## GLOBAL INCOME FUND

## SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT June 30, 2001

American Stock Exchange Symbol:

## GIF

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## Fellow Shareholders:

We are pleased to submit this Semi-Annual Report and to welcome our shareholders who have made their investment since our last Report. The primary investment objective of the Fund is to provide for its shareholders a high level of income and, secondarily, capital appreciation. The Fund pursues its investment objectives by investing primarily in a global portfolio of investment grade fixed income securities. At June 30, 2001, the Fund had approximately $88 \%$ of its total assets invested in fixed income securities with an actual or deemed investment grade rating, approximately $4 \%$ below investment grade, approximately $3 \%$ in stocks and the balance in money market securities. At mid-year approximately $71 \%$ of investments were in entities located in the United States and the balance was spread over eleven other countries and a supranational organization.

## Review and Outlook

After signaling a policy shift in December 2000, the U.S. Federal Reserve, starting on January 3, 2001, began to lower the Federal Funds rate in reaction to a dramatic slowdown in the nation's economy. In six rate changes, the first five by lowering the rate each time by $0.50 \%$ and the last on June 27, 2001 by $0.25 \%$, the Federal Reserve lowered the Federal Funds rate from $6.50 \%$ to $3.75 \%$. Against this economic background, the Lehman Brothers Aggregate Bond Index had a first half return of $3.60 \%$ and the J.P. Morgan Emerging Markets Bond Index returned $5.53 \%$. Equity markets stumbled, however, with the Dow Jones Industrial Average, Standard \& Poor's 500 Stock Index, and the Nasdaq Composite Index declining $-1.85 \%$, $-6.69 \%$ and-12.55\%, respectively. We are pleased to report that the Fund had a year-to-date market total return of $19.50 \%$ on a net asset value return of $4.96 \%$.

Confronted with the strong U.S. dollar, foreign central banks generally have been less aggressive in cutting their internal interest rates, reflecting uncertainty as to whether their economies will rebound or continue to show declining corporate profits and employment. Some central banks, such as in the U.K. and Sweden, wary of inflation, may even be considering increasing rates. In contrast, Japan's deflationary and shrinking economy has produced falling interest rates and solid returns for fixed income investors. In this evolving situation, the Fund has expanded its investment in intermediate term Treasury securities, U.S. corporate bonds, and Japanese bonds.

Going forward, our focus will again be on the economy and to what extent the slowdown continues. We anticipate that the Federal Reserve will continue its accommodative posture and
lower the Federal Funds rate, but in smaller increments and less frequently than in the first half of 2001. All year long, economists have predicted that the Fed's rate cuts would have the desired effect and stimulate the economy. Recent evidence of a slowdown in the global economy, however, has pushed up the value of the U.S. dollar (the opposite of what normally happens when U.S. interest rates are cut) and has made it harder for U.S. manufacturers to sell products abroad. With lower sales resulting in disappointing corporate earnings and lower stock market prices, inflation concerns, and indications that the U.S. government debt will not decline as much as predicted, long term bond yields have actually risen from when the Fed started cutting short term rates. These factors have slowed down any incipient U.S. economic recovery. We expect this environment will present many opportunities to the Fund as it seeks out investments with the greatest potential to provide shareholders with a high level of income and, secondarily, capital appreciation over the balance of the year.

## 10\% Dividend Distribution Policy Continued

The managed $10 \%$ dividend distribution policy adopted by the Fund's Board of Directors in 1997 continues to be well received. The objective is to provide shareholders with a relatively stable cash flow and reduce or eliminate any market price discount to the Fund's net asset value per share. Payments are made primarily from ordinary income and any capital gains, with the balance representing return of capital. We continue to believe shares of the Fund are a sound value and attractive for portfolios seeking total return from capital appreciation and income.

## Purchase Shares at an Attractive Discount

The Fund's current net asset value per share is $\$ 5.68$. With a recent closing on the American Stock Exchange of $\$ 5.26$ per share, we believe this represents an important opportunity to purchase additional shares at an attractive discount from their underlying value. The Fund's Dividend Reinvestment Plan is a very effective way to add to your holding because monthly dividend distributions are reinvested without charge at the lower of net asset value per share or market price, which can contribute importantly to growing your investment over time. Please call 1-888-847-4200, and an Investor Service Representative will be happy to assist you. We appreciate your support and look forward to continuing to serve your investment needs.


