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FIDUCIARY/CLAYMORE MLP OPPORTUNITY FUND

2455 Corporate West Drive
Lisle, Illinois 60532

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

To be held on July 27, 2011

Notice is hereby given to the holders of common shares of beneficial interest, par value \$0.01 per share (“Shares”) of Fiduciary/Claymore MLP Opportunity Fund (the “Fund”) that the annual meeting of shareholders of the Fund (the “Annual Meeting”) will be held at the offices of the Fund, 2455 Corporate West Drive, Lisle, Illinois 60532, on Wednesday, July 27, 2011, at 11:30 a.m. Central time. The Annual Meeting is being held for the following purposes:

1. To elect Trustees in the following manner:
 - (a) To elect the Trustee nominee named in the accompanying proxy statement, Mr. Randall C. Barnes, as a Class I Trustee to serve until the Fund’s 2014 annual meeting of shareholders or until his successor shall have been elected and qualified.
 - (b) To elect the Trustee nominees named in the accompanying proxy statement, Mr. Roman Friedrich III and Mr. Ronald A Nyberg, as Class II Trustees to serve until the Fund’s 2012 annual meeting of shareholders or until their respective successors shall have been elected and qualified.
 - (c) To elect the Trustee nominees named in the accompanying proxy statement, Mr. Robert B. Karn III and Mr. Ronald E Toupin, Jr., as Class III Trustees to serve until the Fund’s 2013 annual meeting of shareholders or until their respective successors shall have been elected and qualified.
 2. To transact such other business as may properly come before the Annual Meeting or any adjournments or postponements thereof.
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The Board of Trustees (the “Board”) of the Fund, including the Independent Trustees, unanimously recommends that you vote “FOR ALL” of the nominees for the Board of Trustees listed in the accompanying Proxy Statement.

The Board has fixed the close of business on June 10, 2011, as the record date (the “Record Date”) for the determination of shareholders entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the Annual Meeting. We urge you to mark, sign, date, and mail the enclosed proxy in the postage-paid envelope provided or vote your proxy via telephone or the Internet so you will be represented at the Annual Meeting.

By order of the
Board of Trustees

Kevin M. Robinson
Chief Executive Officer

Lisle, Illinois
June 27, 2011

YOUR VOTE IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT. NO MATTER HOW MANY OR HOW FEW SHARES YOU OWN, PLEASE SEND IN YOUR PROXY CARD (OR VOTE YOUR PROXY BY TELEPHONE OR THROUGH THE INTERNET PURSUANT TO THE INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED ON THE PROXY CARD) TODAY. WHETHER OR NOT YOU PLAN TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL MEETING, PLEASE VOTE YOUR PROXY BY TELEPHONE, INTERNET OR MAIL. IF VOTING YOUR PROXY BY MAIL, PLEASE SIGN, DATE AND RETURN THE ENCLOSED PROXY CARD IN THE ACCOMPANYING POSTAGE-PAID ENVELOPE. IF YOU ATTEND THE ANNUAL MEETING AND VOTE IN PERSON, YOUR VOTE AT THE ANNUAL MEETING WILL REVOKE ANY PROXY YOU MAY HAVE SUBMITTED. MERELY ATTENDING THE ANNUAL MEETING, HOWEVER, WILL NOT REVOKE ANY PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED PROXY. IF YOU INTEND TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL MEETING IN PERSON AND YOU ARE A RECORD HOLDER OF THE FUND'S SHARES, IN ORDER TO GAIN ADMISSION YOU MUST SHOW PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION, SUCH AS YOUR DRIVER'S LICENSE. IF YOU INTEND TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL MEETING IN PERSON AND YOU HOLD YOUR SHARES THROUGH A BANK, BROKER OR OTHER CUSTODIAN, IN ORDER TO GAIN ADMISSION YOU MUST SHOW PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION, SUCH AS YOUR DRIVER'S LICENSE, AND SATISFACTORY PROOF OF OWNERSHIP OF SHARES OF THE FUND, SUCH AS YOUR VOTING INSTRUCTION FORM (OR A COPY THEREOF) OR BROKER'S STATEMENT INDICATING OWNERSHIP AS OF A RECENT DATE. IF YOU HOLD YOUR SHARES IN A BROKERAGE ACCOUNT OR THROUGH A BANK OR OTHER NOMINEE, YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO VOTE IN PERSON AT THE ANNUAL MEETING UNLESS YOU HAVE PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED AND OBTAINED A "LEGAL PROXY" FROM YOUR BROKER, BANK OR OTHER NOMINEE AND PRESENT IT AT THE ANNUAL MEETING.

