

CORNERSTONE TOTAL RETURN FUND INC  
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FORM N-Q

QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS OF REGISTERED  
MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY

Investment Company Act file number 811-02363

Cornerstone Total Return Fund, Inc.

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

260 Madison Avenue, 8th Floor New York, New York 10016  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

Frank J. Maresca

Ultimus Fund Solutions, LLC 260 Madison Avenue, 8th Floor New York, NY 10016

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(Name and address of agent for service)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (646) 881-4985

Date of fiscal year end: December 31, 2010

Date of reporting period: March 31, 2010

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## Item 1. Schedule of Investments.

CORNERSTONE TOTAL RETURN FUND, INC.  
SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS - MARCH 31, 2010 (UNAUDITED)

| Description                                     | No. of Shares | Value     |
|---|---------------|-----------|
| EQUITY SECURITIES - 99.96%                      |               |           |
| CLOSED-END FUNDS - 9.62%                        |               |           |
| CORE - 4.72%                                    |               |           |
| Adams Express Company (The) (a)                 | 59,400        | \$626,670 |
| Liberty All-Star Equity Fund                    | 37,000        | 175,750   |
| Royce Micro-Cap Trust, Inc.                     | 8,200         | 67,158    |
| Royce Value Trust, Inc.                         | 8,000         | 94,720    |
|   |               | 964,298   |
| HIGH CURRENT YIELD (LEVERAGED) - 0.13%          |               |           |
| First Trust Strategic High Income Fund          | 8,000         | 26,160    |
| OPTION ARBITRAGE/OPTIONS STRATEGIES - 1.47%     |               |           |
| NFJ Dividend, Interest & Premium Strategy Fund  | 19,000        | 300,580   |
| REAL ESTATE - 0.45%                             |               |           |
| Cohen & Steers Quality Income Realty Fund, Inc. | 13,000        | 92,690    |
| SECTOR EQUITY - 2.53%                           |               |           |
| H&Q Healthcare Investors                        | 14,400        | 184,608   |
| H&Q Life Sciences Investors                     | 9,000         | 92,520    |
| John Hancock Bank and Thrift Opportunity Fund   | 14,200        | 238,702   |
|   |               | 515,830   |
| U.S. MORTGAGE - 0.32%                           |               |           |
| BlackRock Income Trust, Inc.                    | 9,896         | 64,918    |
| TOTAL CLOSED-END FUNDS                          |               | 1,964,476 |
| CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY - 8.84%                  |               |           |
| Amazon.com, Inc. *                              | 1,000         | 135,730   |
| Bed Bath & Beyond, Inc. *                       | 2,500         | 109,400   |
| Carnival Corporation                            | 2,500         | 97,200    |
| Comcast Corporation - Class A                   | 2,012         | 37,866    |
| Comcast Corporation - Special Class A           | 4,250         | 76,373    |
| DIRECTV Group, Inc. (The) - Class A *           | 4,000         | 135,240   |
| Ford Motor Company *                            | 5,000         | 62,850    |
| Gap, Inc. (The)                                 | 2,500         | 57,775    |
| Home Depot, Inc. (The)                          | 5,000         | 161,750   |

See accompanying notes to schedule of investments.



CORNERSTONE TOTAL RETURN FUND, INC.  
 SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS - MARCH 31, 2010 (UNAUDITED) (Continued)

CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY (Continued)

|                              |       |           |
|------------------------------|-------|-----------|
| Mattel, Inc.                 | 1,500 | \$34,110  |
| News Corporation - Class B ^ | 2,500 | 42,525    |
| NIKE, Inc. - Class B         | 2,500 | 183,750   |
| Starbucks Corporation        | 2,500 | 60,675    |
| Target Corporation           | 1,500 | 78,900    |
| Time Warner Cable, Inc.      | 669   | 35,664    |
| Time Warner, Inc.            | 2,666 | 83,366    |
| TJX Companies, Inc. (The)    | 2,500 | 106,300   |
| Viacom, Inc. - Class B *     | 1,000 | 34,380    |
| Walt Disney Company (The)    | 5,000 | 174,550   |
| Yum! Brands, Inc.            | 2,500 | 95,825    |
|                              |       | 1,804,229 |

