

BLACKROCK DEBT STRATEGIES FUND, INC.

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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)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â Saba Capital Management, L.P.			(Month/Day/Year)	BLACKROCK DEBT STRATEGIES FUND, INC. [DSU]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
405 LEXINGTON AVENUE,Â 58TH FLOOR				(Check all applicable)	
(Street)				<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
NEW YORK,Â NYÂ 10174				<input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)	<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
(City)	(State)	(Zip)			<input checked="" 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)
Common Stock, par value \$0.10	18,790,316	I	See footnotes <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u>

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
Saba Capital Management, L.P. 405 LEXINGTON AVENUE 58TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10174	^	^ X	^	^
Weinstein Boaz 405 LEXINGTON AVENUE 58TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10174	^	^ X	^	^

Signatures

SABA CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P., By: Boaz R. Weinstein, Managing Member, By: /s/ Michael D'Angelo, as Attorney-In-Fact	01/20/2016
__Signature of Reporting Person	Date
BOAZ R. WEINSTEIN, By: /s/ Michael D'Angelo, as Attorney-In-Fact	01/20/2016
__Signature of Reporting Person	Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (1) The securities reported herein are held by (i) Saba Capital Master Fund, Ltd., a Cayman Islands exempted company, (ii) Saba Capital Master Fund II, Ltd., a Cayman Islands exempted company, (iii) Saba Capital Leveraged Master Fund, Ltd., a Cayman Islands exempted company, (iv) Saba Capital Series LLC Series 1, a Delaware series limited liability company and (v) Saba Capital Partners (Cayman), L.P., Cayman Islands limited partnership (collectively, the "Saba Funds").
- (2) Mr. Boaz R. Weinstein ("Mr. Weinstein") serves as the managing member of Saba Capital Management GP, LLC, the general partner of Saba Capital Management, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ("Saba Capital"). Saba Capital serves as the investment manager of the Saba Funds. Each Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities reported herein except to the extent of his or its pecuniary interest therein.

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Remarks:

The power of attorney, dated as of November 16, 2015, authorizing Michal D'Angelo to sign on behalf of

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