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FIDUCIARY/CLAYMORE MLP OPPORTUNITY FUND (NYSE: FMO)  
GUGGENHEIM BUILD AMERICA BONDS MANAGED DURATION TRUST (NYSE: GBAB)  
GUGGENHEIM CREDIT ALLOCATION FUND (NYSE: GGM)  
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GUGGENHEIM ENHANCED EQUITY STRATEGY FUND (NYSE: GGE)  
GUGGENHEIM EQUAL WEIGHT ENHANCED EQUITY INCOME FUND (NYSE: GEQ)  
GUGGENHEIM STRATEGIC OPPORTUNITIES FUND (NYSE: GOF)

2455 Corporate West Drive  
Lisle, IL 60532

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS  
To be held on April 3, 2014

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Notice is hereby given to the holders of common shares of beneficial interest, par value \$0.01 per share (“Shares”), of each of Fiduciary/Claymore MLP Opportunity Fund (“FMO”), Guggenheim Build America Bonds Managed Duration Trust (“GBAB”), Guggenheim Credit Allocation Fund (“GGM”), Guggenheim Enhanced Equity Income Fund (“GPM”), Guggenheim Enhanced Equity Strategy Fund (“GGE”), Guggenheim Equal Weight Enhanced Equity Income Fund (“GEQ”) and Guggenheim Strategic Opportunities Fund (“GOF”) (FMO, GGM, GBAB, GPM, GGE, GEQ and GOF are each referred to herein as a “Fund” and collectively as the “Funds”) that the joint annual meeting of shareholders of the Funds (the “Annual Meeting”) will be held at the offices of Guggenheim Funds Investment Advisors, LLC, 2455 Corporate West Drive, Lisle, Illinois 60532, on Thursday, April 3, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. (Central time). The Annual Meeting is being held for the following purposes:

1. With respect to each of FMO, GBAB, GGM, GGE, GEQ and GOF: To approve the amendment of each Fund’s Agreement and Declaration of Trust, as amended, to increase the maximum number of Trustees that can comprise the Board of Trustees of the Fund.
2. To elect Trustees in the following manner:
  - (a) With respect to each of FMO, GBAB, GGM, GPM, GGE and GEQ:
    - (i) To elect, as Class I Trustees, the Trustee nominees named in the accompanying proxy statement (Mr. Randall C. Barnes, Mr. Donald C. Cacciapaglia and Mr. Donald A. Chubb) to serve until each Fund’s 2017 annual meeting of shareholders or until their respective successors shall have been elected and qualified;
    - (ii) To elect, as a Class II Trustee, the Trustee nominee named in the accompanying proxy statement (Dr. Jerry B.

Farley) to serve until each Fund's 2015 annual meeting of shareholders or until his successor shall have been elected and qualified; and

(iii) To elect, as a Class III Trustee, the Trustee nominee named in the accompanying proxy statement (Mr. Maynard F. Oliverius) to serve until each Fund's 2016 annual meeting of shareholders or until his successor shall have been elected and qualified.

(b) With respect to GOF only:

(i) To elect, as Class I Trustees, the Trustee nominees named in the accompanying proxy statement (Mr. Randall C. Barnes, Mr. Donald C. Cacciapaglia, Mr. Roman Friedrich III and Mr. Donald A. Chubb) to serve until the Fund's 2016 annual meeting of shareholders or until their respective successors shall have been elected and qualified; and

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(ii) To elect, as Class II Trustees, the Trustee nominees named in the accompanying proxy statement (Dr. Jerry B. Farley and Mr. Maynard F. Oliverius) to serve until the Fund's 2015 annual meeting of shareholders or until their respective successors shall have been elected and qualified.

3. To transact such other business as may properly come before the Annual Meeting or any adjournments or postponements thereof.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES (THE "BOARD") OF EACH FUND, UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT YOU VOTE "FOR" EACH PROPOSAL.

The Board of each Fund has fixed the close of business on January 17, 2014, as the record date for the determination of shareholders entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the Annual Meeting and any adjournments or postponements thereof.

It is important that your shares be represented at the Annual Meeting in person or by proxy. Whether or not you plan to attend the Annual Meeting, we urge you to complete, sign, date, and return the enclosed proxy card in the postage-paid envelope provided or vote via telephone or the Internet pursuant to the instructions on the enclosed proxy card so you will be represented at the Annual Meeting. If you attend the Annual Meeting and wish to vote in person, you will be able to do so and your vote at the Annual Meeting will revoke any proxy you may have submitted. Merely attending the Annual Meeting, however, will not revoke any previously submitted proxy.

By order of the  
Board of each Fund:

Donald C. Cacciapaglia  
Chief Executive Officer of each Fund

Lisle, Illinois

, 2014

**YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT**

Please complete, sign, date and return the enclosed proxy card in the postage-paid envelope provided or vote via telephone or the Internet pursuant to the instructions on the enclosed proxy card. In order to save the Funds any additional expense of further solicitation, please mail your proxy card or vote via telephone or the Internet promptly.

If you wish to attend the Annual Meeting and vote in person, you will be able to do so. If you intend to attend the Annual Meeting in person and you are a record holder of a Fund's shares, in order to gain admission you must show photographic identification, such as your driver's license. If you intend to attend the Annual Meeting in person and you hold your shares through a bank, broker or other custodian, in order to gain admission you must show photographic identification, such as your driver's license, and satisfactory proof of ownership of shares of a Fund, such as your voting instruction form (or a copy thereof) or broker's statement indicating ownership as of a recent date. If you hold your shares in a brokerage account or through a bank or other nominee, you will not be able to vote in person at the annual meeting unless you have previously requested and obtained a "legal proxy" from your broker, bank or other nominee and present it at the Annual Meeting.



