

Eaton Vance Tax-Managed Diversified Equity Income Fund  
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**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**CERTIFIED SHAREHOLDER REPORT OF REGISTERED**  
**MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES**  
**Investment Company Act File Number: 811-21832**

**Eaton Vance Tax-Managed Diversified Equity Income Fund**  
**(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)**

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**(Address of Principal Executive Offices)**

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**(Name and Address of Agent for Services)**

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**(Registrant's Telephone Number)**

**October 31**

**Date of Fiscal Year End**

**October 31, 2015**

**Date of Reporting Period**

**Item 1. Reports to Stockholders**

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**Commodity Futures Trading Commission Registration.** Effective December 31, 2012, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ( CFTC ) adopted certain regulatory changes that subject registered investment companies and advisers to regulation by the CFTC if a fund invests more than a prescribed level of its assets in certain CFTC-regulated instruments (including futures, certain options and swap agreements) or markets itself as providing investment exposure to such instruments. The Fund has claimed an exclusion from the definition of the term commodity pool operator under the Commodity Exchange Act. Accordingly, neither the Fund nor the adviser with respect to the operation of the Fund is subject to CFTC regulation. Because of its management of other strategies, the Fund's adviser is registered with the CFTC as a commodity pool operator and a commodity trading advisor.

**Managed Distribution Plan.** Pursuant to an exemptive order issued by the Securities and Exchange Commission (Order), the Fund is authorized to distribute long-term capital gains to shareholders more frequently than once per year. Pursuant to the Order, the Fund's Board of Trustees approved a Managed Distribution Plan (MDP) pursuant to which the Fund makes monthly cash distributions to common shareholders, stated in terms of a fixed amount per common share.

The Fund currently distributes monthly cash distributions equal to \$0.0843 per share in accordance with the MDP. You should not draw any conclusions about the Fund's investment performance from the amount of these distributions or from the terms of the MDP. The MDP will be subject to regular periodic review by the Fund's Board of Trustees and the Board may amend or terminate the MDP at any time without prior notice to Fund shareholders. However, at this time there are no reasonably foreseeable circumstances that might cause the termination of the MDP.

The Fund may distribute more than its net investment income and net realized capital gains and, therefore, a distribution may include a return of capital. A return of capital distribution does not necessarily reflect the Fund's investment performance and should not be confused with yield or income. With each distribution, the Fund will issue a notice to shareholders and a press release containing information about the amount and sources of the distribution and other related information. The amounts and sources of distributions contained in the notice and press release are only estimates and are not provided for tax purposes. The amounts and sources of the Fund's distributions for tax purposes will be reported to shareholders on Form 1099-DIV for each calendar year.

**Fund shares 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.**

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#### Management's Discussion of Fund Performance

##### Economic and Market Conditions

Most major U.S. stock indices delivered gains for the 12 months ended October 31, 2015, as a late-period rally helped U.S. stocks overcome earlier losses.

After opening the period on a choppy note, U.S. stocks rebounded in the final weeks of 2014, buoyed by positive economic data and the U.S. Federal Reserve (the Fed) ending its bond-buying stimulus program. In the first quarter of 2015, harsh winter weather, along with West Coast port strikes and the strong U.S. dollar, adversely impacted U.S. economic growth. Although an improving job market and rising retail sales helped the U.S. economy regain some momentum, weakness persisted in certain areas, such as factory output. The uneven pattern of economic growth led the Fed to reassure investors in mid-June 2015 that eventual interest-rate hikes would be gradual and would proceed slowly. U.S. stocks rose following the Fed's reassurance, with the technology-laden NASDAQ Composite Index reaching a new record high. Subsequently, however, the mounting Greek debt crisis and signs of economic weakness in China sent U.S. stocks lower. U.S. equity markets dropped in August 2015 on growing concerns about China and the timing of the Fed's first rate hike. U.S. stocks fell further in September 2015 after the Fed decided to leave interest rates unchanged, but a strong late-period rally sparked by new stimulus measures in China and Europe helped U.S. stocks recoup their previous losses.

The blue-chip Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 4.06% for the 12-month period, while the broader U.S. equity market, as represented by the S&P 500 Index, gained 5.20%. The NASDAQ Composite Index finished the period up 10.39%. Large-cap U.S. stocks (as measured by the Russell 1000® Index) generally fared better than their small-cap counterparts (as measured by the Russell 2000® Index). Growth stocks as a group outpaced value stocks in both the large- and small-cap categories.

##### Fund Performance

For the 12-month period ended October 31, 2015, Eaton Vance Tax-Managed Diversified Equity Income Fund (the Fund) had a total return of 6.38% at net asset value (NAV), outperforming the 5.20% return of the Fund's primary benchmark, the S&P 500 Index (the Index), and underperforming the 6.47% return of the Fund's secondary benchmark, the CBOE S&P 500 BuyWrite Index.

The Fund's common stock allocation outperformed the Index during the period. Stock selection in the consumer staples, consumer discretionary and telecommunication services sectors contributed to Fund performance versus the Index.

Within consumer staples, the Fund's overweight position in alcoholic beverage firm Constellation Brands, Inc. aided Fund performance relative to the Index, as sales volume grew, the company raised prices and its Mexican beer brands increased its market share. Elsewhere in the sector, the Fund's overweight position in tobacco firm Altria Group, Inc. helped relative Fund performance, as the company benefited from increased cigarette sales. In the consumer discretionary sector, the Fund's overweight position in Amazon.com, Inc. contributed to Fund performance relative to the Index. The stock rose sharply in response to Amazon's accelerating growth and profitability, as well as greater disclosure of the financial and operating details of the firm's web services cloud computing business. Also in consumer discretionary, the Fund's overweight position in athletic wear maker NIKE, Inc. lifted relative Fund performance, as the company benefited from strong growth in revenue and future orders.

In contrast, stock selection in the information technology, health care and financials sectors detracted from Fund performance relative to the Index. Within information technology, the Fund's underweight position in Microsoft Corp. detracted from relative Fund performance. The Fund

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sold its holdings in Microsoft during the period and missed the stock's subsequent gains later in the period. (The Fund then added Microsoft back to the portfolio before period-end.) Also in information technology, the Fund's overweight position in wireless technology firm QUALCOMM, Inc. hurt relative Fund performance, as the company lost market share to Asian competitors. QUALCOMM was sold during the period. In the health care sector, the Fund's holding in pharmaceutical firm AbbVie, Inc. dragged on relative Fund performance. AbbVie was sold during the period after its shares were negatively impacted by increased media focus on high drug prices.

The Fund's options strategy contributed to the Fund's performance versus the Index. The options strategy, which is designed to help limit the Fund's exposure to market volatility and to provide current income, proved beneficial during a 12-month period marked by heightened volatility in the equity market. During the periods of market volatility, the Fund's writing (selling) of covered call options aided Fund performance versus the Index, as premium income added to returns and some sold calls ended in profits.

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*Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Returns are historical and are calculated by determining the percentage change in net asset value (NAV) or market price (as applicable) with all distributions reinvested and includes management fees and other expenses. Fund performance at market price will differ from its results at NAV due to factors such as changing perceptions about the Fund, market conditions, fluctuations in supply and demand for Fund shares, or changes in Fund distributions. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate so that shares, when sold, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Performance less than one year is cumulative. Performance is for the stated time period only; due to market volatility, current Fund performance may be lower or higher than the quoted return. For performance as of the most recent month-end, please refer to [eatonvance.com](http://eatonvance.com).*



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Performance<sup>2</sup>**Portfolio Manager** Michael A. Allison, CFA

<b>% Average Annual Total Returns</b>	<b>Inception Date</b>	<b>One Year</b>	<b>Five Years</b>	<b>Since Inception</b>
Fund at NAV	11/30/2006	6.38%	10.57%	6.37%
Fund at Market Price		5.57	10.34	5.66
S&P 500 Index		5.20%	14.32%	6.78%
CBOE S&P 500 BuyWrite Index		6.47	7.95	4.13

<b>% Premium/Discount to NAV<sup>3</sup></b>	5.83%
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**Distributions<sup>4</sup>**

Total Distributions per share for the period	\$ 1.012
Distribution Rate at NAV	8.42%
Distribution Rate at Market Price	8.94%

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#### Fund Snapshot

**Objective** The primary investment objective is to provide current income and gains, with a secondary objective of capital appreciation.

**Strategy** The Fund invests in a diversified portfolio of domestic and foreign common stocks with an emphasis on dividend paying stocks and writes (sells) S&P 500 Index call options with respect to a portion of the value of its common stock portfolio to generate current cash flow from the options premium received. The Fund evaluates returns on an after tax basis and seeks to minimize and defer federal income taxes incurred by shareholders in connection with their investment in the Fund.

<b>Options Strategy</b>	Write Index Covered Calls
<b>Equity Benchmark<sup>1</sup></b>	S&P 500 Index
<b>Morningstar Category</b>	Large Blend
<b>Distribution Frequency</b>	Monthly
<b>Common Stock Portfolio</b>	
<b>Positions Held</b>	55
<b>% US / Non-US</b>	93.5/6.5
<b>Average Market Cap</b>	\$162.8 Billion
<b>Call Options Written</b>	
<b>% of Stock Portfolio</b>	47%
<b>Average Days to Expiration</b>	17 days
<b>% In the Money</b>	0.9%

The following terms as used in the Fund snapshot:

**Average Market Cap:** An indicator of the size of the companies in which the Fund invests and is the sum of each security's weight in the portfolio multiplied by its market cap. Market Cap is determined by multiplying the price of a share of a company's common stock by the number of shares outstanding.

**Call Option:** For an index call option, the buyer has the right to receive from the seller (or writer) a cash payment at the option expiration date equal to any positive difference between the value of the index at contract expiration and the exercise price. The buyer of a call option makes a cash payment (premium) to the seller (writer) of the option upon entering into the option contract.

**Covered Call Strategy:** A strategy of owning a portfolio of common stocks and writing call options on all or a portion of such stocks to generate current earnings from option premium.

**In the Money:** For a call option on a common stock or an index, the extent to which the current price of the stock or value of the index exceeds the exercise price of the option.

