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# **Guggenheim Strategy Funds Trust Annual Financial Report**

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|  | Shares         | Value        |   | Face<br><b>A</b> mount | Value               |
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| MONEY MADVET FINIS LELL 2 2 22                               |                |              | 0. 14: 5: - 6                               |                        |                     |
| MONEY MARKET FUND**** - 2.5%                                 |                |              | OneMain Finance Corp.                       | \$ 168,000             | ¢ 160 E10           |
| Dreyfus Treasury Obligations  Cash Management Fund —         |                |              | 7.13% due 03/15/26                          | \$ 168,000             | \$ 169,519          |
| Institutional Shares, 4.00% <sup>1</sup>                     | 3,196,394      | \$ 3,196,394 | Total Financial                             |                        | 27,096,463          |
| Total Money Market Fund                                      | 3,170,371      | 5,150,551    | CONSUMER, NON-CYCLICAL - 7.6%               |                        |                     |
| (Cost \$3,196,394)   |                | 3,196,394    | Universal Health Services, Inc.             |                        |                     |
| (03: 43,130,331)   |                | 3,130,331    | 1.65% due 09/01/26                          | 1,950,000              | 1,903,886           |
|  | FACE           |              | Element Fleet Management Corp.              |                        |                     |
|  | <b>A</b> MOUNT |              | 6.27% due 06/26/26 <sup>2</sup>             | 1,700,000              | 1,721,997           |
|  |                |              | Icon Investments Six DAC                    | 1 600 000              | 1 622 426           |
| CORPORATE BONDS <sup>††</sup> - 39.2%                        |                |              | 5.81% due 05/08/27                          | 1,600,000              | 1,632,426           |
| FINANCIAL - 21.3%  |                |              | Global Payments, Inc.<br>4.95% due 08/15/27 | 1,600,000              | 1,619,128           |
| Brighthouse Financial Global Funding                         |                |              | IQVIA, Inc.                                 | 1,000,000              | 1,019,120           |
| 5.55% due 04/09/27 <sup>2</sup> \$                           | 2,700,000      | 2,745,302    | 5.00% due 05/15/27 <sup>2</sup>             | 1,000,000              | 997,216             |
| AEGON Funding Company LLC                                    |                |              | Triton Container International Ltd.         | 1,000,000              | 337,210             |
| 5.50% due 04/16/27 <sup>2</sup>                              | 2,600,000      | 2,645,474    | 2.05% due 04/15/26 <sup>2</sup>             | 900,000                | 888,676             |
| Athene Global Funding  |                |              | AMN Healthcare, Inc.                        | ,                      |                     |
| 5.68% due 02/23/26 <sup>2</sup>                              | 2,300,000      | 2,310,418    | 4.63% due 10/01/27 <sup>2</sup>             | 350,000                | 349,860             |
| F&G Global Funding   |                |              | Albertsons Companies, Inc. /                |                        |                     |
| 5.88% due 06/10/27 <sup>2</sup>                              | 2,100,000      | 2,154,079    | Safeway, Inc. / New Albertsons              |                        |                     |
| Mutual of Omaha Companies Global Funding                     | 1 750 000      | 1 770 625    | Ltd. Partnership / Albertsons LLC           |                        |                     |
| 5.35% due 04/09/27 <sup>2</sup>                              | 1,750,000      | 1,779,625    | 3.25% due 03/15/26 <sup>2</sup>             | 330,000                | 327,420             |
| Barclays plc 5.67% due 03/12/28 <sup>3</sup>                 | 1,700,000      | 1,733,062    | Block, Inc.                                 |                        |                     |
| HSBC Holdings plc  | 1,700,000      | 1,733,002    | 2.75% due 06/01/26                          | 150,000                | 148,030             |
| 5.60% due 05/17/28 <sup>3</sup>                              | 1,600,000      | 1,633,601    | Graham Holdings Co.                         |                        |                     |
| Standard Chartered plc                                       | 1,000,000      | 1,033,001    | 5.75% due 06/01/26 <sup>2</sup>             | 125,000                | 124,949             |
| 5.69% due 05/14/28 <sup>2,3</sup>                            | 1,600,000      | 1,633,229    | Total Consumer, Non-cyclical                |                        | 9,713,588           |
| Jackson National Life Global Funding                         | ,,             | ,,           | INDUSTRIAL - 3.8%                           |                        |                     |
| 5.60% due 04/10/26 <sup>2</sup>                              | 1,600,000      | 1,611,575    | Penske Truck Leasing Company                |                        |                     |
| LPL Holdings, Inc.   |                |              | Lp / PTL Finance Corp.                      |                        |                     |
| 5.70% due 05/20/27   | 1,550,000      | 1,579,223    | 5.35% due 01/12/27 <sup>2</sup>             | 1,650,000              | 1,669,979           |
| CNO Global Funding   |                |              | Silgan Holdings, Inc.                       |                        |                     |
| 5.88% due 06/04/27 <sup>2</sup>                              | 1,060,000      | 1,087,481    | 1.40% due 04/01/26 <sup>2</sup>             | 950,000                | 935,070             |
| Rocket Mortgage LLC / Rocket                                 |                |              | Weir Group plc                              |                        |                     |
| Mortgage Company-Issuer, Inc.                                |                |              | 2.20% due 05/13/26 <sup>2</sup>             | 950,000                | 934,848             |
| 2.88% due 10/15/26 <sup>2</sup>                              | 900,000        | 881,576      | Vontier Corp.                               |                        |                     |
| Cooperatieve Rabobank UA                                     | 950,000        | 057 121      | 1.80% due 04/01/26                          | 850,000                | 838,258             |
| 4.66% due 08/22/28 <sup>2,3</sup>                            | 850,000        | 857,131      | Jabil, Inc.                                 |                        |                     |
| Mizuho Financial Group, Inc. 5.41% due 09/13/28 <sup>3</sup> | 800,000        | 810 314      | 4.25% due 05/15/27                          | 250,000                | 250,020             |
| Societe Generale S.A.  | 800,000        | 819,314      | 1.70% due 04/15/26                          | 250,000                | 246,647             |
| 5.52% due 01/19/28 <sup>2,3</sup>                            | 800,000        | 810,704      | Total Industrial                            |                        | 4,874,822           |
| GA Global Funding Trust                                      | 000,000        | 010,701      | CONSUMER, CYCLICAL - 2.4%                   |                        |                     |
| 1.63% due 01/15/26 <sup>2</sup>                              | 600,000        | 595,158      | Live Nation Entertainment, Inc.             |                        |                     |
| SLM Corp.  | 000,000        | 333,130      | 6.50% due 05/15/27 <sup>2</sup>             | 900,000                | 908,326             |
| 3.13% due 11/02/26   | 600,000        | 587,787      | United Airlines, Inc.                       | ,                      | ,                   |
| Nationwide Building Society                                  | ,              | ,            | 4.38% due 04/15/26 <sup>2</sup>             | 900,000                | 898,618             |
| 4.65% due 07/14/29 <sup>2,3</sup>                            | 550,000        | 554,494      | LG Electronics, Inc.                        | •                      |                     |
| United Wholesale Mortgage LLC                                |                |              | 5.63% due 04/24/27 <sup>2</sup>             | 850,000                | 865,642             |
| 5.50% due 11/15/25 <sup>2</sup>                              | 490,000        | 489,824      | Air Canada                                  |                        |                     |
| American National Group, Inc.                                |                |              | 3.88% due 08/15/26 <sup>2</sup>             | 330,000                | 327,005             |
| 5.00% due 06/15/27   | 240,000        | 241,971      | Newell Brands, Inc.                         |                        |                     |
| Brown & Brown, Inc.  | 2 10,000       | 211,571      | •   |                        |                     |
| 4.60% due 12/23/26   | 175,000        | 175,916      | 6.38% due 09/15/27 Total Consumer, Cyclical | 84,000                 | 85,145<br>3,084,736 |

|  | Face<br><b>A</b> mount |        | VALUE   |  | <br>Face<br>Amount       |    | Value              |
|--|------------------------|--------|---|--|--------------------------|----|--------------------|
| UTILITIES - 1.6%   |                        |        |   | Angel Oak Mortgage Trust   |                          |    |                    |
| , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,  | \$ 1,750,000           | \$ 1   | ,762,586                                      | 2024-4, 6.20% due 01/25/69 <sup>2,4</sup><br>2022-1, 3.29% (WAC) due 12/25/66 <sup>♦,2</sup>                                 | \$<br>587,203<br>469,463 | \$ | 594,256<br>420,651 |
| Terraform Global Operating, LP<br>6.13% due 03/01/26 <sup>2</sup>  | 212,000                |        | 209,321                                       | JP Morgan Mortgage Trust<br>2021-12, 2.50% (WAC) due 02/25/52 <sup>0,2</sup>   | 1,077,326                |    | 1,007,340          |
| Total Utilities  |                        | 1      | ,971,907                                      | NovaStar Mortgage Funding Trust Series 2007-2, 4.47% (1 Month Term   |                          |    |                    |
| COMMUNICATIONS - 1.2%<br>FactSet Research Systems, Inc.<br>2.90% due 03/01/27  | 1,500,000              | 1      | ,472,554                                      | SOFR + 0.31%, Rate Cap/Floor:<br>11.00%/0.20%) due 09/25/37 <sup>♦</sup><br>Structured Asset Securities                      | 773,652                  |    | 762,784            |
| TECHNOLOGY - 1.1% CDW LLC / CDW Finance Corp. 2.67% due 12/01/26   | 1,450,000              | 1      | ,422,488                                      | Corporation Mortgage Loan Trust<br>2008-BC4, 4.90% (1 Month Term<br>SOFR + 0.74%, Rate Floor:                                |                          |    |                    |
| ENERGY - 0.2%<br>Buckeye Partners, LP  |                        |        | <u>, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , </u> | 0.63%) due 11/25/37°<br>Soundview Home Loan Trust<br>2006-OPT5, 4.55% (1 Month   | 774,579                  |    | 753,402            |
| 3.95% due 12/01/26  Total Corporate Bonds (Cost \$49,430,571)  | 250,000                | <br>49 | 247,774                                       | Term SOFR + 0.39%, Rate<br>Floor: 0.28%) due 07/25/36°<br>Verus Securitization Trust   | 761,176                  |    | 742,388            |
| COLLATERALIZED MORTGAGE OBLIGATIONS RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITI   |                        |        |   | 2021-6, 1.89% (WAC) due 10/25/66 <sup>6,2</sup><br>2021-3, 1.44% (WAC) due 06/25/66 <sup>6,2</sup><br>Alternative Loan Trust | 521,410<br>182,405       |    | 459,233<br>160,351 |
| OBX Trust<br>2024-NQM5, 5.99% due 01/25/64 <sup>2,4</sup><br>2024-NQM8, 6.23% due 05/25/64 <sup>2,4</sup>                                    | 2,219,180<br>1,095,665 |        | 2,241,168<br>,110,900                         | 2007-OA7, 4.55% (1 Month<br>Term SOFR + 0.39%, Rate  | 560,535                  |    | 516,721            |
| 2024-NQM6, 6.45% due 02/25/64 <sup>2,4</sup><br>2024-NQM7, 6.24% due 03/25/64 <sup>2,4</sup><br>2023-NQM2, 6.32% due 01/25/62 <sup>2,4</sup> | 1,089,441<br>1,060,188 | 1<br>1 | ,106,390<br>,074,161<br>,027,236              | Floor: 0.28%) due 05/25/47°<br>HarborView Mortgage Loan Trust<br>2006-14, 4.55% (1 Month Term                                | 300,333                  |    | 310,721            |
| 2023-NQM1, 6.25% due 11/25/63 <sup>2,4</sup> GCAT Trust  | 1,025,725<br>457,608   | ı      | 461,535                                       | SOFR + 0.41%, Rate Floor:<br>0.30%) due 01/25/47 <sup>\$</sup>   | 509,490                  |    | 477,099            |
| 2024-NQM2, 6.09% due 06/25/59 <sup>2,4</sup><br>2022-NQM4, 5.73% due 08/25/67 <sup>2,4</sup>   | 969,528<br>948,958     |        | 980,898<br>948,819                            | CFMT LLC<br>2022-HB9, 3.25% (WAC) due 09/25/37 <sup>¢</sup> , <sup>2</sup>   | 465,950                  |    | 458,995            |
| 2023-NQM3, 6.89% due 08/25/68 <sup>2,4</sup><br>2025-NQM4, 5.53% due 06/25/70 <sup>2</sup>   | 324,163<br>294,670     |        | 328,500<br>297,220                            | HOMES Trust<br>2024-AFC2, 5.58% (WAC) due 10/25/59 <sup>6,2</sup>  | 425,735                  |    | 428,917            |
| Citigroup Mortgage Loan Trust, Inc. 2022-A, 9.17% due 09/25/62 <sup>2,4</sup>  | 2,475,192              | 2      | 2,481,941                                     | FIGRE Trust<br>2024-HE5, 5.44% (WAC) due 10/25/54 <sup>6</sup> ,2  | 400,863                  |    | 405,251            |
| Legacy Mortgage Asset Trust<br>2021-GS3, 5.75% due 07/25/61 <sup>2</sup>   | 1,093,837              |        | ,093,745                                      | COLT Mortgage Loan Trust<br>2023-3, 7.18% due 09/25/68 <sup>2,4</sup>  | 346,053                  |    | 351,135            |
| 2021-GS4, 5.65% due 11/25/60 <sup>2</sup><br>2021-GS2, 5.75% due 04/25/61 <sup>2</sup><br>CSMC Trust   | 852,754<br>412,623     | ·      | 853,241<br>412,301                            | PMT Loan Trust<br>2025-INV8, 6.00% (WAC) due 07/25/56 <sup>4,2</sup><br>Bear Stearns Asset-Backed Securities I Trust         | 343,315                  |    | 345,916            |
| 2021-RPL7, 4.20% (WAC) due 07/27/61 <sup>4,2</sup><br>2021-RPL4, 4.14% (WAC) due 12/27/60 <sup>4,2</sup>                                     | 562,295<br>438,065     |        | 559,699<br>436,289                            | 2006-HE9, 4.55% (1 Month Term<br>SOFR + 0.39%, Rate Floor:<br>0.28%) due 11/25/36°   | 308,821                  |    | 306,810            |
| 2020-NQM1, 2.21% due 05/25/65 <sup>2</sup><br>OSAT Trust   | 383,031                |        | 366,197                                       | Towd Point Mortgage Trust 2018-2, 3.25% (WAC) due 03/25/58 <sup>4,2</sup>  | 197,177                  |    | 195,022            |
| 2021-RPL1, 6.12% due 05/25/65 <sup>2</sup><br>Home Equity Loan Trust   | 1,300,648              | 1      | ,301,155                                      | BRAVO Residential Funding Trust  | 146,305                  |    | 147,446            |
| 2007-FRE1, 4.46% (1 Month<br>Term SOFR + 0.30%, Rate<br>Floor: 0.19%) due 04/25/37 <sup>¢</sup>  | 1,326,771              | 1      | ,287,702                                      | 2025-NQM7, 5.46% due 07/25/65 <sup>2</sup> Banc of America Funding Trust 2015-R2, 4.53% (1 Month Term                        | 140,303                  |    | 147,440            |
| New Residential Mortgage Loan Trust<br>2019-1A, 3.50% (WAC) due 10/25/59 <sup>6</sup> , <sup>2</sup>   | 677,989                | '      | 638,997                                       | SOFR + 0.37%, Rate Floor:<br>0.26%) due 04/29/37 <sup>0,2</sup>  | 115,347                  |    | 115,056            |
| 2018-2A, 3.50% (WAC) due 02/25/58 <sup>4</sup> ,2<br>Imperial Fund Mortgage Trust  | 620,445                |        | 592,484                                       | Residential Mortgage Loan Trust<br>2020-1, 2.38% (WAC) due 01/26/60 <sup>6,2</sup>   | 41,415                   |    | 41,078             |
| 2022-NQM2, 4.02% (WAC) due 03/25/67 <sup>¢,2</sup>   | 1,286,464              | 1      | ,214,705                                      | Starwood Mortgage Residential Trust 2020-1, 2.28% (WAC) due 02/25/50 <sup>\$\phi\$,2</sup>                                   | 32,043                   |    | 30,390             |
|  |                        |        |   | Total Residential Mortgage-Backed Securities   |                          | _  | 29,535,524         |

|  | Face<br><b>A</b> mount | Value        |  | Face<br><b>A</b> mount | <b>V</b> alue        |
|--|------------------------|--------------|--|------------------------|----------------------|
| COMMERCIAL MORTGAGE-BACKED SECUR                                     | RITIES - 10.3%         |              | FS Rialto  |                        |                      |
| BX Commercial Mortgage Trust   |                        |              | 2021-FL3 B, 6.06% (1 Month   |                        |                      |
| 2021-VOLT, 5.92% (1 Month Term                                       |                        |              | Term SOFR + 1.91%, Rate  |                        |                      |
| SOFR + 1.76%, Rate Floor:  |                        |              | Floor: 1.91%) due 11/16/36 <sup>♦,2</sup>  | \$ 2,000,000           | \$ 1,996,097         |
| 1.65%) due 09/15/36 <sup>♦,2</sup>                                   | \$ 3,633,105           | \$ 3,621,752 | BRSP Ltd.  |                        |                      |
| 2022-LP2, 5.71% (1 Month Term  |                        |              | 2021-FL1 B, 6.15% (1 Month   |                        |                      |
| SOFR + 1.56%, Rate Floor:  |                        |              | Term SOFR + 2.01%, Rate  |                        |                      |
| 1.56%) due 02/15/39 <sup>♦,2</sup>                                   | 770,000                | 769,037      | Floor: 1.90%) due 08/19/38 <sup>♦,2</sup>  | 1,500,000              | 1,496,419            |
| JP Morgan Chase Commercial   |                        |              | Cerberus Loan Funding XXXII, LP  |                        |                      |
| Mortgage Securities Trust  |                        |              | 2021-2A A, 6.20% (3 Month Term   |                        |                      |
| 2021-NYAH, 6.06% (1 Month  |                        |              | SOFR + 1.88%, Rate Floor:  |                        |                      |
| Term SOFR + 1.90%, Rate  |                        |              | 1.88%) due 04/22/33 <sup>⋄,2</sup>   | 976,310                | 978,998              |
| Floor: 1.54%) due 06/15/38 <sup>♦,2</sup>                            | 3,900,000              | 3,513,848    | Sound Point CLO XIX Ltd.   |                        |                      |
| WMRK Commercial Mortgage Trust                                       |                        |              | 2018-1A A, 5.58% (3 Month Term   |                        |                      |
| 2022-WMRK, 7.59% (1 Month  |                        |              | SOFR + 1.26%, Rate Floor:  |                        |                      |
| Term SOFR + 3.44%, Rate  |                        |              | 0.00%) due 04/15/31 <sup>♦,2</sup>   | 870,594                | 871,323              |
| Floor: 3.44%) due 11/15/27 <sup>¢,2</sup>                            | 2,850,000              | 2,857,135    | THL Credit Lake Shore MM CLO I Ltd.  |                        |                      |
| Citigroup Commercial Mortgage Trust                                  |                        |              | 2021-1A A1R, 6.28% (3 Month  |                        |                      |
| 2018-C6, 0.93% (WAC) due 11/10/51 <sup>\$,5</sup>                    | 44,966,063             | 929,035      | Term SOFR + 1.96%, Rate  |                        |                      |
| BXHPP Trust  |                        |              | Floor: 1.70%) due 04/15/33 <sup>♦,2</sup>  | 852,941                | 855,496              |
| 2021-FILM, 5.37% (1 Month Term                                       |                        |              | HGI CRE CLO Ltd.   |                        |                      |
| SOFR + 1.21%, Rate Floor:  |                        |              | 2021-FL2 A, 5.26% (1 Month   |                        |                      |
| 1.10%) due 08/15/36 <sup>♦,2</sup>                                   | 500,000                | 456,776      | Term SOFR + 1.11%, Rate  |                        |                      |
| BENCHMARK Mortgage Trust   |                        |              | Floor: 1.11%) due 09/17/36 <sup>¢,2</sup>  | 67,972                 | 67,905               |
| 2019-B14, 0.89% (WAC) due 12/15/62 <sup>\$\displaystyle{0.5}</sup>   | 21,540,755             | 449,745      | Total Collateralized Loan Obligations  |                        | 12,639,736           |
| JPMDB Commercial Mortgage Securities Trus                            |                        |              | CINCLE FAMILY RECIDENCE 3.60/  |                        |                      |
| 2018-C8, 0.75% (WAC) due 06/15/51 <sup>\$\display\$</sup>            | 33,061,448             | 403,935      | SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE - 3.6%   |                        |                      |
| Life Mortgage Trust  |                        |              | FirstKey Homes Trust   | 2 000 000              | 1 000 200            |
| 2021-BMR, 5.37% (1 Month Term  |                        |              | 2020-SFR2, 1.67% due 10/19/37 <sup>2</sup>   | 2,000,000              | 1,990,206            |
| SOFR + 1.21%, Rate Floor:  | -0- 400                | -0-0-6       | 2020-SFR2, 2.67% due 10/19/37 <sup>2</sup><br>2022-SFR1, 4.49% due 05/19/39 <sup>2</sup> | 1,150,000<br>750,000   | 1,144,841<br>746,391 |
| 1.10%) due 03/15/38 <sup>♦,2</sup>                                   | 101,460                | 101,016      | STAR Trust   | 730,000                | 740,331              |
| Total Commercial Mortgage-   |                        |              |  |                        |                      |
| Backed Securities  |                        | 13,102,279   | 2025-SFR6, 5.55% (1 Month Term<br>SOFR + 1.40%, Rate Floor:                              |                        |                      |
| GOVERNMENT AGENCY - 0.9%   |                        |              | 1.40%) due 08/17/42 <sup>6,2</sup>   | 750,000                | 751,564              |
| Fannie Mae   |                        |              | , , ,  | 750,000                |                      |
| 6.50% due 04/25/49   | 736,068                | 750,655      | Total Single Family Residence  |                        | 4,633,002            |
| 5.00% due 05/25/52   | 338,894                | 339,272      | NET LEASE - 2.9%   |                        |                      |
|  | 330,074                |              | Oak Street Investment Grade  |                        |                      |
| Total Government Agency  |                        | 1,089,927    | Net Lease Fund Series  |                        |                      |
| Total Collateralized Mortgage Obligations                            |                        |              | 2020-1A, 1.85% due 11/20/50 <sup>2</sup>   | 3,034,444              | 2,897,016            |
| (Cost \$44,734,159)  |                        | 43,727,730   | CF Hippolyta Issuer LLC  |                        | , ,                  |
| ,  |                        |              | 2021-1Á, 1.98% due 03/15/61 <sup>2</sup>   | 942,448                | 728,059              |
| ASSET-BACKED SECURITIES <sup>††</sup> - 20.8%                        |                        |              | Total Net Lease  |                        | 3,625,075            |
| COLLATERALIZED LOAN OBLIGATIONS - 9.                                 | .9%                    |              | Total Net Eduse  |                        | 3,023,073            |
| BXMT Ltd.  |                        |              | TRANSPORT-CONTAINER - 2.6%   |                        |                      |
| 2020-FL2 AS, 5.66% (1 Month  |                        |              | Triton Container Finance VIII LLC  |                        |                      |
| Term SOFR + 1.51%, Rate  | 2 500 000              | 2 470 071    | 2021-1A, 1.86% due 03/20/46 <sup>2</sup>   | 1,852,500              | 1,710,518            |
| Floor: 1.51%) due 02/15/38 <sup>4,2</sup>                            | 2,500,000              | 2,470,071    | Textainer Marine Containers VII Ltd.   |                        |                      |
| 2020-FL3 AS, 6.51% (1 Month  |                        |              | 2021-1A, 1.68% due 02/20/46 <sup>2</sup>   | 633,333                | 590,063              |
| Term SOFR + 2.36%, Rate  | 3 750 000              | 1 742 547    | 2020-1A, 2.73% due 08/21/45 <sup>2</sup>   | 262,175                | 252,216              |
| Floor: 2.36%) due 11/15/37 <sup>♦,2</sup>                            | 1,750,000              | 1,743,547    | CLI Funding VIII LLC   |                        |                      |
| Owl Rock CLO IV Ltd.   |                        |              | 2021-1A, 1.64% due 02/18/46 <sup>2</sup>   | 829,518                | 766,462              |
| 2021-4A A1R, 6.07% (3 Month  |                        |              | Total Transport-Container  |                        | 3,319,259            |
| Term SOFR + 1.86%, Rate<br>Floor: 1.60%) due 08/20/33 <sup>4,2</sup> | 2 150 000              | 2 150 000    |  |                        |                      |
| 1 1001. 1.00/0] uue 00/20/33   | 2,150,000              | 2,159,880    |  |                        |                      |