FIDUCIARY/CLAYMORE MLP OPPORTUNITY FUND

PROXY STATEMENT

FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS
TO BE HELD ON JULY 27, 2010

This proxy statement (“Proxy Statement”) is furnished to the holders of common shares of beneficial interest, par value \$0.01 per share (“Shares”) of Fiduciary/Claymore MLP Opportunity Fund (the “Fund”) in connection with the solicitation by the Board of Trustees of the Fund (the “Board”) of proxies to be voted at the annual meeting of shareholders of the Fund to be held on Wednesday, July 27, 2011, and any adjournment or postponement thereof (the “Annual Meeting”). The Annual Meeting will be held at the offices of the Fund, 2455 Corporate West Drive, Lisle, Illinois 60532 on July 27, 2011, at 11:30 a.m. Central time.

This Proxy Statement gives you information you need to vote on the matters listed on the accompanying Notice of Annual Meeting of Shareholders (“Notice of Annual Meeting”). Much of the information in this Proxy Statement is required under rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”). If there is anything you don’t understand, please contact us at our toll-free number, (888) 991-0091.

The Fund will furnish, without charge, a copy of the Fund’s most recent annual report and/or semi-annual report to shareholders to any shareholder upon request. Requests should be directed to Guggenheim Funds, 2455 Corporate West Drive, Lisle, Illinois 60532, (888) 991-0091.

The Notice of Annual Meeting, this Proxy Statement and the enclosed proxy card are first being sent to the Fund’s shareholders on or about June 27, 2011.

- Why is a Shareholder meeting being held?
The Fund’s Shares are listed on the New York Stock Exchange (the “NYSE”) under the ticker symbol “FMO”, which requires the Fund to hold an annual meeting of shareholders to elect Trustees each fiscal year.
- What proposal will be voted on at the Annual Meeting?
Shareholders of the Fund are being asked to vote on the following proposal at the Annual Meeting:
 1. To elect Trustees in the following manner:
 - (a) To elect the Trustee nominee named in this Proxy Statement, Mr. Randall C. Barnes, as a Class I Trustee to serve until the Fund’s 2014 annual meeting of

shareholders or until his successor shall have been elected and qualified.

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- (b) To elect the Trustee nominees named in this Proxy Statement, Mr. Roman Friedrich III and Mr. Ronald A. Nyberg, as Class II Trustees to serve until the Fund's 2012 annual meeting of shareholders or until their respective successors shall have been elected and qualified.
- (c) To elect the Trustee nominees named in this Proxy Statement, Mr. Robert B. Karn III and Mr. Ronald E. Toupin, Jr., as Class III Trustees to serve until the Fund's 2013 annual meeting of shareholders or until their respective successors shall have been elected and qualified.

- Why am I being asked to elect five trustees?

The Trustees of the Fund are classified into three classes of Trustees: Class I Trustees, Class II Trustees and Class III Trustees. Generally, the Trustees of only one class are elected at each annual meeting of shareholders, so that the regular term of only one class of Trustees will expire annually and any particular Trustee stands for election only once in each three year period. However, in an effort to achieve cost savings and efficiencies in fund governance within the Fund Complex (as defined herein), the Fund and certain other funds in the Fund Complex have sought to realign their boards of trustees. In furtherance of these efficiencies, the Board of Trustees of the Fund determined to reclassify the Trustees of the Fund so that their terms of office more closely match their terms of office as trustees of other funds within the Fund Complex. To complete this reclassification, all five Trustees are standing for election this year.

- Will your vote make a difference?

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

- Who is asking for your vote?

The enclosed proxy is solicited by the Board for use at the Annual Meeting to be held on Wednesday, July 27, 2011, and, if the Annual Meeting is adjourned or postponed, at any later meetings, for the purposes stated in the Notice of Annual Meeting.

- How does the Board recommend that shareholders vote on proposals?

Board, including the Independent Trustees, unanimously recommends that you vote "FOR ALL" of the nominees for the Board of Trustees.

- Who is eligible to vote?

Shareholders of record of the Fund at the close of business on June 10, 2011 (the “Record Date”), are entitled to be present and to vote at the Annual Meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof. Shareholders will be entitled to one vote on each matter to be voted for each Share of the Fund held and a fractional vote with respect to fractional Shares, with no cumulative voting.

- How do you vote your Shares?

