to a rights offering, or certain of our stockholders who purchased shares from us in private placement transactions may offer our common stock, on terms to be determined at the time of the offering. Our securities will be offered at prices and on terms to be set forth in one or more prospectus supplements to this prospectus. Subject to

certain conditions, we may offer our common stock at prices below our net asset value (NAV). We will provide information in the prospectus supplement for the expected trading market, if any, for our preferred stock or debt securities.

While the number and amount of securities we may issue pursuant to this registration statement is limited to \$375,000,000 of securities, our board of directors (the Board of Directors or the Board) may, without any action by the stockholders, amend our Charter from time to time to increase or decrease the aggregate number of shares of stock or the number of shares of stock of any class or series that we have authority to issue under our Charter or the 1940 Act.

We may offer our securities, or certain of our stockholders may offer our common stock, directly to one or more purchasers through agents that we or they designate from time to time, or to or through underwriters or dealers. The prospectus supplement relating to the offering will identify any agents or underwriters involved in the sale of our securities, and will set forth any applicable purchase price, fee, commission or discount arrangement between us or any selling stockholder and such agents or underwriters or among underwriters or the basis upon which such amount may be calculated. See [Plan of Distribution](#) and [Selling Stockholders](#). Our securities may not be sold through agents, underwriters or dealers without delivery of a prospectus supplement describing the method and terms of the offering of our securities.

Use of Proceeds

Unless otherwise specified in a prospectus supplement, we intend to use the net proceeds of any sale of our securities primarily to invest in energy infrastructure companies in accordance with our investment objective and policies as described under [Investment Objective and Principal Investment Strategies](#) within approximately three months of receipt of such proceeds. We may also use proceeds from the sale of our securities to retire all or a portion of any debt we incur, to redeem preferred stock or for working capital purposes, including the payment of distributions, interest and operating expenses, although there is currently no intent to issue securities primarily for this purpose. We will not receive any of the proceeds from a sale of our common stock by any selling stockholder.

Federal Income Tax Status of Company

Unlike most investment companies, we have not elected to be treated as a regulated investment company under the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the [Internal Revenue Code](#)). Therefore, we are obligated to pay federal and applicable state corporate taxes on our taxable income. On the other hand, we are not subject to the [Internal Revenue Code](#)'s diversification rules limiting the assets in which regulated investment companies can invest. Under current federal income tax law, these rules limit the amount that regulated investment companies may invest directly in the securities of certain MLPs to 25% of the value of their total assets. We invest a substantial portion of our assets in MLPs. Although MLPs generate taxable income to us, we expect the MLPs to pay cash distributions in excess of the taxable income reportable by us. Similarly, we expect to distribute substantially all of our distributable cash flow ([DCF](#)) to our common stockholders. DCF is the amount we receive as cash or paid-in-kind distributions from MLPs or affiliates of MLPs in which we invest, and interest payments received on debt securities owned by us, less current or anticipated operating expenses, taxes on our taxable income, and leverage costs paid by us (including leverage costs of preferred stock, debt securities and borrowings under our unsecured credit facility). However, unlike regulated investment companies, we are not effectively required by the [Internal Revenue Code](#) to distribute substantially all of our income and capital gains. See [Certain Federal Income Tax Matters](#).

Distributions

We expect to distribute substantially all of our DCF to holders of common stock through quarterly distributions. Our Board of Directors adopted a policy to target distributions to common stockholders in an amount of at least 95% of DCF on an annual basis. We will pay distributions on our common stock each fiscal quarter out of DCF, if any. As of the date of this prospectus, we have paid distributions every quarter since the completion of our first full fiscal quarter ended on May 31, 2004. There is no assurance that we will continue to make regular distributions. If distributions paid to holders of our common and preferred stock exceed the current and accumulated earnings and profit allocated to the particular shares held by a stockholder, the excess of such distribution will constitute, for federal income tax purposes, a tax-free return of capital to the extent of the stockholder's basis in the shares and capital gain thereafter. A return of capital reduces the basis of the shares held by a stockholder, which may increase the amount of gain recognized upon the sale of such shares. Our preferred stock and debt securities will pay dividends and interest, respectively, in accordance with their terms. So long as we have preferred stock and debt securities outstanding, we may not declare

dividends on common or preferred stock unless we meet applicable asset coverage tests.

