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# **Guggenheim Funds Annual Report**

**Guggenheim Credit Allocation Fund** 

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(Unaudited) May 31, 2017

#### DEAR SHAREHOLDER

We thank you for your investment in the Guggenheim Credit Allocation Fund (the "Fund"). This report covers the Fund's performance for the 12-month period ended May 31, 2017.

The Fund's investment objective is to seek total return through a combination of current income and capital appreciation.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund invests at least 80% of its net assets, plus the amount of any borrowings for investment purposes, in fixed income securities, debt securities, loans and investments with economic characteristics similar to fixed-income securities, debt securities and loans (collectively, "credit securities"). The Fund seeks to achieve its investment objective by investing in a portfolio of credit securities selected from a variety of sectors and credit qualities. The Fund may invest in credit securities of any duration or maturity. Credit securities in which the Fund may invest may pay fixed or variable rates of interest. The Fund may invest without limitation in securities of non-U.S. issuers, including issuers in emerging markets.

All Fund returns cited—whether based on net asset value ("NAV") or market price—assume the reinvestment of all distributions. For the 12-month period ended May 31, 2017, the Fund provided a total return based on market price of 28.83% and a total return based on NAV of 21.55%. NAV return includes the deduction of management fees, operating expenses, and all other Fund expenses.

As of May 31, 2017, the Fund's market price of \$23.18 represented a premium of 2.48% to its NAV of \$22.62. The market value of the Fund's shares fluctuates from time to time and may be higher or lower than the Fund's NAV. Past performance is not a guarantee of future results.

From June 2016 through May 2017, the Fund paid a monthly distribution of \$0.1813. The May distribution represents an annualized distribution rate of 9.39% based on the Fund's closing market price of \$23.18 on May 31, 2017. The Fund's distribution rate is not constant, and the amount of distributions, when declared by the Fund's Board of Trustees, is subject to change based on the performance of the Fund. Please see Note 2(e) on page 38 for more information on distributions for the period.

Guggenheim Funds Investment Advisors, LLC (the "Adviser") serves as the investment adviser to the Fund. Guggenheim Partners Investment Management, LLC ("GPIM" or the "Sub-Adviser") serves as the Fund's investment sub-adviser and is responsible for the management of the Fund's portfolio of investments. Each of the Adviser and the Sub-Adviser is an affiliate of Guggenheim Partners, LLC ("Guggenheim"), a global diversified financial services firm.

We encourage shareholders to consider the opportunity to reinvest their distributions from the Fund through the Dividend Reinvestment Plan ("DRIP"), which is described in detail on page 64 of this report. When shares trade at a discount to NAV, the DRIP takes advantage of the discount by reinvesting the monthly distribution in common shares of the Fund purchased in the market at a price less than NAV. Conversely, when the market price of the Fund's common shares is at a premium above NAV, the DRIP reinvests participants' distributions in newly-issued common shares at the greater of NAV per share or

95% of the market price per share. The DRIP provides a cost-effective means to accumulate additional shares and enjoy the benefits of compounding returns over time. Since the Fund endeavors to maintain a stable monthly distribution, the DRIP effectively provides an income averaging technique, which causes shareholders to accumulate a larger number of Fund shares when the market price is depressed than when the price is higher.

To learn more about the Fund's performance and investment strategy, we encourage you to read the *Questions & Answers* section of this report, which begins on page 5. You'll find information on GPIM's investment philosophy, views on the economy and market environment, and detailed information about the factors that impacted the Fund's performance.

We appreciate your investment and look forward to serving your investment needs in the future. For the most up-to-date information on your investment, please visit the Fund's website at guggenheiminvestments.com/ggm.

Sincerely,

Donald C. Cacciapaglia

President and Chief Executive Officer Guggenheim Credit Allocation Fund

June 30, 2017

Guggenheim Credit Allocation Fund (the "Fund") is managed by a team of seasoned professionals at Guggenheim Partners Investment Management, LLC ("GPIM"). This team includes B. Scott Minerd, Chairman of Guggenheim Investments and Global Chief Investment Officer; Anne B. Walsh, CFA, JD, Senior Managing Director and Assistant Chief Investment Officer; Kevin H. Gundersen, Senior Managing Director and Portfolio Manager; James W. Michal, Senior Managing Director and Portfolio Manager; Thomas J. Hauser, Senior Managing Director and Portfolio Manager; and Richard de Wet, Director and Portfolio Manager. In the following interview, the investment team discusses the market environment and the Fund's performance for the 12-month period ended May 31, 2017.

#### What is the Fund's investment objective and how is it pursued?

The Fund's investment objective is to seek total return through a combination of current income and capital appreciation.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund invests at least 80% of its net assets, plus the amount of any borrowings for investment purposes, in fixed income securities, debt securities, loans and investments with economic characteristics similar to fixed-income securities (collectively, "credit securities"). Credit securities in which the Fund may invest consist of corporate bonds, loans and loan participations, asset-backed securities (all or a portion of which may consist of collateralized loan obligations), mortgage-backed securities (both residential mortgage-backed securities and commercial mortgage-backed securities), U.S. Government and agency securities, mezzanine and preferred securities, convertible securities, commercial paper, municipal securities and sovereign government and supranational debt securities. The Fund will seek to achieve its investment objective by investing in a portfolio of credit securities selected from a variety of sectors and credit qualities. The Fund may invest in credit securities that are rated below investment grade, or, if unrated, determined to be of comparable quality (also known as "high yield securities" or "junk bonds"). The Fund may invest in credit securities of any duration or maturity. Credit securities in which the Fund may invest may pay fixed or variable rates of interest. The Fund may invest without limitation in securities of non-U.S. issuers, including issuers in emerging markets.

The Fund may, but is not required to, use various derivatives transactions for hedging and risk management purposes, to facilitate portfolio management and to earn income or enhance total return. The Fund may use such transactions as a means to synthetically implement the Fund's investment strategies. In addition, as an alternative to holding investments directly, the Fund may also obtain investment exposure by investing in other investment companies. To the extent that the Fund invests in synthetic investments with economic characteristics similar to credit securities, the value of such investments will be counted as credit securities for purposes of the Fund's policy of investing at least 80% of its net assets, plus the amount of any borrowings for investment purposes, in credit securities (the "80% Policy").

The Fund may invest in open-end funds, closed-end funds and exchange-traded funds. For purposes of the Fund's 80% Policy, the Fund will include its investments in other investment companies that have a policy of investing at least 80% of their net assets, plus the amount of any borrowings for investment purposes, in one or more types of credit securities.

The Fund uses financial leverage (borrowing and reverse repurchase agreements) to finance the purchase of additional securities. Although financial leverage may create an opportunity for increased return for shareholders, it also results in additional risks and can magnify the effect of any losses. There is no assurance that the strategy will be successful. If income and gains on securities purchased with the financial leverage proceeds are greater than the cost of the financial leverage, common shareholders' return will be greater than if financial leverage had not been used. Conversely, if the income or gains from the securities purchased with the proceeds of financial leverage are less than the cost of financial leverage, common shareholders' return will be less than if financial leverage had not been used.

# What were the significant events affecting the economy and market environment over the past 12 months?

Much of the 12 months ended May 31, 2017, was marked by significant events in the political sphere, both in the U.S. and globally. Last June Britain voted to leave the European Union and this was later followed by the U.S. presidential election in November. These results led to higher market volatility initially, which later subsided. Optimism surrounding future growth has helped equity markets in the U.S. reach record highs in 2017. Fixed Income markets have seen strength for the same reasons, combined with improvement in corporate performance.

The global macroeconomic backdrop for the foreseeable future is positive. Chinese growth has stabilized in the last few months, Europe is gradually improving, U.S. corporate earnings are rising, and confidence measures remain strong. Despite strong gains in consumer and business sentiment following the U.S. election, tracking estimates for first-quarter real Gross Domestic Product ("GDP") growth slowly fell throughout the first quarter of 2017. In late June, after the period ended, the final reading of first quarter GDP came in at 1.4%. A large portion of the apparent weakness can be attributed to seasonal factors that have depressed as-reported first-quarter GDP growth over the past few years. More importantly, the prospects for quarterly U.S. GDP growth are better going forward, and GPIM expects a strong bounce back in the second quarter.

GPIM's medium-term growth outlook has dimmed marginally as a result of the lack of progress on U.S. fiscal policy initiatives. The ongoing struggle to create a healthcare bill has taken away early legislative momentum, and tax reform shows that work still needs to be done to put the agenda into effect in a timely manner. Nevertheless, financial conditions since the election remain positive despite U.S. Federal Reserve (the "Fed") rate hikes, and we continue to expect the economy to grow modestly. This should push the unemployment rate to under 4.1% by the end of 2018, well below its natural rate of 4.7%, and support a continued gradual rise in underlying inflation, which is nearing the Fed's 2% goal.

Coming off the lows in early 2016, the Fed is set to continue raising interest rates and at a faster pace than the market is pricing in. In addition to another rate hike this year, the Fed may raise rates three to four more times in 2018 according to GPIM estimates. The Fed's strategy to begin reducing its balance

sheet later this year could pressure yields higher in the short end of the curve. In sum, solid but unspectacular economic growth, a cautious Fed, and improving fundamentals underpin our positive outlook for the U.S. economy, which should continue to support a historically low default environment for credit.

#### How did the Fund perform for the 12 months ended May 31, 2017?

All Fund returns cited—whether based on net asset value ("NAV") or market price—assume the reinvestment of all distributions. For the 12-month period ended May 31, 2017, the Fund provided a total return based on market price of 28.83% and a total return based on NAV of 21.55%. NAV return includes the deduction of management fees, operating expenses, and all other Fund expenses.

As of May 31, 2017, the Fund's market price of \$23.18 represented a premium of 2.48% to its NAV of \$22.62. As of May 31, 2016, the Fund's market price of \$19.86 represented a discount of 3.26% to its NAV of \$20.53. The market value of the Fund's shares fluctuates from time to time and may be higher or lower than the Fund's NAV. Past performance is not a guarantee of future results.

#### What were the distributions over the period?

From June 2016 through May 2017, the Fund paid a monthly distribution of \$0.1813. The May distribution represents an annualized distribution rate of 9.39% based on the Fund's closing market price of \$23.18 on May 31, 2017. The Fund's distribution rate is not constant, and the amount of distributions, when declared by the Fund's Board of Trustees, is subject to change based on the performance of the Fund. Please see Note 2(e) on page 38 for more information on distributions for the period.

#### Why did the Fund accrue excise tax during the period?

As a registered investment company, the Fund is subject to a 4% excise tax that is imposed if the Fund does not distribute by the end of any calendar year at least the sum of (i) 98% of its ordinary income (not taking into account any capital gain or loss) for the calendar year and (ii) 98.2% of its capital gain in excess of its capital loss (adjusted for certain ordinary losses) for a one-year period generally ending on October 31 of the calendar year (unless an election is made to use the fund's fiscal year). The Fund generally intends to distribute income and capital gains in the manner necessary to minimize (but not necessarily eliminate) the imposition of such excise tax. While the Fund's income and capital gains can vary significantly from year to year, the Fund seeks to maintain more stable monthly distributions over time. The Fund may retain income or capital gains and pay excise tax when it is determined that doing so is in the best interest of shareholders. Management, in consultation with the Board of Trustees, evaluates the costs of the excise tax relative to the benefits of retaining income and capital gains, including that such undistributed amounts (net of the excise tax paid) remain available for investment by the Fund and are available to supplement future distributions, which may facilitate the payment of more stable monthly distributions year over year.

#### What influenced the Fund's performance?

During the period, the Fund saw positive performance primarily attributable to the tightening of credit spreads, particularly among the portfolio's investments in high yield corporate bonds and senior bank loans, which together comprise most of the Fund. The mix varies according to the relative valuation of

the two asset classes and availability of attractively priced assets. As proxies for the two markets, the Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Corporate High Yield Index returned 13.58% for the 12-month period, while the Credit Suisse Leveraged Loan Index returned 7.56%. In the high yield market, the biggest gains in the period came from lower quality, with CCC bonds (+23.13%) outperforming BB bonds (+10.08%) and B bonds (+13.48%) by a sizeable margin, continuing a trend from last year. Similarly, CCC loans (+24.16%) outperformed BB loans (+4.55%) and B loans (+7.22%).

An important driver of positive performance over the period was the rebound in commodity markets. The high yield market rallied, marked by the bottoming of oil prices and the beginning of a slew of downgrades by the credit ratings agencies, primarily of commodity-related issuers. The market was pricing in a high level of defaults just prior to this period in early 2016; but with the easing of concerns over global growth, especially in China, and the beginning of a recovery in oil and metals pricing, the market rapidly snapped back. The Fund took advantage of market weakness to find attractive entry points in high yield energy bonds as well as other assets that had sold off in tandem with commodities for no fundamental reason. Outperformance was also driven by portfolio exposure to asset-backed securities (ABS) and the technology sector.

The high-yield default rate reached a recent high in mid-2016, as a result of defaults in commodity-sensitive sectors. But with the recovery in the price of oil over the past year, the default rate has fallen below the long-term average default rate, reflecting the sound financial situation for most issuers, driven by improving fundamentals and a solid macroeconomic backdrop. Moody's expects the default rate to drop to 3.1% by the end of 2017 and, excluding commodity sectors, the default rate for high yield bonds is near post-crisis lows. This is evident in the yield to worst on the Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Corporate High Yield Index which started the period at 7.31% and ended at 5.48%.

#### How is the Fund positioned for the coming months?

The Fund is positioned well across its three primary asset class exposures, with the heaviest allocation to high yield bonds, followed by bank loans and ABS. GPIM has incrementally added ABS that have shown strong yield and potential for price appreciation.

Spreads on high yield corporate bonds and bank loans were driven to near-2014 lows during the period. GPIM remains vigilant to ensure that we are being adequately compensated for the level of risk taken. The Fund continues to avoid highly levered industries and companies with heavy capital expenditure needs that can impair cash flow generation. Companies with strong cash flows, recurring revenue streams, and high-quality margins should remain the focus in the later stages of the credit cycle.

GPIM's conscious that the securities in the Fund will need to survive another downturn. Therefore, despite seeing strong tailwinds that we expect will drive positive returns over the next two years, we maintain a more conservative outlook and continue to focus on more defensive credits with consistent cash flow and sustainable debt profiles. The Fund is overweight in technology issuers and has favored Brated bonds, which offer attractive risk-adjusted returns relative to other rating tranches.

#### Any other comments about the Fund?

GPIM expects the economy to remain on solid footing driven by growing consumer sentiment coupled with improving corporate fundamentals and low default rates. However, it appears the majority of this has already been priced into spreads. As a result, GPIM believes this will likely be a year of clipping coupons in high-yield, with moderate price upside coming primarily from single B-rated and a few highly selective CCC-rated credits. Amid this positive backdrop for risk assets, GPIM remains focused on credit selection.

With a sizeable portion of the Fund exposed to floating rate assets in the form of bank loans and ABS, the prospect of higher interest rates makes this basket of assets more attractive. Specifically, bank loans stand to benefit from higher interest rates, as their coupons reset at a higher rate.

#### What is the Fund's duration?

The Fund has consistently been positioned conservatively in terms of duration, with higher exposure to short-dated bonds and overweight to floating rate securities (bank loans), the Fund is positioned for volatility with diversified sources of return from different assets classes in various parts of the capital structure.

The effective duration for the Fund as of May 31, 2017, was below three years. GPIM's view is that we are unlikely to see rates move in a sudden and aggressive upward trajectory, as the Fed is providing ample guidance about the future path of interest rates. The Fund may invest in credit securities of any duration or maturity and is not required to maintain any particular maturity or duration for its portfolio as a whole. It typically maintains a leverage-adjusted average portfolio duration of one to four years. However, average portfolio duration is adjusted based on market conditions.

#### Discuss the Fund's use of leverage.

The Fund utilizes leverage as part of its investment strategy, to finance the purchase of additional securities that provide increased income and potentially greater appreciation potential to common shareholders than could be achieved from a portfolio that is not leveraged.

With the low cost of borrowing and stability in the fundamentals of American companies, the amount of leverage used by the Fund is highly accretive to income generation.

The Fund currently employs leverage through borrowing and reverse repurchase agreements, under which the Fund temporarily transfers possession of portfolio securities and receives cash that can be used for additional investments.