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

If you wish to attend the Annual Meeting and vote in person, you will be able to do so. If you intend to attend the Annual Meeting in person and you are a record holder of the Fund’s Shares, in order to gain admission you must show photographic identification, such as your driver’s license. If you intend to attend the Annual Meeting in person and you hold your Shares through a bank, broker or other custodian, in order to gain admission you must show photographic identification, such as your driver’s license, and satisfactory proof of ownership of Shares of the Fund, such as your voting instruction form (or a copy thereof) or broker’s statement indicating ownership as of a recent date. If you hold your Shares in a brokerage account or through a bank or other nominee, you will not be able to vote in person at the annual meeting unless you have previously requested and obtained a “legal proxy” from your broker, bank or other nominee and present it at the Annual Meeting. You may contact the Fund at (888) 991-0091 to obtain directions to the site of the Annual Meeting.

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

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

- What vote is required to approve the Proposal?

The affirmative vote of a majority of the Shares present in person or represented by proxy and entitled to vote on the matter at the Annual Meeting at which a quorum is present is necessary to elect a Trustee nominee.

The holders of a majority of the Shares entitled to vote on any matter at a meeting present in person or by proxy shall constitute a quorum at such meeting of the shareholders for purposes of conducting business on such matter. Votes withheld and broker non-votes will be counted as Shares present at the Annual Meeting for quorum purposes.

- How many Shares of the Fund were outstanding as of the Record Date?

At the close of business on the Record Date, the Fund had 24,432,393 Common Shares outstanding.

THE PROPOSAL: ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

The Fund's Shares are listed on the NYSE, which requires the Fund to hold an annual meeting of shareholders to elect Trustees each fiscal year. Shareholders of the Fund are being asked to elect Mr. Randall C. Barnes as a Class I Trustee, Mr. Roman Friedrich III and Mr. Ronald A. Nyberg as Class II Trustees and Mr. Robert B. Karn III and Mr. Ronald E. Toupin, Jr. as Class III Trustees.

Composition of the Board of Trustees

The Trustees of the Fund are classified into three classes of Trustees: Class I Trustees, Class II Trustees and Class III Trustees. Generally, the Trustees of only one class are elected at each annual meeting of shareholders, so that the regular term of only one class of Trustees will expire annually and any particular Trustee stands for election only once in each three year period. However, in an effort to achieve cost savings and efficiencies in fund governance within the Fund Complex (as defined herein), the Fund and certain other funds in the Fund Complex have sought to realign their boards of trustees. In furtherance of these efficiencies, the Board of Trustees of the Fund determined to reclassify the Trustees of the Fund so that their terms of office more closely match their terms of office as trustees of other funds within the Fund Complex. To complete this reclassification, all five Trustees are standing for election this year. If the Trustee nominees are elected, the composition of the Board of Trustees will be as follows.

CLASS I TRUSTEE

-Mr. Randall C. Barnes. If elected, the term of the Class I Trustee will continue until the Fund's 2014 annual meeting of shareholders or until a successor shall have been elected and qualified.

CLASS II TRUSTEES

- Mr. Roman Friedrich III and Mr. Ronald A. Nyberg. If elected, the term of the Class II Trustees will continue until the Fund's 2012 annual meeting of shareholders or until successors shall have been elected and qualified.

CLASS III TRUSTEES

- Mr. Robert B. Karn III and Mr. Ronald E. Toupin, Jr. If elected, the term of the Class III Trustees of the Fund will continue until the Fund's 2013 annual meeting of shareholders or until successors shall have been elected and qualified.

Each trustee nominee elected at the Annual Meeting will hold office for the term set forth above in accordance with his respective Class or until his respective successor shall have been elected and qualified. Thereafter, it is expected that each Trustee will serve three years terms in accordance with his respective Class or until his respective successor shall have been elected and qualified.

Unless authority is withheld, it is the intention of the persons named in the proxy to vote the proxy "FOR ALL" the election of the trustee nominees named

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above. Each trustee nominee nominated by the Board has indicated that he has consented to serve as a Trustee if elected at the Annual Meeting. If a designated trustee nominee declines or otherwise becomes unavailable for election, however, the proxy confers discretionary power on the persons named therein to vote in favor of a substitute nominee or nominees.

Trustees

Certain information concerning the Trustees and officers of the Fund is set forth in the tables below. Independent Trustees are those who are not interested persons of the Fund, the Fund’s investment adviser, Guggenheim Funds Investment Advisors, LLC (the “Adviser”) or the Fund’s sub-adviser, Fiduciary Asset Management, LLC (the “Sub-Adviser”), and comply with the definition of “independent” (as defined in Rule 10A-3 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended) (the “Independent Trustees”).