Principal Investment Policies

Under normal circumstances, we invest at least 90% of our total assets (including assets we obtain through leverage) in securities of energy infrastructure companies and invest at least 70% of our total assets in equity

securities of MLPs. Energy infrastructure companies engage in the business of transporting, processing, storing, distributing or marketing natural gas, natural gas liquids (primarily propane), coal, crude oil or refined petroleum products, or exploring, developing, managing or producing such commodities. We invest primarily in energy infrastructure companies organized in the United States. All publicly traded companies in which we invest have an equity market capitalization greater than \$100 million at the time of investment.

We also may invest in equity and debt securities of energy infrastructure companies that are organized and/or taxed as corporations to the extent consistent with our investment objective. We also may invest in securities of general partners or other affiliates of MLPs and private companies operating energy infrastructure assets.

We have adopted the following additional nonfundamental investment policies:

We may invest up to 30% of our total assets in restricted securities, primarily through direct placements. Subject to this policy, we may invest without limitation in illiquid securities. The types of restricted securities that we may purchase include securities of private energy infrastructure companies and privately issued securities of publicly traded energy infrastructure companies. Restricted securities, whether issued by public companies or private companies, are generally considered illiquid. Investments in private companies that do not have any publicly traded shares or units are limited to 5% of total assets.

We may invest up to 25% of our total assets in debt securities of energy infrastructure companies, including securities rated below investment grade (commonly referred to as junk bonds). Below investment grade debt securities will be rated at least B3 by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. (Moody's) and at least B- by Standard & Poor's Ratings Group (S&P) at the time of purchase, or comparably rated by another statistical rating organization or if unrated, determined to be of comparable quality by the Adviser.

We will not invest more than 10% of total assets in any single issuer.

We will not engage in short sales.

We may change our nonfundamental investment policies without stockholder approval and will provide notice to stockholders of material changes (including notice through stockholder reports); provided, however, that a change in the policy of investing at least 90% of our total assets in energy infrastructure companies requires at least 60 days prior written notice to stockholders. Unless otherwise stated, these investment restrictions apply at the time of purchase and we will not be required to reduce a position due solely to market value fluctuations. The term total assets includes assets obtained through leverage for the purpose of each investment restriction.

Under adverse market or economic conditions, we may invest up to 100% of our total assets in securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government or its instrumentalities or agencies, short-term debt securities, certificates of deposit, bankers' acceptances and other bank obligations, commercial paper rated in the highest category by a rating agency or other liquid fixed income securities deemed by the Adviser to be consistent with a defensive posture (collectively, short-term securities), or we may hold cash. To the extent we invest in short-term securities or cash for defensive purposes, such investments are inconsistent with, and may result in us not achieving, our investment objective.

We also may invest in short-term securities or cash pending investment of offering proceeds to meet working capital needs including, but not limited to, for collateral in connection with certain investment techniques, to hold a reserve pending payment of distributions, and to facilitate the payment of expenses and settlement of trades. The yield on such securities may be lower than the returns on MLPs or yields on lower rated fixed income securities.

Use of Leverage by the Company

The borrowing of money and the issuance of preferred stock and debt securities represents the leveraging of our common stock. The issuance of additional common stock may enable us to increase the aggregate amount of our leverage. We reserve the right at any time to use financial leverage to the extent permitted by the 1940 Act (50% of total assets for preferred stock and 33 1/3% of total assets for senior debt securities) or we may elect to reduce the use of leverage or use no leverage at all. Historically, our leverage target has been up to 33% of our total assets at the time of incurrence. Our Board of Directors has approved a policy permitting temporary increases in the amount of leverage we may use from 33% of our total assets to up to 38% of our total assets at the time of incurrence, provided

that (i) such leverage is consistent with the limits set forth in the 1940 Act and (ii) such increased leverage is reduced over time in an orderly fashion. The timing and terms of any leverage transactions will be determined by our Board of Directors. Additionally, the percentage of our assets attributable to leverage may vary significantly during periods of extreme market volatility and will increase during periods of declining market prices of our portfolio holdings.

