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Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM N-CSR

CERTIFIED SHAREHOLDER REPORT OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT  
INVESTMENT COMPANIES

Investment Company Act file number 811-21582

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Madison / Claymore Covered Call & Equity Strategy Fund  
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(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

2455 Corporate West Drive  
Lisle, IL 60532  
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(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

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2455 Corporate West Drive  
Lisle, IL 60532  
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(Name and address of agent for service)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (630) 505-3700  
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Date of fiscal year end: December 31  
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Date of reporting period: December 31, 2008  
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ITEM 1. REPORTS TO STOCKHOLDERS.

The registrant's annual report transmitted to shareholders pursuant to Rule 30e-1 under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "Investment Company Act"), is as follows:

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ANNUAL REPORT  
December 31, 2008

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- o Daily, weekly and monthly data on share prices, distributions and more
- o Portfolio overviews and performance analyses
- o Announcements, press releases and special notices
- o Fund and adviser contact information

Madison Asset Management and Claymore are continually updating and expanding shareholder information services on the Fund's website, in an ongoing effort to provide you with the most current information about how your Fund's assets are managed, and the results of our efforts. It is just one more way we are working to keep you better informed about your investment in the Fund.

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Dear SHAREHOLDER |

We thank you for your investment in the Madison/Claymore Covered Call & Equity Strategy Fund (the "Fund"). This report covers the Fund's performance for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008. This has been an extraordinarily difficult time for most investors, and we are disappointed to report that the Fund's return was negative for the period.

Madison Asset Management, LLC ("MAM"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Madison Investment Advisors, Inc. ("Madison"), is the Fund's investment manager. Founded in 1974, Madison is an independently owned firm that, with its affiliates, manages more than \$7 billion in individual, corporate, pension, insurance, endowment, and mutual fund assets. Claymore Advisors, LLC is the investment

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adviser to the Fund.

The Fund's Board of Trustees recently approved a revision to the Fund's previously effective non-fundamental investment policy that the Fund may invest up to 10% of the Fund's total assets in securities of other open- or closed-end investment companies, including ETFs, that invest primarily in securities of the types in which the Fund may invest directly. The revision to the previously effective non-fundamental investment policy authorizes the Fund to invest an unlimited amount of its uninvested cash in shares of money market funds in accordance with Rule 12d1-1 under the Investment Company Act of 1940. It is expected that the revised non-fundamental investment policy will provide the Fund with additional flexibility in managing its cash balances.

The Fund's primary investment objective is to provide a high level of current income and current gains, with a secondary objective of long-term capital appreciation. The Fund pursues its investment objectives by investing in a portfolio consisting primarily of high-quality, large-capitalization common stocks that are, in the view of the Fund's investment manager, selling at a reasonable price in relation to their long-term earnings growth rates. On an ongoing and consistent basis, the Fund sells covered call options to seek to generate a reasonably steady return from option premiums. There can be no assurance that the Fund will achieve its investment objectives.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund allocates at least 80% of its total assets to an integrated investment strategy pursuant to which the Fund invests in a portfolio of equity securities and writes (sells) covered call options on a portion of the equity securities held in the Fund's portfolio. Pending investment in equity securities or as covered call options, the assets of the Fund allocated to its integrated investment strategy are held in cash or cash equivalents. The Fund invests, under normal market conditions, at least 65% of its investments in equity securities in common stocks of large-capitalization issuers that meet the Fund's selection criteria.

All Fund returns cited--whether based on net asset value ("NAV") or market price--assume the reinvestment of all distributions. For the 12 months ended December 31, 2008, the Fund provided a total return based on market price of -38.12% and a total return of -34.53% based on NAV. As of December 31, 2008, the Fund's market price of \$6.21 represented a discount of 18.72% to NAV of \$7.64. Past performance is not a guarantee of future results.

The market value and NAV of the Fund's shares fluctuate from time to time, and the Fund's market value may be higher or lower than its NAV. The current discount to NAV may provide

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an opportunity for suitable investors to purchase shares of the Fund below the market value of the securities in the underlying portfolio. We believe that, over the long term, the progress of the NAV will be reflected in the market price return to shareholders.

We encourage shareholders to consider the opportunity to reinvest their distributions from the Fund through the Dividend Reinvestment Plan ("DRIP"), which is described in detail on page 25 of the Fund's annual report. When shares trade at a discount to NAV, the DRIP takes advantage of the discount by reinvesting the quarterly dividend distribution in common shares of the Fund purchased in the market at a price less than NAV. Conversely, when the market

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price of the Fund's common shares is at a premium above NAV, the DRIP reinvests participants' dividends in newly-issued common shares at NAV, subject to an IRS limitation that the purchase price cannot be more than 5% below the market price per share. The DRIP provides a cost-effective means to accumulate additional shares and enjoy the benefits of compounding returns over time. Since the Fund endeavors to maintain a steady monthly distribution rate, the DRIP plan effectively provides an income averaging technique, which causes shareholders to accumulate a larger number of Fund shares when the market price is depressed than when the price is higher.

During 2008 the Fund paid quarterly dividends of \$0.33 on February 29 and May 30, \$0.28 on August 29, and \$0.24 on November 28. The latest quarterly dividend represents an annualized distribution rate of 15.46%, based on the Fund's closing market price of \$6.21 on December 31, 2008. However, there is no guarantee that this level of distribution will be maintained.

To learn more about the Fund's performance and investment strategy, we encourage you to read the Questions & Answers section of the report, which begins on page 5. You will find information about MAM's investment philosophy and discipline, its views on the market environment and how it structured the Fund's portfolio based on its views.

We appreciate your investment and look forward to serving your investment needs in the future. For the most up-to-date information on your investment, please visit the Fund's website at [www.claymore.com/mcn](http://www.claymore.com/mcn).

Sincerely,

/s/ J. Thomas Futrell

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### QUESTIONS & ANSWERS |

We at Madison Asset Management, LLC are pleased to address the progress of our Fund, the Madison/Claymore Covered Call & Equity Strategy Fund (the "Fund" or "MCN") for the period ending December 31, 2008. Introduced in July of 2004, the Fund continues to pursue its objectives by investing in high-quality, large-capitalization common stocks that are, in our view, selling at a reasonable price with respect to their long-term earnings growth rates. Our option-writing strategy seeks to provide a consistent income from option premiums, which we expect to help achieve our goal of providing a high level of current income and current gains with a secondary objective of long-term capital appreciation.

Madison Asset Management, LLC, (MAM) a wholly-owned subsidiary of Madison Investment Advisors, Inc., with its affiliates, manages more than \$7 billion in individual, corporate, pension, insurance, endowment, and mutual fund assets.

This past year has been an extremely trying one for virtually all equity portfolios and the Fund has been no exception. While we have always looked to invest in the equity securities of what we believe to be high-quality companies, the stock market was indiscriminate in its downslide in 2008 and, although option income was a positive contributor, we could not maintain the Fund's net asset value ("NAV") in the past year's environment as it was overshadowed by the

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negative equity markets. That said, we should recognize that we invest for the future and cannot change the past, and we see some encouraging signs for the Fund. First of all, the potential to generate income from covered call option writing in 2009 looks as bright now as any time in the Fund's history, and we like the valuations we are obtaining for the Fund's underlying securities. We have confidence that the historic, massive interventions in the economy by the U.S. federal government will eventually gain traction and we should see better investment returns in 2009 than in 2008.

### ----- WHAT HAPPENED IN THE MARKET OF 2008?

This 12-month period has already been memorialized as one of the worst calendar years for stocks in history, as the S&P 500 (1) returned -37.0%, its second worst annual loss in its history. Unlike some previous market drops, such as the dot. com crash of 2000-2002, this decline was broad and relatively indiscriminate, affecting all market sectors and capitalization ranges.

Equity indices around the world were negatively impacted in 2008 in the wake of broad economic problems, while a flight to safety concentrated positive returns among the most secure assets, primarily securities issued by the U.S. Treasury. The stock market hit its 2008 peak in January, but it was far from clear at that time that 2008 was going to be as bad as it turned out. At first, it appeared that the credit problems sparked by the subprime loan crisis might be contained, and by May 19, 2008, the market was nipping at new annual highs in the wake of a bailout plan for investment bank Bear Stearns & Co. Inc. However, as the year progressed, the problems that began in the subprime mortgage area bloomed into a full-fledged credit crisis, with the signature event being the collapse of investment bank Lehman Brothers Inc. in September. The credit crisis sent unexpected shock waves into virtually all areas of the global economy, sparking a worldwide economic slowdown and recession. As credit froze, highly leveraged firms began to experience liquidity problems, and many financial and industrial firms with household names found themselves on the brink--or over the brink--of insolvency.

Countering the crisis in the financial sector was a series of significant, even historically unprecedented, interventions by the U.S. federal government. Beginning in January 2008, the Federal Reserve implemented the first of a series of cuts to the target Federal Funds Rate, which by December 2008 had been lowered to a range of 0% to 0.25%, the lowest in modern history. In addition to rate cuts, the U.S. federal government has injected massive stimulus into the financial system in order to provide a solid base from which to repair balance sheets and normalize credit markets. These interventions made headlines throughout the year, including the bailout of Bear Stearns, what amounted to a federal acquisition of mortgage companies Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, and the Congressional creation of the \$700 billion Troubled Asset Relief Program. An additional large stimulus package is expected under the new administration.

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- (1) The S&P 500 is an unmanaged, capitalization-weighted index of 500 stocks. The index is designed to measure performance of the broad domestic economy through changes in the aggregate market value of 500 stocks representing all major industries.

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The S&P 500 hit its 2008 low on November 20 and rallied into the New Year with a 20% rise off the low, but still closed the year 37% lower than it opened. All in all, it was one of the most tumultuous years ever for the U.S. financial system and markets, and the result was widespread fear among investors and considerable uncertainty about the direction of the U.S. economy.

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### HOW DID THE FUND PERFORM GIVEN THE MARKETPLACE CONDITIONS DURING 2008?

We are pleased to report that MCN generated sufficient income in 2008 to return \$1.18 per share to our shareholders in dividends. We continued to find ample opportunities to write call options at attractive premiums. The Fund's NAV per share decreased \$5.38 in 2008 from \$13.02 to \$7.64, as most of the Fund's stocks participated in the market's decline in value in 2008. MCN's market value per share at year end was \$6.21, and the Fund's common shares were trading at an 18.72% discount to NAV at that time.

For 2008, the Fund provided investors with total returns of -34.53% and -38.12% on an NAV and market price basis, respectively, compared to a return of -37.00% for the S&P 500. The Fund's benchmark, the CBOE S&P 500 Buy Write Index (the "BXM"), (2) lost -28.70% in 2008. The Fund's underlying stocks were the main source of the performance gap between the Fund and the BXM. MCN had its largest weighting in the consumer discretionary, financial, and technology sectors, all of which were strongly negative for the period, while the S&P 500's consumer staples and utility sectors, which were unrepresented in the Fund's portfolio, were two of the index's three strongest performers in 2008. Currently, we believe the Fund's portfolio is comprised of high-quality stocks trading at attractive prices based on a number of valuation metrics.

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### DESCRIBE THE FUND'S PORTFOLIO EQUITY AND OPTION STRUCTURE:

As of December 31, 2008, the Fund held 56 equity securities. Unexpired covered call options had been written against 96% of the Fund's stock holdings as of December 31, 2008. During 2008, the Fund generated total premiums of \$50.5 million from its covered call writing activities. It is the strategy of the Fund to write "out-of-the-money" call options; at December 31, the majority of the Fund's options (about 86%) were still out-of-the-money. (Out-of-the-money means the stock price is below the strike price at which the shares could be called away by the option holder.) Since the Fund's option positions are primarily out-of-the-money, we believe the Fund is well positioned to participate in the upside should its stock holdings rally.