|  | Face<br>Amount | Value        |   | Face<br><b>A</b> mount | Value          |
|--|----------------|--------------|---|------------------------|----------------|
| INFRASTRUCTURE - 1.0% Aligned Data Centers Issuer LLC 2021-1A, 1.94% due 08/15/46 <sup>2</sup> STRINGPORT ANGENET, 0.66% | 1,233,000      | \$ 1,203,503 | TECHNOLOGY - 0.2% World Wide Technology Holding Company LLC 6.16% (1 Month Term SOFR + 2.00%, |                        |                |
| TRANSPORT-AIRCRAFT - 0.6% Sapphire Aviation Finance II Ltd.  |                |              | Rate Floor: 2.50%) due 03/01/30   | \$ 219,791             | \$ 220,065     |
| 2020-1A, 3.23% due 03/15/40 <sup>2</sup> Castlelake Aircraft Securitization Trust  | 492,182        | 470,162      | Total Senior Floating Rate Interests<br>(Cost \$837,921)                                      |                        | 837,797        |
| 2018-1, 4.13% due 06/15/43 <sup>2</sup>  | 309,537        | 305,512      | REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS <sup>††,7</sup> - 1.2%  |                        |                |
| Total Transport-Aircraft   |                | 775,674      | BofA Securities, Inc.   |                        |                |
| FINANCIAL - 0.2% Project Onyx II 7.09% (3 Month Term SOFR + 2.80%,   |                |              | issued 09/30/25 at 4.19%<br>due 10/01/25<br>BNP Paribas                                       | 576,189                | 576,189        |
| Rate Floor: 2.80%) due $01/26/27^{\circ,\dagger\dagger\dagger\dagger}$   | 210,499        | 209,826      | issued 09/30/25 at 4.20%<br>due 10/01/25  | 504,165                | 504,165        |
| Total Asset-Backed Securities<br>(Cost \$27,020,150)   |                | 26,406,075   | J.P. Morgan Securities LLC issued 09/30/25 at 4.20%   | 30.,.03                | 30 1,103       |
| U.S. TREASURY BILLS <sup>††</sup> - 0.7%<br>U.S. Treasury Bills  |                |              | due 10/01/25<br>Bank of Montreal<br>issued 09/30/25 at 4.18%                                  | 360,118                | 360,118        |
| 3.95% due 10/23/25 <sup>6</sup>  | 900,000        | 897,785      | due 10/01/25  | 72,024                 | 72,024         |
| Total U.S. Treasury Bills<br>(Cost \$897,768)  |                | 897,785      | Total Repurchase Agreements<br>(Cost \$1,512,496)   |                        | 1,512,496      |
| SENIOR FLOATING RATE INTERESTS $^{\uparrow\uparrow,\circ}$ - 0.7% FINANCIAL - 0.5%                                       | ,<br>,         |              | Total Investments - 99.5%<br>(Cost \$127,629,459)   |                        | \$ 126,462,609 |
| Citadel Securities, LP   |                |              | Other Assets & Liabilities, net - 0.5%  |                        | 696,840        |
| 6.16% (1 Month Term SOFR + 2.00%,<br>Rate Floor: 2.00%) due 10/31/31<br>Jane Street Group LLC                            | 325,069        | 325,598      | Total Net Assets - 100.0%   |                        | \$ 127,159,449 |
| 6.20% (3 Month Term SOFR + 2.00%,  | 204 500        | 202.124      |   |                        |                |
| Rate Floor: 2.00%) due 12/15/31  Total Financial   | 294,588        | 292,134      |   |                        |                |
| iotai rinanciai  |                | 617,732      |   |                        |                |
| Controlly Closued Interset Data Swan Agreement   | -îî            |              |   |                        |                |
| Centrally Cleared Interest Rate Swap Agreement   | <b>S</b> ''    |              |   | Unfront                |                |

| Counterparty | Exchange | Floating<br>Rate<br>Type | Floating<br>Rate Index | Fixed<br>Rate | Payment<br>Frequency | Maturity<br>Date | Notional<br>Amount | Value        | Upfront<br>Premiums<br>Paid<br>(Received) | Unrealized<br>Depreciation*** |
|--------------|----------|--------------------------|------------------------|---------------|----------------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------|---|-------------------------------|
|              |          |                          | U.S. Secured           |               |                      |                  |                    |              |   |                               |
| BofA         |          |                          | Overnight              |               |                      |                  |                    |              |   |                               |
| Securities,  |          |                          | Financing              |               |                      |                  |                    |              |   |                               |
| Inc.         | CME      | Receive                  | Rate                   | 4.28%         | Annually             | 06/14/27         | \$55,500,000       | \$ (736,682) | \$ 249                                    | \$ (736,931)                  |

CME — Chicago Mercantile Exchange

plc — Public Limited Company

 ${\sf SOFR--Secured\ Overnight\ Financing\ Rate}$ 

WAC — Weighted Average Coupon

See Sector Classification in Other Information section.

The following table summarizes the inputs used to value the Fund's investments at September 30, 2025 (See Note 4 in the Notes to Financial Statements):

| Investments in Securities (Assets)  | Level 1<br>Quoted<br>Prices | Level 2<br>Significant<br>Observable<br>Inputs | Ui | Level 3<br>Significant<br>nobservable<br>Inputs | Total             |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|----|---|-------------------|
| Money Market Fund                   | \$<br>3,196,394             | \$<br>_  | \$ | _   | \$<br>3,196,394   |
| Corporate Bonds                     | _                           | 49,884,332                                     |    | _   | 49,884,332        |
| Collateralized Mortgage Obligations | _                           | 43,727,730                                     |    | _   | 43,727,730        |
| Asset-Backed Securities             | _                           | 26,196,249                                     |    | 209,826   | 26,406,075        |
| U.S. Treasury Bills                 | _                           | 897,785  |    | _   | 897,785           |
| Senior Floating Rate Interests      | _                           | 837,797  |    | _   | 837,797           |
| Repurchase Agreements               | _                           | 1,512,496                                      |    | _   | 1,512,496         |
| Total Assets                        | \$<br>3,196,394             | \$<br>123,056,389                              | \$ | 209,826   | \$<br>126,462,609 |

| Investments in Securities (Liabilities) | Level 1<br>Quoted<br>Prices | Level 2<br>Significant<br>Observable<br>Inputs | Level 3<br>Significant<br>Observable<br>Inputs | Total         |
|---|-----------------------------|--|--|---------------|
| Interest Rate Swap Agreements**         | \$<br>_                     | \$<br>736,931                                  | \$<br>_  | \$<br>736,931 |

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

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

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> A copy of each underlying unaffiliated fund's financial statements is available at the SEC's website at www.sec.gov.

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

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

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

Variable rate security. Rate indicated is the rate effective at September 30, 2025. In some instances, the effective rate is limited by a minimum rate floor or a maximum rate cap established by the issuer. The settlement status of a position may also impact the effective rate indicated. In some cases, a position may be unsettled at period end and may not have a stated effective rate. In instances where multiple underlying reference rates and spread amounts are shown, the effective rate is based on a weighted average.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Rate indicated is the 7-day yield as of September 30, 2025.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 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) securities is \$93,519,428 (cost \$94,375,976), or 73.5% of total net assets.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Security has a fixed rate coupon which will convert to a floating or variable rate coupon on a future date.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Security is a step up/down bond. The coupon increases or decreases at regular intervals until the bond reaches full maturity. Rate indicated is the rate at September 30, 2025. See table below for additional step information for each security.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Security is an interest-only strip.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Rate indicated is the effective yield at the time of purchase.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Repurchase Agreements - The interest rate on repurchase agreements is market driven and based on the underlying collateral obtained. See additional disclosure in the repurchase agreements table below for more information on repurchase agreements.

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#### **Step Coupon Bonds**

The following table discloses additional information related to step coupon bonds held by the Fund. Certain securities are subject to multiple rate changes prior to maturity. For those securities, a range of rates and corresponding dates have been provided. Rates for all step coupon bonds held by the Fund are scheduled to increase, none are scheduled to decrease.

| Name                                     | Coupon Rate at<br>Next Reset Date | Next Rate Reset Date | Future Reset Rate(s) | Future Reset Date(s) |
|--|-----------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Angel Oak Mortgage Trust 2024-           |                                   |                      |                      |                      |
| 4, 6.20% due 01/25/69                    | 7.20%                             | 03/01/28             | _                    | _                    |
| Citigroup Mortgage Loan Trust, Inc.      |                                   |                      |                      |                      |
| 2022-A, 9.17% due 09/25/62               | 10.17%                            | 08/25/26             | _                    | _                    |
| COLT Mortgage Loan Trust 2023-           |                                   |                      |                      |                      |
| 3, 7.18% due 09/25/68                    | 8.18%                             | 09/01/27             | _                    | _                    |
| GCAT Trust 2023-NQM3, 6.89% due 08/25/68 | 7.89%                             | 09/01/27             | _                    | _                    |
| GCAT Trust 2022-NQM4, 5.73% due 08/25/67 | 6.73%                             | 08/01/26             | _                    | _                    |
| GCAT Trust 2024-NQM2, 6.09% due 06/25/59 | 7.36%                             | 05/01/28             | _                    | _                    |
| OBX Trust 2023-NQM2, 6.32% due 01/25/62  | 7.32%                             | 02/01/27             | _                    | _                    |
| OBX Trust 2024-NQM6, 6.45% due 02/25/64  | 7.45%                             | 04/01/28             | _                    | _                    |
| OBX Trust 2024-NQM8, 6.23% due 05/25/64  | 7.23%                             | 05/01/28             | _                    | _                    |
| OBX Trust 2024-NQM7, 6.24% due 03/25/64  | 7.24%                             | 04/01/28             | _                    | _                    |
| OBX Trust 2023-NQM1, 6.25% due 11/25/63  | 7.25%                             | 12/01/27             | _                    | _                    |
| OBX Trust 2024-NQM5, 5.99% due 01/25/64  | 6.99%                             | 03/01/28             | _                    | _                    |

#### **Repurchase Agreements**

The Fund may engage in repurchase agreements. Repurchase agreements are fixed income securities in the form of agreements backed by collateral. These agreements typically involve the acquisition by the Fund of securities from the selling institution coupled with the agreement that the selling institution will repurchase the underlying securities at a specified price and at a fixed time in the future. The Fund may accept a wide variety of underlying securities as collateral for the repurchase agreements entered into by the Fund. Any such securities serving as collateral are marked-to-market daily in order to maintain full collateralization. Securities purchased under repurchase agreements are reflected as an asset on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. Interest earned is recorded as a component of interest income on the Statement of Operations.

In connection with transactions in repurchase agreements, it is the Fund's policy that its custodian take possession of the underlying collateral. The collateral is in the possession of the Fund's custodian and is evaluated to ensure that its market value exceeds, at a minimum, 102% of the original face amount of the repurchase agreements.

The use of repurchase agreements involves certain risks. For example, if the selling institution defaults on its obligation to repurchase the underlying securities at a time when the value of securities has declined, the Fund may incur a loss upon disposition of them. In the event of an insolvency or bankruptcy by the selling institution, the Fund's right to control the collateral could be affected and result in certain costs and delays. In addition, the Fund could incur a loss if the value of the underlying collateral falls below the agreed upon repurchase price.

At September 30, 2025, the repurchase agreements in the account were as follows:

| Counterparty and<br>Terms of Agreement                 | Face Value    | Repur | chase Price | Collateral  | Par Value      | Fair ' | Value        |
|--|---------------|-------|-------------|---|----------------|--------|--------------|
| BofA Securities, Inc.<br>4.19%<br>Due 10/01/25         | \$<br>576,189 | \$    | 576,256     | U.S. Treasury Strips<br>0.00%<br>Due 05/15/38                   | \$ 1,042,543   | \$ 58  | 7,713        |
| BNP Paribas<br>4.20%<br>Due 10/01/25                   | 504,165       |       | 504,224     | U.S. Treasury Bill<br>0.00%<br>Due 02/19/26                     | 328,400        | 32     | 3,612        |
|  |               |       | ,           | U.S. Treasury Note<br>3.63%<br>Due 05/31/28                     | 107,000        |        | 8,329        |
|  |               |       |             | U.S. Treasury Strips<br>0.00%<br>Due 05/15/44 - 11/15/54        | 250,990        | 83     | 2,248        |
|  |               |       |             | U.S. Treasury Inflation<br>Indexed Bond<br>0.50%                | 121            |        | 120          |
|  |               |       |             | Due 01/15/28  | 131<br>686,521 | 514    | 130<br>4,319 |
| J.P. Morgan<br>Securities LLC<br>4.20%<br>Due 10/01/25 | 360,118       |       | 360,160     | U.S. Treasury Notes<br>4.38% - 4.63%<br>Due 12/15/26 - 04/30/31 | 346,300        | 36:    | 7,341        |
|  |               |       |             | U.S. Treasury Strip<br>0.00%<br>Due 05/15/29                    | 100            |        | 88           |
|  |               |       |             |   | 346,400        | 367    | 7,429        |
| Bank of Montreal<br>4.18%                              |               |       |             | U.S. Treasury Bond<br>2.38%                                     | ,              |        | •            |
| Due 10/01/25   | 72,024        |       | 72,032      | Due 11/15/49  | 110,600        | 7:     | 3,513        |

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

September 30, 2025

| Assets:  |                |
|--|----------------|
| Investments, at value                              |                |
| (cost \$126,116,963)                               | \$124,950,113  |
| Repurchase agreements, at value                    |                |
| (cost \$1,512,496)                                 | 1,512,496      |
| Segregated cash with broker                        | 12,056         |
| Unamortized upfront premiums paid on interest rate |                |
| swap agreements                                    | 249            |
| Prepaid expenses                                   | 11,309         |
| Receivables:                                       |                |
| Interest   | 1,021,859      |
| Foreign tax reclaims                               | 569            |
| Total assets                                       | 127,508,651    |
|  |                |
| Liabilities:                                       |                |
| Overdraft due to custodian bank                    | 16,831         |
| Payable for:                                       |                |
| Distributions to shareholders                      | 248,240        |
| Professional fees                                  | 53,529         |
| Variation margin on interest rate swap agreements  | 12,007         |
| Fund accounting/administration fees                | 2,238          |
| Transfer agent/maintenance fees                    | 1,873          |
| Trustees' fees*                                    | 261            |
| Miscellaneous                                      | 14,223         |
| Total liabilities                                  | 349,202        |
| NET ASSETS   | \$127,159,449  |
| NET ASSETS CONSIST OF:                             |                |
| Paid in capital                                    | \$ 131,140,975 |
| Total distributable earnings (loss)                | (3,981,526)    |
|  |                |
| Net assets   | \$127,159,449  |
| Capital shares outstanding                         | 5,111,628      |
| Net asset value per share                          | \$24.88        |
|  |                |

### **STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS**

operations

Year Ended September 30, 2025

| NVESTMENT INCOME:                                      | \$ 9.422.895    |
|--|-----------------|
|  | <del> </del>    |
| Total investment income                                | 9,422,895       |
| Expenses:  |                 |
| Professional fees                                      | 110,200         |
| Fund accounting/administration fees                    | 82,585          |
| Custodian fees   | 31,504          |
| Trustees' fees*  | 28,695          |
| Transfer agent/maintenance fees<br>Line of credit fees | 12,000<br>2,111 |
| Miscellaneous  | 26,472          |
| Total expenses   | 293,567         |
| Less:  | 293,307         |
| Earnings credits applied                               | (15,836)        |
| Net expenses   | 277,731         |
| Net investment income                                  | 9,145,164       |
| NET REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS):               |                 |
| Net realized gain (loss) on:                           |                 |
| Investments  | 368,187         |
| Swap agreements  | 216,395         |
| Net realized gain                                      | 584,582         |
| Net change in unrealized appreciation                  |                 |
| (depreciation) on:                                     |                 |
| Investments  | (465,495)       |
| Swap agreements  | 523,441         |
| Foreign currency translations                          | 48              |
| Net change in unrealized appreciation                  |                 |
| (depreciation)   | 57,994          |
|  |                 |

\$ 9,787,740

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

### STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

|   | Year Ended<br>September 30,<br>2025      | Year Ended<br>September 30,<br>2024      |
|---|--|--|
| INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS FROM OPERATIONS: Net investment income Net realized gain on investments | \$ 9,145,164<br>584,582                  | \$ 17,314,342<br>876,261                 |
| Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments                                       | 57,994                                   | 6,916,120                                |
| Net increase in net assets resulting from operations  | 9,787,740                                | 25,106,723                               |
| Distributions to shareholders   | (9,358,512)                              | (18,178,692)                             |
| CAPITAL SHARE TRANSACTIONS: Proceeds from sale of shares Distributions reinvested Cost of shares redeemed | 40,306,400<br>6,025,476<br>(225,571,475) | 99,883,658<br>14,205,784<br>(96,391,806) |
| Net increase (decrease) from capital share transactions   | (179,239,599)                            | 17,697,636                               |
| Net increase (decrease) in net assets   | (178,810,371)                            | 24,625,667                               |
| NET ASSETS:  Beginning of year  End of year   | 305,969,820<br>\$ 127,159,449            | 281,344,153<br>\$ 305,969,820            |
| •   | <u> </u>                                 | <del>-</del>                             |
| Capital share activity: Shares sold Shares issued from reinvestment of distributions Shares redeemed      | 1,625,838<br>242,524<br>(9,092,152)      | 4,077,267<br>577,947<br>(3,912,845)      |
| Net increase (decrease) in shares   | (7,223,790)                              | 742,369                                  |

### **FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

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

|  | Year Ended<br>September 30,<br>2025 | Year Ended<br>September 30,<br>2024 | Year Ended<br>September 30,<br>2023 | Year Ended<br>September 30,<br>2022 | Year Ended<br>September 30,<br>2021 |
|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Per Share Data   |                                     |                                     |                                     |                                     |                                     |
| Net asset value, beginning of period   | \$24.80                             | \$24.27                             | \$23.96                             | \$24.99                             | \$24.97                             |
| Income (loss) from investment operations:<br>Net investment income (loss) <sup>a</sup> | 1.33                                | 1.33                                | 1.15                                | .49                                 | .35                                 |
| Net gain (loss) on investments (realized and unrealized)                               | .11                                 | .59                                 | .41                                 | (1.02)                              | .07                                 |
| Total from investment operations   | 1.44                                | 1.92                                | 1.56                                | (.53)                               | .42                                 |
| Less distributions from: Net investment income   | (1.36)                              | (1.39)                              | (1.25)                              | (.50)                               | (.40)                               |
| Total distributions  | (1.36)                              | (1.39)                              | (1.25)                              | (.50)                               | (.40)                               |
| Net asset value, end of period   | \$24.88                             | \$24.80                             | \$24.27                             | \$23.96                             | \$24.99                             |
| Total Return <sup>b</sup>  | 5.95%                               | 8.11%                               | 6.62%                               | (2.08%)                             | 1.68%                               |
| Ratios/Supplemental Data   |                                     |                                     |                                     |                                     |                                     |
| Net assets, end of period (in thousands)   | \$127,159                           | \$305,970                           | \$281,344                           | \$287,366                           | \$367,122                           |
| Ratios to average net assets:  |                                     |                                     |                                     |                                     |                                     |
| Net investment income (loss)   | 5.37%                               | 5.40%                               | 4.75%                               | 2.01%                               | 1.40%                               |
| Total expenses <sup>c</sup>  | 0.17%                               | 0.10%                               | 0.13%                               | 0.10%                               | 0.10%                               |
| Net expenses Portfolio turnover rate   | <u>0.17%</u><br>2%                  | 0.10%<br>36%                        | 0.13%<br>12%                        | 0.10%<br>33%                        | 0.10%<br>97%                        |

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> Total return does not reflect the impact of any applicable sales charges.