The Fund is part of a fund complex (referred to herein as the “Fund Complex”) that consists of U.S. registered investment companies advised or serviced by the Adviser or its affiliates. The Fund Complex is composed of 15 closed-end funds, including the Fund, and 43 exchange-traded funds. The Fund Complex is overseen by multiple boards of trustees.

Name, Address(1) and Age	Position(s) Held with Fund	Term of Office(2) and Length of Time Served	Principal Occupation During The Past Five Years	Number of Portfolios in Fund Complex Overseen by Trustee	Other Directorships held by Trustee During the Past Five Years
INDEPENDENT TRUSTEES:					
Randall C. Barnes(3) Year of birth: 1951	Trustee	Trustee since 2004	Private Investor (2001-Present). Formerly, Senior Vice President & Treasurer PepsiCo, Inc. (1993-1997), President, Pizza Hut International (1991-1993) and Senior Vice President, Strategic Planning and New Business Development, PepsiCo, Inc. (1987-1990).	54	None.

Roman Friedrich III(3)	Trustee	Trustee	Senior Managing Director of McNicoll, Lewis & Vlak, an investment bank and institutional broker-dealer specializing in capital intensive industries such as energy, metals and mining (2010-present). Founder and President of Roman Friedrich & Company, Ltd. a mining and metals investment bank (1998-present)	48	Director, Zincore Metals Inc. (2009-present) and Windstorm Resources Inc. (March 2011-present).
Year of Birth:		since 2011			
1946					
Robert B. Karn III(3)	Trustee	Trustee	Consultant (1998-present). Previously, Managing Partner, Financial and Economic Consulting, St. Louis office of Arthur Andersen, LLP.	48	Director of Peabody Energy Company (2003-present), GP Natural Resource Partners LLC (2002-present).
Year of birth:		since 2004			
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Name, Address(1) and Age	Position(s) Held with Fund	Term of Office(2) and Length of Time Served	Principal Occupation During The Past Five Years	Number of Directorships Portfolios in Fund Complex Overseen by Trustee	Other Directorships held by Trustee During the Past Five Years
Ronald A. Nyberg(3) Year of birth: 1953	Trustee	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).	56	None.
Ronald E. Toupin, Jr.(3) Year of birth: 1958	Trustee	Trustee since 2004	Portfolio Consultant (2010-present). Formerly, Vice President, Manager and Portfolio Manager of Nuveen Asset Management (1998-1999), Vice President of Nuveen Investment Advisory Corp. (1992-1999), Vice President and Manager of Nuveen Unit Investment Trusts (1991-1999) and Assistant Vice President and Portfolio Manager of Nuveen Unit Investment Trusts (1988-1999), each of John Nuveen & Company, Inc. (1982-1999).	53	Trustee, Bennett Group of Funds (2011-present)

(1) The business address of each Trustee is 2455 Corporate West Drive, Lisle, Illinois 60532, unless otherwise noted.

(2) Each Trustee is generally expected to serve a term as set forth herein under “Composition of the Board of Trustees.”

(3) Nominee for election as a Trustee at the Annual Meeting.

Trustee Qualifications

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

The following is a summary of the experience, qualifications, attributes and skills of each Trustee that support the conclusion, as of the date of this proxy statement, that each Trustee should serve as a Trustee in light of the Fund's business and structure. References to the qualifications, attributes and skills of Trustees are pursuant to requirements of the SEC, do not constitute holding out of the Board or any Trustee as being an expert under Section 7 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the rules and regulations of the SEC thereunder.

Randall C. Barnes. Mr. Barnes has served as a Trustee of the Fund and other funds in the Fund Complex since 2004. Mr. Barnes also serves on the board of certain Claymore Investments, Inc. (an affiliate of the Adviser) sponsored Canadian funds. Through his service as a Trustee of the Fund and as a member of the Audit Committee, employment experience as President of Pizza Hut International and as Treasurer of PepsiCo, Inc. and his personal investment experience. Mr. Barnes is experienced in financial, accounting, regulatory and investment matters.

Roman Friedrich III. Mr. Friedrich has served as a Trustee of the Fund since 2011 and other funds in the Fund Complex since 2003. Mr. Friedrich also serves on the board of certain Claymore Investments, Inc. (an affiliate of the Adviser) sponsored Canadian funds. Through his service as a Trustee, his service on other public company boards, his experience as Managing Director of McNicoll, Lewis & Vlak, an investment bank and institutional broker-dealer; his experience as founder and President of Roman Friedrich & Company, a financial advisory firm; and his prior experience as a senior executive of various financial securities firms, Mr. Friedrich is experienced in financial, investment and regulatory matters.

