Eaton Vance Tax-Managed Diversified Equity Income Fund Form N-CSRS June 26, 2008

#### **UNITED STATES**

#### SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

# **FORM N-CSR**

# 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)

The Eaton Vance Building, 255 State Street, Boston, Massachusetts (Address of principal executive offices)

02109 (Zip code)

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Date of fiscal year October 31

end:

Date of reporting period: April 30, 2008

**Item 1. Reports to Stockholders** 

Semiannual Report April 30, 2008

EATON VANCE TAX-MANAGED DIVERSIFIED EQUITY INCOME FUND

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#### **Economic and Market Conditions**

• The stock market registered a decline for the six months ended April 30, 2008, reflecting a slowing economy, weaker corporate profits and the deepening credit crisis. The financial and housing segments were hard hit, as a large supply of unsold homes plagued the housing market and the financial sector suffered steep losses related to the subprime loan debacle. Concerns over the credit crisis contributed to rising market volatility. As curtailed lending raised the prospect of a more severe slowdown, the Federal Reserve lowered short-term interest rates to add much-needed liquidity. The surge in energy prices was another hurdle for the economy, while the U.S. dollar fell to record lows versus other major currencies. Global markets also declined, with those dependent on sales to the U.S. of technology products and consumer electronics especially hard-hit. In mid-March 2008, the market began to recover tentatively amid suggestions that the market had already discounted the worst of the credit crisis. Led by a rebound in financial stocks and increasing hopes for an orderly unwinding of troubled debt, the rally gained strength through April 2008, trimming losses for the six-month period.

#### **Management Discussion**

- The Fund s primary investment objective is to provide current income and gains, with a secondary objective of capital appreciation. The Fund pursues its investment objectives by investing primarily in a diversified portfolio of common stocks. Under normal market conditions, the Fund seeks to generate current earnings from option premiums by selling covered call options with respect to a portion of its portfolio securities. During the six months ended April 30, 2008, the Fund continued to provide shareholders with attractive distributions.
- The Fund outperformed a blended index consisting of an 80% weighting in the S&P 500 Index and a 20% weighting in the FTSE Eurotop 100 (reflecting the Fund s composition) at net asset value (NAV) for the six months ended April 30, 2008. (It is important to remember that the blended index does not include the hedging characteristics that are utilized by the Fund in the execution of its covered call option writing strategy.) The Fund also outperformed the average total return of funds in the Lipper Options Arbitrage/Options Strategies classification for the period.(1)
- The Fund's most significant positive performance came from the financials sector. While the sector as a whole was hard hit during the period, management maintained an underweighting relative to the blended index, which was beneficial to returns. In addition, stock selection was also positive, especially among

Eaton Vance Tax-Managed Diversified Equity Income Fund Performance 10/31/07 4/30/08

NYSE Symbol ETY

At Net Asset Value (NAV)		-2.72%
At Market		2.35%
S&P 500 Index(1)		-9.63%
CBOE S&P 500 BuyWrite Index (BXM)(1)		-1.17%
FTSE Eurotop 100 Index(1)		-7.76%
Lipper Options Arbitrage/Options Strategies Average(1)		-5.70%
Total Distributions per share		\$ 0.925
Distribution Rate(2)	On NAV	10.26%
	On Market	11.16%

See page 3 for more performance information.

Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Returns are historical and are calculated by determining the percentage change in net asset value or share price (as applicable) with all distributions reinvested. The Fund's performance at market share price will differ from its results at NAV. Although share price performance generally reflects investment results over time, during shorter periods, returns at share price can also be affected by factors such as changing perceptions about the Fund, market conditions, fluctuations in supply and demand for the Fund's shares, or changes in Fund distributions. The Fund has no current intention to utilize leverage, but may do so in the future through borrowings and/or other permitted methods. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate so that shares, when sold, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Performance is for the stated time period only; due to market volatility, the Fund's current performance may be lower or higher than the quoted return. For performance as of the most recent month end, please refer to www.eatonvance.com.

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.

<sup>(1)</sup> It is not possible to invest directly in an Index or a Lipper Classification. The Indices total returns do not reflect commissions or expenses that would have been incurred if an investor individually purchased or sold the securities represented in the Indices. The return for the FTSE Eurotop 100 Index is calculated in U.S. dollars. The Lipper total return is the average total return, at net asset value, of the funds that are in the same Lipper Classification as the Fund.

<sup>(2)</sup> The Distribution Rate is based on the Fund s most recent quarterly distribution per share (annualized) divided by the Fund s NAV or market price at the end of the period. The Fund s quarterly distributions may be comprised of ordinary income, net realized capital gains and return of capital.

insurance companies, commercial banks, and diversified financial services, as selected Fund holdings outperformed their counterparts in the blended index.