CONSUMER STAPLES - 10.40%

|                                   |       |           |
|-----------------------------------|-------|-----------|
| Altria Group, Inc.                | 5,000 | 102,600   |
| Coca-Cola Company (The)           | 5,000 | 275,000   |
| Coca-Cola Enterprises             | 2,500 | 69,150    |
| Colgate-Palmolive Company         | 1,000 | 85,260    |
| ConAgra Foods, Inc.               | 2,500 | 62,675    |
| General Mills, Inc.               | 1,500 | 106,185   |
| H.J. Heinz Company                | 2,700 | 123,147   |
| PepsiCo, Inc.                     | 2,000 | 132,320   |
| Philip Morris International, Inc. | 3,500 | 182,560   |
| Procter & Gamble Company (The)    | 6,472 | 409,483   |
| Sara Lee Corporation              | 2,500 | 34,825    |
| Walgreen Company                  | 4,100 | 152,069   |
| Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.             | 7,000 | 389,200   |
|                                   |       | 2,124,474 |

ENERGY - 10.21%

|                                  |        |           |
|----------------------------------|--------|-----------|
| Anadarko Petroleum Corporation   | 1,000  | 72,830    |
| Chevron Corporation              | 3,500  | 265,405   |
| Consol Energy, Inc.              | 1,500  | 63,990    |
| Devon Energy Corporation         | 2,500  | 161,075   |
| El Paso Corporation              | 5,000  | 54,200    |
| EOG Resources, Inc.              | 1,000  | 92,940    |
| Exxon Mobil Corporation          | 10,000 | 669,800   |
| Halliburton Company              | 2,500  | 75,325    |
| National Oilwell Varco, Inc.     | 1,000  | 40,580    |
| Occidental Petroleum Corporation | 4,000  | 338,160   |
| Schlumberger Ltd.                | 3,000  | 190,380   |
| Southwestern Energy Company *    | 1,500  | 61,080    |
|                                  |        | 2,085,765 |

See accompanying notes to schedule of investments.



CORNERSTONE TOTAL RETURN FUND, INC.  
 SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS - MARCH 31, 2010 (UNAUDITED) (Continued)

## FINANCIALS - 13.86%

|   |        |           |
|---|--------|-----------|
| AFLAC, Inc.                                 | 1,500  | \$81,435  |
| American Express Company                    | 2,000  | 82,520    |
| AON Corporation                             | 2,500  | 106,775   |
| Bank of America Corporation                 | 10,521 | 187,800   |
| Bank of New York Mellon Corporation (The) ^ | 2,800  | 86,464    |
| BB&T Corporation ^                          | 2,000  | 64,780    |
| Capital One Financial Corporation           | 2,500  | 103,525   |
| Chubb Corporation (The)                     | 1,000  | 51,850    |
| Citigroup, Inc. *                           | 24,000 | 97,200    |
| Discover Financial Services                 | 1,000  | 14,900    |
| Franklin Resources, Inc.                    | 1,000  | 110,900   |
| Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. (The)             | 1,500  | 255,945   |
| Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc.     | 1,000  | 28,420    |
| Hudson City Bancorp, Inc.                   | 2,500  | 35,400    |
| JPMorgan Chase & Company                    | 12,200 | 545,950   |
| MetLife, Inc.                               | 1,500  | 65,010    |
| Morgan Stanley                              | 2,000  | 58,580    |
| PNC Financial Services Group, Inc.          | 1,000  | 59,700    |
| Prudential Financial, Inc.                  | 1,500  | 90,750    |
| SunTrust Banks, Inc.                        | 1,500  | 40,185    |
| Travelers Companies, Inc. (The)             | 3,092  | 166,782   |
| U.S. Bancorp ^                              | 3,500  | 90,580    |
| Unum Group                                  | 2,500  | 61,925    |
| Wells Fargo & Company                       | 11,000 | 342,320   |
|   |        | 2,829,696 |