As of May 31, 2017, the amount of leverage was approximately 29% of managed assets (including the proceeds of leverage). While leverage increases the income of the Fund in yield terms, it also amplifies the effects of changing market prices in the portfolio and can cause the Fund's NAV to change to a greater degree than the market as a whole. This can create volatility in Fund pricing but should not affect the Fund's ability to pay dividends under normal circumstances.

#### **Index Definitions**

Indices are unmanaged and reflect no expenses. It is not possible to invest directly in an index.

The 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).

The 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.

The Credit Suisse Leveraged Loan Index is an index designed to mirror the investable universe of the \$US-denominated leveraged loan market.

The Standard & Poor's 500 Index is a capitalization-weighted index of 500 stocks. The index is designed to measure the performance of the economy, representing all major industries and is considered a representation of U.S. stock market.

#### Risks and Other Considerations

Investing involves risk, including the possible loss of principal and fluctuation of value.

The views expressed in this report reflect those of the portfolio managers only through the report period as stated on the cover. These views are expressed for informational purposes only and are subject to change at any time, based on market and other conditions, and may not come to pass. These views may differ from views of other investment professionals at Guggenheim and should not be construed as research, investment advice or a recommendation of any kind regarding the fund or any issuer or security, do not constitute a solicitation to buy or sell any security and should not be considered specific legal, investment or tax advice. The information provided does not take into account the specific objectives, financial situation or particular needs of any specific investor.

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There can be no assurance that the Fund will achieve its investment objectives or that any investment strategies or techniques discussed herein will be effective. The value of the Fund will fluctuate with the value of the underlying securities. Historically, closed-end funds often trade at a discount to their net asset value.

Performance data quoted represents past performance, which is no guarantee of future results and current performance may be lower or higher than the figures shown.

Please see guggenheiminvestments.com/ggm for a detailed discussion of the Fund's risks and considerations.

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Share Price	\$23.18
Net Asset Value	\$22.62
Premium to NAV	2.48%
Net Assets (\$000)	\$158,663

# AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED MAY 31, 2017

	One Year	Three Year	Since Inception (06/26/13)
Guggenheim Credit Allocation Fund			
NAV	21.55%	7.09%	7.99%
Market	28.83%	8.24%	7.58%

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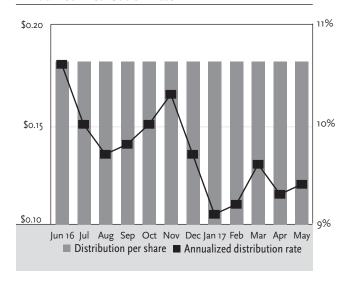
Portfolio Breakdown	% of Net Assets
Corporate Bonds	78.3%
Senior Floating Rate Interests	44.2%
Asset Backed Securities	11.9%
Preferred Stocks	2.9%
Exchange-Traded Funds	2.8%
Common Stocks	1.9%
Short Term Investments	0.5%
Warrants	0.0%*
Total Investments	142.5%
Other Assets & Liabilities, net	-42.5%
Net Assets	100.0%

<sup>\*</sup> Less than 0.1%





# Distributions to Shareholders & Annualized Distribution Rate



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

American Midstream Partners Limited Partnership /	
American Midstream Finance Corp., 8.50%, 12/15/21	2.6%
Terraform Global Operating LLC, 9.75%, 08/15/22	2.5%
MDC Partners, Inc., 6.50%, 05/01/24	2.4%
Reddy Ice Holdings, Inc., 10.75%, 10/01/19	2.4%
HRG Group, Inc., 7.88%, 07/15/19	1.9%
Vector Group Ltd., 6.13%, 02/01/25	1.9%
Epicor Software, 9.40%, 06/21/23	1.8%
CTI Foods Holding Co. LLC, 8.40%, 06/28/21	1.8%
Moss Creek Resources LLC, 9.50%, 04/07/22	1.8%
SFR Group S.A., 7.38%, 05/01/26	1.8%
Top Ten Total	20.9%

<sup>&</sup>quot;Ten Largest Holdings" excludes any temporary cash or derivative investments.

Portfolio breakdown and holdings are subject to change daily. For more information, please visit guggenheiminvestments.com/ggm. The above summaries are provided for informational purposes only and should not be viewed as recommendations. Past performance does not guarantee future results.

#### Portfolio Composition by Quality Rating\*

	% of Total
Rating	Investments
Fixed Income Instruments	
A	1.4%
BBB	3.3%
BB	24.8%
В	41.0%
CCC	16.5%
CC	0.5%
NR**	9.5%
Other Instruments	
Short Term Investments	2.9%
Common Stocks	0.1%
Total Investments	100.0%

<sup>\*</sup> Source: BlackRock Solutions. Credit quality ratings are measured on a scale that generally ranges from AAA (highest) to D (lowest). All securities except for "NR", or not rated, have been rated by Moody's, Standard & Poor's ("S&P"), or Fitch, which are all a Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organization ("NRSRO"). For purposes of this presentation, when ratings are available from more than one agency, the highest rating is used. Guggenheim Investments has converted Moody's and Fitch ratings to the equivalent S&P rating. Security ratings are determined at the time of purchase and may change thereafter.

<sup>\*\*</sup> NR securities do not necessarily indicate low credit quality.

	Shares	Value
COMMON STOCKS† – 1.9%		
Energy – 1.0%		
SandRidge Energy, Inc.*,1	58,927	\$ 1,166,165
Titan Energy LLC*	27,133	256,407
Approach Resources, Inc.*	95,220	241,860
Total Energy		1,664,432
Technology – 0.6%		
Aspect Software Parent, Inc.*:†††;2,12	57,610	862,445
Qlik Technologies, Inc. A*.†††,2	56	55,839
Qlik Technologies, Inc. B*.†††,2	13,812	564
Qlik Technologies, Inc.*:††	3,600	_
Total Technology		918,848
Industrial – 0.3%		
Sparta Holdings Corp., Class A*:†††,1,2	228	289,922
Sparta Holdings Corp., Class B*:†††,1,2	94,522	127,843
Ursa Insulation B.V.*;†††,2	5,282	-
Total Industrial		417,765
Consumer, Non-cyclical – 0.0%**	22,000	40.647
Targus Group International Equity, Inc.*.†††.2.12	33,098	49,647
Basic Materials – 0.0%**	4 020 202	260
Mirabela Nickel Ltd.*:†††;2	4,839,202	360
Total Common Stocks (Cost \$7,073,426)		3,051,052
PREFERRED STOCKS† – 2.9%		
Financial – 2.2%		
Bank of America Corp., Series X 6.25%* <sup>3,4</sup>	1,150,000	1,235,100
Citigroup, Inc., Series M 6.30%*,1,3,4	1,100,000	1,159,125
PNC Financial Services Group, Inc. 5.00%*,34	550,000	561,000
M&T Bank Corp. 5.13%* <sup>,3,4</sup>	450,000	461,250
Total Financial		3,416,475
Industrial – 0.7%		
Seaspan Corp.		
6.38% <sup>1,4</sup>	46,990	1,179,449
Total Preferred Stocks (Cost \$4,407,049)		4,595,924
WARRANTS†† – 0.0%**		
Comstock Resources, Inc.		
09/06/18	6,119	40,079
Total Warrants	,	,
(Cost \$49,782)		40,079

	Shares	Value
EXCHANGE-TRADED FUNDS† – 2.8%		
SPDR Bloomberg Barclays High Yield Bond ETF	65,000	\$ 2,430,350
iShares iBoxx \$ High Yield Corporate Bond ETF	22,750	2,016,788
Total Exchange-Traded Funds (Cost \$4,348,877)		4,447,138
SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS† – 0.5% Dreyfus Treasury Prime Cash Management Institutional Shares		
0.65% <sup>5</sup>	747,391	747,391
Total Short Term Investments (Cost \$747,391)	, ,	747,391
(665.47.7)	Face	7 17,557
	Amount~	Value
CORPORATE BONDS†† – 78.3%		
Communications – 14.9%		
MDC Partners, Inc. 6.50% due 05/01/24 <sup>1,6</sup>	3,750,000	\$ 3,778,125
DISH DBS Corp.		
5.88% due 11/15/24 <sup>1</sup>	2,300,000	2,449,499
7.75% due 07/01/26 <sup>1</sup>	850,000	998,750
SFR Group S.A. 7.38% due 05/01/26 <sup>1,6</sup>	2,600,000	2,812,861
Sprint Communications, Inc. 9.00% due 11/15/18 <sup>1,6</sup>	2,200,000	2,414,500
EIG Investors Corp. 10.88% due 02/01/241	2,000,000	2,180,000
Cengage Learning, Inc.		
9.50% due 06/15/24 <sup>1,6</sup>	2,475,000	2,140,875
McGraw-Hill Global Education Holdings LLC / McGraw-Hill Global Education Finance 7.88% due 05/15/24 <sup>1,6</sup>	1,890,000	1,842,750
CSC Holdings LLC	.,050,000	.,0 .2,7 50
5.25% due 06/01/24 <sup>1</sup>	1,350,000	1,378,688
6.75% due 11/15/21	400,000	442,500
Virgin Media Secured Finance plc 5.00% due 04/15/27	1,000,000 GBP	1,351,948
CCO Holdings LLC / CCO Holdings Capital Corp. 5.13% due 05/01/27 <sup>1,6</sup>	900,000	921,938
Comcast Corp. 3.20% due 07/15/36 <sup>1</sup>	700,000	646,960
EW Scripps Co. 5.13% due 05/15/25 <sup>6</sup>	275,000	281,531
Total Communications	3,000	23,640,925

	Face Amount~	Value
CORPORATE BONDS†† – 78.3% (continued)		
Energy – 14.1%		
American Midstream Partners Limited Partnership / American Midstream Finance Corp 8.50% due 12/15/21 <sup>1,6</sup>	4,000,000	\$ 4,079,99
CONSOL Energy, Inc. 8.00% due 04/01/23 <sup>1</sup>	2,500,000	2,634,37
Comstock Resources, Inc. 10.00% due 03/15/20 <sup>1,7</sup>	2,225,000	2,258,37
Unit Corp. 6.63% due 05/15/21	2,300,000	2,254,00
Exterran Energy Solutions Limited Partnership / EES Finance Corp.		, ,
8.13% due 05/01/25 <sup>1,6</sup>	1,500,000	1,556,25
EP Energy LLC / Everest Acquisition Finance, Inc.	7 200 000	7.006.00
8.00% due 02/15/25 <sup>1,6</sup>	1,200,000	1,026,00
6.38% due 06/15/23¹ 9.38% due 05/01/20	400,000 120,000	286,50 109,80
Alta Mesa Holdings, LP / Alta Mesa Finance Services Corp.	.20,000	.05,00
7.88% due 12/15/24 <sup>6</sup>	1,175,000	1,230,81
Gibson Energy, Inc.		
5.25% due 07/15/24 <sup>6</sup>	1,200,000 CAD	890,63
6.75% due 07/15/21 <sup>6</sup>	215,000	223,06
FTS International, Inc.	050 000	066.63
8.63% due 06/15/20 <sup>1,3,6</sup>	950,000	966,62
Covey Park Energy LLC / Covey Park Finance Corp. 7.50% due 05/15/256	750,000	768,75
QEP Resources, Inc.	,	
6.88% due 03/01/21 <sup>1</sup>	700,000	735,00
BreitBurn Energy Partners Limited Partnership / BreitBurn Finance Corp.		
7.88% due 04/15/22 <sup>1,8</sup>	2,200,000	621,50
Legacy Reserves Limited Partnership / Legacy Reserves Finance Corp.		
6.63% due 12/01/21 <sup>1</sup>	750,000	562,50
Whiting Petroleum Corp.	EEO 000	E20 EE
5.75% due 03/15/21 <sup>1</sup>	550,000	539,55
Pattern Energy Group, Inc. 5.88% due 02/01/24 <sup>1,6</sup>	500,000	522,50
Crestwood Midstream Partners Limited Partnership / Crestwood Midstream Finance Co	•	322,30
5.75% due 04/01/25 <sup>6</sup>	400,000	409,00
6.25% due 04/01/23 <sup>1</sup>	50,000	51,84
TerraForm Power Operating LLC 6.63% due 06/15/25 <sup>1,6,9</sup>	250,000	263,75
Trinidad Drilling Ltd.		
6.63% due 02/15/25 <sup>6</sup>	200,000	199,00
Schahin II Finance Co. SPV Ltd.	025 222	307.00
5.88% due 09/25/22 <sup>1,8,11</sup>	825,233	107,28
Total Energy		22,297,10

	Face Amount~	Value
CORPORATE BONDS <sup>††</sup> – 78.3% (continued)		
Consumer, Non-cyclical – 11.6%		
Vector Group Ltd. 6.13% due 02/01/25 <sup>1,6</sup>	2,850,000	\$ 2,963,999
Midas Intermediate Holdco II LLC / Midas Intermediate Holdco II Finance, Inc. 7.88% due 10/01/22 <sup>1.6</sup>	2,651,000	2,730,530
Great Lakes Dredge & Dock Corp. 8.00% due 05/15/22 <sup>6</sup>	2,500,000	2,537,500
Valeant Pharmaceuticals International, Inc.		
7.00% due 03/15/24 <sup>1,6</sup>	1,325,000	1,401,201
6.50% due 03/15/22 <sup>1,6</sup>	650,000	682,370
Bumble Bee Holdings, Inc. 9.00% due 12/15/17 <sup>1,6</sup>	1,950,000	1,950,000
KeHE Distributors LLC / KeHE Finance Corp. 7.63% due 08/15/21 <sup>6</sup>	1,400,000	1,407,000
Bumble Bee Holdco SCA 9.63% due 03/15/18 <sup>67</sup>	1,105,000	1,082,900
Halyard Health, Inc. 6.25% due 10/15/22 <sup>1</sup>	925,000	959,688
Post Holdings, Inc. 5.75% due 03/01/276	900,000	941,895
Tenet Healthcare Corp. 7.50% due 01/01/22 <sup>1,6</sup>	600,000	653,175
Nielsen Company Luxembourg SARL 5.00% due 02/01/25 <sup>1,6</sup>	575,000	586,500
Albertsons Cos. LLC / Safeway Inc. / New Albertson's Inc. / Albertson's LLC 6.63% due 06/15/24 <sup>6</sup>	500,000	517,500
Total Consumer, Non-cyclical	,	18,414,258
Financial – 11.5%		
Jefferies Finance LLC / JFIN Company-Issuer Corp.		
7.50% due 04/15/21 <sup>1,6</sup>	1,500,000	1,560,000
6.88% due 04/15/22 <sup>6</sup>	650,000	653,250
Lincoln Finance Ltd. 6.88% due 04/15/21	1,750,000 EUR	2,116,779
NFP Corp. 9.00% due 07/15/21 <sup>1,6</sup>	2,000,000	2,100,000
Jefferies Finance LLC / JFIN CoIssuer Corp. 7.38% due 04/01/20 <sup>1,6</sup>	1,900,000	1,964,125
FBM Finance, Inc. 8.25% due 08/15/21 <sup>1,6</sup>	1,600,000	1,720,000
Garfunkelux Holding Co. 3 S.A. 8.50% due 11/01/22	1,200,000 GBP	1,677,334
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	Face Amount~	Value
CORPORATE BONDS†† – 78.3% (continued)		
Financial – 11.5% (continued)		
Majid AL Futtaim Holding		
7.13%4	1,500,000	\$ 1,577,418
GEO Group, Inc.		
6.00% due 04/15/26	775,000	802,125
5.88% due 10/15/24	350,000	360,500
5.88% due 01/15/22	250,000	260,000
NewStar Financial, Inc.	7 705 000	
7.25% due 05/01/20'	1,125,000	1,153,125
Prosight Global Inc.	<b>650.000</b>	
7.50% due 11/26/20 <sup>†††,1</sup>	650,000	684,957
Cabot Financial Luxembourg S.A.	3F0 000 CDD	40.4.720
7.50% due 10/01/23	350,000 GBP	494,129
Greystar Real Estate Partners LLC	450,000	404.075
8.25% due 12/01/22 <sup>1,6</sup>	450,000	484,875
USIS Merger Sub, Inc.	400.000	405.000
6.88% due 05/01/256	400,000	405,000
Fidelity & Guaranty Life Holdings, Inc.	200,000	205 500
6.38% due 04/01/21 <sup>6</sup>	200,000	205,500
Lock AS 7.00% due 08/15/21	50,000 EUR	58,736
Total Financial	30,000 LOK	
iotai Filialiciai		18,277,853
Consumer, Cyclical – 7.3%		
Ferrellgas Limited Partnership / Ferrellgas Finance Corp.		
6.50% due 05/01/21 <sup>1</sup>	1,750,000	1,697,499
6.75% due 06/15/23¹	950,000	916,750
Nathan's Famous, Inc.		
10.00% due 03/15/20°	1,800,000	1,921,500
WMG Acquisition Corp.		
6.75% due 04/15/22 <sup>1,6</sup>	1,550,000	1,632,538
Ferrellgas, LP / Ferrellgas Finance Corp.		
6.75% due 01/15/22	1,365,000	1,317,225
L Brands, Inc.	<b>650.000</b>	
6.75% due 07/01/36 <sup>1</sup>	650,000	625,755
7.60% due 07/15/37	250,000	250,625
6.88% due 11/01/35 <sup>1</sup>	175,000	170,188
AMC Entertainment Holdings, Inc.	750,000	775 212
6.13% due 05/15/276	750,000	775,313
Suburban Propane Partners Limited Partnership/Suburban Energy Finance Corp.	650,000	CAE 12E
5.88% due 03/01/27	650,000	645,125
TVL Finance PLC	450 000 CDD	(40,000
8.50% due 05/15/23	450,000 GBP	640,028
PetSmart, Inc.	575 000	[77 1E <i>c</i>
5.88% due 06/01/25 <sup>6</sup>	575,000	577,156