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

|   | Shares                   |    | Value     |  |    | Face<br>Amount |    | <b>V</b> alue |
|---|--------------------------|----|-----------|--|----|----------------|----|---------------|
| MONEY MARKET FUNDS*** <sup>†</sup> - 2.3%           |                          |    |           | New Residential Mortgage Loan Trust  |    |                |    |               |
| Dreyfus Treasury Securities                         |                          |    |           | 2019-1A, 3.50% (WAC) due 10/25/59 <sup>\$\phi,2</sup>  | \$ | 570,127        | \$ | 537,338       |
| Cash Management Fund —                              |                          |    |           | 2018-2A, 3.50% (WAC) due 02/25/58 <sup>\$\display\$</sup> .2   | •  | 522,480        | •  | 498,934       |
| Institutional Shares, 3.98% <sup>1</sup>            | 1,623,584                | \$ | 1,623,584 | 2017-5A, 5.77% (1 Month Term   |    | 322, .00       |    | .50,55        |
| Dreyfus Treasury Obligations                        | 1,023,301                | •  | 1,023,301 | SOFR + 1.61%, Rate Floor:  |    |                |    |               |
| Cash Management Fund —                              |                          |    |           | 1.50%) due 06/25/57 <sup>\$\displaystyle \cdot \</sup> |    | 170,517        |    | 169,692       |
| Institutional Shares, 4.00% <sup>1</sup>            | 1,320,532                |    | 1,320,532 | Home Equity Loan Trust   |    | 170,517        |    | 105,052       |
| ,   | 1,320,332                | _  | 1,320,332 | 2007-FRE1, 4.46% (1 Month  |    |                |    |               |
| Total Money Market Funds                            |                          |    |           | **   |    |                |    |               |
| (Cost \$2,944,116)                                  |                          |    | 2,944,116 | Term SOFR + 0.30%, Rate  |    | 1 110 011      |    | 1 000 020     |
|   | _                        |    |           | Floor: 0.19%) due 04/25/37 <sup>\$</sup>   |    | 1,119,811      |    | 1,086,836     |
|   | FACE                     |    |           | JP Morgan Mortgage Trust   |    | 1 150 400      |    | 1 077 (10     |
|   | AMOUNT                   | _  |           | 2021-12, 2.50% (WAC) due 02/25/52 <sup>\$\dightarrow\$,2</sup>   |    | 1,152,488      |    | 1,077,619     |
|   |                          |    |           | Structured Asset Securities  |    |                |    |               |
| COLLATERALIZED MORTGAGE OBLIGATION                  | IS <sup>††</sup> - 36.5% |    |           | Corporation Mortgage Loan Trust  |    |                |    |               |
| <b>RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURIT</b>          |                          |    |           | 2008-BC4, 4.90% (1 Month Term  |    |                |    |               |
| OBX Trust   |                          |    |           | SOFR + 0.74%, Rate Floor:  |    |                |    |               |
| 2024-NQM5, 5.99% due 01/25/64 <sup>2,3</sup>        | \$ 2,219,180             |    | 2,241,168 | 0.63%) due 11/25/37 <sup>♦</sup>   |    | 822,990        |    | 800,489       |
| 2024-NQM8, 6.23% due 05/25/64 <sup>2,3</sup>        | 1,198,384                |    | 1,215,047 | Bear Stearns Asset-Backed Securities I Trust   |    |                |    |               |
| 2024-NQM6, 6.45% due 02/25/64 <sup>2,3</sup>        | 1,188,481                |    | 1,206,971 | 2006-HE9, 4.55% (1 Month Term  |    |                |    |               |
| 2024-NQM7, 6.24% due 03/25/64 <sup>2,3</sup>        | 1,159,581                |    | 1,174,863 | SOFR + 0.39%, Rate Floor:  |    |                |    |               |
| 2023-NQM2, 6.32% due 01/25/62 <sup>2,3</sup>        | 1,025,725                |    | 1,027,236 | 0.28%) due 11/25/36 <sup>♦</sup>   |    | 805,539        |    | 800,109       |
| 2023-NQM1, 6.25% due 11/25/63 <sup>2,3</sup>        | 457,608                  |    | 461,535   | HarborView Mortgage Loan Trust   |    |                |    |               |
| 2022-NQM9, 6.45% due 09/25/62 <sup>2,3</sup>        |                          |    |           | 2006-14, 4.55% (1 Month Term   |    |                |    |               |
| • • •   | 234,117                  |    | 233,566   | SOFR + 0.41%, Rate Floor:  |    |                |    |               |
| GCAT Trust  | 1 422 100                |    | 1 200 504 | 0.30%) due 01/25/47 <sup>♦</sup>   |    | 840,659        |    | 787,214       |
| 2022-NQM3, 4.35% (WAC) due 04/25/67 <sup>4</sup> ,2 | 1,432,109                |    | 1,366,584 | NovaStar Mortgage Funding Trust Series   |    | ,              |    | ,             |
| 2023-NQM2, 5.84% due 11/25/67 <sup>2,3</sup>        | 1,166,711                |    | 1,165,110 | 2007-2, 4.47% (1 Month Term  |    |                |    |               |
| 2024-NQM2, 6.09% due 06/25/59 <sup>2,3</sup>        | 1,060,421                |    | 1,072,857 | SOFR + 0.31%, Rate Cap/Floor:  |    |                |    |               |
| 2023-NQM3, 6.89% due 08/25/68 <sup>2,3</sup>        | 324,163                  |    | 328,500   | 11.00%/0.20%) due 09/25/37 <sup>\dagger</sup>  |    | 630,383        |    | 621,528       |
| 2025-NQM4, 5.53% due 06/25/70 <sup>2</sup>          | 294,670                  |    | 297,220   | Soundview Home Loan Trust  |    | 030,303        |    | 021,320       |
| Citigroup Mortgage Loan Trust, Inc.                 |                          |    |           | 2006-OPT5, 4.55% (1 Month  |    |                |    |               |
| 2022-A, 9.17% due 09/25/62 <sup>2,3</sup>           | 2,659,907                |    | 2,667,161 | Term SOFR + 0.39%, Rate  |    |                |    |               |
| OSAT Trust  |                          |    |           | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·  |    | EN7 912        |    | AUE 322       |
| 2021-RPL1, 6.12% due 05/25/65 <sup>2</sup>          | 2,572,392                |    | 2,573,396 | Floor: 0.28%) due 07/25/36 <sup>♦</sup><br>CFMT LLC  |    | 507,812        |    | 495,277       |
| Angel Oak Mortgage Trust                            |                          |    |           | 2022-HB9, 3.25% (WAC) due 09/25/37 <sup>¢,2</sup>  |    | 465.050        |    | 450 005       |
| 2021-6, 1.71% (WAC) due 09/25/66 <sup>♦,2</sup>     | 992,054                  |    | 845,519   |  |    | 465,950        |    | 458,995       |
| 2024-4, 6.20% due 01/25/69 <sup>2,3</sup>           | 621,744                  |    | 629,212   | Alternative Loan Trust   |    |                |    |               |
| 2023-1, 4.75% due 09/26/67 <sup>2,3</sup>           | 610,742                  |    | 607,417   | 2007-OA7, 4.55% (1 Month   |    |                |    |               |
| 2022-1, 3.29% (WAC) due 12/25/66 <sup>♦,2</sup>     | 469,463                  |    | 420,651   | Term SOFR + 0.39%, Rate  |    | 467.112        |    | 120 607       |
| Legacy Mortgage Asset Trust                         |                          |    |           | Floor: 0.28%) due 05/25/47 <sup>\dagger</sup>  |    | 467,113        |    | 430,601       |
| 2021-GS3, 5.75% due 07/25/61 <sup>2</sup>           | 881,147                  |    | 881,072   | HOMES Trust  |    |                |    |               |
| 2021-GS4, 5.65% due 11/25/60 <sup>2</sup>           | 852,754                  |    | 853,241   | 2024-AFC2, 5.58% (WAC) due 10/25/59 <sup>♦,2</sup>   |    | 425,735        |    | 428,917       |
| 2021-GS2, 5.75% due 04/25/61 <sup>2</sup>           | 330,098                  |    | 329,841   | COLT Mortgage Loan Trust   |    |                |    |               |
| CSMC Trust  |                          |    |           | 2023-3, 7.18% due 09/25/68 <sup>2,3</sup>  |    | 408,972        |    | 414,978       |
| 2021-RPL7, 4.20% (WAC) due 07/27/61 <sup>4,2</sup>  | 562,295                  |    | 559,699   | FIGRE Trust  |    |                |    |               |
| 2021-RPL4, 4.14% (WAC) due 12/27/60 <sup>4,2</sup>  | 438,065                  |    | 436,289   | 2024-HE5, 5.44% (WAC) due 10/25/54 <sup>♦,2</sup>  |    | 400,863        |    | 405,251       |
| 2020-NQM1, 2.21% due 05/25/65 <sup>2</sup>          | 314,428                  |    | 300,610   | PMT Loan Trust   |    |                |    |               |
| Verus Securitization Trust                          | 3.1,120                  |    | 200,010   | 2025-INV8, 6.00% (WAC) due 07/25/56 <sup>\$,2</sup>  |    | 343,315        |    | 345,916       |
| 2021-6, 1.89% (WAC) due 10/25/66 <sup>6,2</sup>     | 521,410                  |    | 459,233   | Towd Point Mortgage Trust  |    |                |    |               |
| 2021-6, 1.37% (WAC) due 10/23/66 <sup>4,2</sup>     | 520,987                  |    | 454,193   | 2017-6, 2.75% (WAC) due 10/25/57 <sup>♦,2</sup>  |    | 182,238        |    | 179,396       |
|   |                          |    |           | 2018-2, 3.25% (WAC) due 03/25/58 <sup>♦,2</sup>  |    | 163,988        |    | 162,196       |
| 2021-4, 1.35% (WAC) due 07/25/66 <sup>4,2</sup>     | 259,921                  |    | 222,291   | BRAVO Residential Funding Trust  |    | •              |    | •             |
| 2021-3, 1.44% (WAC) due 06/25/66 <sup>♦,2</sup>     | 141,871                  |    | 124,717   | 2025-NQM7, 5.46% due 07/25/65 <sup>2</sup>   |    | 146,305        |    | 147,446       |
| Imperial Fund Mortgage Trust                        | 1 200 404                |    | 1 214 705 | ,  |    | ,              |    | , ,           |
| 2022-NQM2, 4.02% (WAC) due 03/25/67 <sup>4,2</sup>  | 1,286,464                |    | 1,214,705 |  |    |                |    |               |

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| Argent Securities Incorporated Asset-                     |                |            | CORPORATE BONDS <sup>††</sup> - 35.0%                          |                        |   |
| Backed Pass-Through Certificates Series                   |                |            | FINANCIAL - 19.7%  |                        |   |
| 2005-W2, 5.01% (1 Month Term                              |                |            | Brighthouse Financial Global Funding                           |                        |   |
| SOFR + 0.85%, Rate Floor:                                 |                |            | 5.55% due 04/09/27 <sup>2</sup>                                | \$ 2,750,000           | \$ 2,796,141                            |
| 0.74%) due 10/25/35 <sup>\$</sup>                         | 144,042        | \$ 142,579 | AEGON Funding Company LLC                                      |                        |   |
| Banc of America Funding Trust                             |                |            | 5.50% due 04/16/27 <sup>2</sup>                                | 2,650,000              | 2,696,348                               |
| 2015-R2, 4.53% (1 Month Term                              |                |            | Athene Global Funding  |                        |   |
| SOFR + 0.37%, Rate Floor:                                 |                |            | 5.68% due 02/23/26 <sup>2</sup>                                | 2,050,000              | 2,059,286                               |
| 0.26%) due 04/29/37 <sup>♦,2</sup>                        | 97,324         | 97,079     | F&G Global Funding   |                        |   |
| Residential Mortgage Loan Trust                           |                |            | 5.88% due 06/10/27 <sup>2</sup>                                | 1,900,000              | 1,948,928                               |
| 2020-1, 2.38% (WAC) due 01/26/60 <sup>♦,2</sup>           | 36,813         | 36,514     | HSBC Holdings plc  |                        |   |
| Starwood Mortgage Residential Trust                       | 04 700         |            | 5.60% due 05/17/28 <sup>5</sup>                                | 1,750,000              | 1,786,751                               |
| 2020-1, 2.28% (WAC) due 02/25/50 <sup>♦,2</sup>           | 26,702         | 25,325     | Mutual of Omaha Companies Global Funding                       |                        | 1 770 605                               |
| Total Residential Mortgage-Backed Securities              |                | 35,520,133 | 5.35% due 04/09/27 <sup>2</sup>                                | 1,750,000              | 1,779,625                               |
| COMMERCIAL MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURIT                        | IFC - 7 9%     |            | Standard Chartered plc   | 1 700 000              | 1 725 206                               |
| BX Commercial Mortgage Trust                              | IL3 - 7.7/0    |            | 5.69% due 05/14/28 <sup>2,5</sup>                              | 1,700,000              | 1,735,306                               |
| 2021-VOLT, 5.92% (1 Month Term                            |                |            | LPL Holdings, Inc.   | 1 700 000              | 1 722 051                               |
| SOFR + 1.76%, Rate Floor:                                 |                |            | 5.70% due 05/20/27<br>Barclays plc                             | 1,700,000              | 1,732,051                               |
| 1.65%) due 09/15/36 <sup>4,2</sup>                        | 3,390,898      | 3,380,302  | 5.67% due 03/12/28 <sup>5</sup>                                | 1,650,000              | 1 692 000                               |
| 2022-LP2, 5.71% (1 Month Term                             | 3,370,070      | 3,300,302  | CNO Global Funding   | 1,030,000              | 1,682,090                               |
| SOFR + 1.56%, Rate Floor:                                 |                |            | 5.88% due 06/04/27 <sup>2</sup>                                | 1,140,000              | 1,169,555                               |
| 1.56%) due 02/15/39 <sup>4</sup> ,2                       | 735,000        | 734,08     | Rocket Mortgage LLC / Rocket                                   | 1,140,000              | 1,109,333                               |
| WMRK Commercial Mortgage Trust                            | 733,000        | 751,00     | Mortgage Company-Issuer, Inc.                                  |                        |   |
| 2022-WMRK, 7.59% (1 Month                                 |                |            | 2.88% due 10/15/26 <sup>2</sup>                                | 850,000                | 832,600                                 |
| Term SOFR + 3.44%, Rate                                   |                |            | Societe Generale S.A.  | 830,000                | 832,000                                 |
| Floor: 3.44%) due 11/15/27 <sup>\$\display\$</sup>        | 2,900,000      | 2,907,260  | 5.52% due 01/19/28 <sup>2,5</sup>                              | 800,000                | 810,704                                 |
| Citigroup Commercial Mortgage Trust                       | _,,,,,,,,      | _,,,,_,,   | Cooperatieve Rabobank UA                                       | 000,000                | 010,701                                 |
| 2018-C6, 0.93% (WAC) due 11/10/51 <sup>\$\display\$</sup> | 39,772,414     | 821,730    | 4.66% due 08/22/28 <sup>2,5</sup>                              | 800,000                | 806,712                                 |
| JP Morgan Chase Commercial                                | ,,             | ,          | Jackson National Life Global Funding                           | 000,000                | 000,712                                 |
| Mortgage Securities Trust                                 |                |            | 5.60% due 04/10/26 <sup>2</sup>                                | 750,000                | 755,426                                 |
| 2021-NYAH, 6.06% (1 Month                                 |                |            | SLM Corp.  |                        |   |
| Term SOFR + 1.90%, Rate                                   |                |            | 3.13% due 11/02/26   | 600,000                | 587,787                                 |
| Floor: 1.54%) due 06/15/38 <sup>4,2</sup>                 | 850,000        | 765,839    | Nationwide Building Society                                    | ,                      | , |
| Morgan Stanley Capital I Trust                            |                |            | 4.65% due 07/14/29 <sup>2,5</sup>                              | 550,000                | 554,494                                 |
| 2018-H3, 0.94% (WAC) due 07/15/51 <sup>♦,4</sup>          | 39,477,395     | 691,052    | United Wholesale Mortgage LLC                                  |                        |   |
| BXHPP Trust   |                |            | 5.50% due 11/15/25 <sup>2</sup>                                | 490,000                | 489,824                                 |
| 2021-FILM, 5.37% (1 Month Term                            |                |            | GA Global Funding Trust  |                        |   |
| SOFR + 1.21%, Rate Floor:                                 |                |            | 1.63% due 01/15/26 <sup>2</sup>                                | 450,000                | 446,369                                 |
| 1.10%) due 08/15/36 <sup>♦,2</sup>                        | 500,000        | 456,776    | American National Group, Inc.                                  |                        |   |
| JPMDB Commercial Mortgage Securities Trust                |                |            | 5.00% due 06/15/27   | 240,000                | 241,971                                 |
| 2018-C8, 0.75% (WAC) due 06/15/51 <sup>♦,4</sup>          | 22,095,685     | 269,958    | Brown & Brown, Inc.  |                        |   |
| Life Mortgage Trust                                       |                |            | 4.60% due 12/23/26   | 175,000                | 175,916                                 |
| 2021-BMR, 5.37% (1 Month Term                             |                |            | OneMain Finance Corp.  |                        |   |
| SOFR + 1.21%, Rate Floor:                                 |                |            | 7.13% due 03/15/26   | 168,000                | 169,518                                 |
| 1.10%) due 03/15/38 <sup>♦,2</sup>                        | 80,100         | 79,749     | Total Financial  |                        | 25,257,402                              |
| Total Commercial Mortgage-                                |                |            | CONCUMED MON CYCLICAL FOW                                      |                        |   |
| Backed Securities   |                | 10,106,747 | CONSUMER, NON-CYCLICAL - 5.8%                                  |                        |   |
| GOVERNMENT AGENCY - 0.9%                                  |                |            | Universal Health Services, Inc.                                | 1 050 000              | 1 002 005                               |
| Fannie Mae  |                |            | 1.65% due 09/01/26   | 1,950,000              | 1,903,885                               |
|   | 736,068        | 750,655    | Icon Investments Six DAC                                       | 7 000 000              | 1 02 <i>c</i> 400                       |
| 6.50% due 04/25/49  | 387,307        |            | 5.81% due 05/08/27   | 1,800,000              | 1,836,480                               |
| 5.00% due 05/25/52  | 707,507        | 387,739    | Element Fleet Management Corp. 6.27% due 06/26/26 <sup>2</sup> | 1 650 000              | 1 671 250                               |
| Total Government Agency                                   |                | 1,138,394  | ·  | 1,650,000              | 1,671,350                               |
| Total Collateralized Mortgage Obligations                 |                |            | IQVIA, Inc.<br>5.00% due 05/15/27 <sup>2</sup>                 | 7 000 000              | 007 216                                 |
| (Cost \$47,617,642)                                       |                | 46,765,274 | 3.00/0 due 03/13/2/  | 1,000,000              | 997,216                                 |

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| Triton Container International Ltd.  |                |    |             | ASSET-BACKED SECURITIES†† - 22.7%   |              |                |    |            |
| 2.05% due 04/15/26 <sup>2</sup> Albertsons Companies Incorporated / Safeway Inc / New Albertsons | \$ 700,000     | \$ | 691,193     | COLLATERALIZED LOAN OBLIGATIONS - 8 BXMT Ltd. 2020-FL2 AS, 5.66% (1 Month                           | <b>3.8</b> % |                |    |            |
| Limited Partnership / Albertsons LLC 3.25% due 03/15/26 <sup>2</sup>                             | 275,000        |    | 272,850     | Term SOFR + 1.51%, Rate<br>Floor: 1.51%) due 02/15/38 <sup>4</sup> , 2                              | \$ 2         | ,250,000       | \$ | 2,223,064  |
| Block, Inc.<br>2.75% due 06/01/26  | 100,000        |    | 98,686      | 2020-FL3 AS, 6.51% (1 Month<br>Term SOFR + 2.36%, Rate<br>Floor: 2.36%) due 11/15/37 <sup>¢,2</sup> | 1            | ,250,000       |    | 1,245,391  |
| Total Consumer, Non-cyclical   |                |    | 7,471,660   | BRSP Ltd.   |              | ,230,000       |    | 1,213,331  |
| INDUSTRIAL - 3.4%  |                |    |             | 2021-FL1 B, 6.15% (1 Month  |              |                |    |            |
| Penske Truck Leasing Company Lp / PTL Finance Corp.  |                |    |             | Term SOFR + 2.01%, Rate   | 2            | 750 000        |    | 2742 424   |
| 5.35% due 01/12/27 <sup>2</sup>  | 1,650,000      |    | 1,669,980   | Floor: 1.90%) due 08/19/38 <sup>♦,2</sup><br>Owl Rock CLO IV Ltd.                                   | 2            | ,750,000       |    | 2,743,434  |
| Weir Group plc   | , ,            |    | , ,         | 2021-4A A1R, 6.07% (3 Month   |              |                |    |            |
| 2.20% due 05/13/26 <sup>2</sup>  | 1,091,000      |    | 1,073,599   | Term SOFR + 1.86%, Rate   |              |                |    |            |
| Silgan Holdings, Inc.  | 750,000        |    | 720 212     | Floor: 1.60%) due 08/20/33 <sup>0,2</sup>   | 1            | ,500,000       |    | 1,506,893  |
| 1.40% due 04/01/26 <sup>2</sup><br>Vontier Corp.   | 750,000        |    | 738,213     | Greystone Commercial Real Estate Notes  |              |                |    |            |
| 1.80% due 04/01/26   | 650,000        |    | 641,021     | 2021-FL3 B, 5.92% (1 Month<br>Term SOFR + 1.76%, Rate   |              |                |    |            |
| Jabil, Inc.  | 050,000        |    | 0,02.       | Floor: 1.65%) due 07/15/39 <sup>6,2</sup>   | 1            | ,000,000       |    | 997,216    |
| 1.70% due 04/15/26   | 200,000        |    | 197,317     | Cerberus Loan Funding XXXII, LP   | •            | ,000,000       |    | JJ7,210    |
| Total Industrial   |                |    | 4,320,130   | 2021-2A A, 6.20% (3 Month Term  |              |                |    |            |
| CONSUMER, CYCLICAL - 2.4%  |                |    |             | SOFR + 1.88%, Rate Floor:   |              |                |    |            |
| LG Electronics, Inc.   |                |    |             | 1.88%) due 04/22/33 <sup>♦,2</sup>  |              | 976,310        |    | 978,998    |
| 5.63% due 04/24/27 <sup>2</sup>  | 900,000        |    | 916,562     | Sound Point CLO XIX Ltd.<br>2018-1A A, 5.58% (3 Month Term  |              |                |    |            |
| United Airlines, Inc.  |                |    |             | SOFR + 1.26%, Rate Floor:   |              |                |    |            |
| 4.38% due 04/15/26 <sup>2</sup>  | 900,000        |    | 898,618     | 0.00%) due 04/15/31 <sup>4</sup> , <sup>2</sup>   |              | 789,535        |    | 790,196    |
| Live Nation Entertainment, Inc. 6.50% due 05/15/27 <sup>2</sup>                                  | 875,000        |    | 883,094     | THL Credit Lake Shore MM CLO I Ltd.   |              |                |    |            |
| Air Canada   | 873,000        |    | 003,034     | 2021-1A A1R, 6.28% (3 Month   |              |                |    |            |
| 3.88% due 08/15/26 <sup>2</sup>  | 330,000        |    | 327,005     | Term SOFR + 1.96%, Rate   |              | (20.70)        |    | (41 (22    |
| Total Consumer, Cyclical   |                |    | 3,025,279   | Floor: 1.70%) due 04/15/33 <sup>♦,2</sup><br>HGI CRE CLO Ltd.                                       |              | 639,706        |    | 641,622    |
| •  |                |    | <del></del> | 2021-FL2 A, 5.26% (1 Month  |              |                |    |            |
| UTILITIES - 1.6%<br>Algonquin Power & Utilities Corp.  |                |    |             | Term SOFR + 1.11%, Rate   |              |                |    |            |
| 5.37% due 06/15/26   | 1,750,000      |    | 1,762,586   | Floor: 1.11%) due 09/17/36 <sup>♦,2</sup>   |              | 66,456         |    | 66,391     |
| Terraform Global Operating, LP   | , ,            |    | , ,         | NewStar Fairfield Fund CLO Ltd.   |              |                |    |            |
| 6.13% due 03/01/26 <sup>2</sup>  | 210,000        |    | 207,346     | 2018-2A A1N, 5.86% (3 Month<br>Term SOFR + 1.53%, Rate  |              |                |    |            |
| Total Utilities  |                |    | 1,969,932   | Floor: 1.27%) due 04/20/30 <sup>\$\phi,2</sup>  |              | 25,302         |    | 25,353     |
| COMMUNICATIONS - 1.1%  |                |    |             | Total Collateralized Loan Obligations   |              |                | _  | 11,218,558 |
| FactSet Research Systems, Inc.   |                |    |             | _   |              |                |    | , -,       |
| 2.90% due 03/01/27   | 1,450,000      |    | 1,423,469   | SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE - 3.9% FirstKey Homes Trust   |              |                |    |            |
| TECHNOLOGY - 1.0%  |                |    |             | 2020-SFR2, 2.67% due 10/19/37 <sup>2</sup>  | 3            | ,550,000       |    | 3,534,074  |
| CDW LLC / CDW Finance Corp.  |                |    |             | 2022-SFR1, 4.49% due 05/19/39 <sup>2</sup>  |              | 750,000        |    | 746,391    |
| 2.67% due 12/01/26   | 1,350,000      |    | 1,324,385   | STAR Trust  |              |                |    |            |
| <b>Total Corporate Bonds</b>   |                |    |             | 2025-SFR6, 5.55% (1 Month Term  |              |                |    |            |
| (Cost \$44,376,205)  |                | 4  | 4,792,257   | SOFR + 1.40%, Rate Floor:<br>1.40%) due 08/17/42 <sup>4,2</sup>                                     |              | 750,000        |    | 751 564    |
|  |                |    |             |   |              | 7 30,000       | _  | 751,564    |
|  |                |    |             | Total Single Family Residence   |              |                |    | 5,032,029  |
|  |                |    |             | NET LEASE - 3.0%  |              |                |    |            |
|  |                |    |             | Oak Street Investment Grade  Net Lease Fund Series  |              |                |    |            |
|  |                |    |             | Net Lease Fund Series<br>2020-1A, 1.85% due 11/20/50 <sup>2</sup>                                   | າ            | ,384,206       |    | 2,276,226  |
|  |                |    |             | 2020 171, 1.05/0 446 11/20/30   | 2            | ,50 1,200      |    | _,_, 0,220 |