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### WHICH SECTORS ARE PREVALENT IN THE FUND?

From a sector perspective, MCN's largest exposure as of December 31, 2008 was to the technology (and technology related) sector, followed by consumer discretionary, financials, health care and energy. The Fund was not invested in the materials, consumer staples and utilities sectors as of December 31, 2008.

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### DESCRIBE THE FUND'S DIVIDEND HISTORY FOR THE PERIOD:

In 2008, the Fund declared quarterly dividends of \$0.33 per share in February and May, \$0.28 per share in August and \$0.24 per share in November. At the Fund's closing market price of \$6.21 per share on December 31, 2008 and at the latest quarterly rate of \$0.24, the Fund's dividend yield was 15.46%.

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### DISCUSS THE FUND'S SECURITY AND OPTION SELECTION PROCESS:

The Fund is managed by two teams of investment professionals. We like to think of these teams as a "right hand" and "left hand" meaning they work together to make common stock and option decisions. We use fundamental analysis to select solid companies with good growth prospects and attractive valuations. We then seek attractive call options to write on those stocks. It is our belief that

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this partnership of active management between the equity and option teams provides investors with an innovative, risk-moderated approach to equity investing.

MAM seeks to invest in a portfolio of common stocks that have favorable "PEG" ratios (Price-Earnings ratio

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- (2) The CBOE S&P 500 Buy Write Index (BXM) is a benchmark index designed to show the hypothetical performance of a portfolio that purchases all the constituents of the S&P 500 Index and then sells at-the-money (meaning same as purchase price) calls of one-month duration against those positions.

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to Growth rate) as well as financial strength and industry leadership. As bottom-up investors, we focus on the fundamental businesses of our companies. Our stock selection philosophy strays away from the "beat the street" mentality, as we seek companies that have sustainable competitive advantages, predictable cash flows, solid balance sheets and high-quality management teams. By concentrating on long-term prospects and circumventing the "instant gratification" school of thought, we believe we bring elements of consistency, stability and predictability to our shareholders.

Once we have selected attractive and solid names for the Fund, we employ our call writing strategy. This procedure entails selling calls that are primarily out-of-the-money, meaning that the strike price is higher than the common stock price, so that the Fund can participate in some stock appreciation. By receiving option premiums, the Fund receives a high level of investment income and adds an element of downside protection. Call options may be written over a number of time periods and at differing strike prices in an effort to maximize the protective value to the strategy and spread income evenly throughout the year.

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WHAT IS THE MANAGEMENT'S OUTLOOK FOR THE MARKET AND FUND IN 2009?

As we enter 2009, the U.S. economy and most of the world is mired in a severe recession. It is increasingly difficult to find reason for optimism in upcoming economic data. U.S. consumer confidence has fallen to generational lows. Manufacturers are paring back production and employment in anticipation of a prolonged recession. Unemployment rates are rising and are likely to rise further, in our opinion. Credit remains tight and is only available to the most worthy of borrowers.

The process of deleveraging, begun in 2007, will likely continue into 2009 and beyond. The financial sector deleveraging, while well-advanced, has more room to run. Private sector corporate deleveraging will likely be a less troublesome issue, as non-financial corporate balance sheets remain in good shape. The process of consumer deleveraging, we fear, is still in its early stages, and should only be magnified as the unemployment rate rises and the recession deepens.

Despite this, there are bright spots. The monetary and fiscal stimulus brought to bear thus far is staggering and should eventually produce its intended effect. Estimates of the U.S. federal government budget deficit for 2009 could approach \$1 trillion. And the \$100 decline in the price of a barrel of crude oil could place up to \$260 billion back in consumer's pockets - a large stimulus in

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and of itself. After a gloomy first half, we expect the economy to begin to show signs of life in the second half of 2009.

On the option writing side, the VIX Index (3) spiked as high as 80 in November, resulting in some of the most attractive option premiums since we launched the Fund. Going forward, we believe this higher level of volatility will allow us to earn very attractive option income for the Fund.

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- (3) Indices are unmanaged and it is not possible to invest directly in an index. The S&P 500 is an unmanaged, capitalization-weighted index of 500 stocks. The index is designed to measure performance of the broad domestic economy through changes in the aggregate market value of 500 stocks representing all major industries. The CBOE S&P 500 Buy Write Index (BXM) is a benchmark index designed to show the hypothetical performance of a portfolio that purchases all the constituents of the S&P 500 Index and then sells at-the-money (meaning same as purchase price) calls of one-month duration against those positions. VIX is the ticker symbol for the Chicago Board Options Exchange (CBOE) Volatility Index and shows the market's expectation of 30-day volatility. It is constructed using the implied volatilities of a wide range of S&P 500 index options. This volatility is meant to be forward looking and is calculated from both calls and puts. The VIX is a widely used measure of market risk and is often referred to as the "investor fear gauge."

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**MCN RISKS AND OTHER CONSIDERATIONS**

The views expressed in this report reflect those of the portfolio manager only through the report period as stated on the cover. These views are subject to change at any time, based on market and other conditions and should not be construed as a recommendation of any kind. The material may also include forward looking statements that involve risk and uncertainty, and there is no guarantee that any predictions will come to pass.

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

**Equity Risk:** The value of the securities held by the Funds will fall due to general market and economic conditions, perceptions regarding the industries in which the issuers of securities held by the Funds participate, or factors relating to specific companies in which the Funds invest.

**Risks Associated with Options on Securities:** There are several risks associated with transactions in options on securities. For example, there are significant differences between the securities and options markets that could result in an imperfect correlation between these markets, causing a given transaction not to achieve its objectives. A decision as to whether, when and how to use options involves the exercise of skill and judgment, and even a well-conceived transaction may be unsuccessful to some degree because of market behavior or unexpected events. As the writer of a covered call option, the Fund forgoes, during the option's life, the opportunity to profit from increases in the market value of the security covering the call option above the sum of the premium and the strike price of the call but has retained the risk of loss



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should the price of the underlying security decline. The writer of an option has no control over the time when it may be required to fulfill its obligation as a writer of the option. Once an option writer has received an exercise notice, it cannot effect a closing purchase transaction in order to terminate its obligation under the option and must deliver the underlying security at the exercise price.

**Foreign Investment Risk:** Investing in non-U.S. issuers may involve unique risks such as currency, political, and economic risk, as well as less market liquidity, generally greater market volatility and less complete financial information than for U.S. issuers.

**Risks of Mid-Cap Companies:** Mid-cap companies often are newer or less established companies than larger companies. Investments in mid-cap companies carry additional risks because earnings of these companies tend to be less predictable; they often have limited product lines, markets, distribution channels or financial resources; and the management of such companies may be dependent upon one or a few key people. The market movements of equity securities of mid-cap companies may be more abrupt or erratic than the market movements of equity securities of larger, more established companies or the stock market in general.

**Industry Concentration Risk:** To the extent that the Fund makes substantial investments in a single industry, the Fund will be more susceptible to adverse economic or regulatory occurrences affecting those sectors.

**Fund Distribution Risk:** In order to make regular quarterly distributions on its common shares, the Fund may have to sell a portion of its investment portfolio at a time when independent investment judgment may not dictate such action. In addition, the Fund's ability to make distributions more frequently than annually from any net realized capital gains by the Fund is subject to the Fund obtaining exemptive relief from the Securities and Exchange Commission, which cannot be assured. To the extent the total quarterly distributions for a year exceed the Fund's net investment company income and net realized capital gain for that year, the excess will generally constitute a return of the Fund's capital to its common share-holders. Such return of capital distributions generally are tax-free up to the amount of a common shareholder's tax basis in the common shares (generally, the amount paid for the common shares). In addition, such excess distributions will decrease the Fund's total assets and may increase the Fund's expense ratio.

**Financial Leverage:** The Fund is authorized to utilize leverage through the issuance of preferred shares and/or the Fund may also borrow or issue debt securities for financial leveraging purposes and for temporary purposes such as settlement of transactions. Although the use of any financial leverage by the Fund may create an opportunity for increased net income, gains and capital appreciation for the Common Shares, it also results in additional risks and can magnify the effect of any losses. If the income and gains earned on securities purchased with financial leverage proceeds are greater than the cost of financial leverage, the Fund's return will be greater than if financial leverage had not been used. Conversely, if the income or gain from the securities purchased with such proceeds does not cover the cost of financial leverage, the return to the Fund will be less than if financial leverage had not been used. Financial leverage also increases the likelihood of greater volatility of net asset value and market price of and dividends on the Common Shares than a comparable portfolio without leverage.

An investment in the Fund includes, but is not limited to, risks and considerations such as: Investment Risk, Not a Complete Investment Program, Equity Risk, Risks Associated with Options on Securities, Limitation on Option Writing Risk, Risks of Mid-Cap Companies, Income Risk, Foreign Securities Risk, Industry Concentration Risk, Derivatives Risk, Illiquid Securities Risk, Fund

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Distribution Risk, Market Discount Risk, Other Investment Companies, Financial Leverage Risk, Management Risk, Risks Related to Preferred Securities, Interest Rate Risk, Inflation Risk, Current Developments Risk and Anti-Takeover Provisions. Please see [www.claymore.com/mcn](http://www.claymore.com/mcn) for a more detailed discussion about Fund risks and considerations.

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Fund SUMMARY | AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2008 (unaudited)

### FUND STATISTICS

Share Price	\$	6.21
Common Share Net Asset Value	\$	7.64
Premium/(Discount) to NAV		-18.72%
Net Assets (\$000)	\$	147,239

### TOTAL RETURNS

(INCEPTION 7/28/04)	MARKET	NAV
One Year	-38.12%	-34.53%
Three Year - average annual	-16.82%	-11.46%
Since Inception - average annual	-9.82%	-5.02%

SECTOR BREAKDOWN	% OF LONG TERM INVESTMENTS
Consumer Discretionary	22.0%
Financials	19.2%
Technology	17.1%
Health Care	14.8%
Energy	8.8%
Exchange-Traded Funds	6.0%
Consumer Services	5.0%
Software	3.7%
Industrial	1.6%
Computers	1.6%
Insurance	0.2%

TOP TEN HOLDINGS	% OF LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS
Wells Fargo & Co.	4.1%
Kohl's Corp.	3.4%
Powershares QQQ	3.4%
Cisco Systems, Inc.	3.4%
Bed Bath & Beyond, Inc.	3.3%
UnitedHealth Group, Inc.	3.1%
Capital One Financial Corp.	2.9%
Apache Corp.	2.9%
Pfizer, Inc.	2.8%
Lowe's Cos., Inc.	2.6%

Sectors and holdings are subject to change daily. For more current information,

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### SHARE PRICE & NAV PERFORMANCE

[LINE CHART]