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CORPORATE BONDS†† – 78.3% (continued)		
Consumer, Cyclical – 7.3% (continued) Carrols Restaurant Group, Inc.		
8.00% due 05/01/22 <sup>1</sup>	400,000	\$ 427,500
Total Consumer, Cyclical		11,597,202
Industrial – 5.4%		
LMI Aerospace, Inc. 7.38% due 07/15/19 <sup>1</sup>	2,628,000	2,733,120
StandardAero Aviation Holdings, Inc. 10.00% due 07/15/23 <sup>1,6</sup>	1,885,000	2,078,213
Summit Materials LLC / Summit Materials Finance Corp. 8.50% due 04/15/221	1,000,000	1,122,500
Grinding Media Inc. / MC Grinding Media Canada Inc. 7.38% due 12/15/236	850,000	916,938
Ardagh Packaging Finance PLC 6.75% due 05/15/24	600,000 EUR	753,193
Princess Juliana International Airport Operating Company N.V. 5.50% due 12/20/27ftt;1.2.6	397,045	392,699
Tutor Perini Corp. 6.88% due 05/01/25 <sup>1,6</sup>	350,000	366,188
Ardagh Packaging Finance plc / Ardagh Holdings USA, Inc. 7.25% due 05/15/24 <sup>1,6</sup>	225,000	245,531
Total Industrial	,	8,608,382
Technology – 4.6% Epicor Software		
9.40% due 06/21/23 <sup>†††,1,2</sup>	3,000,000	2,931,000
Micron Technology, Inc. 7.50% due 09/15/23 <sup>1</sup>	1,375,000	1,536,012
5.25% due 08/01/23 <sup>1,6</sup>	925,000	950,438
Infor US, Inc. 6.50% due 05/15/22 <sup>1</sup>	1,800,000	1,874,250
Total Technology	,,	7,291,700
Utilities – 3.8%		
Terraform Global Operating LLC 9.75% due 08/15/226	3,545,000	3,952,675
LBC Tank Terminals Holding Netherlands BV 6.88% due 05/15/23 <sup>1.6</sup>	1,300,000	1,358,500
AmeriGas Partners, LP / AmeriGas Finance Corp. 5.75% due 05/20/27 <sup>1</sup>	750,000	757,500
Total Utilities	,	6,068,675

	Face Amount~	Value
CORPORATE BONDS†† – 78.3% (continued)		
Basic Materials – 3.1%		
Eldorado Gold Corp.	7 000 000	¢ 1047.500
6.13% due 12/15/20 <sup>1,6</sup>	1,900,000	\$ 1,947,500
Alcoa Nederland Holding B.V. 7.00% due 09/30/26 <sup>1,6</sup>	1,000,000	1,095,000
GCP Applied Technologies, Inc. 9.50% due 02/01/23°	875,000	997,500
Constellium N.V. 7.88% due 04/01/21 <sup>6</sup>	750,000	807,188
Mirabela Nickel Ltd.	,	•
9.50% due 06/24/19 <sup>7,8</sup>	1,279,819	89,587
1.00% due 09/10/44 <sup>†††,1,2,8</sup>	25,570	-
New Day Aluminum 10.00% due 10/28/20 <sup>†††,2,7</sup>	5,403	4,976
Total Basic Materials	3,403	4,941,751
Diversified – 2.0%		
HRG Group, Inc.		
7.88% due 07/15/19 <sup>1</sup>	3,000,000	3,097,500
Total Corporate Bonds (Cost \$122,004,758)		124,235,355
SENIOR FLOATING RATE INTERESTS††;3 – 44.2%		
Technology – 8.7%		
Advanced Computer Software	2 250 000	2.052.125
10.67% due 01/31/23 6.56% due 03/18/22	2,250,000 879,750	2,053,125 855,557
TIBCO Software, Inc.	679,730	655,557
5.55% due 12/04/20	2,639,368	2,664,125
Planview, Inc. (PHNTM Holdings, Inc.)		
10.79% due 07/27/23 <sup>†††,2</sup>	2,000,000	1,971,676
Sparta Holding Corp.	1 710 100	1 710 000
6.65% due 07/28/20 <sup>†††,2</sup>	1,719,102	1,710,052
Aspect Software, Inc. 11.02% due 05/25/20 <sup>12</sup>	1,287,955	1,284,735
4.84% due 05/25/18†††. <sup>2,12</sup>	385,000	385,000
Qlik Technologies, Inc.	,	, , , , , ,
4.67% due 04/26/24	1,000,000	995,420
Cologix Holdings, Inc.		
8.01% due 03/20/25	750,000	751,875
Seattle Spnco	<i>2</i> 02 017	<i>ζ</i> ης 20Ε
2.75% due 04/19/24 MA Financeco	696,817	696,385
3.67% due 11/19/21	300,000	299,688
2.75% due 04/19/24	103,183	103,119
Total Technology		13,770,757

	Face Amount~	Value
SENIOR FLOATING RATE INTERESTS <sup>††,3</sup> – 44.2% (continued)		
Industrial – <b>7.9%</b> Ursa Insulation B.V. 25.00% due 04/26/21 <sup>†††,2,7</sup>	1,231,327 EUR	\$ 1,659,27
7.75% due $04/26/20^{i+1.2}$ Doncasters Group Ltd.	1,511,071 EUR	1,697,45
9.50% due 10/09/20 Advanced Integration Technology LP	1,351,724	1,299,91
6.54% due 04/03/23 Diversitech Holdings, Inc.	1,106,750	1,117,81
8.50% due 05/18/25 Bioplan USA, Inc.	1,000,000	1,011,25
. 5.75% due 09/23/21 HBC Hardware Holdings	894,903	878,49
7.65% due 03/3Ŏ/20 <sup>†††</sup> Resource Label Group LLC	862,500	845,25
11.50% due 11/26/23 SRS Distribution, Inc.	850,000	837,25
9.75% due 02/24/23 National Technical	810,000	832,27
7.25% due 06/12/21†††² Ranpak	732,407	714,09
8.25% due 10/03/22 NaNa Development Corp.	560,000	557,20
8.00% due 03/15/18 ProAmpac PG Borrower LLC	443,510	434,64
9.67% due 11/18/24 Pro Mach Group, Inc.	250,000	253,75
1.38% due 10/22/19 <sup>†††,2</sup> Omnitracs, Inc.	216,667	204,17
8.75% due 05/25/21	150,000	150,47
Wencor Group 0.89% due 06/19/19 <sup>†††,2</sup>	76,923	73,22
Total Industrial		12,566,53
Consumer, Cyclical – 7.2% Accuride Corp. 8.15% due 11/17/23	2,615,000	2,634,61
ABRA Auto Body 8.33% due 09/19/22	1,600,000	1,600,00
8.25% due 09/02/22 Sky Bet Cyan Blue HoldCo	750,000	750,00
4.59% due 02/25/22 BC Equity Ventures LLC	1,500,000 GBP	1,952,99
7.50% due 08/31/22 Sears Holdings Corp.	1,939,270	1,919,87
5.54% due 06/30/18	1,468,129	1,439,50
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SENIOR FLOATING RATE INTERESTS <sup>††,3</sup> – 44.2% (continued)		
Consumer, Cyclical – 7.2% (continued)		
Acosta, Inc. 3.65% due 09/26/19 <sup>†††2</sup>	577,778	\$ 542,075
Blue Nile, Inc. 7.66% due 02/17/23	475,000	470,250
CH Holding Corp. 8.29% due 02/03/25	200,000	204,750
Total Consumer, Cyclical		11,514,065
Consumer, Non-cyclical – 5.8%		
Reddy Ice Holdings, Inc.		
10.75% due 10/01/19	4,000,000	3,760,000
6.76% due 05/01/19	298,446	294,157
CTI Foods Holding Co. LLC		
8.40% due 06/28/21	3,430,000	2,881,200
IHC Holding Corp.		
7.02% due 04/30/21 <sup>†††,2</sup>	1,228,125	1,216,102
Hanger, Inc.		
11.50% due 08/01/19	925,000	938,875
Targus Group International, Inc.		
15.00% due 12/31/19†††. <sup>2,7,12</sup>	158,467	158,467
Targus Group International, Inc.		
14.00% due 06/07/16†††.2.7.8.12	383,461	-
American Seafoods Group LLC / American Seafoods Finance, Inc.	·	
0.88% due 08/19/21 <sup>†††,2</sup>	22,500	20,143
Total Consumer, Non-cyclical		9,268,944
Energy – 4.6%		
Invenergy Thermal		
6.50% due 10/19/22	2,409,937	2,313,540
Cactus Wellhead	2,405,557	2,313,340
7.15% due 07/31/20	1,722,019	1,635,918
Gavilan Resources LLC	1,722,013	1,055,510
7.08% due 03/01/24	1,500,000	1,483,125
	1,300,000	1,703,123
MRP Generation Holding 8.15% due 10/18/22	746,250	731,325
Exgen Texas Power LLC	740,230	751,323
5.90% due 09/18/21 <sup>7</sup>	1,044,603	592,812
Summit Midstream Partners, LP	1,077,005	372,012
7.02% due 05/13/22	500,000	508,750
	300,000	
Total Energy		7,265,470
Communications – 4.0%		
Anaren, Inc.		
9.40% due 08/18/21	2,200,000	2,166,999
Cengage Learning Acquisitions, Inc.		
5.25% due 06/07/23	2,288,078	2,153,379
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SENIOR FLOATING RATE INTERESTS <sup>††,3</sup> – 44.2% (continued)		
Communications – 4.0% (continued)		
CSC Holdings, LLC		
3.25% due 07/17/25	1,350,000	\$ 1,346,963
Proquest LLC 10.01% due 12/15/22	656,200	635,694
Total Communications	,	6,303,035
Utilities – 3.7%		
Moss Creek Resources LLC		
9.50% due 04/07/22 <sup>†††,2</sup>	2,916,667	2,851,042
Panda Temple II Power	2 062 500	2 502 107
7.25% due 04/03/19 Stonewall	2,962,500	2,592,187
6.65% due 11/15/21	450,000	409,500
Total Utilities	,	5,852,729
Financial – 1.8%		
Misys Ltd.		
4.50% due 04/26/24	1,600,000	1,603,072
4.25% due 04/26/24	650,000 EUR	739,694
Integro Parent, Inc. 6.75% due 10/28/22	543,282	543,282
Total Financial	,	2,886,048
Electric – 0.3%		
Viva Alamo LLC		
5.30% due 02/22/21	496,159	416,773
Transportation – 0.2%		
Ceva Group PLC (UK)		
3.15% due 03/19/19	310,000 EUR	313,792
Total Senior Floating Rate Interests (Cost \$72,214,378)		70,158,148
ASSET BACKED SECURITIES†† – 11.9%		. ,
Collateralized Loan Obligations – 9.4%		
CIFC Funding Ltd.		
2014-1A, 5.66% due 04/18/25 <sup>3,6</sup>	1,340,000	1,273,728
Anchorage Credit Funding 1 Ltd	7 000 000	7 007 000
2015-1A, 6.30% due 07/28/30°	1,000,000	1,001,023
Monroe Capital CLO 2014-1 Ltd. 2014-1A, 5.88% due 10/22/26 <sup>1,3,6</sup>	1,000,000	975,878
Eaton Vance CLO Ltd.	1,000,000	5, 5,070
2014-1A, 6.19% due 07/15/26 <sup>3,6</sup>	1,000,000	933,562
Denali Capital CLO X Ltd.		
2013-1A, 6.92% due 04/28/25 <sup>1,3,6</sup>	1,000,000	931,540

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ASSET BACKED SECURITIES†† – 11.9% (continued)			
Collateralized Loan Obligations – 9.4% (continued)			
OZLM XI Ltd. 2015-11A, 7.32% due 01/30/27 <sup>3,6</sup>	1,000,000	\$	894,121
Ares Enhanced Loan Investment Strategy IR Ltd.	1,000,000	J	054,121
2013-IRAR, 6.15% due 07/23/25 <sup>1,3,6</sup>	830,000		813,889
NewStar Arlington Senior Loan Program LLC			
2014-1A, 5.41% due 07/25/25 <sup>1,3,6</sup>	750,000		718,670
Saranac CLO III Ltd. 2014-3A, 6.31% due 06/22/25 <sup>3,6</sup>	750,000		693,750
Babson CLO Ltd.	750,000		0,5,750
2012-2A, 0.00% due 05/15/23 <sup>1,6,10</sup>	1,000,000		582,935
Fortress Credit Opportunities V CLO Ltd.			
2017-5A, 5.70% due 10/15/26 <sup>3,6</sup>	500,000		501,388
FDF   Ltd.			
2015-1A, 6.88% due 11/12/30 <sup>1,6</sup>	500,000		500,435
Cerberus Onshore II CLO-2 LLC 2014-1A, 5.17% due 10/15/23 <sup>1,3,6</sup>	500,000		495,909
Fortress Credit Opportunities VI CLO Ltd.	300,000		453,505
2015-6A, 6.11% due 10/10/26 <sup>1,3,6</sup>	500,000		493,337
Jamestown CLO VI Ltd.	,		,
2015-6A, 5.92% due 02/20/27 <sup>3,6</sup>	500,000		474,225
Saranac CLO II Ltd.			
2014-2A, 6.32% due 02/20/25 <sup>3,6</sup>	500,000		469,083
MP CLO V Ltd. 2014-1A, 7.06% due 07/18/26 <sup>3,6</sup>	500,000		465,861
WhiteHorse VII Ltd.	500,000		703,001
2013-1A, 5.99% due 11/24/25 <sup>3,6</sup>	500,000		464,588
Adams Mill CLO Ltd.	·		
2014-1A, 6.16% due 07/15/26 <sup>3,6</sup>	500,000		462,586
Treman Park CLO Ltd.			
2015-1A, 0.00% due 04/20/27 <sup>1,6,10</sup>	500,000		440,433
Dryden 41 Senior Loan Fund 2015-41A, 0.00% due 01/15/28 <sup>1,6,10</sup>	600,000		434,503
KVK CLO Ltd.	000,000		7,505
2014-2A, 5.91% due 07/15/26 <sup>3,6</sup>	500,000		434,189
Shackleton CLO			
2014-6A, 6.91% due 07/17/26 <sup>3,6</sup>	250,000		230,954
Voya CLO Ltd.	252.222		
2015-3A, 7.66% due 10/20/27 <sup>3,6</sup>	250,000		230,000
Total Collateralized Loan Obligations			14,916,587
Transportation – 2.2%			
Apollo Aviation Securitization Equity Trust			
2014-1, 7.38% due 12/15/29³	722,680		722,680
2016-2, 7.87% due 11/15/41 2016-1A, 9.20% due 03/17/36 <sup>1,6,7</sup>	450,000 383,350		450,546 385,267
2010-1A, 3.20/0 due 03/11/30 ···	JOZ,230		303,207
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ASSET BACKED SECURITIES <sup>††</sup> – 11.9% (continued)		
Transportation – 2.2% (continued)		
Turbine Engines Securitization Ltd. 2013-1A, 6.38% due 12/13/48 <sup>1,11</sup>	286,776	\$ 266,701
Emerald Aviation Finance Ltd. 2013-1, 6.35% due 10/15/38 <sup>1,6,7</sup>	1,091,719	1,124,179
Rise Ltd. 2014-1AB, 6.50% due 02/12/39 <sup>†††</sup>	353,296	354,048
AASET 2014-1 C, 10.00% due 12/15/29	138,934	138,935
Total Transportation		3,442,356
Financial – 0.3% NCBJ 2015-1 A 5.88% due 07/08/22†††.12	500,000	500,964
Total Asset Backed Securities (Cost \$17,659,968)	300,000	18,859,907
Total Investments – 142.5% (Cost \$228,505,629)		\$ 226,134,994
Other Assets & Liabilities, net – (42.5)%		(67,472,431)
Total Net Assets – 100.0%		\$ 158,662,563