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#### Fund Profile

#### Sector Allocation (% of total investments)<sup>5</sup>

#### Top 10 Holdings (% of total investments)<sup>5</sup>

Apple, Inc.	4.7%
Alphabet, Inc., Class C	4.0
General Electric Co.	3.8
Walt Disney Co. (The)	3.2
Visa, Inc., Class A	3.2
Amazon.com, Inc.	3.0
JPMorgan Chase & Co.	2.8
Johnson & Johnson	2.6
Danaher Corp.	2.6
Gilead Sciences, Inc.	2.6
Total	32.5%

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#### Endnotes and Additional Disclosures

- <sup>1</sup> The views expressed in this report are those of the portfolio manager(s) and are current only through the date stated at the top of this page. These views are subject to change at any time based upon market or other conditions, and Eaton Vance and the Fund(s) disclaim any responsibility to update such views. These views may not be relied upon as investment advice and, because investment decisions are based on many factors, may not be relied upon as an indication of trading intent on behalf of any Eaton Vance fund. This commentary may contain statements that are not historical facts, referred to as forward looking statements. The Fund's actual future results may differ significantly from those stated in any forward looking statement, depending on factors such as changes in securities or financial markets or general economic conditions, the volume of sales and purchases of Fund shares, the continuation of investment advisory, administrative and service contracts, and other risks discussed from time to time in the Fund's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.
- <sup>2</sup> NASDAQ Composite Index is a market capitalization-weighted index of all domestic and international securities listed on NASDAQ. Dow Jones Industrial Average is a price-weighted average of 30 blue-chip stocks that are generally the leaders in their industry. S&P 500 Index is an unmanaged index of large-cap stocks commonly used as a measure of U.S. stock market performance. Russell 1000<sup>®</sup> Index is an unmanaged index of 1,000 U.S. large-cap stocks. Russell 2000<sup>®</sup> Index is an unmanaged index of 2,000 U.S. small-cap stocks. CBOE S&P 500 BuyWrite Index measures the performance of a hypothetical buy-write strategy on the S&P 500 Index. Unless otherwise stated, index returns do not reflect the effect of any applicable sales charges, commissions, expenses, taxes or leverage, as applicable. It is not possible to invest directly in an index. Performance since inception for an index, if presented, is the performance since the Fund's or oldest share class inception, as applicable.
- <sup>3</sup> The shares of the Fund often trade at a discount or premium from their net asset value. The discount or premium of the Fund may vary over time and may be higher or lower than what is quoted in this report. For up-to-date premium/discount information, please refer to <http://eatonvance.com/closedend>.
- <sup>4</sup> The Distribution Rate is based on the Fund's last regular distribution per share in the period (annualized) divided by the Fund's NAV or market price at the end of the period. The Fund's distributions may be comprised of amounts characterized for federal income tax purposes as qualified and non-qualified ordinary dividends, capital gains and nondividend distributions, also known as return of capital. For additional information about nondividend distributions, please refer to Eaton Vance Closed-End Fund Distribution Notices (19a) posted on our website, [eatonvance.com](http://eatonvance.com). The Fund will determine the federal income tax character of distributions paid to a shareholder after the end of the calendar year. This is reported on the IRS form 1099-DIV and provided to the shareholder shortly after each year-end. For information about the tax character of distributions made in prior calendar years, please refer to Performance-Tax Character of Distributions on the Fund's webpage available at [eatonvance.com](http://eatonvance.com). In recent years, a significant portion of the Fund's distributions has been characterized as a return of capital. The Fund's distributions are determined by the investment adviser based on its current assessment of the Fund's long-term return potential. As portfolio and market conditions change, the rate of distributions paid by the Fund could change.
- <sup>5</sup> Depictions do not reflect the Fund's option positions. Excludes cash and cash equivalents.

Fund snapshot and profile subject to change due to active management.

#### Important Notice to Shareholders

Effective June 30, 2015, the Fund is managed by Michael A. Allison, CFA.

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## Portfolio of Investments

Common Stocks 100.8%

Security	Shares	Value
<b>Aerospace &amp; Defense 2.0%</b>		
United Technologies Corp.	368,894	\$ 36,302,859
		<b>\$ 36,302,859</b>
<b>Banks 7.0%</b>		
Bank of America Corp.	2,189,009	\$ 36,731,571
JPMorgan Chase & Co.	800,838	51,453,841
PNC Financial Services Group, Inc. (The)	406,242	36,667,403
		<b>\$ 124,852,815</b>
<b>Beverages 1.8%</b>		
Constellation Brands, Inc., Class A	246,161	\$ 33,182,503
		<b>\$ 33,182,503</b>
<b>Biotechnology 4.5%</b>		
Celgene Corp. <sup>(1)</sup>	279,095	\$ 34,247,747
Gilead Sciences, Inc.	432,596	46,776,606
		<b>\$ 81,024,353</b>
<b>Capital Markets 2.4%</b>		
Credit Suisse Group AG	1,345,884	\$ 33,567,987
Credit Suisse Group AG <sup>(2)(3)(4)</sup>	416,677	10,016,817
		<b>\$ 43,584,804</b>
<b>Chemicals 1.3%</b>		
PPG Industries, Inc.	117,101	\$ 12,208,950
Praxair, Inc.	106,691	11,852,303
		<b>\$ 24,061,253</b>

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<b>Diversified Telecommunication Services 1.4%</b>			
Verizon Communications, Inc.		186,164	\$ 8,727,369
Zayo Group Holdings, Inc. <sup>(1)</sup>		628,142	16,664,607
			<b>\$ 25,391,976</b>
<b>Electric Utilities 1.7%</b>			
NextEra Energy, Inc.		303,038	\$ 31,109,881
			<b>\$ 31,109,881</b>
<b>Electronic Equipment, Instruments &amp; Components 2.5%</b>			
Corning, Inc.		2,387,661	\$ 44,410,495
			<b>\$ 44,410,495</b>
<b>Security</b>		<b>Shares</b>	<b>Value</b>
<b>Energy Equipment &amp; Services 1.1%</b>			
Schlumberger, Ltd.		248,103	\$ 19,391,731
			<b>\$ 19,391,731</b>
<b>Food &amp; Staples Retailing 1.0%</b>			
Kroger Co. (The)		478,847	\$ 18,100,417
			<b>\$ 18,100,417</b>
<b>Food Products 3.9%</b>			
General Mills, Inc.		631,112	\$ 36,673,918
Mondelez International, Inc., Class A		731,787	33,779,288
			<b>\$ 70,453,206</b>
<b>Health Care Equipment &amp; Supplies 1.6%</b>			
Medtronic PLC		388,236	\$ 28,698,405
			<b>\$ 28,698,405</b>
<b>Industrial Conglomerates 6.4%</b>			
Danaher Corp.		503,177	\$ 46,951,446
General Electric Co.		2,369,859	68,536,322
			<b>\$ 115,487,768</b>
<b>Insurance 3.5%</b>			
Aflac, Inc.		445,717	\$ 28,414,459
American Financial Group, Inc.		134,105	9,681,040
XL Group PLC		652,834	24,859,918
			<b>\$ 62,955,417</b>
<b>Internet &amp; Catalog Retail 3.8%</b>			

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Amazon.com, Inc. <sup>(1)</sup>	85,641	\$ 53,602,702
Netflix, Inc. <sup>(1)</sup>	131,599	14,262,700
		<b>\$ 67,865,402</b>

### Internet Software & Services 6.9%

Alphabet, Inc., Class C <sup>(1)</sup>	102,705	\$ 73,003,741
Facebook, Inc., Class A <sup>(1)</sup>	357,834	36,488,333
Twitter, Inc. <sup>(1)</sup>	481,272	13,697,001
		<b>\$ 123,189,075</b>

### IT Services 3.2%

Visa, Inc., Class A	733,838	\$ 56,931,152
		<b>\$ 56,931,152</b>



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## Portfolio of Investments continued

Security	Shares	Value
<b>Media 6.2%</b>		
Comcast Corp., Class A	487,773	\$ 30,544,345
Live Nation Entertainment, Inc. <sup>(1)</sup>	851,054	23,216,753
Walt Disney Co. (The)	503,755	57,297,094
		<b>\$ 111,058,192</b>
<b>Multi-Utilities 1.8%</b>		
Sempra Energy	315,975	\$ 32,359,000
		<b>\$ 32,359,000</b>
<b>Multiline Retail 3.2%</b>		
Dollar General Corp.	575,681	\$ 39,013,901
Target Corp.	237,797	18,353,173
		<b>\$ 57,367,074</b>
<b>Oil, Gas &amp; Consumable Fuels 6.2%</b>		
Anadarko Petroleum Corp.	219,373	\$ 14,671,666
Devon Energy Corp.	471,874	19,785,677
Exxon Mobil Corp.	533,005	44,100,834
Occidental Petroleum Corp.	439,264	32,742,738
		<b>\$ 111,300,915</b>
<b>Pharmaceuticals 8.0%</b>		
Bristol-Myers Squibb Co.	378,754	\$ 24,978,826
Eli Lilly & Co.	315,351	25,723,181
Johnson & Johnson	467,957	47,277,696
Perrigo Co. PLC	178,118	28,096,333
Teva Pharmaceutical Industries, Ltd. ADR	299,665	17,737,172
		<b>\$ 143,813,208</b>
<b>Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) 2.6%</b>		
Simon Property Group, Inc.	230,303	\$ 46,396,842

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\$ 46,396,842

Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment 3.9%

Intel Corp. 1,112,421 \$ 37,666,575  
 NXP Semiconductors NV<sup>(1)</sup> 409,928 32,117,859

\$ 69,784,434

Software 4.0%

Microsoft Corp. 439,939 \$ 23,158,389  
 Oracle Corp. 800,744 31,100,897  
 Tableau Software, Inc., Class A<sup>(1)</sup> 212,173 17,814,045

\$ 72,073,331

Security

Shares Value

Technology Hardware, Storage & Peripherals 4.7%

Apple, Inc. 703,896 \$ 84,115,572

\$ 84,115,572

Textiles, Apparel & Luxury Goods 2.4%

NIKE, Inc., Class B 329,377 \$ 43,158,268

\$ 43,158,268

Tobacco 1.8%

Altria Group, Inc. 525,164 \$ 31,756,668

\$ 31,756,668

Total Common Stocks 100.8%

(identified cost \$1,695,647,028) \$ 1,810,177,016

Call Options Written (0.8)%

Description	Number of Contracts	Strike Price	Expiration Date	Value
S&P 500 Index	930	\$ 2,020	11/6/15	\$ (5,570,700)
S&P 500 Index	1,190	2,035	11/13/15	(5,991,650)
S&P 500 Index	815	2,095	11/20/15	(1,238,800)
S&P 500 Index	1,200	2,100	11/27/15	(1,854,000)

Total Call Options Written (premiums received \$7,580,439) \$ (14,655,150)

Other Assets, Less Liabilities (0.0)% \$ (31,501)

Net Assets 100.0% \$ 1,795,490,365

The percentage shown for each investment category in the Portfolio of Investments is based on net assets.

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(1) Non-income producing security.

(2) Includes 55,557 shares to be issued upon mandatory exercise of rights pursuant to the share subscription offering.

(3) Restricted security (see Note 6).

(4) When-issued security.

(5) Amount is less than (0.05)%.

