

Eaton Vance Floating-Rate Income Trust  
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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM N-CSR**

**CERTIFIED SHAREHOLDER REPORT OF REGISTERED  
MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES**

Investment Company Act file number      811-21574

Eaton Vance Floating-Rate Income Trust  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

The Eaton Vance Building, 255 State Street, Boston, Massachusetts  
(Address of principal executive offices)

02109  
(Zip code)

Alan R. Dynner  
The Eaton Vance Building,  
255 State Street,  
Boston, Massachusetts 02109  
(Name and address of agent for service)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:      (617) 482-8260

Date of fiscal year end:      May 31

Date of reporting period:      May 31, 2005

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**Item 1. Reports to Stockholders**

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Annual Report May 31, 2005

EATON VANCE  
FLOATING-  
RATE INCOME  
TRUST

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**Eaton Vance Floating-Rate Income Trust as of May 31, 2005**

**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION OF FUND PERFORMANCE**

**The Trust**

**Performance for the Period ended May 31, 2005**

Based on its May 2005 monthly dividend of \$0.101 and a closing share price of \$18.07, Eaton Vance Floating-Rate Income Trust, a closed-end fund traded on the New York Stock Exchange (the Trust), had a market yield of 6.71%.<sup>(1)</sup>

Based on share price (traded on the New York Stock Exchange), the Trust had a total return of -0.52% for the period from inception on June 29, 2004 through May 31, 2005. That return was the result of a decrease in share price from \$19.10 (offering price of \$20.00 per share, less all commissions) on June 29, 2004 to \$18.07 on May 31, 2005 and the reinvestment of \$0.952 in regular monthly dividends.<sup>(2)</sup>

Based on net asset value, the Trust had a total return of 3.72% for the period from inception on June 29, 2004 through May 31, 2005. That return was the result of a decrease in net asset value per share from \$19.10 (offering price, less all commissions) on November 30, 2004 to \$18.84 on May 31, 2005, and the reinvestment of all distributions.<sup>(2)</sup>

For performance comparison, the S&P/LSTA Leveraged Loan Index, had a return of 3.77% for the period from June 30, 2004 through May 31, 2005.<sup>(3)</sup>

**Management Discussion**

The Trust's investment objective is to provide a high level of current income. The Trust will, as a secondary objective, also seek preservation of capital to the extent consistent with its primary goal of high current income. The Trust invests primarily in senior, secured floating rate loans.

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The Trust's loan investments represented 351 borrowers at May 31, 2005 and reflected a continued effort at diversification. The Trust's average loan size was just 0.28% of net assets, and no industry constituted more than 9.1% of the Trust's loan investments. Health care, containers and glass products, building and development (which includes companies that manage/own apartments, shopping malls and commercial office buildings, among others), publishing, and leisure goods/activities/movies were the largest sector weightings.\*

Credit conditions remained relatively strong during the period, as companies in the Trust generally produced sufficient cash flow to meet debt service requirements. The automotive industry, however, showed continued margin pressures. Based on gross assets, the Trust had a 4.2% (of total investments) exposure to this area, compared with a 5.3% weighting in the S&P/LSTA Leveraged Loan Index.(3) Importantly, the Trust's holdings were diversified among 19 companies.

Supply-and-demand factors for the loan asset class varied during the period, resulting in a small downward movement in the Trust's NAV per share. Demand exceeded supply in the first quarter of 2005, but waned slightly in the second quarter, as certain crossover investors sold loans to take advantage of wider spreads in the high-yield bond market. At the end of the period, with the loan supply having steadied, technical factors appeared to be more balanced.

No specific sectors significantly underperformed within the Trust's portfolio. At this point in the credit cycle, we currently expect to maintain a relatively high quality portfolio, especially given the heightened liquidity and general loosening of credit standards.

Due to tight credit spreads in the high-yield bond market in the fall of 2004, the Trust lowered its exposure to high-yield bonds in late 2004. As a percentage of net assets/total investments, high-yield bonds represented 13.6%/8.5% at May 31, 2005. A lower weighting limited potential NAV volatility when high-yield spreads widened in the first quarter of 2005.