## HEALTH CARE - 11.07%

|                                |        |         |
|--------------------------------|--------|---------|
| Abbott Laboratories            | 3,000  | 158,040 |
| Amgen, Inc. *                  | 3,000  | 179,280 |
| Baxter International, Inc.     | 2,500  | 145,500 |
| Bristol-Myers Squibb Company   | 4,000  | 106,800 |
| Celgene Corporation ^ *        | 1,000  | 61,960  |
| Cigna Corporation              | 3,000  | 109,740 |
| Eli Lilly & Company            | 2,500  | 90,550  |
| Express Scripts, Inc. *        | 1,200  | 122,112 |
| Gilead Sciences, Inc. *        | 2,000  | 90,960  |
| Johnson & Johnson              | 5,500  | 358,600 |
| McKesson Corporation           | 2,500  | 164,300 |
| Medco Health Solutions, Inc. * | 1,000  | 64,560  |
| Medtronic, Inc.                | 4,500  | 202,635 |
| Merck & Company, Inc.          | 2,500  | 93,375  |
| Pfizer, Inc.                   | 14,462 | 248,023 |

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CORNERSTONE TOTAL RETURN FUND, INC.  
 SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS - MARCH 31, 2010 (UNAUDITED) (Continued)

## HEALTH CARE (Continued)

|                   |       |           |
|-------------------|-------|-----------|
| WellPoint, Inc. * | 1,000 | \$64,380  |
|                   |       | 2,260,815 |

## INDUSTRIALS - 9.63%

|                                       |        |           |
|---------------------------------------|--------|-----------|
| 3M Company                            | 1,500  | 125,355   |
| Danaher Corporation                   | 1,000  | 79,910    |
| Deere & Company                       | 1,500  | 89,190    |
| Emerson Electric Company              | 2,500  | 125,850   |
| FedEx Corporation                     | 1,500  | 140,100   |
| General Dynamics Corporation          | 1,000  | 77,200    |
| General Electric Company              | 24,000 | 436,800   |
| Illinois Tool Works, Inc.             | 3,500  | 165,760   |
| Lockheed Martin Corporation           | 2,500  | 208,050   |
| Precision Castparts Corporation       | 1,000  | 126,710   |
| Republic Services, Inc.               | 1,125  | 32,648    |
| Union Pacific Corporation             | 2,500  | 183,250   |
| United Parcel Service, Inc. - Class B | 1,000  | 64,410    |
| United Technologies Corporation       | 1,500  | 110,415   |
|                                       |        | 1,965,648 |

## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY - 17.43%

|   |        |           |
|---|--------|-----------|
| Agilent Technologies, Inc. *                | 2,500  | 85,975    |
| AOL, Inc. *                                 | 242    | 6,127     |
| Apple, Inc. *                               | 2,000  | 469,860   |
| Automatic Data Processing, Inc.             | 2,500  | 111,175   |
| CA, Inc.                                    | 2,500  | 58,675    |
| Cisco Systems, Inc. *                       | 13,000 | 338,390   |
| Corning, Inc.                               | 3,000  | 60,630    |
| eBay, Inc. *                                | 2,500  | 67,375    |
| Google, Inc. - Class A *                    | 1,000  | 567,010   |
| Hewlett-Packard Company                     | 5,000  | 265,750   |
| Intel Corporation                           | 11,000 | 244,860   |
| International Business Machines Corporation | 2,200  | 282,150   |
| Intuit, Inc. *                              | 2,500  | 85,850    |
| Micron Technology, Inc. *                   | 2,000  | 20,780    |
| Microsoft Corporation                       | 14,000 | 409,780   |
| Oracle Corporation                          | 12,600 | 323,694   |
| Paychex, Inc.                               | 2,500  | 76,750    |
| Texas Instruments, Inc.                     | 2,000  | 48,940    |
| Western Union Company (The)                 | 2,000  | 33,920    |
|   |        | 3,557,691 |

## MATERIALS - 3.04%

|                                |       |         |
|--------------------------------|-------|---------|
| Air Products & Chemicals, Inc. | 1,500 | 110,925 |
|--------------------------------|-------|---------|

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CORNERSTONE TOTAL RETURN FUND, INC.  
SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS - MARCH 31, 2010 (UNAUDITED) (Continued)