	Share Price	NAV
12/31/07	\$ 11.41	\$ 13.02
	11.48	12.86
	11.63	12.76
	11.29	12.48
	11.17	12.5
	11.1	12.27
	11.09	12.39
	11.15	12.56
	11.12	12.4
	11.18	12.54
	11.05	12.27
	11.04	12.33
	10.86	12.09
	10.64	12.12
	10.68	12.25
	11.05	12.6
	11.23	12.68
	11.18	12.5
	11.39	12.71
	11.53	12.78
	11.82	12.75
	12.03	12.92
	12.32	13.13
	12.11	12.98
	11.92	12.68
	11.8	12.59
	11.75	12.69
	11.8	12.62
	11.97	12.68
	12.17	12.69
	11.77	12.46
	11.27	12.29
	11.22	12.28
	11.25	12.28
	11.34	12.35
	11.13	12.24
	11.2	12.32
	11.3	12.48
	11.45	12.58
	11.4	12.63
	11.46	12.44
	11.21	12.15
	11.25	12.12
	11.35	12.11
	11.25	12.14
	11	11.83
	10.7	11.79
	10.59	11.58
	10.71	11.9
	10.8	11.82
	10.79	11.88
	10.55	11.64

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10.15	11.44
10.53	11.96
10.33	11.76
10.55	12.06
10.72	12.28
10.78	12.26
10.84	12.11
10.77	11.95
10.56	11.83
10.62	11.93
10.91	12.34
11.02	12.35
10.9	12.33
10.92	12.33
10.91	12.31
10.98	12.25
10.91	12.1
10.98	12.19
10.73	12
10.62	11.93
10.47	11.99
10.78	12.18
10.83	12.23
10.97	12.45
10.95	12.43
10.96	12.32
11	12.36
11.02	12.5
11.1	12.6
11.19	12.61
11.2	12.61
11.16	12.54
11.39	12.77
11.54	12.78
11.44	12.65
11.5	12.7
11.38	12.53
11.44	12.5
11.39	12.45
11.52	12.6
11.19	12.24
11.19	12.31
11.18	12.43
11.25	12.4
11.16	12.37
11.1	12.26
10.93	12.1
10.92	12.18
10.91	12.06
10.91	12.17
11	12.21
11.09	12.34
11.17	12.35
11.12	12.25
11.09	12.26
11.19	12.28
11.32	12.38
11.1	12.05
11.02	11.97
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10.69	11.79

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	10.85	11.99
	10.94	12.04
	10.8	11.92
	10.71	11.81
	10.76	11.88
	10.54	11.65
	10.49	11.5
	10.37	11.53
	10.41	11.64
6/30/08	10.15	11.34
	10.1	11.26
	10	11.16
	9.96	11.22
	9.91	11.06
	9.89	11.08
	9.66	11.01
	9.98	11.28
	9.98	10.96
	9.69	10.88
	9.45	10.75
	9.35	10.55
	9.1	10.51
	9.34	11.04
	9.67	11.29
	9.82	11.27
	9.82	11.2
	9.89	11.46
	10.05	11.59
	9.97	11.24
	9.91	11.26
	9.81	11.01
	10.02	11.3
	10.14	11.32
	9.81	11.28
	9.87	11.24
	9.81	11.19
	9.96	11.53
	10.01	11.59
	9.9	11.41
	10.16	11.71
	10.27	11.87
	10.31	11.72
	10.09	11.36
	9.98	11.49
	9.99	11.58
	9.95	11.43
	9.9	11.29
	9.84	11.32
	9.9	11.32
	10	11.47
	9.84	11.29
	9.89	11.36
	9.97	11.45
	10.12	11.6
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	10.17	11.5
	10.06	11.54
	9.92	11.28
	9.93	11.36
	10.12	11.59
	9.96	11.19
	9.83	11.26

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9.71	11.34
9.63	11.34
9.22	10.92
9	11.12
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9.17	11.06
9.01	10.94
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9.02	11.14
8.81	11.17
8.09	10.05
8.39	10.74
8.58	10.67
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8.45	9.96
7.4	9.51
6.69	8.85
6.28	8.71
6.02	8.01
5.72	7.91
6.57	8.92
6.96	8.94
6.36	8
6.53	8.33
6.9	8.35
7.12	8.69
7.1	8.48
6.8	7.97
6.59	7.87
6.4	7.6
6.4	7.32
6.72	8.16
6.85	8.11
6.91	8.32
7.01	8.53
7.21	8.51
7.29	8.82
7.04	8.35
6.6	7.92
6.7	8.08
6.65	7.88
6.45	7.68
5.96	6.95
5.95	7.48
5.95	7.07
5.53	6.86
5.43	6.85
5	6.25
4.62	5.7
5	6.06
5.05	6.79
5.1	6.86
5.3	7.25
5.67	7.29
5.37	6.47
5.27	6.81
5.39	7.1
5.39	6.91
5.45	7.23
5.77	7.58

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	5.69	7.44
	5.79	7.57
	5.75	7.28
	5.6	7.33
	5.55	7.17
	5.75	7.61
	5.67	7.6
	5.66	7.5
	5.73	7.58
	5.75	7.37
	5.7	7.3
	5.73	7.35
	5.78	7.38
	5.8	7.34
	5.95	7.54
12/31/08	6.21	7.64

## QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PER SHARE

[BAR CHART]

2/08	\$ 0.33
5/08	0.33
8/08	0.28
11/08	0.24

## PORTFOLIO COMPOSITION (% of Total Investments)

[PIE CHART]

Long-Term Investments	96.8%
Short-Term Investments	3.2%

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Portfolio of INVESTMENTS | DECEMBER 31, 2008

NUMBER OF SHARES	DESCRIPTION	VALUE
<hr/>		
	LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS 117.6%	
	COMMON STOCKS (A) 110.5%	
	COMPUTERS 1.8%	
265,800	Dell, Inc. (b)	\$ 2,721,792
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	CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY 25.9%	
400,000	American Eagle Outfitters, Inc.	3,744,000
226,000	Bed Bath & Beyond, Inc. (b)	5,744,920
110,000	Best Buy Co., Inc.	3,092,100
170,000	Coach, Inc. (b)	3,530,900
140,000	Home Depot, Inc.	3,222,800
165,000	Kohl's Corp. (b)	5,973,000
210,000	Lowe's Cos., Inc.	4,519,200

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230,000	Starbucks Corp. (b)	2,175,800
125,000	Target Corp.	4,316,250
232,000	Williams-Sonoma, Inc.	1,823,520
		38,142,490
CONSUMER SERVICES 5.9%		
263,400	eBay, Inc. (b)	3,677,064
100,000	Garmin, Ltd. (Cayman Islands)	1,917,000
130,000	Intuit, Inc. (b)	3,092,700
		8,686,764
ENERGY 10.4%		
68,000	Apache Corp.	5,068,040
52,000	Schlumberger, Ltd. (Netherlands Antilles)	2,201,160
38,000	Transocean, Ltd. (Switzerland) (b)	1,795,500
50,000	Unit Corp. (b)	1,336,000
70,000	Valero Energy Corp.	1,514,800
96,000	XTO Energy, Inc.	3,385,920
		15,301,420
FINANCIALS 22.6%		
60,000	Affiliated Managers Group, Inc. (b)	2,515,200
160,000	American Express Co.	2,968,000
58,304	Bank of America Corp.	820,920
160,000	Capital One Financial Corp.	5,102,400
170,000	Citigroup, Inc.	1,140,700
260,000	Marshall & Ilsley Corp.	3,546,400
171,000	Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc	1,990,440
150,000	Morgan Stanley	2,406,000
90,000	State Street Corp.	3,539,700
255,000	Synovus Financial Corp.	2,116,500
240,000	Wells Fargo & Co.	7,075,200
		33,221,460
NUMBER		
OF SHARES	DESCRIPTION	VALUE
HEALTH CARE 17.4%		
91,000	Biogen Idec, Inc. (b)	\$ 4,334,330
100,000	Community Health Systems, Inc. (b)	1,458,000
310,000	Mylan, Inc. (b)	3,065,900
270,000	Pfizer, Inc.	4,781,700
200,000	UnitedHealth Group, Inc.	5,320,000
70,000	Varian Medical Systems, Inc. (b)	2,452,800
50,000	Waters Corp. (b)	1,832,500
57,500	Zimmer Holdings, Inc. (b)	2,324,150
		25,569,380
INDUSTRIAL 1.9%		
50,000	United Parcel Services, Inc. - Class B	2,758,000
INSURANCE 0.2%		
108,800	MGIC Investment Corp.	378,624



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SOFTWARE 4.4%		
160,000	Check Point Software Technologies (Israel) (b)	3,038,400
250,000	Symantec Corp. (b)	3,380,000
		6,418,400
TECHNOLOGY 20.0%		
80,000	Adobe Systems, Inc. (b)	1,703,200
100,000	Altera Corp.	1,671,000
160,000	Applied Materials, Inc.	1,620,800
361,900	Cisco Systems, Inc. (b)	5,898,970
394,000	EMC Corp. (b)	4,125,180
600,000	Flextronics International Ltd. (Singapore) (b)	1,536,000
10,000	Google, Inc. - Class A (b)	3,076,500
170,000	Microsoft Corp.	3,304,800
157,300	QLogic Corp. (b)	2,114,112
164,000	Yahoo!, Inc. (b)	2,000,800
122,000	Zebra Technologies Corp. - Class A (b)	2,471,720
		29,523,082
TOTAL COMMON STOCKS - 110.5%		
(Cost \$308,608,512)		162,721,412
EXCHANGE-TRADED FUND - 7.1%		
200,000	Powershares QQQ	5,948,000
50,000	SPDR Trust Series 1	4,512,000
(Cost \$13,321,468)		10,460,000
TOTAL LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS 117.6%		
(Cost \$321,929,980)		173,181,412
SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS 3.9%		
MONEY MARKET FUNDS 2.7%		
4,000,000	AIM Liquid Assets Money Market Fund (Cost \$4,000,000)	4,000,000

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PRINCIPAL AMOUNT		VALUE
U.S. GOVERNMENT 1.2%		
\$ 1,710,000	U.S. Treasury Note (coupon 4.875%, maturity 1/31/09) (Cost \$1,716,082)	\$ 1,716,082
TOTAL SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS 3.9%		
(Cost \$5,716,082)		5,716,082

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TOTAL INVESTMENTS 121.5%	
(Cost \$327,646,062)	178,897,494
Other Assets in excess of Liabilities - 2.5%	3,752,362
Borrowings - (16.3%)	(24,000,000)
Total Value of Options Written - (7.7%)	(11,410,428)
NET ASSETS 100.0%	\$147,239,428

(a) All or a portion of this security position represents cover (directly or through conversion rights) for outstanding options written.

(b) Non-income producing security.