Thomas B. Winmill President

Sincerely,

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Marrion E. Morris
Senior Vice President,
Portfolio Manager

## GLOBAL INCOME FUND, INC.

## Schedule of Portfolio Investments—June 30, 2001 (Unaudited)



See accompanying notes to financial statements.

## GLOBAL INCOME FUND, INC.

ParValue
United States (continued)
\$1,000,000 Long Island Lighting Co., 8.20\% Debentures, due 3/15/23 ..... \$ 1,016,290
500,000 Penney (J.C.) Co., Inc., 6.90\% Debentures, due 8/15/26 ..... 481,980
1,000,000 Ryder System Inc., 6.35\% Notes, due 7/28/04 ..... 981,500
1,000,000 U.S. Treasury Note, $5.75 \%$, due 11/15/05 ..... 1,030,125
2,000,000 U.S. Treasury Note, $4.625 \%$, due 5/15/06 ..... 1,973,126
1,000,000 U.S. Treasury Note, $5.75 \%$, due 8/15/10. ..... 1,023,601
1,000,000 U.S. Treasury Note, 5\%, due 2/15/11 ..... 970,626
19,083,958
500,000 Banco Comercial S.A., 8.875\% Bonds, due 5/15/09 ..... 513,750
690,000
455,000 Petrozuata Finance, Inc., 8.22\% Notes, due 4/01/17 (2) ..... 376,513700,012
1,076,525
Supranational/Other (.92\%)
MXN2,400,000 The International Bank for Reconstruction \& Development, 15.875\% Notes, due 2/28/03 (1). ..... 276,616
Total Dept Securities (cost: $\$ 27,625,642$ ) ..... 27,771,160
Shares COMMON STOCKS (2.81\%)
Investment Advice (2.81\%)
15,900 Alliance Capital Management Holding L.P. ..... 843,654
Total Common Stocks (cost: \$732,596) ..... 843,654
Par Value Short Term Investment (4.62\%)
\$1,386,119 State Street Bank \& Trust Repurchase Agreement, 2.00\%, 6/29/01, due 7/2/01 (collateralized by $\$ 1,355,000$ U.S. Treasury Note, $5.375 \%$, due $6 / 30 / 03$, market value: $\$ 1,418,949$, proceeds at maturity: \$1,386,351 ..... $1,386,119$
Total Short Term Investments (cost: $\$ 1,386,119$ ) ..... 1,386,119
Total Investments (cost: \$29,744,357) (100.00\%) ..... \$30,000,933
(1) Par value stated in currency indicated; market value stated in U.S. dollars.
(2) Purchased pursuant to Rule 144A exemption from Federal registration requirements.

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

## GLOBAL INCOME FUND, INC.

| STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES June 30, 2001 (Unaudited) |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| ASSETS: |  |
| Investments at market value (cost: \$29,744,357) | \$30,000,933 |
| Interest receivable. | 506,435 |
| Other assets | 5,322 |
| Total assets | 30,512,690 |
| LIABILITIES: |  |
| Investment securities purchased................. | 499,405 |
| Accrued management fees ........................ | 17,267 |
| Accrued expenses ................................... | 32,363 |
| Total liabilities | 549,035 |
| NET ASSETS: (applicable to 5,277,803 <br> outstanding shares: $20,000,000$ shares of $\$ .01$ par value authorized) | \$29,963,655 |
| NET ASSET VALUE PER SHARE <br> ( $\$ 29,963,655 \div 5,277,803$ shares <br> outstanding) $\qquad$ | \$5.68 |
| At June 30, 2001, net assets consisted of: |  |
| Paid-in capital ........................................ | \$41,389,386 |
| Accumulated net realized loss on investments and foreign currencies | $(11,106,760)$ |
| Accumulated deficit in net investment income $\qquad$ | $(575,916)$ |
| Net unrealized appreciation on investments and foreign currencies. | 256,945 |
|  | \$29,963,655 |