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PROXY STATEMENT

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FOR THE  
JOINT ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS  
TO BE HELD ON APRIL 3, 2014

This proxy statement (“Proxy Statement”) is furnished to the holders of common shares of beneficial interest, par value \$0.01 per share (“Shares”), of Fiduciary/Claymore MLP Opportunity Fund (“FMO”), Guggenheim Build America Bonds Managed Duration Trust (“GBAB”), Guggenheim Credit Allocation Fund (“GGM”), Guggenheim Enhanced Equity Income Fund (“GPM”), Guggenheim Enhanced Equity Strategy Fund (“GGE”), Guggenheim Equal Weight Enhanced Equity Income Fund (“GEQ”) and Guggenheim Strategic Opportunities Fund (“GOF”) (FMO, GGM, GBAB, GPM, GGE, GEQ and GOF are each referred to herein as a “Fund” and collectively as the “Funds”) in connection with the solicitation by the Board of Trustees (the “Board”) of each Fund of proxies to be voted at the joint annual meeting of shareholders of the Funds to be held on Thursday, April 3, 2014, and any adjournment, postponement or delay thereof (the “Annual Meeting”). The Annual Meeting will be held at the offices of Guggenheim Funds Investment Advisors, LLC, 2455 Corporate West Drive, Lisle, Illinois 60532 on Thursday, April 3, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. (Central time).

This Proxy Statement will give you the information you need to vote on the matters listed on the accompanying Notice of Joint Annual Meeting of Shareholders (“Notice of Joint Annual Meeting”). Much of the information in this Proxy Statement is required under rules of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”). If there is anything you don’t understand, please contact us at our toll-free number, (800) 345-7999.

Each Fund will furnish to any shareholder, without charge, a copy of such Fund’s most recent annual report and/or semi-annual report to shareholders upon request. Requests should be directed to Guggenheim Funds Distributors, LLC, 2455 Corporate West Drive, Lisle, Illinois 60532, (800) 345-7999.

The Notice of Annual Meeting, this Proxy Statement and the enclosed proxy card(s) are first being sent to the Funds’ shareholders on or about \_\_\_\_\_, 2014.

Why is a shareholder meeting being held?

The Shares of each Fund are listed on the New York Stock Exchange (“NYSE”) and the rules of the NYSE require each Fund to hold an annual meeting of shareholders to elect Trustees each fiscal year. In addition, shareholders of certain Funds are being asked to approve an amendment to their Fund’s Agreement and Declaration of Trust to increase the

maximum number of Trustees that can comprise the Board of Trustees of the Fund.

What Proposals will be voted on?

1. With respect to each of FMO, GBAB, GGM, GGE, GEQ and GOF: To approve the amendment of each Fund's Agreement and Declaration of Trust to increase the maximum number of Trustees that can comprise the Board of Trustees of the Fund.

2. To elect Trustees in the following manner:

(a) With respect to each of FMO, GBAB, GGM, GPM, GGE and GEQ:



- (i) To elect, as Class I Trustees, the Trustee nominees named in this proxy statement (Mr. Randall C. Barnes, Mr. Donald C. Cacciapaglia and Mr. Donald A. Chubb) to serve until each Fund's 2017 annual meeting of shareholders or until their respective successors shall have been elected and qualified;
- (ii) To elect, as a Class II Trustee, the Trustee nominee named in this proxy statement (Dr. Jerry B. Farley) to serve until each Fund's 2015 annual meeting of shareholders or until his successor shall have been elected and qualified; and
- (iii) To elect, as a Class III Trustee, the Trustee nominee named in this proxy statement (Mr. Maynard F. Oliverius) to serve until each Fund's 2016 annual meeting of shareholders or until his successor shall have been elected and qualified.

(b) With respect to GOF only:

- (i) To elect, as Class I Trustees, the Trustee nominees named in this proxy statement (Mr. Randall C. Barnes, Mr. Donald C. Cacciapaglia, Mr. Roman Friedrich III and Mr. Donald A. Chubb) to serve until the Fund's 2016 annual meeting of shareholders or until their respective successors shall have been elected and qualified; and
- (ii) To elect, as Class II Trustees, the Trustee nominees named in this proxy statement (Dr. Jerry B. Farley and Mr. Maynard F. Oliverius) to serve until the Fund's 2015 annual meeting of shareholders or until their respective successors shall have been elected and qualified.

• Why am I being asked to elect Trustees in multiple classes for each Fund?

Generally, the Trustees of only one class of Trustees of each Fund are elected at each annual meeting of shareholders, so that the regular term of only one class of Trustees will expire annually. However, the funds that are part of the Guggenheim Investments fund complex (the "Fund Complex") currently are overseen by separate groups of directors or trustees, and each Fund's Board has determined that it would be in the best interest of the Fund to consolidate the membership of certain boards so that more funds in the Fund Complex are overseen by the same individuals. In order to accomplish this, the current Trustees have proposed for election a slate of candidates that include three Trustee nominees, Mr. Donald A. Chubb, Dr. Jerry B. Farley and Mr. Maynard F. Oliverius (each a "Consolidation Nominee"), in addition to those current Trustees whose terms of office require them to stand for election at the Annual Meeting. The Proxy Statement includes additional details regarding the Board's consideration of the board consolidation and the nomination of the Consolidation Nominees.

• Why am I being asked to approve an amendment to my Fund's Agreement and Declaration of Trust?

The election of the three Consolidation Nominees to the Board, along with the re-election of the current Trustees standing for re-election at the Annual Meeting, would cause each Fund's Board to consist of nine Trustees, which exceeds the maximum number of Trustees permitted by the Agreement and Declaration of Trust of certain Funds. Accordingly, it is proposed that the applicable provision of the Agreement and Declaration of Trust of each Fund that provides for a maximum number of Trustees be amended to increase the maximum permissible number of trustees to fifteen (15) to allow for the election of the Trustee nominees, including the Consolidation Nominees, as necessary, and to avoid having to amend the Agreement and Declaration of Trust to appoint or elect additional Trustees in the future. This Proposal applies to each of FMO, GBAB, GGM, GGE, GEQ and GOF, but does not apply to GPM.

Will my vote make a difference?

Yes! Your vote is important and could make a difference in the governance of the Fund(s), no matter how many Shares you own.

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Who is asking for my vote?

The enclosed proxy card is solicited by the Board of each Fund for use at the Annual Meeting to be held on Thursday, April 3, 2014, and, if the Annual Meeting is adjourned, postponed or delayed, at any later meetings, for the purposes stated in the Notice of Joint Annual Meeting.

How does the Board recommend that shareholders vote on the Proposals?

The Board unanimously recommends that you vote "FOR" each Proposal.

Who is eligible to vote?

Shareholders of record of each Fund at the close of business on January 17, 2014 (the "Record Date"), are entitled to be present and to vote on the applicable Proposals at the Annual Meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof. Each share is entitled to one vote on those Proposals on which holders of those shares are entitled to vote and a fractional vote with respect to fractional Shares, with no cumulative voting. Shares represented by duly executed proxies will be voted in accordance with your instructions.