## CONTRACTS

(100 SHARES PER CONTRACT)	CALL OPTIONS WRITTEN (B)	EXPIRATION DATE	EXERCISE PRICE	VALUE
250	Adobe Systems, Inc.	April 2009	\$ 25.00	\$ 29,375
150	Adobe Systems, Inc.	April 2009	30.00	4,500
200	Adobe Systems, Inc.	January 2010	30.00	33,500
200	Affiliated Managers Group, Inc.	June 2009	35.00	237,000
100	Affiliated Managers Group, Inc.	June 2009	45.00	65,500
300	Affiliated Managers Group, Inc.	January 2010	50.00	216,000
500	Altera Corp.	June 2009	17.50	93,750
500	Altera Corp.	January 2010	20.00	106,250
300	American Express Co.	July 2009	22.50	59,250
180	American Express Co.	April 2009	25.00	11,700
1,120	American Express Co.	January 2009	30.00	5,600
1,000	American Eagle Outfitters, Inc.	February 2009	10.00	75,000
300	American Eagle Outfitters, Inc.	August 2009	10.00	53,250
1,000	American Eagle Outfitters, Inc.	May 2009	12.50	55,000
246	American Eagle Outfitters, Inc.	January 2010	12.50	30,750
500	American Eagle Outfitters, Inc.	January 2009	25.00	2,500
315	Apache Corp.	July 2009	80.00	338,625
365	Apache Corp.	April 2009	90.00	153,300
700	Applied Materials, Inc.	April 2009	11.00	61,250
500	Applied Materials, Inc.	January 2010	12.50	76,250
300	Applied Materials, Inc.	January 2010	15.00	26,250
200	Bank of America Corp.	February 2009	17.50	9,700
460	Bed Bath & Beyond, Inc.	May 2009	25.00	179,400
300	Bed Bath & Beyond, Inc.	May 2009	27.50	81,750
600	Bed Bath & Beyond, Inc.	January 2009	30.00	15,000
900	Bed Bath & Beyond, Inc.	January 2010	30.00	355,500
300	Best Buy Co., Inc.	March 2009	25.00	150,000
200	Best Buy Co., Inc.	June 2009	27.50	96,000
200	Best Buy Co., Inc.	June 2009	32.50	53,500

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(100 SHARES PER CONTRACT)	CALL OPTIONS WRITTEN (B)	EXPIRATION DATE	EXERCISE PRICE	VALUE
200	Best Buy Co., Inc.	January 2010	\$ 35.00	\$ 68,000
200	Biogen Idec, Inc.	April 2009	45.00	128,000
110	Biogen Idec, Inc.	January 2009	50.00	8,800

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400	Biogen Idec, Inc.	January 2010	50.00	310,000
200	Biogen Idec, Inc.	July 2009	55.00	70,000
500	Capital One Financial Corp.	March 2009	35.00	202,500
930	Capital One Financial Corp.	January 2009	45.00	4,650
900	Check Point Software Technologies (Israel)	July 2009	20.00	189,000
500	Check Point Software Technologies (Israel)	January 2009	22.50	2,500
200	Check Point Software Technologies (Israel)	July 2009	22.50	23,000
400	Cisco Systems, Inc.	January 2009	16.00	30,400
500	Cisco Systems, Inc.	April 2009	18.00	45,750
500	Cisco Systems, Inc.	January 2010	20.00	91,250
300	Citigroup, Inc.	January 2009	7.50	8,100
140	Coach, Inc.	February 2009	17.50	60,900
800	Coach, Inc.	May 2009	20.00	324,000
260	Coach, Inc.	May 2009	25.00	50,050
690	Community Health Systems, Inc.	January 2009	35.00	3,450
400	Dell, Inc.	January 2010	12.50	63,000
400	Dell, Inc.	May 2009	13.00	21,600
400	Dell, Inc.	January 2010	15.00	37,600
250	Dell, Inc.	January 2009	25.00	1,250
1,000	eBay, Inc.	April 2009	15.00	129,500
1,634	eBay, Inc.	April 2009	17.00	105,393
500	EMC Corp.	April 2009	12.00	33,000
300	EMC Corp.	July 2009	12.00	31,050
600	EMC Corp.	January 2010	12.50	88,200
500	EMC Corp.	July 2009	13.00	36,250
1,185	EMC Corp.	January 2009	17.50	5,925
2,100	Flextronics International Ltd. (Singapore)	January 2009	10.00	10,500
1,700	Flextronics International Ltd. (Singapore)	January 2009	12.50	8,500
350	Garmin, Ltd. (Cayman Islands)	April 2009	20.00	84,000
450	Garmin, Ltd. (Cayman Islands)	January 2009	50.00	2,250
50	Google, Inc. - Class A	January 2009	280.00	158,250
50	Google, Inc. - Class A	June 2009	350.00	121,500
328	Home Depot, Inc.	February 2009	27.50	10,168
772	Home Depot, Inc.	May 2009	27.50	102,290
743	Intuit, Inc.	April 2009	25.00	144,885
357	Intuit, Inc.	January 2009	27.50	2,678
1,150	Kohl's Corp.	April 2009	35.00	672,750
500	Kohl's Corp.	April 2009	40.00	180,000
400	Lowe's Cos., Inc.	January 2009	22.50	19,000
365	Lowe's Cos., Inc.	April 2009	22.50	78,475
400	Lowe's Cos., Inc.	January 2009	25.00	3,000
635	Lowe's Cos., Inc.	January 2010	25.00	219,075
500	Marshall & Ilsley Corp.	June 2009	15.00	101,250

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CONTRACTS

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(100 SHARES PER CONTRACT)	CALL OPTIONS WRITTEN (B)	EXPIRATION DATE	EXERCISE PRICE	VALUE
640	Marshall & Ilsley Corp.	March 2009	\$ 22.50	\$ 3,200
486	Marshall & Ilsley Corp.	January 2009	30.00	2,430
500	Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc.	January 2009	25.00	2,500
438	MGIC Investment Corp.	January 2009	10.00	2,190
400	Microsoft Corp.	July 2009	21.00	83,200
500	Microsoft Corp.	July 2009	23.00	68,500
800	Microsoft Corp.	April 2009	27.00	11,600
300	Morgan Stanley	January 2009	15.00	48,750
210	Mylan, Inc.	January 2010	12.50	39,900
2,730	Mylan, Inc.	January 2009	15.00	13,650
400	Pfizer, Inc.	January 2009	20.00	2,000
500	Powershares QQQ	January 2009	29.00	60,500
1,500	Powershares QQQ	February 2009	31.00	149,250
200	QLogic Corp.	July 2009	12.50	51,500
800	QLogic Corp.	January 2009	15.00	8,000
573	QLogic Corp.	January 2010	15.00	104,572
200	Schlumberger, Ltd. (Netherlands Antilles)	May 2009	50.00	66,000
120	Schlumberger, Ltd. (Netherlands Antilles)	February 2009	55.00	5,400
200	Schlumberger, Ltd. (Netherlands Antilles)	January 2010	60.00	79,000
500	SPDR Trust Series 1	January 2009	90.00	122,250
700	Starbucks Corp.	April 2009	10.00	73,500
200	Starbucks Corp.	January 2009	17.50	1,000
700	State Street Corp.	May 2009	50.00	220,500
200	State Street Corp.	January 2010	60.00	92,000
300	Symantec Corp.	April 2009	15.00	33,000
300	Symantec Corp.	July 2009	15.00	47,250
500	Symantec Corp.	January 2009	17.50	2,500
400	Symantec Corp.	April 2009	17.50	16,000
2,550	Synovus Financial Corp.	February 2009	10.00	82,875
800	Target Corp.	April 2009	37.50	372,000
350	Target Corp.	January 2009	40.00	17,150
180	Transocean, Ltd. (Switzerland)	August 2009	55.00	125,100
200	Transocean, Ltd. (Switzerland)	May 2009	70.00	32,500
200	Unit Corp.	June 2009	25.00	107,000
300	Unit Corp.	March 2009	35.00	18,000
1,300	UnitedHealth Group, Inc.	March 2009	30.00	178,750
200	UnitedHealth Group, Inc.	June 2009	30.00	51,500
500	UnitedHealth Group, Inc.	March 2009	31.00	53,750
500	United Parcel Services, Inc. - Class B	April 2009	55.00	220,000
200	Valero Energy Corp.	March 2009	22.50	46,800
500	Valero Energy Corp.	June 2009	25.00	126,000
218	Varian Medical Systems, Inc.	January 2010	40.00	99,190
50	Varian Medical Systems, Inc.	May 2009	40.00	10,750
284	Varian Medical Systems, Inc.	May 2009	45.00	25,560
300	Waters Corp.	May 2009	45.00	47,250
200	Waters Corp.	January 2009	50.00	55,500
CONTRACTS (100 SHARES PER CONTRACT)	CALL OPTIONS WRITTEN (B)	EXPIRATION DATE	EXERCISE PRICE	VALUE
2,400	Wells Fargo & Co.	January 2009	\$ 30.00	\$ 432,000
450	Williams-Sonoma, Inc.	August 2009	10.00	52,875

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320	Williams-Sonoma, Inc.	February 2009	10.00	8,000
560	XTO Energy, Inc.	May 2009	45.00	130,200
400	XTO Energy, Inc.	January 2010	45.00	200,000
300	Yahoo!, Inc.	July 2009	15.00	54,000
400	Yahoo!, Inc.	April 2009	16.00	37,000
200	Yahoo!, Inc.	January 2010	17.50	31,600
500	Yahoo!, Inc.	January 2009	25.00	1,500
400	Zebra Technologies Corp. - Class A	May 2009	20.00	100,000
200	Zebra Technologies Corp. - Class A	August 2009	20.00	63,000
200	Zimmer Holdings, Inc.	June 2009	45.00	57,000
TOTAL VALUE OF CALL OPTIONS WRITTEN (Premiums received \$16,545,179)				11,014,131
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PUT OPTIONS WRITTEN				
436	Cisco Systems, Inc.	January 2009	22.50	271,410
95	Cisco Systems, Inc.	January 2009	25.00	82,887
200	Garmin, Ltd. (Cayman Islands)	April 2009	17.50	42,000
TOTAL VALUE OF PUT OPTIONS WRITTEN (Premiums received \$167,111)				396,297
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TOTAL OPTIONS WRITTEN (Premiums received \$16,712,290)				\$ 11,410,428
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(b) Non-income producing security.

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Statement of ASSETS AND LIABILITIES | DECEMBER 31, 2008

## ASSETS

Investments at value (cost \$327,646,062)	\$
Cash	
Investments sold receivable	
Dividends and interest receivable	
Other assets	
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Total assets	
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## LIABILITIES

Borrowings
Options written, at value (premiums received of \$16,712,290)
Payables:
Investments purchased
Investment advisory fee
Investment management fee
Other affiliates
Trustees' fees
Interest due on borrowings
Accrued expenses and other liabilities

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Total liabilities	
NET ASSETS	\$
COMPOSITION OF NET ASSETS	
Common stock, \$.01 par value per share; unlimited number of shares authorized, 19,268,423 shares issued and outstanding	\$
Additional paid-in capital	
Accumulated net realized gain on investments and options transactions	
Accumulated net unrealized depreciation on investments and options transactions	
NET ASSETS	\$
NET ASSET VALUE (based on 19,268,423 common shares outstanding)	\$

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Statement of OPERATIONS | FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

INVESTMENT INCOME	
Dividends	\$ 3,220,730
Interest	253,595
Total income	\$
EXPENSES	
Investment advisory fee	1,108,341
Investment management fee	1,108,341
Professional fees	162,678
Trustees' fees and expenses	141,122
Printing expenses	85,117
Administrative fee	57,524
Fund accounting	55,974
Custodian fee	53,597
NYSE listing fee	24,508
Transfer agent fee	18,624
Insurance	16,497
Line of credit fees	10,183
Other	12,926
Interest expense	530,176
Total expenses	
NET INVESTMENT INCOME	

REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS) ON INVESTMENTS

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Net realized gain (loss) on:  
 Investments  
 Options  
 Net change in unrealized depreciation on:  
 Investments  
 Options

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Net realized and unrealized loss on investments and options transactions

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NET DECREASE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS

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Statement of CHANGES IN NET ASSETS |

	FOR YEAR EN DECEMBER 31, 2
DECREASE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS	
Net investment income	\$ 88,
Net realized gain on investments and options	34,916,
Net unrealized depreciation on investments and options	(115,809,
Net decrease in net assets resulting from operations	(80,804,
DISTRIBUTIONS TO SHAREHOLDERS	
From and in excess of net investment income	(22,736,
CAPITAL SHARE TRANSACTIONS	
Reinvestment of dividends	
Total decrease in net assets	(103,541,
NET ASSETS:	
Beginning of period	250,780,
End of period (including accumulated undistributed net investment income of \$0 and \$0, respectively.)	\$ 147,239,