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
Six Months Ended June 30, 2001 (Unaudited)
INVESTMENT INCOME:
Interest ..... \$1,032,976
Dividends ..... 160,330
Total investment income ..... 1,193,306
EXPENSES:
Management (note 3) ..... 103,146
Custodian ..... 41,655
Professional (note 3) ..... 24,632
Directors ..... 17,210
Registration (note 3) ..... 8,658
Transfer agent ..... 8,331
Printing ..... 4,960
Other ..... 38,780
Total operating expenses ..... 247,372
Loan interest and fees ..... 1,101
Total expenses ..... 248,473
Net investment income ..... 944,833
REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS) ON INVESTMENTS, AND FOREIGN CURRENCIES:
Net realized gain on investments ..... 578,695
Net realized loss from foreign currency transactions ..... $(28,280)$
Unrealized depreciation
of investments and foreign currencies ..... $(181,458)$
Net realized and unrealized gain
on investments and foreign currencies ..... 368,957
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations ..... $\$ 1,313,790$

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

## GLOBAL INCOME FUND, INC.

STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
Six Months Ended June 30, 2001 (Unaudited) and Year Ended December 31, 2000

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

## Notes to Financial Statements (Unaudited)

(1) Global Income Fund, Inc. is a Maryland corporation registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, as a non-diversified, closed-end management investment company, whose shares are listed on the American Stock Exchange. The primary objective of the Fund is a high level of income and secondarily, capital appreciation. The Fund seeks to achieve its investment objectives by investing primarily in foreign and domestic fixed income securities. The Fund is subject to the risk of price fluctuations of the securities held in its portfolio which is generally a function of the underlying credit ratings of an issuer, the duration and yield of its securities, and general economic and interest rate conditions. The following is a summary of significant accounting policies consistently followed by the Fund in the preparation of its financial statements. With respect to security valuation, securities traded on a national securities exchange or the Nasdaq National Market System ("NMS") are valued at the last reported sales price on the day the valuations are made. Such securities that are not traded on a particular day and securities traded in the over-the-counter market that are not on NMS are valued at the mean between the current bid and asked prices. Certain of the securities in which the Fund invests are priced through pricing services which may utilize a matrix pricing system which takes into consideration factors such as yields, prices, maturities, call features and ratings on comparable securities. Bonds may be valued according to prices quoted by a dealer in bonds which offers pricing services. Debt obligations with remaining maturities of 60 days or less are valued at cost adjusted for amortization of premiums and accretion of discounts. Securities of foreign issuers denominated in foreign currencies are translated into U.S. dollars at prevailing exchange rates. Forward contracts are marked to market daily and the change in market value is recorded by the Fund as an unrealized gain or loss. When a contract is closed, the Fund records a realized gain or loss equal to the difference between the value of the contract at the time it was opened and the value at the time it was closed. The Fund could be exposed to risk if the counterparties are unable to meet the terms of the contracts or if the value of the currency changes unfavorably. Investment transactions are accounted for on the trade date (the date the order to buy or sell is executed). Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Discounts and premiums on securities purchased are amortized over the life of the respective securities. Dividends and distributions to shareholders are recorded on the exdividend date. In preparing financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles, management makes estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, as well as the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.
(2) The Fund intends to comply with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code applicable to regulated investment companies and to distribute substantially all of its taxable investment income and net capital gains, if any, after utilization of any capital loss carryforward, to its shareholders and therefore no Federal income tax provision is required. At December 31, 2000, the Fund had an unused capital loss carryforward of approximately $\$ 11,685,000$ of which $\$ 4,111,000$ expires in 2001, $\$ 173,000$ in 2003, $\$ 1,880,000$ in 2004, $\$ 214,000$ in 2006, $\$ 3,926,000$ in 2007 and $\$ 1,381,000$ in 2008. Based on Federal income tax cost of $\$ 29,744,357$, gross unrealized appreciation and gross unrealized depreciation were $\$ 652,619$ and $\$ 396,043$, respectively, at June 30, 2001. Distributions paid to shareholders during the year ended December 31, 2000 differ from net investment income and net gains (losses) from security, foreign currency, and futures transactions as determined for financial reporting purposes. These distributions are shown under "Distributions to Shareholders" in the Statements of Changes in Net Assets.
(3) The Fund retains CEF Advisers, Inc. as its Investment Manager. Under the terms of the Investment Management Agreement, the Investment Manager receives a management fee, payable monthly, based on the average weekly net assets of the Fund at the annual rate of $7 / 10$ of $1 \%$ of the first $\$ 250$ million, 5/8 of $1 \%$ from $\$ 250$ million to $\$ 500$ million, and $1 / 2$ of $1 \%$ over $\$ 500$ million. This fee is calculated by determining the average of net assets on each Friday of a month and applying the applicable rate to such average for the number of days in the month. Certain officers and directors of the Fund are officers and direc-
tors of the Investment Manager. The Fund reimbursed the Investment Manager \$14,604 for providing certain administrative and accounting services at cost for the six months ended June 30, 2001.
(4) The Fund has entered into an arrangement with its custodian whereby interest earned on uninvested cash balances was used to offset a portion of the Fund's expenses. Purchases and sales of securities other than short term notes aggregated $\$ 25,648,679$ and $\$ 26,040,611$, respectively, for the six months ended June 30, 2001. A forward currency contract is an obligation to purchase or sell a specific currency for an agreed-upon price at a future date. When the Fund purchases or sells foreign securities it customarily enters into a forward currency contract to minimize foreign exchange risk between the trade date and the settlement date of such transactions. The Fund could be exposed to risk if counterparties to the contracts are unable to meet the terms of their contracts. The Fund had no forward currency contracts outstanding at June 30, 2001.
(5) The Fund may borrow through a committed bank line of credit. At June 30, 2001, there was no balance outstanding on the line of credit and the interest rate was equal to the Federal Reserve Funds Rate plus 1.00 percentage point. For the six months ended June 30, 2001, there were no borrowing on the bank line of credit.
(6) The tax character of distributions paid to shareholders was as follows:

|  | Six Months Ended <br> June 30, 2001 | Year Ended <br> December 31, 2000 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Distributions paid from: <br> Ordinary income <br> Return of capital | $\$ 1,492,469$ | $\$ 2,143,663$ <br> $\$ 1,492,469$ |

It is anticipated that a reclassification of ordinary income and return of capital is likely to occur for the year ended December 31, 2001, although the exact amount is not estimated at June 30, 2001.

At the Annual Meeting of Shareholders ("Annual Meeting") of the Fund held on November 28, 2000, shareholders were asked to elect one director, to ratify the selection of independent auditors for the fiscal period ending December 31, 2000, and to change the classification of the Fund from a diversified to a nondiversified investment company. Shareholders elected Robert D. Anderson as a director of the Fund with $4,269,718.576$ shares voting in favor and $118,103.550$ shares voting to withhold authority. The names of each other director whose term of office continued after the meeting are George B. Langa, Peter K. Werner, Thomas B. Winmill and Bassett S. Winmill. Regarding ratification of independent auditors, $4,399,208.576$ shares voted in favor, 60,974.550 shares voted against, and 27,639 shares voted to abstain. Regarding the change of the Fund's classification from a diversified to a non-diversified investment company, the meeting was adjourned to permit further solicitation of proxies. At the re-convened Annual Meeting held on January 10, 2001, regarding the proposal to change the classification of the Fund from a diversified to a non-diversified investment company, 2,621,816.479 shares voted in favor, $617,470.934$ shares voted against, 99,145.246 shares voted to abstain, and 1,828,906.891 shares were unvoted.

## GLOBAL INCOME FUND, INC.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

|  | (Unaudited) | 2000 | 1999 | 1999 | 199 | 1997 | 1996 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| PER SHARE DATA* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Net asset value at beginning of period ...................... | \$5.7 | \$5.77 | \$5.99 | \$6.93 | \$8.43 | \$7.92 | \$8.00 |
| Income from investment operations: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments | . 07 | . 11 | (.15) | (.81) | (1.18) | . 59 | 23 |
| Total from investment operations. | . 25 | . 53 | . 08 | (.26) | (.66) | 1.10 | . 49 |
| Less distributions: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tax return of capital to sha | - | (.16) | (.07) | (.13) | (.32) | - | (.31) |
| Total distributions | (.29) | (.58) | (.30) | (.68) | (.84) | (.59) | (.57) |
| Net asset value at end of period | \$5.68 | \$5.72 | \$5.77 | \$5.99 | \$6.93 | \$8.43 | \$7.92 |
| Per share market value at end of period ................... $\quad$ \$5.30 $\quad$ \$4.69 $\quad$ \$4.44 $\quad$ \$5.19 $\quad$ \$6.44 $\quad$ \$8.50 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| total return on net asset value BASIS | 4.98\% | 9.05\% | 2.52\% | (2.23) \% | (8.44)\% | 14.71\% | 6.26\% |
| TOTAL RETURN ON MARKET VALUE BASIS (a) | 19.47\% | 19.75\% | (8.96) $\%$ | (8.85) ${ }^{\text {\% }}$ | (15.65) \% | 15.71\% |  |
| RATIOS/SUPPLEMENTAL DATA |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Net assets at end of period (000's omitted) ................ | \$29,964 | \$29,783 | \$29,060 | \$29,600 | $\underline{\$ 33,024}$ | \$25,361 | $\underline{\$ 30,865}$ |
| Average net assets | \$29,796 | $\underline{\underline{\$ 29,240}}$ | $\underline{\underline{\$ 29,448}}$ | \$30,261 | \$25,232 | \$24,694 | \$35,803 |
| Ratio of expenses before loan interest, commitment fees and nonrecurring expenses. | 1.67\%** | 1.38\% | 1.48\%** | 1.46\% | 1.58\% | 2.00\% |  |
| Ratio of expenses to average net assets (b).............. | 1.68\%** | 2.69\% | 2.26\%** | 2.45\% | 3.52\% | 2.71\% | 2.18\% |
| Ratio of net investment income to average net assets... | 6.39\%** | 8.31\% | 9.21\%** | 8.95\% | 8.53\% | 7.35\% | 6.55\% |
| Portfolio turnover rate............................................ | 89\% | 259\% | 115\% | 183\% | 328\% | 475\% | 585 \% |