How do I vote my Shares?

Whether or not you plan to attend the Annual Meeting, we urge you to complete, sign, date, and return the enclosed proxy card in the postage-paid envelope provided or vote via telephone or the Internet so your Shares will be represented at the Annual Meeting. Instructions regarding how to vote via telephone or the Internet are included on the enclosed proxy card. The required control number for Internet and telephone voting is printed on the enclosed proxy card. The control number is used to match proxy cards with shareholders' respective accounts and to ensure that, if multiple proxy cards are executed, Shares are voted in accordance with the proxy card bearing the latest date.

If you wish to attend the Annual Meeting and vote in person, you will be able to do so. If you intend to attend the Annual Meeting in person and you are a record holder of a Fund's Shares, in order to gain admission you must show photographic identification, such as your driver's license. If you intend to attend the Annual Meeting in person and you hold your Shares through a bank, broker or other custodian, in order to gain admission you must show photographic identification, such as your driver's license, and satisfactory proof of ownership of Shares of a Fund, such as your voting instruction form (or a copy thereof) or broker's statement indicating ownership as of a recent date. If you hold your Shares in a brokerage account or through a bank or other nominee, you will not be able to vote in person at the annual meeting unless you have previously requested and obtained a "legal proxy" from your broker, bank or other nominee and present it at the Annual Meeting. You may contact the Funds at (800) 345-7999 to obtain directions to the site of the Annual Meeting.

All Shares represented by properly executed proxies received prior to the Annual Meeting will be voted at the Annual Meeting in accordance with the instructions marked thereon or otherwise as provided therein. If you sign the proxy card, but don't fill in a vote, your Shares will be voted in accordance with the Board's recommendation. If any other business is brought before the Annual Meeting, your Shares will be voted at the proxies' discretion.

Shareholders who execute proxy cards or record their voting instructions via telephone or the Internet may revoke them at any time before they are voted by filing with the Secretary of the Funds a written notice of revocation, by delivering (including via telephone or the Internet) a duly executed proxy bearing a later date or by attending the Annual Meeting and voting in person. Merely attending the Annual Meeting, however, will not revoke any previously submitted proxy.

Broker-dealer firms holding Shares of a Fund in “street name” for the benefit of their customers and clients will request the instructions of such customers and clients on how to vote their Shares on the Proposals before the Annual Meeting. The Funds understand that, under the rules of the NYSE, such broker-dealer firms may for certain “routine” matters, without instructions from their customers and clients, grant discretionary authority to the proxies designated by the Board to vote if no instructions have been received prior to the date specified in the broker-dealer firm’s request for voting instructions. Each Proposal is a “routine” matter and

beneficial owners who do not provide proxy instructions or who do not return a proxy card may have their Shares voted by broker-dealer firms in favor of the Proposals. A properly executed proxy card or other authorization by a beneficial owner of Shares that does not specify how the beneficial owner's Shares should be voted on the Proposals may be deemed an instruction to vote such Shares in favor of the Proposals. Broker-dealers who are not members of the NYSE may be subject to other rules, which may or may not permit them to vote your Shares without instruction. We urge you to provide instructions to your broker or nominee so that your votes may be counted.

•What vote is required to approve the Proposals?

With respect to the approval of the amendment to the Agreement and Declaration of Trust pursuant to Proposal 1, the affirmative vote of “a majority of the outstanding voting securities” (as such term is defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “1940 Act”)) of each applicable Fund is required to approve the amendment. For this purpose, a vote of a “majority of the outstanding voting securities” of a Fund is the lesser of: (a) 67% or more of the voting securities present at the meeting, if the holders of more than 50% of the outstanding voting securities of the Fund are present or represented by proxy; or (b) 50% or more of the outstanding voting securities of the Fund.

With respect to the election of Trustees, for FMO, GBAB, GOF, GEQ, and GGE the affirmative vote of a majority of the Shares present in person or represented by proxy and entitled to vote on the matter at the Annual Meeting at which a quorum is present is necessary to elect a Trustee nominee. For GPM, the affirmative vote of a plurality of the shares voted is necessary to elect a Trustee nominee.

•Why does this Proxy Statement list multiple closed-end funds?

The Funds have similar proposals and it is cost-efficient to have a joint Proxy Statement and joint Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting is scheduled as a joint meeting of the Funds and certain affiliated funds, whose votes on similar proposals applicable to such funds are being solicited separately, because the shareholders of the funds are expected to consider and vote on similar matters. In the event that any shareholder present at the Annual Meeting objects to the holding of a joint meeting and moves for the adjournment of his or her Fund's meeting to a time immediately after the Annual Meeting so that each Fund's meeting may be held separately, the persons named as proxies will vote in favor of such adjournment. Shareholders of each Fund will vote separately on the respective proposal relating to their Fund. In any event, an unfavorable vote on any Proposal by the shareholders of one Fund will not affect the implementation of such Proposal by another Fund if the Proposal is approved by the shareholders of that Fund.

•How many shares of each Fund were outstanding as of the record date?

At the close of business on January 17, 2014, the Funds had the following Shares outstanding:

Fund	Number of Shares Outstanding
FMO	32,852,711
GBAB	17,413,674
GGM	6,629,189
GPM	19,054,684
GGE	4,993,991
GEQ	8,770,121
GOF	14,602,847



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PROPOSAL 1: AMENDMENT OF AGREEMENT AND DECLARATION OF TRUST

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With respect to each of FMO, GBAB, GGM, GGE, GEQ and GOF:

As discussed more fully under Proposal 2 below, the Board of each Fund has nominated three Consolidation Nominees for election to the Board of each Fund, in connection with the consolidation of the boards of trustees and directors that oversee various funds included in the Fund Complex (as defined herein). The election of the three Consolidation Nominees to the Board, along with the re-election of the current Trustees standing for re-election at the Annual Meeting, would cause each Fund's Board to consist of nine Trustees, which exceeds the maximum number of Trustees permitted by the Agreement and Declaration of Trust of certain Funds. The maximum number of Trustees permissible under each Fund's current Agreement and Declaration of Trust is as follows:

FMO: eight (8)
GBAB: ten (10)
GGM: ten (10)
GGE: seven (7)
GEQ: ten (10)
GOF: eight (8)

Accordingly, it is proposed that the applicable provision of the Agreement and Declaration of Trust each Fund that provides for a maximum number of Trustees be amended to increase the maximum permissible number of trustees to fifteen (15) to allow for the election of the Trustee nominees, including the Consolidation Nominees, as necessary, and to avoid having to amend the Agreement and Declaration of Trust to appoint or elect additional trustees in the future.