## MATERIALS (Continued)

|                                      |       |           |
|--------------------------------------|-------|-----------|
| E.I. Du Pont de Nemours & Company    | 4,800 | \$178,752 |
| Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold, Inc. | 2,500 | 208,850   |
| Monsanto Company                     | 1,000 | 71,420    |
| Newmont Mining Corporation           | 1,000 | 50,930    |
|                                      |       | 620,877   |

## REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST - 0.01%

|                            |    |       |
|----------------------------|----|-------|
| Simon Property Group, Inc. | 16 | 1,342 |
|----------------------------|----|-------|

## TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES - 2.67%

|  |        |         |
|--|--------|---------|
| AT&T, Inc.                               | 11,089 | 286,540 |
| Qwest Communications International, Inc. | 5,000  | 26,100  |
| Verizon Communications, Inc.             | 7,500  | 232,650 |
|  |        | 545,290 |

## UTILITIES - 3.18%

|                           |       |         |
|---------------------------|-------|---------|
| AES Corporation (The) *   | 3,000 | 33,000  |
| Consolidated Edison, Inc. | 1,000 | 44,540  |
| Dominion Resources, Inc.  | 2,000 | 82,220  |
| Duke Energy Corporation   | 6,600 | 107,712 |
| Exelon Corporation        | 2,500 | 109,525 |
| NiSource, Inc.            | 2,500 | 39,500  |
| Southern Company (The)    | 3,500 | 116,060 |
| Xcel Energy, Inc.         | 5,500 | 116,600 |
|                           |       | 649,157 |

|   |  |            |
|---|--|------------|
| TOTAL EQUITY SECURITIES (cost - \$20,032,438) |  | 20,409,460 |
|---|--|------------|

## SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS - 2.04%

## MONEY MARKET FUND - 0.32%

|  |        |        |
|--|--------|--------|
| JPMorgan U.S. Government Money Market Fund | 65,237 | 65,237 |
|--|--------|--------|

Principal  
Amount (000's)

## REPURCHASE AGREEMENT - 1.72%

|   |       |         |
|---|-------|---------|
| J.P. Morgan Securities, Inc. †<br>(Agreement dated 3/31/2010 to be repurchased at \$352,200, 0.12%, 4/1/2010,<br>collateralized by 364,489 in United States Treasury Notes) | \$352 | 352,200 |
|---|-------|---------|

|   |  |         |
|---|--|---------|
| TOTAL SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS (cost - \$417,437) |  | 417,437 |
|---|--|---------|

See accompanying notes to schedule of investments.

CORNERSTONE TOTAL RETURN FUND, INC.  
 SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS - MARCH 31, 2010 (UNAUDITED) (Continued)

|   |    |            |
|---|----|------------|
| TOTAL INVESTMENTS - 102.00% (cost - \$20,449,875) | \$ | 20,826,897 |
| LIABILITIES IN EXCESS OF OTHER ASSETS - (2.00)%   |    | (407,957 ) |
| NET ASSETS - 100.00%                              | \$ | 20,418,940 |

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(a) Affiliated investment. The Fund holds 3.07% (based on net assets) of Adams Express Company. A director of the Fund also serves as a director to such company. There were no purchase or sales of this security during the three months ended March 31, 2010. The Fund earned \$2,970 in income during the three months ended March 31, 2010.

\* Non-income producing security.

^ Security or a portion thereof is out on loan.

† Represents investment purchased with collateral received for securities on loan.

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CORNERSTONE TOTAL RETURN FUND, INC.  
 NOTES TO SCHEDULES OF INVESTMENTS  
 March 31, 2010 (UNAUDITED)

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Federal Income Tax Cost: At March 31, 2010 the identified cost for federal income tax purposes, as well as the gross unrealized appreciation from investments for those securities having an excess of value over cost, gross unrealized depreciation from investments for those securities having an excess of cost over value and the net unrealized appreciation from investments were \$20,449,875, \$2,259,915, \$(1,882,893) and \$377,022 respectively.

As required by the Fair Value Measurement and Disclosures Topic of the FASB Accounting Standards Codification, the Fund has performed an analysis of all assets and liabilities measured at fair value to determine the significance and character of all inputs to their fair value determination.

