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# **Rydex Variable Trust Annual Report**

#### **Domestic Equity Funds**

S&P 500° Pure Growth Fund

S&P 500° Pure Value Fund

S&P MidCap 400° Pure Growth Fund

S&P MidCap 400° Pure Value Fund

S&P SmallCap 600° Pure Growth Fund

S&P SmallCap 600<sup>®</sup> Pure Value Fund

#### **International Equity Funds**

Europe 1.25x Strategy Fund Japan 2x Strategy Fund

#### **Specialty Funds**

Strengthening Dollar 2x Strategy Fund Weakening Dollar 2x Strategy Fund

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#### Dear Shareholder:

Security Investors, LLC (the "Investment Adviser") is pleased to present the annual shareholder report for ten funds that are part of the Rydex Variable Trust (the "Funds"). This report covers performance of the Funds for the annual period ended December 31, 2018.

The Investment Adviser is a part of Guggenheim Investments, which represents the investment management businesses of Guggenheim Partners, LLC ("Guggenheim"), a global, diversified financial services firm.

Guggenheim Funds Distributors, LLC is the distributor of the Funds. Guggenheim Funds Distributors, LLC is affiliated with Guggenheim and the Investment Adviser.

We encourage you to read the Economic and Market Overview section of the report, which follows this letter, and then the Performance Report and Fund Profile for each Fund.

We are committed to providing innovative investment solutions and appreciate the trust you place in us.

Sincerely,

Security Investors, LLC

January 31, 2019

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Inverse and leveraged Funds are not suitable for all investors. • These Funds should be utilized only by investors who (a) understand the risks associated with the use of leverage, (b) understand the consequences of seeking daily leveraged investment results, (c) understand the risk of shorting, and (d) intend to actively monitor and manage their investments. • The more a Fund invests in leveraged instruments, the more the leverage will magnify any gains or losses on those investments. • Inverse Funds involve certain risks, which include increased volatility due to the Funds' possible use of short sales of securities and derivatives, such as options and futures. The Funds' use of derivatives, such as futures, options, and swap agreements, may expose the Funds' shareholders to additional risks that they would not be subject to if they invested directly in the securities underlying those derivatives. • Short-selling involves increased risks and costs. You risk paying more for a security than you received from its sale. • Leveraged and inverse Funds seek to provide investment results that match the performance of a specific benchmark, before fees and expenses, on a daily basis. Because the Funds seek to track the performance of their benchmark on a daily basis, mathematical compounding, especially with respect to those Funds that use leverage as part of their investment strategy, may prevent a Fund from correlating with the monthly, quarterly, annual, or other period performance of its benchmark. Due to the compounding of daily returns, leveraged and inverse Funds' returns over periods other than one day will likely differ in amount and possibly direction from the benchmark return for the same period. For those Funds that consistently apply leverage, the value of the Fund's shares will tend to increase or decrease more than the value of any increase or decrease in its benchmark index. The Funds rebalance their portfolios on a daily basis, increasing exposure in response to that day's gains or reducing exposure in response to that day's losses. Daily rebalancing will impair a Fund's performance if the benchmark experiences volatility. Investors should monitor their leveraged and inverse Funds' holdings consistent with their strategies, as frequently as daily. • For more on these and other risks, please read the prospectus.

Pure Style Funds may not be suitable for all investors. • The Funds are subject to the risk that large, medium and small-capitalization stocks may under-perform other segments of the equity market or the equity market as a whole • Value stocks are subject to the risk that the intrinsic value of the stock may never be realized by the market or that the price goes down. Growth stocks typically invest a high portion of their earnings back into their business and may lack the dividend yield that could cushion their decline in a market downturn. Growth stocks may be more volatile than other stocks because they are more sensitive to investor perceptions regarding the growth potential of the issuing company. • The Funds are subject to the risk that unanticipated early closings of securities exchanges and other financial markets may result in the Funds' inability to buy or sell securities or other financial instruments on that day. In certain circumstances, it may be difficult for the Funds to purchase and sell particular investments within a reasonable time at a fair price. • Unlike many investment companies, the Funds are not actively "managed." This means that based on market and economic conditions, the Funds' performance could be lower than other types of funds that may actively shift their portfolio assets to take advantage of market opportunities or to lessen the impact of a market decline • The Funds are subject to active trading and tracking error risks, which may increase volatility, impact the Funds' ability to achieve its investment objective and may decrease the Fund's performance. • These Funds are considered non-diversified and can invest a greater portion of its assets in securities of individual issuers than a diversified fund. As a result, changes in the market value of a single security could cause greater fluctuations in the

value of Fund shares than would occur in a more diversified fund. • Securities are not deposits or obligations of any bank, are not guaranteed by any bank, are not insured by the FDIC or any other agency, and involve investment risks, including the possible loss of the principal amount invested. • Please read the prospectus for more detailed information regarding these and other risks.

Strengthening Dollar 2x Strategy Fund is subject to a number of risks and may not be suitable for all investors. • The Fund's use of derivatives such as futures, options and swap agreements may expose the fund to additional risks that it would not be subject to if it invested directly in the securities underlying those derivatives. • The Fund's indirect and direct exposure to foreign currencies subjects the fund to the risk that those currencies will appreciate in value relative to the U.S. dollar. • The more the Fund invests in leveraged instruments, the more the leverage will magnify any gains or losses on those investments. These risks may cause the Fund to experience higher losses and/or volatility than a Fund that does not invest in derivatives, use leverage or have exposure to foreign currencies. • Also, the Fund is subject to active trading and tracking error risks that may increase volatility, decrease performance and impact the Fund's ability to achieve its investment objective. •Please read the prospectus for more detailed information regarding these and other risks.

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U.S. economic data has been broadly strong, but there is already evidence that certain sectors are losing steam. Consumers are becoming less positive on purchases of homes, autos, and appliances, citing rising rates as a major reason. Growth in nonresidential fixed investment is also slowing, reflecting a combination of higher borrowing costs and tariff uncertainty.

With three major pillars of the economy showing signs of weakness, a broad-based slowdown in real U.S. gross domestic product ("GDP") growth to below 2% year over year by the fourth quarter of 2019 is possible. Global growth momentum has weakened over the last 12 months, and the souring picture for the global economy collided with rising production from U.S. oil producers to drive a 38% decline in oil prices in the fourth quarter. Subsequently, inflation expectations collapsed, and rate hikes priced for 2019 in the fed funds futures market evaporated.

A key bright spot in late 2018 was the U.S. labor market. The unemployment rate remained below 4.0%, near 50-year lows. Non-farm payrolls increased nearly twice as fast as expected, while average hourly earnings increased at 3.3% year over year, the fastest growth in wages since 2009. With above-potential GDP growth likely to cause job gains to run above labor force growth, unemployment could fall further in 2019, leading to an acceleration of wage growth.

With an eye on the labor market, but cognizant of softening inflation, the U.S. Federal Reserve (the "Fed") proceeded to raise the fed funds target to 2.25–2.50% in December 2018. The Fed added to its December statement that it would monitor global economic and financial developments, but in the press conference, Fed Chair Powell failed to convey flexibility on both interest rate and balance sheet policy should conditions deteriorate further. Markets sold off further in the days following the Fed decision.

Easing inflationary pressures against a very tight labor market present a conundrum to the Fed as policymakers walk a tightrope managing policy around the Fed's dual mandate of price stability and full employment. Ultimately, the Fed may be forced to pause in early 2019 to monitor economic data in order to avoid inflicting further pain. With real GDP growth running above potential, unemployment below full employment and falling, and core inflation near the 2% target, the 2019 data should be solid enough for the Fed to deliver another hike in the second half of the year.

For the 12 months ended December 31, 2018, the Standard & Poor's 500® ("S&P 500®") Index\* generated a total return of -4.38%. After two years of strong appreciation in 2016 and 2017, equities were choppy, including a nearly 20% drawdown from early October to December 24th, as markets contended with the ramifications of a trade uncertainty with China, a government shutdown, and the prospects of a new direction in monetary policy.

A pause in monetary policy tightening may grant a short-lived reprieve to debtors at risk of caving under pressure from rising borrowing costs. Credit conditions would appear benign if the Fed seemingly saves the day by staying on hold. We believe any pause would only allow excesses to become more pronounced and afford risk assets one more rally. This rally may be the last opportunity to sell into strength before the Fed resumes raising interest rates, which may push the U.S. into an economic recession in 2020.

For the 12 months ended December 31, 2018, the MSCI Europe-Australasia-Far East ("EAFE") Index\* returned -13.79%. The return of the MSCI Emerging Markets Index\* was -14.58%.

In the bond market, the Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index\* posted a 0.01% return for the period, while the Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Corporate High Yield Index\* returned -2.08%. The return of the ICE Bank of America ("BofA") Merrill Lynch 3-Month U.S. Treasury Bill Index\* was 1.87% for the 12-month period.

The opinions and forecasts expressed may not actually come to pass. This information is subject to change at any time, based on market and other conditions, and should not be construed as a recommendation of any specific security or strategy.

#### \*Index Definitions:

The following indices are referenced throughout this report. Indices are unmanaged and not available for direct investment. Index performance does not reflect transaction costs, fees, or expenses.

Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index is a broad-based flagship benchmark that measures the investment grade, U.S. dollar-denominated, fixed-rate taxable bond market, including U.S. Treasuries, government-related and corporate securities, mortgage-backed securities or "MBS" (agency fixed-rate and hybrid adjustable-rate mortgage, or "ARM", pass-throughs), asset-backed securities ("ABS"), and commercial mortgage-backed securities ("CMBS") (agency and non-agency).

Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Corporate High Yield Index measures the U.S. dollar-denominated, high yield, fixed-rate corporate bond market. Securities are classified as high yield if the middle rating of Moody's, Fitch, and S&P is Ba1/BB +/BB + or below.

ICE BofA Merrill Lynch 3-Month U.S. Treasury Bill Index is an unmanaged market Index of U.S. Treasury securities maturing in 90 days that assumes reinvestment of all

MSCI EAFE Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of developed markets, excluding the U.S. & Canada.

MSCI Emerging Markets Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index that is designed to measure equity market performance in the global emerging

Nikkei-225 Stock Average Index is a price-weighted index comprised of Japan's top 225 blue-chip companies on the Tokyo Stock Exchange.

S&P 500<sup>®</sup> is a broad-based index, the performance of which is based on the performance of 500 widely held common stocks chosen for market size, liquidity, and industry group representation.

S&P 500® Pure Growth Index is narrow in focus, containing only those S&P 500 Index companies with strong growth characteristics as selected by S&P. The S&P 500 Index is a capitalization-weighted index covering 500 industrial, utility, transportation and financial companies of the U.S. markets (mostly NYSE Euronext issues).

S&P 500® Pure Value Index is narrow in focus, containing only those S&P 500 Index companies with strong value characteristics as selected by S&P. The S&P 500 Index is a capitalization-weighted index covering 500 industrial, utility, transportation and financial companies of the U.S. markets (mostly NYSE Euronext issues).

S&P MidCap 400® Pure Growth Index is narrow in focus, containing only those S&P MidCap 400 Index companies with strong growth characteristics as selected by S&P. The S&P MidCap 400 Index measures the performance of the mid-capitalization sector of the U.S. equity market.

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STOXX Europe 50® Index provides a blue-chip representation of supersector leaders in the eurozone. The index covers 50 stocks from 12 eurozone countries: Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal and Spain.

USD or U.S. Dollar Index® (USDX) is an index that determines the relative value of the United States dollar to a basket of foreign currencies. This formulated "basket" of currencies comprises the weighting of six other currencies as follows: Euro (EUR), 57.6% + Japanese Yen (JPY), 13.6% + Pound Sterling (GBP), 11.9% + Canadian Dollar (CAD), 9.1% + Swedish Krona (SEK), 4.2% + Swiss Franc (CHF) 3.6%.

#### A BRIEF NOTE ON THE COMPOUNDING OF RETURNS (Unaudited)

Many of the Funds described in this report are benchmarked daily to leveraged and/or inverse leveraged versions of published indices. To properly evaluate the performance of these funds, it is essential to understand the effect of mathematical compounding on their respective returns.

Because of the nonlinear effects of leverage applied over time, it is possible for a fund to perform in-line with its benchmark for several individual periods in a row, yet seem to trail the benchmark over the entire period on a cumulative basis. It is also possible that a fund that performs in-line with its benchmark on a daily basis may seem to outperform its benchmark over longer periods.

#### An Example of Compounding

For example, consider a hypothetical fund that is designed to produce returns that correspond to 150% of an index. On the first day of a period, the index rises from a level of 100 to a level of 106, producing a 6.0% gain and an expectation that the fund will rise by 9.0%. On the same day, the fund's net asset value per share ("NAV") increases from \$10.00 to \$10.90 for a gain of 9.0% — in line with its benchmark.

On day two, assume the index falls from 106 to 99 for a loss of about 6.6%. The fund, as expected, falls 9.9% to a price of \$9.82. On each day, the fund performed exactly in line with its benchmark, but for the two-day period, the fund was down 1.8%, while the index was down only 1.0%. Without taking into account the daily compounding of returns, one would expect the fund to lose 1.5% and would see the fund as trailing by 0.3% when in fact it had performed perfectly. This example is summarized in the table below.

	Index Level	Index Performance	Fund Expectation	Fund NAV	Fund Performance	Assessment
Start	100			\$10.00		
Day 1	106	6.0%	9.0%	\$10.90	9.0%	In line
Day 2	99	-6.6%	-9.9%	\$ 9.82	-9.9%	In line
Cumulative		-1.0%	-1.5%		-1.8%	-0.3%

As illustrated by this simple example, the effect of leverage can make it difficult to form expectations or judgments about fund performance given only the returns of the unleveraged index.

Because certain funds seek to track the performance of their benchmark on a daily basis, mathematical compounding, especially with respect to those funds that use leverage as part of their investment strategy, may prevent a fund from correlating with the monthly, quarterly, annual or other period performance of its benchmark. Due to the compounding of daily returns, leveraged and inverse funds' returns over periods other than one day will likely differ in amount and possibly direction from the benchmark return for the same period. Investors should monitor their leveraged and inverse funds' holdings to ensure that they are consistent with their strategies, as frequently as daily. For those funds that consistently apply leverage, the value of the fund's shares will tend to increase or decrease more than the value of any increase or decrease in its benchmark index. For more on correlation, leverage and other risks, please read the prospectus.

In general, any change in direction in an index will produce compounding that seems to work against an investor. Were the index to move in the same direction (either up or down) for two or more periods in a row, the compounding of those returns would work in an investor's favor, causing the fund to seemingly beat its benchmark.

As a general rule of thumb, more leverage in a fund will magnify the compounding effect, while less leverage will generally produce results that are more in line with expectations. In addition, periods of high volatility in an underlying index will also cause the effects of compounding to be more pronounced, while lower volatility will produce a more muted effect.

#### **ABOUT SHAREHOLDERS' FUND EXPENSES (Unaudited)**

All mutual funds have operating expenses, and it is important for our shareholders to understand the impact of costs on their investments. Shareholders of a fund incur two types of costs: (i) transaction costs, including sales charges (loads) on purchase payments, reinvested dividends, other distributions, and exchange fees, and (ii) ongoing costs, including management fees, administrative services, and shareholder reports, among others. These ongoing costs, or operating expenses, are deducted from a fund's gross income and reduce the investment return of the fund.

A fund's expenses are expressed as a percentage of its average net assets, which is known as the expense ratio. The following examples are intended to help investors understand the ongoing costs (in dollars) of investing in a fund and to compare these costs with the ongoing costs of investing in other mutual funds.

The examples are based on an investment of \$1,000 made at the beginning of the period and held for the entire six-month period beginning June 30, 2018 and ending December 31, 2018.

The following tables illustrate the Funds' costs in two ways:

Table 1. Based on actual Fund return: This section helps investors estimate the actual expenses paid over the period. The "Ending Account Value" shown is derived from the Fund's actual return, and the fifth column shows the dollar amount that would have been paid by an investor who started with \$1,000 in the Fund. Investors may use the information here, together with the amount invested, to estimate the expenses paid over the period. Simply divide the Fund's account value by \$1,000 (for example, an \$8,600 account value divided by \$1,000 = 8.6), then multiply the result by the number provided under the heading "Expenses Paid During Period."

Table 2. Based on hypothetical 5% return: This section is intended to help investors compare a fund's cost with those of other mutual funds. The table provides information about hypothetical account values and hypothetical expenses based on the Fund's actual expense ratio and an assumed rate of return of 5% per year before expenses, which is not the Fund's actual return. The hypothetical account values and expenses may not be used to estimate the actual ending account balance or expenses paid during the period. The example is useful in making comparisons because the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") requires all mutual funds to calculate expenses based on the 5% return. Investors can assess a fund's costs by comparing this hypothetical example with the hypothetical examples that appear in shareholder reports of other funds.

The calculations illustrated above assume no shares were bought or sold during the period. Actual costs may have been higher or lower, depending on the amount of investment and the timing of any purchases or redemptions.

Please note that the expenses shown in the table are meant to highlight your ongoing costs only and do not reflect any transactional costs, such as sales charges (loads) on purchase payments, and contingent deferred sales charges ("CDSC") on redemptions, if any. Therefore, the second table is useful in comparing ongoing costs only, and will not help you determine the relative total costs of owning different funds. In addition, if these transactional costs were included, your costs would have been higher.

More information about the Funds' expenses, including annual expense ratios for periods up to five years (subject to the Funds' inception date), can be found in the Financial Highlights section of this report. For additional information on operating expenses and other shareholder costs, please refer to the appropriate Fund prospectus.

	Expense Ratio <sup>1</sup>	Fund Return	Beginning Account Value June 30, 2018	Ending Account Value December 31, 2018	Expenses Paid During Period <sup>2</sup>
Table 1. Based on actual Fund return <sup>3</sup>					
S&P 500® Pure Growth Fund	1.66%	(13.37%)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 866.30	\$ 7.81
S&P 500® Pure Value Fund	1.67%	(12.98%)	1,000.00	870.20	7.87
S&P MidCap 400® Pure Growth Fund	1.66%	(18.36%)	1,000.00	816.40	7.60
S&P MidCap 400® Pure Value Fund	1.66%	(19.56%)	1,000.00	804.40	7.55
S&P SmallCap 600® Pure Growth Fund	1.65%	(18.08%)	1,000.00	819.20	7.57
S&P SmallCap 600® Pure Value Fund	1.65%	(25.02%)	1,000.00	749.80	7.28
Europe 1.25x Strategy Fund	1.83%	(13.21%)	1,000.00	867.90	8.62
Japan 2x Strategy Fund	1.64%	(20.79%)	1,000.00	792.10	7.41
Strengthening Dollar 2x Strategy Fund	1.86%	4.97%	1,000.00	1,049.70	9.61
Weakening Dollar 2x Strategy Fund	1.86%	(5.07%)	1,000.00	949.30	9.14
Table 2. Based on hypothetical 5% return (befor	e expenses)				
S&P 500® Pure Growth Fund	1.66%	5.00%	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,016.84	\$ 8.44
S&P 500® Pure Value Fund	1.67%	5.00%	1,000.00	1,016.79	8.49
S&P MidCap 400® Pure Growth Fund	1.66%	5.00%	1,000.00	1,016.84	8.44
S&P MidCap 400® Pure Value Fund	1.66%	5.00%	1,000.00	1,016.84	8.44
S&P SmallCap 600® Pure Growth Fund	1.65%	5.00%	1,000.00	1,016.89	8.39
S&P SmallCap 600® Pure Value Fund	1.65%	5.00%	1,000.00	1,016.89	8.39
Europe 1.25x Strategy Fund	1.83%	5.00%	1,000.00	1,015.98	9.30
Japan 2x Strategy Fund	1.64%	5.00%	1,000.00	1,016.94	8.34
Strengthening Dollar 2x Strategy Fund	1.86%	5.00%	1,000.00	1,015.83	9.45
Weakening Dollar 2x Strategy Fund	1.86%	5.00%	1,000.00	1,015.83	9.45

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Annualized and excludes expenses of the underlying funds in which the Funds invest, if any.

<sup>2</sup> Expenses are equal to the Fund's annualized expense ratio, net of any applicable fee waivers, multiplied by the average account value over the period, multiplied by 184/365 (to reflect the one-half year period). Expenses shown do not include fees charged by insurance companies.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Actual cumulative return at net asset value for the period June 30, 2018 to December 31, 2018.

# S&P 500® PURE GROWTH FUND

**OBJECTIVE:** Seeks to provide investment results that match, before fees and expenses, the performance of a benchmark for large-cap growth securities on a daily basis. The Fund's current benchmark is the S&P 500® Pure Growth Index (the "underlying index").

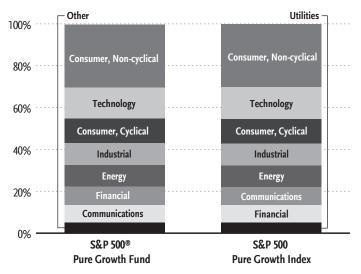
For the year ended December 31, 2018, S&P 500® Pure Growth Fund returned -5.63%, compared with a return of -4.19% for the underlying index. The Fund maintained a daily correlation of over 99% to its benchmark for the period.

Information Technology was the sector detracting the most to the return of the underlying index, followed by Consumer Discretionary. Health Care and Energy were was the only sectors that contributed to return.

Stocks contributing the most to return of the underlying index were Red Hat, Inc., Netflix, Inc., and salesforce.com, Inc. IPG Photonics Corp., Arista Networks, Inc., and Applied Materials, Inc. were the largest detractors from performance of the underlying index.

Performance displayed represents past performance, which is no guarantee of future results.

#### Holdings Diversification (Market Exposure as % of Net Assets)



"Holdings Diversification (Market Exposure as % of Net Assets)" excludes any temporary cash investments.

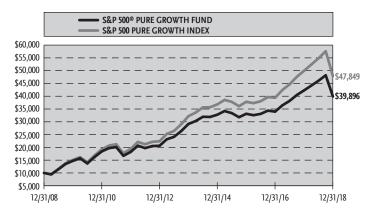
**Inception Date:** May 3, 2004

#### Ten Largest Holdings (% of Total Net Assets)

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Keysight Technologies, Inc.	1.9%
Ulta Beauty, Inc.	1.9%
CSX Corp.	1.9%
salesforce.com, Inc.	1.8%
Devon Energy Corp.	1.8%
Vertex Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	1.7%
Netflix, Inc.	1.7%
ConocoPhillips	1.7%
Autodesk, Inc.	1.7%
Thermo Fisher Scientific, Inc.	1.7%
Top Ten Total	17.8%

"Ten Largest Holdings" excludes any temporary cash investments.

# Cumulative Fund Performance\*'



## Average Annual Returns\*\*,†

Periods Ended December 31, 2018

	1 Year	5 Year	10 Year
S&P 500® Pure Growth Fund	(5.63%)	6.47%	14.84%
S&P 500 Pure Growth Index	(4.19%)	8.24%	16.95%

<sup>\*</sup> The performance data above represents past performance that is not predictive of future results. The investment return and principal value of an investment in the Fund will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Returns are historical and include changes in principal and reinvested dividends and capital gains and do not reflect the effect of taxes. The S&P 500 Pure Growth Index is an unmanaged index and, unlike the Fund, has no management fees or operating expenses to reduce its reported return.

<sup>†</sup> Returns do not reflect the impact of any additional fees charged by insurance companies.

# S&P 500® PURE GROWTH FUND

	Shares		VALUE		Shares		Value
COMMON STOCKS <sup>†</sup> - 99.5%				CONSUMER, CYCLICAL - 11.6%			
				Ulta Beauty, Inc.*	3,220	\$	788,385
CONSUMER, NON-CYCLICAL - 29.9%				WW Grainger, Inc.	2,120		598,603
Vertex Pharmaceuticals, Inc.*	4,309	\$	714,044	O'Reilly Automotive, Inc.*	1,670		575,031
Thermo Fisher Scientific, Inc.	3,100		693,749	Tractor Supply Co.	4,870		406,353
Church & Dwight Company, Inc.	8,640		568,167	Yum! Brands, Inc.	4,250		390,660
Kellogg Co.	9,210		525,062	Dollar General Corp.	3,410		368,553
Hormel Foods Corp.	11,330		483,565	VF Corp.	4,720		336,725
DaVita, Inc.*	9,370		482,180	TJX Companies, Inc.	7,298		326,512
WellCare Health Plans, Inc.*	1,980		467,458	Fastenal Co.	5,940		310,603
Eli Lilly & Co.	3,790		438,579	Hilton Worldwide Holdings, Inc.	3,770		270,686
McCormick & Company, Inc.	3,130		435,821	Chipotle Mexican Grill, Inc. — Class A*	570		246,120
Edwards Lifesciences Corp.*	2,770		424,281	AutoZone, Inc.*	270		226,352
Constellation Brands, Inc. — Class A	2,621		421,509		2/0	_	
Cintas Corp.	2,502		420,311	Total Consumer, Cyclical		_	4,844,583
Boston Scientific Corp.*	11,695		413,301	INDUSTRIAL - 10.5%			
Lamb Weston Holdings, Inc.	5,520		406,051	Keysight Technologies, Inc.*	12,930		802,694
Humana, Inc.	1,370		392,478	CSX Corp.	12,580		781,595
Gartner, Inc.*	3,022		386,332	Waste Management, Inc.			572,206
Abbott Laboratories	5,240		379,009		6,430		
Monster Beverage Corp.*	7,681		378,059	TransDigm Group, Inc.*	1,370		465,882
IHS Markit Ltd.*	7,640		366,491	Ingersoll-Rand plc	3,440		313,831
Intuitive Surgical, Inc.*	7,040		363,979	Expeditors International	4 222		200 023
Ecolab, Inc.	2,430		358,060	of Washington, Inc.	4,230		288,021
Zimmer Biomet Holdings, Inc.	3,370		349,537	Union Pacific Corp.	1,990		275,078
•				Xylem, Inc.	3,970		264,878
PayPal Holdings, Inc.*	4,017		337,790	Boeing Co.	680		219,300
Pfizer, Inc.	7,350		320,827	Roper Technologies, Inc.	740		197,225
HCA Healthcare, Inc.	2,480		308,636	AMETEK, Inc.	2,850		192,945
Global Payments, Inc.	2,731		281,648	United Technologies Corp.	1		55
Merck & Company, Inc.	3,410		260,558	Total Industrial			4,373,710
Medtronic plc	2,840		258,326				
Clorox Co.	1,650		254,331	ENERGY - 10.2%			
Automatic Data Processing, Inc.	1,690		221,593	Devon Energy Corp.	33,130		746,750
Illumina, Inc.*	680		203,953	ConocoPhillips	11,310		705,179
S&P Global, Inc.	1,200		203,928	Diamondback Energy, Inc.	6,790		629,433
Total Consumer, Non-cyclical		1	2,519,613	HollyFrontier Corp.	10,970		560,786
				Marathon Oil Corp.	31,420		450,563
TECHNOLOGY - 15.0%	= .00		004	Occidental Petroleum Corp.	6,900		423,522
salesforce.com, Inc.*	5,483		751,006	Apache Corp.	15,200		399,000
Autodesk, Inc.*	5,470		703,497	Anadarko Petroleum Corp.	7,870		345,021
Take-Two Interactive Software, Inc.*	5,070		521,906	Total Energy			4,260,254
Intuit, Inc.	2,200		433,070				
Advanced Micro Devices, Inc.*	23,140		427,164	FINANCIAL - 8.9%			
Red Hat, Inc.*	2,341		411,173	SVB Financial Group*	2,880		546,970
Fortinet, Inc.*	5,650		397,930	Intercontinental Exchange, Inc.	6,969		524,975
Adobe, Inc.*	1,590		359,722	Welltower, Inc. REIT	6,960		483,094
ANSYS, Inc.*	2,290		327,333	U.S. Bancorp	8,500		388,450
Fidelity National Information Services, Inc.	3,190		327,134	Cboe Global Markets, Inc.	3,699		361,873
Xilinx, Inc.	3,630		309,167	Apartment Investment &			
Cerner Corp.*	5,847		306,617	Management Co. — Class A REIT	8,020		351,917
Broadcom, Inc.	1,122		285,302	First Republic Bank	3,317		288,247
Akamai Technologies, Inc.*	4,540		277,303	Mastercard, Inc. — Class A	1,480		279,202
Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc.	2,360		227,150	Alliance Data Systems Corp.	1,860		279,149
NetApp, Inc.	3,369		201,028	HCP, Inc. REIT	8,400		234,612
Total Technology	•		6,266,502	Total Financial	,		3,738,489
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	Shares	VALUE		Амоинт		VALUE
COMMUNICATIONS - 8.4%			REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS <sup>††,1</sup> - 0.8%			
Netflix, Inc.*	2,643	\$ 707,425	JPMorgan Chase & Co.			
Motorola Solutions, Inc.	3,885	446,930	issued 12/31/18 at 2.95%			
Verizon Communications, Inc.	7,870	442,451	due 01/02/19	\$ 192,145	\$	192,145
Cisco Systems, Inc.	7,920	343,174	Barclays Capital			
Twitter, Inc.*	11,190	321,601	issued 12/31/18 at 2.93%			
Facebook, Inc. — Class A*	2,051	268,865	due 01/02/19	79,907		79,907
Amazon.com, Inc.*	170	255,335	Bank of America Merrill Lynch			
Alphabet, Inc. — Class C*	240	248,546	issued 12/31/18 at 2.95%			
Alphabet, Inc. — Class A*	228	238,251	due 01/02/19	53,272		53,272
VeriSign, Inc.*	1,599	237,116	Total Repurchase Agreements			
LogMeIn, Inc.	1	 82	(Cost \$325,324)			325,324
Total Communications		 3,509,776	Total Investments - 100.3%			
UTILITIES - 4.0%			(Cost \$36,930,708)		\$ 4	41,937,462
NRG Energy, Inc.	12,780	506,088	Other Assets & Liabilities, net - (0.3)%		<u> </u>	(112,530)
Ameren Corp.	7,180	468,351			_	
Pinnacle West Capital Corp.	4,570	389,364	Total Net Assets - 100.0%		\$ <sup>2</sup>	41,824,932
NextEra Energy, Inc.	1,800	312,876				
Total Utilities		1,676,679				
BASIC MATERIALS - 1.0%						
Air Products & Chemicals, Inc.	2,640	422,532				
Total Common Stocks						
(Cost \$36,605,384)		 41,612,138				

See Sector Classification in Other Information section.

The following table summarizes the inputs used to value the Fund's investments at December 31, 2018 (See Note 4 in the Notes to Financial Statements):

Investments in Securities (Assets)	Level 1 Quoted Prices	Level 2 Significant Observable Inputs	Level 3 ignificant bservable Inputs	Total
Common Stocks	\$ 41,612,138	\$ - — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	\$ — —	\$ 41,612,138
Repurchase Agreements		325,324	_	325,324
Total Assets	\$ 41,612,138	\$ 325,324	\$ _	\$ 41,937,462

Transfers between investment levels may occur as the markets fluctuate and/or the availability of data used in an investment's valuation changes. Transfers between valuation levels, if any, are in comparison to the valuation levels at the end of the previous fiscal year, and are effective using the fair value as of the end of the current fiscal period.

For the year ended December 31, 2018, there were no transfers between levels.

<sup>\*</sup> Non-income producing security.

<sup>†</sup> Value determined based on Level 1 inputs — See Note 4.

<sup>††</sup> Value determined based on Level 2 inputs — See Note 4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Repurchase Agreements — See Note 6. plc — Public Limited Company REIT — Real Estate Investment Trust

### STATEMENT OF ASSETS **AND LIABILITIES**

#### December 31, 2018 Assets: Investments, at value (cost \$36,605,384) \$ 41,612,138 Repurchase agreements, at value (cost \$325,324) 325,324 Receivables: Fund shares sold 1,019,516 Dividends 19,488 27 Interest Securities lending income 10 **Total assets** 42,976,503 LIABILITIES: Payable for: Securities purchased 990,582 28,354 Management fees Transfer agent and administrative fees 9,451 Investor service fees 9,451 Portfolio accounting fees 3,781 Trustees' fees\* 929 Fund shares redeemed 346 Miscellaneous 108,677 **Total liabilities** 1,151,571 Commitments and contingent liabilities (Note 13) NET ASSETS \$ 41,824,932 **N**ET ASSETS CONSIST OF: \$ 36,903,875 Paid in capital Total distributable earnings (loss) 4,921,057 \$ 41,824,932 Net assets Capital shares outstanding 951,112 Net asset value per share \$43.97

### STATEMENT OF **OPERATIONS**

from operations

Year Ended December 31, 2018	
INVESTMENT INCOME: Dividends (net of foreign withholding tax of \$3) Interest Income from securities lending, net	\$ 419,648 6,275 
Total investment income	426,134
Expenses:	415.150
Management fees Investor service fees	415,150 138,383
Transfer agent and administrative fees	138,383
Professional fees	75,352
Portfolio accounting fees	55,353
Trustees' fees*	14,553
Custodian fees	7,948
Line of credit fees	147
Miscellaneous	53,895
Total expenses	899,164
Net investment loss	(473,030)
NET REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS): Net realized gain (loss) on:	
Investments	1,832,113
Net realized gain	1,832,113
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on:	
Investments	(4,989,546)
Net change in unrealized appreciation	
(depreciation)	(4,989,546)
Net realized and unrealized loss	(3,157,433)
Net decrease in net assets resulting	

\$ (3,630,463)

<sup>\*</sup> Relates to Trustees not deemed "interested persons" within the meaning of Section 2(a) (19) of the 1940 Act.