The relevant provision of each Fund's Declaration of Trust would be amended and restated in its entirety to read as follows:

Number and Qualification. Prior to a public offering of Shares there may be a sole Trustee. Thereafter, the number of Trustees shall be determined by a written instrument signed by a majority of the Trustees then in office, provided that the number of Trustees shall be no less than two (2) or more than fifteen (15). No reduction in the number of Trustees shall have the effect of removing any Trustee from office prior to the expiration of his term. An individual nominated as a Trustee shall be at least 21 years of age and not older than 80 years of age at the time of nomination and not under legal disability. Trustees need not own Shares and may succeed themselves in office.

The language of the amended provision is identical to the language of the current provision of each Fund's Agreement and Declaration of Trust, other than with respect to the maximum number of Trustees.

#### Shareholder Approval

The affirmative vote of "a majority of the outstanding voting securities" (as such term is defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act")) is required to approve the amendment. For this purpose, a vote of a "majority of the outstanding voting securities" of a Fund is the lesser of: (a) 67% or more of the voting securities

present at the meeting, if the holders of more than 50% of the outstanding voting securities of the Fund are present or represented by proxy; or (b) 50% or more of the outstanding voting securities of the Fund.

Abstentions and “broker non-votes” (i.e. Shares held by brokers or nominees as to which (i) instructions have not been received from the beneficial owner or the persons entitled to vote and (ii) the broker does not have discretionary voting power on a particular matter) will have the same effect as a vote against the amendment.

The holders of the Shares will have equal voting rights (i.e. one vote per Share).



Board Recommendation

The Board unanimously recommends that shareholders vote “FOR” Proposal 1.

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PROPOSAL 2: ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

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Introduction

The rules of the NYSE require each Fund to hold an annual meeting of shareholders to elect Trustees each fiscal year. Shareholders of the Funds are being asked to elect to Trustees in the following manner:

(a) With respect to each of FMO, GBAB, GGM, GPM, GGE and GEQ:

- (i) To elect, as Class I Trustees, the Trustee nominees named in this proxy statement (Mr. Randall C. Barnes, Mr. Donald C. Cacciapaglia and Mr. Donald A. Chubb) to serve until each Fund's 2017 annual meeting of shareholders or until their respective successors shall have been elected and qualified;
- (ii) To elect, as a Class II Trustee, the Trustee nominee named in this proxy statement (Dr. Jerry B. Farley) to serve until each Fund's 2015 annual meeting of shareholders or until his successor shall have been elected and qualified; and
- (iii) To elect, as a Class III Trustee, the Trustee nominee named in this proxy statement (Mr. Maynard F. Oliverius) to serve until each Fund's 2016 annual meeting of shareholders or until his successor shall have been elected and qualified.

(b) With respect to GOF only:

- (i) To elect, as Class I Trustees, the Trustee nominees named in this proxy statement (Mr. Randall C. Barnes, Mr. Donald C. Cacciapaglia, Mr. Donald A. Chubb and Mr. Roman Friedrich III) to serve until the Fund's 2016 annual meeting of shareholders or until their respective successors shall have been elected and qualified; and
- (ii) To elect, as Class II Trustees, the Trustee nominees named in this proxy statement (Dr. Jerry B. Farley and Mr. Maynard F. Oliverius) to serve until the Fund's 2015 annual meeting of shareholders or until their respective successors shall have been elected and qualified.

Proposed Board Consolidation

The funds that are part of the Fund Complex currently are overseen by separate groups of trustees or directors. The election of the Consolidation Nominees is being proposed in connection with a proposed consolidation of the current Trustees of the Funds (the "Board;" which also serves as the board for certain other funds in the Fund Complex) and the current members of the Boards of Trustees/Directors of Guggenheim Funds Trust, SBL Fund and Security Equity Fund (collectively, the "Security Funds;" with such Boards of Trustees/Directors collectively being the "Security Funds Board"). In order to accomplish this, the current Trustees have proposed for election the Consolidation Nominees, who are the non-retiring members of the Security Funds Board. Dr. Farley and Messrs. Chubb and Oliverius are not "interested persons" of the Funds, as defined in the 1940 Act, and will serve as Independent Trustees.

In reaching the conclusion that the board consolidation is in the best interests of the Funds and their shareholders, the

Board considered a number of factors, including the following:

potential benefits arising from the increased size, diversity, skill sets and experience of the contemplated consolidated board, each member of which has experience in investment company matters as a board member of other funds in the Fund Complex, which will allow the Board to better respond to the increasing complexities of fund governance;

potential benefits arising from a consolidated board having oversight over a greater portion of the Fund Complex;

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- the benefits to shareholders from a consolidated board as compared to the costs associated with a larger board;
- opportunities for enhanced efficiency of uniform board oversight by, among other things, reducing the need to have separate meetings and materials to consider the same or substantially similar items;
- alignment and streamlining of resources needed to support board reporting and interaction in areas such as compliance, regulatory and risk management oversight;
- the unification of two boards overseeing different funds could result over time in greater uniformity of shareholder experience throughout the Fund Complex;
  - the number and type of funds to be overseen by the board members;
  - the independent status of the Consolidation Nominees; and
- the proposed process, timing and costs for implementing the consolidation, including the costs associated with holding a shareholders meeting.

Members of the Nominating and Governance Committee of the Board met with each Consolidation Nominee prior to his nomination to the Board, and the Nominating and Governance Committee considered each Consolidation Nominee and recommended his nomination to the Board. Based on this recommendation, the Board recommended for election each of the Consolidation Nominees to the Board. Likewise, the Security Funds Board also approved a consolidation proposal on behalf of their funds and shareholders have since elected the current Trustees of the Funds to serve on the Security Funds Board.

Composition of the Board of Trustees

FMO, GBAB, GEQ, GGE and GPM:

The Trustees of FMO, GBAB, GEQ, GGE and GPM are classified into three classes of Trustees. Assuming each Trustee nominee, including the Consolidation Nominees, is elected at the Annual Meeting, the composition of the Board will be as follows:

Class I Trustee*	Class II Trustees**	Class III Trustees***
Randall C. Barnes	Jerry B. Farley	Robert B. Karn III
Donald C. Cacciapaglia	Roman Friedrich III	Maynard F. Oliverius
Donald A. Chubb	Ronald A. Nyberg	Ronald E. Toupin, Jr.