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

Ronald A. Nyberg. Mr. Nyberg has served as a Trustee of the Fund since 2004 and other funds in the Fund Complex since 2003. Through his service as a Trustee of the Fund and as chairman of the Nominating & Governance Committee, his professional training and experience as an attorney and partner of a law firm, Nyberg & Cassioppi, LLC, and his prior employment experience, including Executive Vice President and General Counsel of Van Kampen Investments, an asset management firm, Mr. Nyberg is experienced in financial, regulatory and governance matters.

Ronald E. Toupin, Jr. Mr. Toupin has served as a Trustee of the Fund since 2004 and other funds in the Fund Complex since 2003. Through his service as a Trustee of the Fund and as chairman of the Board, and his professional training and employment experience, including Vice President and Portfolio Manager for Nuveen Asset Management, an asset management firm, Mr. Toupin is experienced in financial, regulatory and investment matters.

Each Trustee also now has considerable familiarity with the Fund, the Adviser and other service providers, and their operations, as well as the special regulatory requirements governing regulated investment companies and the special responsibilities of investment company trustees as a result of his substantial prior service as a Trustee of the Fund and/or other funds in the Fund Complex.

Executive Officers

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

Name, Address(1) and Age	Title	Term of Office(2) and Length of Time Served	Principal Occupation During the Past Five Years
Kevin M. Robinson Year of birth: 1959	Chief Executive Officer and Chief Legal Officer	Since 2008	Senior Managing Director, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary of Guggenheim Funds Investment Advisors, LLC, Guggenheim Funds Distributors, Inc. & Guggenheim Funds Services Group, Inc. (2007-present); Chief Executive Officer and Chief Legal Officer of certain funds in the Fund Complex. Formerly, Associate General Counsel of NYSE Euronext, Inc. (2000-2007). Formerly, Archipelago Holdings, Inc. Senior Managing Director and Associate General Counsel of ABN Amro Inc. (1997-2000). Formerly, Senior Counsel in the Enforcement Division of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (1989-1997).
Bruce Saxon Year of birth: 1957	Chief Compliance Officer	Since 2006	Vice President, Fund Compliance Officer of Guggenheim Funds Services Group, Inc. (2006-present). Chief Compliance Officer of certain funds in the Fund Complex. Chief Compliance Officer/Assistant Secretary of Harris Investment Management, Inc. (2003-2006). Director-Compliance of Harrisdirect LLC (1999-2003).
John Sullivan Year of birth: 1955	Chief Financial Officer, Chief Accounting Officer and Treasurer	Since 2011	Senior Managing Director of Guggenheim Funds Investment Advisors, LLC and Guggenheim Funds Distributors, Inc. (2010-present). Chief Financial Officer, Chief Accounting Officer and Treasurer of certain funds in the Fund Complex. Formerly, Chief Compliance Officer, Van Kampen Funds (2004-2010). Head of Fund Accounting, Morgan Stanley Investment Management (2002-2004). Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer, Van Kampen Funds (1996-2004).
Mark E. Mathiasen Year of birth: 1978	Secretary	Since 2007	Vice President, Assistant General Counsel of Guggenheim Funds Services Group, Inc. (2007-present). Secretary of certain funds in the Fund Complex. Previously, Law Clerk, Idaho State Courts (2003-2006).
James J. Cunnane, Jr. Year of birth: 1970	Vice President	Since 2007	Managing Director, Senior Portfolio Manager of Fiduciary Asset Management, LLC

(1996-present).