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#### STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

	Year Ended December 31, 2018	Year Ended December 31, 2017
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS FROM OPERATIONS: Net investment loss Net realized gain on investments Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments	\$ (473,030) 1,832,113 (4,989,546)	\$ (380,607) 6,058,588 4,261,174
Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations  Distributions to shareholders	(3,630,463)	9,939,155 (2,087,780) <sup>1</sup>
Capital share transactions: Proceeds from sale of shares Distributions reinvested Cost of shares redeemed Net increase (decrease) from capital share transactions Net increase (decrease) in net assets	95,984,550 4,208,400 (105,551,660) (5,358,710) (13,197,573)	135,382,187 2,087,780 (134,206,512) 3,263,455 11,114,830
Net assets: Beginning of year End of year	55,022,505 \$ 41,824,932	43,907,675 \$ 55,022,505
CAPITAL SHARE ACTIVITY: Shares sold Shares issued from reinvestment of distributions Shares redeemed Net increase (decrease) in shares	1,846,716 79,434 (2,069,476) (143,326)	2,880,090 45,200 (2,868,566) 56,724

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For the year ended December 31, 2017, the total distributions to shareholders were all from net realized gains (See Note 11).

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#### **FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

This table is presented to show selected data for a share outstanding throughout each period and to assist shareholders in evaluating a Fund's performance for the periods presented.

	Year Ended December 31, 2018	Year Ended December 31, 2017	Year Ended December 31, 2016	Year Ended December 31, 2015	Year Ended December 31, 2014
Per Share Data					
Net asset value, beginning of period	\$50.27	\$42.31	\$43.72	\$47.51	\$47.61
Income (loss) from investment operations: Net investment income (loss) <sup>a</sup> Net gain (loss) on investments (realized and unrealized) Total from investment operations Less distributions from: Net realized gains	(.44) (1.68) (2.12) (4.18)	(.38) 10.51 10.13 (2.17)	(.23) 1.38 1.15 (2.56)	(.25) .91 .66 (4.45)	(.33) 6.19 5.86 (5.96)
Total distributions	(4.18)	(2.17)	(2.56)	(4.45)	(5.96)
Net asset value, end of period	\$43.97	\$50.27	\$42.31	\$43.72	\$47.51
Total Return <sup>b</sup>	(5.63%)	24.39%	2.58%	1.08%	12.42%
Ratios/Supplemental Data					
Net assets, end of period (in thousands)	\$41,825	\$55,023	\$43,908	\$77,644	\$87,942
Ratios to average net assets: Net investment income (loss) Total expenses Portfolio turnover rate	(0.85%) 1.62% 203%	(0.80%) 1.67% 303%	(0.54%) 1.56% 265%	(0.54%) 1.51% 174%	(0.67%) 1.57% 251%
Portiono turnover rate	203%	303%	203%	1/4%	23170

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Net investment income (loss) per share was computed using average shares outstanding throughout the period.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> Total return does not reflect the impact of any additional fees charged by insurance companies.

**OBJECTIVE:** Seeks to provide investment results that match, before fees and expenses, the performance of a benchmark for large-cap value securities on a daily basis. The Fund's current benchmark is the S&P 500® Pure Value Index (the "underlying index").

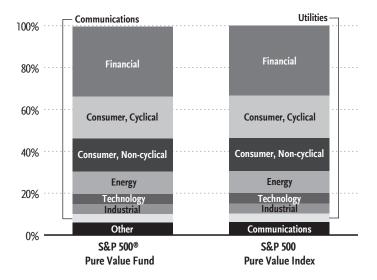
For the year ended December 31, 2018, S&P 500<sup>®</sup> Pure Value Fund returned -13.32%, compared with a return of -12.02% for the underlying index. The Fund maintained a daily correlation of over 99% to its benchmark for the period.

The Financials sector was the leading detractor from performance of the underlying index for the period, followed by the Consumer Discretionary sector. Utilities and Real Estate were the only sectors that contributed to performance.

The strongest contributors to performance of the underlying index for the year included Envision Healthcare Corp., XL Group Ltd., and Andeavor. The stocks detracting most from performance of the underlying index were TechnipFMC Plc, Ford Motor Co., and Fluor Corp.

Performance displayed represents past performance, which is no guarantee of future results.

#### Holdings Diversification (Market Exposure as % of Net Assets)



"Holdings Diversification (Market Exposure as % of Net Assets)" excludes any temporary cash investments.

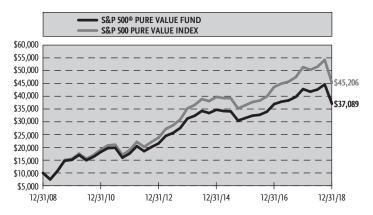
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#### Ten Largest Holdings (% of Total Net Assets)

2.0%
1.9%
1.9%
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1.5%
1.5%
17.2%

"Ten Largest Holdings" excludes any temporary cash investments.

#### Cumulative Fund Performance\*\*



# Average Annual Returns\*\*

Periods Ended December 31, 2018

	1 Year	5 Year	10 Year
S&P 500 <sup>®</sup> Pure Value Fund	(13.32%)	3.46%	14.01%
S&P 500 Pure Value Index	(12.02%)	5.11%	16.28%

<sup>\*</sup> The performance data above represents past performance that is not predictive of future results. The investment return and principal value of an investment in the Fund will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Returns are historical and include changes in principal and reinvested dividends and capital gains and do not reflect the effect of taxes. The S&P 500 Pure Value Index is an unmanaged index and, unlike the Fund, has no management fees or operating expenses to reduce its reported return.

<sup>†</sup> Returns do not reflect the impact of any additional fees charged by insurance companies.

	Shares	VALUE		Shares	Value
COMMON STOCKS <sup>†</sup> - 99.5%			BorgWarner, Inc.	6,130	\$ 212,956
			Gap, Inc.	7,999	206,054
FINANCIAL - 33.3%	7.4.77.0	¢ (04.337	United Continental Holdings, Inc.*	2,327	194,840
MetLife, Inc.	14,718	,	American Airlines Group, Inc.	6,000	192,660
Prudential Financial, Inc.	7,220	588,791	PACCAR, Inc.	3,050	174,277
Unum Group	16,655	489,324	Dollar Tree, Inc.*	1,880	169,802
Jefferies Financial Group, Inc.	27,750	481,740	Whirlpool Corp.	1,545	165,114
Loews Corp.	10,241	466,170	Walgreens Boots Alliance, Inc.	2,232	152,513
Lincoln National Corp.	9,042	463,945	Walmart, Inc.	1,577	146,898
Brighthouse Financial, Inc.*	14,470	441,046	Alaska Air Group, Inc.	2,303	140,138
Assurant, Inc.	4,583	409,904	MGM Resorts International	5,580	135,371
Invesco Ltd.	22,539	377,303	Delta Air Lines, Inc.	2,148	107,185
Principal Financial Group, Inc.	8,170	360,869	Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings Ltd.*	2,470	104,703
Everest Re Group Ltd.	1,651	359,522	Carnival Corp.	2,090	103,037
Citizens Financial Group, Inc.	11,784	350,338	Total Consumer, Cyclical		6,700,138
Allstate Corp.	4,100	338,783	•		
Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc.	7,549	335,553	CONSUMER, NON-CYCLICAL - 15.6%		
Capital One Financial Corp.	4,329	327,229	Archer-Daniels-Midland Co.	12,197	499,732
Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.	1,818	303,697	Kroger Co.	15,373	422,757
Morgan Stanley	7,390	293,013	Quanta Services, Inc.	13,706	412,551
American International Group, Inc.	7,111	280,244	Tyson Foods, Inc. — Class A	7,143	381,436
Chubb Ltd.	1,932	249,576	Coty, Inc. — Class A	57,362	376,295
People's United Financial, Inc.	16,822	242,741	Cardinal Health, Inc.	7,649	341,145
Aflac, Inc.	5,044	229,805	McKesson Corp.	3,088	341,131
Bank of America Corp.	8,680	213,875	Molson Coors Brewing Co. — Class B	5,972	335,388
Citigroup, Inc.	4,100	213,446	AmerisourceBergen Corp. — Class A	4,400	327,360
Travelers Companies, Inc.	1,750	209,562	Kraft Heinz Co.	7,220	310,749
Fifth Third Bancorp	8,784	206,687	CVS Health Corp.	4,597	301,196
State Street Corp.	3,230	203,716	Allergan plc	2,120	283,359
Synchrony Financial	8,590	201,521	Centene Corp.*	1,830	210,999
Regions Financial Corp.	13,829	185,032	JM Smucker Co.	2,200	205,678
SunTrust Banks, Inc.	3,554	179,264	Anthem, Inc.	550	144,446
Bank of New York Mellon Corp.	3,710	174,630	Mylan N.V.*	5,202	142,535
Zions Bancorp North America	3,847	156,727	Laboratory Corporation of		
KeyCorp	10,214	150,963	America Holdings*	1,110	140,260
Affiliated Managers Group, Inc.	1,540	150,058	Total Consumer, Non-cyclical		5,177,017
Wells Fargo & Co.	3,150	145,152	•		
PNC Financial Services Group, Inc.	1,216	142,163	ENERGY - 10.7%		
Raymond James Financial, Inc.	1,860	138,403	Baker Hughes a GE Co.	29,569	635,733
Kimco Realty Corp. REIT	8,990	131,703	Valero Energy Corp.	8,124	609,056
BB&T Corp.	2,831	122,639	Marathon Petroleum Corp.	7,766	458,272
Huntington Bancshares, Inc.	9,724	115,910	Phillips 66	5,256	452,804
Total Financial		11,035,365	TechnipFMC plc	20,946	410,123
CONCUMED CYCLICAL 20.20/			National Oilwell Varco, Inc.	11,006	282,854
CONSUMER, CYCLICAL - 20.2% Ford Motor Co.	0F 022	CE7 200	Noble Energy, Inc.	12,460	233,750
	85,932	657,380	Chevron Corp.	1,629	177,219
Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. General Motors Co.	30,901	630,690	Kinder Morgan, Inc.	9,919	152,554
	14,437	482,917	Helmerich & Payne, Inc.	2,300	110,262
Lennar Corp. — Class A	12,090	473,323	Total Energy		3,522,627
Kohl's Corp.	5,028	333,557	TECHNOLOGY F 997		
Mohawk Industries, Inc.*	2,770	323,979	TECHNOLOGY - 5.0%	27.000	407.200
PulteGroup, Inc.	12,240	318,118	Hewlett Packard Enterprise Co.	31,900	421,399
DR Horton, Inc.	8,220	284,905	Western Digital Corp.	9,521	351,991
PVH Corp.	2,919	271,321	DXC Technology Co.	5,730	304,664
Target Corp.	3,967	262,179	Xerox Corp.	12,274	242,534
Best Buy Company, Inc.	4,416	233,871	Micron Technology, Inc.*	6,960	220,841
LKQ Corp.*	9,370	222,350			

	Shares	Value		SHARES	V	ALUE
HP, Inc.	5,340	\$ 109,257	BASIC MATERIALS - 2.1%			
Total Technology		1,650,686	Nucor Corp.	4,578	\$ 237	,186
5,			International Paper Co.	4,330	174,	,759
INDUSTRIAL - 4.8%			DowDuPont, Inc.	2,953	157	,926
Fluor Corp.	14,135	455,147	LyondellBasell Industries N.V. — Class A	1,610	133	,888
WestRock Co.	10,694	403,805	Total Basic Materials		703	,759
Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc.	4,741	277,159				
Johnson Controls International plc	7,224	214,192	Total Common Stocks			
Arconic, Inc.	6,560	110,602	(Cost \$31,389,807)		32,944	,366
Textron, Inc.	2,393	110,054				
Total Industrial		1,570,959		FACE		
COMMUNICATIONS - 4.0%				Амоинт	_	
CenturyLink, Inc.	29,050	440,108				
AT&T, Inc.	10,310	294,247	REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS <sup>††,1</sup> - 0.8%			
Viacom, Inc. — Class B	8,726	224,258	JPMorgan Chase & Co.			
DISH Network Corp. — Class A*	6,480	161,805	issued 12/31/18 at 2.95%			
News Corp. — Class A	13,685	155,325	due 01/02/19	\$ 151,231	151,	,231
News Corp. — Class B	4,383	50,624	Barclays Capital			
'	7,303		issued 12/31/18 at 2.93%			
Total Communications		1,326,367	due 01/02/19	62,893	62	,893
UTILITIES - 3.8%			Bank of America Merrill Lynch			
PG&E Corp.*	16,713	396,934	issued 12/31/18 at 2.95%			
Exelon Corp.	5,008	225,861	due 01/02/19	41,929	41,	,929
Edison International	2,570	145,899	Total Repurchase Agreements			
CenterPoint Energy, Inc.	4,650	131,269	(Cost \$256,053)		256	,053
Consolidated Edison, Inc.	1,680	128,453				
Duke Energy Corp.	1,358	117,195	Total Investments - 100.3%			
Evergy, Inc.	1,970	111,837	(Cost \$31,645,860)		\$ 33,200	,419
Total Utilities		1,257,448	Other Assets & Liabilities, net - (0.3)%		(89)	,345)
			Total Net Assets - 100.0%		\$ 33,111,	,074

See Sector Classification in Other Information section.

<sup>\*</sup> Non-income producing security.

 $<sup>^{\</sup>dagger}$  Value determined based on Level 1 inputs — See Note 4.

 $<sup>^{\</sup>dagger\dagger}$  Value determined based on Level 2 inputs — See Note 4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Repurchase Agreements — See Note 6. plc — Public Limited Company

The following table summarizes the inputs used to value the Fund's investments at December 31, 2018 (See Note 4 in the Notes to Financial Statements):

Investments in Securities (Assets)	Level 1 Quoted Prices	Level 2 Significant Observable Inputs	Level 3 Significant Observable Inputs	Total
Common Stocks	\$ 32,944,366	\$ <u>.</u>	\$ 	\$ 32,944,366
Repurchase Agreements	_	256,053	_	256,053
Total Assets	\$ 32,944,366	\$ 256,053	\$ _	\$ 33,200,419

Transfers between investment levels may occur as the markets fluctuate and/or the availability of data used in an investment's valuation changes. Transfers between valuation levels, if any, are in comparison to the valuation levels at the end of the previous fiscal year, and are effective using the fair value as of the end of the current fiscal period.

For the year ended December 31, 2018, there were no transfers between levels.

### STATEMENT OF ASSETS **AND LIABILITIES**

#### December 31, 2018 Assets: Investments, at value (cost \$31,389,807) \$ 32,944,366 Repurchase agreements, at value (cost \$256,053) 256,053 Receivables: Fund shares sold 542,613 Securities sold 134,867 Dividends 58,691 Interest 21 Securities lending income 14 **Total assets** 33,936,625 LIABILITIES: Payable for: 570,323 Securities purchased Fund shares redeemed 124,580 Management fees 21,726 Transfer agent and administrative fees 7,242 Investor service fees 7,242 Portfolio accounting fees 2,897 Trustees' fees\* 793 Miscellaneous 90,748 **Total liabilities** 825,551 Commitments and contingent liabilities (Note 13) \$ 33,111,074 **N**ET ASSETS NET ASSETS CONSIST OF: Paid in capital \$ 35,131,324 Total distributable earnings (loss) (2,020,250)Net assets \$ 33,111,074 Capital shares outstanding 689,529 Net asset value per share \$48.02

#### STATEMENT OF **OPERATIONS**

from operations

Year Ended December 31, 2018	
Investment Income:	
Dividends	\$ 962,114
Interest	4,125
Income from securities lending, net	543
Total investment income	966,782
Expenses:	
Management fees	286,118
Investor service fees	95,372
Transfer agent and administrative fees	95,372
Professional fees	49,102
Portfolio accounting fees	38,149
Trustees' fees*	10,743
Custodian fees	5,521
Tax expense	185
Line of credit fees	81
Miscellaneous	39,750
Total expenses	620,393
Net investment income	346,389
NET REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS):	
Net realized gain (loss) on:	
Investments	(641,649)
Net realized loss	(641,649)
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on:	
Investments	(5,863,849)
Net change in unrealized appreciation	
(depreciation)	(5,863,849)
Net realized and unrealized loss	(6,505,498)
Net decrease in net assets resulting	

\$ (6,159,109)

<sup>\*</sup> Relates to Trustees not deemed "interested persons" within the meaning of Section 2(a) (19) of the 1940 Act.

#### STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

	Year Ended December 31, 2018	Year Ended December 31, 2017
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS FROM OPERATIONS: Net investment income	\$ 346,389	\$ 254,646
Net realized gain (loss) on investments  Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments	(641,649) (5,863,849)	4,034,225 1,242,426
Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations	(6,159,109)	5,531,297
Distributions to shareholders	(3,121,849)	(2,231,533)
Capital share transactions:		
Proceeds from sale of shares	70,588,571	45,594,001
Distributions reinvested	3,121,849	2,231,533
Cost of shares redeemed	(75,813,932)	(51,478,447)
Net decrease from capital share transactions	(2,103,512)	(3,652,913)
Net decrease in net assets	(11,384,470)	(353,149)
Net assets:		
Beginning of year	44,495,544	44,848,693
End of year	\$ 33,111,074	\$ 44,495,544
CAPITAL SHARE ACTIVITY:		
Shares sold	1,202,731	778,343
Shares issued from reinvestment of distributions	55,490	39,764
Shares redeemed	(1,288,384)	(892,928)
Net decrease in shares	(30,163)	(74,821)

Net investment income \$ (313,901) Net realized gains (1,917,632)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For the year ended December 31, 2017, the distributions from net investment income and realized gains were as follows (see Note 11):

#### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

This table is presented to show selected data for a share outstanding throughout each period and to assist shareholders in evaluating a Fund's performance for the periods presented.

	Year Ended December 31, 2018	Year Ended December 31, 2017	Year Ended December 31, 2016 <sup>c</sup>	Year Ended December 31, 2015 <sup>c</sup>	Year Ended December 31, 2014 <sup>c</sup>
Per Share Data					
Net asset value, beginning of period	\$61.83	\$56.45	\$50.08	\$71.22	\$69.60
Income (loss) from investment operations:					
Net investment income (loss) <sup>a</sup>	.53	.35	.83	.63	.42
Net gain (loss) on investments (realized and unrealized)	(7.82)	8.28	9.87	(5.87)	7.10
Total from investment operations	(7.29)	8.63	10.70	(5.24)	7.52
Less distributions from:					
Net investment income	(.53)	(.46)	(1.23)	(.82)	(.34)
Net realized gains	(5.99)	(2.79)	(3.10)	(15.08)	(5.56)
Total distributions	(6.52)	(3.25)	(4.33)	(15.90)	(5.90)
Net asset value, end of period	\$48.02	\$61.83	\$56.45	\$50.08	\$71.22
Total Return <sup>b</sup>	(13.32%)	15.86%	17.40%	(9.38%)	10.94%
Ratios/Supplemental Data					
Net assets, end of period (in thousands)	\$33,111	\$44,496	\$44,849	\$32,326	\$63,165
Ratios to average net assets:					
Net investment income (loss)	0.91%	0.61%	0.88%	1.02%	0.58%
Total expenses	1.63%	1.61%	1.56%	1.51%	1.57%
Portfolio turnover rate	197%	127%	207%	162%	209%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Net investment income (loss) per share was computed using average shares outstanding throughout the period.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> Total return does not reflect the impact of any additional fees charged by insurance companies.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> Share split — Per share amounts for the periods presented through December 31, 2016 have been restated to reflect a 2:1 share split effective December 1, 2016.

# S&P MIDCAP 400® PURE GROWTH FUND

**OBJECTIVE:** Seeks to provide investment results that match, before fees and expenses, the performance of a benchmark for mid-cap growth securities on a daily basis. The Fund's current benchmark is the S&P MidCap 400® Pure Growth Index (the "underlying index").

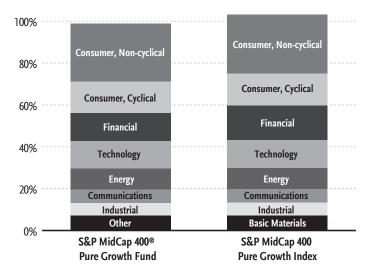
For the year ended December 31, 2018, S&P MidCap 400® Pure Growth Fund returned -14.83%, compared with a return of -13.47% for the underlying index. The Fund maintained a daily correlation of over 99% to its benchmark for the period.

The Consumer Discretionary sector detracted the most from the return of the underlying index for the period, followed by the Financials sector. The Energy sector and the Consumer Staples sector were the only contributors to return.

ABIOMED, Inc., Fortinet, Inc., and Bioverativ, Inc. added the most to return of the underlying index for the year. Akorn, Inc., Coherent, Inc., and Thor Industries, Inc. detracted the most from performance of the underlying index for the year.

Performance displayed represents past performance, which is no guarantee of future results.

#### Holdings Diversification (Market Exposure as % of Net Assets)



"Holdings Diversification (Market Exposure as % of Net Assets)" excludes any temporary cash investments.

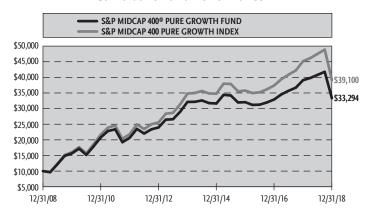
**Inception Date:** May 3, 2004

#### Ten Largest Holdings (% of Total Net Assets)

2.6%
2.0%
2.0%
2.0%
1.9%
1.9%
1.9%
1.9%
1.8%
20.2%

"Ten Largest Holdings" excludes any temporary cash investments.

# Cumulative Fund Performance\*'



#### Average Annual Returns\*\*

Periods Ended December 31, 2018

1 Year	5 Year	10 Year
(14.83%)	0.71%	12.78%
(13.47%)	2.35%	14.61%
	(14.83%)	(14.83%) 0.71%

<sup>\*</sup> The performance data above represents past performance that is not predictive of future results. The investment return and principal value of an investment in the Fund will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Returns are historical and include changes in principal and reinvested dividends and capital gains and do not reflect the effect of taxes. The S&P MidCap 400 Pure Growth Index is an unmanaged index and, unlike the Fund, has no management fees or operating expenses to reduce its reported return.

<sup>†</sup> Returns do not reflect the impact of any additional fees charged by insurance companies.

# S&P MIDCAP 400® PURE GROWTH FUND

	SHARES	VALUE		Shares	Value
COMMON STOCKS <sup>†</sup> - 98.9%			Life Storage, Inc. REIT	1,040	\$ 96,710
CONSUMER, NON-CYCLICAL - 27.7%			Total Financial		1,896,526
Globus Medical, Inc. — Class A*	6,640	\$ 287,379	TECHNOLOGY 1310/		
Mallinckrodt plc*	17,950	283,610	TECHNOLOGY - 13.1%	1 900	256 022
PRA Health Sciences, Inc.*	2,960	272,202	Dun & Bradstreet Corp. CommVault Systems, Inc.*	1,800 3,660	256,932 216,270
Avanos Medical, Inc.*	5,679	254,362	MAXIMUS, Inc.	3,102	201,909
Molina Healthcare, Inc.*	1,730	201,061			
LiveRamp Holdings, Inc.*	4,941	190,871	j2 Global, Inc.	2,419	167,830
Helen of Troy Ltd.*	1,450	190,211	Fair Isaac Corp.* PTC, Inc.*	815	152,405
ASGN, Inc.*	3,160	172,220	Zebra Technologies Corp. — Class A*	1,780 826	147,562 131,524
LivaNova plc*	1,832	167,573	Cypress Semiconductor Corp.	10,010	127,327
Service Corporation International	4,002	161,120	Leidos Holdings, Inc.	2,100	110,712
Encompass Health Corp.	2,440	150,548	Integrated Device Technology, Inc.*	1,909	92,453
Insperity, Inc.	1,600	149,376	Ultimate Software Group, Inc.*	371	92,433
Sabre Corp.	6,720	145,421	ACI Worldwide, Inc.*	3,000	83,010
Post Holdings, Inc.*	1,611	143,588	Silicon Laboratories, Inc.*	1,042	
STERIS plc	1,280	136,768		1,042	82,120
Integra LifeSciences Holdings Corp.*	2,640	119,064	Total Technology		1,860,901
Bio-Rad Laboratories, Inc. — Class A*	500	116,110	ENERGY - 10.1%		
Ligand Pharmaceuticals, Inc. — Class B*	770	104,489	CNX Resources Corp.*	27,300	311,766
Adtalem Global Education, Inc.*	2,150	101,738	Murphy Oil Corp.	10,880	254,483
Boston Beer Company, Inc. — Class A*	410	98,744	Equitrans Midstream Corp.*	12,110	242,442
Chemed Corp.	330	93,482	Ensco plc — Class A <sup>1</sup>	60,230	214,419
WEX, Inc.*	610	85,437	Callon Petroleum Co.*	32,300	209,627
Lancaster Colony Corp.	480	84,893	QEP Resources, Inc.*	36,220	203,919
Masimo Corp.*	770	82,675	·	30,220	
Haemonetics Corp.*	820	82,041	Total Energy		1,436,656
Weight Watchers International, Inc.*	1,760	67,848	COMMUNICATIONS - 6.3%		
Total Consumer, Non-cyclical	1,700	3,942,831	World Wrestling Entertainment,		
iotal Consumer, Non-Cyclical		3,342,631	Inc. — Class A	3,473	259,503
CONSUMER, CYCLICAL - 15.2%			Ciena Corp.*	6,420	217,702
Eldorado Resorts, Inc.*	10,258	371,442	New York Times Co. — Class A	7,776	173,327
Churchill Downs, Inc.	1,105	269,554	Yelp, Inc. — Class A*	4,030	141,010
Urban Outfitters, Inc.*	8,030	266,596	FactSet Research Systems, Inc.	535	107,069
Deckers Outdoor Corp.*	1,860	237,987	Total Communications		898,611
Scientific Games Corp. — Class A*	10,421	186,327	Total Communications		
Domino's Pizza, Inc.	699	173,345	INDUSTRIAL - 6.2%		
Brinker International, Inc.	3,510	154,370	ITT, Inc.	3,786	182,750
Wendy's Co.	9,620	150,168	Lennox International, Inc.	570	124,750
Live Nation Entertainment, Inc.*	2,923	143,958	Kennametal, Inc.	3,440	114,483
Wyndham Hotels & Resorts, Inc.	2,447	111,021	Curtiss-Wright Corp.	1,030	105,183
Pool Corp.	628	93,352	Woodward, Inc.	1,340	99,549
Total Consumer, Cyclical		2,158,120	Trimble, Inc.*	2,600	85,566
Total Consumer, Cyclical		2,130,120	IDEX Corp.	650	82,069
FINANCIAL - 13.3%			MSA Safety, Inc.	840	79,187
Primerica, Inc.	2,750	268,703	Total Industrial		873,537
Medical Properties Trust, Inc. REIT	14,770	237,502			
American Campus Communities, Inc. REIT	4,720	195,361	BASIC MATERIALS - 4.4%		
UMB Financial Corp.	2,871	175,045	Allegheny Technologies, Inc.*	13,359	290,825
CyrusOne, Inc. REIT	3,270	172,917	Chemours Co.	6,982	197,032
Omega Healthcare Investors, Inc. REIT	4,800	168,720	RPM International, Inc.	2,260	132,843
SLM Corp.*	19,400	161,214	Total Basic Materials		620,700
LendingTree, Inc.*	670	147,112	UTU TIES 2 60/		
National Retail Properties, Inc. REIT	2,950	143,104	UTILITIES - 2.6%		<u>.</u>
Brown & Brown, Inc.	4,722	130,138	Black Hills Corp.	2,350	147,533
			National Fuel Gas Co.	2,319	118,686

## S&P MIDCAP 400® PURE GROWTH FUND

	SHARES	VALUE		SHARES	Value
UGI Corp.	1,940	\$ 103,499	SECURITIES LENDING COLLATERAL <sup>†,3</sup> - 0.1%		
Total Utilities		369,718	Money Market Fund First American Government		
Total Common Stocks			Obligations Fund — Class Z, 2.32% <sup>4</sup>	15,915	\$ 15,915
(Cost \$13,384,915)		14,057,600	Total Securities Lending Collateral		
	FACE		(Cost \$15,915)		15,915
	AMOUNT	-	<b>Total Investments - 99.8%</b> (Cost \$13,513,015)		\$ 14,185,700
REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS <sup>††,2</sup> - 0.8%			Other Assets & Liabilities, net - 0.2%		24,618
JPMorgan Chase & Co. issued 12/31/18 at 2.95%			Total Net Assets - 100.0%		\$ 14,210,318
due 01/02/19 \$	66,260	66,260			
Barclays Capital issued 12/31/18 at 2.93%					
due 01/02/19	27,555	27,555			
Bank of America Merrill Lynch issued 12/31/18 at 2.95%					
due 01/02/19	18,370	18,370			
Total Repurchase Agreements (Cost \$112,185)		112,185			

See Sector Classification in Other Information section.

The following table summarizes the inputs used to value the Fund's investments at December 31, 2018 (See Note 4 in the Notes to Financial Statements):

Investments in Securities (Assets)	Level 1 Quoted Prices		Level 2 Significant Observable Inputs		Level 3 Significant Unobservable Inputs		Total	
Common Stocks	\$	14,057,600	\$	_	\$	_	\$	14,057,600
Repurchase Agreements		_		112,185		_		112,185
Securities Lending Collateral		15,915		_		_		15,915
Total Assets	\$	14,073,515	\$	112,185	\$	_	\$	14,185,700

Transfers between investment levels may occur as the markets fluctuate and/or the availability of data used in an investment's valuation changes. Transfers between valuation levels, if any, are in comparison to the valuation levels at the end of the previous fiscal year, and are effective using the fair value as of the end of the current fiscal period.

For the year ended December 31, 2018, there were no transfers between levels.

<sup>\*</sup> Non-income producing security.

<sup>†</sup> Value determined based on Level 1 inputs — See Note 4.

<sup>††</sup> Value determined based on Level 2 inputs — See Note 4.

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 1}$  All or a portion of this security is on loan at December 31, 2018 — See Note 7.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Repurchase Agreements — See Note 6.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Securities lending collateral — See Note 7.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Rate indicated is the 7-day yield as of December 31, 2018. plc — Public Limited Company REIT — Real Estate Investment Trust

### STATEMENT OF ASSETS **AND LIABILITIES**

#### December 31, 2018 Assets: Investments, at value - including \$16,561 of securities loaned (cost \$13,400,830) \$ 14,073,515 Repurchase agreements, at value (cost \$112,185) 112,185 Cash 2,693 Receivables: Fund shares sold 88,671 Dividends 8,946 Securities lending income 36 Interest **Total assets** 14,286,055 LIABILITIES: Payable for: Return of securities lending collateral 18,608 Management fees 8,888 Transfer agent and administrative fees 2,962 Investor service fees 2,962 Portfolio accounting fees 1,185 Fund shares redeemed 1,148 Trustees' fees\* 349 Miscellaneous 39,635 **Total liabilities** 75,737 Commitments and contingent liabilities (Note 13) \$ 14,210,318 **N**ET ASSETS **N**ET ASSETS CONSIST OF: Paid in capital \$ 14,786,555 Total distributable earnings (loss) (576,237)Net assets \$ 14,210,318 Capital shares outstanding 453,394 Net asset value per share \$31.34

### STATEMENT OF **OPERATIONS**

Year Ended December 31, 2018	
Investment Income: Dividends Interest Income from securities lending, net Total investment income	\$ 184,946 2,414 311 187,671
EXPENSES:  Management fees Investor service fees Transfer agent and administrative fees Professional fees Portfolio accounting fees Trustees' fees* Custodian fees Line of credit fees Miscellaneous Total expenses Net investment loss	157,704 52,568 52,568 27,952 21,027 6,110 3,037 31 19,110 340,107 (152,436)
Net Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss): Net realized gain (loss) on: Investments Net realized loss Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on: Investments Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) Net realized and unrealized loss	(611,299) (611,299) (1,883,907) (1,883,907)
Net realized and unrealized loss  Net decrease in net assets resulting  from operations	(2,495,206) \$ (2,647,642)

<sup>\*</sup> Relates to Trustees not deemed "interested persons" within the meaning of Section 2(a) (19) of the 1940 Act.

# S&P MIDCAP 400® PURE GROWTH FUND

## STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

	Year Ended December 31, 2018	Year Ended December 31, 2017		
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets from Operations: Net investment loss Net realized gain (loss) on investments Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments	\$ (152,436) (611,299) (1,883,907)	\$ (144,595 2,534,05 1,073,52		
Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations	(2,647,642)	3,462,98		
Distributions to shareholders	(1,549,049)			
Capital share transactions: Proceeds from sale of shares Distributions reinvested Cost of shares redeemed	25,614,538 1,549,049 (29,150,899)	37,220,111 — (39,349,61		
Net decrease from capital share transactions	(1,987,312)	(2,129,50		
Net increase (decrease) in net assets	(6,184,003)	1,333,48		
Net assets: Beginning of year End of year	20,394,321 \$ 14,210,318	19,060,839 \$ 20,394,32		
CAPITAL SHARE ACTIVITY: Shares sold Shares issued from reinvestment of distributions Shares redeemed	642,331 38,862 (746,632)	1,043,95: — (1,100,85:		
Net decrease in shares	(65,439)	(56,899		

# S&P MIDCAP 400® PURE GROWTH FUND

#### **FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

This table is presented to show selected data for a share outstanding throughout each period and to assist shareholders in evaluating a Fund's performance for the periods presented.

