

DEUTSCHE STRATEGIC MUNICIPAL INCOME TRUST
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * | | | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | |
| Â Partner Reinsurance Co of the U.S. | | | (Month/Day/Year) | | DEUTSCHE STRATEGIC MUNICIPAL INCOME TRUST [KSM] | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 03/03/2015 | | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | |
| ONE GREENWICH PLAZA | | | | | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | |
| (Street) | | | | | (Check all applicable) | |
| GREENWICH,Â CTÂ 06830 | | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|---|--|
| Floating Rate Municipal Term Preferred Shares, Series 2015 <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u> | 2,419 | D | Â |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
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| Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | Security | Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) |
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Partner Reinsurance Co of the U.S. ONE GREENWICH PLAZA GREENWICH, CT 06830 | Â | Â X | Â | Â |

Signatures

/s/Thomas L. Forsyth, EVP, General Counsel & Corporate
Secretary

05/27/2015

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).

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(1) On January 16, 2015, Partner Reinsurance Company Ltd. ("PRC"), a wholly owned direct subsidiary of PartnerRe Ltd., and Citibank N.A. ("Citibank") entered into a Put/Call Agreement (the "Put/Call Agreement"), by which, among other things, PRC granted Citibank an option (exercisable between January 21, 2015 and March 31, 2015) (the "Put Option") to cause PRC to purchase the Floating Rate Municipal Term Preferred Shares, Series 2015 (the "MTPS Shares") from Citibank at the option price of \$25,000 per share plus accumulated but unpaid dividends. On March 3, 2015, Citibank notified PRC that it was exercising the Put Option.

(2) Following the exercise of the Put Option, PRC designated its affiliate, Partner Reinsurance Company of the U.S. ("PRC-US"), a wholly owned indirect subsidiary of PartnerRe Ltd., to perform PRC's obligations under the Put/Call Agreement, whereupon PRC-US became the direct beneficial owner of the reported securities.

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