Quinn Kiley Year of birth: 1973	Vice President	Since 2009	Senior Vice President, Senior Portfolio Manager of Fiduciary Asset Management (2005-present). Formerly, Vice President of Banc of America Securities, Natural Resources Investment Banking Group (2001-2005).
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James Howley Year of birth: 1972	Assistant Treasurer	Since 2007	Vice President, Fund Administration of Guggenheim Funds Distributors, Inc. (2004- present). Assistant Treasurer of certain funds in the Fund Complex. Previously, Manager, Mutual Fund Administration of Van Kampen Investments, Inc. (1996-2004).
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Name, Address(1) and Age	Title	Term of Office(2) and Length of Time Served	Principal Occupation During the Past Five Years
Derek Maltbie Year of birth: 1972	Assistant Treasurer	Since 2011	Assistant Vice President, Fund Administration of Guggenheim Funds Investment Advisors, LLC (2005-present). Assistant Treasurer of certain funds in the Fund Complex. Supervisor, Mutual Fund Administration of Van Kampen Investments, Inc. (1995-2005).
Donald P. Swade Year of birth: 1972	Assistant Treasurer	Since 2008	Vice President, Fund Administration of Guggenheim Funds Investment Advisors, LLC and Guggenheim Funds Distributors, Inc. (2006-present). Assistant Treasurer of certain funds in the Fund Complex. Formerly, Manager-Mutual Fund Financial Administration for Morgan Stanley/Van Kampen Investments (2003-2006).
Mark J. Furjanic Year of birth: 1959	Assistant Treasurer	Since 2008	Vice President, Fund Administration-Tax of Guggenheim Funds Investment Advisors, LLC and Guggenheim Funds Distributors, Inc. (2005-present); Assistant Treasurer of certain funds in the Fund Complex. Formerly, Senior Manager for Ernst & Young LLP (1999-2005).
Elizabeth H. Hudson Year of birth: 1980	Assistant Secretary	Since 2009	Assistant General Counsel of Guggenheim Funds Services Group, Inc. (2009-present). Assistant Secretary of certain funds in the Fund Complex. Previously, Associate at Bell, Boyd & Lloyd, LLP (nka K&L Gates LLP) (2007-2008). J.D., Northwestern University (2004-2007).

(1) The business address of each officer of the Fund is 2455 Corporate West Drive, Lisle, Illinois 60532, unless otherwise noted.

(2) Officers serve at the pleasure of the Board and until his or her successor is appointed and qualified or until his or her earlier resignation or removal.

Board Leadership Structure

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

The Board has appointed an Independent Trustee as chairperson, who presides at Board meetings and who is responsible for, among other things, participating in the planning of Board meetings, setting the tone of Board meetings and seeking to encourage open dialogue and independent inquiry among the trustees and management. The Board has established two standing committees (as described below) and has delegated certain responsibilities to those committees, each of which is comprised solely of Independent Trustees. The Board and its committees meet periodically throughout the year to oversee the Fund's activities, review contractual arrangements with service providers, review the Fund's financial statements, oversee compliance with regulatory requirements, and review performance. The Independent Trustees are represented by independent legal counsel at Board and committee meetings. The Board has determined that this leadership structure is appropriate in light of the characteristics and circumstances of the Fund.

Board Committees

The Trustees have determined that the efficient conduct of the Trustees' affairs makes it desirable to delegate responsibility for certain specific matters to committees of the Board. The committees meet as often as necessary, either in conjunction with regular meetings of the Board or otherwise. The committees of the Board are the Audit Committee and the Nominating and Governance Committee.

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

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

The Audit Committee is governed by a written charter, the most recent version of which was approved by the Board on May 25, 2011 (the "Audit Committee Charter"). In accordance with proxy rules promulgated by the SEC, a

fund's audit committee charter is required to be filed at least once every three years as an exhibit to a fund's proxy statement. The Fund's Audit Committee Charter is attached hereto as Appendix A.

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

The Audit Committee has performed the following functions: (i) the Audit Committee reviewed and discussed the audited financial statements of the Fund with management of the Fund, (ii) the Audit Committee discussed with the Fund's independent registered public accounting firm the matters required to be discussed by the Statement on Auditing Standards No. 61, (iii) the Audit Committee received the written disclosures and the letter from the Fund's independent registered public accounting firm required by Independence Standards Board Standard No. 1 and has discussed with the Fund's independent registered public accounting firm the independence of the Fund's independent registered public accounting firm and (iv) the Audit Committee recommended to the Board of Trustees of the Fund that the financial statements be included in the Fund's Annual Report for the past fiscal year.

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

The Nominating and Governance Committee is governed by a written charter, the most recent version of which was approved by the Board on October 21, 2008 (the "Nominating and Governance Committee Charter"). In accordance with proxy rules promulgated by the SEC, a fund's nominating committee charter is required to be filed at least once every three years as an exhibit to a fund's proxy statement. The Fund's Nominating and Governance Committee Charter was attached as Appendix A to the Fund's 2009 proxy statement.