	Year Ended December 31, 2018	Year Ended December 31, 2017	Year Ended December 31, 2016	Year Ended December 31, 2015	Year Ended December 31, 2014
Per Share Data					
Net asset value, beginning of period	\$39.31	\$33.11	\$32.23	\$34.05	\$43.02
Income (loss) from investment operations: Net investment income (loss) <sup>a</sup> Net gain (loss) on investments (realized and unrealized)	(.28) (4.97)	(.25) 6.45	(.22) 1.10	(.22) .88	(.28) (.31)
Total from investment operations	(5.25)	6.20	.88	.66	(.59)
Less distributions from: Net realized gains Total distributions	(2.72)			(2.48)	(8.38)
Net asset value, end of period	\$31.34	\$39.31	\$33.11	\$32.23	\$34.05
Total Return <sup>b</sup>	(14.83%)	18.73%	2.70%	1.32%	(1.55%)
Ratios/Supplemental Data					
Net assets, end of period (in thousands)	\$14,210	\$20,394	\$19,061	\$34,144	\$29,927
Ratios to average net assets: Net investment income (loss) Total expenses Portfolio turnover rate	(0.72%) 1.62% 183%	(0.70%) 1.61% 233%	(0.71%) 1.56% 296%	(0.64%) 1.50% 269%	(0.67%) 1.57% 380%
rottiono turnover rate	16370	233%	290%	209%	360%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Net investment income (loss) per share was computed using average shares outstanding throughout the period.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> Total return does not reflect the impact of any additional fees charged by insurance companies.

## S&P MIDCAP 400® PURE VALUE FUND

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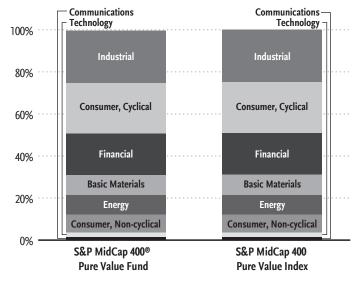
For the year ended December 31, 2018, S&P MidCap 400<sup>®</sup> Pure Value Fund returned -18.98%, compared with a return of -17.67% for the underlying index. The Fund maintained a daily correlation of over 99% to its benchmark for the period.

The Industrials sector and the Energy sector detracted the most from the return of the underlying index for the period. The Communication Services sector was the only contributor to return. The Real Estate sector detracted the least from return.

Genworth Financial, Inc. Class A, LifePoint, Inc., and Esterline Technologies Corp. added the most to return of the underlying index for the year. McDermott International, Inc., Bed Bath & Beyond, Inc., and Diamond Offshore Drilling, Inc. detracted the most from performance of the underlying index for the year.

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#### Holdings Diversification (Market Exposure as % of Net Assets)



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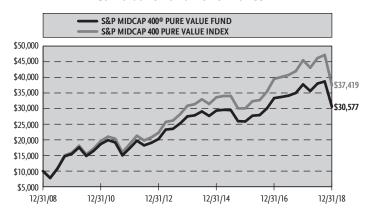
**Inception Date:** May 3, 2004

#### Ten Largest Holdings (% of Total Net Assets)

Bed Bath & Beyond, Inc.	2.6%
McDermott International, Inc.	2.3%
AutoNation, Inc.	2.3%
Ryder System, Inc.	2.2%
KB Home	2.2%
Dillard's, Inc. — Class A	2.2%
United States Steel Corp.	2.2%
Tech Data Corp.	2.0%
Arrow Electronics, Inc.	2.0%
SYNNEX Corp.	2.0%
Top Ten Total	22.0%

"Ten Largest Holdings" excludes any temporary cash investments.

# Cumulative Fund Performance\*'



# Average Annual Returns\*,†

Periods Ended December 31, 2018

1 Year	5 Year	10 Year
(18.98%)	2.13%	11.83%
(17.67%)	3.90%	14.11%
	(18.98%)	(18.98%) 2.13%

<sup>\*</sup> The performance data above represents past performance that is not predictive of future results. The investment return and principal value of an investment in the Fund will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Returns are historical and include changes in principal and reinvested dividends and capital gains and do not reflect the effect of taxes. The S&P MidCap 400 Pure Value Index is an unmanaged index and, unlike the Fund, has no management fees or operating expenses to reduce its reported return.

<sup>†</sup> Returns do not reflect the impact of any additional fees charged by insurance companies.

# S&P MIDCAP 400® PURE VALUE FUND

	Shares Value		Shares		VALUE		
COMMON STOCKS <sup>†</sup> - 99.5%				Bank OZK	3,540	\$	80,818
INDUCTRIAL 24 90/				Old Republic International Corp.	3,907		80,367
INDUSTRIAL - 24.8%	4 161	¢	200 252	Stifel Financial Corp.	1,760		72,899
Ryder System, Inc. Tech Data Corp.*	4,161 2,192	Þ	200,352 179,328	First American Financial Corp.	1,630		72,763
Arrow Electronics, Inc.*	2,192		179,328	Senior Housing Properties Trust REIT	5,840		68,445
SYNNEX Corp.	2,187		176,797	Alexander & Baldwin, Inc. REIT*	3,383		62,180
AECOM*	5,987		158,656	Sabra Health Care REIT, Inc.	3,544		58,405
Avnet, Inc.	4,260		153,786	PacWest Bancorp	1,740		57,907
Trinity Industries, Inc.	6,450		132,806	Associated Banc-Corp.	2,577		50,999
Jabil, Inc.	5,250		130,147	Umpqua Holdings Corp.	3,188		50,689
Resideo Technologies, Inc.*	6,150		126,382	Jones Lang LaSalle, Inc.	390		49,374
AGCO Corp.	1,772		98,647	Hancock Whitney Corp.	1,310		45,392
Knight-Swift Transportation Holdings, Inc.	3,230		80,976	Washington Federal, Inc.	1,510		40,332
MasTec, Inc.*	1,990		80,714	First Horizon National Corp.	3,060		40,270
Owens-Illinois, Inc.*	4,420		76,201	Pinnacle Financial Partners, Inc.	780		35,958
EMCOR Group, Inc.	1,021		60,943	Total Financial		_	1,756,169
Oshkosh Corp.	990		60,697	BASIC MATERIALS - 9.6%			
Terex Corp.	2,170		59,827	United States Steel Corp.	10,660		194,438
Granite Construction, Inc.	1,410		56,795	Reliance Steel & Aluminum Co.	1,990		141,628
Silgan Holdings, Inc.	1,930		45,586	Olin Corp.	6,820		137,150
Timken Co.	1,200		44,784	Commercial Metals Co.	6,336		101,503
Worthington Industries, Inc.	1,270		44,247	Domtar Corp.	2,587		90,881
Belden, Inc.	1,050		43,858	Carpenter Technology Corp.	2,060		73,357
Werner Enterprises, Inc.	1,410		41,652	Minerals Technologies, Inc.	1,190		61,095
Total Industrial			2,231,348	Steel Dynamics, Inc.	1,970		59,179
			2,23.,3.0	Total Basic Materials	.,,,,		859,231
CONSUMER, CYCLICAL - 24.2%				Total Basic Materials			033,231
Bed Bath & Beyond, Inc.	20,250		229,230	ENERGY - 9.4%			
AutoNation, Inc.*	5,716		204,061	McDermott International, Inc.*	31,533		206,235
KB Home	10,360		197,876	Murphy USA, Inc.*	1,551		118,869
Dillard's, Inc. — Class A <sup>1</sup>	3,230		194,801	Patterson-UTI Energy, Inc.	8,970		92,840
Dana, Inc.	12,140		165,468	SM Energy Co.	5,680		87,926
TRI Pointe Group, Inc.*	14,880		162,639	Range Resources Corp.	9,100		87,087
World Fuel Services Corp.	7,499		160,554	Equities Corp.	3,960		74,804
Toll Brothers, Inc.	4,180		137,647	Oceaneering International, Inc.*	5,307		64,215
Big Lots, Inc.	4,143		119,815	Oasis Petroleum, Inc.*	11,610		64,203
Dick's Sporting Goods, Inc.	3,558		111,010	Diamond Offshore Drilling, Inc.*	5,270		49,749
Thor Industries, Inc.	2,020		105,040	Total Energy			845,928
Delphi Technologies plc	6,520		93,367	<u>.</u>			0 10,000
JetBlue Airways Corp.*	5,157		82,821	CONSUMER, NON-CYCLICAL - 8.4%			
Marriott Vacations Worldwide Corp.	880		62,049	ManpowerGroup, Inc.	2,197		142,366
Adient plc	3,640		54,818	Patterson Companies, Inc.	5,421		106,577
Signet Jewelers Ltd.	1,470		46,702	Avis Budget Group, Inc.*	4,422		99,406
Casey's General Stores, Inc.	330	_	42,286	Graham Holdings Co. — Class B	126		80,713
Total Consumer, Cyclical			2,170,184	Acadia Healthcare Company, Inc.*	3,000		77,130
FINANCIAL - 19.5%				MEDNAX, Inc.*	2,250		74,250
	11,810		173,371	Sanderson Farms, Inc.	630		62,553
Realogy Holdings Corp. Legg Mason, Inc.	5,809		148,188	TreeHouse Foods, Inc.*	1,120		56,795
	3,009		140,100	Hain Celestial Group, Inc.*	3,300		52,338
Reinsurance Group of America, Inc. — Class A	875		122,701	Total Consumer, Non-cyclical		_	752,128
Janus Henderson Group plc	4,850		100,492	TECHNOLOGY 210/			
Navient Corp.	10,508		92,575	TECHNOLOGY - 2.1%	11 220		66 210
Navient Corp. Alleghany Corp.	10,508		92,373 87,265	Pitney Bowes, Inc.	11,220		66,310 43,209
				iverscour systems, mc."	1,/33		40,998
New York Community Bancorp, Inc. CNO Financial Group, Inc.	8,893 5,450		83,683 81,096	CACI International, Inc. — Class A* NetScout Systems, Inc.*	300 1,735		

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Perspecta, Inc.  Total Technology  COMMUNICATIONS - 1.5%	2,170	\$ 37,368 187,885	SECURITIES LENDING COLLATERAL <sup>†,3</sup> - 1.4%		
<u>.</u>		187.885			
COMMUNICATIONS - 1 5%			Money Market Fund		
	4 225	127 401	First American Government Obligations Fund — Class Z, 2.32% <sup>4</sup>	125,841	\$ 125,847
Telephone & Data Systems, Inc.	4,225	137,481	Total Securities Lending Collateral		
<b>Total Common Stocks</b>			(Cost \$125,841)		125,84
(Cost \$8,746,895)		8,940,354	Total Investments - 101.6%		
	F		(Cost \$8,939,003)		\$ 9,132,462
	FACE AMOUNT		Other Assets & Liabilities, net - (1.6)%		(147,277
	AMOUNT	-	Total Net Assets - 100.0%		\$ 8,985,185
REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS <sup>††,2</sup> - 0.7%					
JPMorgan Chase & Co.					
issued 12/31/18 at 2.95%					
due 01/02/19 \$	39,139	39,139			
Barclays Capital					
issued 12/31/18 at 2.93%	16,277	16,277			
due 01/02/19 Bank of America Merrill Lynch	10,2//	10,277			
issued 12/31/18 at 2.95%					
due 01/02/19	10,851	10,851			
Total Repurchase Agreements					
(Cost \$66,267)		66,267			

<sup>\*</sup> Non-income producing security.

REIT — Real Estate Investment Trust

See Sector Classification in Other Information section.

The following table summarizes the inputs used to value the Fund's investments at December 31, 2018 (See Note 4 in the Notes to Financial Statements):

Investments in Securities (Assets)	Level 1 Quoted ments in Securities (Assets) Prices		Level 2 Significant Observable Inputs	Level 3 Significant Unobservable Inputs		Total	
Common Stocks	\$	8,940,354	\$ _	\$	_	\$	8,940,354
Repurchase Agreements		_	66,267		_		66,267
Securities Lending Collateral		125,841	_		_		125,841
Total Assets	\$	9,066,195	\$ 66,267	\$	_	\$	9,132,462

Transfers between investment levels may occur as the markets fluctuate and/or the availability of data used in an investment's valuation changes. Transfers between valuation levels, if any, are in comparison to the valuation levels at the end of the previous fiscal year, and are effective using the fair value as of the end of the current fiscal period.

For the year ended December 31, 2018, there were no transfers between levels.

<sup>†</sup> Value determined based on Level 1 inputs — See Note 4.

<sup>††</sup> Value determined based on Level 2 inputs — See Note 4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> All or a portion of this security is on loan at December 31, 2018 — See Note 7.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Repurchase Agreements — See Note 6.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Securities lending collateral — See Note 7.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Rate indicated is the 7-day yield as of December 31, 2018. plc — Public Limited Company

### STATEMENT OF ASSETS **AND LIABILITIES**

#### December 31, 2018 Assets: Investments, at value - including \$146,071 of securities loaned (cost \$8,872,736) \$ 9,066,195 Repurchase agreements, at value (cost \$66,267) 66,267 Cash 21,296 Receivables: Securities sold 47,272 Fund shares sold 11,159 Dividends 9,096 Securities lending income 117 Interest 5 **Total assets** 9,221,407 LIABILITIES: Payable for: Return of securities lending collateral 147,137 Fund shares redeemed 48,327 Management fees 5,643 Transfer agent and administrative fees 1,881 Investor service fees 1,881 Portfolio accounting fees 752 Trustees' fees\* 276 Miscellaneous 30,325 **Total liabilities** 236,222 Commitments and contingent liabilities (Note 13) **N**ET ASSETS 8,985,185 **N**ET ASSETS CONSIST OF: Paid in capital \$ 9,950,280 Total distributable earnings (loss) (965,095)Net assets \$ 8,985,185 Capital shares outstanding 261,017 Net asset value per share \$34.42

### STATEMENT OF **OPERATIONS**

Year Ended December 31, 2018		
Investment Income: Dividends (net of foreign withholding tax of \$20) Interest Income from securities lending, net Total investment income	\$	195,251 1,565 8,809 205,625
EXPENSES:  Management fees Investor service fees Transfer agent and administrative fees Professional fees Portfolio accounting fees Trustees' fees* Custodian fees Line of credit fees Miscellaneous Total expenses Net investment loss		96,954 32,318 32,318 14,865 12,927 3,899 1,892 9 14,170 209,352 (3,727)
Net Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss): Net realized gain (loss) on: Investments Net realized loss Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on: Investments Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) Net realized and unrealized loss Net decrease in net assets resulting		(300,173) (300,173) 2,067,546) 2,067,546) 2,367,719)
from operations	\$ (	2,371,446)

<sup>\*</sup> Relates to Trustees not deemed "interested persons" within the meaning of Section 2(a) (19) of the 1940 Act.

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### STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

	Year Ended December 31, 2018	Year Ended December 31, 2017
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets from Operations:  Net investment loss	\$ (3,727)	\$ (17,660)
Net realized gain (loss) on investments	(300,173)	3,203,311
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments	(2,067,546)	(1,434,502)
Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations	(2,371,446)	1,751,149
Distributions to shareholders	(1,912,944)	(2,937,929)
Capital share transactions:		
Proceeds from sale of shares	15,203,247	20,987,144
Distributions reinvested	1,912,944	2,937,929
Cost of shares redeemed	(21,262,053)	(35,529,984)
Net decrease from capital share transactions	(4,145,862)	(11,604,911)
Net decrease in net assets	(8,430,252)	(12,791,691)
Net assets:		
Beginning of year	17,415,437	30,207,128
End of year	\$ 8,985,185	\$ 17,415,437
CAPITAL SHARE ACTIVITY:		
Shares sold	323,982	407,681
Shares issued from reinvestment of distributions	44,363	64,912
Shares redeemed	(457,135)	(678,573)
Net decrease in shares	(88,790)	(205,980)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For the year ended December 31, 2017, the total distributions to shareholders were all from net realized gains (See Note 11).

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#### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

This table is presented to show selected data for a share outstanding throughout each period and to assist shareholders in evaluating a Fund's performance for the periods presented.

	Year Ended December 31, 2018	Year Ended December 31, 2017	Year Ended December 31, 2016 <sup>c</sup>	Year Ended December 31, 2015 <sup>c</sup>	Year Ended December 31, 2014 <sup>c</sup>
Per Share Data					
Net asset value, beginning of period	\$49.79	\$54.35	\$42.30	\$53.78	\$58.55
Income (loss) from investment operations:					
Net investment income (loss) <sup>a</sup>	(.01)	(.05)	(.06)	.26	.05
Net gain (loss) on investments (realized and unrealized)	(7.95)	6.13	12.41	(5.93)	3.68
Total from investment operations	(7.96)	6.08	12.35	(5.67)	3.73
Less distributions from:					
Net investment income	_	_	(.30)	(80.)	(.05)
Net realized gains	(7.41)	(10.64)	_	(5.73)	(8.45)
Total distributions	(7.41)	(10.64)	(.30)	(5.81)	(8.50)
Net asset value, end of period	\$34.42	\$49.79	\$54.35	\$42.30	\$53.78
Total Return <sup>b</sup>	(18.98%)	13.15%	28.89%	(11.86%)	6.72%
Ratios/Supplemental Data					
Net assets, end of period (in thousands)	\$8,985	\$17,415	\$30,207	\$12,007	\$17,460
Ratios to average net assets:					
Net investment income (loss)	(0.03%)	(0.10%)	(0.07%)	0.52%	0.08%
Total expenses	1.62%	1.61%	1.56%	1.50%	1.57%
Portfolio turnover rate	145%	144%	282%	280%	353%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Net investment income (loss) per share was computed using average shares outstanding throughout the period.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> Total return does not reflect the impact of any additional fees charged by insurance companies.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> Share split — Per share amounts for the years presented through December 31, 2016 have been restated to reflect a 2:1 share split effective December 1, 2016.

**OBJECTIVE:** Seeks to provide investment results that match, before fees and expenses, the performance of a benchmark for small-cap growth securities on a daily basis. The Fund's current benchmark is the S&P SmallCap 600® Pure Growth Index (the "underlying index").

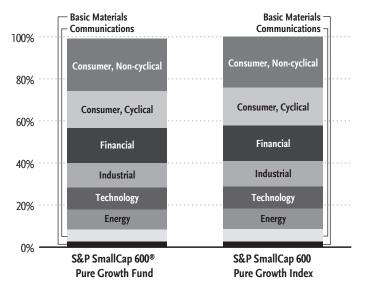
For the year ended December 31, 2018, S&P SmallCap 600® Pure Growth Fund return was -9.03%, compared with a return of -7.42% for the underlying index. The Fund maintained a daily correlation of over 99% to its benchmark for the period.

The Information Technology sector and the Consumer Discretionary sector detracted the most from the return of the underlying index for the period. The Communication Services sector and the Energy sector were the only contributors to return.

The best-performing stocks of the underlying index were World Wrestling Entertainment, Inc. Class A, BioTelemetry, Inc., and Amedisys, Inc. The weakest performers of the underlying index were MiMedx Group, Inc., Applied Optoelectronics, Inc., and Cutera, Inc.

Performance displayed represents past performance, which is no guarantee of future results.

### Holdings Diversification (Market Exposure as % of Net Assets)



"Holdings Diversification (Market Exposure as % of Net Assets)" excludes any temporary cash investments.

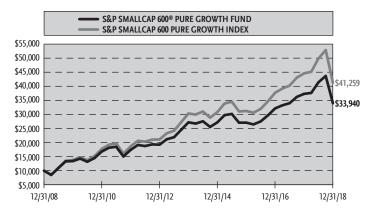
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#### Ten Largest Holdings (% of Total Net Assets)

Renewable Energy Group, Inc.	1.9%
Ascena Retail Group, Inc.	1.5%
KEMET Corp.	1.4%
Medpace Holdings, Inc.	1.3%
Investment Technology Group, Inc.	1.2%
Penn Virginia Corp.	1.2%
Medifast, Inc.	1.2%
Tabula Rasa HealthCare, Inc.	1.2%
Shake Shack, Inc. — Class A	1.2%
Amedisys, Inc.	1.2%
Top Ten Total	13.3%

"Ten Largest Holdings" excludes any temporary cash investments.

## Cumulative Fund Performance\*'



## Average Annual Returns\*\*,†

Periods Ended December 31, 2018

	1 Year	5 Year	10 Year
S&P SmallCap 600®			
Pure Growth Fund	(9.03%)	4.54%	13.00%
S&P SmallCap 600 Pure			
Growth Index	(7.42%)	6.36%	15.23%

<sup>\*</sup> The performance data above represents past performance that is not predictive of future results. The investment return and principal value of an investment in the Fund will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Returns are historical and include changes in principal and reinvested dividends and capital gains and do not reflect the effect of taxes. The S&P SmallCap 600 Pure Growth Index is an unmanaged index and, unlike the Fund, has no management fees or operating expenses to reduce its reported return.

<sup>†</sup> Returns do not reflect the impact of any additional fees charged by insurance companies.

	Shares	VALUE		Shares	Value
COMMON STOCKS <sup>†</sup> - 99.1%			Sleep Number Corp.*	3,793	\$ 120,352
			Children's Place, Inc.	1,190	107,207
CONSUMER, NON-CYCLICAL - 25.0%	4.020	212 770	Dorman Products, Inc.*	1,180	106,224
Medpace Holdings, Inc.*	4,020		Ruth's Hospitality Group, Inc.	4,282	97,330
Medifast, Inc.	1,621	202,657	El Pollo Loco Holdings, Inc.*	6,230	94,509
Amedisys, Inc.*	1,686	197,448	Cavco Industries, Inc.*	697	90,875
Tactile Systems Technology, Inc.*	4,070	185,388	Crocs, Inc.*	3,390	88,072
CONMED Corp.	2,780	178,476	Mobile Mini, Inc.	2,640	83,820
Avon Products, Inc.*	116,500	177,080	FirstCash, Inc.	1,138	82,334
Innoviva, Inc.*	9,996	174,430	Allegiant Travel Co. — Class A	820	82,180
Supernus Pharmaceuticals, Inc.*	5,171	171,780	Belmond Ltd. — Class A*	3,130	78,344
Luminex Corp. WD-40 Co.	7,190 810	166,161	UniFirst Corp.	510	72,966
		148,441	Dave & Buster's Entertainment, Inc.	1,625	72,410
AngioDynamics, Inc.*	7,290	146,748	Dine Brands Global, Inc.	810	54,545
Inter Parfums, Inc.	2,132 2,009	139,795	Total Consumer, Cyclical		2,979,417
Neogen Corp.* Career Education Corp.*	2,009 9,660	114,513 110,317	• •		
		10,317	FINANCIAL - 16.7%		
Green Dot Corp. — Class A* Integer Holdings Corp.*	1,350 1,382		Investment Technology Group, Inc.	6,790	205,330
		105,391	Agree Realty Corp. REIT	2,690	159,033
Heska Corp.*	1,170	100,737	Navigators Group, Inc.	2,230	154,963
Repligen Corp.*	1,881	99,204	Four Corners Property Trust, Inc. REIT	5,636	147,663
Eagle Pharmaceuticals, Inc.*	2,406	96,938	United Fire Group, Inc.	2,620	145,279
Cardtronics plc — Class A*	3,680	95,680	Blucora, Inc.*	5,260	140,126
Corcept Therapeutics, Inc.*	6,378	85,210	HCI Group, Inc.	2,550	129,566
HMS Holdings Corp.*	2,920	82,140	Redwood Trust, Inc. REIT	8,380	126,287
American Public Education, Inc.*	2,770	78,834	RLI Corp.	1,770	122,112
Monro, Inc.	1,140	78,375	Triumph Bancorp, Inc.*	3,790	112,563
Endo International plc*	10,610	77,453	Universal Insurance Holdings, Inc.	2,910	110,347
Ensign Group, Inc.	1,910	74,089	Old National Bancorp	7,070	108,878
Vanda Pharmaceuticals, Inc.*	2,500	65,325 64,868	Independent Bank Corp.	1,430	100,543
CorVel Corp.*  AMN Healthcare Services, Inc.*	1,051		Armada Hoffler Properties, Inc. REIT	7,090	99,685
	1,141	64,649	Washington Prime Group, Inc. REIT	18,060	87,772
Merit Medical Systems, Inc.*	1,149	64,126	Community Bank System, Inc.	1,450	84,535
Amphastar Pharmaceuticals, Inc.*	3,160	62,884	Marcus & Millichap, Inc.*	2,300	78,959
Surmodics, Inc.*	1,258	59,453	LegacyTexas Financial Group, Inc.	2,454	78,749
REGENXBIO, Inc.*	1,380 840	57,891 57,019	First Financial Bankshares, Inc.	1,350	77,881
Addus HomeCare Corp.* Strategic Education, Inc.	480	54,442	Easterly Government Properties, Inc. REIT	4,912	77,020
CryoLife, Inc.*	1,880	53,354	eHealth, Inc.*	1,970	75,687
Tivity Health, Inc.*	2,130	52,845	Urstadt Biddle Properties,		
Forrester Research, Inc.	2,130 1,170	52,299	Inc. — Class A REIT	3,860	74,189
Meridian Bioscience, Inc.	2,980	51,733	City Holding Co.	1,030	69,618
BioTelemetry, Inc.*	822	49,090	Seacoast Banking Corporation of Florida*	2,640	68,693
Spectrum Pharmaceuticals, Inc.*	4,240	37,100	Glacier Bancorp, Inc.	1,430	56,657
·	-,240		National Storage Affiliates Trust REIT	1,889	49,983
Total Consumer, Non-cyclical	=	4,254,494	Westamerica Bancorporation	880	48,998
CONSUMER, CYCLICAL - 17.5%			Community Healthcare Trust, Inc. REIT	1,620	46,705
Ascena Retail Group, Inc.*	102,200	256,522	Total Financial		2,837,821
Shake Shack, Inc. — Class A*	4,443	201,801	INDUSTRIAL - 11.6%		
Guess?, Inc.	8,770	182,153	KEMET Corp.	13,484	236,510
iRobot Corp.*	2,101	175,938	Vicor Corp.*	5,034	190,235
Wingstop, Inc.	2,614	167,793	SPX Corp.*	4,800	134,448
BJ's Restaurants, Inc.	3,310	167,387	Matson, Inc.	4,050	129,681
Shoe Carnival, Inc.	4,930	165,204	DXP Enterprises, Inc.*	4,570	125,001
Tailored Brands, Inc.	12,030	164,089	Axon Enterprises, Inc.*	2,888	126,350
Regis Corp.*	8,060	136,617	Acovironment, Inc.*	1,836	120,330
Marcus Corp.	3,310	130,745			115,136
Marcus Corp.	3,310	130,745	Electro Scientific Industries, Inc.*	3,843	115,1

	Shares		VALUE		SHARES		VALUE
Franklin Electric Company, Inc.	2,620	\$	112,346	EW Scripps Co. — Class A	5,610	\$	88,245
Proto Labs, Inc.*	943	•	106,361	ATN International, Inc.	1,130	•	80,829
Harsco Corp.*	5,199		103,252	Harmonic, Inc.*	14,190		66,977
Exponent, Inc.	1,550		78,601	8x8, Inc.*	3,610		65,124
ESCO Technologies, Inc.	1,190		78,480	Viavi Solutions, Inc.*	5,150		51,758
National Presto Industries, Inc. <sup>1</sup>	650		75,998	Total Communications	0,100	_	1,009,413
Albany International Corp. — Class A	1,038		64,802	iotai Communications		_	1,009,413
Raven Industries, Inc.	1,715		62,066	BASIC MATERIALS - 2.5%			
US Ecology, Inc.	950		59,831	Kaiser Aluminum Corp.	1,850		165,187
Aerojet Rocketdyne Holdings, Inc.*	1,462		51,506	Hawkins, Inc.	2,622		107,371
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	1,402	_		Innospec, Inc.	1,640		101,286
Total Industrial			1,977,588	Quaker Chemical Corp.	270		47,982
TECHNOLOGY - 10.5%				Total Basic Materials		_	421,826
Tabula Rasa HealthCare, Inc.*	3,176		202,502	Total Basic Materials			421,020
Nanometrics, Inc.*	7,200		196,776	Total Common Stocks			
Unisys Corp.*	16,230		188,755	(Cost \$15,181,587)			16,865,512
Bottomline Technologies DE, Inc.*	3,450		165,600	,			
SPS Commerce, Inc.*	1,950		160,641		FACE		
Semtech Corp.*	2,900		133,023		AMOUNT		
Cabot Microelectronics Corp.	1,126		107,364			-	
Engility Holdings, Inc.*	3,630		103,310	REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS <sup>††,2</sup> - 0.7%			
Virtusa Corp.*	2,181		92,889				
3D Systems Corp.*	8,440		85,835	JPMorgan Chase & Co.			
CTS Corp.	3,290		85,178	issued 12/31/18 at 2.95%			
Omnicell, Inc.*	1,355		82,980	due 01/02/19 \$	67,368		67,368
Brooks Automation, Inc.	2,640		69,115	Barclays Capital			
Agilysys, Inc.*	4,130		59,224	issued 12/31/18 at 2.93%			
NextGen Healthcare, Inc.*	3,282		49,722	due 01/02/19	28,017		28,017
	3,202	_		Bank of America Merrill Lynch			
Total Technology			1,782,914	issued 12/31/18 at 2.95%			
ENERGY - 9.4%				due 01/02/19	18,678		18,678
Renewable Energy Group, Inc.*	12,580		323,306	Total Repurchase Agreements			
Penn Virginia Corp.*	3,750		202,725	(Cost \$114,063)			114,063
KLX Energy Services Holdings, Inc.*	7,078		165,979				
SunCoke Energy, Inc.*	19,400		165,870		SHARES		
HighPoint Resources Corp.*	66,570		165,759			-	
Denbury Resources, Inc.*	95,560		163,407	SECURITIES LENDING COLLATERAL <sup>7,3</sup> - 0.3%			
ProPetro Holding Corp.*	10,840		133,549				
Pioneer Energy Services Corp.*	88,610		108,990	Money Market Fund			
Archrock, Inc.	11,840		88,682	First American Government	FO 004		FO 004
Carrizo Oil & Gas, Inc.*	7,420		83,772	Obligations Fund — Class Z, 2.32% <sup>4</sup>	50,084	_	50,084
,	7,420	_		Total Securities Lending Collateral			
Total Energy		_	1,602,039	(Cost \$50,084)		_	50,084
COMMUNICATIONS - 5.9%				Total Investments - 100.1%			
Perficient, Inc.*	7,920		176,299	(Cost \$15,345,734)		\$	17,029,659
Iridium Communications, Inc.*	8,230		151,843			<del>-</del>	
Stamps.com, Inc.*	899		139,921	Other Assets & Liabilities, net - (0.1)%		_	(24,117)
Liquidity Services, Inc.*	16,070		99,152	Total Net Assets - 100.0%		\$	17,005,542

REIT — Real Estate Investment Trust

See Sector Classification in Other Information section.

The following table summarizes the inputs used to value the Fund's investments at December 31, 2018 (See Note 4 in the Notes to Financial Statements):

Investments in Securities (Assets)	Level 1 Quoted Prices	Level 2 Significant Observable Inputs	Level 3 Significant observable Inputs	Total
Common Stocks	\$ 16,865,512	\$ _	\$ _	\$ 16,865,512
Repurchase Agreements	_	114,063	_	114,063
Securities Lending Collateral	50,084	_	_	50,084
Total Assets	\$ 16,915,596	\$ 114,063	\$ 	\$ 17,029,659

Transfers between investment levels may occur as the markets fluctuate and/or the availability of data used in an investment's valuation changes. Transfers between valuation levels, if any, are in comparison to the valuation levels at the end of the previous fiscal year, and are effective using the fair value as of the end of the current fiscal period.

For the year ended December 31, 2018, there were no transfers between levels.

<sup>\*</sup> Non-income producing security.

<sup>†</sup> Value determined based on Level 1 inputs — See Note 4.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Rate indicated is the 7-day yield as of December 31, 2018. plc — Public Limited Company

### STATEMENT OF ASSETS **AND LIABILITIES**

#### December 31, 2018 Assets: Investments, at value - including \$56,122 of securities loaned (cost \$15,231,671) \$ 16,915,596 Repurchase agreements, at value (cost \$114,063) 114,063 Cash 8,476 Receivables: Securities sold 211,238 Fund shares sold 111,338 Dividends 6,573 Securities lending income 68 Interest 9 **Total assets** 17,367,361 LIABILITIES: Payable for: Securities purchased 212,799 Return of securities lending collateral 58,560 Fund shares redeemed 13,345 Management fees 11,747 Transfer agent and administrative fees 3,916 Investor service fees 3,916 Portfolio accounting fees 1,566 Trustees' fees\* 490 Miscellaneous 55,480 **Total liabilities** 361,819 Commitments and contingent liabilities (Note 13) **N**ET ASSETS \$ 17,005,542 **N**ET ASSETS CONSIST OF: Paid in capital \$ 17,423,326 Total distributable earnings (loss) (417,784)Net assets \$ 17,005,542 Capital shares outstanding 346,560 Net asset value per share \$49.07

### STATEMENT OF **OPERATIONS**

Year Ended December 31, 2018	
Investment Income: Dividends Interest Income from securities lending, net Total investment income	\$ 113,576 3,035 30,220 146,831
EXPENSES: Management fees Investor service fees Transfer agent and administrative fees Professional fees Portfolio accounting fees Trustees' fees* Custodian fees Line of credit fees Miscellaneous Total expenses Net investment loss	178,271 59,424 59,424 28,996 23,769 5,322 3,408 80 29,232 387,926 (241,095)
Net Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss): Net realized gain (loss) on: Investments Net realized loss	(1,539,254) (1,539,254)
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on: Investments	(1,822,907)
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	(1,822,907)
Net realized and unrealized loss  Net decrease in net assets resulting from operations	(3,362,161) \$ (3,603,256)

<sup>\*</sup> Relates to Trustees not deemed "interested persons" within the meaning of Section 2(a) (19) of the 1940 Act.

### STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

	Year Ended December 31, 2018	Year Ended December 31, 2017
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS FROM OPERATIONS: Net investment loss Net realized gain (loss) on investments Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments	\$ (241,095) (1,539,254) (1,822,907)	\$ (173,656) 1,913,809 383,097
Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations	(3,603,256)	2,123,250
Distributions to shareholders	(549,379)	(799,644) <sup>1</sup>
CAPITAL SHARE TRANSACTIONS: Proceeds from sale of shares Distributions reinvested Cost of shares redeemed	68,349,093 549,379 (68,178,483)	48,903,502 799,644 (51,432,819)
Net increase (decrease) from capital share transactions	719,989	(1,729,673)
Net decrease in net assets	(3,432,646)	(406,067)
NET ASSETS:  Beginning of year  End of year	20,438,188 \$ 17,005,542	20,844,255 \$ 20,438,188
Capital share activity:		
Shares sold Shares issued from reinvestment of distributions Shares redeemed	1,133,425 8,745 (1,167,579)	940,267 15,863 (1,002,241)
Net decrease in shares	(25,409)	(46,111)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For the year ended December 31, 2017, the total distributions to shareholders were all from net realized gains (See Note 11).

### **FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

This table is presented to show selected data for a share outstanding throughout each period and to assist shareholders in evaluating a Fund's performance for the periods presented.

	Year Ended December 31, 2018	Year Ended December 31, 2017	Year Ended December 31, 2016	Year Ended December 31, 2015	Year Ended December 31, 2014
Per Share Data					
Net asset value, beginning of period	\$54.95	\$49.86	\$42.01	\$45.67	\$45.67
Income (loss) from investment operations: Net investment income (loss) <sup>a</sup> Net gain (loss) on investments (realized and unrealized) Total from investment operations	(.60) (4.12) (4.72)	(.47) 8.25 7.78	(.14) 7.99 7.85	(.30) .62	(.38) .38
Less distributions from: Net realized gains	(1.16)	(2.69)	_	(3.98)	_
Total distributions	(1.16)	(2.69)	_	(3.98)	
Net asset value, end of period	\$49.07	\$54.95	\$49.86	\$42.01	\$45.67
Total Return <sup>b</sup>	(9.03%)	16.08%	18.69%	(0.37%)	0.00%
Ratios/Supplemental Data					
Net assets, end of period (in thousands)	\$17,006	\$20,438	\$20,844	\$22,156	\$25,379
Ratios to average net assets: Net investment income (loss) Total expenses	(1.01%) 1.63%	(0.90%) 1.61%	(0.32%) 1.56%	(0.64%) 1.50%	(0.85%) 1.57%
Portfolio turnover rate	313%	280%	475%	282%	268%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Net investment income (loss) per share was computed using average shares outstanding throughout the period.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> Total return does not reflect the impact of any additional fees charged by insurance companies.

**OBJECTIVE:** Seeks to provide investment results that match, before fees and expenses, the performance of a benchmark for small-cap value securities on a daily basis. The Fund's current benchmark is the S&P SmallCap 600® Pure Value Index (the "underlying index").

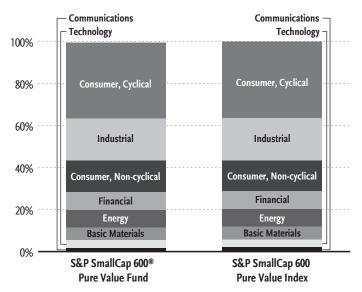
For the year ended December 31, 2018, S&P SmallCap 600® Pure Value Fund returned -20.58%, compared with a return of -19.31% for the underlying index. The Fund maintained a daily correlation of over 99% to its benchmark for the period.

The sectors detracting the most from the return of the underlying index for the year were the Consumer Discretionary sector and the Industrials sector. No sector contributed to return. The Financials sector detracted the least from return.

The stocks contributing the most to return of the underlying index were Fossil Group, Inc., Renewable Energy Group, Inc., and OFG Bancorp. Those detracting the most from return of the underlying index were Cloud Peak Energy, Inc., Roadrunner Transportation Systems, Inc., and Superior Industries International, Inc.

Performance displayed represents past performance, which is no guarantee of future results.

### Holdings Diversification (Market Exposure as % of Net Assets)



"Holdings Diversification (Market Exposure as % of Net Assets)" excludes any temporary cash investments.

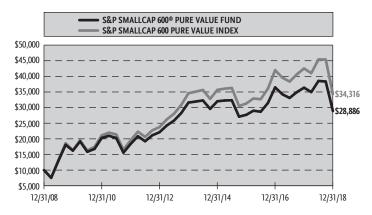
**Inception Date:** May 3, 2004

#### Ten Largest Holdings (% of Total Net Assets)

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Ultra Clean Holdings, Inc.	1.3%
Orion Group Holdings, Inc.	1.3%
Group 1 Automotive, Inc.	1.3%
Sonic Automotive, Inc. — Class A	1.3%
Hibbett Sports, Inc.	1.3%
American Axle & Manufacturing Holdings, Inc.	1.3%
Kelly Services, Inc. — Class A	1.3%
M/I Homes, Inc.	1.2%
William Lyon Homes — Class A	1.2%
SpartanNash Co.	1.2%
Top Ten Total	12.7%

"Ten Largest Holdings" excludes any temporary cash investments.

## Cumulative Fund Performance\*'



## Average Annual Returns\*\*

Periods Ended December 31, 2018

	1 Year	5 Year	10 Year
S&P SmallCap 600®			
Pure Value Fund	(20.58%)	(1.78%)	11.19%
S&P SmallCap 600 Pure			
Value Index	(19.31%)	(0.16%)	13.12%

<sup>\*</sup> The performance data above represents past performance that is not predictive of future results. The investment return and principal value of an investment in the Fund will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Returns are historical and include changes in principal and reinvested dividends and capital gains and do not reflect the effect of taxes. The S&P SmallCap 600 Pure Value Index is an unmanaged index and, unlike the Fund, has no management fees or operating expenses to reduce its reported return.

<sup>†</sup> Returns do not reflect the impact of any additional fees charged by insurance companies.

	Shares	Value		Shares	Value
COMMON STOCKS <sup>†</sup> - 99.5%			INDUSTRIAL - 20.0%		
			Orion Group Holdings, Inc.*	26,392	113,222
CONSUMER, CYCLICAL - 36.3%			Griffon Corp.	8,910	93,110
Group 1 Automotive, Inc.	2,126		Olympic Steel, Inc.	6,297	89,858
Sonic Automotive, Inc. — Class A	8,114	111,649	Boise Cascade Co.	3,424	81,662
Hibbett Sports, Inc.*	7,736	110,625	TTM Technologies, Inc.*	8,150	79,300
American Axle & Manufacturing			TimkenSteel Corp.*	8,519	74,456
Holdings, Inc.*	9,850	109,335	Lydall, Inc.*	3,650	74,131
M/I Homes, Inc.*	4,915	103,313	Atlas Air Worldwide Holdings, Inc.*	1,747	73,706
William Lyon Homes — Class A*	9,580	102,410	ArcBest Corp.	2,082	71,329
Genesco, Inc.*	2,271	100,605	Universal Forest Products, Inc.	2,490	64,640
Express, Inc.*	18,886	96,508	MYR Group, Inc.*	2,260	63,664
Chico's FAS, Inc.	17,043	95,782	Briggs & Stratton Corp.	4,569	59,763
Meritage Homes Corp.*	2,460	90,331	Benchmark Electronics, Inc.	2,786	59,007
Office Depot, Inc.	34,705	89,539	Sanmina Corp.*	2,403	57,816
Vista Outdoor, Inc.*	7,866	89,279	Echo Global Logistics, Inc.*	2,803	56,985
Lithia Motors, Inc. — Class A	1,040	79,383	Multi-Color Corp.	1,490	52,284
Winnebago Industries, Inc.	3,270	79,167	Arcosa, Inc.*	1,860	51,503
Veritiv Corp.*	3,133	78,231	Greenbrier Companies, Inc.	1,212	47,923
ScanSource, Inc.*	2,258	77,630	Aegion Corp. — Class A*	2,524	41,192
Cooper-Standard Holdings, Inc.*	1,151	71,500	Patrick Industries, Inc.*	1,370	40,566
Abercrombie & Fitch Co. — Class A	3,525	70,676	Ichor Holdings Ltd.*	2,300	37,490
Cato Corp. — Class A	4,895	69,852	US Concrete, Inc.*	1,020	35,986
Anixter International, Inc.*	1,242	67,453	Encore Wire Corp.	549	27,549
Red Robin Gourmet Burgers, Inc.*	2,410	64,395	Comtech Telecommunications Corp.	1,087	26,458
MDC Holdings, Inc.	2,270	63,810	TopBuild Corp.*	580	26,438
MarineMax, Inc.*	3,411	62,455	·		
Superior Industries International, Inc.	12,964	62,357	Bel Fuse, Inc. — Class B	1,415 860	26,064
EZCORP, Inc. — Class A*	7,959	61,523	Astec Industries, Inc.		25,963
Vitamin Shoppe, Inc.*	12,960	61,430	CIRCOR International, Inc.*	1,200	25,560
Kirkland's, Inc.*	6,405	61,040	Powell Industries, Inc.	962	24,059
Essendant, Inc.	4,500	56,610	Mueller Industries, Inc.	940	21,959
Wabash National Corp.	4,220	55,197	SPX FLOW, Inc.*	710	21,598
Zumiez, Inc.*	2,785	53,388	Tredegar Corp.	1,289	20,444
Lumber Liquidators Holdings, Inc.*	5,440	51,789	Apogee Enterprises, Inc.	630	18,805
Titan International, Inc.	11,049	51,488	Total Industrial	_	1,684,152
J.C. Penney Company, Inc.*,1	46,016	47,857	CONSUMER, NON-CYCLICAL - 14.9%		
Core-Mark Holding Company, Inc.	2,031	47,221	Kelly Services, Inc. — Class A	E 100	106 127
Caleres, Inc.	1,622	45,140		5,182	106,127
Haverty Furniture Companies, Inc.	2,232	41,917	SpartanNash Co.	5,955	102,307
Francesca's Holdings Corp.*	38,772	37,640	Magellan Health, Inc.*	1,680	95,575
LGI Homes, Inc.*,1	740	33,463	United Natural Foods, Inc.*	8,880	94,039
Unifi, Inc.*	1,339	30,583	Andersons, Inc.	2,889	86,352
Cooper Tire & Rubber Co.	926	29,938	ABM Industries, Inc.	2,550	81,880
Ethan Allen Interiors, Inc.	1,630	28,672	Dean Foods Co.	18,985	72,333
Barnes & Noble, Inc.	3,920	27,793	Seneca Foods Corp. — Class A*	2,549	71,933
Barnes & Noble Education, Inc.*	6,642	26,634	Cross Country Healthcare, Inc.*	9,014	66,073
GameStop Corp. — Class A	2,074	26,174	Diplomat Pharmacy, Inc.*	4,067	54,742
Fossil Group, Inc.*	1,582	24,885	Rent-A-Center, Inc.*	3,280	53,103
G-III Apparel Group Ltd.*	880	24,863 24,543	TrueBlue, Inc.*	2,202	48,995
Motorcar Parts of America, Inc.*			Quanex Building Products Corp.	2,690	36,557
	1,444 520	24,028 23,124	Owens & Minor, Inc.	5,730	36,271
SkyWest, Inc.			Team, Inc.*	2,459	36,024
Vera Bradley, Inc.*	2,641	22,633	Universal Corp.	663	35,902
Total Consumer, Cyclical	-	3,053,078	Invacare Corp.	7,585	32,615
			Lannett Company, Inc.*,1	5,800	28,768
			Assertio Therapeutics, Inc.*	7,700	27,797
			Matthews International Corp. — Class A	590	23,966

	Shares		Value		Shares		VALUE
LSC Communications, Inc.	3,353	\$	23,471	BASIC MATERIALS - 6.0%			
Select Medical Holdings Corp.*	1,160	•	17,806	Clearwater Paper Corp.*	4,057	\$	98,869
Central Garden & Pet Co. — Class A*	530		16,563	Rayonier Advanced Materials, Inc.	8,220	•	87,543
Central Garden & Pet Co.*	140		4,823	PH Glatfelter Co.	8,031		78,383
Total Consumer, Non-cyclical			1,254,022	Kraton Corp.*	3,280		71,635
		_	1,231,022	Century Aluminum Co.*	9,400		68,714
FINANCIAL - 8.5%				AdvanSix, Inc.*	1,190		28,965
International. FCStone, Inc.*	1,901		69,538	Koppers Holdings, Inc.*	1,690		28,798
Encore Capital Group, Inc.*	2,700		63,450	Innophos Holdings, Inc.	970		23,794
Ambac Financial Group, Inc.*	3,360		57,926	Schweitzer-Mauduit International, Inc.	850		21,292
iStar, Inc. REIT	5,280		48,418	Total Basic Materials			507,993
Customers Bancorp, Inc.*	2,480		45,136				
CBL & Associates Properties, Inc. REIT	22,827		43,828	TECHNOLOGY - 3.7%			
Stewart Information Services Corp.	1,057		43,760	Ultra Clean Holdings, Inc.*	13,370		113,244
Third Point Reinsurance Ltd.*	3,580		34,511	Insight Enterprises, Inc.*	1,608		65,526
Opus Bank	1,555		30,463	Photronics, Inc.*	4,668		45,186
Invesco Mortgage Capital, Inc. REIT	1,995		28,888	TiVo Corp.	2,400		22,584
Summit Hotel Properties, Inc. REIT	2,860		27,828	Donnelley Financial Solutions, Inc.*	1,600		22,448
Hersha Hospitality Trust REIT	1,450		25,433	Digi International, Inc.*	2,130		21,492
Capstead Mortgage Corp. REIT	3,709		24,739	Sykes Enterprises, Inc.*	856		21,169
Horace Mann Educators Corp.	645		24,155	Total Technology			311,649
Maiden Holdings Ltd.	14,273		23,551				
PennyMac Mortgage Investment Trust REIT	1,262		23,498	COMMUNICATIONS - 1.7%			
PRA Group, Inc.*	880		21,446	Gannett Company, Inc.	7,380		62,952
Cedar Realty Trust, Inc. REIT	6,510		20,441	New Media Investment Group, Inc.	4,855		56,172
Pacific Premier Bancorp, Inc.*	740		18,885	Frontier Communications Corp.*,1	10,871		25,873
Hope Bancorp, Inc.	1,590		18,857	Total Communications			144,997
Apollo Commercial Real				T. 10 0 1			
Estate Finance, Inc. REIT	1,030		17,160	Total Common Stocks			0 277 705
Total Financial			711,911	(Cost \$8,497,485)		_	8,377,785
ENERGY - 8.4%				RIGHTS <sup>†††</sup> - 0.0%			
Green Plains, Inc.	6,215		81,479	A Schulman, Inc.			
US Silica Holdings, Inc.	5,970		60,774	Expires 09/30/19*, <sup>2</sup>	1,164		_
	4,106		58,223	' ' '	.,		
Par Pacific Holdings, Inc.*	16,600		55,610	Total Rights			
Superior Energy Services, Inc.* Laredo Petroleum, Inc.*			44,407	(Cost \$—)		_	
	12,267				<b>.</b>		
REX American Resources Corp.* SEACOR Holdings, Inc.*	640 1,080		43,590 39,960		FACE		
					AMOUNT		
Gulfport Energy Corp.*	6,020		39,431				
Cloud Peak Energy, Inc.*	105,383		38,602	REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS <sup>††,3</sup> - 0.9%			
C&J Energy Services, Inc.*	2,750		37,125	JPMorgan Chase & Co.			
SRC Energy, Inc.*	7,300		34,310	issued 12/31/18 at 2.95%			
Helix Energy Solutions Group, Inc.*	6,336		34,278	due 01/02/19	\$ 43,724		43,724
Newpark Resources, Inc.*	4,779		32,832	Barclays Capital			
Matrix Service Co.*	1,439		25,816	issued 12/31/18 at 2.93%			
Exterran Corp.*	1,430		25,311	due 01/02/19	18,183		18,183
Bristow Group, Inc.* <sup>1</sup>	8,778		21,330	Bank of America Merrill Lynch	•		,
Oil States International, Inc.*	1,382		19,735	issued 12/31/18 at 2.95%			
Ring Energy, Inc.*	3,380	_	17,170	due 01/02/19	12,122		12,122
Total Energy		_	709,983	Total Repurchase Agreements	,		
				(Cost \$74,029)			74,029
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	SHARES		VALUE
SECURITIES LENDING COLLATERAL <sup>†,4</sup> - 0.9%			
Money Market Fund			
First American Government			
Obligations Fund — Class Z, 2.32% <sup>5</sup>	72,895	\$	72,895
Total Securities Lending Collateral			
(Cost \$72,895)			72,895
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Total Investments - 101.3%			
(Cost \$8,644,409)		\$	8,524,709
Other Assets & Liabilities, net - (1.3)%			(110,360)
Total Net Assets - 100.0%		\$	8,414,349

See Sector Classification in Other Information section.

The following table summarizes the inputs used to value the Fund's investments at December 31, 2018 (See Note 4 in the Notes to Financial Statements):

Investments in Securities (Assets)	Level 1 Quoted Prices		Level 2 Significant Observable Inputs		Level 3 Significant Observable Inputs	Total		
Common Stocks	\$ 8,377,785	\$	_	\$	_	\$	8,377,785	
Rights	_		_		_*		_	
Repurchase Agreements	_		74,029		_		74,029	
Securities Lending Collateral	72,895		_		_		72,895	
Total Assets	\$ 8,450,680	\$	74,029	\$	_	\$	8,524,709	

<sup>\*</sup> Includes securities with a market value of \$0.

Transfers between investment levels may occur as the markets fluctuate and/or the availability of data used in an investment's valuation changes. Transfers between valuation levels, if any, are in comparison to the valuation levels at the end of the previous fiscal year, and are effective using the fair value as of the end of the current fiscal period.

For the year ended December 31, 2018, there were no transfers between levels.

<sup>\*</sup> Non-income producing security.

<sup>†</sup> Value determined based on Level 1 inputs — See Note 4.

<sup>††</sup> Value determined based on Level 2 inputs — See Note 4.

<sup>†††</sup> Value determined based on Level 3 inputs — See Note 4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> All or a portion of this security is on loan at December 31, 2018 — See Note 7.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Security was fair valued by the Valuation Committee at December 31, 2018. The total market value of fair valued securities amounts to \$0, (cost \$0) or 0.0% of total net assets.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Repurchase Agreements — See Note 6.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Securities lending collateral — See Note 7.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Rate indicated is the 7-day yield as of December 31, 2018.

REIT — Real Estate Investment Trust

### STATEMENT OF ASSETS **AND LIABILITIES**

#### December 31, 2018 Assets: Investments, at value - including \$76,068 of securities loaned (cost \$8,570,380) \$ 8,450,680 Repurchase agreements, at value (cost \$74,029) 74,029 Cash 12,335 Receivables: 12,514 Dividends Securities lending income 441 Interest 6 **Total assets** 8,550,005 LIABILITIES: Payable for: Return of securities lending collateral 85,231 Fund shares redeemed 5,359 Management fees 5,317 Transfer agent and administrative fees 1,772 Investor service fees 1,772 Portfolio accounting fees 709 Trustees' fees\* 326 Miscellaneous 35,170 **Total liabilities** 135,656 Commitments and contingent liabilities (Note 13) **N**ET ASSETS \$ 8,414,349 NET ASSETS CONSIST OF: Paid in capital \$ 12,122,557 Total distributable earnings (loss) (3,708,208)Net assets \$ 8,414,349 Capital shares outstanding 159,344 Net asset value per share \$52.81

### STATEMENT OF **OPERATIONS**

Year Ended December 31, 2018	
Investment Income: Dividends (net of foreign withholding tax of \$227) Interest Income from securities lending, net Total investment income	\$ 252,849 1,754 17,993 272,596
EXPENSES:  Management fees Investor service fees Transfer agent and administrative fees Professional fees Portfolio accounting fees Trustees' fees* Custodian fees Line of credit fees Miscellaneous Total expenses Net investment income	117,810 39,270 39,270 19,747 15,708 4,656 2,312 22 15,541 254,336
NET REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS):  Net realized gain (loss) on:   Investments  Net realized loss  Net change in unrealized appreciation   (depreciation) on:   Investments	(768,745) (768,745) (2,189,576)
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation)  Net realized and unrealized loss  Net decrease in net assets resulting from operations	(2,189,576) (2,958,321) \$ (2,940,061)

<sup>\*</sup> Relates to Trustees not deemed "interested persons" within the meaning of Section 2(a) (19) of the 1940 Act.

### STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

	Year Ended December 31, 2018	Year Ended December 31, 2017
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets from Operations: Net investment income (loss)	\$ 18,260	\$ (63,031)
Net realized loss on investments	(768,745)	(18,013)
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments	(2,189,576)	(1,426,664)
Net decrease in net assets resulting from operations	(2,940,061)	(1,507,708)
Distributions to shareholders		(398,643)
Capital share transactions:		
Proceeds from sale of shares	29,766,017	32,718,612
Distributions reinvested	<del>-</del>	398,643
Cost of shares redeemed	(36,159,635)	(41,870,956)
Net decrease from capital share transactions	(6,393,618)	(8,753,701)
Net decrease in net assets	(9,333,679)	(10,660,052)
NET ASSETS:		
Beginning of year	17,748,028	28,408,080
End of year	\$ 8,414,349	\$ 17,748,028
Capital share activity:		
Shares sold	430,933	502,067
Shares issued from reinvestment of distributions	_	6,643
Shares redeemed	(538,553)	(652,665)
Net decrease in shares	(107,620)	(143,955)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For the year ended December 31, 2017, the total distributions to shareholders were all from net realized gains (see Note 11).

#### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

This table is presented to show selected data for a share outstanding throughout each period and to assist shareholders in evaluating a Fund's performance for the periods presented.

	Year Ended December 31, 2018	Year Ended December 31, 2017	Year Ended December 31, 2016 <sup>c</sup>	Year Ended December 31, 2015 <sup>c</sup>	Year Ended December 31, 2014 <sup>c</sup>
Per Share Data					
Net asset value, beginning of period	\$66.48	\$69.13	\$52.48	\$65.72	\$79.11
Income (loss) from investment operations: Net investment income (loss) <sup>a</sup> Net gain (loss) on investments (realized and unrealized)	.08 (13.75)	(.23) (.20)	(.45) 17.10	(.06) (8.15)	(.39) 1.28
Total from investment operations	(13.67)	(.43)	16.65	(8.21)	.89
Less distributions from: Net realized gains Total distributions		(2.22)		(5.03)	(14.28)
Net asset value, end of period	\$52.81	\$66.48	\$69.13	\$52.48	\$65.72
Total Return <sup>b</sup>	(20.58%)	(0.28%)	31.74%	(13.54%)	1.31%
Ratios/Supplemental Data	(20.3070)	(0.2070)	31.7470	(13.3470)	1.3170
Net assets, end of period (in thousands)	\$8,414	\$17,748	\$28,408	\$11,747	\$14,318
Ratios to average net assets: Net investment income (loss) Total expenses	0.12% 1.62%	(0.35%) 1.61%	(0.44%) 1.56%	(0.09%) 1.50%	(0.50%) 1.57%
Portfolio turnover rate	194%	204%	303%	245%	144%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Net investment income (loss) per share was computed using average shares outstanding throughout the period.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> Total return does not reflect the impact of any additional fees charged by insurance companies.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> Share split — Per share amounts for the periods presented through December 31, 2016 have been restated to reflect a 2:1 share split effective December 1, 2016.

#### **EUROPE 1.25x STRATEGY FUND**

**OBJECTIVE:** Seeks to provide investment results that correlate, before fees and expenses, to the performance of a specific benchmark. The Fund's current benchmark is 125% of the fair value of the STOXX Europe 50<sup>®</sup> Index (the "underlying index").

For the one-year period ended December 31, 2018, Europe 1.25x Strategy Fund maintained a daily correlation of over 98% to its benchmark of 125% of the daily price movement of the underlying index. Europe 1.25x Strategy Fund returned -18.97% while the underlying index returned -14.52% over the same period.

The sectors detracting the most from the return of the underlying index of the period were Financials and Consumer Staples. No sector contributed to performance. The Utilities sector detracted the least to the performance of the underlying index for the period.

The stocks contributing the most to performance of the underlying index were Glaxo SmithKline Plc, AstraZeneca Plc, and Novartis AG. Those detracting the most from return of the underlying index were British American Tobacco Plc, Bayer AG, and Anheuser-Busch InBev SA NV.

Derivatives in the Fund were used to help provide exposure to the composition of the benchmark in the highest efficient manner and to provide leverage, not for hedging purposes.

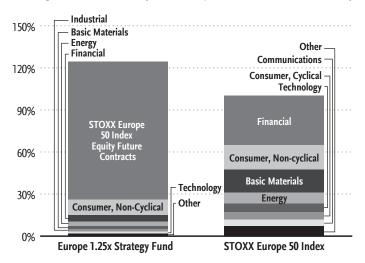
Due to the compounding of daily returns, leveraged and inverse funds' returns over periods other than one day will likely differ in amount and possibly direction from the benchmark return for the same period. Investors should monitor their leveraged and inverse funds' holdings to ensure that they are consistent with their strategies, as frequently as daily.

The effects of compounding may cause the longer-term correlation of the fund to its benchmark to diminish. The apparent discrepancy between the leveraged and unleveraged indices is the result of compounding, which is described briefly on page 6 of this report.

Performance displayed represents past performance, which is no guarantee of future results.

% of Long Town

### Holdings Diversification (Market Exposure as % of Net Assets)



"Holdings Diversification (Market Exposure as % of Net Assets)" excludes any temporary cash investments, investments in Guggenheim Strategy Funds Trust mutual funds, or investments in Guggenheim Ultra Short Duration Fund. Investments in those Funds do not provide "market exposure" to meet the Fund's investment objective, but will significantly increase the portfolio's exposure to certain other asset categories (and their associated risks), which may cause the Fund to deviate from its principal investment strategy, including: (i) high yield, high risk debt securities rated below the top four long-term rating categories by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization (also known as "junk bonds"); (ii) securities issued by the U.S. government or its agencies and instrumentalities; (iii) CLOs and similar investments; and (iv) other short-term fixed income securities.

#### Cumulative Fund Performance\*',



**Inception Date:** October 1, 2001

### Ten Largest Holdings (% of Total Net Assets)

Guggenheim Strategy Fund II	32.6%
Guggenheim Ultra Short Duration Fund	25.9%
Nestle S.A. ADR	1.8%
Novartis AG ADR	1.6%
HSBC Holdings plc ADR	1.3%
Roche Holding AG ADR	1.2%
Royal Dutch Shell plc — Class A ADR	1.0%
BP plc ADR	1.0%
Total S.A. ADR	0.9%
Linde plc	0.7%
Top Ten Total	68.0%

"Ten Largest Holdings" excludes any temporary cash or derivative investments.

### **Country Diversification**

	% of Long-Term
Country	Investments
United Kingdom	34%
Switzerland	20%
France	16%
Germany	13%
Netherlands	6%
Spain	3%
Denmark	2%
Other	6%
Total Long-Term Investments	100%

#### Average Annual Returns\*,

Periods Ended December 31, 2018

	1 Year	5 Year	10 Year
Europe 1.25x Strategy Fund	(18.97%)	(4.39%)	2.15%
STOXX Europe 50 Index	(14.52%)	(1.56%)	4.33%

<sup>\*</sup> The performance data above represents past performance that is not predictive of future results. The investment return and principal value of an investment in the Fund will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Returns are historical and include changes in principal and reinvested dividends and capital gains and do not reflect the effect of taxes. The STOXX Europe 50 Index is an unmanaged index and, unlike the Fund, has no management fees or operating expenses to reduce its reported return.

<sup>†</sup> Returns do not reflect the impact of any additional fees charged by insurance companies.