- ~ The face amount is denominated in U.S. Dollars, unless otherwise noted.
- \* Non-income producing security.
- \*\* Less than 0.1%
- † Value determined based on Level 1 inputs, unless otherwise noted See Note 4.
- †† Value determined based on Level 2 inputs, unless otherwise noted See Note 4.
- ††† Value determined based on Level 3 inputs See Note 4.
  - All or a portion of these securities have been physically segregated in connection with borrowings, reverse repurchase agreements and unfunded loan commitments. As of May 31, 2017, the total value of securities segregated was \$102,798,953.
  - 2 Security was fair valued by the Valuation Committee at May 31, 2017. The total market value of fair valued securities amounts to \$18,419,037, (cost \$21,125,279) or 11.6% of total net assets.
  - 3 Variable rate security. Rate indicated is rate effective at May 31, 2017.
  - 4 Perpetual maturity.
  - 5 Rate indicated is the 7-day yield as of May 31, 2017.
  - 6 Security is a 144A or Section 4(a) (2) security. These securities have been determined to be liquid under guidelines established by the Board of Trustees. The total market value of 144A or Section 4(a) (2) liquid securities is \$89,317,196 (cost (\$85,179,925), or 56.3% of total net assets.
  - 7 Payment-in-kind security.
  - 8 Security is in default of interest and/or principal obligations.
  - 9 Security is a step up/step down bond. The coupon increases or decreases at regular intervals until the bond reaches full maturity.

- Security has no stated coupon. However, it is expected to receive residual cash flow payments on defined deal dates.
- Security is a 144A or Section 4(a)(2) security. These securities are considered illiquid and restricted under guidelines established by the Board of Trustees. The total market value of 144A or Section 4(a)(2) securities is \$373,981 (cost \$1,066,121), or 0.2% of total net assets See Note 12.
- 12 Investment in an affiliated issuer. See Note 13.
- B.V. Limited Liability Company
- CLO Collateralized Loan Obligation
- EUR Euro
- GBP Great Britain Pound
- LLC Limited Liability Company
- N.V. Publicly Traded Company
- plc Public Limited Company
- S.A. Corporation

See Sector Classification in Supplemental Information section.

The following table summarizes the inputs used to value the Fund's investments at May 31, 2017 (see Note 4 in the Notes to Financial Statements):

		Level 2 Significant	Level 3 Significant	
	Level 1	Observable	Unobservable	
Description	Quoted Prices	Inputs	Inputs	Total
Assets:				
Common Stocks	\$ 1,664,432	\$ -	\$ 1,386,620	\$ 3,051,052
Preferred Stocks	4,595,924	-	_	4,595,924
Warrants	_	40,079		40,079
Exchange-Traded Funds	4,447,138	-	_	4,447,138
Short Term Investments	747,391	-	_	747,391
Corporate Bonds	_	120,221,723	4,013,632	124,235,355
Senior Floating Rate Interests	-	56,110,120	14,048,028	70,158,148
Asset Backed Securities	-	18,004,895	855,012	18,859,907
Forward Foreign Currency Exchange Contracts*	_	29,864	_	29,864
Total Assets	\$11,454,885	\$194,406,681	\$194,406,681 \$20,303,292	
Liabilities:				
Forward Foreign Currency Exchange Contracts*	\$ -	\$ 198,613	\$ -	\$ 198,613
Unfunded Loan Commitments	-	-	671,334	671,334
Total Liabilities	\$ -	\$ 198,613	\$ 671,334	\$ 869,947

<sup>\*</sup> Represents the unrealized gain/loss at the end of the period.

Please refer to the Schedule of Investments for a breakdown of investment type by industry category.

The following is a summary of the significant unobservable input used in the fair valuation of assets and liabilities categorized within the Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy:

Category	Ending Balance at 5/31/2017	Valuation Technique	Unobservable Inputs	Input Range
Assets:				
Asset Backed Securities	\$ 354,048	Option adjusted spread off the month end broker quote over the 3 month LIBOR	Indicative Quote	-
Asset Backed Securities	500,964	Option adjusted spread	Indicative Quote for Comparable Security	-
Corporate Bonds	684,957	Option adjusted spread off the month end broker quote over the 3 month LIBOR	Indicative Quote	-
Corporate Bonds	3,328,675	Model Price	Market Comparable Yields	5.7% - 10.4%
Common Stocks	1,386,260	Enterprise Value	Valuation Multiple	6.3x -13.0x
Common Stocks	360	Model Price	Liquidation Value	-
Senior Floating Rate Interests	845,250	Option adjusted spread off the month end broker quote over the 3 month LIBOR	Indicative Quote	-
Senior Floating Rate Interests	5,451,774	Enterprise Value	Valuation Multiple	6.7x - 13.0x
Senior Floating Rate Interests	5,662,338	Model Price	Purchase Price	-
Senior Floating Rate Interests	1,930,199	Model Price	Market Comparable Yields	5.3% - 5.7%
Senior Floating Rate Interests	158,467	Model Price	Liquidation Value	-
Total Assets	\$20,303,292			
Liabilities:				
Unfunded Loan Commitments	\$671,334	Model Price	Purchase Price	_

Significant changes in indicative quote or valuation multiple would generally result in significant changes in the fair value of the security.

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 period.

As of May 31, 2017, the Fund had a security with a total value of \$73,228 transfer from Level 2 to Level 3 due to lack of availability of market price information at the year end. The Fund had a security with a total value of \$228,522 transfer from Level 3 to Level 2 due to availability of market price information at year end.

#### Summary of Fair Value of Level 3 Activity

Following is a reconciliation of Level 3 assets and liabilities for which significant unobservable inputs were used to determine fair value for the year ended May 31, 2017:

		Asse	ts			Liabilities
	Senior Floating Rate Interests	Asset-Backed Securities	Corporate Bonds	Common Stocks	Total Assets	Unfunded Loan Commitments
Beginning Balance	\$11,180,172	\$1,351,858	\$ 5,956,415	\$1,484,363	\$19,972,808	\$(1,024,204)
Purchases/(Receipts)	8,440,258	_	_	86,291	8,526,549	(978,408)
Corporate Actions	-	_	(380,626)	380,626	_	_
Paydowns Received	(1,969,759)	(367,022)	(1,566,417)	_	(3,903,198)	_
Payment-in-kind Distributions						
Received	44,862	_	16,290	_	61,152	-
Realized Gain/(Loss)	(651,565)	_	_	(26)	(651,591)	503,838
Total change in unrealized gains						
or (losses) included in earning	s 874,032	9,901	29,967	(564,634)	349,266	23,146
Accrued discounts/(premiums)	(23,307)	(790)	47,590	_	23,493	-
(Sales)/Fundings	(3,919,893)	_	-	_	(3,919,893)	804,294
Transfers into Level 3	73,228	_	_	_	73,228	-
Transfers out of Level 3	_	(138,935)	(89,587)	_	(228,522)	_
Ending Balance	\$14,048,028	\$ 855,012	\$ 4,013,632	\$1,386,620	\$20,303,292	\$ (671,334)
Net change in unrealized						
appreciation (depreciation)						
for investments in securities						
still held at May 31, 2017	\$ 249,964	\$ 7,529	\$ 69,369	\$ (564,634)	\$ (237,772)	\$ 254,621

ASSETS:

Investments in unaffiliated issuers, at value (cost \$224,770,288)	\$	223,394,700
Investments in affiliated issuers, at value (cost \$3,735,341)		2,740,294
Foreign currency, at value (cost \$269,603)		269,603
Cash		247,100
Unrealized appreciation on forward foreign currency exchange contracts		29,864
Receivables:		
Interest		2,866,397
Investments sold		1,756,931
Fund shares sold		269,847
Tax reclaims		10,414
Other assets		4,357
Total assets		231,589,507
LIABILITIES:		
Reverse repurchase agreements		61,258,540
Borrowings		4,500,000
Unfunded loan commitments, at value (Note 10) (commitment fees		
received \$1,349,303)		671,334
Segregated Cash from broker		524,000
Interest payable on borrowings		77,462
Unrealized depreciation on forward foreign currency exchange contracts		198,613
Payable for:		
Investments purchased		5,339,493
Investment advisory fees		193,594
Offering costs		27,752
Trustee's fees and expenses*		6,284
Accrued expenses and other liabilities		129,872
Total liabilities		72,926,944
NET ASSETS	\$	158,662,563
NET ASSETS CONSIST OF:		
Common stock, \$.01 par value per share; unlimited number of shares authorized, 7,013,806 shares issued and outstanding	\$	70,138
Additional paid-in capital		166,182,709
Undistributed net investment income		1,247,091
Accumulated net realized loss on investments		(6,962,393)
Net unrealized depreciation on investments		(1,874,982)
NET ASSETS	\$	158,662,563
Net Asset Value	\$	22.62
* Relates to Trustees not deemed "interested persons" within the meaning of Section	2(a) (19) o	of the 1940 Act.

See notes to financial statements.

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For the Year Ended May 31, 2017	
INVESTMENT INCOME	
Interest from securities of unaffiliated issuers	\$ 16,011,650
Interest from securities of affiliated issuers	262,974
Dividends	274,176
Total investment income	16,548,800
EXPENSES	
Investment advisory fees	2,122,221
Interest expense	945,212
Professional fees	210,050
Excise tax expense	122,457
Trustees' fees and expenses*	81,270
Fund accounting fees	73,729
Administration fees	57,403
Printing fees	36,756
Custodian fees	28,994
Registration and filings	24,725
Transfer agent fees	20,269
Insurance	7,975
Other Expenses	1,900
Total expenses	3,732,961
Net investment income	12,815,839
NET REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS)	
Net realized gain (loss) on:	
Investments in unaffiliated issuers	(2,622,919)
Foreign currency transactions	1,187,610
Net realized (loss)	(1,435,309)
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on:	
Investments in unaffiliated issuers	18,158,128
Investments in affiliated issuers	(672,364)
Foreign currency translations	(419,665)
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on:	17,066,099
Net realized and unrealized gain	15,630,790
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations	\$ 28,446,629

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

	Year Ended May 31, 2017	Year Ended May 31, 2016
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS FROM OPERATIONS:		
Net investment income	\$ 12,815,839	\$ 13,366,634
Net realized (loss) on investments	(1,435,309)	(3,042,312)
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments	17,066,099	(14,515,990)
Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations	28,446,629	(4,191,668)
DISTRIBUTIONS TO SHAREHOLDERS:		
From net investment income	(14,635,933)	(14,423,713)
SHAREHOLDER TRANSACTIONS		
Net proceeds from shares issued through at-the-market offering	8,558,824	_
Reinvestments	202,920	4,542
Common share offering costs charged to paid-in capital	(51,978)	_
Net increase from capital share transactions	8,709,766	4,542
Total increase (decrease) in net assets	22,520,462	(18,610,839)
NET ASSETS:		
Beginning of year	136,142,101	154,752,940
End of year	\$ 158,662,563	\$ 136,142,101
Undistributed net investment income at end of year	\$ 1,247,091	\$ 2,415,765

For the '	Year Ended	May 31.	2017
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Cash Flows from Operating Act	tivities:
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Net Increase in net assets resulting from operations	\$ 28,446,629	

# Adjustments to Reconcile Net Increase in Net Assets Resulting from Operations to

Net Cash Used In Operating and Investing Activities:	
Net change in unrealized (appreciation) depreciation on investments	

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#### Commitment fees received and repayments of unfunded commitments Loan commitment fundings

# Increase in segregated cash from broker

## Increase in payable for investments purchased

## Increase in investment advisory fees payable

#### Increase in interest payable on borrowings Increase in trustees fees and expenses payable

## Decrease in accrued expenses and other liabilities

# Net Cash Used in Operating and Investing Activities

#### **Cash Flows From Financing Activities:** Net proceeds from the issuance of common shares

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Distributions	to co	mmon	sharek	olders

# Payments made on borrowings

# Offering costs in connection with the issuance of common shares

### Net Cash Used in Financing Activities Net decrease in cash

# Cash at Beginning of Year (including foreign currency)

# Cash at End of Year (including foreign currency)

#### Supplemental Disclosure of Cash Flow Information: Cash paid during the year for interest

Supplemental Disclosure of Non Cash Financing Activity: Dividend reinvestment

Supplemental Disclosure of Non Cash Financing Activity: Additional principal

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# FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

	yea May 3	For the year ended May 31, 2017	yea May	For the year ended May 31, 2016	уеаг Мау 3	For the year ended May 31, 2015	Perio May 3	Period Ended May 31, 2014 <sup>(a)</sup>
Per Share Data:								
Net asset value, beginning of period	\$	20.53	∽	23.34	∽	24.71	∽	23.82
Income from investment operations:								
Net investment income <sup>(b)</sup>		1.91		2.02		1.95		76.
Net gain (loss) on investments (realized and unrealized)		2.36		(2.65)		(1.16)		0.71
Total from investment operations		4.27		(0.63)		0.79		2.35
Less distributions from:								
Net investment income		(2.18)		(2.18)		(1.57)		(1.46)
Capital gains		I		I		(0.59)		I
Total distributions to shareholders		(2.18)		(2.18)		(2.16)		(1.46)
Net asset value, end of period	\$	22.62	₩	20.53	\$	23.34	₩	24.71
Market value, end of period	s	23.18	∽	19.86	₩	23.07	₩	24.68
Total Return <sup>(c)</sup>								
Net asset value		21.55%		-2.31%		3.45%		10.12%
Market value		28.83%		-4.00%		2.54%		2.08%
Ratios/Supplemental Data:								
Net assets, end of period (in thousands)	S	158,663 \$ 136,142 \$ 154,753 \$ 163,815	∽	136,142	<b>∽</b>	54,753	\$	163,815

1.73% 7.28% 54%

2.04% 8.23% 55%

2.27% 9.68% 63%

2.52% 8.67% 47%

Ratio to average net assets of: Total expenses, including interest expense<sup>(d)</sup> Net investment income, including interest expense

Portfolio turnover rate<sup>(e)</sup>

	year May 3	For the year ended May 31, 2017	For the year ended May 31, 2016		For the year ended May 31, 2015		Period Ended May 31, 2014 <sup>(a)</sup>	Ended 2014(a)
Per Share Data:								
Senior Indebtedness:								
Borrowings-committed facility agreement (in thousands)	↔	4,500		N/A		A/A		N/A
Asset coverage per \$1,000 of borrowings <sup>(g)</sup>	↔	49,871		N/A		N/A		N/A
Reverse repurchase agreements (in thousands) <sup>(h)</sup>	S	61,259	\$	29,667	\$	5,943	\$	33,344
Total borrowings and reverse repurchase agreements outstanding (in thousands)	↔	65,759	\$	29,667	\$	65,943	\$	53,344
Asset coverage per \$1,000 of total indebtedness <sup>(f)</sup>	\$	3,413	<b>∽</b>	3,282	↔	3,360	\$	4,071

- Since commencement of operations: June 26, 2013. Percentage amounts for the period, except total return and portfolio turnover rate, have been annualized.
- Based on average shares outstanding. (C) (D)
- or market price per share. Dividends and distribution are assumed to be reinvested at NAV for NAV returns or the prices obtained under the Fund's Dividend Reinvestment Plan for Total return is calculated assuming a purchase of a common share at the beginning of the period and a sale on the last day of the period reported either at net asset value ("NAV" market value returns. Total investment return does not reflect brokerage commissions. A return calculated for a period of less than one year is not annualized.
  - Excluding interest expense, the annualized operation expense ratio would be 1.88%, 1.82%, 1.76% and 1.55% for the years ended May 31, 2017, May 31, 2016, May 31, 2015 and May 31, 2014, respectively. Ð
- Portfolio turnover is not annualized for periods of less than one year.
- Calculated by subtracting the Fund's total liabilities (not including borrowings or reverse repurchase agreements) from the Fund's total assets and dividing by the total borrowings and reverse repurchase agreements. (E)
- As a result of the Fund having earmarked or segregated cash or liquid securities to collateralize the transactions or otherwise having covered the transactions, in accordance with Calculated by subtracting the Fund's total liabilities (not including the borrowings or reverse repurchase agreements) from the Fund's total assets and dividing by the borrowings. (B)
  - releases and interpretive letters issued by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), the Fund doesn't treat its obligations under such transactions as senior securiies representing indebtedness for purposes of the 1940 Act.