The Nominating and Governance Committee (i) evaluates and recommends all candidates for election or appointment as members of the Board and recommends the appointment of members and chairs of each committee of the Board, (ii) reviews policy matters affecting the operation of the Board and committees of the Board, (iii) periodically evaluates the effectiveness of the Board and committees of the Board and (iv) oversees the contract review process, including review of the Fund's advisory agreements and other contracts with affiliated service providers. In considering Trustee nominee candidates, the Nominating and Governance Committee requires that Trustee candidates have a college degree or equivalent business experience and may take into account a wide variety of factors in considering Trustee candidates, including (but not limited to):

availability and commitment of a candidate to attend meetings and perform the responsibilities of a Trustee, relevant experience, educational background, financial expertise, the candidate's ability, judgment and expertise and overall diversity of the Board's composition. The Nominating and Governance Committee may consider candidates recommended by various sources, including (but not limited to): such Fund's Trustees, officers, investment advisers and shareholders. The Nominating and Governance Committee will not nominate a person for election to the Board as a Trustee after such person has reached the age of seventy-two (72), unless such person is an "interested person" of such Fund as defined in the 1940 Act. The Nominating and Governance Committee may, but is not required to, retain a third party search firm to identify potential candidates.

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 Fund as such term is defined under the 1940 Act; (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.

The Nominating and Governance Committee will consider Trustee candidates recommended by the Fund's shareholders. The Nominating and Governance Committee will consider and evaluate trustee nominee candidates properly submitted by shareholders on the same basis as it considers and evaluates candidates recommended by other sources.

In considering Trustee nominee candidates, the Nominating and Governance Committee takes into account a wide variety of factors, including the overall diversity of the Board's composition. The Nominating and Governance Committee believes the Board generally benefits from diversity of background, experience and views among its members, and considers this a factor in evaluating the composition of the Board, but has not adopted any specific policy in this regard.

To have a candidate considered by the Nominating and Governance Committee, a shareholder must submit the recommendation in writing and must include the information required by the "Procedures for Shareholders to Submit Nominee Candidates" that are set forth as Appendix B to the Nominating and Governance Committee Charter, which was attached as Appendix A to the Fund's 2009 proxy statement. Shareholder recommendations must be sent to the Fund's Secretary, c/o Guggenheim Funds Investment Advisors, LLC, 2455 Corporate West Drive, Lisle, Illinois 60532.

The nominees for election at the Annual Meeting currently serve as Trustees and were unanimously nominated by the Board of Trustees and the Nominating and Governance Committee.

Board's Role in Risk Oversight

Consistent with its responsibility for oversight of the Fund, the Board, among other things, oversees risk management of the Fund's investment program and business affairs directly and through the committee structure it has established. The Board has established the Audit Committee and the Nominating and Governance Committee to assist in its oversight functions, including its oversight of the risks the Fund faces. Each committee reports its activities to the Board on a regular basis. Risks to the Fund include, among others, investment risk, credit risk, liquidity risk, valuation risk and operational risk, as well as the overall business risk relating to the Fund. The Board has adopted, and periodically reviews, policies, procedures and controls designed to address these different types of risks. Under the Board's supervision, the officers of the Fund, the Adviser, the Sub-Adviser and other service providers to the Fund also have implemented a variety of processes, procedures and controls to address various risks. In addition, as part of the Board's periodic review of the Fund's advisory, sub-advisory and other service provider agreements, the Board may consider risk management aspects of the service providers' operations and the functions for which they are responsible.

The Board requires officers of the Fund to report to the full Board on a variety of matters at regular and special meetings of the Board and its committees, as applicable, including matters relating to risk management. The Audit Committee also receives reports from the Fund's independent registered public accounting firm on internal control and financial reporting matters. On at least a quarterly basis, the Board meets with the Fund's Chief Compliance Officer, including separate meetings with the Independent Trustees in executive session, to discuss compliance matters and, on at least an annual basis, receives a report from the Chief Compliance Officer regarding the effectiveness of the Fund's compliance program. The Board, with the assistance of Fund management, reviews investment policies and risks in connection with its review of the Fund's performance. In addition, the Board receives reports from the Adviser and Sub-Adviser on the investments and securities trading of the Fund. With respect to valuation, the Board oversees a pricing committee comprised of Fund officers and Adviser personnel and has approved Fair Valuation procedures applicable to valuing the Fund's securities, which the Board and the Audit Committee periodically review. The Board also requires the Adviser to report to the Board on other matters relating to risk management on a regular and as-needed basis.

Shareholder Communications

Shareholders and other interested parties may contact the Board or any Trustee by mail. To communicate with the Board or any Trustee, correspondence should be addressed to the Board of Trustees or the Trustee with whom you wish to communicate by either name or title. All such correspondence should be sent c/o

the Fund's Secretary, c/o Guggenheim Funds Investment Advisors, LLC, 2455 Corporate West Drive, Lisle, Illinois 60532.