The use of leverage creates an opportunity for increased income and capital appreciation for common stockholders, but at the same time, it creates special risks that may adversely affect common stockholders. Because the Adviser's fee is based upon a percentage of our Managed Assets (as defined below), the Adviser's fee is higher when we are leveraged. Therefore, the Adviser has a financial incentive to use leverage, which will create a conflict of interest between the Adviser and our common stockholders, who will bear the costs of our leverage. There can be no assurance that a leveraging strategy will be successful during any period in which it is used. The use of leverage involves risks, which can be significant. See *Leverage and Risk Factors* *Additional Risks to Common Stockholders* *Leverage Risk*.

We may use interest rate transactions for hedging purposes only, in an attempt to reduce the interest rate risk arising from our leveraged capital structure. We do not intend to hedge the interest rate risk of our portfolio holdings. Accordingly, if no leverage is outstanding, we currently do not expect to engage in interest rate transactions. Interest rate transactions that we may use for hedging purposes may expose us to certain risks that differ from the risks associated with our portfolio holdings. See *Leverage* *Hedging Transactions* and *Risk Factors* *Company Risks* *Hedging Strategy Risk*.

Conflicts of Interest

Conflicts of interest may arise from the fact that the Adviser and its affiliates carry on substantial investment activities for other clients, in which we have no interest. The Adviser or its affiliates may have financial incentives to favor certain of these accounts over us. Any of the Adviser's or its affiliates proprietary accounts and other customer accounts may compete with us for specific trades. The Adviser or its affiliates may give advice and recommend securities to, or buy or sell securities for, other accounts and customers, which advice or securities recommended may differ from advice given to, or securities recommended or bought or sold for, us, even though their investment objectives may be the same as, or similar to, our objectives.

Situations may occur when we could be disadvantaged because of the investment activities conducted by the Adviser and its affiliates for their other accounts. Such situations may be based on, among other things, the following: (1) legal or internal restrictions on the combined size of positions that may be taken for us or the other accounts, thereby limiting the size of our position; (2) the difficulty of liquidating an investment for us or the other accounts where the market cannot absorb the sale of the combined position; or (3) limits on co-investing in private placement securities under the 1940 Act. Our investment opportunities may be limited by affiliations of the Adviser or its affiliates with energy infrastructure companies. See *Investment Objective and Principal Investment Strategies* *Conflicts of Interest*.

Company Risks

Our NAV, our ability to make distributions, our ability to service debt securities and preferred stock, and our ability to meet asset coverage requirements depends on the performance of our investment portfolio. The performance of our investment portfolio is subject to a number of risks, including the following:

Recent Developments Risk. Our capital structure and performance was adversely impacted by the weakness in the credit markets and broad stock market, and the resulting rapid and dramatic declines in the value of MLPs that occurred in late 2008, and may continue to be adversely affected if the weakness in the credit and stock markets continue. If our NAV declines or remains volatile, there is an increased risk that we may be required to reduce

outstanding leverage, which could adversely affect our stock price and ability to pay distributions at historical levels. A sustained economic slowdown may adversely affect the ability of MLPs to sustain their historical distribution levels, which in turn, may adversely affect our ability to sustain distributions at historical levels. MLPs that have historically relied heavily on outside capital to fund their growth have been impacted by the slowdown in capital markets. The recovery of the MLP sector is dependent on several factors including the recovery of the financial sector, the general economy and the

commodity markets. Measures taken by the U.S. Government to stimulate the U.S. economy may not be successful or may not have the intended effect.

Concentration Risk. Under normal circumstances, we concentrate our investments in the energy infrastructure sector, with an emphasis on securities issued by MLPs. The primary risks inherent in the energy infrastructure industry include the following: (1) the performance and level of distributions of MLPs can be affected by direct and indirect commodity price exposure, (2) a decrease in market demand for natural gas or other energy commodities could adversely affect MLP revenues or cash flows, (3) energy infrastructure assets deplete over time and must be replaced and (4) a rising interest rate environment could increase an MLP's cost of capital.