\*Class I Trustees are standing for election at the Annual Meeting, and are expected to next stand for election in 2017.

\*\*Dr. Farley is standing for election at the Annual Meeting. Class II Trustees are expected to next stand for election in 2015.

\*\*\*Mr. Oliverius is standing for election at the Annual Meeting. Class III Trustees are expected to next stand for election in 2016.

GOF:

The Trustees of GOF are classified into two classes of Trustees. Assuming each nominee is elected at the Annual Meeting, the composition of the Board will be as follows:

Class I Trustee*	Class II Trustees**
Randall C. Barnes	Jerry B. Farley
Donald C. Cacciapaglia	Robert B. Karn III
Donald A. Chubb	Ronald A. Nyberg
Roman Friedrich III	Maynard F. Oliverius
	Ronald E. Toupin, Jr.

\*Class I Trustees are standing for election at the Annual Meeting, and are expected to next stand for election in 2016.

\*\*Dr. Farley and Mr. Oliverius are standing for election at the Annual Meeting. Class II Trustees are expected to next stand for election in 2015.

Election of Trustees

Each Trustee nominee, if elected at the Annual Meeting, will hold office for a term in accordance with his respective Class or until his respective successor shall have been elected and qualified or until he resigns or is otherwise removed. The other Trustees of the Funds will continue to serve under their current terms and will stand for re-election at subsequent annual meetings of shareholders as indicated above.

Unless authority is withheld or other instructions are provided, it is the intention of the persons named in the proxy card to vote "FOR" the Trustee nominees named above. Each Trustee nominee has consented to serve as a Trustee of each Fund if elected at the Annual Meeting. If a designated Trustee nominee declines or otherwise becomes

unavailable for election, however, the proxy confers discretionary power on the persons named therein to vote in favor of a substitute Trustee nominee or nominees.

As described under Proposal 1, an amendment to the Agreement and Declaration of Trust of each of FMO, GGE and GOF is required to allow for the election of all of the Trustee nominees. If the amendment to the Agreement and Declaration of Trust is not approved for FMO, GGE or GOF, the Board, in consultation with the Nominating and Governance Committee, will withdraw the nomination of one or more Trustee nominees with respect to such Fund.

### Trustees and Trustee Nominees

Certain information concerning the Trustees, Trustee nominees and the officers of each of the Funds is set forth in the table below. Independent Trustees are those who are not interested persons of (i) the Funds, (ii) Guggenheim Funds Investment Advisors, LLC (“Guggenheim Funds” or the “Adviser”), each Fund’s investment adviser, (iii) Advisory Research, Inc., investment sub-adviser to FMO, (iv) Security Investors, LLC, an investment sub-adviser to GEQ or (v) Guggenheim Partners Investment Management, LLC (“GPIM”), investment sub-adviser to GBAB, GGM, GPM, GGE, GEQ and GOF, and who satisfy the requirements contained in the definition of “independent” as defined in Rule 10A-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Independent Trustees”).

The Fund Complex consists of U.S. registered investment companies advised or serviced by Guggenheim Funds or its affiliates. The Fund Complex is composed of 13 closed-end funds (including the Funds), 60 exchange-traded funds and 143 open-end funds advised or serviced by the Adviser or its affiliates.

Name, Address(1) and Age	Position(s) Held with Funds	Term of Office and Length of Time Served	Principal Occupation During The Past Five Years	Number of Portfolios in Fund Complex Overseen by Trustee(2)	Other Directorships held by Trustee During the Past Five Years
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## INDEPENDENT TRUSTEES:

Randall C. Barnes Year of birth: 1951	Trustee	†	Private Investor (2001-present). Formerly, Senior Vice President & Treasurer, PepsiCo, Inc. (1993-1997), President, Pizza Hut International (1991-1993) and Senior Vice President, Strategic Planning and New Business Development, PepsiCo, Inc. (1987-1990).	50 82	None.
Roman Friedrich III Year of Birth: 1946	Trustee	†	Founder and President of Roman Friedrich & Company, a U.S. and Canadian-based business which provides investment banking to the mining industry (1998-present). Formerly, Senior Managing Director of MLV & Co., LLC, an investment bank and institutional broker-dealer specializing in capital intensive industries such as energy, metals and mining (2010-2011).	46 78	Director of Mercator Minerals, Ltd. (September 2013-present); First Americas Gold Corp. (2012-present); and Zincore Metals, Inc. (2009-present). Formerly, Director of Blue Sky Uranium Corp. (formerly, Windstorm Resources Inc.) (2011-2012); Axiom Gold and Silver Corp. (2011-2012); Stratagold Corp. (2003-2009); and GFM Resources Ltd.



(2005-2010).

Robert B. Karn III Year of birth: 1942	Trustee	†	Consultant (1998-present). Formerly, Arthur Andersen, LLP (1965-1997) and Managing Partner, Financial and Economic Consulting, St. Louis office (1987-1997).	46 78	Director of Peabody Energy Company (2003-present) and GP Natural Resource Partners LLC (2002-present).
Ronald A. Nyberg Year of birth: 1953	Trustee	†	Partner of Nyberg & Cassioppi, LLC, a law firm specializing in Corporate Law, Estate Planning and Business Transactions (2000-present). Formerly, Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary of Van Kampen Investments (1982-1999).	52 84	None.
Ronald E. Toupin, Jr. Year of birth: 1958	Trustee	†	Portfolio Consultant (2010-present). Formerly, Vice President, Manager and Portfolio Manager of Nuveen Asset Management (1998-1999), Vice President of Nuveen Investment Advisory Corp. (1992-1999), Vice President and Manager of Nuveen Unit Investment Trusts (1991-1999) and Assistant Vice President and Portfolio Manager of Nuveen Unit Investment Trusts (1988-1999), each of John Nuveen & Co., Inc. (1982-1999).	49 81	Formerly, Trustee, of Bennett Group of Funds (2011-2013).