At May 31, 2005, the Trust had leverage in the amount of approximately 38% of the Trust's total assets. The Trust employs leverage through the issuance of Auction Preferred Shares ( APS ).(4) Use of financial leverage creates an opportunity for increased income, but, at the same time, creates special risks (including the likelihood of greater volatility of net asset value and market price of common shares). The cost of the Trust's APS rises and falls with changes in short-term interest rates. Such increases in cost of the Trust's APS may be offset by increased income from the Trust's senior loan investments.

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(1) The Trust's market yield is calculated by dividing the most recent dividend per share by the share market price at the end of the period and annualizing the result.

(2) Performance results reflect the effect of leverage resulting from the Trust's issuance of Auction Preferred Shares.

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*(3) It is not possible to invest directly in an Index. The Index's total return reflects changes in value of the loans comprising the Index and accrual of interest and does not reflect the commissions or expenses that would have been incurred if an investor individually purchased or sold the loans represented in the Index. Unlike the Trust, the Index's return does not reflect the effect of leverage, such as the issuance of auction preferred shares.*

*(4) In the event of a rise in long-term interest rates, the value of the Trust's investment portfolio could decline, which would reduce the asset coverage for its Auction Preferred Shares.*

Shares of the Trust are not insured by the FDIC and are not deposits or other obligations of, or guaranteed by, any depository institution. Shares are subject to investment risks, including possible loss of principal invested. Yield will vary.

*Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Returns are historical and are calculated by determining the percentage change in net asset value or share price (as applicable) with all distributions reinvested. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate so that shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Performance is for the stated time period only; due to market volatility, the Trust's current performance may be lower or higher than the quoted return.*

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\* Holdings and industry weightings are subject to change due to active management.

**PERFORMANCE**

**Performance(1)**

Average Annual Total Return (by share price, NYSE)

Life of Fund (6/29/04)	-0.52%
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Average Annual Total Return (at net asset value)

Life of Fund (6/29/04)	3.72%
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*(1) Performance results reflect the effect of leverage resulting from the Trust's issuance of Auction Preferred Shares. In the event of a rise in long-term interest rates, the value of the Trust's investment portfolio could decline, which would reduce the asset coverage for its Auction Preferred Shares.*

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*The views expressed in this report are those of the portfolio managers and are current only through the end of the period of the report as stated on the cover. These views are subject to change at any time based upon market or other conditions, and Eaton Vance disclaims any responsibility to update such views. These views may not be relied on as investment advice and, because investment decisions for an Eaton Vance fund are based on many factors, may not be relied on as an indication of trading intent on behalf of any Eaton Vance fund.*

**Diversification by Industries (2)**

Healthcare	6.3%
Telecommunications	5.8
Containers & Glass Products	5.6
Building & Development	5.6
Cable & Satellite Television	5.6
Chemicals & Plastics	5.5
Publishing	5.4



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Leisure Goods/Activities/Movies	5.1
Radio & Television	4.8
Automotive	4.3
Oil & Gas	3.8
Lodging & Casinos	3.3
Retailers (Except Food & Drug)	3.1
Financial Intermediaries	2.9
Business Equip. & Services	2.8
Electronics/Electrical	2.6
Utilities	2.5
Food Service	2.2
Forest Products	2.1
Conglomerates	1.9
Aerospace & Defense	1.8
Food/Drug Retailers	1.7%
Nonferrous Metals/Minerals	1.7
Food Products	1.5
Beverage & Tobacco	1.5
Home Furnishings	1.4
Industrial Equipment	1.3
Ecological Services & Equip.	1.3
Insurance	1.1
Surface Transport	1.0
Equipment Leasing	0.9
Cosmetics/Toiletries	0.5
Rail Industries	0.5
Drugs	0.4
Semiconductors	0.4
Air Transport	0.4
Broadcast Media	0.4
Clothing/Textiles	0.3
Commercial Services	0.2
Consumer Products	0.2
Manufacturing	0.2
Farming/Agriculture	0.1

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(2) Reflects the Trust's investments as of May 31, 2005. Industries are shown as a percentage of the Trust's total loan and corporate bond and note investments. Statistics may not be representative of current or future investments and are subject to change due to active management.