Industry Specific Risk. Energy infrastructure companies also are subject to risks specific to the industry they serve. For risks specific to the pipeline, processing, propane and coal industries, see Risk Factors Company Risks Industry Specific Risk.

MLP Risk. We invest primarily in equity securities of MLPs. As a result, we are subject to the risks associated with an investment in MLPs, including cash flow risk, tax risk, deferred tax risk capital markets risk. Cash flow risk is the risk that MLPs will not make distributions to holders (including us) at anticipated levels or that such distributions will not have the expected tax character. MLPs also are subject to tax risk, which is the risk that MLPs might lose their partnership status for tax purposes. Deferred tax risk is the risk that we incur a current tax liability on that portion of an MLP's income and gains that is not offset by tax deductions and losses. Capital market risk is the risk that MLPs will be unable to raise capital to meet their obligations as they come due or execute their growth strategies, complete future acquisitions, take advantage of other business opportunities or respond to competitive pressures.

Equity Securities Risk. MLP common units and other equity securities can be affected by macro-economic and other factors affecting the stock market in general, expectations of interest rates, investor sentiment toward MLPs or the energy sector, changes in a particular issuer's financial condition, or unfavorable or unanticipated poor performance of a particular issuer (in the case of MLPs, generally measured in terms of DCF). Prices of common units of individual MLPs and other equity securities also can be affected by fundamentals unique to the partnership or company, including size, earnings power, coverage ratios and characteristics and features of different classes of securities. See Risk Factors Company Risks Equity Securities Risk and Risk Factors Additional Risks to Common Stockholders Leverage Risk.

Hedging Strategy Risk. We may use interest rate transactions for hedging purposes only, in an attempt to reduce the interest rate risk arising from our leveraged capital structure. There is no assurance that the interest rate hedging transactions into which we enter will be effective in reducing our exposure to interest rate risk. Hedging transactions are subject to correlation risk, which is the risk that payment on our hedging transactions may not correlate exactly with our payment obligations on senior securities. Interest rate transactions that we may use for hedging purposes, such as swaps, caps and floors, will expose us to certain risks that differ from the risks associated with our portfolio holdings. See Risk Factors Company Risks Hedging Strategy Risk.

Competition Risk. At the time we completed our initial public offering in February 2004, we were the only publicly traded investment company offering access to a portfolio of energy infrastructure MLPs. Since that time a number of alternative vehicles for investment in a portfolio of energy infrastructure MLPs, including other publicly traded investment companies and private funds, have emerged. In addition, tax law changes have increased the ability of regulated investment companies or other institutions to invest in MLPs. These competitive conditions may adversely impact our ability to meet our investment objective, which in turn could adversely impact our ability to make interest or dividend payments.

Restricted Security Risk. We may invest up to 30% of total assets in restricted securities, primarily through direct placements. Restricted securities are less liquid than securities traded in the open market because of statutory and contractual restrictions on resale. Such securities are, therefore, unlike securities that are traded in the open market, which can be expected to be sold immediately if the market is

adequate. This lack of liquidity creates special risks for us. See [Risk Factors](#) [Company Risks](#) [Restricted Security Risk](#).

Liquidity Risk. Certain MLP securities may trade less frequently than those of other companies due to their smaller capitalizations. Investments in securities that are less actively traded or over time experience decreased trading volume may be difficult to dispose of when we believe it is desirable to do so, may restrict our ability to take advantage of other opportunities, and may be more difficult to value.

Valuation Risk. We may invest up to 30% of total assets in restricted securities, which are subject to restrictions on resale. The value of such investments ordinarily will be based on fair valuations determined by the Adviser pursuant to procedures adopted by the Board of Directors. Restrictions on resale or the absence of a liquid secondary market may affect adversely our ability to determine NAV. The sale price of securities that are restricted or otherwise are not readily marketable may be higher or lower than our most recent valuations.