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## Financial HIGHLIGHTS |

	FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008	FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007	FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006
NET ASSET VALUE, BEGINNING OF PERIOD	\$ 13.02	\$ 14.84	\$ 14.7
INVESTMENT OPERATIONS			
Net investment income (loss) (b)	-	0.17	0.0
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments and options	(4.20)	(0.67)	1.4
Total from investment operations	(4.20)	(0.50)	1.4
DISTRIBUTIONS FROM AND IN EXCESS OF NET INVESTMENT INCOME	(1.18)	(1.32)	(1.3
OFFERING EXPENSES CHARGED TO PAID-IN-CAPITAL	-	-	
NET ASSET VALUE, END OF PERIOD	\$ 7.64	\$ 13.02	\$ 14.8
MARKET VALUE, END OF PERIOD	\$ 6.21	\$ 11.41	\$ 15.1
TOTAL INVESTMENT RETURN (c)			
Net asset value	-34.53%	-3.81%	10.2
Market value	-38.12%	-16.85%	11.8
RATIOS AND SUPPLEMENTAL DATA			
Net assets end of period (thousands)	\$ 147,239	\$ 250,781	\$ 283,85
Ratio of expenses to average net assets			
Ratios to Average Net Assets applicable to Common Shares:			
Total expenses, excluding interest expense	1.36%	1.25%	1.2
Total expenses, including interest expense	1.62%	N/A	N/
Net investment income, including interest expense	0.04%	N/A	N/
Ratios to Average Managed Assets: (e)			
Total expenses, excluding interest expense	1.29%	1.25%	1.2
Total expenses, including interest expense	1.53%	N/A	N/
Net investment income, including interest expense	0.04%	N/A	N/
Portfolio Turnover	33%	103%	5
Senior Indebtedness			
Total borrowings outstanding (in thousands)	\$ 24,000	N/A	N/
Asset coverage per \$1,000 of indebtedness (f)	\$ 7,135	N/A	N/

\*Commencement of investment operations.

(a) Before deduction of offering expenses charged to capital.

(b) Based on average shares outstanding.

(c) Total investment return is calculated assuming a purchase of a common share at the beginning of the period and a sale on the last day of the period reported either at net asset value (NAV) or market price per share. Dividends and distributions are assumed to be reinvested at NAV for returns at NAV or in accordance with the Fund's dividend reinvestment plan



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for returns at market value. Total investment return does not reflect brokerage commissions. A return calculated for a period of less than one year is not annualized.

- (d) Annualized.
- (e) Managed assets are equal to net assets plus outstanding leverage.
- (f) Calculated by subtracting the Fund's total liabilities (not including the borrowings) from the Fund's total assets and dividing by the total borrowings.

See notes to financial statements.

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Notes to FINANCIAL STATEMENTS | DECEMBER 31, 2008

### Note 1 - ORGANIZATION:

Madison/Claymore Covered Call & Equity Strategy Fund (the "Fund") was organized as a Delaware statutory trust on May 6, 2004. The Fund is registered as a diversified, closed-end management investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940.

The Fund's primary investment objective is to provide a high level of current income and current gains, with a secondary objective of long-term capital appreciation. The Fund will, under normal market conditions, pursue its primary investment objective by allocating at least 80% of total assets to an integrated investment strategy pursuant to which the Fund invests in a portfolio of equity securities consisting primarily of high quality, large capitalization common stocks that are, in the view of the Fund's investment manager, selling at a reasonable price in relation to their long-term earnings growth rates and writes (sells) covered call options against a portion of the equity securities held; pending investment in equity securities or covered call options, assets of the Fund allocated to its integrated investment strategy will be held in cash or cash equivalents. The Fund seeks to produce a high level of current income and gains through premiums received from writing options and, to a lesser extent, from dividends. There can be no assurance that the Fund will achieve its investment objectives. The Fund's investment objectives are considered fundamental and may not be changed without shareholder approval.

### Note 2 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

The preparation of the financial statements in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

The following is a summary of significant accounting policies consistently followed by the Fund.

#### (a) VALUATION OF INVESTMENTS

Readily marketable portfolio securities listed on an exchange or traded in the over-the-counter market are generally valued at their last reported sale price. If no sales are reported, the securities are valued at the mean of the closing bid and asked prices on such day. If no bid or asked prices are quoted on such day, then the security is valued by such method as the Fund's Board of Trustees shall determine in good faith to reflect its fair value. Securities traded on NASDAQ are valued at the NASDAQ official closing price. Portfolio securities

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traded on more than one securities exchange are valued at the last sale price at the close of the exchange representing the principal market for such securities. Debt securities are valued at the last available bid price for such securities or, if such prices are not available, at the mean between the last bid and asked price. Exchange-traded options are valued at the mean of the best bid and best asked prices across all option exchanges. Short-term debt securities having a remaining maturity of sixty days or less are valued at amortized cost, which approximates market value.

For those securities whose bid or asked prices are not available, the valuations are determined in accordance with procedures established in good faith by the Board of Trustees. Valuations in accordance with these procedures are intended to reflect each security's (or asset's) "fair value". Such "fair value" is the amount that the Fund might reasonably expect to receive for the security (or asset) upon its current sale. Each such determination should be 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: (I) the type of security, (ii) the initial cost of the security, (iii) the existence of any contractual restrictions on the security's disposition, (iv) the price and extent of public trading in similar securities of the issuer or of comparable companies, (v) quotations or evaluated prices from broker-dealers and/or pricing services, (vi) information obtained from the issuer, analysts, and/or the appropriate stock exchange (for exchange traded securities), (vii) an analysis of the company's financial statements, and (viii) an evaluation of the forces that influence the issuer and the market(s) in which the security is purchased and sold (e.g. the existence of pending merger activity, public offerings or tender offers that might affect the value of the security).

In September, 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No.157, "Fair Valuation Measurements" ("FAS 157"). This standard clarifies the definition of fair value for financial reporting, establishes a framework for measuring fair value and requires additional disclosures about the use of fair value measurements. FAS 157 establishes three different categories for valuations. Level 1 valuations are those based upon quoted prices in active markets. Level 2 valuations are those based upon quoted prices in inactive markets or based upon significant observable inputs (i.e. yield curves; benchmark interest rates; indices). Level 3 valuations are those based upon unobservable inputs (i.e. discounted cash flow analysis; non-market based methods used to determine fair valuation). Details of the valuations as of December 31, 2008 were as follows:

### VALUATIONS AT DECEMBER 31, 2008

DESCRIPTION (VALUE IN \$000S)	SECURITIES	OPTIONS	TOTAL
Assets:			
Level 1	\$ 177,181	\$ -	\$ 177,181
Level 2	1,716	-	1,716
Level 3	-	-	-
Total	\$ 178,897	\$ -	\$ 178,897

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### VALUATIONS AT DECEMBER 31, 2008

DESCRIPTION

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(VALUE IN \$000S)	SECURITIES	OPTIONS	TOTAL
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Liabilities:			
Level 1	\$ -	\$11,410	\$ 11,410
Level 2	-	-	-
Level 3	-	-	-
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Total	\$ -	\$11,410	\$ 11,410
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### (b) INVESTMENT TRANSACTIONS AND INVESTMENT INCOME

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

To earn greater income on otherwise uninvested cash temporarily held by the Fund, such as income earned from stock sold or called away, stock dividends and covered call writing premiums, the Fund may invest such cash in repurchase agreements. Repurchase agreements are short-term investments in which the Fund acquires ownership of a debt security and the seller agrees to repurchase the security at a future time and specified price. Repurchase agreements are fully collateralized by the underlying debt security. The Fund will make payment for such securities only upon physical delivery or evidence of book entry transfer to the account of the custodian bank. The seller is required to maintain the value of the underlying security at not less than the repurchase proceeds due the Fund.

### (c) OPTIONS

An option on a security is a contract that gives the holder of the option, in return for a premium, the right to buy from (in the case of a call) or sell to (in the case of a put) the writer of the option the security underlying the option at a specified exercise or "strike" price. The writer of an option on a security has an obligation upon exercise of the option to deliver the underlying security upon payment of the exercise price (in the case of a call) or to pay the exercise price upon delivery of the underlying security (in the case of a put).

There are several risks associated with transactions in options on securities. As the writer of a covered call option, the Fund forgoes, during the option's life, the opportunity to profit from increases in the market value of the security covering the call option above the sum of the premium and the strike price of the call but has retained the risk of loss should the price of the underlying security decline. A writer of a put option is exposed to the risk of loss if fair value of the underlying securities declines, but profits only to the extent of the premium received if the underlying security increases in value. The writer of an option has no control over the time when it may be required to fill its obligation as writer of the option. Once an option writer has received an exercise notice, it cannot effect a closing purchase transaction in order to terminate its obligation under the option and must deliver the underlying security at the exercise price.

### (d) DISTRIBUTIONS TO SHAREHOLDERS

The Fund declares and pays quarterly dividends to common shareholders. Distributions to shareholders are recorded on the ex-dividend date. The amount and timing of distributions are determined in accordance with federal income tax regulations, which may differ from U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. These dividends consist of investment company taxable income, which generally includes qualified dividend income, ordinary income and short-term capital gains, including premiums received on written options. Realized

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short-term capital gains are considered ordinary income for tax purposes and will be reclassified at the Fund's fiscal year end on the Fund's Statement of Assets and Liabilities from accumulated net realized gains to distributions in excess of net investment income. Any net realized long-term capital gains are distributed annually to common shareholders.

### Note 3 - INVESTMENT ADVISORY AGREEMENT, INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT AND OTHER TRANSACTIONS WITH AFFILIATES:

Pursuant to an Investment Advisory Agreement (the "Agreement") between the Fund and Claymore Advisors, LLC (the "Adviser"), the Adviser will furnish offices, necessary facilities and equipment, provide certain administrative services, oversee the activities of Madison Asset Management LLC (the "Investment Manager"), provide personnel, including certain officers required for the Fund's administrative management and compensate all officers and trustees of the Fund who are its affiliates. As compensation for these services, the Fund will pay the Investment Adviser a fee, payable monthly, in an amount equal to 0.50% of the Fund's average daily managed assets. Managed assets equal the net assets of the Fund plus any assets attributable to financial leverage.

Pursuant to an Investment Management Agreement between the Fund and the Investment Manager, the Investment Manager, under the supervision of the Fund's Board of Trustees and the Adviser, will provide a continuous investment program for the Fund's portfolio; provide investment research and make and execute recommendations for the purchase and sale of securities; and provide certain facilities and personnel, including officers required for the Fund's administrative management and compensation of all officers and trustees of the Fund who are its affiliates. As compensation for these services, the Fund will pay the Investment Manager a fee, payable monthly, in an amount equal to 0.50% of the Fund's average daily managed assets.

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Under separate Fund Administration and Fund Accounting agreements, the Adviser provides fund administration services and the Investment Manager provides fund accounting services to the Fund. The Adviser receives a fund administration fee payable monthly at the annual rate set forth below as a percentage of the average daily-managed assets of the Fund:

MANAGED ASSETS	RATE
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First \$200,000,000	0.0275%
Next \$300,000,000	0.0175%
Next \$500,000,000	0.0125%
Over \$1,000,000,000	0.0100%

The Investment Manager receives a fund accounting fee based on the combined net assets of the Fund and the Madison Strategic Sector Premium Fund, a closed-end investment company sponsored by the Investment Manager. The fund accounting fee is allocated on a prorated basis of the net assets of each fund. This fee is payable monthly at the annual rate set forth below as a percentage of the average daily net assets of the two funds:

NET ASSETS	RATE
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First \$200,000,000	0.0275%
Next \$300,000,000	0.0200%
Next \$500,000,000	0.0150%

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Over \$1,000,000,000

0.0100%

Certain officers and trustees of the Fund are also officers and directors of Claymore Advisors, LLC or Madison Asset Management LLC. The Fund does not compensate its officers or trustees who are officers or interested persons of the two aforementioned firms.