Name, Address(1) and Age	Position(s) Held with Funds	Term of Office and Length of Time Served	Principal Occupation During The Past Five Years	Number of Portfolios in Fund Complex Overseen by Trustee(2)	Other Directorships held by Trustee During the Past Five Years
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## INDEPENDENT TRUSTEE NOMINEES:

Donald A. Chubb, Jr. Year of Birth: 1946	None	†	Business broker and manager of commercial real estate, Griffith & Blair, Inc. (1997-present).	32  78	None.
Jerry B. Farley Year of Birth: 1946	None	†	President, Washburn University (1999-present).	32  78	Director of Westar Energy, Inc. (2004-present); CoreFirst Bank & Trust (2000-present).
Maynard F. Oliverius Year of Birth: 1943	None	†	Retired. Formerly, President and Chief Executive Officer, Stormont-Vail HealthCare (1996- 2012).	32  78	None.

## INTERESTED TRUSTEES:

Donald C. Cacciapaglia Year of birth: 1951	Interested Trustee	†	Vice Chairman of Guggenheim Investments (2012-present); Chief Executive Officer (2012-present) and President (2010-present), Guggenheim Funds Distributors, LLC and Guggenheim Funds Investment Advisors, LLC; Chief Executive Officer of certain funds of Guggenheim Funds Fund Complex (2012-present); President and Director of SBL Fund, Security Equity	211	Independent Board Member of Delaware Life (2013-present); Guggenheim Life and Annuity Company (2011-present); and Paragon Life Insurance Company of Indiana (2011-present). Formerly,
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Fund, Security Income Fund, Security Large Cap Value Fund, and Security Mid Cap Growth Fund (2012-present); President, Chief Executive Officer and Trustee of Rydex Dynamic Funds, Rydex ETF Trust, Rydex Series Funds and Rydex Variable Trust, (2012-present). Formerly, Chief Operating Officer of Guggenheim Partners Investment Management, LLC (2010-2011); Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Channel Capital Group Inc. and Channel Capital Group LLC. (2002-2010).	Independent Board Member of Equitrust Life Insurance Company (2011-2013).
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(1) The business address of each Trustee is 2455 Corporate West Drive, Lisle, Illinois 60532. The business address of each Consolidation Nominee is 805 King Farm Boulevard, Suite 600, Rockville, Maryland 20850.

(2) The first number provided for each Trustee and Trustee nominee represents the number of portfolios currently overseen. The second number represents the number of portfolios that will be overseen if the Trustee or Trustee nominee is elected to the board of trustees or directors of each fund for which they have been nominated in connection with the Board consolidation.

Each Trustee is generally expected to serve a term as set forth herein under “Composition of the Board of Trustees.” Each Trustee has served as a Trustee of each respective Fund since the year shown below:

Fund	Barnes	Friedrich	Karn	Nyberg	Toupin	Cacciapaglia
FMO	2004	2011	2004	2004	2004	2012
GBAB	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2012
GGM	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013
GPM	2004	2011	2011	2004	2004	2012
GGE	2010	2003	2010	2003	2003	2012
GEQ	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2012
GOF	2007	2010	2010	2007	2007	2012

#### Trustee and Trustee Nominee Qualifications

The Trustees and Trustee nominees were selected to serve on the Board based upon their skills, experience, judgment, analytical ability, diligence, ability to work effectively with other Trustees, availability and commitment to attend meetings and perform the responsibilities of a Trustee and a willingness to take an independent and questioning view of management.

The following is a summary of the experience, qualifications, attributes and skills of each Trustee and Trustee nominee that support the conclusion, as of the date of the date hereof, that each Trustee and Trustee nominee should serve as a Trustee in light of the Funds' business and structure. References to the qualifications, attributes and skills of Trustees and Trustee nominees do not constitute the holding out of any Trustee or Trustee nominee as being an expert under Section 7 of the Securities Act of 1933.

Randall C. Barnes. Mr. Barnes has served as a trustee of certain funds in the Fund Complex since 2004. Through his service as a Trustee of the Funds, as a member of the Audit Committee of the Funds, and as Chairperson of the Audit Committee of other funds in the Fund Complex, employment experience as President of Pizza Hut International and as Treasurer of PepsiCo, Inc. and his personal investment experience. Mr. Barnes is experienced in financial, accounting, regulatory and investment matters.

Donald C. Cacciapaglia. Mr. Cacciapaglia has served as a Trustee since 2012. Mr. Cacciapaglia has nearly 40 years of experience in the investment banking and financial services industries. Mr. Cacciapaglia is Vice Chairman of Guggenheim Investments. Mr. Cacciapaglia is also President and Chief Executive Officer of Guggenheim Funds Distributors, LLC and President and Chief Executive Officer of Guggenheim Funds Investment Advisors, LLC. Prior to 2010, Mr. Cacciapaglia served as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Channel Capital Group, Inc., and its subsidiary broker-dealer Channel Capital Group LLC, a Guggenheim affiliated company. From 1996 until 2002, when he joined Chanel Capital Group, Mr. Cacciapaglia held the position of Managing Director and Chief Operating Officer of the Investment Banking Group at PaineWebber. Before that, Mr. Cacciapaglia was Chief Operating Officer of the Short and Intermediate Trading Group at CS First Boston from 1995 to 1996. From 1977 to 1995, he held numerous positions at Merrill Lynch & Co., and was a Senior Analyst with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York from 1973 to 1977.

Donald A. Chubb, Jr. Mr. Chubb has served as a director of the Security Funds since 1994 and as Chairperson of the Security Funds since 2012. Mr. Chubb also served as Lead Independent Director of the Security Funds from 2010 to 2012. Mr. Chubb has worked in the business brokerage and commercial real estate market for over 14 years. Previously, Mr. Chubb owned and operated electric sign companies and was a director of Fidelity Bank and Trust. Mr. Chubb has experience with investment company fund matters.

Dr. Jerry B. Farley. Dr. Farley has served as a director of the Security Funds since 2005 and as Chairperson of the Audit Committee of the Security Funds since 2013. Dr. Farley has over 39 years of experience in the administration of

the academic, business and fiscal operations of educational institutions. Dr. Farley has served as President of Washburn University since 1997. Prior to 1997, Dr. Farley worked in various executive positions for the University of Oklahoma and Oklahoma State University, including Vice President of Community Relations and Economic Development, Vice President of Administration and Chief Financial Officer. Dr. Farley holds an MBA and a Ph.D. in Higher Education Administration and is a C.P.A. Dr. Farley serves on the board of Westar Energy, Inc., a NYSE listed company, and CoreFirst Bank and Trust. Dr. Farley has experience with investment company matters.