**Abbreviations:**

ADR      American Depositary Receipt

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities

<b>Assets</b>	<b>October 31, 2015</b>
Investments, at value (identified cost, \$1,695,647,028)	\$ 1,810,177,016
Foreign currency, at value (identified cost, \$9,034,259)	8,920,230
Dividends receivable	1,686,998
Interest receivable from affiliated investment	2,027
Receivable for investments sold	91,658,237
Receivable for premiums on written options	2,367,190
Tax reclaims receivable	1,733,469
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 1,916,545,167</b>

<b>Liabilities</b>	
Written options outstanding, at value (premiums received, \$7,580,439)	\$ 14,655,150
Payable for investments purchased	72,253,205
Payable for when-issued securities	9,323,188
Payable for closed written options	16,376,244
Due to custodian	6,666,201
Payable to affiliates:	
Investment adviser fee	1,496,921
Trustees fees	5,667
Accrued expenses	278,226
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 121,054,802</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 1,795,490,365</b>

<b>Sources of Net Assets</b>	
Common shares, \$0.01 par value, unlimited number of shares authorized, 149,444,220 shares issued and outstanding	\$ 1,494,442
Additional paid-in capital	1,671,120,096
Accumulated net realized gain	15,272,010
Net unrealized appreciation	107,603,817
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 1,795,490,365</b>

<b>Net Asset Value</b> (\$1,795,490,365 ÷ 149,444,220 common shares issued and outstanding)	<b>\$ 12.01</b>
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## Statement of Operations

	<b>Year Ended</b>
	<b>October 31, 2015</b>
<b>Investment Income</b>	
Dividends (net of foreign taxes, \$78,248)	\$ 49,671,164
Other income	1,582,475
Interest income allocated from affiliated investment	20,010
Expenses allocated from affiliated investment	(1,750)
<b>Total investment income</b>	<b>\$ 51,271,899</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Investment adviser fee	\$ 18,304,473
Trustees' fees and expenses	68,000
Custodian fee	430,558
Transfer and dividend disbursing agent fees	18,915
Legal and accounting services	86,575
Printing and postage	610,123
Miscellaneous	196,194
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$ 19,714,838</b>
Deduct	
Reduction of custodian fee	\$ 8
<b>Total expense reductions</b>	<b>\$ 8</b>
<b>Net expenses</b>	<b>\$ 19,714,830</b>
<b>Net investment income</b>	<b>\$ 31,557,069</b>
<b>Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss)</b>	
Net realized gain (loss)	
Investment transactions	\$ 123,596,436
Investment transactions allocated from affiliated investment	42
Written options	(2,438,741)
Foreign currency transactions	247,241
<b>Net realized gain</b>	<b>\$ 121,404,978</b>
Change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	
Investments	\$ (60,471,142)
Written options	9,642,528
Foreign currency	92,599
<b>Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation)</b>	<b>\$ (50,736,015)</b>
<b>Net realized and unrealized gain</b>	<b>\$ 70,668,963</b>
<b>Net increase in net assets from operations</b>	<b>\$ 102,226,032</b>

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## Statements of Changes in Net Assets

	<b>Year Ended October 31,</b>	
	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
<b>Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets</b>		
From operations		
Net investment income	\$ 31,557,069	\$ 48,424,890
Net realized gain from investment transactions, written options, and foreign currency and forward foreign currency exchange contract transactions	121,404,978	11,738,765
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) from investments, written options, foreign currency and forward foreign currency exchange contracts	(50,736,015)	161,957,216
<b>Net increase in net assets from operations</b>	<b>\$ 102,226,032</b>	<b>\$ 222,120,871</b>
Distributions to shareholders		
From net investment income	\$ (31,647,552)	\$ (48,853,351)
From net realized gain	(119,530,221)	
Tax return of capital		(102,336,224)
<b>Total distributions</b>	<b>\$ (151,177,773)</b>	<b>\$ (151,189,575)</b>
Capital share transactions		
Cost of shares repurchased (see Note 5)	\$	\$ (1,503,887)
<b>Net decrease in net assets from capital share transactions</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$ (1,503,887)</b>
<b>Net increase (decrease) in net assets</b>	<b>\$ (48,951,741)</b>	<b>\$ 69,427,409</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		
At beginning of year	\$ 1,844,442,106	\$ 1,775,014,697
<b>At end of year</b>	<b>\$ 1,795,490,365</b>	<b>\$ 1,844,442,106</b>

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## Financial Highlights

	Year Ended October 31,				
	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
Net asset value Beginning of year	\$ 12.340	\$ 11.870	\$ 10.960	\$ 10.830	\$ 12.210
<b>Income (Loss) From Operations</b>					
Net investment income <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 0.211	\$ 0.324 <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 0.195	\$ 0.138	\$ 0.121
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	0.471	1.157	1.798	1.062	(0.227)
<b>Total income (loss) from operations</b>	<b>\$ 0.682</b>	<b>\$ 1.481</b>	<b>\$ 1.993</b>	<b>\$ 1.200</b>	<b>\$ (0.106)</b>
<b>Less Distributions</b>					
From net investment income	\$ (0.212)	\$ (0.327)	\$ (0.398)	\$ (0.137)	\$ (0.122)
From net realized gain	(0.800)		(0.698)		
Tax return of capital		(0.685)		(0.948)	(1.152)
<b>Total distributions</b>	<b>\$ (1.012)</b>	<b>\$ (1.012)</b>	<b>\$ (1.096)</b>	<b>\$ (1.085)</b>	<b>\$ (1.274)</b>
<b>Anti-dilutive effect of share repurchase program (see Note 5)<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$ 0.001</b>	<b>\$ 0.013</b>	<b>\$ 0.015</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Net asset value End of year</b>	<b>\$ 12.010</b>	<b>\$ 12.340</b>	<b>\$ 11.870</b>	<b>\$ 10.960</b>	<b>\$ 10.830</b>
<b>Market value End of year</b>	<b>\$ 11.310</b>	<b>\$ 11.710</b>	<b>\$ 10.720</b>	<b>\$ 9.510</b>	<b>\$ 9.210</b>
<b>Total Investment Return on Net Asset Value<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>6.38%</b>	<b>13.64%</b>	<b>20.61%</b>	<b>13.68%</b>	<b>(0.27)%</b>
<b>Total Investment Return on Market Value<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>5.57%</b>	<b>19.41%</b>	<b>25.53%</b>	<b>15.99%</b>	<b>(10.88)%</b>
<b>Ratios/Supplemental Data</b>					
Net assets, end of year (000 s omitted)	\$ 1,795,490	\$ 1,844,442	\$ 1,775,015	\$ 1,654,326	\$ 1,651,551
Ratios (as a percentage of average daily net assets):					
Expenses <sup>(4)</sup>	1.07%	1.08%	1.09%	1.07%	1.07%
Net investment income	1.72%	2.65% <sup>(2)</sup>	1.71%	1.27%	1.03%
Portfolio Turnover	85%	83%	130%	30%	63%

<sup>(1)</sup> Computed using average shares outstanding.

<sup>(2)</sup> Net investment income per share includes special dividends which amounted to \$0.234 per share. Excluding special dividends, the ratio of net investment income to average daily net assets would have been 0.74%.

<sup>(3)</sup> Returns are historical and are calculated by determining the percentage change in net asset value or market value with all distributions reinvested. Distributions are assumed to be reinvested at prices obtained under the Fund's dividend reinvestment plan.

<sup>(4)</sup> Excludes the effect of custody fee credits, if any, of less than 0.005%.





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#### 1 Significant Accounting Policies

Eaton Vance Tax-Managed Diversified Equity Income Fund (the Fund) is a Massachusetts business trust registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the 1940 Act), as a diversified, closed-end management investment company. The Fund's primary investment objective is to provide current income and gains, with a secondary objective of capital appreciation.

The following is a summary of significant accounting policies of the Fund. The policies are in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP). The Fund is an investment company and follows accounting and reporting guidance in the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification Topic 946.

**A Investment Valuation** The following methodologies are used to determine the market value or fair value of investments.

**Equity Securities.** Equity securities listed on a U.S. securities exchange generally are valued at the last sale or closing price on the day of valuation or, if no sales took place on such date, at the mean between the closing bid and asked prices therefore on the exchange where such securities are principally traded. Equity securities listed on the NASDAQ Global or Global Select Market generally are valued at the NASDAQ official closing price. Unlisted or listed securities for which closing sales prices or closing quotations are not available are valued at the mean between the latest available bid and asked prices.

**Derivatives.** Exchange-traded options are valued at the mean between the bid and asked prices at valuation time as reported by the Options Price Reporting Authority for U.S. listed options or by the relevant exchange or board of trade for non-U.S. listed options. Over-the-counter options are valued by a third party pricing service using techniques that consider factors including the value of the underlying instrument, the volatility of the underlying instrument and the period of time until option expiration. Forward foreign currency exchange contracts are generally valued at the mean of the average bid and average asked prices that are reported by currency dealers to a third party pricing service at the valuation time. Such third party pricing service valuations are supplied for specific settlement periods and the Fund's forward foreign currency exchange contracts are valued at an interpolated rate between the closest preceding and subsequent settlement period reported by the third party pricing service.

**Foreign Securities and Currencies.** Foreign securities and currencies are valued in U.S. dollars, based on foreign currency exchange rate quotations supplied by a third party pricing service. The pricing service uses a proprietary model to determine the exchange rate. Inputs to the model include reported trades and implied bid/ask spreads. The daily valuation of exchange-traded foreign securities generally is determined as of the close of trading on the principal exchange on which such securities trade. Events occurring after the close of trading on foreign exchanges may result in adjustments to the valuation of foreign securities to more accurately reflect their fair value as of the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange. When valuing foreign equity securities that meet certain criteria, the Fund's Trustees have approved the use of a fair value service that values such securities to reflect market trading that occurs after the close of the applicable foreign markets of comparable securities or other instruments that have a strong correlation to the fair-valued securities.

**Affiliated Fund.** The Fund may invest in Eaton Vance Cash Reserves Fund, LLC (Cash Reserves Fund), an affiliated investment company managed by Eaton Vance Management (EVM). The value of the Fund's investment in Cash Reserves Fund reflects the Fund's proportionate interest in its net assets. Cash Reserves Fund generally values its investment securities utilizing the amortized cost valuation technique in accordance with Rule 2a-7 under the 1940 Act. This technique involves initially valuing a portfolio security at its cost and thereafter assuming a constant amortization to maturity of any discount or premium. If amortized cost is determined not to approximate fair value, Cash Reserves Fund may value its investment securities based on available market quotations provided by a third party pricing service.

**Fair Valuation.** Investments for which valuations or market quotations are not readily available or are deemed unreliable are valued at fair value using methods determined in good faith by or at the direction of the Trustees of the Fund in a manner that fairly reflects the security's value, or the amount that the Fund might reasonably expect to receive for the security upon its current sale in the ordinary course. Each such determination is based on a consideration of relevant factors, which are likely to vary from one pricing context to another. These factors may include, but are not limited to, the type of security, the existence of any contractual restrictions on the security's disposition, the price and extent of public trading in similar securities of the issuer or of comparable companies or entities, quotations or relevant information obtained from broker/dealers or other market participants, information obtained from the issuer, analysts, and/or the appropriate stock exchange (for exchange-traded securities), an analysis of the company's or entity's financial condition, and an evaluation of the forces that influence the issuer and

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the market(s) in which the security is purchased and sold.

**B Investment Transactions** Investment transactions for financial statement purposes are accounted for on a trade date basis. Realized gains and losses on investments sold are determined on the basis of identified cost.