The fair value hierarchy prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value into the following three broad categories.

- Level 1 – quoted unadjusted prices for identical instruments in active markets to which the Fund has access at the date of measurement.
- Level 2 – quoted prices for similar instruments in active markets; quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in markets that are not active; and model-derived valuations in which all significant inputs and significant value drivers are observable in active markets. Level 2 inputs are those in markets for which there are few transactions, the prices are not current, little public information exists or instances where prices vary substantially over time or among brokered market makers.
- Level 3 – model derived valuations in which one or more significant inputs or significant value drivers are unobservable. Unobservable inputs are those inputs that reflect the Fund’s own assumptions that market participants would use to price the asset or liability based on the best available information.

The following is a summary of the inputs used as of March 31, 2010 in valuing the Fund’s investments carried at value:

| Valuation Inputs                              | INVESTMENTS<br>IN<br>SECURITIES | OTHER<br>FINANCIAL<br>INSTRUMENTS* |
|---|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Level 1 - Quoted Prices                       | \$ 20,409,460                   | \$ -                               |
| Level 2 - Other Significant Observable Inputs | 417,437                         | -                                  |
| Level 3 – Significant Unobservable Inputs     | -                               | -                                  |
| Total   | \$ 20,826,897                   | \$ -                               |

\* Other financial instruments include futures, forwards and swap contracts.

During the period the Fund did not have any significant transfers in and out of Level 1 or Level 2.

The Fund did not have any assets or liabilities that were measured at fair value on a recurring basis using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) at March 31, 2010.

New Accounting Pronouncement: In January 2010, the FASB Accounting Standards Board issued Accounting Standards Update (“ASU”) No. 2010-06 “Improving Disclosures about Fair Value Measurements”. ASU 2010-06 amends FASB Accounting Standards Codification Topic, Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures, to require additional disclosures regarding fair value measurements. Certain disclosures required by ASU No. 2010-06 are effective for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2009 and have been reflected herein while other required disclosures are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2010, and for interim periods within those fiscal years. Management is currently evaluating the impact ASU No. 2010-06 will have on its financial statement disclosures.

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The Fund is exposed to financial market risks, including the valuations of its investment portfolio. For the period ended March 31, 2010, the Fund did not engage in derivative instruments and other hedging activities.

Securities valuation policies and other investment related disclosures are hereby incorporated by reference to the Fund's annual report previously filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the Form N-CSR on March 5, 2010 with a file number 811-02363.

Other information regarding the Fund is available in the Fund's most recent annual report filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the Form N-CSR on March 5, 2010, file number 811-02363. This information is also available to registered shareholders by calling (800) 937-5449. For general inquiries, please call (513) 326-3597. This information is also available on the website of the Securities and Exchange Commission – <http://www.sec.gov>.

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Item 2.

Controls and Procedures.

(a) Based on their evaluation of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 30a-3(c) under the Investment Company Act of 1940) as of a date within 90 days of the filing date of this report, the registrant's principal executive officer and principal financial officer have concluded that such disclosure controls and procedures are reasonably designed and are operating effectively to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to them by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared, and that such information is recorded, processed, summarized, and reported on a timely basis.

(b) There were no changes in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the Investment Company Act of 1940) that occurred during the registrant's last fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Item 3.

Exhibits.

File as exhibits as part of this Form a separate certification for each principal executive officer and principal financial officer of the registrant as required by Rule 30a-2(a) under the Act (17 CFR 270.30a-2(a)): Attached hereto

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

(Registrant) Cornerstone Total Return Fund, Inc.

By (Signature and Title)\*                                /s/ Ralph W. Bradshaw  
Ralph W. Bradshaw, President and  
Chairman  
(Principal Executive Officer)

Date                                May 24, 2010

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

By (Signature and Title)\*                                /s/ Ralph W. Bradshaw  
Ralph W. Bradshaw, President and  
Chairman  
(Principal Executive Officer)

Date                                May 24, 2010

By (Signature and Title)\*                                /s/ Frank J. Maresca  
Frank J. Maresca, Treasurer (Principal  
Financial Officer)

Date                                May 24, 2010

\* Print the name and title of each signing officer under his or her signature.