### Investment Diversification(3)

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(3) Reflects the Trust's investments as of May 31, 2005. Investment types are shown as a percentage of the Trust's total investments. Statistics may not be representative of current or future investments and are subject to change due to active management.

## Eaton Vance Floating-Rate Income Trust as of May 31, 2005

## PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS

Senior, Floating Rate Interests - 143.9% <sup>(1)</sup>			
Principal Amount		Borrower/Tranche Description	Value
Aerospace and Defense - 2.5%			
Alliant Tech Systems, Inc.			
\$	720,000	Term Loan, 4.63%, Maturing March 31, 2009	\$ 721,800
CACI International, Inc.			
	4,221,786	Term Loan, 4.96%, Maturing May 3, 2011	4,263,125
DRS Technologies, Inc.			
	3,038,721	Term Loan, 4.97%, Maturing November 4, 2010	3,068,160
Hexcel Corp.			
	590,000	Term Loan, 5.24%, Maturing March 1, 2012	592,397
K&F Industries, Inc.			
	785,650	Term Loan, 5.62%, Maturing November 18, 2012	794,325
Standard Aero Holdings, Inc.			
	3,194,181	Term Loan, 5.35%, Maturing August 24, 2012	3,246,087
Transdigm, Inc.			
	2,977,475	Term Loan, 4.94%, Maturing July 22, 2010	3,013,764
Vought Aircraft Industries, Inc.			
	1,316,894	Term Loan, 5.61%, Maturing December 22, 2011	1,335,824
Wyle Laboratories, Inc.			
	315,000	Term Loan, 5.96%, Maturing January 28, 2011	319,922
			\$ 17,355,404
Air Transport - 0.7%			
United Airlines, Inc.			
\$	4,952,188	DIP Loan, 7.50%, Maturing June 30, 2005	\$ 4,987,264
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Automotive - 6.4%			
Accuride Corp.			
\$	2,712,213	Term Loan, 5.31%, Maturing January 31, 2012	\$ 2,713,343
Affina Group, Inc.			
	687,278	Term Loan, 5.44%, Maturing November 30, 2011	678,687
Collins & Aikman Products Co.			
	2,018,479	Revolving Loan, 7.94%, Maturing August 31, 2011	1,868,774
CSA Acquisition Corp.			
	254,279	Term Loan, 5.13%, Maturing December 23, 2011	255,233
	409,058	Term Loan, 5.13%, Maturing December 23, 2011	410,592
Dayco Products, LLC			

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	1,538,375	Term Loan, 6.28%, Maturing June 23, 2011	1,556,643
Exide Technologies			
	518,936	Term Loan, 6.81%, Maturing May 5, 2010	498,178
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Federal-Mogul Corp.			
	2,000,000	Term Loan, 5.60%, Maturing June 30, 2005	1,770,834
Principal Amount		Borrower/Tranche Description	Value
Automotive (continued)			
\$	4,745,224	Revolving Loan, 6.34%, Maturing June 30, 2005 <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 4,768,950
	563,750	Term Loan, 6.85%, Maturing June 30, 2005	565,159
	2,852,861	Revolving Loan, 4.85%, Maturing December 31, 2005 <sup>(2)</sup>	2,571,854
Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.			
	2,500,000	Revolving Loan, 0.00%, Maturing April 30, 2010 <sup>(2)</sup>	2,493,750
	980,000	Term Loan, 4.67%, Maturing April 30, 2010	981,532
	3,290,000	Term Loan, 5.89%, Maturing April 30, 2010	3,284,516
	1,000,000	Term Loan, 6.64%, Maturing March 1, 2011	982,250
HLI Operating Co., Inc.			
	1,528,306	Term Loan, 6.64%, Maturing June 3, 2009	1,534,037
	750,000	Term Loan, 8.88%, Maturing June 3, 2010	738,750
Key Automotive Group			
	3,548,287	Term Loan, 6.17%, Maturing June 29, 2010	3,530,545
Metaldyne Corp.			
	3,065,525	Term Loan, 7.62%, Maturing December 31, 2009	