# **EUROPE 1.25x STRATEGY FUND**

Novarits AG ADR		SHARES		VALUE			Shares		VALUE
Nestle S.A. ADR	COMMON STOCKS <sup>†</sup> - 25.9%				Safran S.A. ADR		236	\$	7,054
Novartis AG ADR	ONSUMER NON-CYCLICAL - 10.8%				Schneider Electric SE ADR		436		5,895
Novartis AG ADR		602	\$	48 738	Total Industrial				51,135
Roche Holding AG ADR			4		TECHNOLOGY 139/				
Diageo plc ADR							165		16,426
AstraZeneca pic ADR Novo Nordisk A/S ADR Novo Nordisk A/S ADR Sanofi ADR Sanofi ADR GlaxoSmithkline pic ADR GlaxoSmithkline pi									14,628
Novo Nordisk A/S ADR Unilever N.V. — Class Y Sanofi ADR Sanofi ADR Sitch American Tobacco ptc ADR Anheuser-Busch InBev S.A. ADR Byer AG ADR Unilever ptc ADR Byer AG ADR ClasoSmithKline ptc ADR Byer AG ADR Byer AG ADR Sitch American Space of the Service of the Service Advance					•		7 <del>4</del>		
Unilever N.V.—Class Y   300   16,140   COMMUNICATIONS - 0.99%					lotal lechnology				31,054
Sanofi ADR   363   15,758   Vodafone Group plc ADR   499   ClavoSmithkline plc ADR   386   14,749   Deutsche Telekom AC ADR   516   Sith American Tobacco plc ADR   443   14,114   Telefonica S.A. ADR   753   Anheuser-Busch InBev S.A. ADR   197   12,964   Total Communications   Manuelle Place					COMMUNICATIONS - 0.9%				
Glasco mithKline plc ADR	Sanofi ADR	363			Vodafone Group plc ADR		499		9,621
British American Tobacco plc ADR	GlaxoSmithKline plc ADR				• •				8,762
Anheuser-Busch InBev S.A. ADR Bayer AC ADR Bayer AC ADR Cunliever plc ADR Reckitt Benckiser Group plc ADR Reckitt Benckiser Group plc ADR 193 8,821 L'Oreal S.A. ADR 193 8,812 LOUNSUMER, CYCLICAL - 0.7% LOUS Witton SE ADR 209 Total Consumer, Non-cyclical 290,726 Daimler AG ADR 573  Total Consumer, Non-cyclical  FINANCIAL - 4.9% HSBC Holdings plc ADR Allianz SE ADR 793 15,977 Prudential plc ADR 316 111,177 Banco Santander S.A. ADR 2455 BNP Paribas S.A. ADR 184 BNP Paribas S.A. ADR 185 Lloyds Banking Group plc ADR 285 Lloyds Banking Group plc ADR 287 AXA S.A. ADR 1NG Groep N.V. ADR Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria S.A. ADR 1NG Groep N.V. ADR Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria S.A. ADR 186 BNP Plc ADR 187 Total Financial  ENERCY - 3.1% Royal Dutch Shell plc — Class A ADR 204 BNP BP plc ADR 205 BNS Control Control of the Class A ADR 206 BNS Cott Sepa Adr 207 BNS Cott Sepa Adr 208 BNS Cott Sepa Adr 209  LOS. TREASURY BILLS†† - 9.4% LUS. Treasury Bills Consumer, CycLical Lous Loungham, Or Stocks (Cost \$15,80,133) LOUS Corner of the Cost Sepa Adount Advount					Telefonica S.A. ADR				6,370
Bayer AG ADR	·	197			Total Communications				24,753
Unilever plc ADR   218   11,391   CONSUMER, CYCLICAL - 0.7%   Reckit Benckiser Group plc ADR   583   8,821   LVMH Moet Hennessy   10	Bayer AG ADR	656			iotai Communications				24,733
Reckitt Benckiser Group plc ADR   193   8,812   LVMH Moet Hennessy   L'Orial S.A. ADR   193   8,812   Louis Vuitton SE ADR   209   290,726   Daimler AG ADR   573   290,726   Daimler AG ADR	•	218			CONSUMER, CYCLICAL - 0.7%				
Total Consumer, Non-cyclical	•	583			LVMH Moet Hennessy				
Total Consumer, Non-cyclical					Louis Vuitton SE ADR		209		12,218
Total Consumer, Cyclical					Daimler AG ADR		573		7,512
HSBC Holdings plc ADR	otal Consumer, Non-Cyclical		_	230,720	Total Consumer. Cyclical				19,730
Allianz SE ADR 793 15,971 National Grid plc ADR 128  Prudential plc ADR 316 11,177 Banco Santander S.A. ADR 2,455 10,998 Zurich Insurance Group AG ADR 282 8,405 BNP Paribas S.A. ADR 364 8,205 Intesa Sanpaolo SpA ADR 576 7,730 UBS Group AC* 611 7,564 Lloyds Banking Group plc ADR 2,887 7,391 AXA S.A. ADR 332 7,101 ING Groep N.V. ADR 657 7,004 Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria S.A. ADR 1,084 5,734 Brican Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria S.A. ADR 688 26,089 BP Jc ADR 688 26,089 Total S.A. ADR 450 23,481 Eni SpA ADR 204 6,426 Total Energy 33,325  BASIC MATERIALS - 2.2%  ENSTE MADR 671 11,803 Rio Tinto plc ADR 235 11,393  ING Groep C. ADR 671 11,803 Ing Group ACR 573	INANCIAL - 4.9%								
Prudential plc ADR	HSBC Holdings plc ADR	825		33,916					
Banco Santander S.A. ADR	Allianz SE ADR	793		15,971	National Grid plc ADR		128		6,141
Sanco Santander S.A. ADR	Prudential plc ADR	316		11,177	Total Common Stocks				
BNP Paribas S.A. ADR  BNP Paribas S.A. ADR  Intesa Sanpaolo SpA ADR  UBS Group AG*  Lloyds Banking Group plc ADR  AXA S.A. ADR  ING Groep N.V. ADR  Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria S.A. ADR  Royal Dutch Shell plc — Class A ADR  ENERCY - 3.1%  Royal Dutch Shell plc — Class A ADR  Eni SpA ADR  Total Energy  BASIC MATERIALS - 2.2%  Linde plc  BASF SE ADR  Rio Tinto plc ADR  BASIC MATERIALS  BNUTUAL FUNDS† - 58.5%  Guggenheim Strategy Fund II²  35,332  8  Guggenheim Strategy Fund II²  35,332  8  Guggenheim Ultra Short Duration Fund².8  69,886  69,886  60  Guggenheim Ultra Short Duration Fund².8  Guggenheim Ultra Short Duration Fund².8  69,886  60  Guggenheim Ultra Short Duration Fund².8  G	Banco Santander S.A. ADR	2,455		10,998					695,445
Intesa Sanpaolo SpA ADR	Zurich Insurance Group AG ADR	282		8,405	(COSt \$030,000)				093,443
Intesa Sanpaolo SpA ADR	BNP Paribas S.A. ADR	364		8,205	MUTUM FUNDST 59 5%				
Cost State   Cos	Intesa Sanpaolo SpA ADR	576		7,730			25 222		876,931
Total Mutual Funds   Total Mutual Funds   Total Mutual Funds   Total Mutual Funds   Total Funds	UBS Group AG*	611		7,564					696,060
ING Groep N.V. ADR	Lloyds Banking Group plc ADR	2,887		7,391			05,000		030,000
Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria S.A. ADR	AXA S.A. ADR	332		7,101				_	
Total Financial   131,196	ING Groep N.V. ADR	657		7,004	(Cost \$1,580,133)			I	,572,991
Total Financial	Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria S.A. ADR	1,084		5,734			_		
Royal Dutch Shell plc — Class A ADR	otal Financial			131,196					
BP plc ADR Total S.A. ADR Eni SpA ADR Total Energy  BASIC MATERIALS - 2.2% Linde plc BASF SE ADR Rio Tinto plc ADR  688 26,089 U.S. Treasury Bills 2.21% due 01/08/19 <sup>3,4</sup> \$ 253,000 2  Total U.S. Treasury Bills (Cost \$252,888)  2  REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS <sup>††,5</sup> - 7.9% JPMorgan Chase & Co. issued 12/31/18 at 2.95%	NERGY - 3.1%							•	
BP plc ADR Total S.A. ADR Fini SpA ADR Total Energy  BASIC MATERIALS - 2.2% Linde plc BASF SE ADR Rio Tinto plc ADR  688 26,089 U.S. Treasury Bills 2.21% due 01/08/19 <sup>3,4</sup> \$ 253,000 2  Total U.S. Treasury Bills (Cost \$252,888)  2  REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS <sup>††,5</sup> - 7.9% JPMorgan Chase & Co. issued 12/31/18 at 2.95%	Royal Dutch Shell plc — Class A ADR	469		27.329	ILC TREACHRY BILLST 0.40/				
Total S.A. ADR		688							
Eni SpA ADR  Total Energy  BASIC MATERIALS - 2.2%  Linde plc BASF SE ADR Rio Tinto plc ADR  204  6,426 83,325  Total U.S. Treasury Bills (Cost \$252,888)  22  REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS <sup>††,5</sup> - 7.9%  JPMorgan Chase & Co. issued 12/31/18 at 2.95%	•				2.310/ due 01/09/10 <sup>3,4</sup>	¢	252 000		252 005
Salance   Sala						Þ	233,000		252,905
Cost \$252,005	•				•				252 225
Linde plc       120       18,725       REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS 7.5 - 7.9%         BASF SE ADR       671       11,803       JPMorgan Chase & Co.         Rio Tinto plc ADR       235       11,393       issued 12/31/18 at 2.95%	<del>-</del>		_	03,323	(Cost \$252,888)				252,905
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Rio Tinto plc ADR 235 11,393 issued 12/31/18 at 2.95%	•								
1.01/02/10									
Air Liquide S A. ADR 341 8.417 40c 61/62/15							124 634		124,634
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issued 17/31/18 at 2 03%		974	_	7,052					
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	NDUCTRIAL 100/						31,032		31,032
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### **EUROPE 1.25x STRATEGY FUND**

	SHARES		VALUE
SECURITIES LENDING COLLATERAL <sup>†,6</sup> - 0.1% Money Market Fund			
First American Government			
Obligations Fund — Class Z, 2.32% <sup>7</sup>	3,246	\$	3,246
Total Securities Lending Collateral			
(Cost \$3,246)		_	3,246
Total Investments - 101.8%			
(Cost \$2,703,374)		\$	2,735,608
Other Assets & Liabilities, net - (1.8)%			(48,451)
Total Net Assets - 100.0%		\$	2,687,157

#### **Futures Contracts**

Description	Number of Contracts	Expiration Date	Notional Amount	Α	Value and Unrealized ppreciation reciation)**
Currency Futures Contracts Purchased† Euro FX Futures Contracts	19	Mar 2019	\$ 2,738,256	\$	12,771
Equity Futures Contracts Purchased <sup>††</sup> STOXX Europe 50 Index Futures Contracts	84	Mar 2019	2,647,815		(18,901)

plc — Public Limited Company

See Sector Classification in Other Information section.

<sup>\*</sup> Non-income producing security.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Includes cumulative appreciation (depreciation). Variation margin is reported within the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>†</sup> Value determined based on Level 1 inputs — See Note 4.

<sup>††</sup> Value determined based on Level 2 inputs — See Note 4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> All or a portion of this security is on loan at December 31, 2018 — See Note 7.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Affiliated issuer.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> All or a portion of this security is pledged as futures collateral at December 31, 2018.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Rate indicated is the effective yield at the time of purchase.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Repurchase Agreements — See Note 6.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Securities lending collateral — See Note 7.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Rate indicated is the 7-day yield as of December 31, 2018.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Effective November 30, 2018, Guggenheim Strategy Fund I was reorganized with and into the Guggenheim Ultra Short Duration Fund. ADR — American Depositary Receipt

18,901

#### **EUROPE 1.25x STRATEGY FUND**

The following table summarizes the inputs used to value the Fund's investments at December 31, 2018 (See Note 4 in the Notes to Financial Statements):

Investments in Securities (Assets)	Level 1 Quoted Prices	Level 2 Significant Observable Inputs	Level 3 iignificant ibservable Inputs	Total
Common Stocks	\$ 695,445	\$ _	\$ _	\$ 695,445
Mutual Funds	1,572,991	_	_	1,572,991
U.S. Treasury Bills	_	252,905	_	252,905
Repurchase Agreements	_	211,021	_	211,021
Securities Lending Collateral	3,246	_	_	3,246
Currency Futures Contracts**	12,771	_	_	12,771
Total Assets	\$ 2,284,453	\$ 463,926	\$ _	\$ 2,748,379
Investments in Securities (Liabilities)	Level 1 Quoted Prices	Level 2 Significant Observable Inputs	Level 3 ignificant bservable Inputs	Total

<sup>\*\*</sup> This derivative is reported as unrealized appreciation/depreciation at period end.

Transfers between investment levels may occur as the markets fluctuate and/or the availability of data used in an investment's valuation changes. Transfers between valuation levels, if any, are in comparison to the valuation levels at the end of the previous fiscal year, and are effective using the fair value as of the end of the current fiscal period.

18,901

For the year ended December 31, 2018, there were no transfers between levels.

#### **Affiliated Transactions**

**Equity Futures Contracts\*\*** 

Investments representing 5% or more of the outstanding voting shares of a company, or control of or by, or common control under Guggenheim Investments ("GI"), result in that company being considered an affiliated issuer, as defined in the 1940 Act.

The Fund may invest in certain of the underlying series of Guggenheim Strategy Funds Trust, including Guggenheim Strategy Fund II, Guggenheim Strategy Fund III and Guggenheim Variable Insurance Strategy Fund III, (collectively, the "Cash Management Funds"), each of which are open-end management investment companies managed by GI. The Cash Management Funds, which launched on March 11, 2014, are offered as cash management options only to mutual funds, trusts, and other accounts managed by GI and/or its affiliates, and are not available to the public. The Cash Management Funds pay no investment management fees. The Cash Management Funds' annual report on Form N-CSR dated September 30, 2018, is available publicly or upon request. This information is available from the EDGAR database on the SEC's website at https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1601445/000089180418000513/gug75569-ncsr.htm.

Transactions during the year ended December 31, 2018, in which the portfolio company is an "affiliated person", were as follows:

Security Name	Value 12/31/17	Additions	Red	uctions	Realized n (Loss)	U App	Change in Inrealized preciation preciation)	Value 12/31/18	Shares 2/31/18	In	vestment Income	Dist	Capital Gain ributions
Mutual Funds													
Guggenheim Strategy Fund II Guggenheim Ultra Short	\$ 906,537	\$ 797,820	\$ (	820,000)	\$ (969)	\$	(6,457)	\$ 876,931	35,332	\$	32,251	\$	510
Duration Fund <sup>1</sup>	 266,751	1,959,824	(1	,525,000)	(2,008)		(3,507)	696,060	69,886		24,059		705
	\$ 1,173,288	\$ 2,757,644	\$ (2,	345,000)	\$ (2,977)	\$	(9,964)	\$ 1,572,991		\$	56,310	\$	1,215

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Effective November 30, 2018, Guggenheim Strategy Fund I was reorganized with and into the Guggenheim Ultra Short Duration Fund.

### STATEMENT OF ASSETS **AND LIABILITIES**

#### December 31, 2018 Assets: Investments in unaffiliated issuers, at value - including \$3,663 of securities loaned (cost \$912,220) 951,596 Investments in affiliated issuers, at value (cost \$1,580,133) 1,572,991 Repurchase agreements, at value (cost \$211,021) 211,021 Cash 8,765 Receivables: 72,863 Fund shares sold Variation margin on futures contracts 26,320 Foreign tax reclaims 10,050 Dividends 4,336 Other 258 Securities lending income 32 Interest 17 2,858,249 **Total assets** LIABILITIES: Payable for: Securities purchased 146,254 Due to broker 8,233 Return of securities lending collateral 3,795 Management fees 1,853 Transfer agent and administrative fees 564 Investor service fees 564 Portfolio accounting fees 226 Fund shares redeemed 140 Trustees' fees\* 67 Miscellaneous 9,396 **Total liabilities** 171,092 Commitments and contingent liabilities (Note 13) **N**ET ASSETS 2,687,157 NET ASSETS CONSIST OF: Paid in capital \$ 4,248,521 Total distributable earnings (loss) (1,561,364)Net assets 2,687,157 Capital shares outstanding 31,805 Net asset value per share \$84.49

### STATEMENT OF **OPERATIONS**

Year Ended December 31, 2018		
Investment Income:		
Dividends from securities of unaffiliated issuers (net of		
foreign withholding tax of \$5,287)	\$	84,786
Dividends from securities of affiliated issuers		56,310
Interest		7,767
Income from securities lending, net		2,785
Total investment income		151,648
Expenses:		
Management fees		39,497
Investor service fees		10,971
Transfer agent and administrative fees		10,971
Professional fees		6,230
Portfolio accounting fees		4,389
Trustees' fees*		1,304
Custodian fees		630
Line of credit fees		70
Miscellaneous Total expenses		3,909 77,971
Total expenses Less:		77,571
Expenses waived by Adviser		(179)
Net expenses		77,792
Net investment income		73,856
NET REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS):		
Net realized gain (loss) on:		
Investments in unaffiliated issuers		(102,961)
Investments in affiliated issuers		(2,977)
Distributions received from affiliated investment		
company shares		1,215
Futures contracts		(695,254)
Foreign currency transactions		405
Net realized loss		(799,572)
Net change in unrealized appreciation		
(depreciation) on:		
Investments in unaffiliated issuers		(223,697)
Investments in affiliated issuers		(9,964)
Futures contracts		(17,936)
Foreign currency translations	_	56
Net change in unrealized appreciation		
(depreciation)		(251,541)
Net realized and unrealized loss	(	1,051,113)
Net decrease in net assets resulting		
from operations	\$	(977,257)

<sup>\*</sup> Relates to Trustees not deemed "interested persons" within the meaning of Section 2(a) (19) of the 1940 Act.

# **EUROPE 1.25x STRATEGY FUND**

### STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

	Year Ended December 31, 2018	Year Ended December 31, 2017
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS FROM OPERATIONS:  Net investment income  Net realized gain (loss) on investments  Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments	\$ 73,856 (799,572) (251,541)	\$ 11,928 679,374 264,177
Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations	(977,257)	955,479
Distributions to shareholders	(15,264)	(40,552)
CAPITAL SHARE TRANSACTIONS: Proceeds from sale of shares Distributions reinvested Cost of shares redeemed	14,938,345 15,264 (16,999,276)	16,896,795 40,552 (14,679,728)
Net increase (decrease) from capital share transactions	(2,045,667)	2,257,619
Net increase (decrease) in net assets	(3,038,188)	3,172,546
Net assets:  Beginning of year  End of year	5,725,345 \$ 2,687,157	2,552,799 \$ 5,725,345
Lift of year	\$ 2,007,137	\$ 3,723,343
CAPITAL SHARE ACTIVITY: Shares sold Shares issued from reinvestment of distributions Shares redeemed	149,773 153 (172,823)	176,252 412 (153,070)
Net increase (decrease) in shares	(22,897)	23,594

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For the year ended December 31, 2017, the total distributions to shareholders were all from net investment income (see Note 11).

### **EUROPE 1.25x STRATEGY FUND**

#### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

This table is presented to show selected data for a share outstanding throughout each period and to assist shareholders in evaluating a Fund's performance for the periods presented.

	Year Ended December 31, 2018	Year Ended December 31, 2017	Year Ended December 31, 2016 <sup>e</sup>	Year Ended December 31, 2015 <sup>e</sup>	Year Ended December 31, 2014 <sup>e</sup>
Per Share Data					
Net asset value, beginning of period	\$104.66	\$82.06	\$88.28	\$96.17	\$112.32
Income (loss) from investment operations:					
Net investment income (loss) <sup>a</sup>	1.66	.25	.25	.66	1.26
Net gain (loss) on investments (realized and unrealized)	(21.46)	23.17	(6.25)	(7.35)	(15.19)
Total from investment operations	(19.80)	23.42	(6.00)	(6.69)	(13.93)
Less distributions from:					
Net investment income	(.37)	(.82)	(.22)	(1.20)	(2.22)
Total distributions	(.37)	(.82)	(.22)	(1.20)	(2.22)
Net asset value, end of period	\$84.49	\$104.66	\$82.06	\$88.28	\$96.17
Total Return <sup>b</sup>	(18.97%)	28.60%	(5.58%)	(7.19%)	(12.49%)
Ratios/Supplemental Data					
Net assets, end of period (in thousands)	\$2,687	\$5,725	\$2,553	\$3,083	\$3,304
Ratios to average net assets:					
Net investment income (loss)	1.67%	0.26%	1.70%	0.63%	1.14%
Total expenses <sup>c</sup>	1.78%	1.80%	1.73%	1.66%	1.75%
Net expenses <sup>d</sup>	1.77%	1.80%	1.73%	1.66%	1.75%
Portfolio turnover rate	187%	121%	441%	620%	401%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Net investment income (loss) per share was computed using average shares outstanding throughout the period.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> Total return does not reflect the impact of any additional fees charged by insurance companies.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> Does not include expenses of the underlying funds in which the Fund invests.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>d</sup> Net expense information reflects the expense ratios after expense waivers and reimbursements, as applicable.

e Reverse share split — Per share amounts for the periods presented through December 31, 2016, have been restated to reflect a 1:6 reverse share split effective December 1, 2016.

### JAPAN 2x STRATEGY FUND

**OBJECTIVE:** Seeks to provide investment results that correlate, before fees and expenses, to the performance of a specific benchmark. The Fund's current benchmark is 200% of the fair value of the Nikkei-225 Stock Average Index (the "underlying index").

For the one-year period ended December 31, 2018, Japan 2x Strategy Fund maintained a daily correlation of over 99% to its benchmark of 200% of the daily price movement of the fair value of the underlying index. Japan 2x Strategy Fund returned -22.95%, while the underlying index returned -10.35% over the same time period.

The sectors contributing the most to the return of the underlying index of the period were Consumer Staples and Health Care. The Industrials and the Information Technology sectors detracted the most from the performance of the underlying index for the period.

Stocks contributing most to return of the underlying index were Fast Retailing Co. Ltd., FamilyMart UNY Holdings Co. Ltd., and Terumo Corp. Those detracting most from performance of the underlying index were Fanuc Corp., SoftBank Group Corp., and Tokyo Electron Ltd.

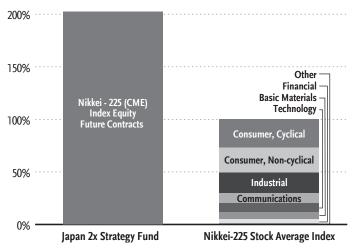
Derivatives in the Fund were used to help provide exposure to the composition of the benchmark in the highest efficient manner and to provide leverage, not for hedging purposes.

Due to the compounding of daily returns, leveraged and inverse funds' returns over periods other than one day will likely differ in amount and possibly direction from the benchmark return for the same period. Investors should monitor their leveraged and inverse funds' holdings to ensure that they are consistent with their strategies, as frequently as daily.

The effects of compounding may cause the longer-term correlation of the fund to its benchmark to diminish. The apparent discrepancy between the leveraged and unleveraged indices is the result of compounding, which is described briefly on page 6 of this report.

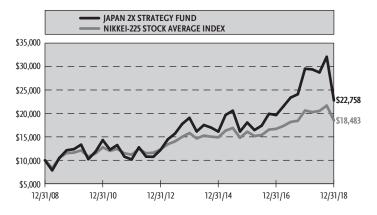
Performance displayed represents past performance, which is no guarantee of future results.

### Holdings Diversification (Market Exposure as % of Net Assets)



"Holdings Diversification (Market Exposure as % of Net Assets)" excludes any temporary cash investments, investments in Guggenheim Strategy Funds Trust mutual funds, or investments in Guggenheim Ultra Short Duration Fund. Investments in those Funds do not provide "market exposure" to meet the Fund's investment objective, but will significantly increase the portfolio's exposure to certain other asset categories (and their associated risks), which may cause the Fund to deviate from its principal investment strategy, including: (i) high yield, high risk debt securities rated below the top four long-term rating categories by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization (also known as "junk bonds"); (ii) securities issued by the U.S. government or its agencies and instrumentalities; (iii) CLOs and similar investments; and (iv) other short-term fixed income securities.

#### Cumulative Fund Performance\*,



#### Inception Date: October 1, 2001

The Fund invests principally in derivative investments such as swap agreements and futures contracts.

#### Largest Holdings (% of Total Net Assets)

Guggenheim Strategy Fund II	33.9%
Guggenheim Ultra Short Duration Fund	22.7%
Total	56.6%

"Largest Holdings" excludes any temporary cash or derivative investments.

# Average Annual Returns\*,

Periods Ended December 31, 2018

	1 Year	5 Year	10 Year
Japan 2x Strategy Fund	(22.95%)	3.62%	8.57%
Nikkei-225 Stock Average Index	(10.35%)	3.18%	6.34%

<sup>\*</sup> The performance data above represents past performance that is not predictive of future results. The investment return and principal value of an investment in the Fund will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Returns are historical and include changes in principal and reinvested dividends and capital gains and do not reflect the effect of taxes. The Nikkei-225 Stock Average Index is an unmanaged index and, unlike the Fund, has no management fees or operating expenses to reduce its reported return.

<sup>†</sup> Returns do not reflect the impact of any additional fees charged by insurance companies.

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### JAPAN 2x STRATEGY FUND

	Shares		Value			Face Amount	VALUE
MUTUAL FUNDS <sup>†</sup> - 56.6% Guggenheim Strategy Fund II <sup>1</sup> Guggenheim Urra Short Duration Fund <sup>1,8</sup>	27,538 45,879		683,491 456,957	REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS <sup>††,6</sup> - 33.3% JPMorgan Chase & Co. issued 12/31/18 at 2.95%	\$	396,342	¢ 206 242
Total Mutual Funds (Cost \$1,138,133)		1,	,140,448	due 01/02/19 Barclays Capital issued 12/31/18 at 2.93%	Þ	390,342	\$ 396,342
	Face Amount			due 01/02/19 Bank of America Merrill Lynch issued 12/31/18 at 2.95%		164,828	164,828
FEDERAL AGENCY NOTES <sup>††</sup> - 14.9% Federal Farm Credit Bank <sup>3</sup>				due 01/02/19 Total Repurchase Agreements (Cost \$671,055)		109,885	109,885
2.45% (1 Month USD LIBOR -0.05%, Rate Floor: 0.00%) due 01/23/19 <sup>2</sup> Freddie Mac <sup>7</sup>	\$ 100,000		99,998	Total Investments - 109.6% (Cost \$2,204,325)			\$ 2,206,592
1.75% due 05/30/19 Farmer Mac <sup>3</sup>	100,000		99,683	Other Assets & Liabilities, net - (9.6)% Total Net Assets - 100.0%			(193,547) \$ 2,013,045
1.55% due 07/03/19  Total Federal Agency Notes (Cost \$299,180)	100,000		99,444 299,125	Total Net Assets Total			2,013,013
U.S. TREASURY BILLS†† - 4.8%							
U.S. Treasury Bills 2.21% due 01/08/19 <sup>4,5</sup> Total U.S. Treasury Bills	96,000		95,964				
(Cost \$95,957)			95,964				

### **Futures Contracts**

Description	Number of Contracts	Expiration Date	Notional Amount	Unrealized ppreciation reciation)**
Currency Futures Contracts Purchased† Japanese Yen Futures Contracts	35	Mar 2019	\$ 4,014,938	\$ 90,227
<b>Equity Futures Contracts Purchased</b> <sup>†</sup> Nikkei-225 (CME) Index Equity Futures Contracts	41	Mar 2019	4,070,275	(160,756)

<sup>\*\*</sup> Includes cumulative appreciation (depreciation). Variation margin is reported within the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

See Sector Classification in Other Information section.

<sup>†</sup> Value determined based on Level 1 inputs — See Note 4.

<sup>††</sup> Value determined based on Level 2 inputs — See Note 4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Affiliated issuer.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Variable rate security. Rate indicated is the rate effective at December 31, 2018. In some instances, the effective rate is limited by a minimum rate floor or a maximum rate cap established by the issuer. The settlement status of a position may also impact the effective rate indicated. In some cases, a position may be unsettled at period end and may not have a stated effective rate. In instances where multiple underlying reference rates and spread amounts are shown, the effective rate is based on a weighted average.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The issuer operates under a Congressional charter; its securities are neither issued nor guaranteed by the U.S. Government.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> All or a portion of this security is pledged as futures collateral at December 31, 2018.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Rate indicated is the effective yield at the time of purchase.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Repurchase Agreements — See Note 6.

On September 7, 2008, the issuer was placed in conservatorship by the Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA). As conservator, the FHFA has full power to control the assets and operations of the firm.

<sup>8</sup> Effective November 30, 2018, Guggenheim Strategy Fund I was also reorganized with and into the Guggenheim Ultra Short Duration Fund. LIBOR — London Interbank Offered Rate

CME — Chicago Mercantile Exchange

### JAPAN 2x STRATEGY FUND

The following table summarizes the inputs used to value the Fund's investments at December 31, 2018 (See Note 4 in the Notes to Financial Statements):

Investments in Securities (Assets)	Level 1 Quoted Prices	Level 2 Significant Observable Inputs	Level 3 Significant Observable Inputs	Total
Mutual Funds	\$ 1,140,448	\$ _	\$ _	\$ 1,140,448
Federal Agency Notes	_	299,125	_	299,125
U.S. Treasury Bills	_	95,964	_	95,964
Repurchase Agreements	_	671,055	_	671,055
Currency Futures Contracts**	90,227	_	_	90,227
Total Assets	\$ 1,230,675	\$ 1,066,144	\$ 	\$ 2,296,819
Investments in Securities (Liabilities)	Level 1 Quoted Prices	Level 2 Significant Observable Inputs	Level 3 significant observable Inputs	Total
Equity Futures Contracts**	\$ 160,756	\$ 	\$ 	\$ 160,756

<sup>\*\*</sup> This derivative is reported as unrealized appreciation/depreciation at period end.

Transfers between investment levels may occur as the markets fluctuate and/or the availability of data used in an investment's valuation changes. Transfers between valuation levels, if any, are in comparison to the valuation levels at the end of the previous fiscal year, and are effective using the fair value as of the end of the current fiscal period.

For the year ended December 31, 2018, there were no transfers between levels.

#### **Affiliated Transactions**

Investments representing 5% or more of the outstanding voting shares of a company, or control of or by, or common control under Guggenheim Investments ("GI"), result in that company being considered an affiliated issuer, as defined in the 1940 Act.

The Fund may invest in certain of the underlying series of Guggenheim Strategy Funds Trust, including Guggenheim Strategy Fund II, Guggenheim Strategy Fund III and Guggenheim Variable Insurance Strategy Fund III, (collectively, the "Cash Management Funds"), each of which are open-end management investment companies managed by GI. The Cash Management Funds, which launched on March 11, 2014, are offered as cash management options only to mutual funds, trusts, and other accounts managed by GI and/or its affiliates, and are not available to the public. The Cash Management Funds pay no investment management fees. The Cash Management Funds' annual report on Form N-CSR dated September 30, 2018, is available publicly or upon request. This information is available from the EDGAR database on the SEC's website at https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1601445/000089180418000513/gug75569-ncsr.htm.

Transactions during the year ended December 31, 2018, in which the company is an "affiliated person", were as follows:

Security Name	Value 12/31/17	Additions	Reductions	Realized in (Loss)	l Ap	Change in Jnrealized preciation epreciation)	Value 12/31/18	Shares 12/31/18	In	vestment Income	Dist	Capital Gain ributions
Mutual Funds Guggenheim Strategy Fund II Guggenheim Ultra Short	\$ 1,852,417	\$ 1,561,317	\$ (2,725,000)	\$ (858)	\$	(4,385)	\$ 683,491	27,538	\$	30,974	\$	353
Duration Fund <sup>1</sup>	1,486,508	2,229,038	(3,255,000)	(255)		(3,334)	456,957	45,879		28,679		404
	\$ 3,338,925	\$ 3,790,355	\$ (5,980,000)	\$ (1,113)	\$	(7,719)	\$ 1,140,448		\$	59,653	\$	757

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Effective November 30, 2018, Guggenheim Strategy Fund I was reorganized with and into the Guggenheim Ultra Short Duration Fund.

### STATEMENT OF ASSETS **AND LIABILITIES**

#### December 31, 2018 Assets: Investments in unaffiliated issuers, at value (cost \$395,137) 395,089 Investments in affiliated issuers, at value (cost \$1,138,133) 1,140,448 Repurchase agreements, at value 671,055 (cost \$671,055) Segregated cash with broker 2,295 Receivables: 8,043 Variation margin on futures contracts Dividends 1,993 Swap settlement 1,839 Interest 1,033 **Total assets** 2,221,795 LIABILITIES: Payable for: Securities purchased 202,101 996 Management fees Transfer agent and administrative fees 368 Investor service fees 368 Fund shares redeemed 296 Portfolio accounting fees 147 Trustees' fees\* 38 Miscellaneous 4,436 **Total liabilities** 208,750 Commitments and contingent liabilities (Note 13) **N**ET ASSETS 2,013,045 **N**ET ASSETS CONSIST OF: Paid in capital \$ 4,139,480 Total distributable earnings (loss) (2,126,435)2,013,045 Net assets Capital shares outstanding 32,311 Net asset value per share \$62.30

### STATEMENT OF **OPERATIONS**

Year Ended December 31, 2018	
Investment Income: Dividends from securities of affiliated issuers	\$ 59,653
Interest	20,249
Total investment income	79,902
Expenses:	
Management fees	25,608
Investor service fees	8,536
Transfer agent and administrative fees Professional fees	8,536 6,170
Portfolio accounting fees	3,414
Trustees' fees*	944
Custodian fees	519
Line of credit fees	12
Miscellaneous	336
Total expenses	54,075
Less: Expenses waived by Adviser	(109)
Net expenses	53,966
Net investment income	25,936
NET REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS):	
Net realized gain (loss) on:	
Investments in unaffiliated issuers	7
Investments in affiliated issuers	(1,113)
Distributions received from affiliated investment	
company shares	757
Futures contracts	(440,653)
Net realized loss	(441,002)
Net change in unrealized appreciation	
(depreciation) on:	(47)
Investments in unaffiliated issuers Investments in affiliated issuers	(4/)
Futures contracts	(7,719) (246,144)
	(240,144)
Net change in unrealized appreciation	(252.010)
(depreciation)	(253,910)
Net realized and unrealized loss	(694,912)
Net decrease in net assets resulting	
from operations	\$ (668,976)

<sup>\*</sup> Relates to Trustees not deemed "interested persons" within the meaning of Section 2(a) (19) of the 1940 Act.

# JAPAN 2x STRATEGY FUND

### STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

	Year Ended December 31, 2018	Year Ended December 31, 2017		
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS FROM OPERATIONS: Net investment income (loss)	\$ 25,936	\$ (5,644)		
Net realized gain (loss) on investments  Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments	(441,002) (253,910)	1,508,664 28,618		
Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations	(668,976)	1,531,638		
Distributions to shareholders	(556,668)			
CAPITAL SHARE TRANSACTIONS: Proceeds from sale of shares Distributions reinvested Cost of shares redeemed	31,061,412 556,668 (33,993,486)	16,175,572 — (14,591,761)		
Net increase (decrease) from capital share transactions	(2,375,406)	1,583,811		
Net increase (decrease) in net assets	(3,601,050)	3,115,449		
Net assets:  Beginning of year	5,614,095 \$ 2.013.045	2,498,646		
End of year	\$ 2,013,045	\$ 5,614,095		
Capital Share activity: Shares sold Shares issued from reinvestment of distributions Shares redeemed	341,586 6,993 (371,950)	195,913 — (177,480)		
Net increase (decrease) in shares	(23,371)	18,433		

# JAPAN 2x STRATEGY FUND

#### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

This table is presented to show selected data for a share outstanding throughout each period and to assist shareholders in evaluating a Fund's performance for the periods presented.

	Year Ended December 31, 2018	Year Ended December 31, 2017	Year Ended December 31, 2016 <sup>e</sup>	Year Ended December 31, 2015 <sup>e</sup>	Year Ended December 31, 2014 <sup>e</sup>
Per Share Data					
Net asset value, beginning of period	\$100.82	\$67.08	\$61.65	\$55.02	\$171.68
Income (loss) from investment operations: Net investment income (loss) <sup>a</sup>	.70	(.13)	( 06)	(.78)	(1.68)
Net gain (loss) on investments (realized and unrealized)	(19.56)	33.87	(.06) 5.49	(.78) 7.41	(16.58)
Total from investment operations	(18.86)	33.74	5.43	6.63	(18.26)
Less distributions from: Net realized gains	(19.66)	_	_	_	(98.40)
Total distributions	(19.66)				(98.40)
Net asset value, end of period	\$62.30	\$100.82	\$67.08	\$61.65	\$55.02
Total Return <sup>b</sup>	(22.95%)	50.30%	8.86%	12.00%	(15.41%)
Ratios/Supplemental Data					
Net assets, end of period (in thousands)	\$2,013	\$5,614	\$2,499	\$3,577	\$2,608
Ratios to average net assets: Net investment income (loss)	0.76%	(0.15%)	(0.50%)	(1.22%)	(1.39%)
Total expenses <sup>c</sup>	1.58%	1.83%	1.56%	1.50%	1.59%
Net expenses <sup>d</sup>	1.58%	1.83%	1.56%	1.50%	1.59%
Portfolio turnover rate	180%	73%	183%	87%	146%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Net investment income (loss) per share was computed using average shares outstanding throughout the period.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> Total return does not reflect the impact of any additional fees charged by insurance companies.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> Does not include expenses of the underlying funds in which the Fund invests.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>d</sup> Net expense information reflects the expense ratios after expense waivers and reimbursements, as applicable.

e Reverse Share Split — Per share amounts for the periods presented through December 31, 2016, have been restated to reflect a 1:6 reverse share split effective December 1, 2016.