#### Note 1 - Organization:

Guggenheim Credit Allocation Fund (the "Fund") was organized as a Delaware statutory trust on June 7, 2012, and commenced investment operations on June 26, 2013. The Fund is registered as a diversified, closed-end management investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act").

The Fund's investment objective is to seek total return through a combination of current income and capital appreciation.

#### Note 2 - Accounting Policies:

The Fund operates as an investment company and accordingly follows 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 ("GAAP") and are consistently followed by the Fund. This requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities and disclosure of 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.

#### (a) Valuation of Investments

The Board of Trustees of the Fund (the "Board") has adopted policies and procedures for the valuation of the Fund's 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 day-to-day responsibility for implementing the Valuation Procedures, including, under most circumstances, the responsibility for determining the fair value of the Fund's securities or other assets.

Valuations of the Fund's 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 and will review the valuation of all assets which have been fair valued for reasonableness. The Fund's officers, through the Valuation Committee and consistent with the monitoring and review responsibilities set forth in the Valuation Procedures, regularly review procedures used by, 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 NASDAQ market system are valued at the NASDAQ 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 such day, the security is valued at the mean of the most recent bid and asked prices on such day.

Open-end investment companies ("Mutual Funds") are valued at their NAV as of the close of business on the valuation date. Exchange Traded Funds ("ETFs") and closed-end investment companies are valued at the last quoted sale price.

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 and repurchase agreements are valued at amortized cost, provided such amount approximates market value.

Typically loans are valued using information provided by an independent third party pricing service which uses broker quotes in a non-active market.

Generally, trading in foreign securities markets is substantially completed each day at various times prior to the close of the NYSE. The values of foreign securities are determined as of the close of such foreign markets or the close of the NYSE, if earlier. All investments quoted in foreign currency are valued in U.S. dollars on the basis of the foreign currency exchange rates prevailing at the close of U.S. business at 4:00 p.m. Investments in foreign securities may involve risks not present in domestic investments. The Valuation Committee will determine the current value of such foreign securities by taking into consideration certain factors which may include those discussed above, as well as the following factors, among others: the value of the securities traded on other foreign markets, ADR trading, closed-end fund trading, foreign currency exchange activity, and the trading prices of financial products that are tied to foreign securities such as World Equity Benchmark Securities. In addition, under the Valuation Procedures, the Valuation Committee and the Guggenheim Funds Investment Advisors, LLC ("GFIA or the "Adviser") are authorized to use prices and other information supplied by a third party pricing vendor in valuing foreign securities.

Investments for which market quotations are not readily available are fair valued as determined in good faith by the Adviser, subject to review 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) "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 Treasuries, and other information analysis.

# (b) Investment Transactions and Investment Income

Investment transactions are accounted for on the trade date. Realized gains and losses on investments are determined on the identified cost basis. Paydown gains and losses on mortgage and asset-backed securities are treated as an adjustment to interest income. Dividend income is recorded net of applicable withholding taxes on the ex-dividend date and interest income is recorded on an accrual basis. Discounts or premiums on debt securities purchased are accreted or amortized to interest income over the lives of the respective securities using the effective interest method.

# (c) Currency Translation

Assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into U.S. dollars at the mean of the bid and asked price of respective exchange rates on the last day of the period. Purchases and sales of investments denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the exchange rate on the bid and asked price of respective exchange rates on the date of the transaction.

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

Foreign exchange realized gain or loss resulting from holding of a foreign currency, expiration of a currency exchange contract, difference in exchange rates between the trade date and settlement date of an investment purchased or sold, and the difference between dividends or interest actually received compared to the amount shown in the Fund's accounting records on the date of receipt is shown as net realized gains or losses on foreign currency transactions on the Fund's Statement of Operations.

Foreign exchange unrealized gain or loss on assets and liabilities, other than investments, is shown as unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on foreign currency translation on the Fund's Statement of Operations.

# (d) Forward Exchange Currency Contracts

Forward foreign currency exchange contracts are agreements between two parties to buy and sell currencies at a set price on a future date. Fluctuations in the value of open forward foreign currency exchange contracts are recorded for financial reporting purposes as unrealized appreciation and depreciation by the Fund until the contracts are closed. When the contracts are closed, realized gains and losses are recorded, and included on the Statement of Operations in foreign currency transactions.

# (e) Distributions to Shareholders

The Fund declares and pays monthly distributions to common shareholders. These distributions consist of investment company taxable income, which generally includes qualified dividend income, ordinary income and short-term capital gains. Any net realized long-term capital gains are distributed annually to common shareholders. To the extent distributions exceed taxable income, the excess will be deemed a return of capital.

Distributions to shareholders are recorded on the ex-dividend date. The amount and timing of distributions are determined in accordance with federal income tax regulations, which may differ from GAAP.

# (f) Indemnifications

Under the Fund's organizational documents, its Trustees and Officers are indemnified against certain liabilities arising out of the performance of their duties to the Fund. In addition, throughout the normal course of business, the Fund enters into contracts that contain a variety of representations and warranties which provide general indemnifications. The Fund's maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown, as this would involve future claims that may be

made against the Fund and/or its affiliates that have not yet occurred. However, based on experience, the Fund expects the risk of loss to be remote.

Note 3 – Investment Advisory Agreement, Sub-Advisory Agreement and Other Agreements: Pursuant to an Investment Advisory Agreement (the "Agreement") between the Fund and Guggenheim Funds Investment Advisors, LLC, the Adviser furnishes offices, necessary facilities and equipment, provides administrative services, oversees the activities of Guggenheim Partners Investment Management, LLC ("GPIM" or the "Sub-Adviser"), provides personnel including certain officers required for the Fund's administrative management and compensates the officers or trustees of the Fund who are affiliates of the Adviser. As compensation for these services, the Fund pays the Adviser a fee, payable monthly, in an amount equal to 1.00% of the Fund's average daily managed assets.

Pursuant to a Sub-Advisory Agreement (the "Sub-Advisory Agreement") among the Fund, the Adviser and the Sub-Adviser, GPIM, under the supervision of the Fund's Board of Trustees and the Adviser, provides a continuous investment program for the Fund's portfolio; provides investment research, makes and executes recommendations for the purchase and sale of securities; and provides certain facilities and personnel, including certain officers required for its administrative management and pays the compensation of all officers and trustees of the Fund who are GPIM's affiliates. As compensation for its services, the Adviser pays GPIM a fee, payable monthly, in an annual amount equal to 0.50% of the Fund's average daily managed assets.

For purposes of calculating the fees payable under the foregoing agreements, "average daily managed assets" means the average daily value of the Fund's total assets minus the sum of its accrued liabilities. "Total assets" means all of the Fund's assets and is not limited to its investment securities. "Accrued liabilities" means all of the Fund's liabilities other than borrowings for investment purposes.

Certain officers and trustees of the Fund may also be officers, directors and/or employees of the Adviser or GPIM. The Fund does not compensate its officers or trustees who are officers, directors and/or employees of the aforementioned firms.

Rydex Fund Services, LLC ("RFS"), provided fund administration services to the Fund. On October 4, 2016, RFS was purchased by MUFG Investor Services and as of that date RFS ceased to be an affiliate of the Investment Adviser. In connection with its acquisition, RFS changed its name to MUFG Investor Services (US), LLC ("MUIS"). This change has no impact on the financial statements of the Fund.

MUIS acts as the Fund's administrator and accounting agent. As administrator and accounting agent, MUIS is responsible for maintaining the books and records of the Fund's securities and cash. The Bank of New York ("BNY") acts as the Fund's custodian. As custodian, BNY is responsible for the custody of the Fund's assets. For providing the aforementioned services, MUIS and BNY are entitled to receive a monthly fee equal to an annual percentage of the Fund's average daily managed assets subject to certain minimum monthly fees and out of pocket expenses.

# Note 4 - Fair Value Measurement:

In accordance with GAAP, fair value is defined as the price that the Fund 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. 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.

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.

Independent pricing services are used to value a majority of the Fund's investments. When values are not available from a pricing service, they will be determined under the valuation policies that have been reviewed and approved by the Board. In any event, values are determined using a variety of sources and techniques, including: market 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 Treasuries, and other information and analysis. A significant portion of the Funds' assets and liabilities are categorized as Level 2 or Level 3, as indicated in this report.

Indicative quotes from broker-dealers, adjusted for fluctuations in criteria such as credit spreads and interest rates, may be also used to value the Fund's assets and liabilities, i.e. prices provided by a broker-dealer or other market participant who has not committed to trade at that price. Although indicative quotes are typically received from established market participants, the Fund may not have the transparency to view the underlying inputs which support the market quotations.

Certain fixed income securities are valued by obtaining a monthly indicative quote from a broker dealer, adjusted for fluctuations in criteria such as credit spreads and interest rates.

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 - Federal Income Taxes:

The Fund intends to continue to comply with the requirements of Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Internal Revenue Code"), applicable to regulated investment companies.

The Fund may be subject to an excise tax of 4% of the amount by which 98% of the Fund's annual taxable income and 98.2% of net realized gains exceed the distributions from such taxable income and realized gains for the calendar year. The Fund paid excise tax of \$122,457 or \$0.02 per share, attributable to calendar year 2016.

Due to inherent differences in the recognition of income, expenses, and realized gains/losses under GAAP and federal income tax purposes, permanent differences between book and tax basis reporting have been identified and appropriately reclassified on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. At May 31, 2017, the following reclassification was made to the capital accounts of the Fund to reflect permanent book and tax differences relating to foreign currency reclasses, bond bifurcation, paydown losses, equity to debt adjustments and excise tax paid. Net investment income, net realized gains and net assets were not affected by these changes.

 Undistributed Net Investment Income		N	ccumulated let Realized Gain (Loss)	Additional Paid-In Capital	
\$	651,420	\$	(528,963)	\$	(122,457)

As of May 31, 2017 the cost of investments and accumulated unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments for federal income tax purposes were as follows:

	Cost of nvestments for Tax Purposes	Gross Tax Unrealized Appreciation		Gross Tax Unrealized Depreciation	Net Tax Unrealized reciation on Investments
\$ :	228,984,457	\$	8,861,681	\$ (11,711,144)	\$ (2,849,463)

The differences between book basis and tax basis unrealized appreciation (depreciation) is primarily attributable to the tax deferral of losses on wash sales, adjustments for collateralized loan obligations and the marking to market of 1256 contracts.

As of May 31, 2017, the components of accumulated earnings/(losses) (excluding paid-in capital) on a tax basis were as follows:

	Accumulated Long-Term Gains/	Net Unrealized	
Undistributed Ordinary Income	(Accumulated Capital Losses)	Appreciation/ (Depreciation)	
\$ 1,429,158	\$ (6,834,381)	\$ (2,185,061)	

For the year ended May 31, 2017, the tax character of distributions paid to shareholders as reflected in the Statements of Changes in Net Assets was as follows:

Distributions paid from	2017	2016
Ordinary Income	\$ 14,635,933	\$ 14,423,713

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

For Federal income tax purposes, capital loss carryforwards represent realized losses of the Fund that may be carried forward and applied against future capital gains. Under the RIC Modernization Act of 2010, the Fund is 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 short-term or long-term capital losses. As of May 31, 2017, the Fund had a long-term capital loss carryforwards of \$6,834,381.

For all open tax years and all major jurisdictions, management of the Fund has concluded that there are no significant uncertain tax positions that would require recognition in the financial statements. Uncertain tax positions are tax positions taken or expected to be taken in the course of preparing the Fund's tax returns that would not meet a more-likely-than not threshold of being sustained by the applicable tax authority and would be recorded as a tax expense in the current year. Open tax years are those that are open for examination by taxing authorities (i.e. generally the last four tax year ends and the interim tax period since then).

# Note 6 - Investments in Securities:

During the year ended May 31, 2017, the cost of purchases and proceeds from sales of investments, excluding short-term investments were \$143,933,610 and \$98,147,377, respectively.

The Fund is 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 May 31, 2017, the Fund engaged in purchases and sales of securities, pursuant to Rule 17a-7 of the 1940 Act, as follows:

	Purchases	Sales	(	Realized Gain (Loss)
\$	1,244,063	\$ 12,172,219	\$	355,913

# Note 7 - 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. 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 Fund may utilize derivatives for the following purposes:

**Hedge** – an investment made in order to reduce the risk of adverse price movements in a security, by taking an offsetting position to protect against broad market moves.

# (a) Forward Foreign Currency Exchange Contracts

The Fund enters into forward foreign currency exchange contracts in order to hedge its exposure to changes in foreign currency exchange rates on its foreign portfolio holdings, to hedge certain firm purchases and sales commitments denominated in foreign currencies and for investment purposes.

A forward foreign currency exchange contract is a commitment to purchase or sell a foreign currency on a future date at a negotiated forward rate. Risk may arise from the potential inability of a counterparty to meet the terms of a contract and from unanticipated movements in the value of a foreign currency relative to the U.S. dollar. The face or contract amount, in U.S. dollars, reflects the total exposure the Fund has in that particular currency contract.

As of May 31, 2017, the following forward foreign currency exchange contracts were outstanding:

Contracts to Sell		Counterparty	Settlement Settlement terparty Date Value		Value as of 5/31/17	Net Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)	
CAD for USD	1,211,000 884,034	Morgan Stanley	6/12/2017	884,034	896,830	\$	(12,796)
EUR for USD	6,192,000 6,775,014	Bank of America	6/12/2017	6,775,014	6,960,156	\$	(185,142)
EUR for USD	130,000 145,452	Bank of America	6/12/2017	145,452	146,127	\$	(675)
GBP for USD	4,778,000 6,187,950	JP Morgan	6/12/2017	6,187,950	6,158,086	\$	29,864
Total unrealized depreciation for forward foreign currency exchange contracts							(168,749)

# (b) Summary of Derivatives Information

The following table presents the types of derivatives in the Fund by location as presented on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities as of May 31, 2017.

# Statement of Asset and Liabilities Presentation of Fair Values of Derivative Instruments (\$000s):

	Asset Derivativ	es	Liability Derivatives	
Primary Risk Exposure	Statement of Assets and Liabilities Location	Fair Value	Statement of Assets and Liabilities Location	Fair Value
	Unrealized appreciation on forward foreign currency		Unrealized depreciation on forward foreign currency	
Foreign exchange risk	exchange contracts	\$30	exchange contracts	\$199

The following table presents the effect of derivatives instruments on the Statement of Operations for the year ended May 31, 2017.

Amount of Realized Gain (Loss) on Derivatives (value in \$000s)					
Primary Risk Exposure	Foreign Currency Transactions				
Foreign exchange risk	\$1,188				
Change in Unrealized	Depreciation on Derivatives (value in \$000s)				

Primary Risk Exposure	Foreign Currency Translations				
Foreign exchange risk	\$(406)*				
* The Statement of Operations includes change	e in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on foreign				

The Statement of Operations includes change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on foreign currency and payables or receivables in foreign currency.