**C Income** Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date for dividends received in cash and/or securities. However, if the ex-dividend date has passed, certain dividends from foreign securities are recorded as the Fund is informed of the ex-dividend date. Withholding taxes on foreign dividends and capital gains have been provided for in accordance with the Fund's understanding of the applicable countries' tax rules and rates. In consideration of recent decisions rendered by European courts, the Fund has filed additional tax reclaims for previously withheld taxes on dividends earned in certain European Union countries. These filings are subject to various administrative and judicial proceedings within these countries. During the year ended October 31, 2015, the Fund received approximately \$1,582,000 from Finland for previously withheld dividend taxes and interest thereon. Such amount is reflected as other income on the Statement of Operations. No other amounts for additional tax reclaims are reflected in the financial statements due to the uncertainty as to the ultimate resolution of proceedings, the likelihood of receipt of these reclaims, and the potential timing of payment. Interest income is recorded on the basis of interest accrued, adjusted for amortization of premium or accretion of discount.

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**D Federal Taxes** The Fund's policy is to comply with the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code applicable to regulated investment companies and to distribute to shareholders each year substantially all of its net investment income, and all or substantially all of its net realized capital gains. Accordingly, no provision for federal income or excise tax is necessary.

As of October 31, 2015, the Fund had no uncertain tax positions that would require financial statement recognition, de-recognition, or disclosure. The Fund files a U.S. federal income tax return annually after its fiscal year-end, which is subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service for a period of three years from the date of filing.

**E Expense Reduction** State Street Bank and Trust Company (SSBT) serves as custodian of the Fund. Pursuant to the custodian agreement, SSBT receives a fee reduced by credits, which are determined based on the average daily cash balance the Fund maintains with SSBT. All credit balances, if any, used to reduce the Fund's custodian fees are reported as a reduction of expenses in the Statement of Operations.

**F Foreign Currency Translation** Investment valuations, other assets, and liabilities initially expressed in foreign currencies are translated each business day into U.S. dollars based upon current exchange rates. Purchases and sales of foreign investment securities and income and expenses denominated in foreign currencies are translated into U.S. dollars based upon currency exchange rates in effect on the respective dates of such transactions. Recognized gains or losses on investment transactions attributable to changes in foreign currency exchange rates are recorded for financial statement purposes as net realized gains and losses on investments. That portion of unrealized gains and losses on investments that results from fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates is not separately disclosed.

**G Use of Estimates** The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of income and expense during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**H Indemnifications** Under the Fund's organizational documents, its officers and Trustees may be indemnified against certain liabilities and expenses arising out of the performance of their duties to the Fund. Under Massachusetts law, if certain conditions prevail, shareholders of a Massachusetts business trust (such as the Fund) could be deemed to have personal liability for the obligations of the Fund. However, the Fund's Declaration of Trust contains an express disclaimer of liability on the part of Fund shareholders and the By-laws provide that the Fund shall assume the defense on behalf of any Fund shareholders. Moreover, the By-laws also provide for indemnification out of Fund property of any shareholder held personally liable solely by reason of being or having been a shareholder for all loss or expense arising from such liability. Additionally, in the normal course of business, the Fund enters into agreements with service providers that may contain indemnification clauses. The Fund's maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown as this would involve future claims that may be made against the Fund that have not yet occurred.

**I Forward Foreign Currency Exchange Contracts** The Fund may enter into forward foreign currency exchange contracts for the purchase or sale of a specific foreign currency at a fixed price on a future date. The forward foreign currency exchange contracts are adjusted by the daily exchange rate of the underlying currency and any gains or losses are recorded as unrealized until such time as the contracts have been closed. Risks may arise upon entering these contracts from the potential inability of counterparties to meet the terms of their contracts and from movements in the value of a foreign currency relative to the U.S. dollar.

**J Written Options** Upon the writing of a call or a put option, the premium received by the Fund is included in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities as a liability. The amount of the liability is subsequently marked-to-market to reflect the current market value of the option written, in accordance with the Fund's policies on investment valuations discussed above. Premiums received from writing options which expire are treated as realized gains. Premiums received from writing options which are exercised or are closed are added to or offset against the proceeds or amount paid on the transaction to determine the realized gain or loss. When an index option is exercised, the Fund is required to deliver an amount of cash determined by the excess of the strike price of the option over the value of the index (in the case of a put) or the excess of the value of the index over the strike price of the option (in the case of a call) at contract termination. If a put option on a security is exercised, the premium reduces the cost basis of the securities purchased by the Fund. The Fund, as a writer of an option, may have no control over whether the underlying securities or other assets may be sold (call) or purchased (put) and, as a result, bears the market risk of an unfavorable change in the price of the securities or other assets underlying the written option. The Fund may also bear the risk of not being able to enter into a closing transaction if a liquid secondary market does not exist.

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**K When-Issued Securities and Delayed Delivery Transactions** The Fund may purchase securities on a delayed delivery or when-issued basis. Payment and delivery may take place after the customary settlement period for that security. At the time the transaction is negotiated, the price of the security that will be delivered is fixed. The Fund maintains cash and/or security positions for these commitments such that sufficient liquid assets will be available to make payments upon settlement. Securities purchased on a delayed delivery or when-issued basis are marked-to-market daily and begin earning income on settlement date. Losses may arise due to changes in the market value of the underlying securities or if the counterparty does not perform under the contract.

### **2 Distributions to Shareholders and Income Tax Information**

Subject to its Managed Distribution Plan, the Fund makes monthly distributions from its cash available for distribution, which consists of the Fund's dividends and interest income after payment of Fund expenses, net option premiums and net realized and unrealized gains on stock investments. The Fund

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intends to distribute all or substantially all of its net realized capital gains. Distributions are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Distributions to shareholders are determined in accordance with income tax regulations, which may differ from U.S. GAAP. As required by U.S. GAAP, only distributions in excess of tax basis earnings and profits are reported in the financial statements as a return of capital. Permanent differences between book and tax accounting relating to distributions are reclassified to paid-in capital. For tax purposes, distributions from short-term capital gains are considered to be from ordinary income. Distributions in any year may include a substantial return of capital component.

The tax character of distributions declared for the years ended October 31, 2015 and October 31, 2014 was as follows:

	<b>Year Ended October 31,</b>	
	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
<b>Distributions declared from:</b>		
Ordinary income	\$ 31,647,552	\$ 48,853,351
Long-term capital gains	\$ 119,530,221	\$
Tax return of capital	\$	\$ 102,336,224

During the year ended October 31, 2015, accumulated net realized gain was decreased by \$90,483 and accumulated distributions in excess of net investment income was decreased by \$90,483 due to differences between book and tax accounting, primarily for foreign currency gain (loss) and distributions from real estate investment trusts. These reclassifications had no effect on the net assets or net asset value per share of the Fund.

As of October 31, 2015, the components of distributable earnings (accumulated losses) and unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on a tax basis were as follows:

Undistributed long-term capital gains	\$ 10,580,077
Net unrealized appreciation	\$ 112,295,750

The differences between components of distributable earnings (accumulated losses) on a tax basis and the amounts reflected in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities are primarily due to wash sales and option contracts.

The cost and unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments of the Fund at October 31, 2015, as determined on a federal income tax basis, were as follows:

<b>Aggregate cost</b>	<b>\$ 1,698,029,806</b>
Gross unrealized appreciation	\$ 185,369,266
Gross unrealized depreciation	(73,222,056)
<b>Net unrealized appreciation</b>	<b>\$ 112,147,210</b>

### [3 Investment Adviser Fee and Other Transactions with Affiliates](#)

The investment adviser fee is earned by EVM as compensation for management and investment advisory services rendered to the Fund. Pursuant to the investment advisory agreement and subsequent fee reduction agreement, the fee is computed at an annual rate of 1.00% of the Fund's average daily gross assets up to and including \$1.5 billion, 0.98% over \$1.5 billion up to and including \$3 billion and at reduced rates on daily gross assets over \$3 billion, and is payable monthly.

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Gross assets as referred to herein represent net assets plus obligations attributable to investment leverage, if any. The fee reduction cannot be terminated without the consent of a majority of Trustees and a majority of shareholders. For the year ended October 31, 2015, the Fund's investment adviser fee amounted to \$18,304,473 or 1.00% of the Fund's average daily gross assets. The Fund invests its cash in Cash Reserves Fund. EVM does not currently receive a fee for advisory services provided to Cash Reserves Fund. EVM also serves as administrator of the Fund, but receives no compensation.

During the year ended October 31, 2015, EVM reimbursed the Fund \$1,064 for a trading error. The reimbursement by EVM of such amount was less than \$0.01 per share and had no impact on total return.

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Trustees and officers of the Fund who are members of EVM's organization receive remuneration for their services to the Fund out of the investment adviser fee. Trustees of the Fund who are not affiliated with EVM may elect to defer receipt of all or a percentage of their annual fees in accordance with the terms of the Trustees Deferred Compensation Plan. For the year ended October 31, 2015, no significant amounts have been deferred. Certain officers and Trustees of the Fund are officers of EVM.

## 4 Purchases and Sales of Investments

Purchases and sales of investments, other than short-term obligations, aggregated \$1,544,676,544 and \$1,653,027,866, respectively, for the year ended October 31, 2015.

## 5 Common Shares of Beneficial Interest

The Fund may issue common shares pursuant to its dividend reinvestment plan. There were no common shares issued by the Fund for the years ended October 31, 2015 and October 31, 2014.

On September 30, 2013, the Board of Trustees of the Fund approved the continuation of the Fund's share repurchase program that has been in effect since August 6, 2012. Pursuant to the terms of the reauthorization of the program, the Fund may repurchase up to 10% of its common shares outstanding as of September 30, 2013 in open market transactions at a discount to net asset value (NAV). The terms of the reauthorization increased the number of shares available for repurchase. The repurchase program does not obligate the Fund to purchase a specific amount of shares. There were no repurchases of common shares by the Fund for the year ended October 31, 2015. During the year ended October 31, 2014, the Fund repurchased 140,000 of its common shares under the share repurchase program at a cost, including brokerage commissions, of \$1,503,887 and an average price per share of \$10.74. The weighted average discount per share to NAV on these repurchases amounted to 10.56% for the year ended October 31, 2014.

## 6 Restricted Securities

At October 31, 2015, the Fund owned the following security (representing 0.6% of net assets) which was acquired in a private offering to qualified institutional investors and was restricted as to public resale and not registered under the Securities Act of 1933. The Fund is restricted from selling these shares until December 4, 2015, after which time the shares can be sold under an available exemption from the registration requirements under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. The unit cost of the shares purchased (excluding the cost to mandatorily exercise rights in a subsequent rights offering) is 94.5% of the volume weighted average price of unrestricted shares of the same issuer on the date of acquisition. Restricted securities are valued pursuant to Note 1A.

Description	Date of			
	Acquisition	Shares	Cost	Value
<b>Common Stock</b>				
Credit Suisse Group AG	10/21/15	416,677	\$ 9,574,407	\$ 10,016,817
<b>Total Restricted Securities</b>			<b>\$ 9,574,407</b>	<b>\$ 10,016,817</b>

## 7 Financial Instruments

The Fund may trade in financial instruments with off-balance sheet risk in the normal course of its investing activities. These financial instruments may include forward foreign currency exchange contracts and written options and may involve, to a varying degree, elements of risk in excess of the amounts recognized for financial statement purposes. The notional or contractual amounts of these instruments represent the investment the Fund has in particular classes of financial

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instruments and do not necessarily represent the amounts potentially subject to risk. The measurement of the risks associated with these instruments is meaningful only when all related and offsetting transactions are considered. A summary of obligations under these financial instruments at October 31, 2015 is included in the Portfolio of Investments.