### STRENGTHENING DOLLAR 2x STRATEGY FUND

**OBJECTIVE:** Seeks to provide investment results that match, before fees and expenses, the performance of a specific benchmark on a daily basis. The Fund's current benchmark is 200% of the performance of the U.S. Dollar Index® (the "underlying index"). The Fund does not seek to achieve its investment objective over a period of time greater than one day.

For the one-year period ended December 31, 2018, Strengthening Dollar 2x Strategy Fund maintained a daily correlation of over 99% to its benchmark of 200% of the daily price movement of the underlying index. Strengthening Dollar 2x Strategy Fund returned 11.82%, compared with a return of 4.40% for its benchmark, the underlying index.

Contributing the most to performance of the underlying index for the year were the Japanese Yen, Swiss Franc, and Swedish Krona. The Euro, Canadian Dollar, and British Pound detracted the most from performance.

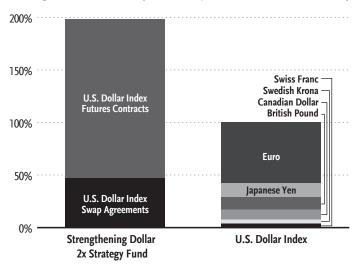
Derivatives in the Fund were used to help provide exposure to the composition of the benchmark in the highest efficient manner and to provide leverage, not for hedging purposes.

Due to the compounding of daily returns, leveraged and inverse funds' returns over periods other than one day will likely differ in amount and possibly direction from the benchmark return for the same period. Investors should monitor their leveraged and inverse funds' holdings to ensure that they are consistent with their strategies, as frequently as daily.

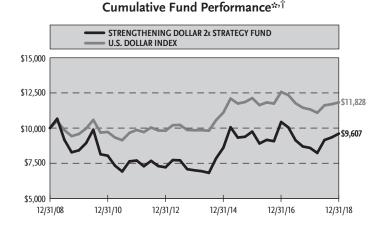
The effects of compounding may cause the longer-term correlation of the fund to its benchmark to diminish. The apparent discrepancy between the leveraged and unleveraged indices is the result of compounding, which is described briefly on page 6 of this report.

Performance displayed represents past performance, which is no guarantee of future results.

### Holdings Diversification (Market Exposure as % of Net Assets)



"Holdings Diversification (Market Exposure as % of Net Assets)" excludes any temporary cash investments, investments in Guggenheim Strategy Funds Trust mutual funds, or investments in Guggenheim Ultra Short Duration Fund. Investments in those Funds do not provide "market exposure" to meet the Fund's investment objective, but will significantly increase the portfolio's exposure to certain other asset categories (and their associated risks), which may cause the Fund to deviate from its principal investment strategy, including: (i) high yield, high risk debt securities rated below the top four long-term rating categories by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization (also known as "junk bonds"); (ii) securities issued by the U.S. government or its agencies and instrumentalities; (iii) CLOs and similar investments; and (iv) other short-term fixed income securities.



#### **Inception Date:** September 30, 2005

The Fund invests principally in derivative investments such as swap agreements and futures contracts.

#### Largest Holdings (% of Total Net Assets)

Guggenheim Strategy Fund II	32.5%
Guggenheim Ultra Short Duration Fund	27.5%
Total	60.0%

"Largest Holdings" excludes any temporary cash or derivative investments.

# Average Annual Returns\*\*

Periods Ended December 31, 2018

	1 Year	5 Year	10 Year
Strengthening Dollar			
2x Strategy Fund	11.82%	6.55%	(0.40%)
U.S. Dollar Index	4.40%	3.74%	1.69%

<sup>\*</sup> The performance data above represents past performance that is not predictive of future results. The investment return and principal value of an investment in the Fund will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Returns are historical and include changes in principal and reinvested dividends and capital gains and do not reflect the effect of taxes. The U.S. Dollar Index is an unmanaged index and, unlike the Fund, has no management fees or operating expenses to reduce its reported return.

<sup>†</sup> Returns do not reflect the impact of any additional fees charged by insurance companies.

		Shares		Value					<b>F</b> а <b>А</b> мои	CE NT	<b>V</b> alui
MUTUAL FUNDS <sup>†</sup> - 60.0% Guggenheim Strategy Fund II <sup>1</sup> Guggenheim Ultra Short Duration Fund <sup>1,7</sup>	)	44,811 94,540	,	112,218 941,620	Fredo	FRAL AGENCY DI lie Mac <sup>3</sup> 25% due 01/03/19	SCOUNT NOTES <sup>††</sup>	- 2.	<b>9</b> % \$ 100,0	00	\$ 99,993
Total Mutual Funds (Cost \$2,055,808)			2,0	)53,838		Federal Agency Dost \$99,988)	Discount Notes				99,993
		FACE AMOUNT	_		JPMo	rgan Chase & Co					
FEDERAL AGENCY NOTES†† - 6.6% Farmer Mac <sup>2</sup>					du Barcl	sued 12/31/18 at 2 e 01/02/19 <sup>8</sup> ays Capital			454,8	59	454,859
1.55% due 07/03/19 Freddie Mac <sup>3</sup>	\$	100,000		99,444	du	e 01/02/19 <sup>8</sup>			189,10	63	189,163
1.75% due 05/30/19 Federal Farm Credit Bank <sup>2</sup> 2.45% (1 Month USD LIBOR -0.05%,		75,000		74,762	iss	of America Merri sued 12/31/18 at 2 e 01/02/19 <sup>8</sup>			126,10	08	126,108
Rate Floor: 0.00%) due 01/23/194		50,000		49,999	Total	Repurchase Agre	ements		,		770,130
Total Federal Agency Notes (Cost \$224,253)				224,205	,	Investments - 96	.1%				
<b>U.S. TREASURY BILLS</b> †† <b>- 4.1%</b> U.S. Treasury Bills					,	ost \$3,290,117) r <b>Assets &amp; Liabil</b> i	ties, net - 3.9%				\$ 3,288,11 <sup>2</sup> 132,167
2.21% due 01/08/19 <sup>5,6</sup> Total U.S. Treasury Bills		140,000		139,948	Total	Net Assets - 100.	0%				\$ 3,420,281
(Cost \$139,938)				139,948							
Futures Contracts											Value and
Description						Number of Contracts	Expiration Date		Notional Amount	De	Unrealized epreciation**
Currency Futures Contracts Purchased† U.S. Dollar Index Futures Contracts						54	Mar 2019	\$	5,168,070	\$	(42,298)
Total Return Swap Agreements			nancing		Danis	Makani			Making		Value and
Counterparty Index			Rate Pay Receive)		Payment requency	Maturity Date	Units		Notional Amount		Unrealized Depreciation
OTC Currency Index Swap Agreements <sup>††</sup> Goldman Sachs International U.S. Dollar I	ndex		N/A	A	t Maturity	03/20/19	16,788	\$	1,606,718	\$	(9,676)

- \*\* Includes cumulative appreciation (depreciation). Variation margin is reported within the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.
- † Value determined based on Level 1 inputs See Note 4.
- †† Value determined based on Level 2 inputs See Note 4.
- <sup>1</sup> Affiliated issuer.
- <sup>2</sup> The issuer operates under a Congressional charter; its securities are neither issued nor guaranteed by the U.S. Government.
- <sup>3</sup> On September 7, 2008, the issuer was placed in conservatorship by the Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA). As conservator, the FHFA has full powers to control the assets and operations of the firm.
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- <sup>5</sup> All or a portion of this security is pledged as futures collateral at December 31, 2018.
- <sup>6</sup> Rate indicated is the effective yield at the time of purchase.
- <sup>7</sup> Repurchase Agreements See Note 6.
- <sup>8</sup> All or a portion of this security is pledged as currency index swap collateral at December 31, 2018.
- <sup>9</sup> Effective November 30, 2018, Guggenheim Strategy Fund I was reorganized with and into the Guggenheim Ultra Short Duration Fund. LIBOR London Interbank Offered Rate

See Sector Classification in Other Information section.

The following table summarizes the inputs used to value the Fund's investments at December 31, 2018 (See Note 4 in the Notes to Financial Statements):

Investments in Securities (Assets)	Level 1 Quoted Prices	Level 2 Significant Observable Inputs	Level 3 Significant observable Inputs	Total
Mutual Funds	\$ 2,053,838	\$ _	\$ _	\$ 2,053,838
Federal Agency Notes	_	224,205	_	224,205
U.S. Treasury Bills	_	139,948	_	139,948
Federal Agency Discount Notes	_	99,993	_	99,993
Repurchase Agreements	_	770,130	_	770,130
Total Assets	\$ 2,053,838	\$ 1,234,276	\$ _	\$ 3,288,114

Investments in Securities (Liabilities)	Level 1 Quoted Prices		Level 2 Significant Observable Inputs		Level 3 ignificant bservable Inputs	Total
Currency Futures Contracts**	\$ 42,298	\$		\$		\$ 42,298
Currency Index Swap Agreements**  Total Liabilities	\$ 42,298	\$	9,676 9,676	\$		\$ 9,676 51,974

<sup>\*\*</sup> This derivative is reported as unrealized appreciation/depreciation at period end.

Transfers between investment levels may occur as the markets fluctuate and/or the availability of data used in an investment's valuation changes. Transfers between valuation levels, if any, are in comparison to the valuation levels at the end of the previous fiscal year, and are effective using the fair value as of the end of the current fiscal period.

For the year ended December 31, 2018, there were no transfers between levels.

#### **Affiliated Transactions**

Investments representing 5% or more of the outstanding voting shares of a company, or control of or by, or common control under Guggenheim Investments ("GI"), result in that company being considered an affiliated issuer, as defined in the 1940 Act.

The Fund may invest in certain of the underlying series of Guggenheim Strategy Funds Trust, including Guggenheim Strategy Fund II, Guggenheim Strategy Fund III, and Guggenheim Variable Insurance Strategy Fund III, (collectively, the "Cash Management Funds"), each of which are open-end management investment companies managed by GI. The Cash Management Funds, which launched on March 11, 2014, are offered as cash management options only to mutual funds, trusts, and other accounts managed by GI and/or its affiliates, and are not available to the public. The Cash Management Funds pay no investment management fees. The Cash Management Funds' annual report on Form N-CSR dated September 30, 2018, is available publicly or upon request. This information is available from the EDGAR database on the SEC's website at https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1601445/000089180418000513/gug75569-ncsr.htm.

Transactions during the year ended December 31, 2018, in which the company is an "affiliated person", were as follows:

Security Name	12	Value 2/31/17	Additions	Reductions		Realized in (Loss)	L Ap	Change in Inrealized preciation preciation)	Value 12/31/18	Shares 12/31/18		nvestment Income	Dist	Capital Gain ributions
Mutual Funds Guggenheim Strategy Fund II	¢ 1	592.767	\$ 2,775,256	\$ (2,245,000)	\$	(2,855)	¢	(7,950)	\$ 1.112.218	44,811	•	29.321	¢	836
Guggenheim Ultra Short Duration Fund <sup>1</sup>		486,103	2,588,659	(2,125,000)	Þ	(3,251)	Þ	(4,891)	941,620	94,540		27,463	Þ	1,120
	\$ 1,0	078,870	\$ 5,363,915	\$ (4,370,000)	\$	(6,106)	\$	(12,841)	\$ 2,053,838	•	\$	56,784	\$	1,956

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Effective November 30, 2018, Guggenheim Strategy Fund I was reorganized with and into the Guggenheim Ultra Short Duration Fund.

### STATEMENT OF ASSETS **AND LIABILITIES**

#### December 31, 2018 Assets: Investments in unaffiliated issuers, at value (cost \$464,179) 464,146 Investments in affiliated issuers, at value (cost \$2,055,808) 2,053,838 Repurchase agreements, at value (cost \$770,130) 770,130 Receivables: Fund shares sold 219,940 Dividends 4,717 Interest 974 **Total assets** 3,513,745 LIABILITIES: Unrealized depreciation on swap agreements 9,676 Payable for: Securities purchased 54,948 Variation margin on futures contracts 13,782 Management fees 2,644 Fund shares redeemed 1,564 Transfer agent and administrative fees 810 Investor service fees 810 Swap settlement 443 Portfolio accounting fees 324 Trustees' fees\* 48 Miscellaneous 8,415 93,464 **Total liabilities** Commitments and contingent liabilities (Note 13) 3,420,281 NET ASSETS **N**ET ASSETS CONSIST OF: Paid in capital \$ 4,423,990 Total distributable earnings (loss) (1,003,709)Net assets 3,420,281 Capital shares outstanding 86,089 Net asset value per share \$39.73

## STATEMENT OF **OPERATIONS**

Year Ended December 31, 2018	
Investment Income: Dividends from securities of affiliated issuers Interest	\$ 56,784 19,450
Total investment income	 76,234
EXPENSES:	26 001
Management fees Investor service fees	26,891 7,470
Transfer agent and administrative fees	7,470
Professional fees	3,401
Portfolio accounting fees	2,988
Trustees' fees*	823
Custodian fees	435
Line of credit fees	3
Miscellaneous	 5,207
Total expenses Less:	54,688
Expenses waived by Adviser	(274)
Net expenses	54,414
Net investment income	21,820
NET REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS):	
Net realized gain (loss) on:	
Investments in unaffiliated issuers	10
Investments in affiliated issuers	(6,106)
Distributions received from affiliated investment	7.056
company shares	1,956
Swap agreements Futures contracts	12,411 282,196
Net realized gain	 290,467
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on:	
Investments in unaffiliated issuers	(35)
Investments in affiliated issuers	(12,841)
Swap agreements	(5,896)
Futures contracts	(6,819)
Net change in unrealized appreciation	
(depreciation)	(25,591)
Net realized and unrealized gain	264,876
Net increase in net assets resulting	 ,
from operations	\$ 286,696

<sup>\*</sup> Relates to Trustees not deemed "interested persons" within the meaning of Section 2(a) (19) of the 1940 Act.

## STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

	Year Ended December 31, 2018	Year Ended December 31, 2017
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets from Operations: Net investment income (loss) Net realized gain (loss) on investments	\$ 21,820 290,467	\$ (2,805) (501,880)
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments  Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations	(25,591) 286,696	(122,233) (626,918)
Distributions to shareholders		(54,703) <sup>1</sup>
CAPITAL SHARE TRANSACTIONS: Proceeds from sale of shares Distributions reinvested Cost of shares redeemed	22,522,330 — (21,125,360)	12,652,905 54,703 (15,933,084)
Net increase (decrease) from capital share transactions	1,396,970	(3,225,476)
Net increase (decrease) in net assets	1,683,666	(3,907,097)
Net assets: Beginning of year	1,736,615	5,643,712
End of year	\$ 3,420,281	\$ 1,736,615
CAPITAL SHARE ACTIVITY: Shares sold Shares issued from reinvestment of distributions Shares redeemed	599,981 — (562,774)	327,875 1,446 (408,989)
Net increase (decrease) in shares	37,207	(79,668)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For the year ended December 31, 2017, the total distributions to shareholders were all from net realized gains (See Note 11).

### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

This table is presented to show selected data for a share outstanding throughout each period and to assist shareholders in evaluating a Fund's performance for the periods presented.

	Year Ended December 31, 2018	Year Ended December 31, 2017	Year Ended December 31, 2016	Year Ended December 31, 2015	Year Ended December 31, 2014 <sup>e</sup>
Per Share Data					
Net asset value, beginning of period	\$35.53	\$43.90	\$43.45	\$42.19	\$34.32
Income (loss) from investment operations: Net investment income (loss) <sup>a</sup> Net gain (loss) on investments (realized and unrealized)	.27 3.93	(.04) (7.67)	(.23) 2.96	(.55) 6.09	(.47) 8.34
Total from investment operations	4.20	(7.71)	2.73	5.54	7.87
Less distributions from: Net realized gains Total distributions		(.66) (.66)	(2.28)	(4.28)	
Net asset value, end of period	\$39.73	\$35.53	\$43.90	\$43.45	\$42.19
Total Return <sup>b</sup>	11.82%	(17.65%)	7.00%	13.35%	22.93%
Ratios/Supplemental Data					
Net assets, end of period (in thousands)	\$3,420	\$1,737	\$5,644	\$3,303	\$6,980
Ratios to average net assets: Net investment income (loss) Total expenses <sup>c</sup>	0.73% 1.83%	(0.10%) 1.80%	(0.57%) 1.76%	(1.21%) 1.70%	(1.24%) 1.76%
Net expenses <sup>d</sup>	1.82%	1.80%	1.76%	1.70%	1.76%
Portfolio turnover rate	241%	88%	190%	177%	189%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Net investment income (loss) per share was computed using average shares outstanding throughout the period.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> Total return does not reflect the impact of any additional fees charged by insurance companies.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> Does not include expenses of the underlying funds in which the Fund invests.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>d</sup> Net expense information reflects the expense ratios after expense waivers and reimbursements, as applicable.

e Reverse share split — Per share amounts for the period presented through January 24, 2014 has been restated to reflect a 1:3 reverse share split effective January 24, 2014.

**OBJECTIVE:** Seeks to provide investment results that match, before fees and expenses, the performance of a specific benchmark on a daily basis. The Fund's current benchmark is 200% of the inverse (opposite) of the performance of the U.S. Dollar Index® (the "underlying index"). The Fund does not seek to achieve its investment objective over a period of time greater than one day.

For the one-year period ended December 31, 2018, Weakening Dollar 2x Strategy Fund maintained a daily correlation of over 99% to its benchmark of -200% of the daily price movement of the underlying index. Weakening Dollar 2x Strategy Fund returned -11.63%, compared with a return of 4.40% for its benchmark, the underlying index.

Contributing the most to performance of the underlying index for the year were the Japanese Yen, Swiss Franc, and Swedish Krona. The Euro, Canadian Dollar, and British Pound detracted the most from performance.

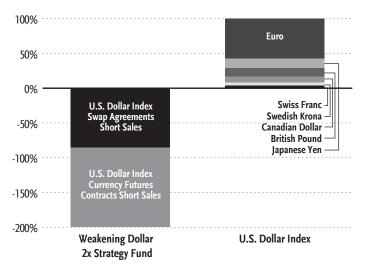
Derivatives in the Fund were used to help provide exposure to the composition of the benchmark in the highest efficient manner and to provide leverage, not for hedging purposes.

Due to the compounding of daily returns, leveraged and inverse funds' returns over periods other than one day will likely differ in amount and possibly direction from the benchmark return for the same period. Investors should monitor their leveraged and inverse funds' holdings to ensure that they are consistent with their strategies, as frequently as daily.

The effects of compounding may cause the longer-term correlation of the fund to its benchmark to diminish. The apparent discrepancy between the leveraged and unleveraged indices is the result of compounding, which is described briefly on page 6 of this report.

Performance displayed represents past performance, which is no guarantee of future results.

### Holdings Diversification (Market Exposure as % of Net Assets)



"Holdings Diversification (Market Exposure as % of Net Assets)" excludes any temporary cash investments, investments in Guggenheim Strategy Funds Trust mutual funds, or investments in Guggenheim Ultra Short Duration Fund. Investments in those Funds do not provide "market exposure" to meet the Fund's investment objective, but will significantly increase the portfolio's exposure to certain other asset categories (and their associated risks), which may cause the Fund to deviate from its principal investment strategy, including: (i) high yield, high risk debt securities rated below the top four long-term rating categories by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization (also known as "junk bonds"); (ii) securities issued by the U.S. government or its agencies and instrumentalities; (iii) CLOs and similar investments; and (iv) other short-term fixed income securities.

#### Cumulative Fund Performance\*,†



### **Inception Date:** September 30, 2005

The Fund invests principally in derivative investments such as swap agreements and futures contracts.

### **Largest Holdings (% of Total Net Assets)**

Guggenheim Strategy Fund II	36.4%
Guggenheim Ultra Short Duration Fund	22.8%
Total	59.2%

"Largest Holdings" excludes any temporary cash or derivative investments.

### Average Annual Returns\*,†

Periods Ended December 31, 2018

	1 Year	5 Year	10 Year
Weakening Dollar 2x Strategy Fund	(11.63%)	(8.97%)	(5.08%)
U.S. Dollar Index	4.40%	3.74%	1.69%

<sup>\*</sup> The performance data above represents past performance that is not predictive of future results. The investment return and principal value of an investment in the Fund will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Returns are historical and include changes in principal and reinvested dividends and capital gains and do not reflect the effect of taxes. The U.S. Dollar Index is an unmanaged index and, unlike the Fund, has no management fees or operating expenses to reduce its reported return.

<sup>†</sup> Returns do not reflect the impact of any additional fees charged by insurance companies.

	Shares		Value		An	FACE 10UNT		Value
MUTUAL FUNDS <sup>†</sup> - 59.2%  Guggenheim Strategy Fund II <sup>1</sup> Guggenheim Ultra Short Duration Fund <sup>1,9</sup> Total Mutual Funds	8,548 13,315	\$	212,172 132,622	U.S. TREASURY BILLS <sup>††</sup> - 1.7% U.S. Treasury Bills 2.21% due 01/08/19 <sup>3,4</sup> Total U.S. Treasury Bills	\$ 10	0,000	\$	9,996
(Cost \$343,231)			344,794	(Cost \$9,995)				9,996
	Face Amount			REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS <sup>††,5</sup> - 26.8% JPMorgan Chase & Co. issued 12/31/18 at 2.95%				
FEDERAL AGENCY NOTES <sup>††</sup> - 12.9% Federal Farm Credit Bank <sup>7</sup>				due 01/02/19 <sup>6</sup> Barclays Capital issued 12/31/18 at 2.93%	9	2,083		92,083
2.45% (1 Month USD LIBOR 0.05%, Rate Floor: 0.00%) due 01/23/19 <sup>2</sup> \$ Freddie Mac <sup>8</sup>	50,000		49,999	due 01/02/19 <sup>6</sup> Bank of America Merrill Lynch issued 12/31/18 at 2.95%	3	8,295		38,295
1.75% due 05/30/19	25,000	_	24,921	due 01/02/19 <sup>6</sup>	2	5,530		25,530
Total Federal Agency Notes (Cost \$74,932)			74,920	Total Repurchase Agreements (Cost \$155,908)				155,908
FEDERAL AGENCY DISCOUNT NOTES <sup>††</sup> - 4.3%				Total Investments - 104.9%				
Freddie Mac <sup>8</sup> 2.25% due 01/03/19 <sup>3</sup>	25,000		24,998	(Cost \$609,063)			\$	610,616
Total Federal Agency Discount Notes	23,000		24,336	Other Assets & Liabilities, net - (4.9)%			_	(28,745)
(Cost \$24,997)			24,998	Total Net Assets - 100.0%			\$	581,871
Futures Contracts							,	/alue and
Description				Number of Expiration Contracts Date	Notiona Amoun		U	nrealized ciation**

Description				Number of Contracts	Expiration Date	Notional Amount		nrealized ciation**
Currency Futures Contracts Solo U.S. Dollar Index Futures Contra				7	Mar 2019	\$ 669,935	\$	5,546
Total Return Swap Agreement	ts Index	Financing Rate Pay (Receive)	Payment Frequency	Maturity Date	Units	Notional Amount	U	Value and Inrealized preciation
OTC Currency Index Swap Agree Goldman Sachs International	ements Sold Short <sup>††</sup> U.S. Dollar Index	N/A	At Maturity	03/20/19	5,159	\$ 493,771	\$	4,038

See Sector Classification in Other Information section.

The following table summarizes the inputs used to value the Fund's investments at December 31, 2018 (See Note 4 in the Notes to Financial Statements):

Investments in Securities (Assets)	Level 1 Quoted Prices	Level 2 Significant Observable Inputs	Level 3 iignificant ibservable Inputs	Total
Mutual Funds	\$ 344,794	\$ _	\$ _	\$ 344,794
Federal Agency Notes	_	74,920	_	74,920
Federal Agency Discount Notes	_	24,998	_	24,998
U.S. Treasury Bills	_	9,996	_	9,996
Repurchase Agreements	_	155,908	_	155,908
Currency Futures Contracts**	5,546	<i>_</i>	_	5,546
Currency Index Swap Agreements**	· —	4,038	_	4,038
Total Assets	\$ 350,340	\$ 269,860	\$ _	\$ 620,200

<sup>\*\*</sup> This derivative is reported as unrealized appreciation/depreciation at period end.

Transfers between investment levels may occur as the markets fluctuate and/or the availability of data used in an investment's valuation changes. Transfers between valuation levels, if any, are in comparison to the valuation levels at the end of the previous fiscal year, and are effective using the fair value as of the end of the current fiscal period.

For the year ended December 31, 2018, there were no transfers between levels.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Includes cumulative appreciation (depreciation). Variation margin is reported within the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

<sup>†</sup> Value determined based on Level 1 inputs — See Note 4.

<sup>††</sup> Value determined based on Level 2 inputs — See Note 4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Affiliated issuer.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Variable rate security. Rate indicated is the rate effective at December 31, 2018. In some instances, the effective rate is limited by a minimum rate floor or a maximum rate cap established by the issuer. The settlement status of a position may also impact the effective rate indicated. In some cases, a position may be unsettled at period end and may not have a stated effective rate. In instances where multiple underlying reference rates and spread amounts are shown, the effective rate is based on a weighted average.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Rate indicated is the effective yield at the time of purchase.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> All or a portion of this security is pledged as futures collateral at December 31, 2018.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Repurchase Agreements — See Note 6.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> All or a portion of this security is pledged as currency index swap collateral at December 31, 2018.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> The issuer operates under a Congressional charter; its securities are neither issued nor guaranteed by the U.S. Government.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> On September 7, 2008, the issuer was placed in conservatorship by the Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA). As conservator, the FHFA has full powers to control the assets and operations of the firm.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Effective November 30, 2018, Guggenheim Strategy Fund I was reorganized with and into the Guggenheim Ultra Short Duration Fund. LIBOR — London Interbank Offered Rate

#### **Affiliated Transactions**

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Transactions during the year ended December 31, 2018, in which the company is an "affiliated person", were as follows:

Security Name	Value 12/31/17	,	Additions	R	eductions	Realized in (Loss)	L Ap	Change in Inrealized preciation preciation)	Value 12/31/18	Shares 12/31/18	lı	nvestment Income	Dist	Capital Gain ributions
Mutual Funds Guggenheim Strategy Fund II	\$ 236,637	\$	402,280	\$	(425,000)	\$ 386	\$	(2,131)	\$ 212,172	8,548	\$	7,150	\$	116
Guggenheim Ultra Short Duration Fund <sup>1</sup>	187,101		636,699		(690,000)	(320)		(858)	132,622	13,315		6,535		158
	\$ 423,738	\$	1,038,979	\$	(1,115,000)	\$ 66	\$	(2,989)	\$ 344,794		\$	13,685	\$	274

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Effective November 30, 2018, Guggenheim Strategy Fund I was reorganized with and into the Guggenheim Ultra Short Duration Fund.

### STATEMENT OF ASSETS **AND LIABILITIES**

#### December 31, 2018 Assets: Investments in unaffiliated issuers, at value (cost \$109,924) 109,914 Investments in affiliated issuers, at value (cost \$343,231) 344,794 Repurchase agreements, at value (cost \$155,908) 155,908 Segregated cash with broker 1,605 Unrealized appreciation on swap agreements 4,038 Receivables: Fund shares sold 15,652 Variation margin on futures contracts 1,820 Dividends 664 Swap settlement 604 Interest 81 **Total assets** 635,080 LIABILITIES: Payable for: Fund shares redeemed 49,537 Securities purchased 704 Management fees 436 Transfer agent and administrative fees 131 Investor service fees 131 Portfolio accounting fees 53 Trustees' fees\* 13 Miscellaneous 2,204 **Total liabilities** 53,209 Commitments and contingent liabilities (Note 13) **N**ET ASSETS 581,871 NET ASSETS CONSIST OF: Paid in capital \$ 1,984,227 Total distributable earnings (loss) (1,402,356)Net assets 581,871 Capital shares outstanding 9,769 Net asset value per share \$59.56

### STATEMENT OF **OPERATIONS**

Year Ended December 31, 2018		
Investment Income:		
Dividends from securities of affiliated issuers	\$	13,68
Interest		5,18
Total investment income		18,87
Expenses:		
Management fees		7,00
Investor service fees		1,94
Transfer agent and administrative fees		1,94
Portfolio accounting fees		77
Professional fees		72
Trustees' fees*		22
Custodian fees		11
Line of credit fees		
Miscellaneous		1,39
Total expenses		14,13
Less:		
Expenses waived by Adviser		(3
Net expenses		14,10
Net investment income		4,77
NET REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS):		
Net realized gain (loss) on:		
Investments in affiliated issuers		6
Distributions received from affiliated investment		
company shares		27
Swap agreements		(29,25
Futures contracts		(91,22
Net realized loss	(	120,14
Net change in unrealized appreciation		
(depreciation) on:		
Investments in unaffiliated issuers		(1
Investments in affiliated issuers		(2,98
Swap agreements		(2,00
Futures contracts		(5,57
Net change in unrealized appreciation		
(depreciation)		(10,57
Net realized and unrealized loss		130,72
Net decrease in net assets resulting		. 50,7 2
from operations	\$ (	125 04
nom operations	<b>D</b> (	125,94

<sup>\*</sup> Relates to Trustees not deemed "interested persons" within the meaning of Section 2(a) (19) of the 1940 Act.

## STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

	Year Ended December 31, 2018	Year Ended December 31, 2017
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS FROM OPERATIONS: Net investment income (loss)	\$ 4,772	\$ (2,521)
Net realized loss on investments  Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments	(120,142) (10,579)	(3,141) 25,310
Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations	(125,949)	19,648
Capital share transactions: Proceeds from sale of shares Cost of shares redeemed	5,364,653 (5,435,766)	13,687,425 (13,615,500)
Net increase (decrease) from capital share transactions	(71,113)	71,925
Net increase (decrease) in net assets	(197,062)	91,573
Net assets: Beginning of year	778,933	687,360
End of year	\$ 581,871	\$ 778,933
CAPITAL SHARE ACTIVITY:		
Shares sold Shares redeemed	83,147 (84,935)	221,937 (222,548)
Net decrease in shares	(1,788)	(611)

### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

This table is presented to show selected data for a share outstanding throughout each period and to assist shareholders in evaluating a Fund's performance for the periods presented.

	Year Ended December 31, 2018	Year Ended December 31, 2017	Year Ended December 31, 2016 <sup>e</sup>	Year Ended December 31, 2015 <sup>e</sup>	Year Ended December 31, 2014 <sup>e</sup>
Per Share Data					
Net asset value, beginning of period	\$67.40	\$56.49	\$61.90	\$74.41	\$95.30
Income (loss) from investment operations:					
Net investment income (loss) <sup>a</sup>	.40	(.14)	(.11)	(.80)	(1.28)
Net gain (loss) on investments (realized and unrealized)	(8.24)	11.05	(5.30)	(11.71)	(19.61)
Total from investment operations	(7.84)	10.91	(5.41)	(12.51)	(20.89)
Net asset value, end of period	\$59.56	\$67.40	\$56.49	\$61.90	\$74.41
Total Return <sup>b</sup>	(11.63%)	19.31%	(8.71%)	(16.83%)	(21.91%)
Ratios/Supplemental Data					
Net assets, end of period (in thousands)	\$582	\$779	\$687	\$1,297	\$1,209
Ratios to average net assets: Net investment income (loss) Total expenses <sup>c</sup> Net expenses <sup>d</sup>	0.61% 1.82% 1.81%	(0.22%) 1.80% 1.80%	(0.63%) 1.76% 1.76%	(1.22%) 1.71% 1.71%	(1.44%) 1.76% 1.76%
Portfolio turnover rate	213%	367%	250%	232%	108%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Net investment income (loss) per share was computed using average shares outstanding throughout the period.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> Total return does not reflect the impact of any additional fees charged by insurance companies.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> Does not include expenses of the underlying funds in which the Fund invests.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>d</sup> Net expense information reflects the expense ratios after expense waivers and reimbursements, as applicable.

e Reverse Share Split — Per share amounts for the periods presented through December 31, 2016 have been restated to reflect a 1:4 reverse share split effective December 1, 2016.

### Note 1 - Organization and Significant Accounting Policies

### Organization

The Rydex Variable Trust (the "Trust"), a Delaware statutory trust, is registered with the SEC under the Investment Company Act of 1940 ("1940 Act"), as an open-ended investment company of the series type. Each series, in effect, is representing a separate fund. The Trust is authorized to issue an unlimited number of no par value shares. At December 31, 2018, the Trust consisted of forty-nine funds. The Trust offers shares of the Funds to insurance companies for their variable annuity and variable life insurance contracts.

This report covers the S&P 500<sup>®</sup> Pure Growth Fund, S&P 500<sup>®</sup> Pure Value Fund, S&P MidCap 400® Pure Growth Fund, S&P MidCap 400® Pure Value Fund, S&P SmallCap 600® Pure Growth Fund, S&P SmallCap 600<sup>®</sup> Pure Value Fund, Europe 1.25x Strategy Fund, Japan 2x Strategy Fund, Strengthening Dollar 2x Strategy Fund and Weakening Dollar 2x Strategy Fund (the "Funds"), each a non-diversified investment company.

