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Mr. Stapley is responsible for all fixed income management and trading. Mr. Stapley has been with Fifth Third since December 1988. Fifth Third Asset Management manages assets in excess of \$21.3 billion, including the Fifth Third Funds, a no-load mutual fund family with over \$12.0 billion in assets. Mr. Stapley is the portfolio manager for the Fifth Third Bond Fund, which was rated one of the top ten A-rated bond funds according to Lipper Analytical Services, Inc., for the years ended December 31, 1998 and 2000.

Prior to joining Fifth Third, Mr. Stapley was Manager of Short Term Investments/Foreign Exchange Exposure at Navistar International Corporation in Chicago. At Navistar he was responsible for both investment strategy and implementation and foreign exchange hedging and trading. Prior to joining Navistar, Mr. Stapley served as a Portfolio Manager for William Wrigley Jr. Company in Chicago. Mr. Stapley received his BA degree in Economics and Political Science with honors from Albion College in 1981. He was awarded the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) designation in 1994 from the Association for Investment Management and Research. Mr. Stapley is a frequent speaker before client groups and civic organizations. He has appeared as a guest on NBC, CNBC and Bloomberg News and has been featured in Forbes, Barrons', The Chicago Tribune, The Washington Post, The Wall Street Journal and many other publications. Mr. Stapley is a member of the Detroit Bond Club and served as President for the Investment Analysts' Society of Chicago-Western Michigan Chapter.