## Note 4 - FEDERAL INCOME TAXES:

The Fund intends to comply with the requirements of Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, applicable to regulated investment companies. Accordingly, no provision for U.S. federal income taxes is required. In addition, by distributing substantially all of its ordinary income and long-term capital gains, if any, during each calendar year, the Fund intends not to be subject to U.S. federal excise tax.

Due to inherent differences in the recognition of income, expenses, and realized gains/losses under U.S. generally accepted accounting principles and federal income tax purposes, permanent differences between book and tax basis reporting have been identified and appropriately reclassified on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. A permanent book and tax difference relating to a distribution reclass in the amount of \$22,648,022 was reclassified from accumulated undistributed net investment income to accumulated net realized gain. Net realized gains or losses may differ for financial reporting and tax reporting primarily as a result of the deferral of losses relating to wash sale transactions. Information on the components of investments, excluding written options, and net assets as of December 31, 2008 is as follows:

Information on the tax components of investments, excluding written options, and net assets as of December 31, 2008 is as follows:

COST OF INVESTMENTS FOR TAX PURPOSES	GROSS TAX UNREALIZED APPRECIATION	GROSS TAX UNREALIZED DEPRECIATION	NET TAX UNREALIZED DEPRECIATION ON INVESTMENTS	NET TAX UNREALIZED DEPRECIATION ON DERIVATIVES	UNDISTRIBUTED ORDINARY INCOME
\$ 328,084,143	\$ 817,762	\$ (150,004,411)	\$ (149,186,649)	\$ 5,301,862	\$ 15,340,759

For the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, the tax character of distributions paid to common shareholders as reflected in the statement of changes in net assets was as follows:

DISTRIBUTIONS PAID FROM:	2008	2007
Ordinary income	\$ 22,736,739	\$ 25,023,276
Long-term capital gain	-	341,248
	\$ 22,736,739	\$ 25,364,524

The Fund adopted the provisions of the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Interpretation No.48 ("FIN 48") Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes on December 31, 2007. FIN 48 sets forth a minimum threshold for financial statement recognition of the benefit of a tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. The implementation of FIN 48 did not result in any unrecognized tax benefits in the accompanying financial statements.

FIN 48 requires the Fund to analyze all open tax years. Open tax years are those

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years that are open for examination by the relevant income taxing authority. Tax years ended 2005, 2006 and 2007 remain subject to examination by major jurisdictions.

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### Note 5 - INVESTMENT TRANSACTIONS AND OPTIONS WRITTEN:

During the year ended December 31, 2008, the cost of purchases and proceeds from sales of investments, excluding written options with maturity less than one year and short-term investments were \$142,922,402 and \$75,019,562, respectively.

Transactions in option contracts during the year ended December 31, 2008 were as follows:

	NUMBER OF CONTRACTS	PREMIUMS RECEIVED
Options outstanding, beginning of year	58,498	\$ 16,774,714
Options written during the year	176,718	50,451,520
Options expired during the year	(65,947)	(16,708,734)
Options closed during the year	(86,199)	(28,668,223)
Options assigned during the year	(13,945)	(5,136,987)
Options outstanding, end of year	69,125	\$ 16,712,290

### Note 6 - CAPITAL:

#### COMMON SHARES

The Fund has an unlimited amount of common shares, \$0.01 par value authorized and 19,268,423 issued and outstanding. At December 31, 2008, Claymore Securities, Inc., an affiliate of the Fund's Investment Adviser, owned 7,374 shares of the Fund.

Transactions in common shares were as follows:

	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007
Beginning Shares	19,268,423	19,124,936
Shares issued through dividend reinvestment	-	143,487
Ending Shares	19,268,423	19,268,423

### Note 7 - SHORT-TERM BORROWINGS:

On April 30, 2008, the Fund entered into a \$50,000,000 Revolving Credit Agreement with M&I Marshall & Ilsley Bank, which provides for a revolving credit facility to be used as leverage for the Fund. The credit facility provides for a secured line of credit for the Fund, where Fund assets are pledged against advances made to the Fund. The Fund may borrow an amount up to 20% of the Fund's total assets (including the proceeds of such financial leverage). Interest on the amount borrowed is based on the 1-month LIBOR plus 1.50%. An unused commitment fee of 0.10% is charged on the difference between the \$50,000,000 credit agreement and the amount borrowed, which is included in "Line of credit fees" on the Statement of Operations. As of December 31, 2008, there was \$24,000,000 outstanding in connection with the Fund's credit facility. The

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average daily amount of the borrowings on the credit facility during the period ended December 31, 2008 was \$12,058,470 with a related average interest rate of 4.29%. The maximum amount outstanding during the period was \$ 29,600,000. The maturity date for the Revolving Credit Agreement is February 28, 2009. If the Fund is unable to renew the revolving credit facility or find a replacement facility, the Fund may need to liquidate portfolio securities in an amount necessary to repay the facility.

### Note 8 - INDEMNIFICATIONS:

In the normal course of business, the Fund enters into contracts that provide general indemnifications. The Fund's maximum exposure under these arrangements is dependent upon claims that may be made against the Fund in the future, and, therefore cannot be estimated; however, the risk of material loss from such claims is considered remote.

### Note 9 - RECENT ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS:

In March 2008, the FASB issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No.161 ("SFAS No.161"), "Disclosures about Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities." This standard is intended to enhance financial statement disclosures for derivative instruments and hedging activities and enable investors to understand: a) how and why a fund uses derivative instruments, b) how derivative instruments and related hedge fund items are accounted for, and c) how derivative instruments and related hedge items affect a fund's financial position, results of operations and cash flows. SFAS No.161 is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years and interim periods beginning after November 15, 2008. As of December 31, 2008, management does not believe the adoption of SFAS No.161 will impact the financial statement amounts; however, additional footnote disclosures may be required about the use of derivative instruments and hedging items.

### Note 10 - SUBSEQUENT EVENT:

On February 2, 2009, the Board of Trustees declared a quarterly dividend of \$0.24 per common share. The dividend is payable February 27, 2009 to shareholders of record on February 13, 2009.

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM|

TO THE SHAREHOLDERS AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF  
MADISON/CLAYMORE COVERED CALL & EQUITY STRATEGY FUND

We have audited the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities of Madison/Claymore Covered Call & Equity Strategy Fund (the "Fund"), including the portfolio of investments, as of December 31, 2008, and the related statement 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, and the financial highlights for each of the four years in the period then ended and for the period from July 28, 2004 (commencement of investment operations) through December 31, 2004. These financial statements and financial highlights are the responsibility of the Fund's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements and financial highlights based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements and financial highlights are free of material misstatement. We were not engaged to perform an audit of the Fund's internal control over

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financial reporting. Our audits included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements and financial highlights, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. Our procedures included confirmation of securities owned as of December 31, 2008, by correspondence with the Fund's custodian and brokers or by other applicable auditing procedures where replies from brokers were not received. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements and financial highlights referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Madison/Claymore Covered Call & Equity Strategy Fund as of December 31, 2008, and the results of its operations for the year then ended, the changes in its net assets for each of the two years in the period then ended, and the financial highlights for each of the four years in the period then ended and for the period from July 28, 2004 (commencement of investment operations) through December 31, 2004, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

Chicago, Illinois  
February 18, 2009

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION | (UNAUDITED)

### FEDERAL INCOME TAX INFORMATION

Qualified dividend income of as much as \$3,215,174 was received by the Fund through December 31, 2008. The Fund intends to designate the maximum amount of dividends that qualify for the reduced tax rate pursuant to the Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003.

For corporate shareholders, \$3,184,763 of investment income qualifies for dividends-received deduction.

In January 2009, you will be advised on IRS Form 1099 DIV or substitute 1099 DIV as to the federal tax status of the distributions received by you in the calendar year 2008.

### RESULTS OF SHAREHOLDER VOTES

The Annual Meeting of Shareholders of the Fund was held on July 22, 2008. Holders of the Fund's common shares of beneficial interest, par value \$0.01 per share ("Common Shares") voted on the election of Class I Trustees.

Voting results with respect to the election of Class I Trustees by holders of Common Shares are set forth below:

NAME	# OF SHARES IN FAVOR	# OF SHARES WITHHELD
Randall C. Barnes	16,646,687	313,951



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Frank E. Burgess

16,636,380

324,258

The terms of the following Trustees of the Fund did not expire in 2008: Philip E. Blake, Nicholas Dalmaso, James R. Imhoff, Jr., Ronald A. Nyberg, Ronald E. Toupin, Jr. and Lorence Wheeler.

## TRUSTEES

The Trustees of the Madison/Claymore Covered Call & Equity Strategy Fund and their principal occupations during the past five years:

NAME, ADDRESS*, YEAR OF BIRTH AND POSITION(S) HELD WITH REGISTRANT	TERM OF OFFICE** AND LENGTH OF TIME SERVED	PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING THE PAST FIVE YEARS AND OTHER AFFILIATIONS	NUMBER OF PORTFOLIOS IN FUND COMPLEX** OVERSEEN BY TR
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## INDEPENDENT TRUSTEES:

Randall C. Barnes Year of birth: 1951 Trustee	Since 2004	Private Investor (2001-present). Formerly, Senior Vice President and Treasurer, PepsiCo, Inc. (1993-1997), President, Pizza Hut International (1991-1993) and Senior Vice President, Strategic Planning and New Business Development (1987-1990) of PepsiCo, Inc. (1987-1997).	43
Philip E. Blake Year of birth: 1944 1 South Pinckney Street Suite 501 Madison, WI 53703 Trustee	Since 2004	Private investor; Managing Partner of Forecastle Inc. (2000-present).	1
James R. Imhoff, Jr. Year of birth: 1944 5250 East Terrace Drive Madison, WI 53718 Trustee	Since 2004	Chairman and CEO of First Weber Group.	1
Ronald A. Nyberg Year of birth: 1953 Trustee	Since 2004	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).	46
Ronald E. Toupin, Jr. Year of birth: 1958 Trustee	Since 2004	Retired. Formerly, Vice President, Manager and Portfolio Manager of Nuveen Asset Management (1998-1999), Vice President of Nuveen Investment Advisory Corp.	43

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(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).