The Funds are designed and operated to accommodate frequent trading by shareholders and, unlike most mutual funds, offer unlimited exchange privileges with no minimum holding periods or transactions fees, which may cause the Funds to experience high portfolio turnover.

Security Investors, LLC, which operates under the name Guggenheim Investments ("GI"), provides advisory services. Guggenheim Funds Distributors, LLC ("GFD") acts as principal underwriter for the Trust. GI and GFD are affiliated entities.

#### **Significant Accounting Policies**

The Funds operate as investment companies and, accordingly, follow the investment company accounting and reporting guidance of the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Accounting Standards Codification Topic 946 Financial Services - Investment Companies.

The following significant accounting policies are in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("U.S. GAAP") and are consistently followed by the Trust. This requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities, contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from these estimates. All time references are based on Eastern Time.

The net asset value per share ("NAV") of a fund is calculated by dividing the market value of a fund's securities and other assets, less all liabilities, by the number of outstanding shares of that fund.

### (a) Valuation of Investments

The Board of Trustees of the Funds (the "Board") has adopted policies and procedures for the valuation of the Funds' investments (the "Valuation Procedures"). Pursuant to the Valuation Procedures, the Board has delegated to a valuation committee, consisting of representatives from Guggenheim's investment management, fund administration, legal and compliance departments (the "Valuation Committee"), the dayto-day responsibility for implementing the Valuation Procedures, including, under most circumstances, the responsibility for determining the fair value of the Funds' securities and/or other

Valuations of the Funds' securities are supplied primarily by pricing services appointed pursuant to the processes set forth in the Valuation Procedures. The Valuation Committee convenes monthly, or more frequently as needed, to review the valuation of all assets which have been fair valued for reasonableness. The Funds' officers, through the Valuation Committee and consistent with the monitoring and review responsibilities set forth in the Valuation Procedures, regularly review procedures used and valuations provided by the pricing services.

If the pricing service cannot or does not provide a valuation for a particular investment or such valuation is deemed unreliable, such investment is fair valued by the Valuation Committee.

Equity securities listed on an exchange (New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") or American Stock Exchange) are valued at the last quoted sale price as of the close of business on the NYSE, usually 4:00 p.m. on the valuation date. Equity securities listed on the NASDAO market system are valued at the NASDAO Official Closing Price on the valuation date, which may not necessarily represent the last sale price. If there has been no sale on such exchange or NASDAQ on a given day, the security is valued at the closing bid price on that day.

Open-end investment companies are valued at their NAV as of the close of business, on the valuation date.

U.S. Government securities are valued by either independent pricing services, the last traded fill price, or at the reported bid price at the close of business.

Debt securities with a maturity of greater than 60 days at acquisition are valued at prices that reflect broker-dealer supplied valuations or are obtained from independent pricing services, which may consider the trade activity, treasury spreads, yields or price of bonds of comparable quality, coupon, maturity, and type, as well as prices quoted by dealers who make markets in such securities. Short-term debt securities with a maturity of 60 days

or less at acquisition are valued at amortized cost, provided such amount approximates market value. Money market funds are valued at their NAV.

Repurchase agreements are valued at amortized cost, provided such amounts approximate market value.

The value of futures contracts is accounted for using the unrealized appreciation or depreciation on the contracts that is determined by marking the contracts to their current realized settlement prices. Financial futures contracts are valued at the 4:00 p.m. price on the valuation date. In the event that the exchange for a specific futures contract closes earlier than 4:00 p.m., the futures contract is valued at the official settlement price of the exchange. However, the underlying securities from which the futures contract value is derived are monitored until 4:00 p.m. to determine if fair valuation would provide a more accurate valuation.

The value of currency index swap agreements entered into by a Fund is accounted for using the unrealized appreciation or depreciation on the agreements that is determined by marking the agreements to the broker quote.

Investments for which market quotations are not readily available are fair-valued as determined in good faith by GI, subject to review and approval by the Valuation Committee, pursuant to methods established or ratified by the Board. Valuations in accordance with these methods are intended to reflect each security's (or asset's or liability's) "fair value". Each such determination is based on a consideration of all relevant factors, which are likely to vary from one pricing context to another. Examples of such factors may include, but are not limited to market prices; sale prices; broker quotes; and models which derive prices based on inputs such as prices of securities with comparable maturities and characteristics, or based on inputs such as anticipated cash flows or collateral, spread over U.S. Treasury securities, and other information analysis.

In connection with futures contracts and other derivative investments, such factors may include obtaining information as to how (a) these contracts and other derivative investments trade in the futures or other derivative markets, respectively, and (b) the securities underlying these contracts and other derivative investments trade in the cash market.

### (b) U.S. Government and Agency Obligations

Certain U.S. Government and Agency Obligations are traded on a discount basis; the interest rates shown on the Schedules of Investments reflect the effective rates paid at the time of purchase by the Funds. Other securities bear interest at the rates shown, payable at fixed dates through maturity.

### (c) Futures Contracts

Upon entering into a futures contract, a Fund deposits and maintains as collateral such initial margin as required by the exchange on which the transaction is affected. Pursuant to the contract, the Fund agrees to receive from or pay to the broker an amount of cash equal to the daily fluctuation in value of the contract. Such receipts or payments are known as variation margin and are recorded by the Fund as unrealized appreciation or depreciation. When the contract is closed, the Fund records a realized gain or loss equal to the difference between the value of the contract at the time it was opened and the value at the time it was closed.

### (d) Swap Agreements

Swap agreements are marked-to-market daily and the change, if any, is recorded as unrealized appreciation or depreciation. Payments received or made as a result of an agreement or termination of an agreement are recognized as realized gains or losses.

### (e) Currency Translations

The accounting records of the Funds are maintained in U.S. dollars. All assets and liabilities initially expressed in foreign currencies are converted into U.S. dollars at prevailing exchange rates. Purchases and sales of investment securities, dividend and interest income, and certain expenses are translated at the rates of exchange prevailing on the respective dates of such transactions. Changes in the relationship of these foreign currencies to the U.S. dollar can significantly affect the value of the investments and earnings of the Funds. Foreign investments may also subject the Funds to foreign government exchange restrictions, expropriation, taxation, or other political, social or economic developments, all of which could affect the market and/or credit risk of the investments.

The Funds do not isolate that portion of the results of operations resulting from changes in the foreign exchange rates on investments from the fluctuations arising from changes in the market prices of securities held. Such fluctuations are included with the net realized gain or loss and unrealized appreciation or depreciation on investments.

Reported net realized foreign exchange gains and losses arise from sales of foreign currencies and currency gains or losses realized between the trade and settlement dates on investment transactions. Net unrealized exchange appreciation or depreciation arise from changes in the fair values of assets and liabilities other than investments in securities at the fiscal period end, resulting from changes in exchange rates.

### (f) Foreign Taxes

The Funds may be subject to foreign taxes (a portion of which may be reclaimable) on income, stock dividends, capital gains on investments or certain foreign currency transactions. All foreign taxes are recorded in accordance with the applicable foreign tax regulations and rates that exist in the foreign jurisdictions in which the Funds invest. These foreign taxes, if any, are paid by the Funds and reflected in their Statement of Operations as follows: foreign taxes withheld at source are presented as a reduction of income and foreign taxes on capital gains from sales of investments are included with the net realized gain (loss) on investments. Foreign taxes payable or deferred as of December 31, 2018, if any, are disclosed in the Funds' Statements of Assets and Liabilities.

### (g) Security Transactions

Security transactions are recorded on the trade date for financial reporting purposes. Realized gains and losses from securities transactions are recorded using the identified cost basis. Proceeds from lawsuits related to investment holdings are recorded as realized gains in the respective Fund. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date, net of applicable taxes withheld by foreign countries. Taxable non-cash dividends are recorded as dividend income. Interest income, including amortization of premiums and accretion of discounts, is accrued on a daily basis. Dividend income from Real Estate Investment Trusts ("REITs") is recorded based on the income included in the distributions received from the REIT investments using published REIT classifications, including some management estimates when actual amounts are not available. Distributions received in excess of this estimated amount are recorded as a reduction of the cost of investments or reclassified to realized gains. The actual amounts of income, return of capital, and realized gains are only determined by each REIT after its fiscal year-end, and may differ from the estimated amounts.

### (h) Distributions

Distributions of net investment income and net realized gains, if any, are declared and paid at least annually. Normally, all such distributions of a Fund will automatically be reinvested without charge in additional shares of the same Fund. Distributions are recorded on the ex-dividend date and are determined in accordance with income tax regulations which may differ from U.S. GAAP.

### (i) Cash

The Funds may leave cash overnight in their cash account with the custodian. Periodically, a Fund may have cash due to the custodian bank as an overdraft balance. A fee is incurred on this overdraft, calculated by multiplying the overdraft by a rate based on the federal funds rate, which was 2.40% at December 31, 2018.

### (i) Indemnifications

Under the Funds' organizational documents, the Trustees and Officers are indemnified against certain liabilities arising out of the performance of their duties to the Trust. In addition, throughout the normal course of business, the Funds enter into contracts that contain a variety of representations and warranties which provide general indemnifications. The Funds' maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown, as this would involve future claims that may be made against the Funds and/or their affiliates that have not yet occurred. However, based on experience, the Funds expect the risk of loss to be remote.

#### Note 2 - Financial Instruments and Derivatives

As part of their investment strategy, the Funds utilize a variety of derivative instruments. These investments involve, to varying degrees, elements of market risk and risks in excess of amounts recognized in the Statements of Assets and Liabilities. Valuation and accounting treatment of these instruments can be found under Significant Accounting Policies in Note 1 of these Notes to Financial Statements.

#### **Derivatives**

Derivatives are instruments whose values depend on, or are derived from, in whole or in part, the value of one or more other assets, such as securities, currencies, commodities or indices. Derivative instruments may be used to increase investment flexibility (including to maintain cash reserves while maintaining exposure to certain other assets), for risk management (hedging) purposes, to facilitate trading, to reduce transaction costs and to pursue higher investment returns. Derivative instruments may also be used to mitigate certain investment risks, such as foreign currency exchange rate risk, interest rate risk and credit risk. U.S. GAAP requires disclosures to enable investors to better understand how and why a Fund uses derivative instruments, how these derivative instruments are accounted for and their effects on the Fund's financial position and results of operations.

The Funds utilized derivatives for the following purposes:

Index Exposure: the use of an instrument to obtain exposure to a listed or other type of index.

Leverage: gaining total exposure to equities or other assets on the long and short sides at greater than 100% of invested capital.

**Liquidity:** the ability to buy or sell exposure with little price/market impact.

For any Fund whose investment strategy consistently involves applying leverage, the value of the Fund's shares will tend to increase or decrease more than the value of any increase

or decrease in the underlying index or other asset. In addition, because an investment in derivative instruments generally requires a small investment relative to the amount of investment exposure assumed, an opportunity for increased net income is created; but, at the same time, leverage risk will increase. The Fund's use of leverage, through borrowings or instruments such as derivatives, may cause the Fund to be more volatile and riskier than if they had not been leveraged.

#### **Futures**

A futures contract is an agreement to purchase (long) or sell (short) an agreed amount of securities or other instruments at a set price for delivery at a future date. There are significant risks associated with a Fund's use of futures contracts, including (i) there may be an imperfect or no correlation between the changes in market value of the underlying asset and the prices of futures contracts; (ii) there may not be a liquid secondary market for a futures contract; (iii) trading restrictions or limitations may be imposed by an exchange; and (iv) government regulations may restrict trading in futures contracts. When investing in futures, there is minimal counterparty credit risk to a Fund because futures are exchange-traded and the exchange's clearinghouse, as counterparty to all exchange-traded futures, guarantees against default. Cash deposits are shown as segregated cash with broker on the Statements of Assets and Liabilities; securities held as collateral are noted on the Schedules of Investments.

The following table represents the Funds' use and volume of futures on a quarterly basis:

		Average Notional Amount					
Fund	Use		Long		Short		
Europe 1.25x Strategy Fund	Index exposure, Leverage, Liquidity	\$	6,641,289	\$	_		
Japan 2x Strategy Fund	Index exposure, Leverage, Liquidity		11,429,600		_		
Strengthening Dollar 2x Strategy Fund	Index exposure, Leverage, Liquidity		4,698,173		_		
Weakening Dollar 2x Strategy Fund	Index exposure, Leverage, Liquidity		_		1,185,534		

#### **Swaps**

A swap is an agreement that obligates two parties to exchange a series of cash flows at specified intervals based upon or calculated by reference to changes in specified prices or rates for a specified amount of an underlying asset. A Fund utilizing over-the-counter ("OTC") swaps bears the risk of loss of the amount expected to be received under a swap agreement in the event of the default or bankruptcy of a swap agreement counterparty or if the underlying asset declines in value. Certain standardized swaps are subject to mandatory central clearing and are executed on a multi-lateral or other trade facility platform, such as a registered exchange. There is limited counterparty credit risk with respect to centrallycleared swaps as the transaction is facilitated through a central clearinghouse, much like exchange-traded futures contracts. Upon entering into certain centrally-cleared swap transactions, a Fund is required to deposit with its clearing broker an amount of cash or securities as an initial margin. Subsequent variation margin payments or receipts are made or received by the Fund, depending on fluctuations in the fair value of the reference entity. Additionally, there is no guarantee that a Fund or an underlying fund could eliminate its exposure under an outstanding swap agreement by entering into an offsetting swap agreement with the same or another party.

Currency swaps enable the Funds to gain exposure to currencies in a market without actually possessing a given currency, or to hedge a position. Currency swaps involve the exchange of the principal and interest in one currency for the principal and interest in another currency. As in other types of OTC swaps, the Funds may be at risk due to the counterparty's inability to perform.

The following table represents the Funds' use and volume of currency swaps on a quarterly basis:

		Averag	e Notional <i>i</i>	Amount
Fund	Use	Long		Short
Strengthening Dollar 2x Strategy Fund	Index exposure, Leverage, Liquidity	\$ 854,555	\$	_
Weakening Dollar 2x Strategy Fund	Index exposure, Leverage, Liquidity	_		225,081

### **Derivative Investment Holdings Categorized by Risk Exposure**

The following is a summary of the location of derivative investments on the Funds' Statements of Assets and Liabilities as of December 31, 2018:

Derivative Investment Type	Asset Derivatives	Liability Derivatives
Equity/Currency contracts	Variation margin Unrealized appreciation on swap agreements	Variation margin Unrealized depreciation on swap agreements

The following table sets forth the fair value of the Funds' derivative investments categorized by primary risk exposure at December 31, 2018:

#### **Asset Derivative Investments Value**

Fund	Futures Equity Risk*	Futures Currency Risk*	Swaps Currency Risk	tal Value at cember 31, 2018
Europe 1.25x Strategy Fund	\$ _	\$ 12,771	\$ _	\$ 12,771
Japan 2x Strategy Fund	_	90,227	_	90,227
Weakening Dollar 2x Strategy Fund	_	5,546	4,038	9,584

#### **Liability Derivative Investments Value**

Fund	Futures Equity Risk*	Futures Currency Risk*	Swaps Currency Risk	otal Value at ecember 31, 2018
Europe 1.25x Strategy Fund	\$ 18,901	\$ _	\$ _	\$ 18,901
Japan 2x Strategy Fund	160,756	_	_	160,756
Strengthening Dollar 2x Strategy Fund	_	42,298	9,676	51,974

<sup>\*</sup> Includes cumulative appreciation (depreciation) of futures contracts as reported on the Schedules of Investments. Only current day's variation margin is reported within the Statements of Assets and Liabilities.

The following is a summary of the location of derivative investments on the Funds' Statements of Operations for the year ended December 31, 2018:

Derivative Investment Type	Location of Gain (Loss) on Derivatives
Equity/Currency contracts	Net realized gain (loss) on futures contracts
	Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on futures contracts
	Net realized gain (loss) on swap agreements
	Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on swap agreements

The following is a summary of the Funds' realized gain (loss) and change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on derivative investments recognized on the Statements of Operations categorized by primary risk exposure for the year ended December 31, 2018:

### Realized Gain (Loss) on Derivative Investments Recognized on the Statements of Operations

Fund	Futures Equity Risk	Futures Currency Risk	Swaps Currency Risk	Total
Europe 1.25x Strategy Fund	\$ (387,950)	\$ (307,304)	\$ _	\$ (695,254)
Japan 2x Strategy Fund	(778,306)	337,653	_	(440,653)
Strengthening Dollar 2x Strategy Fund	· _	282,196	12,411	294,607
Weakening Dollar 2x Strategy Fund	_	(91,226)	(29,256)	(120,482)

Change in Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation) on Derivative Investments Recognized on the Statements of Operations

Fund	Futures Equity Risk	Futures Currency Risk	Swaps Currency Risk	Total
Europe 1.25x Strategy Fund	\$ 19,192	\$ (37,128)	\$ _	\$ (17,936)
Japan 2x Strategy Fund	(296,855)	50,711	_	(246,144)
Strengthening Dollar 2x Strategy Fund		(6,819)	(5,896)	(12,715)
Weakening Dollar 2x Strategy Fund	_	(5,576)	(2,002)	(7,578)

In conjunction with the use of derivative instruments, the Funds are required to maintain collateral in various forms. Depending on the financial instrument utilized and the broker involved, the Funds use margin deposits at the broker, cash and/or securities segregated at the custodian bank, discount notes or repurchase agreements allocated to the Funds.

The Trust has established counterparty credit guidelines and enters into transactions only with financial institutions of investment grade or better. The Trust monitors the counterparty credit risk.

### Note 3 - Offsetting

In the normal course of business, the Funds enter into transactions subject to enforceable master netting arrangements or other similar arrangements. Generally, the right to offset in those agreements allows the Funds to counteract the exposure to a specific counterparty with collateral received from or delivered to that counterparty based on the terms of the arrangements. These arrangements provide for the right to liquidate upon the occurrence of an event of default, credit event upon merger or additional termination event.

In order to better define their contractual rights and to secure rights that will help the Funds mitigate their counterparty risk, the Funds may enter into an International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc. Master Agreement ("ISDA Master Agreement") or similar agreement with their derivative contract counterparties. An ISDA Master Agreement is a bilateral agreement between a fund and a counterparty that governs OTC derivatives, including foreign exchange contracts, and typically contains, among other things, collateral posting terms and netting provisions in the event of a default and/or termination event. The provisions of the ISDA Master Agreement typically permit a single net payment in the event of a default (close-out netting) or similar event, including the bankruptcy or insolvency of the counterparty.

For derivatives traded under an ISDA Master Agreement, the collateral requirements are typically calculated by netting the mark-to-market amount for each transaction under such agreement and comparing that amount to the value of any collateral currently pledged by the Funds and the counterparty. For financial reporting purposes, cash collateral that has been pledged to cover obligations of the Funds and cash collateral received from the counterparty, if any, are reported separately on the Statements of Assets and Liabilities as segregated cash with broker/ receivable for variation margin, or payable for swap settlement/variation margin. Cash and/or securities pledged or received as collateral by the Funds in connection with an OTC derivative subject to an ISDA Master Agreement generally may not be invested, sold or rehypothecated by the counterparty or the Funds, as applicable, absent an event of default under such agreement, in which case such collateral generally may be applied towards obligations due to and payable by such counterparty or the Funds, as applicable. Generally, the amount of collateral due from or to a counterparty must exceed a minimum transfer amount threshold (e.g., \$300,000) before a transfer is required to be made. To the extent amounts due to the Funds from their counterparties are not fully collateralized, contractually or otherwise, the Funds bear the risk of loss from counterparty nonperformance. The Funds attempt to mitigate counterparty risk by only entering into agreements with counterparties that they believe to be of good standing and by monitoring the financial stability of those counterparties.

For financial reporting purposes, the Funds do not offset derivative assets and derivative liabilities that are subject to netting arrangements in the Statements of Assets and Liabilities.

The following tables present derivative financial instruments and secured financing transactions that are subject to enforceable netting arrangements and offset in the Statements of Assets and Liabilities in conformity with U.S. GAAP:

						Gross Amounts Not Offset in the Statements of Assets and Liabilities							
Fund	Instrument	Gross Amounts of Recognized Assets <sup>1</sup>		Gross Amounts Offset in the Statements of Assets and Liabilities		Net Amount of Assets Presented on the Statements of Assets and Liabilities			Cash Financial Collateral truments Received		Α	Net Amount	
Weakening Dollar 2x Strategy Fund	Swap currency contracts	\$	4,038	\$	_	\$	4,038	\$	_	\$	_	\$	4,038
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Fund Strengthening Dollar 2x Strategy Fund	Instrument Swap currency	LI	adilities	LI	adilities	ı	labilities	instr	uments		Pledged		Amount
	contracts	\$	9,676	\$	_	\$	9,676	\$	_	\$	_	\$	9,676

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Exchange-traded futures are excluded from these reported amounts.

The Funds have the right to offset deposits against any related derivative liabilities outstanding with each counterparty with the exception of exchange traded or centrally cleared derivatives. The following table presents deposits held by others in connection with derivative investments as of December 31, 2018.

Fund	Counterparty	Asset Type	Cas	sh Pledged	Cash	Received
Japan 2x Strategy Fund	Goldman Sachs Group	Futures contracts	\$	2,295	\$	_
Weakening Dollar 2x Strategy Fund	Goldman Sachs Group	Futures contracts		1,605		_

### Note 4 - Fair Value Measurement

In accordance with U.S. GAAP, fair value is defined as the price that the Funds would receive to sell an investment or pay to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction with an independent buyer in the principal market, or in the absence of a principal market, the most advantageous market for the investment or liability. U.S. GAAP establishes a three-tier fair value hierarchy based on the types of inputs used to value assets and liabilities and requires corresponding disclosure. The hierarchy and the corresponding inputs are summarized below:

- Level 1 quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.
- Level 2 significant other observable inputs (for example quoted prices for securities that are similar based on characteristics such as interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, etc.).
- Level 3 significant unobservable inputs based on the best information available under the circumstances, to the extent observable inputs are not available, which may include assumptions.

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The types of inputs available depend on a variety of factors, such as the type of security and the characteristics of the markets in which it trades, if any. Fair valuation determinations that rely on fewer or no observable inputs require greater judgment. Accordingly, fair value determinations for Level 3 securities require the greatest amount of judgment.

The inputs or methodologies used for valuing securities are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities. The suitability of the techniques and sources employed to determine fair valuation are regularly monitored and subject to change.

#### Note 5 – Investment Advisory Agreement and Other Agreements

Under the terms of an investment advisory contract, the Funds pay GI investment advisory fees calculated at the annualized rates below, based on the average daily net assets of the Funds:

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Fund	(as a % of Net Assets)
S&P 500 <sup>®</sup> Pure Growth Fund	0.75%
S&P 500 <sup>®</sup> Pure Value Fund	0.75%
S&P MidCap 400 <sup>®</sup> Pure Growth Fund	0.75%
S&P MidCap 400 <sup>®</sup> Pure Value Fund	0.75%
S&P SmallCap 600 <sup>®</sup> Pure Growth Fund	0.75%
S&P SmallCap 600® Pure Value Fund	0.75%
Europe 1.25x Strategy Fund	0.90%
Japan 2x Strategy Fund	0.75%
Strengthening Dollar 2x Strategy Fund	0.90%
Weakening Dollar 2x Strategy Fund	0.90%

GI engages external service providers to perform other necessary services for the Trust, such as audit and accounting related services, legal services, custody, printing and mailing, etc., on a pass-through basis. Such expenses are allocated to various Funds within the complex based on relative net assets.

The Trust has adopted an Investor Services Plan for which GFD and other firms that provide investor services ("Service Providers") may receive compensation. The Funds will pay investor service fees to GFD at an annual rate not to exceed 0.25% of average daily net assets. GFD, in turn, will compensate Service Providers for providing such services, while retaining a portion of such payments to compensate itself for investor services it performs.

If a Fund invests in a fund that is advised by the same adviser or an affiliated adviser, the investing Fund's adviser has agreed to waive fees at the investing fund level to the extent necessary to offset the proportionate share of any management fee paid by each Fund with respect to its investment in such affiliated fund. Fee waivers will be calculated at the investing Fund level without regard to any expense cap, if any, in effect for the investing Fund. Fees waived under this arrangement are not subject to reimbursement to GI. For the year ended December 31, 2018, the Europe 1.25x Strategy Fund, Japan 2x Strategy Fund, Strengthening Dollar 2x Strategy Fund and Weakening Dollar 2x Strategy Fund waived \$179, \$109, \$274 and \$38, respectively, related to investments in affiliated funds.

Certain officers of the Trust are also officers of GI and/or GFD. The Trust does not compensate its officers or trustees who are officers, directors and/or employees of GI or GFD.

MUFG Investor Services (US), LLC ("MUIS") acts as the Funds' administrator, transfer agent and accounting agent. As administrator, transfer agent and accounting agent, MUIS is responsible for maintaining the books and records of the Funds' securities and cash. U.S. Bank, N.A. ("U.S. Bank") acts as the Funds' custodian. As custodian, U.S. Bank is responsible for the custody of the Funds' assets. For providing the aforementioned services, MUIS and U.S. Bank are entitled to receive a monthly fee equal to an annual percentage of each Fund's average daily net assets and out of pocket expenses.

### Note 6 - Repurchase Agreements

The Funds transfer uninvested cash balances into a single joint account, the daily aggregate balance of which is invested in one or more repurchase agreements collateralized by obligations of the U.S. Treasury and U.S. government agencies. The joint account includes other Funds in the Guggenheim complex not covered in this report. The collateral is in the possession of the Funds' custodian and is evaluated to ensure that its market value exceeds, at a minimum, 102% of the original face amount of the repurchase agreements. Each Fund holds a pro rata share of the collateral based on the dollar amount of the repurchase agreement entered into by each Fund.

At December 31, 2018, the repurchase agreements in the joint account were as follows:

Counterparty and Terms of Agreement	Face Value	Repurchase Price	Collateral	Par Value	Fair Value
JP Morgan Chase & Co.			U.S. Treasury Note		
2.95%			1.13%		
Due 01/02/19	\$ 54,122,377	\$ 54,131,247	06/30/21	\$ 57,040,000	\$ 55,203,996
			U.S. Treasury Bill		
			0.00%		
			01/03/19	900	900
				57,040,900	55,204,896
Barclays Capital			U.S. Treasury Note		
2.93%			2.50%		
Due 01/02/19	22,507,947	22,511,611	05/15/24	22,942,600	22,958,127
Bank of America					
Merrill Lynch			U.S. Treasury Strip		
2.95%			0.00%		
Due 01/02/19	15,005,298	15,007,757	08/15/31	22,092,096	15,305,404
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In the event of counterparty default, the Funds have the right to collect the collateral to offset losses incurred. There is potential loss to the Funds in the event the Funds are delayed or prevented from exercising their rights to dispose of the collateral securities, including the risk of a possible decline in the value of the underlying securities during the period while the Funds seek to assert their rights. The Funds' investment adviser, acting under the supervision of the Board, reviews the value of the collateral and the creditworthiness of those banks and dealers with which the Funds enter into repurchase agreements to evaluate potential risks.

#### Note 7 - Portfolio Securities Loaned

The Funds may lend their securities to approved brokers to earn additional income. Security lending income shown on the Statements of Operations is shown net of rebates paid to the borrowers and earnings on cash collateral investments shared with the lending agent. Within this arrangement, the Funds act as the lender, U.S. Bank acts as the lending agent, and other approved registered broker dealers act as the borrowers. The Funds receive cash collateral, valued at 102% of the value of the securities on loan. Under the terms of the Funds' securities lending agreement with U.S. Bank, cash collateral and proceeds are invested in the First American Government Obligations Fund — Class Z. The Funds bear the risk of loss on cash collateral investments. Collateral is maintained over the life of the loan in an amount not less than the value of loaned securities, as determined at the close of fund business each day; any additional collateral required due to changes in security values is delivered to the Funds the next business day. Although the collateral mitigates the risk, the Funds could experience a delay in recovering their securities and a possible loss of income or value if the borrower fails to return the securities. The Funds have the right under the securities lending agreement to recover the securities from the borrower on demand. Securities lending transactions are accounted for as secured borrowings. The remaining contractual maturity of the securities lending agreement is overnight and continuous.

At December 31, 2018, the Funds participated in securities lending transactions, which are subject to enforceable netting arrangements, as follows:

	 Gross Amounts Not Offset in the Statements of Assets and Liabilities						Securities Lending Collateral						
Fund	Value of Securities Loaned	ı	Collateral Received <sup>(a)</sup>		Net Amount		Cash Collateral Invested		Cash Collateral ninvested		Total Collateral		
S&P MidCap 400 <sup>®</sup> Pure Growth Fund	\$ 16,561	\$	(16,561)	\$	_	\$	15,915	\$	2,693	\$	18,608		
S&P MidCap 400® Pure Value Fund	146,071		(146,071)		_		125,841		21,296		147,137		
S&P SmallCap 600 <sup>®</sup> Pure Growth Fund	56,122		(56,122)		_		50,084		8,476		58,560		
S&P SmallCap 600 <sup>®</sup> Pure Value Fund	76,068		(76,068)		_		72,895		12,336		85,231		
Europe 1.25x Strategy Fund	3,663		(3,663)		_		3,246		549		3,795		

<sup>(</sup>a) Actual collateral received by the Fund is greater than the amount shown due to overcollateralization.

In the event of counterparty default, the Funds have the right to collect the collateral to offset losses incurred. There is potential loss to the Funds in the event the Funds are delayed or prevented from exercising their rights to dispose of the collateral securities, including the risk of a possible decline in the value of the underlying securities during the period while the Funds seek to assert their rights. GI, acting under the supervision of the Board, reviews the value of the collateral and the creditworthiness of those banks and dealers to evaluate potential risks.

### Note 8 - Federal Income Tax Information

The Funds intend to comply with the provisions of Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code applicable to regulated investment companies and will distribute substantially all taxable net investment income and capital gains sufficient to relieve the Funds from all, or substantially all, federal income, excise and state income taxes. Therefore, no provision for federal or state income tax or federal excise tax is required.

Tax positions taken or expected to be taken in the course of preparing the Funds' tax returns are evaluated to determine whether the tax positions are "more-likely-than-not" of being sustained by the applicable tax authority. Tax positions not deemed to meet the more-likely-than-not threshold would be recorded as a tax benefit or expense in the current year. Management has analyzed the Funds' tax positions taken, or to be taken, on federal income tax returns for all open tax years, and has concluded that no provision for income tax is required in the Funds' financial statements. The Funds' federal tax returns are subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service for a period of three years after they are filed.

The tax character of distributions paid during the year ended December 31, 2018 was as follows:

Fund	Ordinary Income	Long-Term Capital Gain		I	Total Distributions
S&P 500® Pure Growth Fund	\$ 2,314,070	\$	1,894,330	\$	4,208,400
S&P 500 <sup>®</sup> Pure Value Fund	1,352,538		1,769,311		3,121,849
S&P MidCap 400 <sup>®</sup> Pure Growth Fund	1,253,366		295,683		1,549,049
S&P MidCap 400 <sup>®</sup> Pure Value Fund	389,206		1,523,738		1,912,944
S&P SmallCap 600® Pure Growth Fund	_		549,379		549,379
Europe 1.25x Strategy Fund	15,264		_		15,264
Japan 2x Strategy Fund	248,466		308,202		556,668

The tax character of distributions paid during the year ended December 31, 2017 was as follows:

Fund	Ordinary Income	Long-Term Capital Gain	I	Total Distributions
S&P 500 <sup>®</sup> Pure Growth Fund	\$ _	\$ 2,087,780	\$	2,087,780
S&P 500 <sup>®</sup> Pure Value Fund	2,231,533	_		2,231,533
S&P MidCap 400 <sup>®</sup> Pure Value Fund	2,789,318	148,611		2,937,929
S&P SmallCap 600 <sup>®</sup> Pure Growth Fund	_	799,644		799,644
S&P SmallCap 600® Pure Value Fund	_	398,643		398,643
Europe 1.25x Strategy Fund	40,552	_		40,552
Strengthening Dollar 2x Strategy Fund	9,995	44,708		54,703

Note: For federal income tax purposes, short-term capital gain distributions are treated as ordinary income distributions.