Roman Friedrich III. Mr. Friedrich has served as a trustee of certain funds in the Fund Complex since 2003. Through his service as a Trustee of the Funds and as Chairperson of the Contracts Review Committee, his service on other public company boards, his experience as former Senior Managing Director of MLV & Co., LLC, an investment bank and institutional broker-dealer; his experience as founder and President of Roman Friedrich & Company, a financial advisory firm; and his prior experience as a senior executive of various financial securities firms, Mr. Friedrich is experienced in financial, investment and regulatory matters.

Robert B. Karn III. Mr. Karn has served as a trustee of certain funds in the Fund Complex since 2004. Through his service as a Trustee of the Funds and as Chairperson of the Audit Committee, his service on other public and private company boards, his experience as an accountant and consultant, and his prior experience, including Managing Partner of the Financial and Economic Consulting Practice of the St. Louis office at Arthur Andersen, LLP, Mr. Karn is experienced in accounting, financial, investment and regulatory matters.

Ronald A. Nyberg. Mr. Nyberg has served as a trustee of certain funds in the Fund Complex since 2003. Through his service as a Trustee of the Funds and as Chairperson of the Nominating & Governance Committee, his professional training and experience as an attorney and partner of a law firm, Nyberg & Cassioppi, LLC, and his prior employment experience, including Executive Vice President and General Counsel of Van Kampen Investments, an asset management firm, Mr. Nyberg is experienced in financial, regulatory and governance matters.

Maynard F. Oliverius. Mr. Oliverius has served as a director of the Security Funds since 1998. Mr. Oliverius served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Stormont-Vail HealthCare until his retirement in 2012. From 2005 through 2008 Mr. Oliverius was on the Board of Trustees of the American Hospital Association. Mr. Oliverius has a master's degree in Health Care Administration. Mr. Oliverius has experience with investment company matters.

Ronald E. Toupin, Jr. Mr. Toupin has served as a trustee of certain funds in the Fund Complex since 2003. Through his service as a Trustee of the Funds and as Chairperson of the Board, and his professional training and employment experience, including Vice President and Portfolio Manager for Nuveen Asset Management, an asset management firm, Mr. Toupin is experienced in financial, regulatory and investment matters.

Each Trustee and Trustee nominee has considerable familiarity with fund management and the special regulatory requirements governing regulated investment companies and the special responsibilities of investment company trustees as a result of his substantial prior service as a Trustee of the Funds and/or other funds in the Fund Complex.

#### Executive Officers

The following information relates to the executive officers of the Funds who are not Trustees. Fund officers receive no compensation from the Funds but may also be officers or employees of the Adviser, a Sub-Adviser or affiliates of the Adviser or a Sub-Adviser and may receive compensation in such capacities.

Name, Address(1) and Age	Title	Term of Office and Length of Time Served(2)	Principal Occupation During the Past Five Years
Amy J. Lee Year of birth: 1961	Chief Legal Officer	Since 2012	Managing Director, Guggenheim Investments (2012-present); Senior Vice President and Secretary, Security Investors, LLC (2010-present); Secretary and Chief Compliance Officer, Security Distributors, Inc. (1987-2012); Vice President, Associate General Counsel and Assistant Secretary, Security Benefit Life Insurance Company and Security Benefit Corporation (1987-2012); Vice President and Secretary, Rydex Series Funds, Rydex ETF Trust, Rydex Dynamic Funds, and Rydex Variable Trust (2008-present); Chief Legal Officer of certain funds in the Guggenheim Funds Complex (2012-present).

Joanna M. Catalucci  
Year of birth: 1966

Chief  
Compliance  
Officer

Since 2012

Chief Compliance Officer of certain funds in the Fund Complex; Managing Director of Compliance and Fund Board Relations, Guggenheim Investments (2012-present). Formerly, Chief Compliance Officer and Secretary, SBL Fund, Security Equity Fund, Security Income Fund, Security Large Cap Value Fund and Security Mid Cap Growth Fund; Vice President, Rydex Holdings, LLC; Vice President, Security Benefit Asset Management Holdings, LLC; Senior Vice President and Chief Compliance Officer, Security Investors, LLC (2010-2012); Senior Vice President, Security Global Investors, LLC (2010-2011); Chief Compliance Officer and Senior Vice President, Rydex Advisors, LLC (f/k/a PADCO Advisors, Inc.) and Rydex Advisors II, LLC (f/k/a PADCO Advisors II, Inc.) (2010-2011); Chief Compliance Officer, Rydex Capital Partners I, LLC and Rydex Capital Partners II, LLC (2006-2007); Vice President, Rydex Fund Services, LLC (f/k/a Rydex Fund Services, Inc.) (2001-2006).

Name, Address(1) and Age	Title	Term of Office and Length of Time Served(2)	Principal Occupation During the Past Five Years
John L. Sullivan Year of birth: 1955	Chief Financial Officer, Chief Accounting Officer and Treasurer	Since 2010	Senior Managing Director of Guggenheim Funds Investment Advisors, LLC and Guggenheim Funds Distributors, LLC (2010-present); Chief Financial Officer, Chief Accounting Officer and Treasurer of certain funds in the Fund Complex. Formerly, Chief Compliance Officer, Van Kampen Funds (2004-2010); Head of Fund Accounting, Morgan Stanley Investment Management (2002-2004); Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, Van Kampen Funds (1996-2004).
Mark E. Mathiasen Year of birth: 1978	Secretary	Since 2007	Director and Associate General Counsel of Guggenheim Funds Services, LLC (2007-present); Secretary of certain funds in the Fund Complex.
Stevens T. Kelly Year of birth: 1982	Assistant Secretary	Since 2012	Assistant General Counsel of Guggenheim Funds Services, LLC (2011-present); Assistant Secretary of certain funds in the Fund Complex. Formerly, associate at K&L Gates LLP (2008-2011).
James Howley Year of birth: 1972	Assistant Treasurer	Since 2007	Director, Fund Administration of Guggenheim Funds Distributors, LLC (2004-present). Assistant Treasurer of certain funds in the Fund Complex. Formerly, Manager, Mutual Fund Administration of Van Kampen Investments, Inc. (1996-2004).
Derek Maltbie Year of birth: 1972	Assistant Treasurer	Since 2011	Vice President, Fund Administration of Guggenheim Funds Investment Advisors, LLC (2005-present); Assistant Treasurer of certain funds in the Fund Complex. Formerly, Supervisor, Mutual Fund Administration of Van Kampen Investments, Inc. (1995-2005).
Kimberly Scott Year of Birth: 1974	Assistant Treasurer	Since 2012	Vice President, Fund Administration of Guggenheim Funds Investment Advisors, LLC (2012-present); Assistant Treasurer of certain funds in the Fund Complex. Formerly,



Financial Reporting Manager for Invesco, Ltd. (2010-2011); Vice President and Assistant Treasurer (2009-2010), Manager (2005-2009), Mutual Fund Administration for Van Kampen Investments, Inc. (f/k/a Morgan Stanley Investment Management).