# **Derivative Volume**

# **Forward Foreign Currency Exchange Contracts:**

The Fund had the following activity in forward foreign currency exchange contracts during the year ended May 31, 2017:

Quarterly Average Settlement Value Purchased Quarterly Average Settlement Value Sold \$ 570,009 14,676,637

# Note 8 - Offsetting:

In the normal course of business, the Fund enters into transactions subject to enforceable master netting arrangements or other similar arrangements. Generally, the right to offset in those agreements allows the Fund to counteract the exposure to a specific counterparty with collateral received 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 Fund mitigate their counterparty risk, the Fund 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 Fund and the counterparty. For financial reporting purposes, cash collateral that has been pledged to cover obligations of the Fund and cash collateral received from the counterparty, if any, is reported separately on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities as segregated cash with broker/ receivable for variation margin, or payable for swap settlement/variation margin. Generally, the amount of collateral due from or to a counter party 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 Fund from their counterparties are not fully collateralized, contractually or otherwise, the Fund bears the risk of loss from counterparty nonperformance. The Fund attempts to mitigate counterparty risk by only entering into agreements with counterparties that it believes to be of good standing and by monitoring the financial stability of those counterparties.

For financial reporting purposes, the Fund does not offset derivative assets and derivative liabilities that are subject to netting arrangements in the Statement 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 Statement of Assets and Liabilities in conformity with GAAP.

Description	Gross Amounts of Recognized Assets	Gross Amounts Offset in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities	Net Amounts of Assets Presented in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities	Gross Amounts Not Offset in the Statement of Assets & Liabilities Financial Instruments	Net Amount
Forward Foreign Currency Exchange Contracts	\$29,864	\$ -	\$29,864	\$-	\$29,864
	Gross Amounts	Gross Amounts Offset in the Statement of	Net Amounts of Liabilities Presented in the Statement of	Gross Amounts Not Offset in the Statement of Assets & Liabilities	
Description	of Recognized Liabilities	Assets and Liabilities	Assets and Liabilities	Financial Instruments	Net Amount
Reverse Repurchase Agreements	\$61,258,540	\$ -	\$61,258,540	\$61,258,540	\$ -
Forward Foreign Currency Exchange Contracts	198,613	-	198,613	-	198,613

# Note 9 - Leverage:

# **Reverse Repurchase Agreements**

The Fund may enter into reverse repurchase agreements as part of its financial leverage strategy. Under a reverse repurchase agreement, the Fund temporarily transfers possession of a portfolio instrument to another party, such as a bank or broker-dealer, in return for cash. At the same time, the Fund agrees to repurchase the instrument at an agreed upon time and price, which reflects an interest payment. Such agreements have the economic effect of borrowings. The Fund may enter into such agreements when it is able to invest the cash acquired at a rate higher than the cost of the agreement, which would increase earned income. When the Fund enters into a reverse repurchase agreement, any fluctuations in the market value of either the instruments transferred to another party or the instruments in which the proceeds may be invested would affect the market value of the Fund's assets. As a result, such transactions may increase fluctuations in the market value of the Fund's assets. For the year ended May 31, 2017, the average daily balance for which reverse repurchase agreements were outstanding amounted to \$61,394,190. The weighted average interest rate was 1.41%. As of May 31, 2017, there was \$61,258,540 in reverse repurchase agreements outstanding.

The following is a summary of the remaining contractual maturities of the reverse repurchase agreements outstanding as of May 31, 2017, aggregated by asset class of the related collateral pledged by the Fund:

	ernight and Continuous	Ul	o to 30 days	31 – 9	00 days		er than 90 days	Total
Preferred Stocks	\$ _	\$	1,006,000	\$	-	\$		\$ 1,006,000
Corporate Bonds	2,325,500		47,329,375		-	10,5	97,665	60,252,540
Gross amount of recognized liabilities for reverse repurchase agreements	\$ 2,325,500	\$	48,335,375	\$	-	\$ 10,5	597,665	\$ 61,258,540

As of May 31, 2017, the Fund had outstanding reverse repurchase agreements with various counterparties. Details of the reverse repurchase agreements by counterparty are as follows:

Counterparty	Interest Rates	Maturity Dates	Face Value
Citigroup	(0.25%) – 0.75%	Open Maturity	\$ 2,325,500
Credit Suisse First Boston	1.80% - 2.00%	06/16/2017 - 06/21/2017	4,032,938
JPMorgan Chase Bank	2.04%	06/02/2017	2,662,000
Nomura Securities	1.39% - 1.59%	06/12/2017	20,486,000
BNP Paribas Bank	1.54% - 1.89%	06/06/2017 - 06/26/2017	14,057,000
Royal Bank of Canada	1.64% - 1.95%	06/07/2017 - 06/22/2017	6,402,188
Societe Generale	2.25%	06/07/2017 – 04/12/2018	11,292,914
			\$61,258,540

# **Borrowings**

On September 16, 2016, the Fund entered into a \$10,000,000 credit facility agreement with an approved lender whereby the lender has agreed to provide secured financing to the Fund and the Fund will provide pledged collateral to the lender. Interest on the amount borrowed is based on the 1 month LIBOR plus 1%. An unused fee of 10 basis points was charged on the difference between 60% of the amount available to borrow under the credit agreement and the actual amount borrowed. As of May 31, 2017 there was \$4,500,000 outstanding in connection with the Fund's credit facility. The average daily amount of borrowings on the credit facility during the year ended May 31, 2017, was \$5,329,457 with a related average interest rate of 1.27%. The maximum amount outstanding during the year ended May 31, 2017 was \$7,000,000. As of May 31, 2017 the total value of securities segregated and pledged as collateral in connection with borrowings was \$9,461,092.

The credit facility agreement governing the loan facility includes usual and customary covenants. These covenants impose on the Fund asset coverage requirements, collateral requirements, investment strategy requirements, and certain financial obligations. These covenants place limits or restrictions on the Fund's ability to (i) enter into additional indebtedness with a party other than the counterparty, (ii) change its fundamental investment policy, or (iii) pledge to any other party, other than to the counterparty, securities owned or held by the Fund over which the counterparty has a lien. In addition, the Fund is required to deliver financial information to the counterparty within established deadlines, maintain an asset coverage ratio (as defined in Section 18(g) of the 1940 Act) greater than 300%, comply with the rules of the stock exchange on which its shares are listed, and

maintain its classification as a "closed-end management investment company" as defined in the 1940 Act

There is no guarantee that the Fund's leverage strategy will be successful. The Fund's use of leverage may cause the Fund's NAV and market price of common shares to be more volatile and can magnify the effect of any losses.

# Note 10 - Loan Commitments:

Pursuant to the terms of certain Term Loan agreements, the Fund held unfunded loan commitments as of May 31, 2017. The Fund is obligated to fund these loan commitments at the borrower's discretion. The Fund reserves against such contingent obligations by designating cash, liquid securities, and liquid term loans as a reserve. As of May 31, 2017, the total amount segregated in connection with reverse repurchase agreements and unfunded commitments was \$93,337,861.

As of May 31, 2017, the Fund had the following unfunded loan commitments which could be extended at the option of the borrower:

Borrower	Maturity Date	Face Amount	Value
Acosta, Inc.	09/26/2019	\$ 1,422,222	\$ 87,885
Advantage Sales and Marketing	07/21/2019	900,000	49,770
American Seafood	08/04/2021	427,500	44,642
American Stock Transfer	06/11/2018	400,000	11,173
Aspect Software	05/25/2018	165,000	_
BBB Industries, LLC	10/17/2019	1,100,000	73,733
Cypress INT III	04/27/2022	450,000	54,889
Ceva Group PLC	03/19/2019	162,117	11,894
Eyemart Express	12/16/2019	1,000,000	61,815
Hillman Group, Inc.	06/13/2019	900,000	40,662
IntraWest Holdings, S.A.R	12/10/2018	1,100,000	13,409
Learning Care Group	05/05/2021	500,000	34,289
National Technical	06/11/2021	160,588	1,150
Petsmart	01/24/2018	3,850,000	_
PowerSchool, Inc.	07/29/2021	750,003	73,820
ProMach Group, Inc.	10/22/2019	433,333	24,985
Signode Industrial Group	05/01/2019	1,400,000	66,894
Surgery Center	11/16/2017	1,750,000	_
URSA Insulation B.V.	04/26/2021	60,096	-
Wencor Group	06/19/2019	423,077	20,324
		\$17,353,936	\$671,334

# Note 11 - Capital:

In connection with its organization process, the Fund sold 4,189 shares of beneficial interest to Guggenheim Funds Distributors, LLC, an affiliate of the Adviser, for consideration of \$100,012 at a price of \$23.88 per share. The Fund issued 6,000,000 shares of common stock in its initial public offering. These shares were issued at \$23.88 per share after deducting the sales load but before underwriters' expense reimbursement.

In connection with the initial public offering of the Fund's common shares, the underwriters were granted an option to purchase additional common shares. The underwriters purchased, at a price of \$23.88 per common share (after deducting the sales load but before offering expenses incurred by the Fund), 625,000 common shares of the Fund and 125,000 common shares on July 19, 2013 and August 13, 2013, respectively, pursuant to the over-allotment option.

Offering costs, estimated at \$331,250 or \$0.05 per share, in connection with the issuance of common shares have been borne by the Fund and were charged to paid-in capital. The Adviser and GPIM have agreed to pay offering expenses (other than sales load, but including reimbursement of expenses to the underwriters) in excess of \$0.05 per common share.

# **Common Shares**

The Fund has an unlimited amount of common shares, \$0.01 par value, authorized and 7,013,806 issued and outstanding.

Transactions in common shares were as follows:

	Year Ended May 31, 2017	Year Ended May 31, 2016
Beginning Shares	6,629,959	6,629,724
Common shares issued through at-the-market offering	374,788	-
Common shares issued through dividend reinvestment	9,059	235
Ending Shares	7,013,806	6,629,959

On September 7, 2016, the Fund's shelf registration allowing for delayed or continuous offering of additional shares became effective. The shelf registration statement allowed for the issuance of up to \$100,000,000 of common shares. The Fund entered into an agreement with Cantor Fitzgerald & Co. for the sale of up to an additional 2,632,734 shares.

The Adviser has paid the costs associated with the at-the-market offering of shares and will be reimbursed by the Fund up to 0.60% of the offering price of common shares sold pursuant to the shelf registration statement, not to exceed the amount of actual offering costs incurred. For the year ended May 31, 2017, the Fund incurred \$51,978 of expenses associated with the at-the market offerings.

# Note 12 - Restricted Securities:

The securities below are considered illiquid and restricted under guidelines established by the Board of Trustees:

Restricted Securities	Acquisition Date	Cost	Value
Schahin II Finance Company SPV Ltd., 5.88% due 09/25/22	01/18/14	\$ 783,911	\$ 107,280
Turbine Engines Securitization Ltd., 2013-1A, 6.38% due 12/15/48	11/27/13	282,210	266,701
		\$ 1,066,121	\$ 373,981

# Note 13 - Affiliated Transactions:

The Fund had the following transactions with affiliated securities during the year ended May 31, 2017:

# Share/Principal Activity

Security Name	Balance 5/31/2016	Purchases	Sales	Corporate Actions	Balance 5/31/2017	Value	Interest and Amortization Included in Income
Aspect Software Parent, Inc.	38,349	3,737	1	15,525	57,610	\$ 862,445	\$ -
Aspect Software Parent, Inc., 11.02% due 05/25/20	1,378,247	-	90,292	_	1,287,955	1,284,735	167,223
Aspect Software Parent, Inc., 4.84% due 05/25/18	_	1,012,917	627,917	_	385,000	385,000	77,837
Aspect Software Parent, Inc., 3.00% due 05/25/23	380,626	_	_	(380,626)	_	_	_
Targus Group International Equity, Inc.	33,098	_	_	_	33,098	49,647	_
Targus Group International Equit Inc., 15.00% due 12/31/19	ty, 136,613	21,854	_	_	158,467	158,467	17,914
Targus Group International Equit Inc., 14.00% due 05/24/16	ty, 383,461	_	_	_	383,461	_	_
	2,350,394	1,038,508	718,210	(365,101)	2,305,591	\$2,740,294	\$262,974

Affiliated securities accounted for \$(672,364) change in net unrealized appreciation/(depreciation) on investments during the year.

# Note 14 – **Subsequent Event:**

The Fund 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 Fund's financial statements.

The Board of Trustees and Shareholders of Guggenheim Credit Allocation Fund

We have audited the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities of the Guggenheim Credit Allocation Fund (the Fund), including the schedule of investments, as of May 31, 2017, and the related statements of operations and cash flows for the year then ended, and the statements of changes in net assets for each of the two years in the period then ended, and the financial highlights for each of the three years in the period then ended and for the period June 26, 2013 (commencement of operations) through May 31, 2014. These financial statements and financial highlights are the responsibility of the Fund's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements and financial highlights based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements and financial highlights are free of material misstatement. We were not engaged to perform an audit of the Fund's internal control over financial reporting. Our audits included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements and financial highlights, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. Our procedures included confirmation of securities owned as of May 31, 2017, by correspondence with the custodian, brokers, and paying agents or by other appropriate auditing procedures where replies from brokers or paying agents were not received. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements and financial highlights referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Guggenheim Credit Allocation Fund at May 31, 2017, the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended, and the changes in its net assets and its financial highlights for each of the two years in the period then ended, and the financial highlights for each of the three years in the period then ended and for the period June 26, 2013 (commencement of operations) through May 31, 2014, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Tysons, Virginia Iuly 31, 2017 Ernst + Young LLP

# Federal Income Tax Information

The Fund intends to designate the maximum amount of dividends that qualify for the reduced tax rate pursuant to the Jobs and Growth Relief and Reconciliation Act of 2003. See qualified dividend income column in the table below.

In January 2018, you will be advised on IRS Form 1099 DIV or substitute 1099 DIV as to the federal tax status of the distributions received by you in the calendar year 2017.

Dividend Received	Deduction	%90°L
Qualified Dividend	Income	%90°L

Additionally, of the taxable ordinary income distributions paid during the fiscal year ending May 31, 2017, the Fund had the corresponding percentages qualify as interest related dividends and qualified short-term capital gains as permitted by IRC Section 871 (k) (1) and IRC Section 871 (k) (2), respectively

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% Qualifying	Short-Term Capital Ga	
	% Qualifying Interest	52.24%

# Results of Shareholder Votes

he Annual Meeting of Shareholders of the Fund was held on May 4, 2017. Shareholders voted on the election of Tustees. With regards to the election of the following Trustees by shareholders of

The other Trustees of the Fund not up for election in 2017 were Jerry B. Farley, Roman Friedrich III, Robert B. Kam III, Robat d. Nyberg, Maynard F. Oliverius and Ronald E. Toupin, Jr.

# Sector Classification

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

# SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION (Unaudited) continued

**Trustees** The Guggenheim Credit Allocation Fund and their principal occupations during the past five years:

	Position(s)	Term of Office		Number of	
Name, Address* and Year of Birth	Held with Trust	and Length of Time Served**	Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years	Portfolios in Fund Complex Overseen	Other Directorships Held by Trustees
Independent Trustees:	es:				
Randall C. Barnes	Trustee	Since 2013	Current: Private Investor (2001-present).	86	Current: Trustee, Purpose Investments Finds (2014, present)
			Former: Senior Vice President and Treasurer, PepsiCo, Inc. (1993-1997); President, Pizza Hut International (1991-1993); Senior Vice President, Strategic Planning and New Business Development, PepsiCo, Inc. (1987-1990).		idina (kortpresenty).
Donald A. Chubb, Jr.	Trustee and Chairman of	Since 2014	Current: Business broker and manager of commercial real estate, Griffith & Blair, Inc. (1997-present).	95	Current: Midland Care, Inc. (2011-present).
	Oversight Committee				
Jerry B. Farley	Trustee and Chairman of	Since 2014	Current: President, Washbum University (1997-present).	95	Current: Westar Energy, Inc. (2004-present): CoreFirst Bank & Trust
	the Audit Committee		(2000-present).		
Roman Friedrich III (1946)		Since 2013	Current: Founder and Managing Partner, Roman Friedrich & Company (1998-present).	95	Current: Zincore Metals, Inc. (2009-present).
	the Contracts Review Committee		Former: Senior Managing Director, MLV & Co. LLC (2010-2011).		Former: Axiom Gold and Silver Corp. (2011-2012).
Robert B. Karn III (1942)	Trustee	Since 2013	Current: Consultant (1998-present).	95	Current: GP Natural Resource Partners, LLC (2002-present).
			Former: Arthur Andersen (1965-1997) and Managing Partner, Financial and Economic Consulting, St. Louis office (1987-1997).		Former: Peabody Energy Company (2003 – April 2017).

# SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION (Unaudited) continued

Name, Address* and Year of Birth	Position(s) Held with Trust	Term of Office and Length of Time Served***	Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years	Number of Portfolios in Fund Complex Overseen	Other Directorships Held by Trustees
Independent Trustees continued:	es continued:				
Ronald A. Nyberg	Trustee and Chairman of	Since 2013	Current: Partner, Momkus McCluskey Roberts, LLC (2016-present).	00L	Current: Edward-Elmhurst Healthcare System (2012-present).
	the Nominating and Governance Committee	<b>80</b> 9.	Former: Partner, Nyberg & Cassioppi, LLC (2000-2016); Executive Vice President, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary, Van Kampen Investments (1982-1999).		
Maynard F. Oliverius	Trustee	Since 2014	Current: Retired.	95	Current: Robert J. Dole Institute of Politics (2016-present): Stormont-Vail
(1943)			Former: President and CEO, Stormont-Vail HealthCare (1996-2012).		Foundation (2013-pressit); University of Minnesota MHA Alumin Philanthropy Committee (2009-present); Fort Hays State University Foundation (1999-
					present. Former. Topeka Community Foundation (2009-2014).
Ronald E. Toupin, Jr. Trustee and (1958)	: Trustee and Chairman of	Since 2013	Current: Portfolio Consultant (2010-present).	76	Former: Bennett Group of Funds (2011-2013).
	the Board		Former. Vice President, Manager and Portfolio Manager, Nuveen Asset Management (1998-1999); Vice President, Nuveen Investment Advisory Corp. (1992-1999); Vice President and Manager, Nuveen Unit Investment Trusts (1991-1999); and Assistant Vice President and Portfolio Manager, Nuveen Unit Investment Trusts (1988-1999), each of John Nuveen & Co., Inc. (1982-1999).		

Name, Address* and Year of Birth	Position(s) Held with Trust	Term of Office and Length of Time Served***	Principal Occupation (s) During Past Five Years	Number of Portfolios in Fund Complex Overseen	Other Directorships Held by Trustees
Interested Trustee:					
Donald C. Cacciapaglia*** (1951)	President, Chief Executive Officer and Trustee	Since 2013	Current: President and CEO, certain other funds in the Fund Complex (2012-present); Vice Chairman, Guggenheim Investments (2010-present). Former: Chairman and CEO, Channel Capital Group, Inc. (2002-2010).	230	Current: Clear Spring Life Insurance Company (2015-present); Guggenheim Partners Japan, Ltd. (2014-present); Guggenheim Partners Investment Management Holdings, LLC (2014- present); Delaware Life (2013-present); Guggenheim Life and Annuity Company (2011-present); Paragon Life Insurance Company of Indiana (2011-present).
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The business address of each Trustee is c/o Guggenheim Investments, 227 West Monroe Street, Chicago, 1L 60606. **-**;<

This is the period for which the Trustee began serving the Fund. After a Trustee's initial term, each Trustee is expected to serve a three year term concurrent with the class of Trustees for which he serves: \*\*

—Messrs. Farley, Friedrich and Nyberg are Class II Trustees. Class II Trustees are expected to stand for re-election at the Fund's annual meeting of shareholders for the fiscal year ended May 31, 2018.

—Messrs. Karn, Oliverius and Toupin are Class III Trustees. Class III Trustees are expected to stand for re-election at the Fund's annual meeting of shareholders

—Messrs. Barnes, Cacciapaglia and Chubb are Class I Trustees. Class I Trustees are expected to stand for re-election at the Fund's annual meeting of shareholders for the fiscal year ended May 31, 2020. for the fiscal year ended May 31, 2019.

This Trustee is deemed to be an "interested person" of the Funds under the 1940 Act by reason of his position with the Funds' Investment Manager and/or the parent of the Investment Manager. 水水水

Principal Executive Officers
The Principal Executive Officers, of the Guggenheim Credit Allocation Fund, who are not trustees, and their principal occupations during the past five years:

Name, Address* and Year of Birth	Position(s) held with the Trust	Term of Office and Length of Time Served***	Principal Occupations During Past Five Years
Officers:			
Joanna M. Catalucci	Chief Compliance Officer	Since 2013	Current: Chief Compliance Officer, certain funds in the Fund Complex (2012-present); Senior Managing Director, Guggenheim Investments (2012-present); AML Officer, certain funds in the Fund Complex (2016-present).
			Former: Chief Compliance Officer and Secretary, certain other funds in the Fund Complex (2008-2012); Senior Vice President & Chief Compliance Officer, Security Investors, LLC and certain affiliates (2010-2012); Chief Compliance Officer and Senior Vice President, Rydex Advisors, LLC and certain affiliates (2010-2011).
James M. Howley (1972)	Assistant Treasurer	Since 2013	Current: Managing Director, Guggenheim Investments (2004-present); Assistant Treasurer, certain other funds in the Fund Complex (2006-present).
			Former: Manager of Mutual Fund Administration, Van Kampen Investments, Inc. (1996-2004).
Keith Kemp (1960)	Assistant Treasurer	Since 2016	Current: Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer, certain other funds in the Fund Complex (2010-present); Managing Director of Guggenheim Partners Investment Management, LLC (2015-present); Chief Financial Officer, Guggenheim Specialized Products, LLC (2016-present).
			Former. 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).
Amy J. Lee (1961)	Chief Legal Officer	Since 2013	Current: Chief Legal Officer, certain other funds in the Fund Complex (2013-present); Senior Managing Director, Guggenheim Investments (2012-present).
			Former: Vice President, Associate General Counsel and Assistant Secretary, Security Benefit Life Insurance Company and Security Benefit Corporation (2004-2012).
Mark E. Mathiasen Secretary (1978)	Secretary	Since 2013	Current: Secretary, certain other funds in the Fund Complex (2007-present); Managing Director, Guggenheim Investments (2007-present).

# SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION (Unaudited) continued

:	Position(s) held	Term of Office	
Name, Address" and Year of Birth	with the Trust	and Length of Time Served**	Principal Occupations During Past Five Years
Officers continued:			
Glenn McWhinnie	Assistant	Since 2016	Current: Vice President, Guggenheim Investments (2009-present).
(6061)	Ireasurer		Former: Tax Compliance Manager, Ernst & Young LLP (1996-2009).
Michael P. Megaris Assistant (1984)	Assistant Secretary	Since 2014	Current: Assistant Secretary, certain other funds in the Fund Complex (2014 present); Vice President, Guggenheim Investments (2012-present).
	-		Former, J.D., University of Kansas School of Law (2009-2012).
Adam J. Nelson	Assistant Treasurer	Since 2015	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 (2009-2011).
Kimberly J. Scott	Assistant	Since 2013	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 of Mutual Fund Administration, 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).
Bryan Stone	Vice	Since 2014	Current: Vice President, certain other funds in the Fund Complex (2014-present); Managing Director, Guggenheim Investments (2013-present).
(6361)			Former: Senior Vice President, Neuberger Berman Group LLC (2009-2013); Vice President, Morgan Stanley (2002-2009).
John L. Sullivan (1955)	Chief Financial Officer	Since 2013	Current: CFO, Chief Accounting Officer and Treasurer, certain other funds in the Fund Complex (2010-present); Senior Managing Director, Guggenheim Investments (2010-present).
	Chief Accounting Officer and		Former: Managing Director and CCO, 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); CFO and Treasurer, Van Kampen Funds (1996-2004).

The business address of each officer is c/o Guggenheim Investments, 227 West Monroe Street, Chicago, IL 60606.

Treasurer

Each officer serves an indefinite term, until his or her successor is duly elected and qualified. The data reflects the commencement date upon which the officer held any officer position with the Fund. \*

Guggenheim Credit Allocation Fund (the "Fund") is a Delaware statutory trust that is registered as a diversified, closed-end management investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"). Guggenheim Funds Investment Advisors, LLC ("GFIA" or the "Adviser"), an indirect subsidiary of Guggenheim Partners, LLC, a global, diversified financial services firm ("Guggenheim Partners"), serves as the Fund's investment adviser and provides certain administrative and other services pursuant to an investment advisory agreement between the Fund and GFIA (the "Investment Advisory Agreement"). (Guggenheim Partners, GFIA, Guggenheim Partners Investment Management, LLC ("GPIM" or the "Sub-Adviser") and their affiliates may be referred to herein collectively as "Guggenheim." "Guggenheim Investments" refers to the global asset management and investment advisory division of Guggenheim Partners and includes GFIA, GPIM, Security Investors, LLC and other affiliated investment management businesses of Guggenheim Partners.)

Under the terms of the Investment Advisory Agreement, GFIA is responsible for overseeing the activities of GPIM, which performs portfolio management and related services for the Fund pursuant to an investment sub-advisory agreement by and among the Fund, the Adviser and GPIM (the "Sub-Advisory Agreement" and together with the Investment Advisory Agreement, the "Advisory Agreements"). Under the supervision and oversight of GFIA and the Board of Trustees of the Fund (the "Board," with the members of the Board referred to individually as the "Trustees"), GPIM provides a continuous investment program for the Fund's portfolio, provides investment research, makes and executes recommendations for the purchase and sale of securities and provides certain facilities and personnel for the Fund.

Following an initial two-year term, each of the Advisory Agreements continues in effect from year to year provided that such continuance is specifically approved at least annually by (i) the Board or a majority of the outstanding voting securities (as defined in the 1940 Act) of the Fund, and, in either event, (ii) the vote of a majority of the Trustees who are not "interested person[s]," as defined by the 1940 Act, of the Fund (the "Independent Trustees") casting votes in person at a meeting called for such purpose. At meetings held in person on April 25, 2017 (the "April Meeting") and on May 23-24, 2017 (the "May Meeting"), the Contracts Review Committee of the Board (the "Committee"), consisting solely of the Independent Trustees, met separately from Guggenheim to consider the proposed renewal of the Advisory Agreements in connection with the Committee's annual contract review schedule.

As part of its review process, the Committee was represented by independent legal counsel to the Independent Trustees ("Independent Legal Counsel"). Independent Legal Counsel reviewed and discussed with the Committee various key aspects of the Trustees' legal responsibilities relating to the proposed renewal of the Advisory Agreements and other principal contracts. The Committee took into account various materials received from Guggenheim and Independent Legal Counsel. Recognizing that the evaluation process with respect to the services provided by each of GFIA and GPIM is an ongoing one, the Committee also considered the variety of written materials, reports and oral presentations the Board receives throughout the year regarding performance and operating results of the Fund.

In connection with the contract review process, FUSE Research Network LLC ("FUSE"), an independent, third-party research provider, was engaged to prepare advisory contract renewal

reports designed specifically to help the Board fulfill its advisory contract renewal responsibilities. The objective of the reports is to present the subject funds' relative position regarding fees, expenses and total return performance, with comparisons to a peer group of funds identified by Guggenheim, based on a methodology reviewed by the Board. In addition, Guggenheim provided materials and data in response to formal requests for information sent by Independent Legal Counsel on behalf of the Independent Trustees. Guggenheim also made a presentation at the April Meeting. Throughout the process, the Committee asked questions of management and requested certain additional information, which Guggenheim provided following the April Meeting (collectively with the foregoing reports and materials, the "Contract Review Materials").

The Committee considered the Contract Review Materials in the context of its accumulated experience in governing the Fund and weighed the factors and standards discussed with Independent Legal Counsel. Following an analysis and discussion of the factors identified below and in the exercise of its business judgment, the Committee concluded that it was in the best interest of the Fund to recommend that the Board approve the renewal of each of the Advisory Agreements for an additional annual term.

# **Investment Advisory Agreement**

Nature, Extent and Quality of Services Provided by the Adviser: With respect to the nature, extent and quality of services currently provided by the Adviser, the Committee noted that although the Adviser delegated responsibility for the investment and reinvestment of the Fund's assets to the Sub-Adviser, as affiliated companies, both the Adviser and Sub-Adviser are part of the Guggenheim organization. Further, the Committee took into account that investment advisory-related services are provided by many Guggenheim employees under different related legal entities and thus, the services provided by the Adviser on the one hand and the Sub-Adviser on the other, as well as the risks assumed by each party, are not provided by distinct legal entities. The Committee considered the Adviser's responsibility to oversee the Sub-Adviser and took into account information provided by Guggenheim describing the Adviser's processes and activities for providing oversight of sub-advisers, including information regarding the Adviser's Sub-Advisory Oversight Committee.

The Committee also considered the secondary market support services provided by Guggenheim to the Fund and, in this regard, noted the materials describing the activities of Guggenheim's dedicated Closed-End Fund Team, including with respect to communication with financial advisors, data dissemination and relationship management. In addition, the Committee considered the qualifications, experience and skills of key personnel performing services for the Fund, including those personnel providing compliance oversight, as well as the supervisors and reporting lines for such personnel. In this connection, the Committee considered Guggenheim's resources and related efforts to retain, attract and motivate capable personnel to serve the Fund and noted Guggenheim's report on recent additions, departures and transitions in personnel who work on matters relating to the Fund or are significant to the operations of the Adviser.

The Committee also considered Guggenheim's attention to relevant developments in the mutual fund industry, and issues germane to closed-end funds in particular, and its observance of compliance and regulatory requirements and noted that on a regular basis the Board receives and reviews information from the Fund's Chief Compliance Officer regarding compliance policies and

procedures established pursuant to Rule 38a-1 under the 1940 Act, as well as from Guggenheim's Chief Risk Officer. In addition, the Committee noted Guggenheim's implementation of additional controls and oversight processes relating to risk management, including the establishment of an Enterprise Risk Management Committee comprised of a multi-disciplinary team of senior personnel, as well as enhancements to the organization's information security program.

In connection with the Committee's evaluation of the overall package of services provided by the Adviser, the Committee considered Guggenheim's role in monitoring and coordinating compliance responsibilities with the administrator, custodian and other service providers to the Fund. In this respect, the Committee took into account the initiatives undertaken by Guggenheim in connection with the outsourcing of its fund administration and fund accounting services business resulting from Guggenheim's sale of Rydex Fund Services, LLC ("RFS"), formerly a Guggenheim affiliate and now known as MUFG Investor Services (US), LLC ("MUFG IS"), to Mitsubishi UFJ Trust and Banking Corporation, the trust banking arm of Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group, a Japanese financial services organization (the "RFS Transaction"). In particular, the Committee considered Guggenheim's establishment of the Office of Chief Financial Officer ("OCFO"), its structure and responsibilities, including its role in overseeing the services provided by MUFG IS. The Committee also considered the resources allocated by Guggenheim to support the OCFO and the detailed plans presented by management for functions for the OCFO both during and upon completion of the transition period with MUFG IS.

With respect to Guggenheim's resources and the Adviser's ability to carry out its responsibilities under the Investment Advisory Agreement, the Chief Financial Officer of Guggenheim Investments reviewed with the Committee certain unaudited financial information concerning the holding company for Guggenheim Investments, Guggenheim Partners Investment Management Holdings, LLC ("GPIMH"). The Committee received the audited consolidated financial statements of GPIMH as supplemental information. (Thereafter, the Committee received the audited consolidated financial statements of GPIM.)

The Committee also considered the acceptability of the terms of the Investment Advisory Agreement, including the scope of services required to be performed by the Adviser.

Based on the foregoing, and based on other information received (both oral and written) at the April Meeting and the May Meeting, as well as other considerations, including the Committee's knowledge of how the Adviser performs its duties obtained through Board meetings, discussions and reports during the year, the Committee concluded that the Adviser and its personnel were qualified to serve the Fund in such capacity and may reasonably be expected to continue to provide a high quality of services under the Investment Advisory Agreement with respect to the Fund.

Investment Performance: The Fund commenced investment operations on June 26, 2013. The Committee considered the Fund's investment performance by reviewing the Fund's total return on a net asset value ("NAV") and market price basis for the three-year and one-year periods ended December 31, 2016. The Committee compared the Fund's performance to a peer group of closed-end funds identified by Guggenheim (the "peer group of funds") and the Fund's benchmark for the same time periods. The Committee noted that the Adviser's peer group selection methodology for the Fund starts with the entire U.S.-listed taxable closed-end fund universe, and excludes funds that: (i) invest more than 80% in one asset class; (ii) invest less than 20% in each of corporate bonds and

banks loans; (iii) invest more than 50% outside the U.S.; (iv) invest more than 30% in investment grade securities; and (v) invest more than 30% in asset-backed securities (ABS) or mortgage-backed securities (MBS). The Committee considered that the peer group of funds is consistent with the peer group used for purposes of the Fund's quarterly performance reporting.