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Written options activity for the year ended October 31, 2015 was as follows:

	Number of Contracts	Premiums Received
Outstanding, beginning of year	4,300	\$ 6,137,586
Options written	54,745	81,390,795
Options terminated in closing purchase transactions	(24,610)	(39,488,150)
Options expired	(30,300)	(40,459,792)
<b>Outstanding, end of year</b>	<b>4,135</b>	<b>\$ 7,580,439</b>

All of the assets of the Fund are subject to segregation to satisfy the requirements of the escrow agent. At October 31, 2015, the Fund had sufficient cash and/or securities to cover commitments under these contracts.

In the normal course of pursuing its investment objectives, the Fund is subject to the following risks:

**Equity Price Risk:** The Fund writes index call options above the current value of the index to generate premium income. In writing index call options, the Fund in effect, sells potential appreciation in the value of the applicable index above the exercise price in exchange for the option premium received. The Fund retains the risk of loss, minus the premium received, should the price of the underlying index decline.

The over-the-counter (OTC) derivatives in which the Fund invests are subject to the risk that the counterparty to the contract fails to perform its obligations under the contract. To mitigate this risk, the Fund has entered into an International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc. Master Agreement ( ISDA Master Agreement ) or similar agreement with substantially all its derivative counterparties. An ISDA Master Agreement is a bilateral agreement between the Fund and a counterparty that governs certain OTC derivatives and typically contains, among other things, set-off provisions in the event of a default and/or termination event as defined under the relevant ISDA Master Agreement. Under an ISDA Master Agreement, the Fund may, under certain circumstances, offset with the counterparty certain derivative financial instruments payables and/or receivables with collateral held and/or posted and create one single net payment. The provisions of the ISDA Master Agreement typically permit a single net payment in the event of default including the bankruptcy or insolvency of the counterparty. However, bankruptcy or insolvency laws of a particular jurisdiction may impose restrictions on or prohibitions against the right of offset in bankruptcy or insolvency. Certain ISDA Master Agreements allow counterparties to OTC derivatives to terminate derivative contracts prior to maturity in the event the Fund's net assets decline by a stated percentage or the Fund fails to meet the terms of its ISDA Master Agreements, which would cause the counterparty to accelerate payment by the Fund of any net liability owed to it.

The collateral requirements for derivatives traded under an ISDA Master Agreement are governed by a Credit Support Annex to the ISDA Master Agreement. Collateral requirements are determined at the close of business each day and are typically based on changes in market values for each transaction under an ISDA Master Agreement and netted into one amount for such agreement. Generally, the amount of collateral due from or to a counterparty is subject to a minimum transfer threshold amount before a transfer is required, which may vary by counterparty. Collateral pledged for the benefit of the Fund and/or counterparty is held in segregated accounts by the Fund's custodian and cannot be sold, re-pledged, assigned or otherwise used while pledged. The portion of such collateral representing cash, if any, is reflected as restricted cash and, in the case of cash pledged by a counterparty for the benefit of the Fund, a corresponding liability on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. Securities pledged by the Fund as collateral, if any, are identified as such in the Portfolio of Investments.

The fair value of open derivative instruments (not considered to be hedging instruments for accounting disclosure purposes) and whose primary underlying risk exposure is equity price risk at October 31, 2015 was as follows:

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<b>Derivative</b>	<b>Fair Value</b>	
	<b>Asset Derivative</b>	<b>Liability Derivative</b>
Written options	\$	\$ (14,655,150) <sup>(1)</sup>

<sup>(1)</sup> Statement of Assets and Liabilities location: Written options outstanding, at value.

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The effect of derivative instruments (not considered to be hedging instruments for accounting disclosure purposes) on the Statement of Operations and whose primary underlying risk exposure is equity price risk for the year ended October 31, 2015 was as follows:

<b>Derivative</b>	<b>Realized Gain (Loss) on Derivatives Recognized in Income<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Change in Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation) on Derivatives Recognized in Income<sup>(2)</sup></b>
Written options	\$ (2,438,741)	\$ 9,642,528

(1) Statement of Operations location: Net realized gain (loss) Written options.

(2) Statement of Operations location: Change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) Written options.

8 Overdraft Advances

Pursuant to the custodian agreement, SSBT may, in its discretion, advance funds to the Fund to make properly authorized payments. When such payments result in an overdraft, the Fund is obligated to repay SSBT at the current rate of interest charged by SSBT for secured loans (currently, the Federal Funds rate plus 2%). This obligation is payable on demand to SSBT. SSBT has a lien on the Fund's assets to the extent of any overdraft. At October 31, 2015, the Fund had an overdraft balance due to SSBT pursuant to the foregoing arrangement of \$6,666,201. Based on the short-term nature of these payments and the variable interest rate, the carrying value of the overdraft advances approximated its fair value at October 31, 2015. If measured at fair value, overdraft advances would have been considered as Level 2 in the fair value hierarchy (see Note 9) at October 31, 2015. The Fund's average overdraft advances during the year ended October 31, 2015 were not significant.

9 Fair Value Measurements

Under generally accepted accounting principles for fair value measurements, a three-tier hierarchy to prioritize the assumptions, referred to as inputs, is used in valuation techniques to measure fair value. The three-tier hierarchy of inputs is summarized in the three broad levels listed below.

Level 1 quoted prices in active markets for identical investments

Level 2 other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar investments, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, etc.)

Level 3 significant unobservable inputs (including a fund's own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments)

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In cases where the inputs used to measure fair value fall in different levels of the fair value hierarchy, the level disclosed is determined based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. The inputs or methodology used for valuing securities are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities.

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At October 31, 2015, the hierarchy of inputs used in valuing the Fund's investments and open derivative instruments, which are carried at value, were as follows:

Asset Description	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Common Stocks				
Consumer Discretionary	\$ 279,448,936	\$	\$	\$ 279,448,936
Consumer Staples	153,492,794			153,492,794
Energy	130,692,646			130,692,646
Financials	234,205,074	43,584,804		277,789,878
Health Care	253,535,966			253,535,966
Industrials	151,790,627			151,790,627
Information Technology	450,504,059			450,504,059
Materials	24,061,253			24,061,253
Telecommunication Services	25,391,976			25,391,976
Utilities	63,468,881			63,468,881
<b>Total Common Stocks</b>	<b>\$ 1,766,592,212</b>	<b>\$ 43,584,804*</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$ 1,810,177,016</b>
<b>Total Investments</b>	<b>\$ 1,766,592,212</b>	<b>\$ 43,584,804</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$ 1,810,177,016</b>
<b>Liability Description</b>				
Call Options Written	\$ (14,655,150)	\$	\$	\$ (14,655,150)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ (14,655,150)</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$ (14,655,150)</b>

\* Includes foreign equity securities whose values were adjusted to reflect market trading of comparable securities or other correlated instruments that occurred after the close of trading in their applicable foreign markets.

The Fund held no investments or other financial instruments as of October 31, 2014 whose fair value was determined using Level 3 inputs. At October 31, 2015, there were no investments transferred between Level 1 and Level 2 during the year then ended.

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## Tax-Managed Diversified Equity Income Fund

October 31, 2015

### Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Trustees and Shareholders of Eaton Vance Tax-Managed Diversified Equity Income Fund:

We have audited the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities of Eaton Vance Tax-Managed Diversified Equity Income Fund (the Fund), including the portfolio of investments, as of October 31, 2015, and the related statement of operations for the year then ended, the statements of changes in net assets for each of the two years in the period then ended, and the financial highlights for each of the five years in the period then ended. These financial statements and financial highlights are the responsibility of the Fund's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements and financial highlights based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements and financial highlights are free of material misstatement. The Fund is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. Our audits included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. Our procedures included confirmation of securities owned as of October 31, 2015, by correspondence with the custodian and brokers; where replies were not received from brokers, we performed other auditing procedures. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, such financial statements and financial highlights referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Eaton Vance Tax-Managed Diversified Equity Income Fund as of October 31, 2015, the results of its operations for the year then ended, the changes in its net assets for each of the two years in the period then ended, and the financial highlights for each of the five years in the period then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP

Boston, Massachusetts

December 17, 2015

Eaton Vance

## Tax-Managed Diversified Equity Income Fund

October 31, 2015

### Federal Tax Information (Unaudited)

The Form 1099-DIV you receive in February 2016 will show the tax status of all distributions paid to your account in calendar year 2015. Shareholders are advised to consult their own tax adviser with respect to the tax consequences of their investment in the Fund. As required by the Internal Revenue Code and/or regulations, shareholders must be notified regarding the status of qualified dividend income for individuals, the dividends received deduction for corporations and capital gains dividends.

**Qualified Dividend Income.** For the fiscal year ended October 31, 2015, the Fund designates approximately \$47,406,750, or up to the maximum amount of such dividends allowable pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code, as qualified dividend income eligible for the reduced tax rate of 15%.

**Dividends Received Deduction.** Corporate shareholders are generally entitled to take the dividends received deduction on the portion of the Fund's dividend distribution that qualifies under tax law. For the Fund's fiscal 2015 ordinary income dividends, 100% qualifies for the corporate dividends received deduction.

**Capital Gains Dividends.** The Fund hereby designates as a capital gain dividend with respect to the taxable year ended October 31, 2015, \$130,110,298 or, if subsequently determined to be different, the net capital gain of such year.

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October 31, 2015

### Notice to Shareholders (Unaudited)

The Fund invests in a diversified portfolio of common stocks and writes (sells) index call options with respect to a portion of the value of its common stock portfolio to generate current cash flow from the options premium received. In seeking its primary objective of current income and gains, the Fund may engage in dividend capture trading. In a dividend capture trade, a Fund buys a stock prior to its ex-dividend date and sells the stock on or after the ex-dividend date. Dividend capture trading can result in a Fund having more or less exposure to individual sectors and/or markets than would otherwise apply. The Fund has modified its investment policies to permit broader use of derivatives, principally seeking to manage exposure to certain sectors and/or markets in connection with its use of dividend capture trading. The Fund expects primarily to buy and sell equity index futures contracts for this purpose, but may also engage in other types of derivatives to manage such exposures. The Fund may also use derivatives for other purposes, such as hedging, to enhance return, or as a substitute for the purchase or sale of securities or currencies. Other permitted derivatives include futures contracts on securities, non-equity indices and currencies, options on futures contracts, equity and interest rate swaps, covered short sales, forward sales of stocks, and forward currency exchange contracts. The Fund may invest in derivatives without limitation and use of derivatives may be extensive. Previously the Fund's use of derivatives (other than index call options and options on index futures contracts) was limited to 20% of its total assets, no more than 10% of total assets could be so invested for non-hedging purposes.



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### Tax-Managed Diversified Equity Income Fund

October 31, 2015

#### Annual Meeting of Shareholders (Unaudited)

The Fund held its Annual Meeting of Shareholders on August 20, 2015. The following action was taken by the shareholders:

**Item 1:** The election of Valerie A. Mosley, Helen Frame Peters and Ralph F. Verni as Class III Trustees of the Fund for a three-year term expiring in 2018.