Nondiversification Risk. We are a nondiversified investment company under the 1940 Act and we are not a regulated investment company under the Internal Revenue Code. Accordingly, there are no limits under the 1940 Act or Internal Revenue Code with respect to the number or size of issuers held by us and we may invest more assets in fewer issuers as compared to a diversified fund.

Tax Risk. Because we are treated as a corporation for federal income tax purposes, our financial statements reflect deferred tax assets or liabilities according to generally accepted accounting principles. Deferred tax assets may constitute a relatively high percentage of NAV. Realization of deferred tax assets including net operating loss and capital loss carryforwards, are dependent, in part, on generating sufficient taxable income of the appropriate character prior to expiration of the loss carryforwards. Unexpected significant decreases in MLP cash distributions or significant declines in the fair value of our MLP investments, among other factors, may change our assessment regarding the recoverability of deferred tax assets and would likely result in a valuation allowance, or recording of a larger allowance. If a valuation allowance is required to reduce the deferred tax asset in the future, it could have a material impact on our NAV and results of operations in the period it is recorded. Conversely, in periods of generally increasing MLP prices, we will accrue a deferred tax liability to the extent the fair value of our assets exceeds our tax basis. We may incur significant tax liability during periods in which gains on MLP investments are realized.

Management Risk. The Adviser was formed in October 2002 to provide portfolio management services to institutional and high net worth investors seeking professional management of their MLP investments. The Adviser has been managing our portfolio since we began operations in February 2004. As of March 31, 2009, the Adviser had client assets under management of approximately \$1.7 billion. To the extent that the Adviser's assets under management continue to grow, the Adviser may have to hire additional personnel and, to the extent it is unable to hire qualified individuals, its operations may be adversely affected.

See [Risk Factors](#) [Company Risks](#) for a more detailed discussion of these and other risks of investing in our securities.

Additional Risks to Common Stockholders

Leverage Risk. We are currently leveraged and intend to continue to use leverage primarily for investment purposes. Leverage, which is a speculative technique, could cause us to lose money and can magnify the effect of any losses. If the dislocations in the credit markets continue, our leverage costs may increase and there is a risk that we may not be able to renew or replace existing leverage on favorable terms or at all. Because senior debt is subject to stricter coverage requirements than preferred stock, we may not be able to maintain leverage at historical levels if a viable alternative for auction rate preferred stock does not develop. If the cost of leverage is no longer favorable, or if we are otherwise required to reduce our leverage, we may not be able to maintain common stock distributions at historical

levels and common stockholders will bear any costs associated with selling portfolio securities. If our net asset value of our portfolio declines or remains subject to heightened market volatility, there is an increased risk that we will be unable to maintain coverage ratios for senior debt securities and preferred stock mandated by the 1940 Act, rating agency guidelines or contractual terms of bank lending facilities or privately

placed notes. If we do not cure any deficiencies within specified cure periods, we will be required to redeem such senior securities in amounts that are sufficient to restore the required coverage ratios or, in some cases, offer to redeem all of such securities. As a result, we may be required to sell portfolio securities at inopportune times, and we may incur significant losses upon the sale of such securities. There is no assurance that a leveraging strategy will be successful. See [Leverage](#) [Recent Developments](#) for additional information.

Market Impact Risk. The sale of our common stock (or the perception that such sales may occur) may have an adverse effect on prices in the secondary market for our common stock by increasing the number of shares available, which may put downward pressure on the market price for our common stock. Our ability to sell shares of common stock below NAV may increase this pressure. These sales also might make it more difficult for us to sell additional equity securities in the future at a time and price we deem appropriate.

Dilution Risk. The voting power of current stockholders will be diluted to the extent that such stockholders do not purchase shares in any future common stock offerings or do not purchase sufficient shares to maintain their percentage interest. In addition, if we sell shares of common stock below NAV, our NAV will fall immediately after such issuance. See [Description of Securities](#) [Common Stock](#) [Issuance of Additional Shares](#) which includes a table reflecting the dilutive effect of selling our common stock below NAV.

If we are unable to invest the proceeds of such offering as intended, our per share distribution may decrease and we may not participate in market advances to the same extent as if such proceeds were fully invested as planned.

