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OPERATOR: This is Conference # 2182277

Operator: Ladies and gentlemen, thank you for standing by and welcome to AllianceBernstein Global High Income Fund Call. At this time, all participants' lines are in a listen-only mode. At this time, I would now like to turn the conference over to Mr. Joe Haag to begin.

Joe Haag: Thank you. Good afternoon everyone. My name is Joe Haag. I'm a Managing Director of Taxable Fixed Income Product Management here today. A short while ago, we issued a press release that declared monthly dividends and advised the dividend decrease in one of our closed-end bonds. To restate the contents of that press release, the dividend of the AllianceBernstein Global High Income Fund was reduced.

The fund declared a monthly dividend of 0.0655 cents per share. A decrease of 0.0044 cents for the previous month. I'm joined in the call with Mr. Matthew Sheridan, Senior Vice President and Portfolio Manager on the EB Global Multi-Sector Fixed Income Team. As soon as I concluded my prepared remarks, we will open the line for questions from members of the Analysts' Community. All of the calls will be in listen-only mode.

There are two major drivers of the fund's earnings power. The first is the cost of short-term borrowing associate with leverage. And the second is the level of market interest rates. The cost of short-term borrowing is heavily

influenced by the Federal Reserve and the FED funds target rate. As such the cost of short-term borrowing has risen in recent years.

As a Federal Reserve has raised the FED funds rate nine times since December 2015, from a range of 0% to 0.25% to the current range of 2.25% to 2.50%. The major markets seem influencing the change in the funds earning power is the current low level of market interest rates.

Despite recent FED hikes by the Federal Reserve, the 10-year treasury yield has only modestly increase from 2.25% on December 31st, 2015 to 2.59% on April 17th, 2019. And fortunately all fixed income sectors remain here as historical close. For example, the average yield on a double-B corporate bond is 4.69% (?) as of April 17th, 2019, down from 6.14% on December 31st, 2015.

As a result as higher yielding bonds in the portfolio called, matured, or sold, the proceeds must be reinvested at these lower levels, thus reducing the overall yield of the portfolio. The impact has been reduction in the overall earning power of the fund, as a result the dividend of the fund has been reduced in order to more accurately reflect the current earning power.

This concludes my prepared remarks on behalf of the fund. I would like to thank you all very much for your time and your investment in our closed-end bond. We would like to now open the line for analysts' questions. Operator, could you please call the participants on asking the questions.

Operator: At this time, if you would like to ask a question, press star then the number one on your telephone keypad. Again that is star one to ask a question. We will pause for just a moment to compile the Q&A roster. Again, that is star one to ask a question and at this time there are no questions in queue.

Joe Haag: Okay, well I guess that, that all concludes today's remarks. And again thank you all very much for your investment and hope, you all have a great evening.

Operator: This concludes today's conference call. You may now disconnect.