#### Nominee for Trustee

#### Number of Shares

##### Elected by All Shareholders

Valerie A. Mosley  
Helen Frame Peters  
Ralph F. Verni

For	Withheld
125,788,625	2,580,685
125,722,625	2,646,685
125,641,371	2,727,939

## Eaton Vance

### Tax-Managed Diversified Equity Income Fund

October 31, 2015

#### Dividend Reinvestment Plan

The Fund offers a dividend reinvestment plan (Plan) pursuant to which shareholders automatically have distributions reinvested in common shares (Shares) of the Fund unless they elect otherwise through their investment dealer. On the distribution payment date, if the NAV per Share is equal to or less than the market price per Share plus estimated brokerage commissions, then new Shares will be issued. The number of Shares shall be determined by the greater of the NAV per Share or 95% of the market price. Otherwise, Shares generally will be purchased on the open market by American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC, the Plan agent (Agent). Distributions subject to income tax (if any) are taxable whether or not Shares are reinvested.

If your Shares are in the name of a brokerage firm, bank, or other nominee, you can ask the firm or nominee to participate in the Plan on your behalf. If the nominee does not offer the Plan, you will need to request that the Fund's transfer agent re-register your Shares in your name or you will not be able to participate.

The Agent's service fee for handling distributions will be paid by the Fund. Plan participants will be charged their pro rata share of brokerage commissions on all open-market purchases.

Plan participants may withdraw from the Plan at any time by writing to the Agent at the address noted on the following page. If you withdraw, you will receive Shares in your name for all Shares credited to your account under the Plan. If a participant elects by written notice to the Agent to sell part or all of his or her Shares and remit the proceeds, the Agent is authorized to deduct a \$5.00 fee plus brokerage commissions from the proceeds.

If you wish to participate in the Plan and your Shares are held in your own name, you may complete the form on the following page and deliver it to the Agent. Any inquiries regarding the Plan can be directed to the Agent at 1-866-439-6787.

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### Application for Participation in Dividend Reinvestment Plan

This form is for shareholders who hold their common shares in their own names. If your common shares are held in the name of a brokerage firm, bank, or other nominee, you should contact your nominee to see if it will participate in the Plan on your behalf. If you wish to participate in the Plan, but your brokerage firm, bank, or nominee is unable to participate on your behalf, you should request that your common shares be re-registered in your own name which will enable your participation in the Plan.

The following authorization and appointment is given with the understanding that I may terminate it at any time by terminating my participation in the Plan as provided in the terms and conditions of the Plan.

Please print exact name on account:

Shareholder signature

Date

Shareholder signature

Date

Please sign exactly as your common shares are registered. All persons whose names appear on the share certificate must sign.

**YOU SHOULD NOT RETURN THIS FORM IF YOU WISH TO RECEIVE YOUR DISTRIBUTIONS IN CASH. THIS IS NOT A PROXY.**

*This authorization form, when signed, should be mailed to the following address:*

Eaton Vance Tax-Managed Diversified Equity Income Fund

c/o American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC

P.O. Box 922

Wall Street Station

New York, NY 10269-0560

**Number of Employees**

The Fund is organized as a Massachusetts business trust and is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, as a closed-end management investment company and has no employees.

**Number of Shareholders**

As of October 31, 2015, Fund records indicate that there are 52 registered shareholders and approximately 77,725 shareholders owning the Fund shares in street name, such as through brokers, banks, and financial intermediaries.

If you are a street name shareholder and wish to receive Fund reports directly, which contain important information about the Fund, please write or call:

Eaton Vance Distributors, Inc.

Two International Place

Boston, MA 02110

1-800-262-1122

**New York Stock Exchange symbol**

The New York Stock Exchange symbol is ETY.

## Eaton Vance

## Tax-Managed Diversified Equity Income Fund

October 31, 2015

## Management and Organization

**Fund Management.** The Trustees of Eaton Vance Tax-Managed Diversified Equity Income Fund (the Fund) are responsible for the overall management and supervision of the Fund's affairs. The Trustees and officers of the Fund are listed below. Except as indicated, each individual has held the office shown or other offices in the same company for the last five years. The Noninterested Trustees consist of those Trustees who are not interested persons of the Fund, as that term is defined under the 1940 Act. The business address of each Trustee and officer is Two International Place, Boston, Massachusetts 02110. As used below, EVC refers to Eaton Vance Corp., EV refers to Eaton Vance, Inc., EVM refers to Eaton Vance Management, BMR refers to Boston Management and Research and EVD refers to Eaton Vance Distributors, Inc. EVC and EV are the corporate parent and trustee, respectively, of EVM and BMR. EVD is a wholly-owned subsidiary of EVC. Each officer affiliated with Eaton Vance may hold a position with other Eaton Vance affiliates that is comparable to his or her position with EVM listed below. Each Trustee oversees 174 portfolios in the Eaton Vance Complex (including all master and feeder funds in a master feeder structure). Each officer serves as an officer of certain other Eaton Vance funds. Each Trustee serves for a three year term. Each officer serves until his or her successor is elected.

Name and Year of Birth Interested Trustee	Position(s)	Term Expiring;	Principal Occupation(s) and Directorships During Past Five Years and Other Relevant Experience
	with the Fund	Trustee Since <sup>(1)</sup>	
Thomas E. Faust Jr. 1958	Class I Trustee	Until 2016.  Trustee since 2007.	Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President of EVC, Director and President of EV, Chief Executive Officer and President of EVM and BMR, and Director of EVD. Trustee and/or officer of 174 registered investment companies. Mr. Faust is an interested person because of his positions with EVM, BMR, EVD, EVC and EV, which are affiliates of the Fund.  <b>Directorships in the Last Five Years.</b> <sup>(2)</sup> Director of EVC and Hexavest Inc.
Scott E. Eston 1956	Class I Trustee	Until 2016.  Trustee since 2011.	Private investor. Formerly held various positions at Grantham, Mayo, Van Otterloo and Co., L.L.C. (investment management firm) (1997-2009), including Chief Operating Officer (2002-2009), Chief Financial Officer (1997-2009) and Chairman of the Executive Committee (2002-2008); President and Principal Executive Officer, GMO Trust (open-end registered investment company) (2006-2009). Former Partner, Coopers and Lybrand L.L.P. (now PricewaterhouseCoopers) (public accounting firm) (1987-1997).  <b>Directorships in the Last Five Years.</b> <sup>(2)</sup> None.
Cynthia E. Frost 1961	Class I Trustee	Until 2016.  Trustee since 2014.	Private investor. Formerly, Chief Investment Officer of Brown University (university endowment) (2000-2012); Portfolio Strategist for Duke Management Company (university endowment manager) (1995-2000); Managing Director, Cambridge Associates (1989-1995); Consultant, Bain and Company (1987-1989); Senior Equity Analyst, BA Investment Management Company (1983-1985).  <b>Directorships in the Last Five Years.</b> None.

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George J. Gorman	Class II	Until 2017.	Principal at George J. Gorman LLC (consulting firm). Formerly, Senior Partner at Ernst & Young LLP (public accounting firm) (1974-2009).
1952	Trustee	Trustee  since 2014.	<b>Directorships in the Last Five Years.</b> Formerly, Trustee of the Bank of America Money Market Funds Series Trust (2011-2014) and of the Ashmore Funds (2010-2014).
Valerie A. Mosley	Class III	Until 2018.	Chairwoman and Chief Executive Officer of Valmo Ventures (a consulting and investment firm). Former Partner and Senior Vice President, Portfolio Manager and Investment Strategist at Wellington Management Company, LLP (investment management firm) (1992-2012). Former Chief Investment Officer, PG Corbin Asset Management (1990-1992). Formerly worked in institutional corporate bond sales at Kidder Peabody (1986-1990).
1960	Trustee	Trustee  since 2014.	<b>Directorships in the Last Five Years.</b> <sup>(2)</sup> Director of Dynex Capital, Inc. (mortgage REIT) (since 2013).
William H. Park	Class II	Until 2017.	Private investor. Formerly, Consultant (2012-2014). Formerly, Chief Financial Officer, Aveon Group L.P. (investment management firm) (2010-2011). Formerly, Vice Chairman, Commercial Industrial Finance Corp. (specialty finance company) (2006-2010). Formerly, President and Chief Executive Officer, Prizm Capital Management, LLC (investment management firm) (2002-2005). Formerly, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, United Asset Management Corporation (investment management firm) (1982-2001). Formerly, Senior Manager, Price Waterhouse (now PricewaterhouseCoopers) (an independent registered public accounting firm) (1972-1981).
1947	Trustee	Trustee  since 2003.	<b>Directorships in the Last Five Years.</b> <sup>(2)</sup> None.

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## Management and Organization continued

Name and Year of Birth	Position(s)	Term Expiring;	Principal Occupation(s) and Directorships During Past Five Years and Other Relevant Experience
	with the Fund	Trustee Since <sup>(1)</sup>	
<b>Noninterested Trustees (continued)</b>			
Helen Frame Peters 1948	Class III Trustee	Until 2018. Trustee since 2008.	Professor of Finance, Carroll School of Management, Boston College. Formerly, Dean, Carroll School of Management, Boston College (2000-2002). Formerly, Chief Investment Officer, Fixed Income, Scudder Kemper Investments (investment management firm) (1998-1999). Formerly, Chief Investment Officer, Equity and Fixed Income, Colonial Management Associates (investment management firm) (1991-1998).  <b>Directorships in the Last Five Years.</b> <sup>(2)</sup> Formerly, Director of BJ's Wholesale Club, Inc. (wholesale club retailer) (2004-2011). Formerly, Trustee of SPDR Index Shares Funds and SPDR Series Trust (exchange traded funds) (2000-2009). Formerly, Director of Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston (a bank for banks) (2007-2009).
Susan J. Sutherland <sup>(3)</sup> 1957	Class II Trustee	Until 2017. Trustee since 2015.	Private investor. Formerly, Associate, Counsel and Partner at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP (law firm) (1982-2013).  <b>Directorships in the Last Five Years.</b> Formerly, Director of Montpelier Re Holdings Ltd. (global provider of customized insurance and reinsurance products) (2013-2015).
Harriett Tee Taggart 1948	Class II Trustee	Until 2017. Trustee since 2011.	Managing Director, Taggart Associates (a professional practice firm). Formerly, Partner and Senior Vice President, Wellington Management Company, LLP (investment management firm) (1983-2006).  <b>Directorships in the Last Five Years.</b> <sup>(2)</sup> Director of Albemarle Corporation (chemicals manufacturer) (since 2007) and The Hanover Group (specialty property and casualty insurance company) (since 2009). Formerly, Director of Lubrizol Corporation (specialty chemicals) (2007-2011).
Ralph F. Verni 1943	Chairman of the Board and Class III Trustee	Until 2018. Trustee since 2005 and Chairman since 2007.	Consultant and private investor. Formerly, Chief Investment Officer (1982-1992), Chief Financial Officer (1988-1990) and Director (1982-1992), New England Life. Formerly, Chairperson, New England Mutual Funds (1982-1992). Formerly, President and Chief Executive Officer, State Street Management & Research (1992-2000). Formerly, Chairperson, State Street Research Mutual Funds (1992-2000). Formerly, Director, W.P. Carey, LLC (1998-2004) and First Pioneer Farm Credit Corp. (2002-2006).  <b>Directorships in the Last Five Years.</b> <sup>(2)</sup> None.