Market Discount Risk. Our common stock has traded both at a premium and at a discount in relation to NAV. We cannot predict whether our shares will trade in the future at a premium or discount to NAV.

See [Risk Factors](#) [Additional Risks to Common Stockholders](#) for a more detailed discussion of these risks.

Additional Risks to Senior Security Holders

Additional risks of investing in senior securities, include the following:

Interest Rate Risk. Dividends and interest payable on our senior securities are subject to interest rate risk. To the extent that dividends or interest on such securities are based on short-term rates, our leverage costs may rise so that the amount of dividends or interest due to holders of senior securities would exceed the cash flow generated by our portfolio securities. To the extent that our leverage costs are fixed, our leverage costs may increase when our special rate periods terminate or our debt securities mature. This might require that we sell portfolio securities at a time when we would otherwise not do so, which may adversely affect our future ability to generate cash flow. In addition, rising market interest rates could negatively impact the value of our investment portfolio, reducing the amount of assets serving as asset coverage for senior securities.

Senior Leverage Risk. Our preferred stock will be junior in liquidation and with respect to distribution rights to our debt securities and any other borrowings. Senior securities representing indebtedness may constitute a substantial lien and burden on preferred stock by reason of their prior claim against our income and against our net assets in liquidation. We may not be permitted to declare dividends or other distributions with respect to any series of our preferred stock unless at such time we meet applicable asset coverage requirements and the payment of principal or interest is not in default with respect to senior debt securities or any other borrowings.

Our debt securities, upon issuance, are expected to be unsecured obligations and, upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding up, will rank: (1) senior to all of our outstanding common stock and any outstanding preferred stock; (2) on a parity with any of our unsecured creditors and any unsecured senior securities representing our indebtedness; and

(3) junior to any of our secured creditors. Secured creditors of ours may include, without limitation, parties entering into interest rate swap, floor or cap transactions, or other similar transactions with us that create liens, pledges, charges, security interests, security agreements or other encumbrances on our assets.

Ratings and Asset Coverage Risk. To the extent that senior securities are rated, a rating does not eliminate or necessarily mitigate the risks of investing in our senior securities, and a rating may not fully or accurately reflect all of the credit and market risks associated with that senior security. A rating agency

could downgrade the rating of our shares of preferred stock or debt securities, which may make such securities less liquid in the secondary market, though probably with higher resulting interest rates. If a rating agency downgrades, or indicates a potential downgrade to, the rating assigned to a senior security, we may alter our portfolio or redeem a portion of our senior securities. We may voluntarily redeem a senior security under certain circumstances to the extent permitted by its governing documents.

Inflation Risk. Inflation is the reduction in the purchasing power of money resulting from an increase in the price of goods and services. Inflation risk is the risk that the inflation adjusted or real value of an investment in preferred stock or debt securities or the income from that investment will be worth less in the future. As inflation occurs, the real value of the preferred stock or debt securities and the dividend payable to holders of preferred stock or debt securities declines.

Decline in Net Asset Value Risk. A material decline in our NAV may impair our ability to maintain required levels of asset coverage for our preferred stock or debt securities.

See Risk Factors Additional Risks to Senior Security Holders for a more detailed discussion of these risks.

SUMMARY OF COMPANY EXPENSES

The following table and example contain information about the costs and expenses that common stockholders will bear directly or indirectly. In accordance with SEC requirements, the table below shows our expenses, including leverage costs, as a percentage of our net assets as of November 30, 2008, and not as a percentage of gross assets or Managed Assets. By showing expenses as a percentage of net assets, expenses are not expressed as a percentage of all of the assets we invest. The table and example are based on our capital structure as of November 30, 2008. As of that date, we had \$280 million in senior securities outstanding, including two series designated as Tortoise Auction Preferred Shares (the Tortoise Preferred Shares) with an aggregate liquidation preference of \$70 million and \$60 million of Auction Rate Senior Notes, and \$150 million of privately-placed Senior Notes (collectively with the Auction Rate Senior Notes, the Tortoise Notes). Such senior securities represented 40% of total assets as of November 30, 2008.