The Committee noted that the Fund's investment results were consistent with its investment objective to seek total return through a combination of current income and capital appreciation. The Committee also considered that the Adviser does not directly manage the investment portfolio but delegated such duties to the Sub-Adviser.

In addition, the Committee considered the Fund's structure and form of leverage, and among other information related to leverage, the cost of the leverage and the aggregate leverage outstanding as of December 31, 2016, as well as net yield on leverage assets and net impact on common assets due to leverage for the one-year period ended December 31, 2016 and annualized for the three-year and since-inception periods ended December 31, 2016. Based on the information provided, including with respect to the Adviser's sub-advisory oversight processes, the Committee concluded that the Adviser had appropriately reviewed and monitored the Sub-Adviser's investment performance.

Comparative Fees, Costs of Services Provided and the Profits Realized by the Adviser from its Relationship with the Fund: The Committee compared the Fund's contractual advisory fee (which includes the sub-advisory fee paid to the Sub-Adviser) and total net expense ratio, in each case as a percentage of average net assets for the latest fiscal year, to the peer group of funds and noted the Fund's percentile rankings in this regard. The Committee also reviewed the average and median advisory fees and expense ratios, including expense ratio components (e.g., transfer agency fees, administration fees and other operating expenses) of the peer group of funds. The Committee considered that the Fund's total net expense ratio was equal to the peer group median and the Fund's contractual advisory fee was below the peer group median (ranking in the 40th percentile).

As part of its evaluation of the Fund's advisory fee, the Committee considered how such fee compared to the advisory fee charged by Guggenheim to one or more other clients that it manages pursuant to similar investment strategies, noting that, in certain instances, Guggenheim charges a lower advisory fee to such other clients. In this connection, the Committee considered, among other things, Guggenheim's representations about the significant differences between managing registered funds as compared to other types of accounts. The Committee also considered Guggenheim's explanation that lower fees are charged in certain instances due to various other factors, including the scope of contract, type of investors, differences in fee structure, applicable legal, governance and capital structures, tax status and historical pricing reasons. The Committee concluded that the information it received demonstrated that the aggregate services provided to the Fund were sufficiently different from those provided to other clients with similar investment strategies and/or the risks borne by Guggenheim were sufficiently greater than those associated with managing other clients with similar investment strategies to support the difference in fees.

With respect to the costs of services provided and profits realized by Guggenheim Investments from its relationship with the Fund, the Committee reviewed a profitability analysis and data from management setting forth the average assets under management for the twelve months ended December 31, 2016, ending assets under management as of December 31, 2016, gross revenues received by Guggenheim Investments, expenses allocated to the Fund, earnings and the operating

margin/profitability rate, including variance information relative to the foregoing amounts as of December 31, 2015. In addition, the Chief Financial Officer of Guggenheim Investments reviewed with, and addressed questions from, the Committee concerning the expense allocation methodology employed in producing the profitability analysis.

In the course of its review of Guggenheim Investments' profitability, the Committee took into account the methods used by Guggenheim Investments to determine expenses and profit. The Committee also noted steps taken by management to refine its methodology in preparation for contract review, including, among other things, revisions to the process for allocating expenses for shared service functions, as previously reported to and discussed with the Board. The Committee considered all of the foregoing in evaluating the costs of services provided, the profitability to Guggenheim Investments and the profitability rates presented, and concluded that the profits were not unreasonable.

The Committee considered other benefits available to the Adviser because of its relationship with the Fund and noted Guggenheim's statement that until the completion of the RFS Transaction on October 4, 2016, the Adviser may have benefited from arrangements whereby an affiliate received fees from the Fund for providing certain administrative and fund accounting services. In addition, the Committee noted the Adviser's statement that it may benefit from marketing synergies arising from offering a broad spectrum of products, including the Fund.

Economies of Scale: The Committee received and considered information regarding whether there have been economies of scale with respect to the management of the Fund as the Fund's assets grow (primarily through the appreciation of the Fund's investment portfolio), whether the Fund has appropriately benefited from any economies of scale, and whether there is potential for realization of any further economies of scale. The Committee considered whether economies of scale in the provision of services to the Fund were being passed along to the shareholders. In this respect, the Committee considered that advisory fee breakpoints generally are not relevant given the structural nature of closed-end funds, which, though able to conduct additional share offerings periodically, do not continuously offer new shares and thus, do not experience daily inflows and outflows of capital. In addition, the Committee took into account that given the relative size of the Fund, Guggenheim does not believe breakpoints are appropriate at this time. The Committee also noted that to the extent the Fund's assets increase over time (whether through periodic offerings or internal growth from asset appreciation), the Fund and its shareholders should realize economies of scale as certain expenses, such as fixed fund fees, become a smaller percentage of overall assets.

The Committee determined that, taking into account all relevant factors, the Fund's advisory fee was reasonable.

# **Sub-Advisory Agreement**

Nature, Extent and Quality of Services Provided by the Sub-Adviser: With respect to the nature, extent and quality of services provided by the Sub-Adviser, the Committee considered the qualifications, experience and skills of the Sub-Adviser's portfolio management and other key personnel and information from the Sub-Adviser describing the scope of its services to the Fund. With respect to Guggenheim's resources and the Sub-Adviser's ability to carry out its responsibilities under the Sub-Advisory Agreement, as noted above, the Committee considered the financial

condition of GPIMH. (Thereafter, the Committee received the audited consolidated financial statements of GPIM.)

The Committee also considered the acceptability of the terms of the Sub-Advisory Agreement, including the scope of services required to be performed by the Sub-Adviser. In addition, the Committee considered the Sub-Adviser's efforts in pursuing the Fund's investment objective of seeking to provide a high level of current income and gains, with a secondary objective of long-term capital appreciation.

Based on the foregoing, and based on other information received (both oral and written) at the April Meeting and the May Meeting, as well as other considerations, including the Committee's knowledge of how the SubAdviser performs its duties obtained through Board meetings, discussions and reports during the year, the Committee concluded that the Sub-Adviser and its personnel were qualified to serve the Fund in such capacity and may reasonably be expected to continue to provide a high quality of services under the Sub-Advisory Agreement.

Investment Performance: The Committee reviewed the performance of the Fund and the peer group of funds over recent periods of time, noting that the Fund had a limited performance history, having commenced investment operations on June 26, 2013. The Committee noted that the Fund's return on an NAV basis exceeded the median return of its peer group for the three-year and one-year periods ended December 31, 2016 (ranking in the 1st and 10th percentiles, respectively).

In addition, the Committee noted Guggenheim's belief that there is no single optimal performance metric, nor is there a single optimal time period over which to evaluate performance and that a thorough understanding of performance comes from analyzing measures of returns, risk and risk-adjusted returns, as well as evaluating strategies both relative to their market benchmarks and to peer groups of competing strategies. Thus, the Committee also reviewed and considered the additional performance and risk metrics provided by Guggenheim, including the Fund's standard deviation, tracking error, beta, Sharpe ratio, information ratio and alpha compared to the benchmark, with the Fund's risk metrics ranked against its peer group. In assessing the foregoing, the Committee considered Guggenheim's statements that the Fund's risk metrics have consistently ranked in the middle of the peer group and its risk-adjusted returns have consistently been in the top quartile.

After reviewing the foregoing and related factors, the Committee concluded that the Fund's performance was acceptable.

Comparative Fees, Costs of Services Provided and the Profits Realized by the SubAdviser from its Relationship with the Fund: The Committee considered that the Sub-Advisory Agreement is with an affiliate of the Adviser, that the Adviser compensates the Sub-Adviser from its own fees so that the sub-advisory fee rate with respect to the Fund does not impact the fees paid by the Fund and that the Sub-Adviser's revenues were included in the calculation of Guggenheim Investments' profitability. Given its determination of the reasonableness of the advisory fee, the Committee concluded that the sub-advisory fee rate with respect to the Fund was reasonable.

*Economies of Scale:* The Committee recognized that, because the Sub-Adviser's fees are paid by the Adviser and not the Fund, the analysis of economies of scale was more appropriate in the context of

the Committee's consideration of the Investment Advisory Agreement, which was separately considered. (See "Investment Advisory Agreement—*Economies of Scale*" above.)

# **Overall Conclusions**

Based on the foregoing, the Committee determined that the investment advisory fees are fair and reasonable in light of the extent and quality of the services provided and other benefits received and that the continuation of each Advisory Agreement is in the best interest of the Fund. In reaching this conclusion, no single factor was determinative or conclusive and each Committee member, in the exercise of his business judgment, may attribute different weights to different factors. At the May Meeting, the Committee, constituting all of the Independent Trustees, recommended the renewal of each Advisory Agreement for an additional annual term.

Thereafter, on May 24, 2017, the Board, including all of the Independent Trustees, approved the renewal of each of the Advisory Agreements for an additional annual term.

Unless the registered owner of common shares elects to receive cash by contacting the Computershare Trust Company, N.A. (the "Plan Administrator"), all dividends declared on common shares of the Fund will be automatically reinvested by the Plan Administrator, Administrator for shareholders in the Fund's Dividend Reinvestment Plan (the "Plan"), in additional common shares of the Fund. Participation in the Plan is completely voluntary and may be terminated or resumed at any time without penalty by notice if received and processed by the Plan Administrator prior to the dividend record date; otherwise such termination or resumption will be effective with respect to any subsequently declared dividend or other distribution. Some brokers may automatically elect to receive cash on your behalf and may re-invest that cash in additional common shares of the Fund for you. If you wish for all dividends declared on your common shares of the Fund to be automatically reinvested pursuant to the Plan, please contact your broker.

The Plan Administrator will open an account for each common shareholder under the Plan in the same name in which such common shareholder's common shares are registered. Whenever the Fund declares a dividend or other distribution (together, a "Dividend") payable in cash, nonparticipants in the Plan will receive cash and participants in the Plan will receive the equivalent in common shares. The common shares will be acquired by the Plan Administrator for the participants' accounts, depending upon the circumstances described below, either (i) through receipt of additional unissued but authorized common shares from the Fund ("Newly Issued Common Shares") or (ii) by purchase of outstanding common shares on the open market ("Open-Market Purchases") on the New York Stock Exchange or elsewhere. If, on the payment date for any Dividend, the closing market price plus estimated brokerage commission per common share is equal to or greater than the net asset value per common share, the Plan Administrator will invest the Dividend amount in Newly Issued Common Shares on behalf of the participants. The number of Newly Issued Common Shares to be credited to each participant's account will be determined by dividing the dollar amount of the Dividend by the net asset value per common share on the payment date; provided that, if the net asset value is less than or equal to 95% of the closing market value on the payment date, the dollar amount of the Dividend will be divided by 95% of the closing market price per common share on the payment date. If, on the payment date for any Dividend, the net asset value per common share is greater than the closing market value plus estimated brokerage commission, the Plan Administrator will invest the Dividend amount in common shares acquired on behalf of the participants in Open-Market Purchases.

If, before the Plan Administrator has completed its Open-Market Purchases, the market price per common share exceeds the net asset value per common share, the average per common share purchase price paid by the Plan Administrator may exceed the net asset value of the common shares, resulting in the acquisition of fewer common shares than if the Dividend had been paid in Newly Issued Common Shares on the Dividend payment date. Because of the foregoing difficulty with respect to Open-Market Purchases, the Plan provides that if the Plan Administrator is unable to invest the full Dividend amount in Open-Market Purchases during the purchase period or if the market discount shifts to a market premium during the purchase period, the Plan Administrator may cease making Open-Market Purchases and may invest the uninvested portion of the Dividend amount in Newly Issued Common Shares at net asset value per common share at the close of business on the Last Purchase Date provided that, if the net asset value is less than or equal to 95% of the then current market price per common share; the dollar amount of the Dividend will be divided by 95% of the market price on the payment date.

The Plan Administrator maintains all shareholders' accounts in the Plan and furnishes written confirmation of all transactions in the accounts, including information needed by shareholders for tax records. Common shares in the account of each Plan participant will be held by the Plan Administrator on behalf of the Plan participant, and each shareholder proxy will include those shares purchased or received pursuant to the Plan. The Plan Administrator will forward all proxy solicitation materials to participants and vote proxies for shares held under the Plan in accordance with the instruction of the participants.

There will be no brokerage charges with respect to common shares issued directly by the Fund. However, each participant will pay a pro rata share of brokerage commission incurred in connection with Open-Market Purchases. The automatic reinvestment of Dividends will not relieve participants of any Federal, state or local income tax that may be payable (or required to be withheld) on such Dividends.

The Fund reserves the right to amend or terminate the Plan. There is no direct service charge to participants with regard to purchases in the Plan; however, the Fund reserves the right to amend the Plan to include a service charge payable by the participants.

All correspondence or questions concerning the Plan should be directed to the Plan Administrator, Computershare Trust Company, N.A., P.O. Box 30170 College Station, TX 77842-3170; Attention: Shareholder Services Department, Phone Number: (866) 488-3559 or online at www.computershare.com/investor.

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# **Principal Executive Officers**

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# **Investment Adviser**

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# Privacy Principles of the Fund

The Fund is committed to maintaining the privacy of its shareholders and to safeguarding their non-public personal information. The following information is provided to help you understand what personal information the Fund collects, how the Fund protects that information and why, in certain cases, the Fund may share information with select other parties.

Generally, the Fund does not receive any non-public personal information relating to its shareholders, although certain non-public personal information of its shareholders may become available to the Fund. The Fund does not disclose any non-public personal information about its shareholders or former shareholders to anyone, except as permitted by law or as is necessary in order to service shareholder accounts (for example, to a transfer agent or third party administrator).

The Fund restricts access to non-public personal information about its shareholders to employees of the Fund's investment advisor and its affiliates with a legitimate business need for the information. The Fund maintains physical, electronic and procedural safeguards designed to protect the non-public personal information of its shareholders.

# Questions concerning your shares of Guggenheim Credit Allocation Fund?

- If your shares are held in a Brokerage Account, contact your Broker.
- If you have physical possession of your shares in certificate form, contact the Fund's Transfer Agent: Computershare Trust Company N.A., P.O. Box 30170 College Station, TX 77842-3170; (866) 488-3559 or online at www.computershare.com/investor.

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A description of the Fund's proxy voting policies and procedures related to portfolio securities is available without charge, upon request, by calling the Fund at (800) 345-7999.

Information regarding how the Fund voted proxies for portfolio securities, if applicable, during the most recent 12-month period ended June 30, is also available, without charge and upon request by calling (800) 345-7999, by visiting the Fund's website at guggenheiminvestments.com/ggm or by accessing the Fund's Form N-PX on the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission's (SEC) website at www.sec.gov.

The Fund files its complete schedule of portfolio holdings with the SEC for the first and third quarters of each fiscal year on Form N-Q. The Fund's Form N-Q is available on the SEC website at www.sec.gov or by visiting the Fund's website at guggenheiminvestments.com/ggm. The Fund's Form N-Q may also be viewed and copied at the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC; information on the operation of the Public Reference Room may be obtained by calling (800) SEC-0330 or at www.sec.gov.

# **Notice to Shareholders**

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 23(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, that the Fund from time to time may purchase shares of its common stock in the open market.

# ABOUT THE FUND MANAGERS

# Guggenheim Partners Investment Management, LLC

Guggenheim Partners Investment Management, LLC ("GPIM") is an indirect subsidiary of Guggenheim Partners, LLC, a diversified financial services firm. The firm provides capital markets services, portfolio and risk management expertise, wealth management, and investment advisory services. Clients of Guggenheim Partners, LLC subsidiaries are an elite mix of individuals, family offices, endowments, foundations, insurance companies and other institutions.

# **Investment Philosophy**

GPIM's investment philosophy is predicated upon the belief that thorough research and independent thought are rewarded with performance that has the potential to outperform benchmark indexes with both lower volatility and lower correlation of returns over time as compared to such benchmark indexes.

# **Investment Process**

GPIM's investment process is a collaborative effort between various groups including the Portfolio Construction Group, which utilize proprietary portfolio construction and risk modeling tools to determine allocation of assets among a variety of sectors, and its Sector Specialists, who are responsible for security selection within these sectors and for implementing securities transactions, including the structuring of certain securities directly with the issuers or with investment banks and dealers involved in the origination of such securities.

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