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| New Economy Assets Phase 1 Sponsor LLC   |                |    |                                  | SENIOR FLOATING RATE INTERESTS ††, . 1.59                | 6                      |       |           |
| 2021-1, 1.91% due 10/20/61 <sup>2</sup> \$                                       | 1,000,000      | \$ | 834,147                          | TECHNOLOGY - 0.7%  |                        |       |           |
| CF Hippolyta Issuer LLC<br>2021-1A, 1.98% due 03/15/61 <sup>2</sup>              | 706,836        |    | 546,044                          | CoreLogic, Inc.<br>7.78% (1 Month Term SOFR + 3.50%,     |                        |       |           |
| Store Master Funding I-VII   | 700,830        |    | J <del>4</del> 0,0 <del>44</del> | Rate Floor: 4.00%) due 06/02/28 \$                       | 673,684                | \$    | 673,051   |
| 2018-1A, 4.29% due 10/20/48 <sup>2</sup>   | 227,378        |    | 225,911                          | World Wide Technology                                    | 0,5,00                 | •     | 0.5,05.   |
| Total Net Lease  | ,              |    | 3,882,328                        | Holding Company LLC                                      |                        |       |           |
|  |                |    | 3,002,320                        | 6.16% (1 Month Term SOFR + 2.00%,                        |                        |       |           |
| TRANSPORT-CONTAINER - 2.3%   |                |    |                                  | Rate Floor: 2.50%) due 03/01/30                          | 263,749                |       | 264,079   |
| Triton Container Finance VIII LLC 2021-1A, 1.86% due 03/20/46 <sup>2</sup>       | 1,482,000      |    | 1,368,415                        | Total Technology   |                        |       | 937,130   |
| CLI Funding VIII LLC   |                |    |                                  | FINANCIAL - 0.5%   |                        |       |           |
| 2021-1A, 1.64% due 02/18/46 <sup>2</sup>   | 955,202        |    | 882,593                          | Citadel Securities, LP                                   |                        |       |           |
| Textainer Marine Containers VII Ltd.<br>2021-1A, 1.68% due 02/20/46 <sup>2</sup> | 443,333        |    | 413,044                          | 6.16% (1 Month Term SOFR + 2.00%,                        | 225 060                |       | 225 500   |
| 2020-1A, 2.73% due 02/20/40<br>2020-1A, 2.73% due 08/21/45 <sup>2</sup>          | 240,327        |    | 231,197                          | Rate Floor: 2.00%) due 10/31/31<br>Jane Street Group LLC | 325,069                |       | 325,598   |
| Textainer Marine Containers Ltd.   | 240,327        |    | 231,137                          | 6.20% (3 Month Term SOFR + 2.00%,                        |                        |       |           |
| 2021-3A, 1.94% due 08/20/46 <sup>2</sup>   | 67,333         |    | 60,503                           | Rate Floor: 2.00%) due 12/15/31                          | 294,588                |       | 292,134   |
| Total Transport-Container  | •              |    | 2,955,752                        | Total Financial  | ,                      |       | 617,732   |
| COLLATERALIZED DEBT OBLIGATIONS - 1.7%   |                |    |                                  | CONSUMER, NON-CYCLICAL - 0.3%                            |                        |       |           |
| Anchorage Credit Funding 4 Ltd.  |                |    |                                  | Elanco Animal Health, Inc.                               |                        |       |           |
| 2021-4A AR, 2.72% due 04/27/39 <sup>2</sup>                                      | 2,250,000      |    | 2,128,468                        | 6.13% (1 Month Term SOFR + 1.75%,                        |                        |       |           |
|  | , ,            |    | , ,                              | Rate Floor: 1.75%) due 08/01/27                          | 368,827                |       | 368,336   |
| WHOLE BUSINESS - 1.2%  |                |    |                                  | Total Senior Floating Rate Interests                     |                        |       |           |
| Domino's Pizza Master Issuer LLC 2018-1A, 4.33% due 07/25/48 <sup>2</sup>        | 1,184,375      |    | 1,181,263                        | (Cost \$1,922,716)                                       |                        | 1     | 1,923,198 |
| Wingstop Funding LLC   | 1,107,373      |    | 1,101,203                        | U.S. TREASURY BILLS†† - 0.8%                             |                        |       |           |
| 2020-1A, 2.84% due 12/05/50 <sup>2</sup>   | 443,250        |    | 427,914                          | U.S. Treasury Bills                                      |                        |       |           |
| Total Whole Business   | ,              |    | 1,609,177                        | 3.95% due 10/23/25 <sup>6</sup>                          | 1,000,000              |       | 997,539   |
|  |                | _  | , , , , , , , , , ,              | Total U.S. Treasury Bills                                | .,000,000              |       | 331,333   |
| INFRASTRUCTURE - 1.0%  |                |    |                                  | (Cost \$997,520)   |                        |       | 997,539   |
| Aligned Data Centers Issuer LLC<br>2021-1A, 1.94% due 08/15/46 <sup>2</sup>      | 1,300,000      |    | 1,268,900                        | ,  |                        |       |           |
| 2021-1A, 1.54/6 due 00/15/40   | 1,300,000      | _  | 1,200,300                        | REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS <sup>††,7</sup> - 0.6%             |                        |       |           |
| TRANSPORT-AIRCRAFT - 0.6%  |                |    |                                  | BofA Securities, Inc.                                    |                        |       |           |
| Sapphire Aviation Finance II Ltd.  |                |    |                                  | issued 09/30/25 at 4.19%<br>due 10/01/25                 | 310,298                |       | 310,298   |
| 2020-1A, 3.23% due 03/15/40 <sup>2</sup>   | 492,182        |    | 470,162                          | BNP Paribas  | 310,230                |       | 310,230   |
| Castlelake Aircraft Securitization Trust 2018-1, 4.13% due 06/15/43 <sup>2</sup> | 257 047        |    | 254 504                          | issued 09/30/25 at 4.20%                                 |                        |       |           |
|  | 257,947        | _  | 254,594                          | due 10/01/25   | 271,511                |       | 271,511   |
| Total Transport-Aircraft   |                | _  | 724,756                          | J.P. Morgan Securities LLC                               |                        |       |           |
| FINANCIAL - 0.2%   |                |    |                                  | issued 09/30/25 at 4.20%                                 |                        |       |           |
| Project Onyx II  |                |    |                                  | due 10/01/25   | 193,936                |       | 193,936   |
| 7.09% (3 Month Term SOFR + 2.80%,  |                |    |                                  | Bank of Montreal   |                        |       |           |
| Rate Floor: 2.80%) due 01/26/27 <sup>♦,†††</sup>                                 | 240,570        | _  | 239,802                          | issued 09/30/25 at 4.18%                                 | 20 707                 |       | 20 707    |
| Total Asset-Backed Securities  |                |    |                                  | due 10/01/25   | 38,787                 |       | 38,787    |
| (Cost \$29,854,795)  |                | _  | 29,059,770                       | Total Repurchase Agreements<br>(Cost \$814,532)          |                        |       | 814,532   |
|  |                |    |                                  | ,  |                        |       |           |
|  |                |    |                                  | <b>Total Investments - 99.4%</b><br>(Cost \$128,527,526) |                        | ¢ 127 | 7,296,686 |
|  |                |    |                                  |  |                        | Ψ 1Z/ |           |
|  |                |    |                                  | Other Assets & Liabilities, net - 0.6%                   |                        | ¢ 120 | 828,283   |
|  |                |    |                                  | Total Net Assets - 100.0%                                |                        | ⊅ 128 | 8,124,969 |

#### Centrally Cleared Interest Rate Swap Agreements<sup>††</sup>

| Counterparty        | Exchange | Floating<br>Rate<br>Type | Floating<br>Rate Index                    | Fixed<br>Rate | Payment<br>Frequency | Maturity<br>Date | Notional<br>Amount | Value                        | Pr | Upfront<br>emiums<br>Paid<br>eceived) | Α  | Unrealized<br>ppreciation<br>reciation)*** |
|---------------------|----------|--------------------------|---|---------------|----------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|----|---------------------------------------|----|--|
| BofA<br>Securities, |          |                          | U.S. Secured<br>Overnight<br>Financing    |               |                      |                  |                    |                              |    |                                       |    |  |
| Inc.<br>BofA        | CME      | Receive                  | Rate + 0.26%<br>U.S. Secured<br>Overnight | 1.66%         | Quarterly            | 03/16/31         | \$ 3,000,000       | \$<br>302,962                | \$ | (500)                                 | \$ | 303,462                                    |
| Securities,         |          |                          | Financing                                 |               |                      |                  |                    |                              |    |                                       |    |  |
| Inc.                | CME      | Receive                  | Rate<br>U.S. Secured                      | 1.73%         | Annually             | 02/25/27         | 980,000            | 24,181                       |    | 85                                    |    | 24,096                                     |
| BofA<br>Securities, |          |                          | Overnight<br>Financing                    |               |                      |                  |                    |                              |    |                                       |    |  |
| Inc.                | CME      | Receive                  | Rate<br>U.S. Secured                      | 1.47%         | Annually             | 02/02/27         | 850,000            | 23,107                       |    | 81                                    |    | 23,026                                     |
| BofA<br>Securities, |          |                          | Overnight<br>Financing                    |               |                      |                  |                    |                              |    |                                       |    |  |
| Inc.                | CME      | Receive                  | Rate<br>U.S. Secured                      | 2.72%         | Annually             | 06/07/27         | 1,800,000          | 22,187                       |    | 104                                   |    | 22,083                                     |
| BofA<br>Securities, |          |                          | Overnight<br>Financing                    |               |                      |                  |                    |                              |    |                                       |    |  |
| Inc.                | CME      | Receive                  | Rate                                      | 4.28%         | Annually             | 06/14/27         | 55,250,000         | \$<br>(733,363)<br>(360,926) | \$ | 248<br>18                             | \$ | (733,611)<br>(360,944)                     |

BofA — Bank of America

CME — Chicago Mercantile Exchange

plc — Public Limited Company

SOFR — Secured Overnight Financing Rate

WAC — Weighted Average Coupon

See Sector Classification in Other Information section.

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

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> A copy of each underlying unaffiliated fund's financial statements is available at the SEC's website at www.sec.gov.

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

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

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

Variable rate security. Rate indicated is the rate effective at September 30, 2025. In some instances, the effective rate is limited by a minimum rate floor or a maximum rate cap established by the issuer. The settlement status of a position may also impact the effective rate indicated. In some cases, a position may be unsettled at period end and may not have a stated effective rate. In instances where multiple underlying reference rates and spread amounts are shown, the effective rate is based on a weighted average.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Rate indicated is the 7-day yield as of September 30, 2025.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 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) securities is \$96,727,819 (cost \$97,635,899), or 75.5% of total net assets.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Security is a step up/down bond. The coupon increases or decreases at regular intervals until the bond reaches full maturity. Rate indicated is the rate at September 30, 2025. See table below for additional step information for each security.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Security is an interest-only strip.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Security has a fixed rate coupon which will convert to a floating or variable rate coupon on a future date.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Rate indicated is the effective yield at the time of purchase.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Repurchase Agreements - The interest rate on repurchase agreements is market driven and based on the underlying collateral obtained. See additional disclosure in the repurchase agreements table below for more information on repurchase agreements.

The following table summarizes the inputs used to value the Fund's investments at September 30, 2025 (See Note 4 in the Notes to Financial Statements):

| Investments in Securities (Assets)  | Level 1<br>Quoted<br>Prices |       | Level 2<br>ignificant<br>bservable<br>Inputs | Uı | Level 3<br>Significant<br>nobservable<br>Inputs | Total             |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------|--|----|---|-------------------|
| Money Market Funds                  | \$<br>2,944,116             | \$    | _  | \$ | _   | \$<br>2,944,116   |
| Collateralized Mortgage Obligations | _                           | 4     | 6,765,274                                    |    | _   | 46,765,274        |
| Corporate Bonds                     | _                           | 4     | 4,792,257                                    |    | _   | 44,792,257        |
| Asset-Backed Securities             | _                           | 2     | 8,819,968                                    |    | 239,802   | 29,059,770        |
| Senior Floating Rate Interests      | _                           |       | 1,923,198                                    |    | _   | 1,923,198         |
| U.S. Treasury Bills                 | _                           |       | 997,539                                      |    | _   | 997,539           |
| Repurchase Agreements               | _                           |       | 814,532                                      |    | _   | 814,532           |
| Interest Rate Swap Agreements**     | _                           |       | 372,667                                      |    | _   | 372,667           |
| Total Assets                        | \$<br>2,944,116             | \$ 12 | 4,485,435                                    | \$ | 239,802   | \$<br>127,669,353 |

| Investments in Securities (Liabilities) | Level 1<br>Quoted<br>Prices | Level 2<br>Significant<br>Observable<br>Inputs | Level 3<br>Significant<br>Subservable<br>Inputs | Total         |
|---|-----------------------------|--|---|---------------|
| Interest Rate Swap Agreements**         | \$<br>_                     | \$<br>733,611                                  | \$<br>_   | \$<br>733,611 |

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

### **Step Coupon Bonds**

The following table discloses additional information related to step coupon bonds held by the Fund. Certain securities are subject to multiple rate changes prior to maturity. For those securities, a range of rates and corresponding dates have been provided. Rates for all step coupon bonds held by the Fund are scheduled to increase, none are scheduled to decrease.

| Name                                     | Coupon Rate at<br>Next Reset Date | Next Rate Reset Date | Future Reset Rate(s) | Future Reset Date(s) |
|--|-----------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Angel Oak Mortgage Trust 2023-           |                                   |                      | .,                   |                      |
| 1, 4.75% due 09/26/67                    | 5.75%                             | 01/01/27             | _                    | _                    |
| Angel Oak Mortgage Trust 2024-           |                                   | , ,                  |                      |                      |
| 4, 6.20% due 01/25/69                    | 7.20%                             | 03/01/28             | _                    | _                    |
| Citigroup Mortgage Loan Trust, Inc.      |                                   | , ,                  |                      |                      |
| 2022-A, 9.17% due 09/25/62               | 10.17%                            | 08/25/26             | _                    | _                    |
| COLT Mortgage Loan Trust 2023-           |                                   |                      |                      |                      |
| 3, 7.18% due 09/25/68                    | 8.18%                             | 09/01/27             | _                    | _                    |
| GCAT Trust 2023-NQM2, 5.84% due 11/25/67 | 6.84%                             | 01/01/27             | _                    | _                    |
| GCAT Trust 2023-NQM3, 6.89% due 08/25/68 | 7.89%                             | 09/01/27             | _                    | _                    |
| GCAT Trust 2024-NQM2, 6.09% due 06/25/59 | 7.36%                             | 05/01/28             | _                    | _                    |
| OBX Trust 2023-NQM2, 6.32% due 01/25/62  | 7.32%                             | 02/01/27             | _                    | _                    |
| OBX Trust 2022-NQM9, 6.45% due 09/25/62  | 7.45%                             | 11/01/26             | _                    | _                    |
| OBX Trust 2024-NQM6, 6.45% due 02/25/64  | 7.45%                             | 04/01/28             | _                    | _                    |
| OBX Trust 2024-NQM8, 6.23% due 05/25/64  | 7.23%                             | 05/01/28             | _                    | _                    |
| OBX Trust 2024-NQM7, 6.24% due 03/25/64  | 7.24%                             | 04/01/28             | _                    | _                    |
| OBX Trust 2023-NQM1, 6.25% due 11/25/63  | 7.25%                             | 12/01/27             | _                    | _                    |
| OBX Trust 2024-NQM5, 5.99% due 01/25/64  | 6.99%                             | 03/01/28             | _                    | _                    |

#### **Repurchase Agreements**

The Fund may engage in repurchase agreements. Repurchase agreements are fixed income securities in the form of agreements backed by collateral. These agreements typically involve the acquisition by the Fund of securities from the selling institution coupled with the agreement that the selling institution will repurchase the underlying securities at a specified price and at a fixed time in the future. The Fund may accept a wide variety of underlying securities as collateral for the repurchase agreements entered into by the Fund. Any such securities serving as collateral are marked-to-market daily in order to maintain full collateralization. Securities purchased under repurchase agreements are reflected as an asset on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. Interest earned is recorded as a component of interest income on the Statement of Operations.

In connection with transactions in repurchase agreements, it is the Fund's policy that its custodian take possession of the underlying collateral. The collateral is in the possession of the Fund's custodian and is evaluated to ensure that its market value exceeds, at a minimum, 102% of the original face amount of the repurchase agreements.

The use of repurchase agreements involves certain risks. For example, if the selling institution defaults on its obligation to repurchase the underlying securities at a time when the value of securities has declined, the Fund may incur a loss upon disposition of them. In the event of an insolvency or bankruptcy by the selling institution, the Fund's right to control the collateral could be affected and result in certain costs and delays. In addition, the Fund could incur a loss if the value of the underlying collateral falls below the agreed upon repurchase price.

