

Ruys de Perez Charles Antony  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| <p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p>Â Ruys de Perez Charles Antony</p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>WESTERN ASSET MANAGEMENT COMPANY,Â 385 E. COLORADO BLVD.</p> <p>(Street)</p> <p>PASADENA,Â CAÂ 91101</p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p> | <p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>05/23/2007</p> | <p>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>WESTERN ASSET HIGH INCOME OPPORTUNITY FUND INC. [HIO]</p> | <p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p>(Check all applicable)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other</p> <p>(give title below) (specify below)</p> <p>General Counsel to Sub-Adviser</p> | <p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p> |
|   |   |   | <p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p>  |   |

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

|  |  |   |  |
|--|--|---|--|
| <p>1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)</p> | <p>2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)</p> | <p>3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)</p> | <p>4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)</p> |
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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)**

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

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |         |                                |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|--------------------------------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other                          |
| Ruys de Perez Charles Antony<br>WESTERN ASSET MANAGEMENT COMPANY<br>385 E. COLORADO BLVD.<br>PASADENA, CA 91101 | Â             | Â         | Â       | General Counsel to Sub-Adviser |

## Signatures

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| Lisa Mrozek by Power of Attorney for Charles A. Ruys de Perez | 05/23/2007 |
| **Signature of Reporting Person                               | Date       |

## Explanation of Responses:

### No securities are beneficially owned

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

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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