## Principal Officers who are not Trustees

Name and Year of Birth	Position(s)	Officer	Principal Occupation(s)
	with the	Since <sup>(4)</sup>	During Past Five Years

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		<b>Fund</b>		
Michael A. Allison	President		2015	Vice President of EVM and BMR.
1964				
Maureen A. Gemma	Vice President, Secretary and Chief Legal Officer		2005	Vice President of EVM and BMR.
1960				
James F. Kirchner	Treasurer		2007	Vice President of EVM and BMR.
1967				
Paul M. O. Neil	Chief Compliance Officer		2004	Vice President of EVM and BMR.
1953				

- (1) Year first appointed to serve as Trustee for a fund in the Eaton Vance family of funds. Each Trustee has served continuously since appointment unless indicated otherwise. Each Trustee holds office until the annual meeting for the year in which his or her term expires and until his or her successor is elected and qualified, subject to a prior death, resignation, retirement, disqualification or removal.
- (2) During their respective tenures, the Trustees (except for Mmes. Frost and Sutherland and Mr. Gorman) also served as Board members of one or more of the following funds (which operated in the years noted): eUnits™ 2 Year U.S. Market Participation Trust: Upside to Cap / Buffered Downside (launched in 2012 and terminated in 2014); eUnits™ 2 Year U.S. Market Participation Trust II: Upside to Cap / Buffered Downside (launched in 2012 and terminated in 2014); and Eaton Vance National Municipal Income Trust (launched in 1998 and terminated in 2009). However, Ms. Mosley did not serve as a Board member of eUnits™ 2 Year U.S. Market Participation Trust: Upside to Cap / Buffered Downside (launched in 2012 and terminated in 2014).
- (3) Ms. Sutherland began serving as a Trustee effective May 1, 2015.
- (4) Year first elected to serve as officer of a fund in the Eaton Vance family of funds when the officer has served continuously. Otherwise, year of most recent election as an officer of a fund in the Eaton Vance family of funds. Titles may have changed since initial election.



## Eaton Vance Funds

### IMPORTANT NOTICES

**Privacy.** The Eaton Vance organization is committed to ensuring your financial privacy. Each of the financial institutions identified below has in effect the following policy ( Privacy Policy ) with respect to nonpublic personal information about its customers:

Only such information received from you, through application forms or otherwise, and information about your Eaton Vance fund transactions will be collected. This may include information such as name, address, social security number, tax status, account balances and transactions.

None of such information about you (or former customers) will be disclosed to anyone, except as permitted by law (which includes disclosure to employees necessary to service your account). In the normal course of servicing a customer's account, Eaton Vance may share information with unaffiliated third parties that perform various required services such as transfer agents, custodians and broker-dealers.

Policies and procedures (including physical, electronic and procedural safeguards) are in place that are designed to protect the confidentiality of such information.

We reserve the right to change our Privacy Policy at any time upon proper notification to you. Customers may want to review our Privacy Policy periodically for changes by accessing the link on our homepage: [www.eatonvance.com](http://www.eatonvance.com).

Our pledge of privacy applies to the following entities within the Eaton Vance organization: the Eaton Vance Family of Funds, Eaton Vance Management, Eaton Vance Investment Counsel, Eaton Vance Distributors, Inc., Eaton Vance Trust Company, Eaton Vance Management's Real Estate Investment Group and Boston Management and Research. In addition, our Privacy Policy applies only to those Eaton Vance customers who are individuals and who have a direct relationship with us. If a customer's account (i.e., fund shares) is held in the name of a third-party financial advisor/broker-dealer, it is likely that only such advisor's privacy policies apply to the customer. This notice supersedes all previously issued privacy disclosures. For more information about Eaton Vance's Privacy Policy, please call 1-800-262-1122.

**Delivery of Shareholder Documents.** The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) permits funds to deliver only one copy of shareholder documents, including prospectuses, proxy statements and shareholder reports, to fund investors with multiple accounts at the same residential or post office box address. This practice is often called "householding" and it helps eliminate duplicate mailings to shareholders. *Eaton Vance, or your financial advisor, may household the mailing of your documents indefinitely unless you instruct Eaton Vance, or your financial advisor, otherwise.* If you would prefer that your Eaton Vance documents not be householded, please contact Eaton Vance at 1-800-262-1122, or contact your financial advisor. Your instructions that householding not apply to delivery of your Eaton Vance documents will be effective within 30 days of receipt by Eaton Vance or your financial advisor.

**Portfolio Holdings.** Each Eaton Vance Fund and its underlying Portfolio(s) (if applicable) will file a schedule of portfolio holdings on Form N-Q with the SEC for the first and third quarters of each fiscal year. The Form N-Q will be available on the Eaton Vance website at [www.eatonvance.com](http://www.eatonvance.com), by calling Eaton Vance at 1-800-262-1122 or in the EDGAR database on the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). Form N-Q may also be reviewed and copied at the SEC's public reference room in Washington, D.C. (call 1-800-732-0330 for information on the operation of the public reference room).

**Proxy Voting.** From time to time, funds are required to vote proxies related to the securities held by the funds. The Eaton Vance Funds or their underlying Portfolios (if applicable) vote proxies according to a set of policies and procedures approved by the Funds' and Portfolios' Boards. You may obtain a description of these policies and procedures and information on how the Funds or Portfolios voted proxies relating to portfolio securities during the most recent 12-month period ended June 30, without charge, upon request, by calling 1-800-262-1122 and by accessing the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).

**Share Repurchase Program.** The Fund's Board of Trustees has approved a share repurchase program authorizing the Fund to repurchase up to 10% of its outstanding common shares as of the approved date in open-market transactions at a discount to net asset value. The repurchase program does not obligate the Fund to purchase a specific amount of shares. The Fund's repurchase activity, including the number of shares purchased, average price and average discount to net asset value, is disclosed in the Fund's annual and semi-annual reports to shareholders.

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**Additional Notice to Shareholders.** If applicable, a Fund may also redeem or purchase its outstanding preferred shares in order to maintain compliance with regulatory requirements, borrowing or rating agency requirements or for other purposes as it deems appropriate or necessary.

**Closed-End Fund Information.** Eaton Vance closed-end funds make fund performance data and certain information about portfolio characteristics available on the Eaton Vance website shortly after the end of each month. Other information about the funds is available on the website. The funds' net asset value per share is readily accessible on the Eaton Vance website. Portfolio holdings for the most recent month-end are also posted to the website approximately 30 days following the end of the month. This information is available at [www.eatonvance.com](http://www.eatonvance.com) on the fund information pages under Individual Investors Closed-End Funds .

Investment Adviser and Administrator

**Eaton Vance Management**

Two International Place

Boston, MA 02110

Custodian

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State Street Financial Center, One Lincoln Street

Boston, MA 02111

Transfer Agent

**American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC**

6201 15th Avenue

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**Deloitte & Touche LLP**

200 Berkeley Street

Boston, MA 02116-5022

Fund Offices

Two International Place

Boston, MA 02110

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**Item 2. Code of Ethics**

The registrant has adopted a code of ethics applicable to its Principal Executive Officer, Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer. The registrant undertakes to provide a copy of such code of ethics to any person upon request, without charge, by calling 1-800-262-1122.

**Item 3. Audit Committee Financial Expert**

The registrant's Board has designated William H. Park, an independent trustee, as its audit committee financial expert. Mr. Park is a certified public accountant who is a private investor. Previously, he served as a consultant, as the Chief Financial Officer of Aveon Group, L.P. (an investment management firm), as the Vice Chairman of Commercial Industrial Finance Corp. (specialty finance company), as President and Chief Executive Officer of Prizm Capital Management, LLC (investment management firm), as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of United Asset Management Corporation (an institutional investment management firm) and as a Senior Manager at Price Waterhouse (now PricewaterhouseCoopers) (an independent registered public accounting firm).

**Item 4. Principal Accountant Fees and Services****(a) (d)**

The following table presents the aggregate fees billed to the registrant for the registrant's fiscal years ended October 31, 2014 and October 31, 2015 by the registrant's principal accountant, Deloitte & Touche LLP ( D&T ), for professional services rendered for the audit of the registrant's annual financial statements and fees billed for other services rendered by D&T during such periods.

<b>Fiscal Years Ended</b>	<b>10/31/14</b>	<b>10/31/15</b>
Audit Fees	\$ 55,120	\$ 56,820
Audit-Related Fees <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 0	\$ 0
Tax Fees <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 12,540	\$ 12,793
All Other Fees <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 67,660</b>	<b>\$ 69,613</b>

- (1) Audit-related fees consist of the aggregate fees billed for assurance and related services that are reasonably related to the performance of the audit of the registrant's financial statements and are not reported under the category of audit fees.
- (2) Tax fees consist of the aggregate fees billed for professional services rendered by the principal accountant relating to tax compliance, tax advice, and tax planning and specifically include fees for tax return preparation and other related tax compliance/planning matters.
- (3) All other fees consist of the aggregate fees billed for products and services provided by the principal accountant other than audit, audit-related, and tax services.
- (e)(1) The registrant's audit committee has adopted policies and procedures relating to the pre-approval of services provided by the registrant's principal accountant (the Pre-Approval Policies). The Pre-Approval Policies establish a framework intended to assist the audit committee in the proper discharge of its pre-approval responsibilities. As a general matter, the Pre-Approval Policies (i) specify certain types of audit, audit-related, tax, and other services determined to be pre-approved by the audit committee; and (ii) delineate specific procedures governing the mechanics of the pre-approval process, including the approval and monitoring of audit and non-audit service fees. Unless a service is specifically pre-approved under the Pre-Approval Policies, it must be separately pre-approved by the audit committee.

The Pre-Approval Policies and the types of audit and non-audit services pre-approved therein must be reviewed and ratified by the registrant's audit committee at least annually. The registrant's audit committee maintains full responsibility for the appointment, compensation, and oversight of the work of the registrant's principal accountant.

- (e)(2) No services described in paragraphs (b)-(d) above were approved by the registrant's audit committee pursuant to the de minimis exception set forth in Rule 2-01 (c)(7)(i)(C) of Regulation S-X.

(f) Not applicable.

(g) The following table presents (i) the aggregate non-audit fees (i.e., fees for audit-related, tax, and other services) billed to the registrant by D&T for the registrant's fiscal years ended October 31, 2014 and October 31, 2015; and (ii) the aggregate non-audit fees (i.e., fees for audit-related, tax, and other services) billed to the Eaton Vance organization by D&T for the same time periods.

<b>Fiscal Years Ended</b>	<b>10/31/14</b>	<b>10/31/15</b>
<b>Registrant</b>	\$ 12,540	\$ 12,793
<b>Eaton Vance<sup>(1)</sup></b>	\$ 99,750	\$ 46,000

(1) The investment adviser to the registrant, as well as any of its affiliates that provide ongoing services to the registrant, are subsidiaries of Eaton Vance Corp.