* Per share income and operating expenses and net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments have been computed using the average number of shares outstanding. These computations had no effect on net asset value per share.
** Annualized.
(a) Effective February 7, 1997, the Fund converted from an open-end management investment company to a closed-end management investment company. The Fund has calculated total return on market value basis based on purchases and sales of shares of the Fund at current market values and reinvestment of dividends and distributions at prices obtained under the dividend reinvestment plan. The calculation does not reflect brokerage commissions, if any.
(b) Ratio after custodian credits was $2.66 \%, 2.24 \%^{* *}, 2.43 \%$ and $3.42 \%$ for the year ended December 31, 2000, six months ended December 31, 1999 and the years ended June 30, 1999 and 1998, respectively. There were no custodian credits for the six months ended June 30, 2001.


## GLOBAL INCOME FUND, INC.

## DIRECTORS

BASSETT S. WINMILL Chairman
ROBERT D. ANDERSON ${ }^{1}$
Vice Chairman
GEORGE B. LANGA ${ }^{1}$
PETER K. WERNER ${ }^{1}$
THOMAS B. WINMILL, Esq.
${ }^{1}$ Member, Audit Committee

## STOCK DATA

Price (6/30/01)....................................... \$5.30
Net Asset Value (6/30/01)......................... \$5.68
Discount..................................................... 6.6\%
American Stock Exchange Trading Symbol: GIF
Newspaper exchange listings appear under an abbreviation, such as: Glinc

## OFFICERS

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## 2001 DISTRIBUTION PAYMENT DATES

| January 31 | May 31 | September 28 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| February 28 | June 30 | October 31 |
| March 30 | July 31 | November 30 |
| April 30 | August 31 | December 28 |

April 30
August 31
December 28

## DIVIDEND REINVESTMENT PLAN

The Fund has adopted a Dividend Reinvestment Plan (the "Plan"). Under the Plan, each dividend and capital gain distribution, if any, declared by the Fund on outstanding shares will, unless elected otherwise by each shareholder by notifying the Fund in writing at any time prior to the record date for a particular dividend or distribution, be paid on the payment date fixed by the Board of Directors or a committee thereof in additional shares. If the Market Price (as defined below) per share is equal to or exceeds the net asset value per share at the time shares are valued for the purpose of determining the number of shares equivalent to the cash dividend or capital gain distribution on the Valuation Date, participants will be issued additional shares equal to the amount of such dividend divided by the Fund's net asset value per share. If the Market Price per share is less than such net asset value on the Valuation Date, participants will be issued additional shares equal to the amount of such dividend divided by the Market Price. The Valuation Date is the dividend or distribution payment date or, if that date is not an American Stock Exchange trading day, the next trading day. For all purposes of the Plan: (a) the Market Price of the shares on a particular date shall be the average closing market price on the five trading days the shares traded ex-dividend on the Exchange prior to such date or, if no sale occurred on any of these days, then the mean between the closing bid and asked quotations for the shares on the Exchange on such day, and (b) net asset value per share on a particular date shall be as determined by or on behalf of the Fund.