At September 30, 2025, the repurchase agreements in the account were as follows:

| Counterparty and<br>Terms of Agreement                 | Face Value    | Repur | chase Price | Collateral                                       | Par Value     | Fair Value    |
|--|---------------|-------|-------------|--|---------------|---------------|
| BofA Securities, Inc.<br>4.19%<br>Due 10/01/25         | \$<br>310,298 | \$    | 310,334     | U.S. Treasury Strips<br>0.00%<br>Due 02/15/49    | \$<br>980,284 | \$<br>316,504 |
| BNP Paribas 4.20%                                      | 271 [11       |       | 271 542     | U.S. Treasury Strips 0.00%                       | 705 1.47      | 276 074       |
| Due 10/01/25   | 271,511       |       | 271,543     | Due 05/15/44 - 02/15/49                          | 725,147       | 276,974       |
| J.P. Morgan<br>Securities LLC<br>4.20%<br>Due 10/01/25 | 193,936       |       | 193,959     | U.S. Treasury Note<br>1.88%<br>Due 02/28/27      | 201,600       | 196,948       |
|  |               |       |             | U.S. Treasury Inflation<br>Indexed Bond<br>2.00% |               |               |
|  |               |       |             | Due 01/15/26                                     | 977           | 982           |
|  |               |       |             | <u> </u>   | 202,577       | 197,930       |
| Bank of Montreal<br>4.18%                              |               |       |             | U.S. Treasury Bond<br>2.38%                      |               |               |
| Due 10/01/25   | 38,787        |       | 38,792      | Due 11/15/49                                     | 59,600        | 39,614        |

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

September 30, 2025 Year Ended September 30, 2025

| Assets:  |                | INVESTMENT INCOM                    |
|--|----------------|-------------------------------------|
| Investments, at value                              |                | Interest                            |
| (cost \$127,712,994)                               | \$126,482,154  | Total investm                       |
| Repurchase agreements, at value                    |                |                                     |
| (cost \$814,532)                                   | 814,532        | EXPENSES:                           |
| Segregated cash with broker                        | 44,719         | Fund accounting                     |
| Unamortized upfront premiums paid on interest rate |                | Professional fee                    |
| swap agreements                                    | 518            | Trustees' fees*                     |
| Prepaid expenses                                   | 22,782         | Custodian fees                      |
| Receivables:                                       |                | Printing                            |
| Interest   | 1,004,626      | Transfer agent/r                    |
| Total assets                                       | 128,369,331    | Line of credit fee<br>Miscellaneous |
| Liabilities:                                       |                | Total expense                       |
| Overdraft due to custodian bank                    | 14,795         | Less:                               |
| Unamortized upfront premiums received on interest  |                | Earnings credits                    |
| rate swap agreements                               | 500            | Net expenses                        |
| Payable for:                                       |                | Net investment                      |
| Distributions to shareholders                      | 118,824        | ivet investment                     |
| Professional fees                                  | 49,556         | NET REALIZED AND                    |
| Securities purchased                               | 27,776         | Net realized gai                    |
| Variation margin on interest rate swap agreements  | 17,614         | Investments                         |
| Fund accounting/administration fees                | 1,887          | Swap agreem                         |
| Trustees' fees*                                    | 1,612          |                                     |
| Transfer agent/maintenance fees                    | 1,175          | Net realized gai                    |
| Miscellaneous                                      | 10,623         | Net change in u                     |
| Total liabilities                                  | 244,362        | (depreciation                       |
| Net assets   | \$128,124,969  | Investments<br>Swap agreem          |
| Net assets consist of:                             |                | Net change in u                     |
| Paid in capital                                    | \$ 133,577,395 | (depreciation                       |
| Total distributable earnings (loss)                | (5,452,426)    | Net realized and                    |
| Net assets   | \$128,124,969  | Net increase in                     |
| Capital shares outstanding                         | 5,135,648      | operations                          |
| Net asset value per share                          | \$24.95        | орстинонз                           |
| ı  |                |                                     |

| Investment Income:   |                 |
|--|-----------------|
| Interest   | \$ 9,516,132    |
| Total investment income  | 9,516,132       |
| Expenses:  |                 |
| Fund accounting/administration fees                                      | 83,490          |
| Professional fees  | 78,164          |
| Trustees' fees*  | 19,345          |
| Custodian fees   | 15,246          |
| Printing   | 15,223          |
| Transfer agent/maintenance fees<br>Line of credit fees                   | 12,000<br>2,293 |
| Miscellaneous  | 21,401          |
|  |                 |
| Total expenses<br>Less:  | 247,162         |
| Earnings credits applied   | (15,981)        |
| Net expenses   | 231,181         |
| Net investment income  | 9,284,951       |
| NET REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS):<br>Net realized gain (loss) on: |                 |
| Investments  | 265,275         |
| Swap agreements  | 388,449         |
| Net realized gain  | 653,724         |
| Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on:                 |                 |
| Investments  | (394,356)       |
| Swap agreements  | 438,476         |
| Net change in unrealized appreciation                                    |                 |
| (depreciation)   | 44,120          |
| Net realized and unrealized gain   | 697,844         |
| Net increase in net assets resulting from                                |                 |
|  | ¢ 0.002.705     |

**STATEMENT OF** 

**OPERATIONS** 

\$ 9,982,795

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

### STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

|   | Year Ended<br>September 30,<br>2025      | Year Ended<br>September 30,<br>2024      |
|---|--|--|
| INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS FROM OPERATIONS: Net investment income Net realized gain on investments Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments | \$ 9,284,951<br>653,724<br>44,120        | \$ 17,723,815<br>568,664<br>8,125,654    |
| Net increase in net assets resulting from operations  | 9,982,795                                | 26,418,133                               |
| Distributions to shareholders   | (9,608,713)                              | (18,302,723)                             |
| CAPITAL SHARE TRANSACTIONS: Proceeds from sale of shares Distributions reinvested Cost of shares redeemed   | 81,110,000<br>8,133,959<br>(313,156,803) | 26,624,120<br>16,694,587<br>(28,403,548) |
| Net increase (decrease) from capital share transactions   | (223,912,844)                            | 14,915,159                               |
| Net increase (decrease) in net assets   | (223,538,762)                            | 23,030,569                               |
| Net assets:  Beginning of year  End of year   | 351,663,731<br>\$ 128,124,969            | 328,633,162<br>\$ 351,663,731            |
| CAPITAL SHARE ACTIVITY: Shares sold Shares issued from reinvestment of distributions Shares redeemed  | 3,258,789<br>326,240<br>(12,575,979)     | 1,082,455<br>677,334<br>(1,162,212)      |
| Net increase (decrease) in shares   | (8,990,950)                              | 597,577                                  |

### **FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

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

|  | Year Ended<br>September 30,<br>2025 | Year Ended<br>September 30,<br>2024 | Year Ended<br>September 30,<br>2023 | Year Ended<br>September 30,<br>2022 | Year Ended<br>September 30,<br>2021 |
|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Per Share Data   |                                     |                                     |                                     |                                     |                                     |
| Net asset value, beginning of period   | \$24.89                             | \$24.29                             | \$24.02                             | \$25.14                             | \$25.07                             |
| Income (loss) from investment operations:<br>Net investment income (loss) <sup>a</sup><br>Net gain (loss) on investments (realized and unrealized) | 1.33<br>.10                         | 1.29<br>.65                         | 1.13<br>.41                         | .50<br>(1.10)                       | .39<br>.09                          |
| Total from investment operations   | 1.43                                | 1.94                                | 1.54                                | (.60)                               | .48                                 |
| Less distributions from: Net investment income Total distributions   | (1.37)                              | (1.34)<br>(1.34)                    | (1.27)<br>(1.27)                    | (.52)<br>(.52)                      | (.41)<br>(.41)                      |
| Net asset value, end of period   | \$24.95                             | \$24.89                             | \$24.29                             | \$24.02                             | \$25.14                             |
| Total Return <sup>b</sup>  | 5.91%                               | 8.15%                               | 6.56%                               | (2.40%)                             | 1.93%                               |
| Ratios/Supplemental Data   |                                     |                                     |                                     |                                     |                                     |
| Net assets, end of period (in thousands)   | \$128,125                           | \$351,664                           | \$328,633                           | \$299,138                           | \$343,945                           |
| Ratios to average net assets: Net investment income (loss) Total expenses <sup>c</sup> Net expenses  | 5.33%<br>0.14%<br>0.14%             | 5.25%<br>0.10%<br>0.10%             | 4.66%<br>0.13%<br>0.13%             | 2.03%<br>0.10%<br>0.10%             | 1.55%<br>0.11%<br>0.11%             |
| Portfolio turnover rate  | 3%                                  | 37%                                 | 17%                                 | 34%                                 | 101%                                |

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> Total return does not reflect the impact of any applicable sales charges.

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

|  | Shares       | VALUE        |  | Face<br>Amount | Value               |
|--|--------------|--------------|--|----------------|---------------------|
| MONEY MARKET FUND**** - 3.9%                       |              |              | HarborView Mortgage Loan Trust                                       |                |                     |
| Dreyfus Treasury Obligations                       |              |              | 2006-14, 4.55% (1 Month Term   |                |                     |
| Cash Management Fund —                             |              |              | SOFR + 0.41%, Rate Floor:  |                |                     |
| Institutional Shares, 4.00% <sup>1</sup>           | 1,203,857    | \$ 1,203,857 | 0.30%) due 01/25/47 <sup>♦</sup>                                     | \$ 420,329     | \$ 393,607          |
| Total Money Market Fund                            | , ,          |              | Structured Asset Securities  | ,              | •                   |
| (Cost \$1,203,857)                                 |              | 1,203,857    | Corporation Mortgage Loan Trust                                      |                |                     |
| (COSt \$1,203,037)                                 |              | 1,203,037    | 2008-BC4, 4.90% (1 Month Term  |                |                     |
|  | FACE         |              | SOFR + 0.74%, Rate Floor:  |                |                     |
|  | AMOUNT       |              | 0.63%) due 11/25/37 <sup>♦</sup>                                     | 300,149        | 291,943             |
|  |              | •            | NovaStar Mortgage Funding Trust Series                               | ,              | - ,-                |
|  |              |              | 2007-2, 4.47% (1 Month Term  |                |                     |
| COLLATERALIZED MORTGAGE OBLIGATION                 |              |              | SOFR + 0.31%, Rate Cap/Floor:  |                |                     |
| RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURI                 | TIES - 39.3% |              | 11.00%/0.20%) due 09/25/37°  | 246,423        | 242,961             |
| OBX Trust  |              |              | CFMT LLC   | 2 .0, .25      | 2.2,50.             |
| 2024-NQM5, 5.99% due 01/25/64 <sup>2,3</sup>       | \$ 792,564   | 800,417      | 2022-HB9, 3.25% (WAC) due 09/25/37 <sup>\$\cdot</sup> , <sup>2</sup> | 232,975        | 229,497             |
| 2022-NQM9, 6.45% due 09/25/62 <sup>2,3</sup>       | 635,462      | 633,965      | Soundview Home Loan Trust  | 232,373        | 225, 157            |
| 2024-NQM8, 6.23% due 05/25/64 <sup>2,3</sup>       | 445,114      | 451,303      | 2006-OPT5, 4.55% (1 Month  |                |                     |
| 2024-NQM7, 6.24% due 03/25/64 <sup>2,3</sup>       | 430,702      | 436,378      | Term SOFR + 0.39%, Rate  |                |                     |
| 2024-NQM6, 6.45% due 02/25/64 <sup>2,3</sup>       | 429,174      | 435,851      | Floor: 0.28%) due 07/25/36 <sup>\dagger</sup>                        | 231,709        | 225,990             |
| 2023-NQM2, 6.32% due 01/25/62 <sup>2,3</sup>       | 341,908      | 342,412      | COLT Mortgage Loan Trust   | 231,703        | 223,330             |
| GCAT Trust   |              |              | 2023-3, 7.18% due 09/25/68 <sup>2,3</sup>                            | 157,297        | 159,607             |
| 2023-NQM2, 5.84% due 11/25/67 <sup>2,3</sup>       | 453,721      | 453,098      | Argent Securities Incorporated Asset-                                | 137,237        | 133,007             |
| 2024-NQM2, 6.09% due 06/25/59 <sup>2,3</sup>       | 393,871      | 398,490      | Backed Pass-Through Certificates Series                              |                |                     |
| 2023-NQM3, 6.89% due 08/25/68 <sup>2,3</sup>       | 162,081      | 164,250      | 2005-W2, 5.01% (1 Month Term   |                |                     |
| Citigroup Mortgage Loan Trust, Inc.                |              |              | SOFR + 0.85%, Rate Floor:  |                |                     |
| 2022-A, 9.17% due 09/25/62 <sup>2,3</sup>          | 960,522      | 963,141      | 0.74%) due 10/25/35°   | 72,021         | 71,290              |
| OSAT Trust   |              |              | Towd Point Mortgage Trust  | 72,021         | 71,230              |
| 2021-RPL1, 6.12% due 05/25/65 <sup>2</sup>         | 953,808      | 954,181      | 2018-2, 3.25% (WAC) due 03/25/58 <sup>♦,2</sup>                      | 68,329         | 67,582              |
| Legacy Mortgage Asset Trust                        |              |              | Verus Securitization Trust   | 00,323         | 07,302              |
| 2021-GS3, 5.75% due 07/25/61 <sup>2</sup>          | 394,997      | 394,963      | 2021-3, 1.44% (WAC) due 06/25/66 <sup>4,2</sup>                      | 60,802         | 53,450              |
| 2021-GS4, 5.65% due 11/25/60 <sup>2</sup>          | 284,251      | 284,414      | GS Mortgage-Backed Securities Trust                                  | 00,802         | 33,430              |
| 2021-GS2, 5.75% due 04/25/61 <sup>2</sup>          | 137,541      | 137,434      | 2020-NQM1, 1.38% (WAC) due 09/27/60 <sup>\$\\$,2</sup>               | 47,286         | 44,833              |
| CSMC Trust   |              |              | Starwood Mortgage Residential Trust                                  | 47,200         | <del>-11</del> ,055 |
| 2021-RPL4, 4.14% (WAC) due 12/27/60 <sup>4,2</sup> | 292,044      | 290,859      | 2020-1, 2.28% (WAC) due 02/25/50 <sup>♦,2</sup>                      | 21,362         | 20,260              |
| 2021-RPL7, 4.20% (WAC) due 07/27/61 <sup>4,2</sup> | 196,803      | 195,895      | Residential Mortgage Loan Trust                                      | 21,302         | 20,200              |
| 2020-NQM1, 2.21% due 05/25/65 <sup>2</sup>         | 148,639      | 142,106      | 2020-1, 2.38% (WAC) due 01/26/60 <sup>♦,2</sup>                      | 18,406         | 18,257              |
| Angel Oak Mortgage Trust                           |              |              |  | 10,400         |                     |
| 2024-4, 6.20% due 01/25/69 <sup>2,3</sup>          | 241,790      | 244,694      | Total Residential Mortgage-Backed Securities                         |                | 12,184,103          |
| 2023-1, 4.75% due 09/26/67 <sup>2,3</sup>          | 229,028      | 227,781      | COMMERCIAL MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURIT                                   | TES - 14.3%    |                     |
| 2022-1, 3.29% (WAC) due 12/25/66 <sup>♦,2</sup>    | 167,665      | 150,232      | BX Commercial Mortgage Trust   |                |                     |
| Imperial Fund Mortgage Trust                       |              |              | 2021-VOLT, 5.92% (1 Month Term                                       |                |                     |
| 2022-NQM2, 4.02% (WAC) due 03/25/67 <sup>4</sup>   | 551,342      | 520,588      | SOFR + 1.76%, Rate Floor:  |                |                     |
| Bear Stearns Asset-Backed Securities I Trust       |              |              | 1.65%) due 09/15/36 <sup>♦,2</sup>                                   | 1,211,035      | 1,207,251           |
| 2006-HE9, 4.55% (1 Month Term                      |              |              | 2022-LP2, 5.71% (1 Month Term  | .,2,033        | .,207,23.           |
| SOFR + 0.39%, Rate Floor:                          |              |              | SOFR + 1.56%, Rate Floor:  |                |                     |
| 0.28%) due 11/25/36 <sup>♦</sup>                   | 455,728      | 452,608      | 1.56%) due 02/15/39 <sup>♦,2</sup>                                   | 350,000        | 349,562             |
| Home Equity Loan Trust                             |              |              | WMRK Commercial Mortgage Trust                                       | 553,555        | 2 .2,222            |
| 2007-FRE1, 4.46% (1 Month                          |              |              | 2022-WMRK, 7.59% (1 Month  |                |                     |
| Term SOFR + 0.30%, Rate                            |              |              | Term SOFR + 3.44%, Rate  |                |                     |
| Floor: 0.19%) due 04/25/37 <sup>¢</sup>            | 461,136      | 447,557      | Floor: 3.44%) due 11/15/27 <sup>4,2</sup>                            | 1,150,000      | 1,152,879           |
| JP Morgan Mortgage Trust                           |              |              | MTN Commercial Mortgage Trust  | .,.50,000      | .,.52,5.5           |
| 2021-12, 2.50% (WAC) due 02/25/52 <sup>♦,2</sup>   | 450,974      | 421,677      | 2022-LPFL, 7.10% (1 Month Term                                       |                |                     |
| New Residential Mortgage Loan Trust                |              |              | SOFR + 2.94%, Rate Floor:  |                |                     |
| 2019-1A, 3.50% (WAC) due 10/25/59 <sup>4,2</sup>   | 231,133      | 217,840      | 2.94%) due 03/15/39 <sup>4</sup> ,2                                  | 800,000        | 798,202             |
| 2018-2A, 3.50% (WAC) due 02/25/58 <sup>♦,2</sup>   | 212,258      | 202,692      | 20 00   .0 02  | 222,000        |                     |

|  | Face<br><b>A</b> mount |      | VALUE           |  | Face<br><b>A</b> mount | Value                  |
|--|------------------------|------|-----------------|--|------------------------|------------------------|
| JP Morgan Chase Commercial<br>Mortgage Securities Trust<br>2021-NYAH, 6.06% (1 Month   |                        |      |                 | HGI CRE CLO Ltd.<br>2021-FL2 A, 5.26% (1 Month<br>Term SOFR + 1.11%, Rate  |                        |                        |
| Term SOFR + 1.90%, Rate<br>Floor: 1.54%) due 06/15/38 <sup>¢,2</sup>   | \$ 350,000             | \$ 3 | 315,345         | Floor: 1.11%) due 09/17/36°.2 \$  Total Collateralized Loan Obligations  | 23,883                 | \$ 23,859<br>4,734,199 |
| BXHPP Trust<br>2021-FILM, 5.37% (1 Month Term<br>SOFR + 1.21%, Rate Floor:   |                        |      | -,-             | NET LEASE - 4.3%  Oak Street Investment Grade  |                        | 4,734,133              |
| 1.10%) due 08/15/36°,2 BENCHMARK Mortgage Trust  | 250,000                | 2    | 228,388         | Net Lease Fund Series<br>2020-1A, 1.85% due 11/20/50 <sup>2</sup>  | 1,083,730              | 1,034,648              |
| 2019-B14, 0.89% (WAC) due 12/15/62 <sup>4,4</sup> Bank of America Merrill Lynch  | 8,616,302              | 1    | 179,898         | CF Hippolyta Issuer LLC<br>2021-1A, 1.98% due 03/15/61 <sup>2</sup>  | 282,734                | 218,418                |
| Commercial Mortgage Trust  | 10 074 227             | 7    | 166 511         | Store Master Funding I-VII<br>2018-1A, 4.29% due 10/20/48 <sup>2</sup>   | 90,951                 | 90,364                 |
| 2017-BNK3, 1.14% (WAC) due 02/15/50 <sup>♦,4</sup> Life Mortgage Trust   | 19,974,327             |      | 166,544         | Total Net Lease  | 50,551                 | 1,343,430              |
| 2021-BMR, 5.37% (1 Month Term<br>SOFR + 1.21%, Rate Floor:   | 27 200                 |      | 27 216          | SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE - 4.2%<br>FirstKey Homes Trust   |                        |                        |
| 1.10%) due 03/15/38 <sup>♦,2</sup> Total Commercial Mortgage-  | 37,380                 |      | 37,216          | 2020-SFR2, 2.67% due 10/19/37 <sup>2</sup>   | 1,300,000              | 1,294,168              |
| Backed Securities  |                        | 4,4  | 435 <u>,285</u> | TRANSPORT-CONTAINER - 4.0% Triton Container Finance VIII LLC   |                        |                        |
| GOVERNMENT AGENCY - 0.8% Fannie Mae  | 245.256                | _    | 250 230         | 2021-1A, 1.86% due 03/20/46 <sup>2</sup><br>CLI Funding VIII LLC   | 617,500                | 570,173                |
| 6.50% due 04/25/49  Total Collateralized Mortgage Obligations  | 245,356                |      | 250,218         | 2021-1A, 1.64% due 02/18/46 <sup>2</sup><br>Textainer Marine Containers VII Ltd.   | 351,917                | 325,166                |
| (Cost \$17,121,780)  |                        | 16,8 | 369,60 <u>6</u> | 2021-1A, 1.68% due 02/20/46 <sup>2</sup><br>2020-1A, 2.73% due 08/21/45 <sup>2</sup>                                     | 190,000<br>109,240     | 177,019<br>105,090     |
| ASSET-BACKED SECURITIES†† - 35.3% COLLATERALIZED LOAN OBLIGATIONS - 15   | .3%                    |      |                 | Textainer Marine Containers Ltd.<br>2021-3A, 1.94% due 08/20/46 <sup>2</sup>   | 67,333                 | 60,503                 |
| BXMT Ltd.<br>2020-FL2 AS, 5.66% (1 Month   |                        |      |                 | Total Transport-Container  |                        | 1,237,951              |
| Term SOFR + 1.51%, Rate<br>Floor: 1.51%) due 02/15/38 <sup>4,2</sup><br>2020-FL3 AS, 6.51% (1 Month                              | 1,000,000              | g    | 988,028         | COLLATERALIZED DEBT OBLIGATIONS - 3.8%<br>Anchorage Credit Funding 4 Ltd.<br>2021-4A AR, 2.72% due 04/27/39 <sup>2</sup> | 1,250,000              | 1,182,482              |
| Term SOFR + 2.36%, Rate<br>Floor: 2.36%) due 11/15/37 <sup>4,2</sup><br>Cerberus Loan Funding XXXII, LP                          | 750,000                | 7    | 747,235         | TRANSPORT-AIRCRAFT - 1.8% Sapphire Aviation Finance II Ltd.  |                        |                        |
| 2021-2A A, 6.20% (3 Month Term<br>SOFR + 1.88%, Rate Floor:  |                        |      |                 | 2020-1A, 3.23% due 03/15/40 <sup>2</sup> Castlelake Aircraft Securitization Trust  | 492,182                | 470,162                |
| 1.88%) due 04/22/33 <sup>⋄,2</sup><br>Owl Rock CLO IV Ltd.   | 976,310                | 9    | 978,998         | 2018-1, 4.13% due 06/15/43 <sup>2</sup> Total Transport-Aircraft   | 103,179                | 101,837<br>571,999     |
| 2021-4A A1R, 6.07% (3 Month<br>Term SOFR + 1.86%, Rate   |                        |      |                 | INFRASTRUCTURE - 1.6%  |                        |                        |
| Floor: 1.60%) due 08/20/33 <sup>4,2</sup> BRSP Ltd.  | 750,000                | 7    | 753,447         | Aligned Data Centers Issuer LLC<br>2021-1A, 1.94% due 08/15/46 <sup>2</sup>  | 500,000                | 488,039                |
| 2021-FL1 B, 6.15% (1 Month Term SOFR + 2.01%, Rate Floor: 1.90%) due 08/19/38 <sup>4,2</sup> THL Credit Lake Shore MM CLO I Ltd. | 500,000                | 4    | 198,806         | FINANCIAL - 0.3% Project Onyx II 7.09% (3 Month Term SOFR + 2.80%,   | 00 214                 | 90.026                 |
| 2021-1A A1R, 6.28% (3 Month<br>Term SOFR + 1.96%, Rate<br>Floor: 1.70%) due 04/15/33 <sup>4</sup> .2                             | 426,471                | 4    | 127,748         | Rate Floor: 2.80%) due 01/26/27°.†††  Total Asset-Backed Securities (Cost \$11,224,573)                                  | 90,214                 | 89,926<br>10,942,194   |
| Sound Point CLO XIX Ltd. 2018-1A A, 5.58% (3 Month Term SOFR + 1.26%, Rate Floor:  | .23, 1                 |      | . ,0            |  |                        |                        |
| 0.00%) due 04/15/31 <sup>\$\display\$</sup>  | 315,814                | 3    | 316,078         |  |                        |                        |