The tax components of accumulated earnings/(deficit) as of December 31, 2018 were as follows:

Fund	Un	distributed Ordinary Income		distributed Long-Term apital Gain	A	t Unrealized Appreciation epreciation)		cumulated Capital and ther Losses	Other porary rences		Total
S&P 500 <sup>®</sup> Pure Growth Fund	\$		\$	893,907	\$	4,027,150	\$			¢	4,921,057
S&P 500® Pure Value Fund	J	285,841	J	392,845	J	(2,698,936)	J	_	_	¥	(2,020,250)
S&P MidCap 400® Pure		,-		,. ,.		( , == = , = = = ,					( , , ,
Growth Fund		_		_		394,260		(970,497)	_		(576,237)
S&P MidCap 400®											
Pure Value Fund		_		_		(479,308)		(485,787)	_		(965,095)
S&P SmallCap 600®											
Pure Growth Fund		_		_		1,239,488		(1,657,272)	_		(417,784)
S&P SmallCap 600®											
Pure Value Fund		28,502		_		(1,544,442)		(2,195,918)	3,650		(3,708,208)
Europe 1.25x Strategy Fund		73,573		_		(120,267)		(1,514,670)	_		(1,561,364)
Japan 2x Strategy Fund		25,936		_		2,258		(2,154,629)	_		(2,126,435)
Strengthening Dollar											
2x Strategy Fund		21,820		_		(8,156)		(1,017,373)	_		(1,003,709)
Weakening Dollar 2x								•			
Strategy Fund		4,772		_		1,242		(1,408,370)	_		(1,402,356)

For Federal income tax purposes, capital loss carryforwards represent realized losses of the Funds that may be carried forward and applied against future capital gains. Under the RIC Modernization Act of 2010, the Funds are permitted to carry forward capital losses incurred in taxable years beginning after December 22, 2010 for an unlimited period and such capital loss carryforwards will retain their character as either shortterm or long-term capital losses. As of December 31, 2018, capital loss carryforwards for the Funds were as follows:

			Total Capital Loss		
Fund		Short-Term	Long-Term	(	Carryforward
S&P MidCap 400® Pure Growth Fund	\$	(970,497)	\$ _	\$	(970,497)
S&P MidCap 400 <sup>®</sup> Pure Value Fund		(374,861)	(110,926)		(485,787)
S&P SmallCap 600® Pure Growth Fund		(1,657,272)			(1,657,272)
S&P SmallCap 600 <sup>®</sup> Pure Value Fund		(1,803,392)	(392,526)		(2,195,918)
Europe 1.25x Strategy Fund		(964,978)	(549,692)		(1,514,670)
Japan 2x Strategy Fund		(865,390)	(1,289,239)		(2,154,629)
Strengthening Dollar 2x Strategy Fund		(409,333)	(608,040)		(1,017,373)
Weakening Dollar 2x Strategy Fund		(580,812)	(827,558)		(1,408,370)

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

For the year ended December 31, 2018, the following capital loss carryforward amounts expired or were utilized:

Fund	Expired	Utilized	Total
Europe 1.25x Strategy Fund	\$ 1,734,902	\$ _	\$ 1,734,902
Strengthening Dollar 2x Strategy Fund	_	281,051	281,051

Net investment income and net realized gains (losses) may differ for financial statement and tax purposes because of temporary or permanent book/tax differences. These differences are primarily due to investments in real estate investment trusts, foreign currency gains and losses, dividend reclasses, losses deferred due to wash sales, distributions in connection with redemption of fund shares, return of capital distributions received, and the "mark-to-market" of certain derivatives. Additional differences may result from the tax treatment of net operating losses and the expiration of capital loss carryforward amounts and the "mark-to-market" for certain derivatives. To the extent these differences are permanent and would require a reclassification between Paid in Capital and Total Distributable Earnings (Loss), such reclassifications are made in the period that the differences arise. These reclassifications have no effect on net assets or NAV per share.

The following adjustments were made on the Statements of Assets and Liabilities as of December 31, 2018 for permanent book/tax differences:

Fund	Paid In Capital	Total vistributable nings (Loss)
S&P 500 <sup>®</sup> Pure Growth Fund	\$ 568,292	\$ (568,292)
S&P 500 <sup>®</sup> Pure Value Fund	831,721	(831,721)
S&P MidCap 400 <sup>®</sup> Pure Growth Fund	(143,014)	143,014
S&P MidCap 400 <sup>®</sup> Pure Value Fund	(2,158)	2,158
S&P SmallCap 600® Pure Growth Fund	(241,938)	241,938
S&P SmallCap 600 <sup>®</sup> Pure Value Fund	(15,594)	15,594
Europe 1.25x Strategy Fund	(1,734,902)	1,734,902

At December 31, 2018, the cost of securities for Federal income tax purposes, the aggregate gross unrealized appreciation for all securities for which there was an excess of value over tax cost and the aggregate gross unrealized depreciation for all securities for which there was an excess of tax cost over value, were as follows:

Fund		Tax Cost	A	Tax Unrealized ppreciation	С	Tax Unrealized Depreciation	Net Unrealized ppreciation epreciation)
S&P 500 <sup>®</sup> Pure Growth Fund	\$ 3	37,910,312	\$	4,285,708	\$	(258,558)	\$ 4,027,150
S&P 500 <sup>®</sup> Pure Value Fund	3	35,899,355		26,320		(2,725,256)	(2,698,936)
S&P MidCap 400® Pure Growth Fund	1	3,791,440		792,065		(397,805)	394,260
S&P MidCap 400® Pure Value Fund		9,611,770		545,397		(1,024,705)	(479,308)
S&P SmallCap 600® Pure Growth Fund	1	5,790,171		1,419,148		(179,660)	1,239,488
S&P SmallCap 600® Pure Value Fund	1	0,069,151		50,416		(1,594,858)	(1,544,442)
Europe 1.25x Strategy Fund		2,855,850		_		(120,242)	(120,242)
Japan 2x Strategy Fund		2,204,334		117,895		(115,637)	2,258
Strengthening Dollar 2x Strategy Fund		3,296,270		93		(8,249)	(8,156)
Weakening Dollar 2x Strategy Fund		609,374		1,256		(14)	1,242

#### Note 9 - Securities Transactions

For the year ended December 31, 2018, the cost of purchases and proceeds from sales of investment securities, excluding government securities, short-term investments and derivatives, were as follows:

Fund		Purchases	Sales
S&P 500® Pure Growth Fund	\$ 10	09,992,068	\$ 119,995,841
S&P 500 <sup>®</sup> Pure Value Fund	-	73,816,074	78,683,147
S&P MidCap 400 <sup>®</sup> Pure Growth Fund	3	37,618,410	41,347,772
S&P MidCap 400 <sup>®</sup> Pure Value Fund	-	18,526,137	24,526,206
S&P SmallCap 600 <sup>®</sup> Pure Growth Fund	-	73,029,346	73,179,736
S&P SmallCap 600 <sup>®</sup> Pure Value Fund		29,848,528	36,200,292
Europe 1.25x Strategy Fund		7,393,579	10,309,367
Japan 2x Strategy Fund		3,790,354	5,980,000
Strengthening Dollar 2x Strategy Fund		5,363,916	4,370,000
Weakening Dollar 2x Strategy Fund		1,038,978	1,115,000

The Funds are permitted to purchase or sell securities from or to certain affiliated funds under specified conditions outlined in procedures adopted by the Board. The procedures have been designed to ensure that any purchase or sale of securities by a Fund from or to another fund or portfolio that is or could be considered an affiliate by virtue of having a common investment adviser (or affiliated investment advisers), common Trustees and/or common officers complies with Rule 17a-7 of the 1940 Act. Further, as defined under these procedures, each transaction is effected at the current market price to save costs, where permissible. For the year ended December 31, 2018, the Funds engaged in purchases and sales of securities, pursuant to Rule 17a-7 of the 1940 Act, as follows:

Fund	Purchases	Sales	Realized Gain (Loss)
S&P 500 <sup>®</sup> Pure Growth Fund	\$ 23,199,269	\$ 28,505,560	\$ (339,099)
S&P 500 <sup>®</sup> Pure Value Fund	17,939,230	21,175,103	(362,884)
S&P MidCap 400® Pure Growth Fund	2,752,875	4,123,523	(369,749)
S&P MidCap 400 <sup>®</sup> Pure Value Fund	2,305,626	3,385,614	(115,157)
S&P SmallCap 600® Pure Growth Fund	9,919,834	8,163,833	(312,085)
S&P SmallCap 600 <sup>®</sup> Pure Value Fund	4,671,961	4,677,363	58,044
Europe 1.25x Strategy Fund	4,342,276	6,076,345	(63,870)

### Note 10 - Line of Credit

The Trust, along with other affiliated trusts, secured an uncommitted \$75,000,000 line of credit from U.S. Bank, N.A., which expires June 9, 2019. This line of credit is reserved for emergency or temporary purposes. Borrowings, if any, under this arrangement bear interest equal to the Prime Rate, minus 2%, which shall be paid monthly, averaging 2.91% for the year ended December 31, 2018. The Funds did not have any borrowings outstanding under this agreement at December 31, 2018.

The average daily balances borrowed for the year ended December 31, 2018, were as follows:

Fund	Average Daily Bal	ance
S&P 500® Pure Growth Fund	\$ 4	,460
S&P 500 <sup>®</sup> Pure Value Fund	2	2,353
S&P MidCap 400 <sup>®</sup> Pure Growth Fund	1	,085
S&P MidCap 400 <sup>®</sup> Pure Value Fund		290
S&P SmallCap 600® Pure Growth Fund	2	2,907
S&P SmallCap 600® Pure Value Fund		668
Europe 1.25x Strategy Fund	2	2,310
Japan 2x Strategy Fund		375
Strengthening Dollar 2x Strategy Fund		77
Weakening Dollar 2x Strategy Fund		68

### Note 11 - Recent Regulatory Reporting Updates

In August 2018, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission adopted amendments to certain disclosure requirements under Regulation S-X to conform to U.S. GAAP, including: (i) an amendment to require presentation of the total, rather than the components, of distributable earnings on the Statements of Assets and Liabilities; and (ii) an amendment to require presentation of the total, rather than the components, of distributions to shareholders, except for tax return of capital distributions, on the Statements of Changes in Net Assets.

As of December 31, 2018, management has implemented the amendments to Regulation S-X, which did not have a material impact on the Funds' financial statements and related disclosures nor did it impact the Funds' net assets or results of operations.

### Note 12 - Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In August 2018, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued an Accounting Standards Update, ASU 2018-13, Fair Value Measurement (Topic 820), Disclosure Framework - Changes to the Disclosure Requirements for Fair Value Measurement (the "ASU") which adds, modifies and removes disclosure requirements related to certain aspects of fair value measurement. The ASU is effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those fiscal years, beginning after December 15, 2019. At this time, management is evaluating the implications of these changes on the financial statements.

### Note 13 - Legal Proceedings

### **Tribune Company**

Rydex Variable Trust has been named as a defendant and a putative member of the proposed defendant class of shareholders in the case entitled Kirschner v. FitzSimons, No. 12-2652 (S.D.N.Y.) (formerly Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors of Tribune Co. v. FitzSimons, Adv. Pro. No. 10-54010 (Bankr. D. Del.)) (the "FitzSimons action"), as a result of ownership by certain series of the Rydex Variable Trust of shares in the Tribune Company ("Tribune") in 2007, when Tribune effected a leveraged buyout transaction ("LBO") by which Tribune converted to a privately-held company. In his complaint, the plaintiff has alleged that, in connection with the LBO, Tribune insiders and shareholders were overpaid for their Tribune stock using financing that the insiders knew would, and ultimately did, leave Tribune insolvent. The plaintiff has asserted claims against certain insiders, major shareholders, professional advisers, and others involved in the LBO. The plaintiff is also attempting to obtain from former Tribune shareholders, including the Rydex Variable Trust, the proceeds they received in connection with the LBO.

In June 2011, a group of Tribune creditors filed multiple actions against former Tribune shareholders involving state law constructive fraudulent conveyance claims arising out of the 2007 LBO (the "SLCFC actions"). Rydex Variable Trust has been named as a defendant in one or more of these suits. In those actions, the creditors seek to recover from Tribune's former shareholders the proceeds received in connection with the 2007 LBO.

The FitzSimons action and the SLCFC actions have been consolidated with the majority of the other Tribune LBO-related lawsuits in a multidistrict litigation proceeding captioned In re Tribune Company Fraudulent Conveyance Litig., No. 11-md-2696 (S.D.N.Y.) (the "MDL Proceeding").

On September 23, 2013, the District Court granted the defendants' omnibus motion to dismiss the SLCFC actions, on the basis that the creditors lacked standing. On September 30, 2013, the creditors filed a notice of appeal of the September 23 order. On October 28, 2013, the defendants filed a joint notice of cross-appeal of that same order. On March 29, 2016, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit issued its opinion on the appeal of the SLCFC actions. The appeals court affirmed the district court's dismissal of those lawsuits, but on different grounds than the district court. The appeals court held that while the plaintiffs have standing under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, their claims were preempted by Section 546(e) of the Bankruptcy Code—the statutory safe harbor for settlement payments. On April 12, 2016, the Plaintiffs in the SLCFC actions filed a petition seeking rehearing en banc before the appeals court. On July 22, 2016, the appeals court denied the petition. On September 9, 2016, the plaintiffs filed a petition for writ of certiorari in the U.S. Supreme Court challenging the Second Circuit's decision that the safe harbor of Section 546(e) applied to their claims. The shareholder defendants, including the Funds, filed a joint brief in opposition to the petition for certiorari on October 24, 2016. On April 3, 2018, Justice Kennedy and Justice Thomas issued a "Statement" related to the petition for certiorari suggesting that the Second Circuit and/or District Court may want to take steps to reexamine the application of the Section 546(e) safe harbor to the previously dismissed state law constructive fraudulent transfer claims based on the Supreme Court's decision in Merit Management Group LP v. FTI Consulting, Inc. On April 10, 2018, Plaintiffs filed in the Second Circuit a motion for that court to recall its mandate, vacate its prior decision, and remand to the district court for further proceedings consistent with Merit Management. On April 20, 2018, the shareholder defendants filed an opposition to Plaintiffs' motion to recall the mandate. On May 15, 2018, the Second Circuit issued an order recalling the mandate "in anticipation of further panel review."

On May 23, 2014, the defendants filed motions to dismiss the FitzSimons action, including a global motion to dismiss Count I, which is the claim brought against former Tribune shareholders for intentional fraudulent conveyance under U.S. federal law. On January 6, 2017, the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York granted the shareholder defendants' motion to dismiss the intentional fraudulent conveyance claim in the FitzSimons action. The Court concluded that the plaintiff had failed to allege that Tribune entered the LBO with actual intent to hinder, delay, or defraud its creditors, and therefore the complaint failed to state a claim. In dismissing the intentional fraudulent conveyance claim, the Court denied the plaintiff's request to amend the complaint. On February 23, 2017, the Court issued an order stating that it intends to permit an interlocutory appeal of the dismissal order, but will wait to do so until it has resolved outstanding motions to dismiss filed by other defendants. Accordingly, the timing of the appeal is uncertain.

On July 18, 2017, the plaintiff submitted a letter to the District Court seeking leave to amend its complaint to add a constructive fraudulent transfer claim. The shareholder defendants opposed that request. On August 24, 2017, the Court denied the plaintiff's request without prejudice to renewal of the request in the event of an intervening change in the law. On March 8, 2018, the plaintiff renewed his request for leave to file a motion to amend the complaint to assert a constructive fraudulent transfer claim based on the Supreme Court's ruling in Merit Management Group LP v. FTI Consulting, Inc. The shareholder defendants opposed that request. On June 18, 2018 the District Court ordered that the request would be stayed pending further action by the Second Circuit in the SLCFC actions.

On December 18, 2018, plaintiff filed a letter with the District Court requesting that the stay be dissolved in order to permit briefing on the motion to amend the complaint and indicating plaintiff's intention to file another motion to amend the complaint to reinstate claims for intentional fraudulent transfer. The shareholder defendants opposed that request. On January 14, 2019, the court held a case management conference, during which the court stated that it would not lift the stay prior to further action from the Second Circuit in the SLCFC actions. The court further stated that it would allow the plaintiff to file a motion to amend to try to reinstate its intentional fraudulent transfer claim. The plaintiff has not yet filed any such motion. On January 23, 2019, the court ordered the parties still facing pending claims to participate in a mediation, to commence on January 28, 2019.

None of these lawsuits alleges any wrongdoing on the part of Rydex Variable Trust. The following series of Rydex Variable Trust held shares of Tribune and tendered these shares as part of Tribune's LBO: Nova Fund, S&P 500 2x Strategy Fund, Multi-Cap Core Equity Fund, S&P 500 Pure Value Fund, Hedged Equity Fund and Multi-Hedge Strategies Fund (the "Funds"). The value of the proceeds received by the foregoing Funds was \$12,580, \$2,380, \$1,360, \$148,376, \$2,720, and \$119,034, respectively. At this stage of the proceedings, Rydex Variable Trust is not able to make a reliable predication as to the outcome of these lawsuits or the effect, if any, on a Fund's net asset value.

### Note 14 - Subsequent Events

The Funds evaluated subsequent events through the date the financial statements were available for issue and determined there were no additional material events that would require adjustment to or disclosure in the Funds' financial statements.

#### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Shareholders of S&P 500® Pure Growth Fund, S&P 500® Pure Value Fund, S&P MidCap 400® Pure Growth Fund, S&P MidCap 400® Pure Value Fund, S&P SmallCap 600® Pure Growth Fund, S&P SmallCap 600® Pure Value Fund, Europe 1.25x Strategy Fund, Japan 2x Strategy Fund, Strengthening Dollar 2x Strategy Fund and Weakening Dollar 2x Strategy Fund and the Board of Trustees of Rydex Variable Trust

### **Opinion on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying statements of assets and liabilities of S&P 500® Pure Growth Fund, S&P 500® Pure Value Fund, S&P MidCap 400<sup>®</sup> Pure Growth Fund, S&P MidCap 400<sup>®</sup> Pure Value Fund, S&P SmallCap 600<sup>®</sup> Pure Growth Fund, S&P SmallCap 600<sup>®</sup> Pure Value Fund, Europe 1.25x Strategy Fund, Japan 2x Strategy Fund, Strengthening Dollar 2x Strategy Fund and Weakening Dollar 2x Strategy Fund (collectively referred to as the "Funds"), (ten of the funds constituting Rydex Variable Trust (the "Trust")), including the schedules of investments, as of December 31, 2018, and the related statements of operations for the year then ended, the statements of changes in net assets for each of the two years in the period then ended, the financial highlights for each of the five years in the period then ended and the related notes (collectively referred to as the "financial statements"). In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of each of the Funds (ten of the funds constituting Rydex Variable Trust) at December 31, 2018, the results of their operations for the year then ended, the changes in their net assets for each of the two years in the period then ended and their financial highlights for each of the five years in the period then ended, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

### **Basis for Opinion**

These financial statements are the responsibility of the Trust's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on each of the Funds' financial statements based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) ("PCAOB") and are required to be independent with respect to the Trust in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. The Trust is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of the Trust's internal control over financial reporting. As part of our audits, we are required to obtain an understanding of internal control over financial reporting but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Trust's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion.

Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our procedures included confirmation of securities owned as of December 31, 2018, by correspondence with the custodian, transfer agent, and brokers or by other appropriate auditing procedures where replies from brokers were not received. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Ernet + Young LLP

We have served as the auditor of one or more Guggenheim investment companies since 1979.

Tysons, Virginia February 26, 2019

#### **Federal Income Tax Information**

This information is being provided as required by the Internal Revenue Code. Amounts shown may differ from those elsewhere in the report because of differences in tax and financial reporting practice.

In January 2019, shareholders will be advised on IRS Form 1099 DIV or substitute 1099 DIV as to the federal tax status of the distributions received by shareholders in the calendar year 2018.

The Funds' investment income (dividend income plus short-term gains, if any) qualifies as follows:

Of the taxable ordinary income distributions paid during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018, the following Funds had the corresponding percentages qualify for the dividends received deduction for corporations.

Fund	Dividend Received Deduction
S&P 500® Pure Growth Fund	11.04%
S&P 500 <sup>®</sup> Pure Value Fund	52.32%
S&P MidCap 400 <sup>®</sup> Pure Growth Fund	9.81%
S&P MidCap 400 <sup>®</sup> Pure Value Fund	51.87%

With respect to the taxable year ended December 31, 2018, the Funds hereby designate as capital gain dividends the amounts listed below, or, if subsequently determined to be different, the net capital gain of such year:

Fund	From long-term capital gain:	ital gain: redemptions:		
S&P 500® Pure Growth Fund	\$ 1,894,330	\$ 1,043,291		
S&P 500 <sup>®</sup> Pure Value Fund	1,769,311	820,481		
S&P MidCap 400 <sup>®</sup> Pure Growth Fund	295,683	_		
S&P MidCap 400 <sup>®</sup> Pure Value Fund	1,523,738	_		
S&P SmallCap 600® Pure Growth Fund	549,379	_		
Japan 2x Strategy Fund	308,202	_		

### **Proxy Voting Information**

A description of the policies and procedures that the Trust uses to determine how to vote proxies relating to securities held in the Funds' portfolios is available, without charge and upon request, by calling 800.820.0888. This information is also available from the EDGAR database on the SEC's website at https://www.sec.gov.

Information regarding how the Funds voted proxies relating to portfolio securities during the most recent 12-month period ended June 30 is available without charge, upon request, by calling 800.820.0888. This information is also available from the EDGAR database on the SEC's website at https://www.sec.gov.

#### **Sector Classification**

Information in the Schedule of Investments is categorized by sectors using sector-level Classifications defined by the Bloomberg Industry Classification System, a widely recognized industry classification system provider. Each Fund's registration statement has investment policies relating to concentration in specific sectors/industries. For purposes of these investment policies, the Funds usually classify sectors/industries based on industry-level Classifications used by widely recognized industry classification system providers such as Bloomberg Industry Classification System, Global Industry Classification Standards and Barclays Global Classification Scheme.

Dividend

### **Quarterly Portfolio Schedules Information**

The Trust files its complete schedule of portfolio holdings with the SEC for the first and third quarters of each fiscal year on Form N-Q, which are available on the SEC's website at https://www.sec.gov. The Funds' Forms N-Q may be reviewed and copied at the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC, and that information on the operation of the Public Reference Room may be obtained by calling 800-SEC-0330. Copies of the portfolio holdings are also available to shareholders, without charge and upon request, by calling 800.820.0888.

## INFORMATION ON BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND OFFICERS (Unaudited)

A Board of Trustees oversees the Trust, as well as other trusts of GI, in which its members have no stated term of service, and continue to serve after election until resignation. The Statement of Additional Information includes further information about Fund Trustees and Officers, and can be obtained without charge by visiting guggenheiminvestments.com or by calling 800.820.0888.

Name, Address* and Year of Birth of Trustee	Position(s) Held with the Trust, Term of Office and Length of Time Served	Principal Occupation(s)  During Past 5 Years	Number of Portfolios in Fund Complex Overseen by Trustee**	Other Directorships Held by Trustee***
INDEPENDENT TRUST	EES			
Angela Brock-Kyle (1959)	Trustee, Member of the Audit Committee and Member of the Governance and Nominating	Current: Founder and Chief Executive Officer, B.O.A.R.D.S (consulting firm)	109	None.
	Committee (2017-present).	Former: Senior Leader, TIAA (financial services firm) (1987-2012).		
Corey A. Colehour (1945)	Trustee (1993-present); Member of the Audit Committee (1994-present); Member of the Governance and Nominating Committee (2017-present).	Retired.	109	None.
J. Kenneth Dalton (1941)	Trustee (1995-present); Chairman and Member of the Audit Committee (1997-present); and Member of the Governance and Nominating Committee (2018-present).	Retired.	109	Epiphany Funds (2) (2009-present).
<b>Thomas F. Lydon, Jr.</b> (1960)	Trustee, Member of the Audit Committee (2005-present); Chairman and Member of the Governance and Nominating Committee (2017-present).	Current: President, Global Trends Investments (registered investment adviser) (1996-present).	109	US Global Investors (GROW) (1995-present) and Harvest Volatility Edge Trust (3) (2017-present).
Sandra G. Sponem (1958)	Trustee, Chairwoman and Member of the Audit Committee, (2016-present); and Member of the Governance and Nominating Committee (2017-present).	Retired.  Former: Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, M.A.  Mortenson Companies, Inc. (general contracting firm) (2007-2017).	109	SSGA Funds (125) (2018-present).

		Principal Occupation(s)  During Past 5 Years	
OFFICERS			
Michael P. Byrum (1970)	Vice President (2000-present)	Current: Senior Vice President, Security Investors, LLC (2010-present); Senior Managing Director, Guggenheim Investments (2010-present); President and Chief Investment Officer, Rydex Holdings, LLC (2008-present) and Director and Chairman, Advisory Research Center, Inc. (2006-present).	
		Former: Manager, Guggenheim Specialized Products, LLC (2005-2018); Vice President, Guggenheim Distributors, LLC (2009); Director (2009-2010) and Secretary (2002-2010), Rydex Fund Services, LLC; Director (2008-2010), Chief Investment Officer (2006-2010), President (2004-2010) and Secretary (2002-2010), Rydex Advisors, LLC; Director (2008-2010), Chief Investment Officer (2006-2010), President (2004-2010) and Secretary (2002-2010), Rydex Advisors II, LLC.	
James M. Howley (1972)	Assistant Treasurer (2016-present)	Current: Managing Director, Guggenheim Investments (2004-present); Assistant Treasurer, certain other funds in the Fund Complex (2006-present).	
		Former: Manager, Mutual Fund Administration of Van Kampen Investments, Inc. (1996-2004).	
<b>Keith D. Kemp</b> (1960)	Assistant Treasurer (2016-present)	Current: Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer, certain other funds in the Fund Complex (2010-present); Managing Director, Guggenheim Investments (2015-present).	
		Former: Chief Financial Officer, Guggenheim Specialized Products, LLC (2016-2018); Managing Director and Director, Transparent Value, LLC (2010-2016); Director, Guggenheim Partners Investment Management, LLC (2010-2015); Chief Operating Officer, Macquarie Capital Investment Management (2007-2009).	
<b>Amy J. Lee</b> (1961)	President (2017-present)	Current: Interested Trustee, certain other funds in the Fund Complex (2018-present); President, certain other funds in the Fund Complex (2017-present); Chief Legal Officer, certain other funds in the Fund Complex (2014-present); Vice President, certain other funds in the Fund Complex (2007-present); Senior Managing Director, Guggenheim Investments (2012-present).	
		Former: Trustee (2018-February 2019); President and Chief Executive Officer, certain other funds in the Fund Complex (2017-2018); and Vice President, Associate General Counsel and Assistant Secretary, Security Benefit Life Insurance Company and Security Benefit Corporation (2004-2012).	
Mark E. Mathiasen (1978)	Secretary (2017-present)	Current: Secretary, certain other funds in the Fund Complex (2007-present); Managing Director, Guggenheim Investments (2007-present).	
Glenn McWhinnie (1969)	Assistant Treasurer (2016-present)	Current: Vice President, Guggenheim Investments (2009-present); Assistant Treasurer, certain other funds in the Fund Complex (2016-present).	
Michael P. Megaris (1984)	Assistant Secretary (2018-present)	Current: Assistant Secretary, certain other funds in the Fund Complex (2014-present); Director, Guggenheim Investments (2012-present).	
Elisabeth Miller (1968)	Chief Compliance Officer (2012-present)	Current: Chief Compliance Officer, certain other funds in the Fund Complex (2012-present); Managing Director, Guggenheim Investments (2012-present); Vice President, Guggenheim Funds Distributors, LLC (2014-present).	
		Former: Chief Compliance Officer, Security Investors, LLC (2012-2018); Chief Compliance Officer, Guggenheim Funds Investment Advisors, LLC (2012-2018); Chief Compliance Officer, Guggenheim Distributors, LLC (2009-2014); Senior Manager, Security Investors, LLC (2004-2014); Senior Manager, Guggenheim Distributors, LLC (2004-2014).	

### INFORMATION ON BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND OFFICERS (Unaudited) (concluded)

Name, Address* and Year of Birth	Position(s) Held with the Trust, Term of Office and Length of Time Served	Principal Occupation(s)  During Past 5 Years	
OFFICERS - concluded  Margaux Misantone (1978)	AML Officer (2017-present)	Current: Chief Compliance Officer, Security Investors, LLC and Guggenheim Funds Investment Advisors, LLC (2018-present); AML Officer, Security Investors, LLC and certain other funds in the Fund Complex (2017-present); Managing Director, Guggenheim Investments (2015-present).	
		Former: Assistant Chief Compliance Officer, Security Investors, LLC and Guggenheim Funds Investments Advisors, LLC (2015-2018).	
Adam J. Nelson (1979)	Assistant Treasurer (2016-present)	Current: Vice President, Guggenheim Investments (2015-present); Assistant Treasurer, certain other funds in the Fund Complex (2015-present).	
		Former: Assistant Vice President and Fund Administration Director, State Street Corporation (2013-2015); Fund Administration Assistant Director, State Street (2011-2013); Fund Administration Manager, State Street (2009-2011).	
William Rehder (1967)	Assistant Vice President (2018-present)	Current: Managing Director, Guggenheim Investments (2002-present).	
Kimberly J. Scott (1974)	Assistant Treasurer (2016-present)	Current: Director, Guggenheim Investments (2012-present); Assistant Treasurer, certain other funds in the Fund Complex (2012-present).	
		Former: Financial Reporting Manager, Invesco, Ltd. (2010-2011); Vice President/ Assistant Treasurer, Mutual Fund Administration for Van Kampen Investments, Inc./Morgan Stanley Investment Management (2009-2010); Manager of Mutual Fund Administration, Van Kampen Investments, Inc./Morgan Stanley Investment Management (2005-2009).	
John L. Sullivan (1955)	Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer (2016-present)	Current: Chief Financial Officer, Chief Accounting Officer and Treasurer, certain other funds in the Fund Complex (2010-present); Senior Managing Director, Guggenheim Investments (2010-present).	
		Former: Managing Director and Chief Compliance Officer, each of the funds in the Van Kampen Investments fund complex (2004-2010); Managing Director and Head of Fund Accounting and Administration, Morgan Stanley Investment Management (2002-2004); Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, Van Kampen Funds (1996-2004).	
Jon Szafran (1989)	Assistant Treasurer (2017-Present)	Current: Vice President, Guggenheim Investments (2017-present); Assistant Treasurer, certain other funds in the Fund Complex (2017-present).	
		Former: Assistant Treasurer of Henderson Global Funds and Manager of US Fund Administration, Henderson Global Investors (North America) Inc. ("HGINA"),(2017); Senior Analyst of US Fund Administration, HGINA (2014-2017); Senior Associate of Fund Administration, Cortland Capital Market Services, LLC (2013-2014); Experienced Associate, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (2012-2013).	

<sup>\*</sup> All Trustees and Officers may be reached c/o Guggenheim Investments, 227 West Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606.

<sup>\*\*</sup> The "Fund Complex" includes all closed-end and open-end funds (including all of their portfolios) advised by the Adviser and any funds that have an investment adviser or servicing agent that is an affiliated person of the Adviser. Information provided is as of the date of this report.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Certain of the Trustees may serve as directors on the boards of companies not required to be disclosed above, including certain non-profit companies and charitable foundations.

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### **Our Commitment to You**

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We collect certain nonpublic personal information about you from information you provide on applications, other forms, our website, and/or from third parties including investment advisors. This information includes Social Security or other tax identification number, assets, income, tax information, retirement and estate plan information, transaction history, account balance, payment history, bank account information, marital status, family relationships, information that we collect on our website through the use of "cookies," and other personal information that you or others provide to us. We may also collect such information through your inquiries by mail, e-mail or telephone. We may also collect customer due diligence information, as required by applicable law and regulation, through third party service providers.

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The legal basis for using your information as set out in this Privacy Notice is as follows: (a) use of your personal data is necessary to perform our obligations under any contract with you (such as a contract for us to provide financial services to you); or (b) where use of your personal data is not necessary for performance of a contract, use of your personal data is necessary for our legitimate interests or the legitimate interests of others (for example, to enforce the legal terms governing our services, operate and market our website and other services we offer, ensure safe environments for our personnel and others, make and receive payments, prevent fraud and to know the customer to whom we are providing the services). Some processing is done to comply with applicable law.

In addition to the specific uses described above, we also use your information in the following manner:

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- We use information to respond to your requests or questions. For example, we might use your information to respond to your customer feedback.
- We use information to improve our products and services. We may use your information to make our website and products better. We
  may use your information to customize your experience with us.
- We use information for security purposes. We may use your information to protect our company and our customers.
- We use information to communicate with you. For example, we will communicate with you about your account or our relationship.
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- Aggregate/Anonymous Data. We may aggregate and/or anonymize any information collected through the website so that such information can no longer be linked to you or your device ("Aggregate/Anonymous Information"). We may use Aggregate/Anonymous Information for any purpose, including without limitation for research and marketing purposes, and may also share such data with any third parties, including advertisers, promotional partners, and sponsors.

We do not sell information about current or former clients or their accounts to third parties. Nor do we share this information, except when necessary to complete transactions at your request, to make you aware of investment products and services that we or our affiliates offer, or as permitted or required by law.

We provide information about you to companies and individuals not affiliated with Guggenheim Investments to complete certain transactions or account changes, or to perform services for us related to your account. For example, if you ask to transfer assets from another financial institution to Guggenheim Investments, we must provide certain information about you to that company to complete the transaction. We provide the third party with only the information necessary to carry out its responsibilities and only for that purpose. And we require these third parties to treat your private information with the same high degree of confidentiality that we do. To alert you to other Guggenheim Investments products and services, we share your information within our family of affiliated companies. You may limit our sharing with affiliated companies as set out below. We may also share information with any successor to all or part of our business, or in connection with steps leading up to a merger or acquisition. For example, if part of our business was sold we may give customer information as part of that transaction. We may also share information about you with your consent.

We will release information about you if you direct us to do so, if we are compelled by law to do so, or in other circumstances as permitted by law (for example, to protect your account from fraud).

If you close your account(s) or become an inactive client or investor, we will continue to adhere to the privacy policies and practices described in this notice.

### **Opt-Out Provisions and Your Data Choices**

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### We'll Keep You Informed

If you have any questions or concerns about how we treat your personal data, we encourage you to consult with us first. You may also contact the relevant supervisory authority.

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