Stockholder Transaction Expense

Sales Load (as a percentage of offering price)	(1)
Offering Expenses Borne by the Company (as a percentage of offering price)	(1)
Dividend Reinvestment and Cash Purchase Plan Fees ⁽²⁾	None

Annual Expenses	Percentage of Net Assets Attributable to Common Stockholders
Management Fee	1.56%
Leverage Costs ⁽³⁾	4.40%
Other Expenses ⁽⁴⁾	0.31%
Current Income Tax Expense	0.06%
Deferred Income Tax ⁽⁵⁾	0.00%
Total Annual Expenses ⁽⁶⁾	6.33%

Example:

The following example illustrates the expenses that common stockholders would pay on a \$1,000 investment in common stock, assuming (1) total annual expenses of 6.33% of net assets attributable to common shares; (2) a 5% annual return; and (iii) all distributions are reinvested at NAV:

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
Total Expenses Paid by Common Stockholders ⁽⁷⁾	\$ 63	\$ 186	\$ 306	\$ 592

The example should not be considered a representation of future expenses. Actual expenses may be greater or less than those assumed. Moreover, our actual rate of return may be greater or less than the hypothetical 5% return shown in the example.

- (1) If the securities to which this prospectus relates are sold to or through underwriters, the prospectus supplement will set forth any applicable sales load, the estimated offering expenses borne by us and a revised expense example.
- (2) Stockholders will pay a transaction fee plus brokerage charges if they direct the Plan Agent to sell common stock held in a Plan account. See Automatic Dividend Reinvestment and Cash Purchase Plan.
- (3) Leverage Costs in the table reflect the weighted average cost of dividends payable on Tortoise Preferred Shares and the interest payable on Tortoise Notes at borrowing rates as of November 30, 2008, expressed as a percentage of net assets as of November 30, 2008.
- (4) Other Expenses are based on amounts incurred for the fiscal year ended November 30, 2008.
- (5) For the year ended November 30, 2008, we accrued deferred income tax benefits primarily related to unrealized losses on investments. Realization of a deferred tax benefit is dependent on whether there will be sufficient taxable income of the appropriate character within the carryforward periods to realize a portion or all of the deferred tax benefit. Because it cannot be predicted whether we will incur a benefit or liability in the future, a deferred income tax expense of 0.00% has been assumed.

(6) The table presented in this footnote presents certain of our annual expenses as a percentage of Managed Assets as of November 30, 2008, excluding current and deferred income tax expense.

Annual Expenses	Percentage of Managed Assets
Management Fee	0.95%
Leverage Costs ^(a)	2.66%
Other Expenses (excluding current and deferred income tax expenses) ^(b)	0.19%
Total Annual Expenses (excluding current and deferred income tax expenses)	3.80%

(a) Leverage Costs are calculated as described in Note 3 above.

(b) Other Expenses are based on amounts incurred for the fiscal year ended November 30, 2008.

(7) The example does not include sales load or estimated offering costs.

The purpose of the table and the example above is to help investors understand the fees and expenses that they, as common stockholders, would bear directly or indirectly. For additional information with respect to our expenses, see Management of the Company.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Information contained in the table below under the heading "Per Common Share Data" and "Supplemental Data and Ratios" shows our per common share operating performance. The information in this table is derived from our financial statements audited by Ernst & Young LLP, whose report on such financial statements is contained in our 2008 Annual Report and is incorporated by reference into the statement of additional information, both of which are available from us upon request. See "Available Information" in this prospectus. The unaudited Financial Highlights contained in our 2009 1st Quarter Report for the period from December 1, 2008 through February 28, 2009 is herein incorporated by reference.

	Year Ended November 30, 2008	Year Ended November 30, 2007	Year Ended November 30, 2006	Year Ended November 30, 2005	Period from February 27, 2004⁽¹⁾ through November 30, 2004
Per Common Share Data⁽²⁾					
Net Asset Value, beginning of period	\$ 32.96	\$ 31.82	\$ 27.12	\$ 26.53	\$
Public offering price					