Lorence Wheeler Year of birth: 1938 135 Sunset Blvd. Tabernash, CO 80478 Trustee	Since 2004	Formerly, President of Credit Union Benefits Services, Inc. and Pension Specialist for CUNA Mutual Group.	1
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## INTERESTED TRUSTEES:

Frank E. Burgess+ Year of birth: 1942 550 Science Drive Madison, WI 53711 Trustee and Senior Vice President	Since 2004	Founder, President and CEO of Madison Investment Advisors, Inc. (1974-present) and Madison Asset Management, LLC	1
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Nicholas Dalmaso++ Year of birth: 1965 Trustee	Since 2004	Attorney. Formerly, Senior Managing Director and Chief Administrative Officer (2007-2008) and General Counsel (2001-2007) of Claymore Advisors, LLC and Claymore Securities, Inc. Formerly, Assistant General Counsel, John Nuveen and Co., Inc. (1999-2000). Formerly, Vice President and Associate General Counsel of Van Kampen Investments, Inc. (1992-1999).	45
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\* Address for all Trustees, unless otherwise noted: 2455 Corporate West

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Drive, Lisle, IL 60532

- \*\* After a Trustee's initial term, each Trustee is expected to serve a three-year term concurrent with the class of Trustees for which he serves:
- Messrs. Barnes and Burgess, as Class I Trustees, are expected to stand for re-election at the Fund's 2011 annual meeting of shareholders.
  - Messrs. Blake, Dalmaso and Imhoff, as Class II Trustees, are expected to stand for re-election at the Fund's 2009 annual meeting of shareholders.
  - Messrs. Nyberg, Toupin and Wheeler, as Class III Trustees, are expected to stand for re-election at the Fund's 2010 annual meeting of shareholders.
- \*\*\* The Claymore Fund Complex consists of U.S. registered investment companies advised or serviced by Claymore Advisors, LLC or Claymore Securities, Inc. The Claymore Fund Complex is overseen by multiple Boards of Trustees.
- + Mr. Burgess is an "interested person" (as defined in section 2(a) (19)) of the Fund because of his position as an officer of Madison Asset Management, LLC, the Fund's Investment Manager.
- ++ Mr. Dalmaso is an "interested person" (as defined in section 2(a) (19) of the 1940 Act) of the Fund as a result of his former position as an officer of, and his equity ownership in the Fund's Adviser and certain of its affiliates.

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### OFFICERS

The Officers of the Madison/Claymore Covered Call & Equity Strategy Fund and their principal occupations during the past five years:

NAME, ADDRESS*, YEAR OF BIRTH AND POSITION(S) HELD WITH REGISTRANT	TERM OF OFFICE** AND LENGTH OF TIME SERVED	PRINCIPAL OCCUPATIONS DURING THE PAST OTHER AFFILIATIONS
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### OFFICERS:

J. Thomas Futrell Year of birth: 1955 Chief Executive Officer	Since 2008	Senior Managing Director and Chief In Advisors, LLC and Claymore Securities Executive Officer of certain funds in Managing Director of Research, Nuveen
Kevin M. Robinson Year of birth: 1959 Chief Legal Officer	Since 2008	Senior Managing Director, General Cou (2007-present) of Claymore Advisors, Chief Legal Officer of certain funds Associate General Counsel (2000-2007) Archipelago Holdings, Inc. Senior Man General Counsel (1997-2000) of ABN Am the Enforcement Division (1989-1997) Commission.

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Steven M. Hill Year of birth: 1964 Chief Financial Officer, Chief Accounting Officer and Treasurer	Since 2004	Senior Managing Director of Claymore Securities, Inc. (2005-present). Form (2005-2006) Claymore Group Inc. Manag LLC and Claymore Securities, Inc. (20 Henderson Global Funds and Operations Investors (North America) Inc. (2002- FrontPoint Partners LLC (2001-2002)
Matthew J. Patterson Year of birth: 1971 Secretary	Since 2006	Vice President, Assistant General Cou Inc. (2006-present). Chief Compliance Group of Mutual Funds (2005-2006); Ch Secretary, Caterpillar Investment Man Securities Counsel, Caterpillar, Inc. Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP (2002
Jay Sekelsky 550 Science Drive Madison, WI 53711 Year of birth: 1959 Vice President	Since 2004	Managing Director of Madison Investme of Madison Asset Management, LLC; Vic family of funds and Madison Strategio
Kay Frank 550 Science Drive Madison, WI 53711 Year of birth: 1960 Vice President	Since 2004	Managing Director of Madison Investme of Madison Asset Management, LLC; Pre family of funds and President of Madi
Stephen Share 550 Science Drive Madison, WI 53711 Year of birth: 1967 Vice President	Since 2006	Vice President, Madison Asset Managem Analyst, University of Wisconsin Foun Analyst, Ark Asset Management (1999-2
Greg Hoppe Year of birth: 1969	Since 2008	Vice President of Madison Mosaic, LLC Management LLC
Bruce Saxon Year of birth: 1957 Chief Compliance Officer	Since 2006	Vice President-Fund Compliance Office 2006-present). Previously, Chief Comp of Harris Investment Management, Inc. of Harris direct LLC (1999-2003).

\* Address for all Officers, unless otherwise noted: 2455 Corporate West Drive, Lisle, IL 60532

\*\* Officers serve at the pleasure of the Board of Trustees and until his or her successor is appointed and qualified or until his or her earlier resignation or removal.

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Dividend Reinvestment PLAN | (Unaudited)

Unless the registered owner of common shares elects to receive cash by contacting the Plan Administrator, all dividends declared on common shares of the Fund will be automatically reinvested by the Bank of New York Mellon (the

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

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

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

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

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

The Fund reserves the right to amend or terminate the Plan. There is no direct service charge to participants with regard to purchases in the Plan; however, the Fund reserves the right to amend the Plan to include a service charge payable by the participants. All correspondence or questions concerning the Plan should be directed to the Plan Administrator, BNY Mellon Shareowner Services, PO Box 358015, Pittsburgh, PA 15252-8015, Phone Number: (866) 488-3559.

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Fund INFORMATION |

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Randall C. Barnes

Philip E. Blake

Frank Burgess\*

Nicholas Dalmaso\*\*

James Imhoff, Jr.

Ronald A. Nyberg

Ronald E. Toupin, Jr.

Lorence Wheeler

\* Trustee is an "interested person" of the Fund as defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.

\*\* Trustee is an "interested person" of the Trust as defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, as a result of his former position as an officer of, and his equity ownership in, the Adviser and certain of its affiliates.

OFFICERS

J. Thomas Futrell  
Chief Executive Officer

Kevin M. Robinson  
Chief Legal Officer

Steven M. Hill  
Chief Financial Officer, Chief

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Accounting Officer and Treasurer

Frank Burgess  
Senior Vice President

Matthew Patterson  
Secretary

Jay Sekelsky  
Vice President

Kay Frank  
Vice President

Stephen Share  
Vice President

Greg Hoppe  
Vice President

Bruce Saxon  
Chief Compliance Officer

INVESTMENT MANAGER  
Madison Asset Management, LLC  
550 Science Drive  
Madison, WI 53711

INVESTMENT ADVISER  
Claymore Advisors, LLC  
2455 Corporate West Drive  
Lisle, IL 60532

ADMINISTRATOR  
Claymore Advisors, LLC  
2455 Corporate West Drive  
Lisle, IL 60532

CUSTODIAN AND TRANSFER AGENT  
The Bank of New York Mellon  
New York, New York

LEGAL COUNSEL  
Vedder Price P.C.  
Chicago, Illinois

INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM  
Ernst & Young LLP  
Chicago, Illinois

### PRIVACY PRINCIPLES OF MADISON/CLAYMORE COVERED CALL & EQUITY STRATEGY FUND FOR SHAREHOLDERS

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

Generally, the Fund does not receive any non-public personal information relating to its shareholders, although certain non-public personal information of its shareholders may become available to the Fund. The Fund does not disclose any non-public personal information about its shareholders or former

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shareholders to anyone, except as permitted by law or as is necessary in order to service shareholder accounts (for example, to a transfer agent or third party administrator).

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

### QUESTIONS CONCERNING YOUR SHARES OF MADISON/CLAYMORE COVERED CALL & EQUITY STRATEGY FUND?

- o If your shares are held in a Brokerage Account, contact your Broker.
- o If you have physical possession of your shares in certificate form, contact the Fund's Custodian and Transfer Agent:

The Bank of New York Mellon, 101 Barclay 11W, New York, New York  
10286 (866) 488-3559

This report is sent to shareholders of Madison/Claymore Covered Call & Equity Strategy Fund for their information. It is not a Prospectus, circular or representation intended for use in the purchase or sale of shares of the Fund or of any securities mentioned in this report.

A description of the Fund's proxy voting policies and procedures related to portfolio securities is available without charge, upon request, by calling the Fund at (800) 851-0264.

Information regarding how the Fund voted proxies for portfolio securities, if applicable, during the most recent 12-month period ended June 30, is also available, without charge and upon request by calling the Fund at (800) 851-0264 or by accessing the Fund's Form N-PX on the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov) or [www.claymore.com](http://www.claymore.com).

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

In August 2008, the Fund submitted a CEO annual certification to the NYSE in which the Fund's principal executive officer certified that he was not aware, as of the date of the certification, of any violation by the Fund of the NYSE's Corporate Governance listing standards. In addition, as required by Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and related SEC rules, the Fund's principal executive and principal financial officers have made quarterly certifications, including in filings with the SEC on forms N-CSR and N-Q, relating to, among other things, the Fund's disclosure controls and procedures and internal control over financial reporting.

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

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About the FUND MANAGER |

### MADISON ASSET MANAGEMENT, LLC

Madison Asset Management, LLC, (MAM) a wholly-owned subsidiary of Madison Investment Advisors, Inc., with its affiliates, manages more than \$7 billion in individual, corporate, pension, insurance, endowment and mutual fund assets.

### INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY

MAM believes in investing in high-quality growth companies, which deliver potentially consistent and sustainable earnings growth, yet sell at attractive valuations. Historically, shareholders of these types of companies have been rewarded over the long term with above-average returns, and favorable risk characteristics. Constructing portfolios with positive risk/reward profiles has historically allowed clients to participate during strong market environments, while mitigating potential declines.

### INVESTMENT PROCESS

The managers employ a fundamental, bottom-up strategy in constructing equity portfolios. The managers look for companies that they believe are consistently growing at an above-average pace, yet sell at below-average multiple.

The managers follow a rigorous three-step process when evaluating companies and then employ an actively-managed option strategy to help enhance income and mitigate downside risk.

1. BUSINESS MODEL. The managers look for a sustainable competitive advantage, cash flow that is both predictable and growing, as well as a rock-solid balance sheet.
2. MANAGEMENT. When assessing management, the managers look to see how the company has allocated capital in the past, their track record for enhancing shareholder value and the nature of their accounting practices.
3. PROPER VALUATION. The final step in the process is assessing the proper valuation for the company. The managers strive to purchase securities trading at a discount to their intrinsic value as determined by discounted cash flows. They corroborate this valuation work with additional valuation methodologies.

The covered call investment strategy focuses on stocks in which the managers have high confidence in their continuing earnings growth rates, but sell at reasonable Price-Earnings Ratios. By writing the majority of the Fund's calls out-of-the-money, meaning the strike price is higher than the stock price, the Fund can participate in some stock appreciation while still receiving income in the form of option premiums. The covered call strategy also tends to reduce the risk compared to just owning the stock.

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Lisle, IL 60532  
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### ITEM 2. CODE OF ETHICS.

- (a) The registrant has adopted a code of ethics (the "Code of Ethics") that applies to its principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer or controller, or persons performing similar functions.
- (b) No information need be disclosed pursuant to this paragraph.
- (c) During the registrant's fiscal year ended December 31, 2008, the Code of Ethics was not amended.
- (d) The registrant has not granted a waiver or an implicit waiver to its principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer or controller, or persons performing similar functions from a provision of its Code of Ethics during the period covered by this report.
- (e) Not applicable.
- (f) (1) The registrant's Code of Ethics is attached hereto as an exhibit.  
(2) Not applicable.  
(3) Not applicable.