|                      |                         |             |                          | Face<br>Amount | Value       |          |                                   |                   |                              |             | Faci<br>Amoun |       | Value        |
|----------------------|-------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|----------------|-------------|----------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|-------------|---------------|-------|--------------|
| SENIOR FLO           | OATING RATE             | INTEREST    | S <sup>††,♦</sup> - 0.7% |                |             | REPURC   | CHASE AGREEME                     | NTS <sup>††</sup> | <sup>,5</sup> - <b>4.4</b> % |             |               |       |              |
| FINANCIAL -          | - 0.7%                  |             |                          |                |             | BofA Se  | curities, Inc.                    |                   |                              |             |               |       |              |
| Citadel Secui        | ,                       |             |                          |                |             |          | d 09/30/25 at 4.19                | 9%                |                              |             |               |       |              |
|                      | Month Term S            |             |                          |                |             |          | ue 10/01/25                       |                   |                              | \$          | 518,359       | \$    | 518,359      |
|                      | oor: 2.00%) d           | lue 10/31/3 | 1 \$                     | 118,207        | \$ 118,399  | BNP Pai  |                                   |                   |                              |             |               |       |              |
| Jane Street G        |                         |             | 0.4                      |                |             |          | d 09/30/25 at 4.20                | )%                |                              |             |               |       |              |
| •                    | Month Term S            |             |                          | 00 100         | 07 270      |          | ue 10/01/25                       | _                 |                              |             | 453,564       | ŀ     | 453,564      |
|                      | oor: 2.00%) d           | lue 12/15/3 | I                        | 98,196         | 97,378      |          | gan Securities LLO                |                   |                              |             |               |       |              |
| Total Financi        | al                      |             |                          |                | 215,777     |          | d 09/30/25 at 4.20<br>ue 10/01/25 | J%                |                              |             | 323,974       | ı     | 323,974      |
| Total Senior         | Floating Rate           | Interests   |                          |                |             |          | Montreal                          |                   |                              |             | 323,374       | t     | 323,974      |
| (Cost \$216          | -                       |             |                          |                | 215,777     |          | d 09/30/25 at 4.18                | R%                |                              |             |               |       |              |
| •                    | •                       |             |                          |                | <del></del> |          | ue 10/01/25                       | 370               |                              |             | 64,795        | ;     | 64,795       |
| CORPORATE            |                         | 0.4%        |                          |                |             |          | purchase Agreem                   | ontc              |                              |             | 01,755        |       | 01,733       |
| UTILITIES - (        |                         |             |                          |                |             |          | : \$1,360,692)                    | CIILS             |                              |             |               |       | 1,360,692    |
| Terraform Gl         |                         | ig, LP      |                          | 78,000         | 77.014      | (CO3)    | . \$1,500,052                     |                   |                              |             |               |       | 1,500,052    |
| 0.13% due            | e 03/01/26 <sup>2</sup> |             |                          | 78,000         | 77,014      |          | estments - 99.1%                  | Ś                 |                              |             |               |       |              |
| FINANCIAL -          | - 0.2%                  |             |                          |                |             | (Cost    | : \$31,255,083)                   |                   |                              |             |               | \$ 3  | 30,719,402   |
| Brown & Bro          | •                       |             |                          |                |             | Other A  | ssets & Liabilities               | , net -           | 0.9%                         |             |               |       | 265,767      |
| 4.60% due            | e 12/23/26              |             |                          | 50,000         | 50,262      | Total Ne | t Assets - 100.0%                 |                   |                              |             |               | \$ 3  | 30,985,169   |
| <b>Total Corpora</b> | ate Bonds               |             |                          |                |             |          |                                   |                   |                              |             |               |       |              |
| (Cost \$12)          | 7,833)                  |             |                          |                | 127,276     |          |                                   |                   |                              |             |               |       |              |
|                      |                         |             |                          |                |             |          |                                   |                   |                              |             |               |       |              |
| <b>Centrally Cle</b> | ared Interest           | Rate Swap   | Agreements <sup>††</sup> |                |             |          |                                   |                   |                              |             |               |       |              |
|                      |                         |             |                          |                |             |          |                                   |                   |                              | ı           | Upfront       |       |              |
|                      |                         | Floating    |                          |                | _           |          |                                   |                   |                              | Pre         | emiums        |       | Unrealized   |
| Ct                   | Fl                      | Rate        | Floating                 | Fixed          | Payment     | Maturity | Notional                          |                   | V-l                          | <b>(</b> D. | Paid          |       | preciation   |
| Counterparty         | Exchange                | Туре        | Rate Index               | Rate           | Frequency   | Date     | Amount                            |                   | Value                        | (KE         | eceived)      | (Depr | eciation)*** |
| D - CA               |                         |             | U.S. Secured             |                |             |          |                                   |                   |                              |             |               |       |              |
| BofA<br>Securities,  |                         |             | Overnight<br>Financing   |                |             |          |                                   |                   |                              |             |               |       |              |
| Inc.                 | CME                     | Receive     | Rate + 0.26%             | 1.66%          | Quarterly   | 03/16/31 | \$ 1,300,000                      | \$                | 131,283                      | \$          | (208)         | \$    | 131,491      |
|                      |                         |             | U.S. Secured             |                | ζ/          | -11-     | ,,-00                             | •                 | ,                            | •           | ()            | •     | ,            |
| BofA                 |                         |             | Overnight                |                |             |          |                                   |                   |                              |             |               |       |              |
| Securities,          |                         |             | Financing                |                |             |          |                                   |                   |                              |             |               |       |              |
| Inc.                 | CME                     | Receive     | Rate                     | 4.28%          | Annually    | 06/14/27 | 11,000,000                        |                   | (146,009)                    |             | 117           |       | (146,126)    |
|                      |                         |             |                          |                |             |          |                                   | \$                | (14,726)                     | \$          | (91)          | \$    | (14,635)     |

- \*\* Includes cumulative appreciation (depreciation). Variation margin is reported within the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.
- \*\*\* A copy of each underlying unaffiliated fund's financial statements is available at the SEC's website at www.sec.gov.
  - † Value determined based on Level 1 inputs 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.
- Variable rate security. Rate indicated is the rate effective at September 30, 2025. In some instances, the effective rate is limited by a minimum rate floor or a maximum rate cap established by the issuer. The settlement status of a position may also impact the effective rate indicated. In some cases, a position may be unsettled at period end and may not have a stated effective rate. In instances where multiple underlying reference rates and spread amounts are shown, the effective rate is based on a weighted average.
- <sup>1</sup> Rate indicated is the 7-day yield as of September 30, 2025.
- <sup>2</sup> 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) securities is \$25,076,272 (cost \$25,415,587), or 80.9% of total net assets.
- <sup>3</sup> Security is a step up/down bond. The coupon increases or decreases at regular intervals until the bond reaches full maturity. Rate indicated is the rate at September 30, 2025. See table below for additional step information for each security.
- <sup>4</sup> Security is an interest-only strip.
- <sup>5</sup> Repurchase Agreements The interest rate on repurchase agreements is market driven and based on the underlying collateral obtained. See additional disclosure in the repurchase agreements table below for more information on repurchase agreements.
- BofA Bank of America
- CME Chicago Mercantile Exchange
- LIBOR London Interbank Offered Rate
- SOFR Secured Overnight Financing Rate
- WAC Weighted Average Coupon

See Sector Classification in Other Information section.

The following table summarizes the inputs used to value the Fund's investments at September 30, 2025 (See Note 4 in the Notes to Financial Statements):

| Investments in Securities (Assets)  | Level 1<br>Quoted<br>Prices | Level 2<br>Significant<br>Observable<br>Inputs | Level 3<br>Significant<br>nobservable<br>Inputs | Total            |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|---|------------------|
| Money Market Fund                   | \$<br>1,203,857             | \$<br>_  | \$<br>_   | \$<br>1,203,857  |
| Collateralized Mortgage Obligations | _                           | 16,869,606                                     | _   | 16,869,606       |
| Asset-Backed Securities             | _                           | 10,852,268                                     | 89,926  | 10,942,194       |
| Senior Floating Rate Interests      | _                           | 215,777  | _   | 215,777          |
| Corporate Bonds                     | _                           | 127,276  | _   | 127,276          |
| Repurchase Agreements               | _                           | 1,360,692                                      | _   | 1,360,692        |
| Interest Rate Swap Agreements**     | _                           | 131,491  | _   | 131,491          |
| Total Assets                        | \$<br>1,203,857             | \$<br>29,557,110                               | \$<br>89,926                                    | \$<br>30,850,893 |

| Investments in Securities (Liabilities) | Level 1<br>Quoted<br>Prices | Level 2<br>Significant<br>Observable<br>Inputs | Level 3<br>ignificant<br>bservable<br>Inputs | Total         |
|---|-----------------------------|--|--|---------------|
| Interest Rate Swap Agreements**         | \$<br>_                     | \$<br>146,126                                  | \$<br>_                                      | \$<br>146,126 |

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

#### **Step Coupon Bonds**

The following table discloses additional information related to step coupon bonds held by the Fund. Certain securities are subject to multiple rate changes prior to maturity. For those securities, a range of rates and corresponding dates have been provided. Rates for all step coupon bonds held by the Fund are scheduled to increase, none are scheduled to decrease.

| Name                                     | Coupon Rate at<br>Next Reset Date | Next Rate Reset Date | Future Reset Rate(s) | Future Reset Date(s) |
|--|-----------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Angel Oak Mortgage Trust 2023-           |                                   |                      |                      |                      |
| 1, 4.75% due 09/26/67                    | 5.75%                             | 01/01/27             | _                    | _                    |
| Angel Oak Mortgage Trust 2024-           |                                   | , ,                  |                      |                      |
| 4, 6.20% due 01/25/69                    | 7.20%                             | 03/01/28             | _                    | _                    |
| Citigroup Mortgage Loan Trust, Inc.      |                                   |                      |                      |                      |
| 2022-A, 9.17% due 09/25/62               | 10.17%                            | 08/25/26             | _                    | _                    |
| COLT Mortgage Loan Trust 2023-           |                                   |                      |                      |                      |
| 3, 7.18% due 09/25/68                    | 8.18%                             | 09/01/27             | _                    | _                    |
| GCAT Trust 2023-NQM2, 5.84% due 11/25/67 | 6.84%                             | 01/01/27             | _                    | _                    |
| GCAT Trust 2023-NQM3, 6.89% due 08/25/68 | 7.89%                             | 09/01/27             | _                    | _                    |
| GCAT Trust 2024-NQM2, 6.09% due 06/25/59 | 7.36%                             | 05/01/28             | _                    | _                    |
| OBX Trust 2023-NQM2, 6.32% due 01/25/62  | 7.32%                             | 02/01/27             | _                    | _                    |
| OBX Trust 2022-NQM9, 6.45% due 09/25/62  | 7.45%                             | 11/01/26             | _                    | _                    |
| OBX Trust 2024-NQM6, 6.45% due 02/25/64  | 7.45%                             | 04/01/28             | _                    | _                    |
| OBX Trust 2024-NQM8, 6.23% due 05/25/64  | 7.23%                             | 05/01/28             | _                    | _                    |
| OBX Trust 2024-NQM7, 6.24% due 03/25/64  | 7.24%                             | 04/01/28             | _                    | _                    |
| OBX Trust 2024-NQM5, 5.99% due 01/25/64  | 6.99%                             | 03/01/28             | _                    | _                    |

#### **Repurchase Agreements**

The Fund may engage in repurchase agreements. Repurchase agreements are fixed income securities in the form of agreements backed by collateral. These agreements typically involve the acquisition by the Fund of securities from the selling institution coupled with the agreement that the selling institution will repurchase the underlying securities at a specified price and at a fixed time in the future. The Fund may accept a wide variety of underlying securities as collateral for the repurchase agreements entered into by the Fund. Any such securities serving as collateral are marked-to-market daily in order to maintain full collateralization. Securities purchased under repurchase agreements are reflected as an asset on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. Interest earned is recorded as a component of interest income on the Statement of Operations.

In connection with transactions in repurchase agreements, it is the Fund's policy that its custodian take possession of the underlying collateral. The collateral is in the possession of the Fund's custodian and is evaluated to ensure that its market value exceeds, at a minimum, 102% of the original face amount of the repurchase agreements.

The use of repurchase agreements involves certain risks. For example, if the selling institution defaults on its obligation to repurchase the underlying securities at a time when the value of securities has declined, the Fund may incur a loss upon disposition of them. In the event of an insolvency or bankruptcy by the selling institution, the Fund's right to control the collateral could be affected and result in certain costs and delays. In addition, the Fund could incur a loss if the value of the underlying collateral falls below the agreed upon repurchase price.

### **GUGGENHEIM VARIABLE INSURANCE STRATEGY FUND III**

At September 30, 2025, the repurchase agreements in the account were as follows:

| Counterparty and<br>Terms of Agreement                 | Fa | ace Value | Repur | chase Price | Collateral  | Par Value     | Fair Value    |
|--|----|-----------|-------|-------------|---|---------------|---------------|
| BofA Securities, Inc.<br>4.19%<br>Due 10/01/25         | \$ | 518,359   | \$    | 518,419     | U.S. Treasury Note<br>3.75%<br>Due 04/15/28                     | \$<br>518,400 | \$<br>528,723 |
|  |    |           |       |             | U.S. Treasury Bond<br>3.88%                                     |               |               |
|  |    |           |       |             | Due 05/15/43  | 100           | 92            |
|  |    |           |       |             |   | 518,500       | 528,815       |
| BNP Paribas<br>4.20%<br>Due 10/01/25                   |    | 453,564   |       | 453,617     | U.S. Treasury Strips<br>0.00%<br>Due 02/15/36 - 08/15/38        | 825,139       | 462,689       |
| J.P. Morgan<br>Securities LLC<br>4.20%<br>Due 10/01/25 |    | 323,974   |       | 324,012     | U.S. Treasury Notes<br>1.50% - 1.88%<br>Due 02/28/27 - 11/30/28 | 338,400       | 330,562       |
| Bank of Montreal<br>4.18%                              |    |           |       |             | U.S. Treasury Bond<br>2.38%                                     |               |               |
| Due 10/01/25   |    | 64,795    |       | 64,803      | Due 11/15/49  | 99,500        | 66,135        |

# STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

September 30, 2025

| Assets:   |                |
|---|----------------|
| Investments, at value                               |                |
| (cost \$29,894,391)                                 | \$ 29,358,710  |
| Repurchase agreements, at value                     |                |
| (cost \$1,360,692)                                  | 1,360,692      |
| Segregated cash with broker                         | 214,189        |
| Unamortized upfront premiums paid on interest rate  |                |
| swap agreements                                     | 117            |
| Prepaid expenses                                    | 15,113         |
| Receivables:  |                |
| Interest  | 121,780        |
| Total assets  | 31,070,601     |
|   |                |
| Liabilities:  |                |
| Overdraft due to custodian bank                     | 1,406          |
| Unamortized upfront premiums received on interest   |                |
| rate swap agreements                                | 208            |
| Payable for:  |                |
| Professional fees                                   | 38,196         |
| Distributions to shareholders                       | 20,375         |
| Pricing fees  | 7,418          |
| Custodian fees                                      | 6,172          |
| Variation margin on interest rate swap agreements   | 4,269          |
| Fund accounting/administration fees Trustees' fees* | 3,395<br>1,996 |
| Transfer agent/maintenance fees                     | 1,996<br>766   |
| Miscellaneous                                       | 1,231          |
|   |                |
| Total liabilities                                   | 85,432         |
| Net assets  | \$ 30,985,169  |
|   |                |
| Net assets consist of:                              | £ 22.470.210   |
| Paid in capital                                     | \$ 32,478,318  |
| Total distributable earnings (loss)                 | (1,493,149)    |
| Net assets  | \$ 30,985,169  |
| Capital shares outstanding                          | 1,244,874      |
| Net asset value per share                           | \$24.89        |

# STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

Year Ended September 30, 2025

| INVESTMENT INCOME:                                       |              |
|--|--------------|
| Interest   | \$ 2,788,947 |
| Total investment income                                  | 2,788,947    |
| Expenses:  |              |
| Professional fees  | 54,280       |
| Fund accounting/administration fees                      | 50,768       |
| Custodian fees   | 26,529       |
| Trustees' fees*  | 23,956       |
| Transfer agent/maintenance fees                          | 12,000       |
| Line of credit fees                                      | 795          |
| Miscellaneous  | 25,543       |
| Total expenses<br>Less:                                  | 193,871      |
| Earnings credits applied                                 | (12,881)     |
| Net expenses   | 180,990      |
| Net investment income                                    | 2,607,957    |
| NET REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS):                 |              |
| Net realized gain (loss) on:                             |              |
| Investments  | 221,204      |
| Swap agreements  | (8,419)      |
| Net realized gain  | 212,785      |
| Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on: |              |
| Investments  | (336,138)    |
| Swap agreements  | 254,443      |
| Net change in unrealized appreciation                    |              |
| (depreciation)   | (81,695)     |
| Net realized and unrealized gain                         | 131,090      |
| Net increase in net assets resulting from                |              |
| operations   | \$ 2,739,047 |

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

### STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

|   | S  | Year Ended<br>September 30,<br>2025 | S  | Year Ended<br>September 30,<br>2024 |
|---|----|-------------------------------------|----|-------------------------------------|
| Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets from Operations:  Net investment income | \$ | 2 (07 057                           | \$ | (                                   |
| Net realized gain on investments  | )  | 2,607,957<br>212,785                | Þ  | 6,553,565<br>201,473                |
| Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments       |    | (81,695)                            |    | 2,879,103                           |
| Net increase in net assets resulting from operations                      |    | 2,739,047                           |    | 9,634,141                           |
| Distributions to shareholders   |    | (2,685,705)                         |    | (6,750,268)                         |
| Capital share transactions:   |    |                                     |    |                                     |
| Proceeds from sale of shares  |    | 49,615,250                          |    | 11,448,300                          |
| Distributions reinvested  |    | 2,428,365                           |    | 6,388,673                           |
| Cost of shares redeemed   |    | (153,839,424)                       |    | (7,345,968)                         |
| Net increase (decrease) from capital share transactions                   |    | (101,795,809)                       |    | 10,491,005                          |
| Net increase (decrease) in net assets                                     |    | (101,742,467)                       |    | 13,374,878                          |
| Net assets:   |    |                                     |    |                                     |
| Beginning of year   |    | 132,727,636                         |    | 119,352,758                         |
| End of year   | \$ | 30,985,169                          | \$ | 132,727,636                         |
| Capital share activity:   |    |                                     |    |                                     |
| Shares sold   |    | 1,995,813                           |    | 464,434                             |
| Shares issued from reinvestment of distributions                          |    | 97,481                              |    | 259,355                             |
| Shares redeemed   |    | (6,186,000)                         |    | (300,876)                           |
| Net increase (decrease) in shares   |    | (4,092,706)                         |    | 422,913                             |

### **FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

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

|  | Year Ended<br>September 30,<br>2025 | Year Ended<br>September 30,<br>2024 | Year Ended<br>September 30,<br>2023 | Year Ended<br>September 30,<br>2022 | Year Ended<br>September 30,<br>2021 |
|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Per Share Data   |                                     |                                     |                                     |                                     |                                     |
| Net asset value, beginning of period   | \$24.87                             | \$24.29                             | \$24.01                             | \$25.06                             | \$25.00                             |
| Income (loss) from investment operations:<br>Net investment income (loss) <sup>a</sup><br>Net gain (loss) on investments (realized and unrealized) | 1.34                                | 1.30<br>.62                         | 1.11<br>.39                         | .47<br>(1.04)                       | .40<br>.06                          |
| Total from investment operations   | 1.40                                | 1.92                                | 1.50                                | (.57)                               | .46                                 |
| Less distributions from: Net investment income Total distributions   | (1.38)                              | (1.34)                              | (1.22)                              | (.48)                               | (.40)<br>(.40)                      |
| Net asset value, end of period   | \$24.89                             | \$24.87                             | \$24.29                             | \$24.01                             | \$25.06                             |
| Total Return <sup>b</sup>  | 5.76%                               | 8.12%                               | 6.35%                               | (2.27%)                             | 1.83%                               |
| Ratios/Supplemental Data   |                                     |                                     |                                     |                                     |                                     |
| Net assets, end of period (in thousands)   | \$30,985                            | \$132,728                           | \$119,353                           | \$116,684                           | \$131,060                           |
| Ratios to average net assets:<br>Net investment income (loss)<br>Total expenses <sup>c</sup><br>Net expenses                                       | 5.38%<br>0.40%<br>0.40%             | 5.28%<br>0.16%<br>0.16%             | 4.60%<br>0.22%<br>0.22%             | 1.89%<br>0.18%<br>0.18%             | 1.61%<br>0.18%<br>0.18%             |
| Portfolio turnover rate  | d                                   | 35%                                 | 18%                                 | 35%                                 | 107%                                |

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> Total return does not reflect the impact of any applicable sales charges.

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

d Less than 1.0%

### Note 1 - Organization and Significant Accounting Policies

### Organization

Guggenheim Strategy Funds Trust (the "Trust"), a Delaware statutory trust, is registered with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "1940 Act"), as a diversified, open-ended investment company and may issue an unlimited number of authorized shares. Only investment companies, common or commingled trust funds or other organizations, entities or investors that are "accredited investors" within the meaning of Regulation D under the Securities Act of 1933 Act may make investments in the Funds. At September 30, 2025, the Trust consisted of three Funds.

This report covers the following Funds (collectively, the "Funds"):

| Fund Name                     | Diversification<br>Status |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Guggenheim Strategy Fund II   | Diversified               |
| Guggenheim Strategy Fund III  | Diversified               |
| Guggenheim Variable Insurance |                           |
| Strategy Fund III             | Diversified               |

Guggenheim Partners Investment Management, LLC ("GPIM", or the "Adviser"), which operates under the name Guggenheim Investments ("GI"), provides advisory services. Guggenheim Funds Distributors, LLC ("GFD") serves as distributor of the Funds' shares. GI and GFD are affiliated entities.

### **Significant Accounting Policies**

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

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

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

### (a) Valuation of Investments

The Board of Trustees of the Trust (the "Board") adopted policies and procedures for the valuation of the Funds' investments (the "Fund Valuation Procedures").