Mark J. Furjanic Year of birth: 1959	Assistant Treasurer	Since 2008	Vice President, Fund Administration-Tax of Guggenheim Funds Investment Advisors, LLC and Guggenheim Funds Distributors, LLC (2005-present); Assistant Treasurer of certain funds in the Fund Complex. Formerly, Senior Manager for Ernst & Young LLP (1999-2005).
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- (1) The business address of each officer of the Funds is 2455 Corporate West Drive, Lisle, Illinois 60532.
- (2) Officers serve at the pleasure of the Board and until his or her successor is appointed and qualified or until his or her resignation or removal. The year set forth above is the earliest year in which the officer was appointed as an officer of any Fund.

#### Additional Information about the Board and the Nominees

The following includes detailed information about the current structure of the Board, its leadership, its functioning and composition. The Security Funds Board, the non-retiring membership of which is proposed to be consolidated with the Board, does not have identical practices. If the board consolidation is implemented, the Trustees will consider whether any changes to current practices would be appropriate to enhance practices and integrate the Consolidation Nominees, based on the interests of the Funds and their shareholders.

#### Board Leadership Structure

The primary responsibility of the Board is to represent the interests of the Funds and to provide oversight of the management of the Funds. The Funds' day-to-day operations are managed by the Adviser, the applicable Sub-Adviser and other service providers who have been approved by the Board. The Board is currently comprised of six Trustees, five of whom (including the chairperson) are Independent Trustees. Generally, the Board acts by majority vote of all the Trustees, including a majority vote of the Independent Trustees if required by applicable law.

The Board has appointed an Independent Trustee as chairperson, who presides at Board meetings and who is responsible for, among other things, participating in the planning of Board meetings, setting the tone of Board meetings and seeking to encourage open dialogue and independent inquiry among the trustees and management. The

Board has established certain committees (as described below) and has delegated certain responsibilities to those committees, each of which is comprised solely of Independent Trustees. The Board and its committees meet periodically throughout the year to oversee the Funds' activities, review contractual arrangements with service providers, review the Funds' financial statements, oversee compliance with regulatory requirements, and review performance. The Independent Trustees are represented by independent legal counsel at Board and committee meetings. The Board has determined that this leadership structure is appropriate in light of the characteristics and circumstances of the Funds.

#### Board Committees

The Trustees have determined that the efficient conduct of the Funds' affairs makes it desirable to delegate responsibility for certain specific matters to committees of the Board. The committees meet as often as necessary, either in conjunction with regular meetings of the Trustees or otherwise. The committees of the Board are the Executive Committee, the Audit Committee, the Nominating and Governance Committee, and the Contracts Review Committee. The Consolidation Nominees are expected to be appointed to the Audit Committee, the Nominating and Governance Committee and the Contracts Review Committee, if elected to the Board.

**Executive Committee.** Ronald A. Nyberg and Ronald E. Toupin, Jr., who are not "interested persons" of the Funds, as defined in the 1940 Act, serve on the Funds' Executive Committee. The Executive Committee is authorized to act on behalf of and with the full authority of the Board of Trustees when necessary in the intervals between meetings of the Board of Trustees.

**Audit Committee.** The Board has an Audit Committee, which is composed of Randall C. Barnes, Roman Friedrich III, Robert B. Karn III, Ronald A. Nyberg and Ronald E. Toupin, Jr., each of whom is an Independent Trustee as defined above and is "independent" as defined by NYSE listing standards. Mr. Karn serves as chairperson of the Audit Committee.

The Audit Committee is charged with selecting an independent registered public accounting firm for the Funds and reviewing accounting matters with the Funds' independent registered public accounting firm. Each member of the Audit Committee is an Independent Trustee as defined above and also meets the additional independence requirements for audit committee members as defined by the NYSE listing standards.

The Audit Committee is governed by a written charter (the "Audit Committee Charter"). The Audit Committee Charter is not available on the Funds' websites. The Audit Committee Charter is available on the website of the Funds at: [www.guggenheiminvestments.com](http://www.guggenheiminvestments.com).

The Audit Committee presents the following report on behalf of each Fund:

The Audit Committee has performed the following functions: (i) the Audit Committee reviewed and discussed the audited financial statements of the Fund with management of the Fund, (ii) the Audit Committee discussed with the Fund's independent registered public accounting firm the matters required to be discussed by the Statement on Auditing Standards No. 114 (The Auditor's Communication With Those Charged With Governance), and (iii) the Audit Committee received the written disclosures and the letter from the Fund's independent registered public accounting firm required by Public Company Accounting Oversight Board's Ethics & Independence Rule 3526 and has discussed with the Fund's independent registered public accounting firm the independence of the Fund's independent registered public accounting firm. Based on the Audit Committee's reviews and discussions referred to above, including its discussion with management and the Fund's independent registered public accounting firm, the

Audit Committee recommended to the Board of Trustees of the Fund that the financial statements be included in the Fund's Annual Reports for the past fiscal year.

Nominating and Governance Committee. The Board has a Nominating and Governance Committee, which is composed of Randall C. Barnes, Roman Friedrich III, Robert B. Karn III, Ronald A. Nyberg and Ronald E. Toupin, Jr., each of whom is an Independent Trustee as defined above and is "independent" as defined by NYSE listing standards. Mr. Nyberg serves as chairperson of the Nominating and Governance Committee.

The Nominating and Governance Committee is governed by a written charter (the “Nominating and Governance Committee Charter”). The Nominating and Governance Committee Charter is available on the website of the Funds at: [www.guggenheiminvestments.com](http://www.guggenheiminvestments.com)