

Small Cap Premium & Dividend Income 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)

<p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * ^ MERRILL LYNCH ASSET MANAGEMENT INC (Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>C/O MERRILL LYNCH MANAGEMENT, ^ P O BOX 9011 (Street)</p> <p>PRINCETON, ^ NJ ^ 08543-9011 (City) (State) (Zip)</p>	<p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 07/26/2005</p>	<p>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Small Cap Premium & Dividend Income Fund, Inc. [RCC]</p>	<p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) ___ Director ___ 10% Owner ___ Officer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) Sub Advisor to Fund</p>	<p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p>	<p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person ___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p>
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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 (seed shares)	5,236	D	^

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	4. Conversion or Exercise	5. Ownership Form of	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	(Instr. 4)	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)
		Title			

(Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

MERRILL LYNCH ASSET MANAGEMENT INC
 C/O MERRILL LYNCH MANAGEMENT
 P O BOX 9011
 PRINCETON, NJ 08543-9011

Â Â Â Sub Advisor to Fund

Signatures

Catherine Johnston, Power of Attorney 07/26/2005

__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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