(h) The registrant's audit committee has considered whether the provision by the registrant's principal accountant of non-audit services to the registrant's investment adviser and any entity controlling, controlled by, or under common control with the adviser that provides ongoing services to the registrant that were not pre-approved pursuant to Rule 2-01(c)(7)(ii) of Regulation S-X is compatible with maintaining the principal accountant's independence.

#### **Item 5. Audit Committee of Listed Registrants**

The registrant has a separately-designated standing audit committee established in accordance with Section 3(a)(58)(A) of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. William H. Park (Chair), Scott E. Eston, Cynthia E. Frost and Ralph F. Verni are the members of the registrant's audit committee.

#### **Item 6. Schedule of Investments**

Please see schedule of investments contained in the Report to Stockholders included under Item 1 of this Form N-CSR.

#### **Item 7. Disclosure of Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures for Closed-End Management Investment Companies**

The Board of Trustees of the Trust has adopted a proxy voting policy and procedure (the "Fund Policy"), pursuant to which the Trustees have delegated proxy voting responsibility to the Fund's investment adviser and adopted the investment adviser's proxy voting policies and procedures (the "Policies") which are described below. The Trustees will review the Fund's proxy voting records from time to time and will annually consider approving the Policies for the upcoming year. In the event that a conflict of interest arises between the Fund's shareholders and the investment adviser, the administrator, or any of their affiliates or any affiliate of the Fund, the investment adviser will generally refrain from voting the proxies related to the companies giving rise to such conflict until it consults with the Board's Special Committee except as contemplated under the Fund Policy. The Board's Special Committee will instruct the investment adviser on the appropriate course of action.

The Policies are designed to promote accountability of a company's management to its shareholders and to align the interests of management with those shareholders. An independent proxy voting service ("Agent"), currently Institutional Shareholder Services, Inc., has been retained to assist in the voting of

proxies through the provision of vote analysis, implementation and recordkeeping and disclosure services. The investment adviser will generally vote proxies through the Agent. The Agent is required to vote all proxies and/or refer them back to the investment adviser pursuant to the Policies. It is generally the policy of the investment adviser to vote in accordance with the recommendation of the Agent. The Agent shall refer to the investment adviser proxies relating to mergers and restructurings, and the disposition of assets, termination, liquidation and mergers contained in mutual fund proxies. The investment adviser will normally vote against anti-takeover measures and other proposals designed to limit the ability of shareholders to act on possible transactions, except in the case of closed-end management investment companies. The investment adviser generally supports management on social and environmental proposals. The investment adviser may abstain from voting from time to time where it determines that the costs associated with voting a proxy outweighs the benefits derived from exercising the right to vote or the economic effect on shareholders interests or the value of the portfolio holding is indeterminable or insignificant.

In addition, the investment adviser will monitor situations that may result in a conflict of interest between the Fund's shareholders and the investment adviser, the administrator, or any of their affiliates or any affiliate of the Fund by maintaining a list of significant existing and prospective corporate clients. The investment adviser's personnel responsible for reviewing and voting proxies on behalf of the Fund will report any proxy received or expected to be received from a company included on that list to the personnel of the investment adviser identified in the Policies. If such personnel expects to instruct the Agent to vote such proxies in a manner inconsistent with the guidelines of the Policies or the recommendation of the Agent, the personnel will consult with members of senior management of the investment adviser to determine if a material conflict of interests exists. If it is determined that a material conflict does exist, the investment adviser will seek instruction on how to vote from the Special Committee.

Information on how the Fund voted proxies relating to portfolio securities during the most recent 12 month period ended June 30 is available (1) without charge, upon request, by calling 1-800-262-1122, and (2) on the Securities and Exchange Commission's website at <http://www.sec.gov>.

#### **Item 8. Portfolio Managers of Closed-End Management Investment Companies**

Eaton Vance Management (EVM or Eaton Vance) is the investment adviser to the Fund. Michael A. Allison is responsible for the overall and day-to-day management of the Fund's investments. Mr. Allison is a Vice President of EVM, is a member of EVM's Equity Strategy Committee and has been a portfolio manager of the Fund since November 2006. He has managed other Eaton Vance portfolios for more than five years. This information is provided as of the date of filing of this report.



The following table shows, as of the Fund's most recent fiscal year end, the number of accounts each portfolio manager managed in each of the listed categories and the total assets (in millions of dollars) in the accounts managed within each category. The table also shows the number of accounts with respect to which the advisory fee is based on the performance of the account, if any, and the total assets (in millions of dollars) in those accounts.

	Number of All Accounts	Total Assets of All Accounts	Number of Accounts Paying a Performance Fee	Total Assets of Accounts Paying a Performance Fee
<b>Michael A. Allison</b>				
Registered Investment Companies	14	\$ 24,995.0	0	\$ 0
Other Pooled Investment Vehicles	14	\$ 10,553.2 <sup>(1)</sup>	0	\$ 0
Other Accounts	1	\$ 0.3	0	\$ 0

- (1) Certain of these Other Pooled Investment Vehicles invest a substantial portion of their assets either in a registered investment company or in a separate pooled investment vehicle managed by this portfolio manager or another Eaton Vance portfolio manager.

The following table shows the dollar range of Fund shares beneficially owned by each portfolio manager as of the Fund's most recent fiscal year end.

Portfolio Manager	Dollar Range of Equity Securities Owned in the Fund
Michael A. Allison	\$50,001 - \$100,000

*Potential for Conflicts of Interest.* It is possible that conflicts of interest may arise in connection with a portfolio manager's management of the Fund's investments on the one hand and investments of other accounts for which a portfolio manager is responsible on the other. For example, a portfolio manager may have conflicts of interest in allocating management time, resources and investment opportunities among the Fund and other accounts he or she advises. In addition, due to differences in the investment strategies or restrictions between the Fund and the other accounts, a portfolio manager may take action with respect to another account that differs from the action taken with respect to the Fund. In some cases, another account managed by a portfolio manager may compensate the investment adviser based on the performance of the securities held by that account. The existence of such a performance based fee may create additional conflicts of interest for a portfolio manager in the allocation of management time, resources and investment opportunities. Whenever conflicts of interest arise, a portfolio manager will endeavor to exercise his or her discretion in a manner that he or she believes is equitable to all interested persons. EVM has adopted several policies and procedures designed to address these potential conflicts including a code of ethics and policies which govern the investment adviser's trading practices, including among other things the aggregation and allocation of trades among clients, brokerage allocation, cross trades and best execution.

### Compensation Structure for EVM

Compensation of EVM's portfolio managers and other investment professionals has three primary components: (1) a base salary, (2) an annual cash bonus, and (3) annual stock-based compensation consisting of options to purchase shares of EVC's nonvoting common stock and restricted shares of EVC's nonvoting common stock. EVM's investment professionals also receive certain retirement, insurance and other benefits that are broadly available to EVM's

employees. Compensation of EVM's investment professionals is reviewed primarily on an annual basis. Cash bonuses, stock-based compensation awards, and adjustments in base salary are typically paid or put into effect at or shortly after the October 31st fiscal year end of EVC.

*Method to Determine Compensation.* EVM compensates its portfolio managers based primarily on the scale and complexity of their portfolio responsibilities and the total return performance of managed funds and accounts versus the benchmark(s) stated in the prospectus, as well as an appropriate peer group (as described below). In addition to rankings within peer groups of funds on the basis of absolute performance, consideration may also be given to relative risk-adjusted performance. Risk-adjusted performance measures include, but are not limited to, the Sharpe Ratio. Performance is normally based on periods ending on the September 30th preceding fiscal year end. Fund performance is normally evaluated primarily versus peer groups of funds as determined by Lipper Inc. and/or Morningstar, Inc. When a fund's peer group as determined by Lipper or Morningstar is deemed by EVM's management not to provide a fair comparison, performance may instead be evaluated primarily against a custom peer group or market index. In evaluating the performance of a fund and its manager, primary emphasis is normally placed on three-year performance, with secondary consideration of performance over longer and shorter periods. For funds that are tax-managed or otherwise have an objective of after-tax returns, performance is measured net of taxes. For other funds, performance is evaluated on a pre-tax basis. For funds with an investment objective other than total return (such as current income), consideration will also be given to the fund's success in achieving its objective. For managers responsible for multiple funds and accounts, investment performance is evaluated on an aggregate basis, based on averages or weighted averages among managed funds and accounts. Funds and accounts that have performance-based advisory fees are not accorded disproportionate weightings in measuring aggregate portfolio manager performance.

The compensation of portfolio managers with other job responsibilities (such as heading an investment group or providing analytical support to other portfolios) will include consideration of the scope of such responsibilities and the managers' performance in meeting them.

EVM seeks to compensate portfolio managers commensurate with their responsibilities and performance, and competitive with other firms within the investment management industry. EVM participates in investment-industry compensation surveys and utilizes survey data as a factor in determining salary, bonus and stock-based compensation levels for portfolio managers and other investment professionals. Salaries, bonuses and stock-based compensation are also influenced by the operating performance of EVM and its parent company. The overall annual cash bonus pool is generally based on a substantially fixed percentage of pre-bonus adjusted operating income. While the salaries of EVM's portfolio managers are comparatively fixed, cash bonuses and stock-based compensation may fluctuate significantly from year to year, based on changes in manager performance and other factors as described herein. For a high performing portfolio manager, cash bonuses and stock-based compensation may represent a substantial portion of total compensation.

#### **Item 9. Purchases of Equity Securities by Closed-End Management Investment Company and Affiliated Purchasers**

No such purchases this period.

#### **Item 10. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders**

No material changes.

**Item 11. Controls and Procedures**

(a) It is the conclusion of the registrant's principal executive officer and principal financial officer that the effectiveness of the registrant's current disclosure controls and procedures (such disclosure controls and procedures having been evaluated within 90 days of the date of this filing) provide reasonable assurance that the information required to be disclosed by the registrant has been recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time period specified in the Commission's rules and forms and that the information required to be disclosed by the registrant has been accumulated and communicated to the registrant's principal executive officer and principal financial officer in order to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

(b) There have been no changes in the registrant's internal controls over financial reporting during the second fiscal quarter of the period covered by this report that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

**Item 12. Exhibits**

- (a)(1) Registrant's Code of Ethics Not applicable (please see Item 2).
- (a)(2)(i) Treasurer's Section 302 certification.
- (a)(2)(ii) President's Section 302 certification.
- (b) Combined Section 906 certification.
- (c) Registrant's notices to shareholders pursuant to Registrant's exemptive order granting an exemption from Section 19(b) of the 1940 Act and Rule 19b-1 thereunder regarding distributions paid pursuant to the Registrant's Managed Distribution Plan.

**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.

Eaton Vance Tax-Managed Diversified Equity Income Fund

By: /s/ Michael A. Allison  
Michael A. Allison  
President

Date: December 11, 2015

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: /s/ James F. Kirchner  
James F. Kirchner  
Treasurer

Date: December 11, 2015

By: /s/ Michael A. Allison  
Michael A. Allison  
President

Date: December 11, 2015