### ITEM 3. AUDIT COMMITTEE FINANCIAL EXPERT.

The registrant's Board of Trustees has determined that it has at least one audit committee financial expert serving on its audit committee (the "Audit Committee"), Ronald E. Toupin, Jr. Mr. Toupin is an "independent" Trustee for purposes of this Item 3 of Form N-CSR. Mr. Toupin qualifies as an audit committee financial expert by virtue of his experience obtained as a portfolio manager and research analyst, which included review and analysis of offering documents and audited and unaudited financial statements using GAAP to show accounting estimates, accruals and reserves.

(Under applicable securities laws, a person who is determined to be an audit committee financial expert will not be deemed an "expert" for any purpose, including without limitation for the purposes of Section 11 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, as a result of being designated or identified as an audit committee financial expert. The designation or identification of a person as an audit committee financial expert does not impose on such person any duties, obligations, or liabilities that are greater than the duties, obligations, and liabilities imposed on such person as a member of the Audit Committee and Board of Trustees in the absence of such designation or identification. The designation or identification of a person as an audit committee financial expert does not affect the duties, obligations or liability of any other member of the Audit Committee or Board of Trustees.)

### ITEM 4. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT FEES AND SERVICES.

- (a) **Audit Fees:** the aggregate fees billed for professional services rendered by the principal accountant for the audit of the registrant's annual financial statements or services that are normally provided by the accountant in connection with statutory and regulatory filings or engagements were \$46,500 for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2008, and \$48,000 for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2007.

- (b) **Audit-Related Fees:** the aggregate fees billed for assurance and related services by the principal accountant that are reasonably related to the performance of the audit of the registrant's financial statements and are not reported under paragraph 4(a) were \$0 for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2008 and \$0 for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2007.
- (c) **Tax Fees:** the aggregate fees billed for professional services rendered by the principal accountant for tax compliance, tax advice, and tax planning were \$6,500 for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2008 and \$6,200 for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2007.
- (d) **All Other Fees:** the aggregate fees billed for products and services provided by the principal accountant, other than the services reported in paragraphs (a) and (c) of this Item were \$0 for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2008 and \$0 for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2007.

The registrant's principal accountant did not bill fees for non-audit services that required approval by the Audit Committee pursuant to paragraph (c)(7)(ii) of Rule 2-01 of Regulation S-X during the Registrant's last two fiscal years.

- (e) **Audit Committee Pre-Approval Policies and Procedures.**

(i) The Audit Committee reviews, and in its sole discretion, pre-approves, pursuant to written pre-approval procedures (A) all engagements for audit and non-audit services to be provided by the principal accountant to the registrant and (B) all engagements for non-audit services to be provided by the principal accountant (1) to the registrant's investment adviser (not including a sub-adviser whose role is primarily portfolio management and is sub-contracted or overseen by another investment adviser) and (2) to any entity controlling, controlled by or under common control with the registrant's investment adviser that provides ongoing services to the registrant; but in the case of the services described in subsection (B)(1) or (2), only if the engagement relates directly to the operations and financial reporting of the registrant; provided that such pre-approval need not be obtained in circumstances in which the pre-approval requirement is waived under rules promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission or New York Stock Exchange listing standards. Sections IV.C.2 and IV.C.3 of the Audit Committee's revised Audit Committee Charter contain the Audit Committee's Pre-Approval Policies and Procedures and such sections are included below.

IV.C.2 Pre-approve any engagement of the independent auditors to provide any non-prohibited services to the Trust, including the fees and other compensation to be paid to the independent auditors (unless an exception is available under Rule 2-01 of Regulation S-X).

(a) The Chairman or any member of the Audit Committee may grant the pre-approval of services to the Fund for non-prohibited services up to \$10,000. All such delegated pre-approvals shall be presented to the Audit Committee no later than the next Audit Committee meeting.

IV.C.3 Pre-approve any engagement of the independent auditors, including the fees and other compensation to be paid to the independent auditors, to provide any non-audit services to the Adviser (or any "control affiliate" of the Adviser providing ongoing services to the Trust), if the engagement relates directly to the operations and financial reporting of the Trust (unless an exception is available under Rule 2-01 of Regulation S-X).

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- (a) The Chairman or any member of the Audit Committee may grant the pre-approval for non-prohibited services to the Adviser up to \$10,000. All such delegated pre-approvals shall be presented to the Audit Committee no later than the next Audit Committee meeting.

(ii) None of the services described in each of Items 4(b) through (d) were approved by the Audit Committee pursuant to paragraph (c) (7) (i) (C) of Rule 2-01 of Regulation S-X.

- (f) Not applicable.

(g) The aggregate non-audit fees billed by the registrant's accountant for services rendered to the registrant, the registrant's investment adviser and any entity controlling, controlled by, or under common control with the adviser that provides ongoing services to the registrant (not including a sub-adviser whose role is primarily portfolio management and is sub-contracted with or overseen by another investment adviser) that directly related to the operations and financial reporting of the registrant was \$6,500 for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2008 and \$6,200 for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2007.

- (h) Not Applicable.

### ITEM 5. AUDIT COMMITTEE OF LISTED REGISTRANTS.

(a) The Audit Committee was established in accordance with Section 3(a) (58) (A) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. The Audit Committee is comprised of: Randall C. Barnes, Philip E. Blake, James R. Imhoff, Jr., Ronald A. Nyberg, Ronald E. Toupin, Jr. and Lorence D. Wheeler.

- (b) Not Applicable.

### ITEM 6. SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS.

The Schedule of Investments is included as part of Item 1.

### ITEM 7. DISCLOSURE OF PROXY VOTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR CLOSED-END MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES.

The registrant has delegated the responsibility for voting of proxies relating to its voting securities to its investment manager, Madison Asset Management, LLC (the "Investment Manager"). The Investment Manager's proxy voting policies and procedures are included as an exhibit hereto.

### ITEM 8. PORTFOLIO MANAGERS OF CLOSED-END MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES.

(a) (1) Frank E. Burgess, the President and founder of Madison Investment Advisors, Inc., is responsible for the day-to-day management of the registrant's portfolio. The Investment Manager is a wholly owned subsidiary of Madison Investment Advisors, Inc.

- (a) (2) Other portfolios managed.

As of the end of the registrant's most recent fiscal year, Mr. Burgess was involved in the management of the following accounts:

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NAME OF MANAGER	CATEGORY OF OTHER ACCOUNTS MANAGED	NUMBER MANAGED IN CATEGORY	TOTAL ASSETS IN CATEGORY	ARISE IN CONNECTION WITH THE MANAGER'S MANAGEMENT OF THE TRUST'S INVESTMENT AND THE INVESTMENT THE OTHER ACCOUNTS
Frank Burgess	Registered investment companies	3* (including the* registrant)	\$ 214,364,000	None identified. On the four funds managed by Mr. Burgess, the Madison Mosaic Equity Trust ("MADOX"), has investment strategies similar to the registrant. MADOX contains a fulcrum that rewards Madison Management, LLC ("MAM") if MADOX outperforms the BXM Index and penalizes MAM for underperforming the As of the date of this filing, MADOX assets approximately \$4 million. MAM's compliance program includes procedures to monitor trades by MAM the registrant and
	Other pooled investment vehicles	0	\$ 0	funds managed by the portfolio manager.
	Other accounts	None	Not applicable	None identified

\* Except as disclosed above with regard to MADOX, the advisory fee was not based on the performance of any of these accounts.

## (a) (3) Compensation.

All compensation is measured and paid on an annual, calendar year basis. The portfolio manager is a majority owner of the Investment Manager and does not receive "incentive" compensation.

NAME OF MANAGER	STRUCTURE OF COMPENSATION FOR MANAGING MOSAIC EQUITY TRUST PORTFOLIOS	SPECIFIC CRITERIA	DIFFERENCE IN METHOD OF COMPENSATION OTHER ACCOUNTS (RELATES TO THE ACCOUNTS" MENTIONED CHART ABOVE)

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Frank Burgess	<p>The Investment Manager believes investment professionals should receive compensation for the performance of their client's accounts, their individual effort, and the overall profitability of the firm. The manager is a controlling shareholder of Madison Investment Advisors, Inc. and participates in the overall profitability of the firm through his individual ownership in the firm. Madison Investment Advisors, Inc. also offers an Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP) in which all employees are eligible to participate in after one year</p> <p>of employment. The Investment Manager believes its portfolio managers' goals are aligned with those of long-term investors, recognizing client goals to outperform over the long-term, rather than focused on short-term performance contests.</p>	Not applicable.	None. Compensation on the entire employment relationship, not the performance of account or type of
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## (a) (4) Ownership of Securities.

As of December 31, 2008, the portfolio manager beneficially owned the following amounts of the registrant:

NAME OF MANAGER -----	NAME OF REGISTRANT -----	RANGE OF OWNERSHIP INTEREST -----
Frank Burgess	Madison/Claymore Covered Call & Equity Strategy Fund	\$100,001 - \$500,000

## (b) Not applicable.

## ITEM 9. PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES BY CLOSED-END MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY AND AFFILIATED PURCHASERS.

None.

## ITEM 10. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS.

On January 20, 2009, the registrant's Board of Trustees (the "Board") approved a revised written charter (the "Nominating and Governance Committee Charter") for its nominating and governance committee (the "Nominating and Governance Committee") that contains changes to the procedures by which shareholders may recommend nominees to the Board.

Under the Nominating and Governance Charter, the previously existing procedures

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by which shareholders may recommend nominees to the Board, as described in the registrant's proxy statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 25, 2008, remain in effect. In addition to these previously existing procedures, the Nominating and Governance Charter includes a new requirement that following the submission by a shareholder of a Trustee candidate recommendation, a Trustee candidate must (i) be prepared to submit written answers to a questionnaire seeking professional and personal information that will assist the Nominating and Governance Committee to evaluate the candidate and to determine, among other matters, whether the candidate would qualify as a Trustee who is not an "interested person" of the registrant as such term is defined under the Investment Company Act of 1940; (ii) be prepared to submit character references and agree to appropriate background checks; and (iii) be prepared to meet with one or more members of the Nominating and Governance Committee at a time and location convenient to those Nominating and Governance Committee members in order to discuss the nominee's qualifications.

A copy of the Nominating and Governance Committee Charter will be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission as an appendix to the registrant's 2009 proxy statement.

### ITEM 11. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES.

(a) The registrant's principal executive officer and principal financial officer have evaluated the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 30a-3(c) under the Investment Company Act of 1940) as of a date within 90 days of this filing and have concluded based on such evaluation, that the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures were effective, as of that date, in ensuring that information required to be disclosed by the registrant in this Form N-CSR was recorded, processed, summarized, and reported within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules and forms.

(b) There were no changes in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the Investment Company Act of 1940) that occurred during the registrant's last fiscal quarter of the period covered by this report that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

### ITEM 12. EXHIBITS.

(a)(1) Code of Ethics for Chief Executive and Senior Financial Officer.

(a)(2) Certifications of principal executive officer and principal financial officer pursuant to Rule 30a-2(a) of the Investment Company Act.

(a)(3) Not Applicable.

(b) Certifications of principal executive officer and principal financial officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

(c) Madison Asset Management, LLC Proxy Voting Policies

### SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

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(Registrant) Madison / Claymore Covered Call & Equity Strategy Fund

By: /s/ J. Thomas Futrell

Name: J. Thomas Futrell

Title: Chief Executive Officer

Date: March 5, 2009

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, this report has been signed by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

By: /s/ J. Thomas Futrell

Name: J. Thomas Futrell

Title: Chief Executive Officer

Date: March 5, 2009

By: /s/ Steven M. Hill

Name: Steven M. Hill

Title: Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer

Date: March 5, 2009