



DoubleLine Launches DoubleLine Colony Real Estate and Income Fund

Fund Combines Active Fixed Income Portfolio with Rules-Based Investment Strategy in REITs

LOS ANGELES, December 17, 2018 /PRNewswire/— The DoubleLine Colony Real Estate and Income Fund (“the Fund”), an open-end mutual fund within the DoubleLine Funds Trust, today opened to shareholders via two share classes: I shares (DBRIX) and N shares (DLREX).

The Fund seeks total return (capital appreciation and current income) in excess of its benchmark, the Dow Jones U.S. Select REIT Index, over a full market cycle.

The Fund invests principally in an actively managed portfolio of short-to-intermediate term fixed income securities while also investing in derivative instruments to provide exposure to the Colony Capital Fundamental US Real Estate Index (“the Index”), a rules-based (smart-beta) index which invests in the common stocks of real estate investment trusts (REITs). Thus investing in the Fund provides exposure to a DoubleLine managed fixed-income portfolio and the Index.

For the Fund prospectus, please visit this web page: https://doublelinefunds.com/wp-content/uploads/607294_CRE_Statutory_WEB.pdf

Jeffrey Gundlach, chief executive officer and chief investment officer of DoubleLine Capital LP, and Jeffrey Sherman, deputy chief investment officer of the firm and president of DoubleLine Alternatives LP, serve as portfolio managers of the Fund. With the contributions of DoubleLine’s fixed income investment teams (including mortgage-backed securities, Treasuries, corporate securities and international debt as well as the firm’s Fixed Income Asset Allocation Committee), Mr. Gundlach and Mr. Sherman actively manage the fixed income portfolio.

The Colony Capital Fundamental US Real Estate Index is based on an investment strategy developed by Colony Capital, Inc. (“Colony”; NYSE: CLNY), a leading global investment management firm headquartered in Los Angeles. The Index implements fundamental real estate investing principles drawn from Colony’s 27 years of managing real estate investments for institutional investors—across private and public markets, up and down the capital stack.

The Index is rebalanced and reconstituted quarterly by applying a systematic methodology to the universe of REITs traded on the New York Stock Exchange, Nasdaq Stock Market and NYSE American which meet the Index’s minimum market capitalization (\$1 billion) and average daily trading value criteria.

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The Index is designed to mitigate risk, as assessed by the Index’s methodology, by focusing on characteristics that Colony views to be reliable markers of risk and screening out REITs that exhibit these characteristics. Under its methodology, the Index selects at least 25 constituents with each rebalancing or reconstitution; there is no maximum number of Index constituents. The Index excludes mortgage REITs. As of December 14, 2018, the Index comprised 60 constituents selected from a selection universe of 182 REITs.

DoubleLine Alternatives, a related entity of DoubleLine Capital, is adviser to the Fund. DoubleLine Capital is sub-adviser.

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Terms and Definitions

Market capitalization is the market price of an entire company, calculated by multiplying the number of shares outstanding of its common stock by the price per share.

Capital stack covers the total capital invested in a commercial real estate project or property, including in ascending order of seniority: common equity, preferred equity, mezzanine debt and senior debt.

Beta investing or passive beta investing is traditionally understood to mean investing systematically in a market by weighting exposures to its constituents by their respective market capitalizations (for example, the Standard & Poor’s 500 Index) or by their price weightings (for example, the Dow Jones Industrial Average).

Smart beta investing is defined by DoubleLine and other market participants as a systematic investing methodology which deviates from weighting by market capitalization or price.

About DoubleLine

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