Pursuant to Rule 2a-5 under the 1940 Act, the Board designated the Adviser as the valuation designee to perform fair valuation determinations for each Fund with respect to all Fund investments and/or other assets. As the Funds' valuation designee pursuant to Rule 2a-5, the Adviser has adopted separate procedures ("Valuation Designee Procedures" and collectively with the Fund Valuation Procedures, the "Valuation Procedures") reasonably designed to prevent violations of the requirements of Rule 2a-5 and Rule 31a-4 under the 1940 Act. The Adviser, in its role as valuation designee, utilizes the assistance of a valuation committee, consisting of representatives from Guggenheim's investment management, fund administration, legal and compliance departments (the "Valuation Committee"), in determining the fair value of the Funds' securities and/or other assets. The Valuation Procedures may be amended and potentially adversely affected as the Funds seek to comply with regulations that apply to the valuation practices of registered investment companies.

Valuations of the Funds' securities and other assets are supplied primarily by independent third-party pricing services appointed pursuant to the processes set forth in the Valuation Procedures. The Adviser, with the assistance of the Valuation Committee, convenes monthly, or more frequently as needed, to review the valuation of all assets which have been fair valued. The Adviser, consistent with the monitoring and review responsibilities set forth in the Valuation Procedures, regularly reviews the appropriateness of the inputs, methods, models and assumptions employed by the independent third-party pricing services.

If the independent third-party 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 Adviser.

Equity securities listed or traded on a recognized U.S. securities exchange or the Nasdaq Stock Market ("NASDAQ") will generally be valued on the basis of the last sale price on the primary U.S. exchange or market on which the security is listed or traded, provided, however, that securities listed on NASDAQ will be valued at the NASDAQ official closing price, which may not necessarily represent the last sale price.

Generally, trading in foreign securities markets is substantially completed each day at various times prior to the close of the New York Stock Exchange ("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 currencies 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 Adviser will determine the current value of such foreign securities by taking into consideration certain factors which may include the following factors, among others: the value of the securities traded on other foreign markets, American Depositary Receipts ("ADR") trading, closed-end fund trading, foreign currency exchange activity, and the trading prices of financial products that are tied to foreign securities. In addition, under the Valuation Procedures, the Adviser is authorized to use prices and other information supplied by an independent thirdparty pricing service in valuing foreign securities.

Open-end investment companies are valued at their NAV as of the close of business, on the valuation date. Exchange-traded funds and closed-end investment companies are generally valued at the last quoted sale price.

Commercial paper and discount notes with a maturity of greater than 60 days at acquisition are valued at prices that reflect brokerdealer supplied valuations or are obtained from independent third-party 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. Commercial paper and discount notes with a maturity of 60 days or less at acquisition are valued at amortized cost, unless the Adviser concludes that amortized cost does not represent the fair value of the applicable asset in which case it will be valued using an independent third-party pricing service.

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

Typically, loans are valued using information provided by independent third-party pricing services that use broker quotes, among other inputs. If the independent third-party pricing service cannot or does not provide a valuation for a particular loan, or such valuation is deemed unreliable, such investment is valued based on a quote from a broker-dealer or is fair valued by the Adviser. Funds that invest in loans or asset-backed securities as part of their investment strategies may have a significant amount of these instruments that are fair valued by the Adviser.

Futures contracts are valued on the basis of the last sale price as of 4:00 p.m. on the valuation date. In the event that the exchange for a specific futures contract closes earlier than 4:00 p.m., the futures contract is valued at the official settlement price of the exchange. However, the underlying securities from which the futures contract value is derived are monitored until 4:00 p.m. to determine if fair valuation of the underlying securities would provide a more accurate valuation of the futures contract.

Interest rate swap agreements entered into by a Fund are valued on the basis of the last sale price on the primary exchange on which the swap is traded. Other swap agreements entered into by a Fund are generally valued using an evaluated price provided by an independent third-party pricing service.

Forward foreign currency exchange contracts are valued daily based on the applicable exchange rate of the underlying currency.

Investments for which market quotations are not readily available are fair valued as determined in good faith by the Adviser. Valuations in accordance with these methods are intended to reflect each security's (or asset's or liability's) "fair value". Each such determination is based on a consideration of all relevant factors, which are likely to vary from one pricing context to another. Examples of such factors may include, but are not limited to market prices; sale prices; broker quotes; and models which derive prices based on inputs such as prices of securities with comparable maturities and characteristics, or on inputs such as prices of securities with comparable maturities and characteristics, or on inputs such as anticipated cash flows or collateral, spread over U.S. Treasury securities, and other information analysis. In connection with futures contracts and other derivative investments, such factors may include obtaining information as to how (a) these contracts and other derivative investments trade in the futures or other derivative markets, respectively, and (b) the securities underlying these contracts and other derivative investments trade in the cash market.

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

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

Inflation-indexed bonds are fixed-income securities whose principal value is periodically adjusted to the rate of inflation. The interest rate on these securities is generally fixed at issuance at a rate lower than typical bonds. Over the life of an inflationindexed bond however, interest will be paid based on a principal value which is adjusted for inflation. Any increase in the principal amount of an inflation-indexed bond is recognized as a component of Interest on the Funds' Statements of Operations, even though principal is not received until maturity.

### (c) Senior Floating Rate Interests and Loan Investments

Senior floating rate interests in which the Trust invests generally pay interest rates which are periodically adjusted by reference to a base short-term floating rate, plus a premium. These base lending rates are generally (i) the lending rate offered by one or more major European banks, (ii) the prime rate offered by one

or more major United States banks, (iii) the bank's certificate of deposit rate, or (iv) the Secured Overnight Financing Rate ("SOFR"). Senior floating rate interests often require prepayments from excess cash flows or permit the borrower to repay at its election. The rate at which the borrower repays cannot be predicted with accuracy. As a result, the actual remaining maturity may be substantially less than the stated maturities disclosed in the Funds' Schedules of Investments.

The Funds invest in loans and other similar debt obligations ("obligations"). A portion of the Funds' investments in these obligations is sometimes referred to as "covenant lite" loans or obligations ("covenant lite obligations"), which are obligations that lack financial maintenance covenants or possess fewer or contingent financial maintenance covenants and other financial protections for lenders and investors. The Funds may also obtain exposure to covenant lite obligations through investment in securitization vehicles and other structured products. Many new, restructured or reissued obligations have not featured traditional covenants, which are intended to protect lenders and investors by (i) imposing certain restrictions or other limitations on a borrower's operations or assets or (ii) providing certain rights to lenders. The Funds may have fewer rights with respect to covenant lite obligations, including fewer protections against the possibility of default and fewer remedies in the event of default. As a result, investments in (or exposure to) covenant lite obligations are subject to more risk than investments in (or exposure to) certain other types of obligations. The Funds are subject to other risks associated with investments in (or exposure to) obligations, including that obligations may not be considered "securities" under the federal laws and, as a result, the Funds may not be entitled to rely on the anti-fraud protections under the federal securities laws and instead may have to resort to state law and direct claims.

#### (d) Interest on When-Issued Securities

The Funds may purchase and sell interests in securities on a when-issued and delayed delivery basis, with payment and delivery scheduled for a future date. No income accrues to the Funds on such interests or securities in connection with such transactions prior to the date the Funds actually take delivery of such interests or securities. These transactions are subject to market fluctuations and are subject to the risk that the value at delivery may be more or less than the trade date purchase price. Although the Funds will generally purchase these securities with the intention of acquiring such securities, they may sell such securities before the settlement date.

### (e) Short Sales

When a Fund engages in a short sale of a security, an amount equal to the proceeds is reflected as an asset and an equivalent liability. The amount of the liability is subsequently marked-to-market to reflect the market value of the short sale.

Fees, if any, paid to brokers to borrow securities in connection with short sales are recorded as interest expense. In addition, the Fund must pay out the dividend rate of the equity or coupon rate of the obligation to the lender and record this as an expense. Short dividend or interest expense is a cost associated with the investment objective of short sales transactions, rather than an operational cost associated with the day-to-day management of any mutual fund. The Fund may also receive rebate income from the broker resulting from the investment of the proceeds from securities sold short.

### (f) Futures Contracts

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

#### (g) Swap Agreements

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

Upon entering into certain centrally-cleared swap transactions, a Fund is required to deposit with its clearing broker an amount of cash or securities as an initial margin. Subsequent variation margin receipts or payments are received or made by the Fund depending on fluctuations in the fair value of the reference entity and are recorded by the Fund as unrealized appreciation or depreciation. When the contract is closed, the Fund records a realized gain or loss equal to the difference between the value of the contract at the time it was opened and the value at the time it was closed.

### (h) Currency Translations

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

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

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

### (i) Forward Foreign Currency Exchange Contracts

The change in value of a forward foreign currency exchange contract is recorded as unrealized appreciation or depreciation until the contract is closed. When the contract is closed, the Funds record a realized gain or loss equal to the difference between the value at the time the contract was opened and the value at the time it was closed.

### (j) Foreign Taxes

The Funds may be subject to foreign taxes (a portion of which may be reclaimable) on income, stock dividends, capital gains on investments or certain foreign currency transactions. All foreign taxes are recorded in accordance with the applicable foreign tax regulations and rates that exist in the foreign jurisdictions in which the Funds invest. These foreign taxes, if any, are paid by the Funds and reflected in their Statements of Operations as follows: foreign taxes withheld at source are presented as a reduction of income and foreign taxes on capital gains from sales of investments are included with the net realized gain (loss) on investments. Foreign taxes payable or deferred as of September 30, 2025, if any, are disclosed in the Funds' Statements of Assets and Liabilities.

#### (k) Security Transactions

Security transactions are recorded on the trade date for financial reporting purposes. Realized gains and losses from securities transactions are recorded using the identified cost basis. Proceeds from lawsuits related to investment holdings are recorded as a reduction to cost if the securities are still held and as realized gains if no longer held in the respective Fund. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date, net of applicable taxes withheld by foreign countries, if any. Taxable non-cash dividends are recorded as dividend income. Interest income, including amortization of premiums and accretion of discounts, is accrued on a daily basis. Interest income also includes paydown gains and losses on mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities and senior and subordinated loans. Amendment fees are earned as compensation for evaluating and accepting changes to the original loan agreement and are recognized when received.

The Funds may receive other income from investments in senior loan interests including amendment fees, consent fees and commitment fees. For funded loans, these fees are recorded as income when received by the Funds and included in interest income on the Funds' Statements of Operations. For unfunded loans, commitment fees are included in realized gain on investments on the Funds' Statements of Operations at the end of the commitment period.

#### (I) Distributions

Distributions of net investment income and net realized gains, if any, are declared and paid at least annually. Dividends are reinvested in additional shares, unless shareholders request payment in cash. Distributions are recorded on the ex-dividend date and are determined in accordance with U.S. federal income tax regulations which may differ from U.S. GAAP.

### (m) Expenses

Expenses directly attributable to a Fund are charged directly to the Fund. Other expenses common to various funds within the fund complex are generally allocated amongst such funds on the basis of average net assets.

#### (n) Earnings Credits

Under the fee arrangement with the custodian, the Funds may earn credits based on overnight custody cash balances. These credits are utilized to reduce related custodial expenses. The custodian fees disclosed in the Funds' Statements of Operations are before the reduction in expense from the related earnings credits, if any. Earnings credits for the year ended September 30, 2025, are disclosed in the Funds' Statements of Operations.

#### (o) Cash

The Funds may leave cash overnight in their cash account with their custodian. Periodically, a Fund may have cash due to their custodian bank as an overdraft balance. A fee is incurred on this overdraft, calculated by multiplying the overdraft by a rate based on the federal funds rate, which was 4.09% at September 30, 2025.

#### (p) Indemnifications

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

#### Note 2 - Financial Instruments and Derivatives

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

Derivatives 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 for investment purposes (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 seek to mitigate certain investment risks, such as foreign currency exchange rate risk, interest rate risk and credit risk. U.S. GAAP requires disclosures to enable investors to better understand how and why a Fund uses derivative instruments, how these derivative instruments are accounted for and their effects on the Fund's financial position and results of operations.

The Funds utilized derivatives for the following purpose:

**Duration:** the use of an instrument to manage the interest rate risk of a portfolio.

#### **Swap Agreements**

A swap is an agreement that obligates two parties to exchange a series of cash flows at specified intervals based upon or calculated by reference to changes in specified prices or rates for a specified amount of an underlying asset. When utilizing over-the-counter ("OTC") swaps, a Fund bears the risk of loss of the amount expected to be received under a swap agreement in the event of the default or bankruptcy of a swap agreement counterparty or if the underlying asset declines in value. Certain standardized swaps are subject to mandatory central clearing and are executed on a multi-lateral or other trade facility platform, such as a registered exchange. There is limited counterparty credit risk with respect to centrally-cleared swaps as the transaction is facilitated through a central clearinghouse, much like exchange-traded futures contracts. For a Fund utilizing centrally-cleared swaps, the exchange bears the risk of loss resulting from a counterparty not being able to pay. There is no guarantee that a Fund or an underlying fund could eliminate its exposure under an outstanding swap agreement by entering into an offsetting swap agreement with the same or another party.

Interest rate swaps involve the exchange by the Funds with another party for their respective commitment to pay or receive a fixed or variable interest rate on a notional amount of principal. Interest rate swaps are generally centrally-cleared, but central clearing does not make interest rate swap transactions risk free.

The following table represents the Funds' use and volume of interest rate swaps on a monthly basis:

|   |          | Average Notional Amount |                       |  |  |  |  |  |
|---|----------|-------------------------|-----------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Fund  | Use      | Pay Floating Rate       | Receive Floating Rate |  |  |  |  |  |
| Guggenheim Strategy Fund II                     | Duration | \$ —                    | \$ 55,500,000         |  |  |  |  |  |
| Guggenheim Strategy Fund III                    | Duration | _                       | 62,630,000            |  |  |  |  |  |
| Guggenheim Variable Insurance Strategy Fund III | Duration | _                       | 12,591,667            |  |  |  |  |  |

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

The following is a summary of the location of derivative investments on the Funds' Statements of Assets and Liabilities as of September 30, 2025:

| Derivative Investment Type    | Asset Derivatives  | Liability Derivatives  |
|-------------------------------|--|--|
| Interest rate swap agreements | Unamortized upfront premiums paid on interest rate swap agreements | Unamortized upfront premiums received on interest rate swap agreements |
|                               |  | Variation margin on interest rate swap agreements                      |

The following tables set forth the fair value of the Funds' derivative investments categorized by primary risk exposure at September 30, 2025:

| Asset Derivative Invest                         | ments Value                                 |   |
|---|---|---|
| Fund  | Swaps<br>Interest<br>Rate Risk <sup>‡</sup> | Total Value at<br>September 30,<br>2025 |
| Guggenheim Strategy Fund III                    | \$ 372,667                                  | \$ 372,667                              |
| Guggenheim Variable Insurance Strategy Fund III | 131,491                                     | 131,491                                 |
| Liability Derivative Inves                      | tments Value                                |   |
| Fund  | Swaps<br>Interest<br>Rate Risk <sup>‡</sup> | Total Value at<br>September 30,<br>2025 |
| Guggenheim Strategy Fund II                     | \$ 736,931                                  | \$ 736,931                              |
| Guggenheim Strategy Fund III                    | 733,611                                     | 733,611                                 |
| Guggenheim Variable Insurance Strategy Fund III | 146,126                                     | 146,126                                 |

<sup>\*</sup> Includes cumulative appreciation (depreciation) of exchange-traded, OTC and centrally-cleared derivatives contracts as reported on the Funds' Schedules of Investments. For exchange-traded and centrally-cleared derivatives, variation margin is reported within the Funds' Statements of Assets and Liabilities.

The following is a summary of the location of derivative investments on the Funds' Statements of Operations for the year ended September 30, 2025:

| Derivative Investment Type    | Location of Gain (Loss) on Derivatives                                  |
|-------------------------------|---|
| Interest rate swap agreements | Net realized gain (loss) on swap agreements                             |
| . •                           | Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on swap agreements |

The following is a summary of the Funds' realized gain (loss) and change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on derivative investments recognized on the Funds' Statements of Operations categorized by primary risk exposure for the year ended September 30, 2025:

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

| Fund  | Swaps<br>Interest<br>Rate<br>Risk                  | Total                               |
|---|--|-------------------------------------|
| Guggenheim Strategy Fund II   | \$ 216,395   | \$<br>216,395                       |
| Guggenheim Strategy Fund III  | 388,449  | 388,449                             |
| Guggenheim Variable Insurance Strategy Fund III   | (8,419)  | (8,419                              |
| Change in Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation) on Derivative Inve   | stments Recognized on the Statements of Operations |                                     |
| Change in Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation) on Derivative Inve   | Swaps  |                                     |
| Change in Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation) on Derivative Inve   | Swaps<br>Interest                                  |                                     |
|   | Swaps  | Total                               |
| Fund  | Swaps<br>Interest<br>Rate                          | \$                                  |
| Change in Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation) on Derivative Inverse  Fund  Guggenheim Strategy Fund II  Guggenheim Strategy Fund III | Swaps<br>Interest<br>Rate<br>Risk                  | \$<br><b>Tota</b> l 523,441 438,476 |

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

The Trust has established counterparty credit guidelines and enters into transactions only with financial institutions rated/identified as investment grade or better. The Trust monitors the counterparty credit risk associated with each such financial institution.

#### Note 3 - Offsetting

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

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

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

amounts due to the Funds from their counterparties are not fully collateralized, contractually or otherwise, the Funds bear the risk of loss from counterparty nonperformance. The Funds attempt to mitigate counterparty risk by only entering into agreements with counterparties that they believe to be of good standing and by monitoring the financial stability of those counterparties.

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

The Funds have the right to offset deposits against any related derivative liabilities outstanding with each counterparty with the exception of exchange-traded or centrally-cleared derivatives. The following table presents deposits held by others in connection with derivative investments as of September 30, 2025.

| Fund  | Counterparty                                   | Asset Type   | Cash Pledged |                  | Cash Received |   |
|---|--|--|--------------|------------------|---------------|---|
| Guggenheim Strategy Fund II<br>Guggenheim Strategy Fund III | BofA Securities, Inc.<br>BofA Securities, Inc. | Interest rate swap agreements<br>Interest rate swap agreements | \$           | 12,056<br>44,719 | \$            | _ |
| Guggenheim Variable Insurance<br>Strategy Fund III          | BofA Securities, Inc.                          | Interest rate swap agreements                                  |              | 214,189          |               | _ |

#### Note 4 - Fair Value Measurement

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

- Level 1 unadjusted 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.

Rule 2a-5 sets forth a definition of "readily available market quotations," which is consistent with the definition of a Level 1 input under U.S. GAAP. Rule 2a-5 provides that "a market quotation is readily available only when that quotation is a quoted price (unadjusted) in active markets for identical investments that the Fund can access at the measurement date, provided that a quotation will not be readily available if it is not reliable."

Securities for which market quotations are not readily available must be valued at fair value as determined in good faith. Accordingly, any security priced using inputs other than Level 1 inputs will be subject to fair value requirements. 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 third-party pricing services are used to value a majority of the Funds' investments. When values are not available from an independent third-party pricing service, they will be 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 U.S. Treasury securities, and other information and analysis. A significant portion of the Funds' assets and liabilities are categorized as Level 2, as indicated in this report.

Quotes from broker-dealers, adjusted for fluctuations in criteria such as credit spreads and interest rates, may also be used to value the Funds' 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 quotes are typically received from established market participants, the Funds may not have the transparency to view the underlying inputs which support the market quotations. Significant changes in a quote would generally result in significant changes in the fair value of the security.

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

Certain loans and other securities are valued using a single daily broker quote or a price from an independent third-party pricing service based on a single daily or monthly broker quote.

The inputs or methodologies selected and applied for valuing securities or other assets are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities. The suitability, appropriateness and accuracy of the techniques, methodologies and sources employed to determine fair valuation are periodically reviewed and subject to change.

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

Under the terms of an investment advisory contract between the Trust, on behalf of the Funds, and the Adviser, the Funds do not pay GI advisory fees.

GI pays operating expenses on behalf of the Trust, such as audit and accounting related services, legal services, custody, printing and mailing, among others, on a pass-through basis. Such expenses are allocated to various Funds within the complex based on relative net assets.

If a Fund invests in a fund that is advised by the same adviser or an affiliated adviser, GI will voluntarily waive fees at the investing fund level. In addition, the Fund may voluntarily waive fees and reimburse other expenses. For the year ended September 30, 2025, the Funds did not waive or reimburse other expenses.

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

MUFG Investor Services (US), LLC ("MUIS") acts as the Funds' administrator, transfer agent and accounting agent. As administrator, transfer agent and accounting agent, MUIS maintains the books and records of the Funds' securities and cash. The Bank of New York Mellon ("BNY") acts as the Funds' custodian. As custodian, BNY is responsible for the custody of the Funds' assets. For providing the aforementioned administrative and accounting services, MUIS is entitled to receive a monthly fee equal to a percentage of the Funds' average daily net assets and out of pocket expenses. For providing the aforementioned transfer agent and custodian services, MUIS and BNY are entitled to receive a monthly fee based on the number of transactions during the month and the number of accounts under management, subject to certain minimum monthly fees, and out of pocket expenses.

#### Note 6 - Federal Income Tax Information

The Funds intend to comply with the provisions of Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Internal Revenue Code"), applicable to regulated investment companies and will distribute substantially all taxable net investment income and capital gains sufficient to relieve the Funds from all, or substantially all, federal income, excise and state income taxes. Therefore, no provision for federal or state income tax or federal excise tax is required.

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

If a Fund makes a distribution to its shareholders in excess of its current and accumulated "earnings and profits" in any taxable year, the excess distribution will be treated as a return of capital to the extent of each shareholder's basis (for tax purposes) in its shares, and any distribution in excess of basis will be treated as capital gain. A return of capital is not taxable, but it reduces the shareholder's basis in its shares, which reduces the loss (or increases the gain) on a subsequent taxable disposition by such shareholder of the shares.

