

Kayne Anderson Energy Total Return Fund Provides Unaudited Balance Sheet Information and Announces its Net Asset Value and Asset Coverage Ratios at December 31, 2016

HOUSTON, TX – January 4, 2017 – Kayne Anderson Energy Total Return Fund, Inc. (the “Fund”) (NYSE: KYE) today provided a summary unaudited statement of assets and liabilities and announced its net asset value and asset coverage ratios under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the “1940 Act”) as of December 31, 2016.

As of December 31, 2016, the Fund’s net assets were \$491 million, and its net asset value per share was \$13.44. As of December 31, 2016, the Fund’s asset coverage ratio under the 1940 Act with respect to senior securities representing indebtedness was 484% and the Fund’s asset coverage ratio under the 1940 Act with respect to total leverage (debt and preferred stock) was 357%.

Kayne Anderson Energy Total Return Fund, Inc.
Statement of Assets and Liabilities
December 31, 2016
(Unaudited)

	(in millions)	Per Share
Investments	\$ 688.3	\$ 18.83
Cash and cash equivalents	1.7	0.05
Deposits	0.2	0.01
Accrued income	2.3	0.06
Other assets	1.9	0.05
Total assets	694.4	19.00
Term loan	26.0	0.71
Senior notes	115.0	3.15
Preferred stock	50.0	1.37
Total leverage	191.0	5.23
Distribution payable	9.1	0.25
Other liabilities	3.0	0.08
Total liabilities	12.1	0.33
Net assets	\$ 491.3	\$ 13.44

The Fund had 36,558,050 common shares outstanding as of December 31, 2016.

As of December 31, 2016, equity and debt investments were 87% and 13%, respectively, of the Fund's long-term investments of \$688 million. Long-term investments were comprised of MLP and MLP Affiliate (42%), Midstream Company (24%), Marine (19%), Other Energy (2%) and Debt (13%).

The Fund's ten largest holdings by issuer at December 31, 2016 were:

		Units / Shares (in thousands)	Amount (\$ millions)	Percent of Long-Term Investments
1.	Enbridge Energy Management, L.L.C. (MLP Affiliate)	2,947	\$76.3	11.1%
2.	Plains GP Holdings, L.P. (MLP)	1,257	43.6	6.3%
3.	ONEOK, Inc. (Midstream Company)	729	41.9	6.1%
4.	Targa Resources Corp. (Midstream Company)	659	37.0	5.4%
5.	Golar LNG Partners LP (Marine)	1,353	32.5	4.7%
6.	KNOT Offshore Partners LP (Marine)	1,158	27.3	4.0%
7.	Capital Product Partners L.P. (Marine)	3,333	23.4	3.4%
8.	Energy Transfer Partners, L.P. (MLP)*	621	22.2	3.2%
9.	Dynagas LNG Partners LP (Marine)	1,256	20.1	2.9%
10.	GasLog Partners LP (Marine)	843	17.3	2.5%

* On November 21, 2016, Energy Transfer Partners, L.P. and Sunoco Logistics Partners L.P. ("SXL") announced an agreement to combine in a unit-for-unit merger. As of December 31, 2016, the Fund owned 421 units (\$10.1 million) of SXL.

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The Fund is a non-diversified, closed-end management investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 whose common stock is traded on the NYSE. The Fund's investment objective is to obtain a high total return with an emphasis on current income by investing primarily in securities of companies engaged in the energy industry, principally including publicly-traded energy-related master limited partnerships and limited liability companies taxed as partnerships and their affiliates, energy-related U.S. and Canadian royalty trusts and income trusts and other companies that derive at least 50% of their revenues from operating assets used in, or providing energy-related services for, the exploration, development, production, gathering, transportation, processing, storing, refining, distribution, mining or marketing of natural gas, natural gas liquids (including propane), crude oil, refined petroleum products or coal.

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