- A slight overweighting in energy, combined with the positive performance of Fund holdings in that sector, also aided performance. In contrast, the Fund s holdings in the materials, utilities, and consumer discretionary sectors detracted from performance.
- In changeable market conditions, such as those experienced in the six-month period, the option premiums available from writing call options can vary, as expectations of the future volatility of the underlying asset are factored in. The implied volatility of equity-based options was higher during the period than in prior periods, primarily in response to investor anxiety about subprime mortgages, the credit markets, and the possibility of recession. As a result, the Fund was able to monetize some of the increased volatility in the form of higher premiums for the six months ended April 30, 2008, adding to the Fund s outperformance. In future periods of strong market growth, this strategy may lessen returns relative to the market. (At April 30, 2008, the Fund had written call options on 50% of its equity holdings.)

The views expressed throughout this report are those of the portfolio managers and are current only through the end of the period of the report as stated on the cover. These views are subject to change at any time based upon market or other conditions, and the investment adviser disclaims any responsibility to update such views. These views may not be relied on as investment advice and, because investment decisions for a fund are based on many factors, may not be relied on as an indication of trading intent on behalf of any Eaton Vance fund. Portfolio information provided in the report may not be representative of the Fund s current or future investments and may change due to active management.

## Eaton Vance Tax-Managed Diversified Equity Income Fund as of April 30, 2008

## FUND PERFORMANCE

Performance
NYSE Symbol:
ETY

Average Annual Total Returns (by share price, New York Stock Exchange)	
Six Months	2.35%
One Year	-10.23
Life of Fund (11/30/06)	-0.96
Average Annual Total Returns (at net asset value)	
Six Months	-2.72%
One Year	-1.80
Life of Fund (11/30/06)	5.08

## **Fund Composition**

## **Top Ten Holdings\***

By total investments

Exxon Mobil Corp.	3.1%
Berkshire Hathaway, Inc., Class A	2.2
General Electric Co.	2.1
Schlumberger, Ltd.	2.0
Microsoft Corp.	1.9
Hess Corp.	1.7
AT&T, Inc.	1.7
Google, Inc., Class A	1.7
Anadarko Petroeum Corp.	1.6
JPMorgan Chase & Co.	1.6

<sup>\*</sup> Top Ten Holdings represented 19.6% of the Fund s total investments as of 4/30/08. The Top Ten Holdings are presented without the offsetting effect of the Fund s written option positions at 4/30/08. Excludes cash equivalents.

#### Sector Weightings\*\*

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# PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (Unaudited)

Shares	Value
171,399	\$ 14,544,919
358,347	32,401,736
268,883	28,512,353
338,352	21,644,377
528,838	38,324,890
	\$ 135,428,275
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182,470	\$ 14,146,889
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317,652	\$ 18,700,173
510,203	34,964,212
	\$ 53,664,385
163,459	\$ 9,920,327
474,976	33,414,562
680,154	35,204,771
	\$ 78,539,660
188,512	\$ 8,205,927
356,187	19,732,120
104,040	19,910,135
247,553	6,349,734
359,537	26,222,175
117,473	8,474,502
192,173	11,253,651
385,963	12,706,136
	\$ 112,854,380
	171,399 358,347 268,883 338,352 528,838 300,004 182,470 317,652 510,203 163,459 474,976 680,154 188,512 356,187 104,040 247,553 359,537 117,473 192,173

Security	Shares	Value
Chemicals 1.6%		
E.I. Du Pont de Nemours & Co.	523,676	\$ 25,612,993
Monsanto Co.	145,729	16,616,021
		\$ 42,229,014
Commercial Banks 3.3%		
Banco Bradesco SA ADR	386,903	\$ 8,736,258
Banco Itau Holding Financeira SA ADR	622,500	17,461,125
Banco Santander Central Hispano SA	579,447	12,494,653

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HSBC Holdings PLC	1,131,968	19,578,665
M&T Bank Corp.	79,362	7,398,919
National City Corp.	1,091,793	6,878,296
Toronto-Dominion Bank	150,898	9,918,526
U.S. Bancorp	158,952	5,386,883
		\$ 87,853,325
Communications Equipment 2.9%		
Cisco Systems, Inc.(1)	965,976	\$ 24,767,625
Nokia Oyj ADR	233,895	7,033,223
QUALCOMM, Inc.	528,541	22,827,686
Research In Motion, Ltd. <sup>(1)</sup>	187,674	22,826,789
		\$ 77,455,323
Computer Peripherals 4.7%		
Apple, Inc.(1)	234,400	\$ 40,773,880
EMC Corp.(1)	877,837	13,518,690
Hewlett-Packard Co.	702,274	32,550,400
International Business Machines Corp.	328,279	39,623,275
		\$ 126,466,245
Diversified Financial Services 3.0%		
Bank of America Corp.	816,164	\$ 30,638,797
Citigroup, Inc.	292,390	7,388,695
JPMorgan Chase & Co.	929,131	44,273,092
		\$ 82,300,584
Diversified Telecommunication Services 2.7%		
AT&T, Inc.	1,228,037	\$ 47,537,312