The tax character of distributions paid during the year ended September 30, 2025 was as follows:

| Fund  | Ordinary<br>Income | ong-Term<br>pital Gain | Total<br>Distributions |           |  |
|---|--------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------|--|
| Guggenheim Strategy Fund II                     | \$<br>9,358,512    | \$<br>_                | \$                     | 9,358,512 |  |
| Guggenheim Strategy Fund III                    | 9,608,713          | _                      |                        | 9,608,713 |  |
| Guggenheim Variable Insurance Strategy Fund III | 2,685,705          | _                      |                        | 2,685,705 |  |

The tax character of distributions paid during the year ended September 30, 2024 was as follows:

| Fund  |    | Ordinary<br>Income | ong-Term<br>pital Gain | Total<br>Distributions |            |  |
|---|----|--------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------|--|
| Guggenheim Strategy Fund II                     | \$ | 18,178,692         | \$<br>_                | \$                     | 18,178,692 |  |
| Guggenheim Strategy Fund III                    |    | 18,302,723         | _                      |                        | 18,302,723 |  |
| Guggenheim Variable Insurance Strategy Fund III |    | 6,750,268          | _                      |                        | 6,750,268  |  |

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

The tax components of distributable earnings/(loss) as of September 30, 2025 were as follows:

| Fund   | Und | distributed<br>Ordinary<br>Income | Lo | stributed<br>ong-Term<br>ital Gain | Net Unrealized<br>Appreciation<br>(Depreciation) | Accumulated<br>Capital and<br>Other Losse | j  | Other<br>Temporary<br>Differences   | Total   |
|--|-----|-----------------------------------|----|------------------------------------|--|---|----|-------------------------------------|---|
| Guggenheim Strategy Fund II<br>Guggenheim Strategy Fund III<br>Guggenheim Variable Insurance Strategy Fund III | \$  | 136,496<br>143,678<br>342,263     | \$ | _<br>_<br>_                        | \$ (1,911,001)<br>(1,605,730)<br>(557,468)       | \$ (1,670,70)<br>(3,408,09)<br>(1,142,70) | 3) | (536,314)<br>(582,276)<br>(135,244) | \$<br>(3,981,526)<br>(5,452,426)<br>(1,493,149) |

For U.S. federal income tax purposes, capital loss carryforwards represent realized losses of the Funds that may be carried forward and applied against future capital gains. The Funds are permitted to carry forward capital losses for an unlimited period and such capital loss carryforwards retain their character as either short-term or long-term capital losses. As of September 30, 2025, capital loss carryforwards for the Funds were as follows:

| Fund   | Short-Term |                            |    | Long-Term                               | Total<br>Capital Loss<br>Carryforward |   |  |
|--|------------|----------------------------|----|---|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| Guggenheim Strategy Fund II<br>Guggenheim Strategy Fund III<br>Guggenheim Variable Insurance Strategy Fund III | \$         | —<br>(83,552)<br>(150,506) | \$ | (1,670,707)<br>(3,324,546)<br>(992,194) | \$                                    | (1,670,707)<br>(3,408,098)<br>(1,142,700) |  |

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For the year ended September 30, 2025, the following capital loss carryforward amounts were utilized:

| Fund  | Utilized      |
|---|---------------|
| Guggenheim Strategy Fund II                     | \$<br>358,499 |
| Guggenheim Strategy Fund III                    | 288,834       |
| Guggenheim Variable Insurance Strategy Fund III | 123,081       |

Net investment income and net realized gains (losses) may differ for financial statement and tax purposes because of temporary or permanent book/tax differences. These differences are primarily due to investments in certain bonds and swap agreements. Additional differences may result from the tax treatment of dividends payable and paydown reclasses. To the extent these differences are permanent and would require a reclassification between Paid in Capital and Total Distributable Earnings (Loss), such reclassifications are made in the period that the differences arise. These reclassifications have no effect on net assets or NAV per share.

No adjustments were made on the Statements of Assets and Liabilities as of September 30, 2025 for permanent book/tax differences.

At September 30, 2025, the cost of investments for U.S. federal income tax purposes, the aggregate gross unrealized appreciation for all investments for which there was an excess of value over tax cost and the aggregate gross unrealized depreciation for all investments for which there was an excess of tax cost over value, were as follows:

| Fund  |    | Tax<br>Cost | Tax<br>Unrealized<br>Appreciation |    | Tax<br>Unrealized<br>Depreciation | Net Tax<br>Unrealized<br>Appreciation/<br>(Depreciation) |             |  |
|---|----|-------------|-----------------------------------|----|-----------------------------------|--|-------------|--|
| Guggenheim Strategy Fund II                     | \$ | 127,636,726 | \$<br>863,247                     | \$ | (2,774,295)                       | \$   | (1,911,048) |  |
| Guggenheim Strategy Fund III                    |    | 128,541,472 | 1,278,685                         |    | (2,884,415)                       |  | (1,605,730) |  |
| Guggenheim Variable Insurance Strategy Fund III |    | 31,262,235  | 261,772                           |    | (819,240)                         |  | (557,468)   |  |

#### Note 7 – Securities Transactions

For the year ended September 30, 2025, the cost of purchases and proceeds from sales of investment securities, excluding government securities, short-term investments and derivatives, were as follows:

| Fund  | Purchases       | Sales             |
|---|-----------------|-------------------|
| Guggenheim Strategy Fund II                     | \$<br>4,041,608 | \$<br>137,080,381 |
| Guggenheim Strategy Fund III                    | 4,354,822       | 152,937,416       |
| Guggenheim Variable Insurance Strategy Fund III | 149,303         | 72,827,382        |

The Funds are permitted to purchase or sell securities from or to certain affiliated funds under specified conditions outlined in procedures adopted by the Board. The procedures have been designed to ensure that any purchase or sale of securities by a Fund from or to another fund or portfolio that is or could be considered an affiliate by virtue of having a common investment adviser (or affiliated investment advisers), common trustees and/or common officers complies with Rule 17a-7 of the 1940 Act. Further, as defined under these procedures, each transaction is effected at the current market price. For the year ended September 30, 2025, the Funds did not engage in purchases and sales of securities pursuant to Rule 17a-7 of the 1940 Act.

#### Note 8 - Line of Credit

The Trust, along with other affiliated trusts, secured a 364-day committed, \$1,115,000,000 line of credit from a syndicated bank group led by Citibank, N.A., which was in place through September 26, 2025, at which time the line of credit was renewed as a 364-day committed, \$1,190,000,000 line of credit. A Fund may draw (borrow) from the line of credit as a temporary measure for emergency purposes, to facilitate redemption requests, or for other short-term liquidity purposes consistent with the Fund's investment objective and program. For example, it may be advantageous for the Fund to borrow money rather than sell existing portfolio positions to meet redemption requests. Fees related to borrowings, if any, vary under this arrangement between the greater of Citibank's "base rate", SOFR plus 1%, or the federal funds rate plus 1/2 of 1%.

The commitment fee that may be paid by the Funds is at an annualized rate of 0.15% of the average daily amount of their allocated unused commitment amount. The commitment fee amount is allocated to the individual Funds based on the respective net assets of each participating Fund and is referenced in the Funds' Statements of Operations under "Line of credit fees". The Funds did not have any borrowings under this agreement as of and for the year ended September 30, 2025.

#### Note 9 - Segment Reporting

In this reporting period, the Funds adopted FASB Accounting Standards Update 2023-07, Segment Reporting (Topic 280) - Improvements to Reportable Segment Disclosures ("ASU 2023-07"). Adoption of the new standard impacted financial statement disclosures only and did not affect the Funds' financial position or the results of their operations. An operating segment is defined in Topic 280 as a component of a public entity that engages in business activities from which it may recognize revenues and incur expenses, has operating results that are regularly reviewed

by the public entity's chief operating decision maker ("CODM") to make decisions about resources to be allocated to the segment and assess its performance, and has discrete financial information available. The Officers of the Trust, subject to the oversight and supervision of the Board, serve as the CODM for the Funds.

Each of the Funds represents a single operating segment, as the CODM monitors the operating results of each Fund as a whole and each Fund's long-term strategic asset allocation is pre-determined in accordance with the Fund's investment objective which is executed by each Fund's portfolio managers as a team. Each of the Funds uses a variety of investments to execute its investment strategy. Please refer to Note 1 - Organization and Significant Accounting Policies of these Notes to Financial Statements for additional details on the significant accounting policies and investment types used by the Funds. Please refer to each Fund's Schedule of Investments for a breakdown of the types of investments from which each of the Funds generates its returns. Financial information in the form of total returns, expense ratios and changes in net assets (i.e., changes in net assets resulting from operations, subscriptions and redemptions), which are used by the CODM to assess the segment's performance versus each Fund's comparative benchmarks, among other metrics, and to make resource allocation decisions for each Fund's single segment, is consistent with that presented within the Fund's financial statements. Segment assets are reflected on each Fund's Statement of Assets and Liabilities as "total assets" and significant segment income, expenses, and gain (loss) are listed on each Fund's Statement of Operations.

#### Note 10 - Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In December 2023, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued an Accounting Standards Update, ASU 2023-09, Income Taxes (Topic 740): Improvements to Income Tax Disclosures (the "2023 ASU") which establishes new income tax disclosure requirements and modifies or eliminates certain existing disclosure provisions. Included within the new disclosure requirements, among other amendments, is an expanded rate reconciliation and disaggregation of income taxes paid. The 2023 ASU is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2024. At this time, management is evaluating the implications of these changes on the financial statements, though adoption of the new standard is expected to impact financial statement disclosures only and not affect any Fund's financial position or the results of its operations.

#### Note 11 - Market Risks

The value of, or income generated by, the investments held by the Funds are subject to the possibility of rapid and unpredictable fluctuation, and loss that may result from various factors. These factors include, among others, developments affecting (or perceived to affect) individual companies, or issuers or particular industries, or from broader influences, including real or perceived changes in prevailing interest rates (which may change at any time based on changes in monetary policies and various market and other economic conditions), changes in inflation rates or expectations about inflation rates, deflation, adverse investor confidence or sentiment, general outlook for corporate earnings, changing economic, political (including geopolitical), social or financial market conditions, bank failures, increased instability or general uncertainty, extreme weather, environmental or man-made disasters, or geological events, governmental actions, actual or threatened imposition of tariffs (which may be imposed by U.S. and foreign governments) and trade disruptions, public health emergencies (such as the spread of infectious diseases, pandemics and epidemics), debt crises, terrorism, actual or threatened wars or other armed conflicts (such as the conflict in the Middle East and the ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict and its collateral economic and other effects, including, but not limited to, sanctions and other international trade barriers) or ratings downgrades, and other similar events, each of which may be temporary or last for extended periods. Different sectors, industries and security types may react differently to such developments. Moreover, changing economic, political, geopolitical, social, financial market or other conditions in one country, geographic region or industry could adversely affect the value, yield and return of the investments held by the Funds in a different country, geographic region, economy, industry or market because of the increasingly interconnected global economies and financial markets. The duration and extent of the foregoing types of factors or conditions are highly uncertain and difficult to predict and have in the past, and may in the future, cause volatility and distress in economies and financial markets or other adverse circumstances, which may negatively affect the value of the Funds' investments and performance of the Funds.

#### Note 12 - Subsequent Events

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

#### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Shareholders and the Board of Trustees of Guggenheim Strategy Funds Trust

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

We have audited the accompanying statements of assets and liabilities of Guggenheim Strategy Funds Trust (the "Trust") (comprising Guggenheim Strategy Fund II, Guggenheim Strategy Fund III and Guggenheim Variable Insurance Strategy Fund III (collectively referred to as the "Funds")), including the schedules of investments, as of September 30, 2025, and the related statements of operations for the year then ended, the statements of changes in net assets for each of the two years in the period then ended, the financial highlights for each of the five years in the period then ended and the related notes (collectively referred to as the "financial statements"). In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of each of the Funds comprising Guggenheim Strategy Funds Trust at September 30, 2025, the results of their operations for the year then ended, the changes in their net assets for each of the two years in the period then ended and their financial highlights for each of the five years in the period then ended, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

#### **Basis for Opinion**

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

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

Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our procedures included confirmation of securities owned as of September 30, 2025, by correspondence with the custodian, brokers, and paying agents. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Ernet + Young LLP

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

Tysons, Virginia November 26, 2025

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

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

In January 2026, shareholders will be advised on IRS Form 1099 DIV or substitute 1099 DIV as to the federal tax status of the distributions received by shareholders in the calendar year 2025.

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

Of the taxable ordinary income distributions paid during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2025, the following funds had the corresponding percentages qualify for the reduced tax rate pursuant to the Jobs and Growth Tax Relief and Reconciliation Act of 2003 or for the dividends received deduction for corporations. See the qualified dividend income and dividend received deduction columns, respectively, in the table below.

Additionally, of the taxable ordinary income distributions paid during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2025, the following funds had the corresponding percentages qualify as interest related dividends as permitted by IRC Section 871(k) (1). See the qualified interest income column in the table below.

| Fund  | Qualified<br>Dividend<br>Income | Dividend<br>Received<br>Deduction | Qualified<br>Interest<br>Income |
|---|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Guggenheim Strategy Fund II                     | 0.00%                           | 0.00%                             | 68.62%                          |
| Guggenheim Strategy Fund III                    | 0.00%                           | 0.00%                             | 69.48%                          |
| Guggenheim Variable Insurance Strategy Fund III | 0.00%                           | 0.00%                             | 70.09%                          |

#### **Sector Classification**

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

#### **Quarterly Portfolio Schedules Information**

The Trust files its complete schedule of portfolio holdings with the SEC for the first and third quarters of each fiscal year as an exhibit to its reports on Form N-PORT. The Funds' Form N-PORT is available on the SEC's website at https://www.sec.gov. The Funds' complete schedules of securities holdings as of the end of each fiscal quarter will be made available to the public on the SEC's website at www.sec.gov and on our website at www.guggenheiminvestments.com, and will be made available, upon request and without charge, by calling 800.820.0888.

### ITEM 8: CHANGES IN AND DISAGREEMENTS WITH ACCOUNTANTS FOR OPEN-END MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES

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#### ITEM 9: PROXY DISCLOSURES FOR OPEN-END MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES

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# ITEM 10: REMUNERATION PAID TO DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, AND OTHERS OF OPEN-END MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES

| The remuneration paid to directors, officers, and others, if applicable, are included as part of the financial statements included under Item 7 of this Form. |
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#### ITEM 11: STATEMENT REGARDING BASIS FOR APPROVAL OF INVESTMENT ADVISORY CONTRACT

#### Report of the Guggenheim Strategy Funds Trust Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees (the "Board") of Guggenheim Strategy Funds Trust (the "Trust"), including the Independent Trustees, unanimously approved the renewal of the investment management agreement (the "Advisory Agreement") with Guggenheim Partners Investment Management, LLC ("GPIM" or the "Adviser") on behalf of the series of the Trust listed below (each a "Fund" and collectively, the "Funds"):

- Guggenheim Strategy Fund II ("Strategy Fund II")
- Guggenheim Variable Insurance Strategy Fund III ("Variable Strategy Fund")
- Guggenheim Strategy Fund III ("Strategy Fund III")

GPIM is an indirect subsidiary of Guggenheim Partners, LLC, a privately-held, global investment and advisory firm ("Guggenheim Partners"). Guggenheim Partners, GPIM 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 GPIM, Security Investors, LLC, Guggenheim Funds Investment Advisors, LLC and other affiliated investment management businesses of Guggenheim Partners.

At meetings held in person on April 15, 2025 (the "April Meeting") and on May 22, 2025 (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 Agreement. As part of its review process, the Committee was represented by independent legal counsel to the Independent Trustees ("Independent Legal Counsel"), from whom the Independent Trustees received separate legal advice and with whom they met separately. 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 Agreement and other principal contracts. The Committee took into account various materials received from Guggenheim and Independent Legal Counsel. The Committee also considered the variety of written materials, reports and oral presentations the Board received throughout the year regarding performance and operating results of the Funds, and other information relevant to its evaluation of the Advisory Agreement.

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 FUSE reports is to present the subject fund's relative position regarding fees, expenses and total return performance, with peer group and universe comparisons. FUSE also made a presentation at the April Meeting. In evaluating the data presented in the FUSE reports, the Committee took into account the challenges that exist in developing appropriate peer groups for the Funds, the shares of which are not, and are not expected to be, registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "1933 Act"), because such shares are issued solely in private placement transactions that do not involve any "public offering" within the meaning of Section 4(a) (2) of the 1933 Act. In this connection, only investment companies, common or commingled trust funds, or other organizations, entities or investors that are "accredited investors" within the meaning of Regulation D under the 1933 Act may make investments in the Funds. The Committee assessed the data provided in the FUSE reports as well as commentary presented by Guggenheim and FUSE, in light of the foregoing challenges. The Committee noted that although FUSE's process typically results in the identification for each Fund of a universe of similar funds for performance comparisons and a narrower group of similar funds from the universe based on asset levels for comparative fee and expense data evaluation (i.e., the peer group), the peer group constituent funds identified by FUSE for Variable Strategy Fund were the same as the performance universe constituent funds due to the Fund's investment strategy and pricing.

In addition, Guggenheim provided materials and data in response to formal requests for information sent by Independent Legal Counsel on behalf of the Committee. 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 (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 governing the Trust and other funds in the Guggenheim fund complex and weighed the factors and standards discussed with Independent Legal Counsel.

Following an analysis and discussion of relevant factors, including those identified below, and in the exercise of its business judgment, the Committee concluded that it was in the best interest of each Fund to recommend that the Board approve the renewal of the Advisory Agreement for an additional annual term. Following its review of the Committee's recommendation, the Board unanimously approved the renewal of the Advisory Agreement for each Fund for a one-year period ending August 1, 2026 at a meeting held on May 21-22, 2025 (the "May Board Meeting"

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and together with the May Meeting, the "May Meetings") and determined to adopt the Committee's considerations and conclusions, which follow.

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 considered the qualifications, experience and skills of key personnel performing services for the Funds, including those personnel providing compliance and risk oversight, as well as the supervisors and reporting lines for such personnel. The Committee also considered other information, including Guggenheim's resources and related efforts to retain, attract and motivate capable personnel to serve the Funds. In evaluating Guggenheim's resources and capabilities, the Committee considered Guggenheim's commitment to focusing on, and investing resources in support of, funds in the Guggenheim fund complex, including the Funds. The Committee also considered the acceptability of the terms of the Advisory Agreement, including the scope of services required to be performed by the Adviser.

The Committee's review of the services provided by Guggenheim to the Funds included consideration of Guggenheim's investment processes and resulting performance, portfolio oversight and risk management, and the related regular quarterly reports and presentations received by the Board. The Committee took into account the risks borne by Guggenheim in sponsoring and providing services to the Funds, including regulatory, operational, legal and entrepreneurial risks. The Committee considered the resources dedicated by Guggenheim to compliance functions and the reporting made to the Board by Guggenheim compliance personnel regarding Guggenheim's adherence to regulatory requirements. The Committee also considered the regular reports the Board receives from the Trust's Chief Compliance Officer regarding compliance policies and procedures established pursuant to Rule 38a-1 under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended. In connection with the Committee's evaluation of the overall package of services provided by Guggenheim, the Committee considered Guggenheim's administrative services, including its role in supervising, monitoring, coordinating and evaluating the various services provided by the fund administrator, transfer agent, custodian and other service providers to the Funds. The Committee evaluated the Office of Chief Financial Officer (the "OCFO"), which oversees the fund administration, accounting and transfer agency services provided to the Funds and other funds in the Guggenheim fund complex, including the OCFO's resources, personnel and services provided.

The Committee also noted the distinctive nature of the Funds, which are operated as underlying investment options for other funds and accounts managed by Guggenheim Investments as part of a specific investment strategy for the investing funds and accounts, and that the Funds are not publicly offered as separate investment products.

With respect to Guggenheim's resources and the ability of the Adviser to carry out its responsibilities under the Advisory Agreement, the Chief Financial Officer of Guggenheim Investments reviewed with the Committee financial information concerning the holding company for Guggenheim Investments, GIH Borrower, LLC ("GIHB"), and the various entities comprising Guggenheim Investments, and provided the audited consolidated financial statements of GIHB and its indirect subsidiary Guggenheim Investments Holdings, LLC. (Thereafter, the Committee received the audited consolidated financial statements of GPIM.)

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

Investment Performance: The Committee received, for each Fund, investment returns for the since-inception, ten-year, five-year, threeyear, one-year and three-month periods ended December 31, 2024. The Committee compared each Fund's performance to the performance of a benchmark, a universe of funds and a narrower peer group of similar funds based on asset levels as identified by FUSE (except as noted above with respect to Variable Strategy Fund), in each case for the same periods, as applicable. The Committee also received certain performance information as of March 31, 2025. In assessing each Fund's performance, the Committee considered that the Board receives regular reporting from Guggenheim regarding performance and evaluates performance throughout the year.

In seeking to evaluate Fund performance over a full market cycle, the Committee focused its attention on five-year and three-year performance rankings as compared to the relevant universe of funds. The Committee observed that each Fund's returns ranked in the first quartile of such Fund's performance universe for each of the five-year and three-year periods ended December 31, 2024. The Committee noted that each Fund's investment results were consistent with its investment objective to seek a high level of income consistent with preservation of capital.

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Based on the foregoing, and based on other information received (both oral and written) at the April Meeting and the May Meetings, as well as other considerations, the Committee concluded that each Fund's performance was acceptable.

Comparative Fees, Costs of Services Provided and the Benefits Realized by the Adviser from Its Relationship with the Funds: The Committee considered that pursuant to the Advisory Agreement, the Funds do not pay the Adviser an advisory fee. The Committee also compared each Fund's net effective management fee<sup>1</sup> and total net expense ratio to the applicable peer group. The Committee also reviewed the median expense ratios, including expense ratio components (e.g., transfer agency fees, administration fees, other operating expenses and fee waivers/reimbursements), of the peer group. In addition, the Committee considered information regarding Guggenheim's process for evaluating the competitiveness of each Fund's fees and expenses, noting Guggenheim's statement that evaluations seek to incorporate a variety of factors with a general focus on ensuring fees and expenses: (i) are competitive; (ii) give consideration to resource support requirements; and (iii) ensure Funds are able to deliver on shareholder return expectations. The Committee observed that each Fund's net effective management fee and total net expense ratio each rank in the first quartile of such Fund's peer group.

The Committee did not consider profitability as no advisory fee was paid by the Funds. The Committee also considered other benefits available to the Adviser because of its relationship with the Funds and noted Guggenheim's statement that it does not believe the Adviser derives any such "fall-out" benefits.

Based on the foregoing, and based on other information received (both oral and written) at the April Meeting and the May Meetings, as well as other considerations, the Committee concluded that the comparative fees and the benefits realized by the Adviser from its relationship with the Funds were appropriate.

Economies of Scale: The Committee did not consider economies of scale to be relevant given that no advisory fee was paid by the Funds.

#### **Overall Conclusions**

The Committee concluded that the renewal of the Advisory Agreement is in the best interest of each Fund, in light of the extent and quality of the services provided and other benefits received by the Adviser and the advisory fee structure. In reaching this conclusion, no single factor was determinative or conclusive and each Committee member, in the exercise of their informed business judgment, may afford different weights to different factors.

Following its review of the Committee's analysis and determinations, the Board adopted the considerations and conclusions of the Committee and determined to approve the renewal of the Advisory Agreement.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The "net effective management fee" for each Fund represents the combined effective advisory fee and administration fee as a percentage of average net assets for the latest fiscal year, after any waivers and/or reimbursements.

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