Trustee Beneficial Ownership of Securities

As of June 10, 2011, each Trustee beneficially owned equity securities of the Fund and other funds in the Fund Complex overseen by the Trustee in the dollar range amounts as specified below:

Name of Trustee	Dollar Range of Equity Securities in the Fund	Aggregate Dollar Range of Equity Securities Overseen by Trustees in the Fund Complex
Independent Trustees:		
Randall C. Barnes	\$10,001-\$50,000	over \$100,000
Roman Friedrich III	None	\$10,001-\$50,000
Robert B. Karn III	\$10,001-\$50,000	\$10,001-\$50,000
Ronald A. Nyberg	\$10,001-\$50,000	over \$100,000
Ronald E. Toupin, Jr.	None	None

As of June 10, 2011, Trustees and officers of the Fund beneficially owned Shares of the Fund as specified below:

Randall C. Barnes	600
Robert B. Karn III	1,000
Ronald A. Nyberg	800

As of June 10, 2011, each Trustee and the Trustees and officers of the Fund as a group owned less than 1% of the outstanding Shares of the Fund.

Board Meetings

During the Fund's fiscal year ended November 30, 2010, the Board held five meetings, the Audit Committee held two meetings and the Nominating and Governance Committee held four meetings.

Each Trustee attended at least 75% of the meetings of the Board (and any committee thereof on which he serves) held during the portion of the Fund's fiscal year ended November 30, 2010 during which he was a trustee of the Fund. It is the Fund's policy to encourage Trustees to attend annual shareholders' meetings.

Trustee Compensation

The Fund pays an annual retainer and fee per meeting attended to each Trustee who is not affiliated with the Adviser, the Sub-Adviser or their respective affiliates and pays an additional annual fee to the chairman of the Board and of any committee of the Board. The following table provides information regarding the compensation of the Fund's Trustees for the Fund's fiscal year ended November 30, 2010. The Fund does not accrue or pay retirement or pension benefits to Trustees as of the date of this proxy statement.

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Name of Trustee	Compensation from the Fund	Total Compensation from the Fund Complex
Randall C. Barnes	\$28,500	\$254,875
Roman Friedrich III	None(1)	\$ 74,250
Robert B. Karn III	\$30,000	\$ 45,000
Ronald A. Nyberg	\$30,000	\$347,500
Ronald E. Toupin, Jr.	\$33,000	\$288,625

(1) Mr. Friedrich was appointed to the Board after the end of the last fiscal year ended November 30, 2010.

Shareholder Approval

The affirmative vote of a majority of the Shares present in person or represented by proxy and entitled to vote on the matter at the Annual Meeting at which a quorum is present is necessary to approve the proposal. Votes withheld will have the same effect as votes against the proposal. “Broker non-votes” (i.e. Shares held by brokers or nominees as to which (i) instructions have not been received from the beneficial owner or the persons entitled to vote and (ii) the broker does not have discretionary voting power on a particular matter) will have no effect on the outcome of the vote on the proposal.

Board Recommendation

The Board of the Fund, including the Independent Trustees, unanimously recommends that you vote “FOR ALL” of the nominees for the Board of Trustees.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Further Information About Voting and the Annual Meeting

The holders of a majority of the Shares entitled to vote on any matter at a meeting present in person or by proxy shall constitute a quorum at such meeting of the shareholders for purposes of conducting business on such matter. Votes withheld and broker non-votes will be counted as Shares present at the Annual Meeting for quorum purposes.

The Board has fixed the close of business on June 10, 2011, as the Record Date for the determination of shareholders of the Fund entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the Annual Meeting. Shareholders of the Fund as of the close of business on the Record Date will be entitled to one vote on each matter to be voted on by the Fund for each Share held and a fractional vote with respect to fractional Shares with no cumulative voting rights.

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

If you wish to attend the Annual Meeting and vote in person, you will be able to do so. If you intend to attend the Annual Meeting in person and you are a record holder of the Fund's Shares, in order to gain admission you must show photographic identification, such as your driver's license. If you intend to attend the Annual Meeting in person and you hold your Shares through a bank, broker or other custodian, in order to gain admission you must show photographic identification, such as your driver's license, and satisfactory proof of ownership of Shares of the Fund, such as your voting instruction form (or a copy thereof) or broker's statement indicating ownership as of a recent date. If you hold your Shares in a brokerage account or through a bank or other nominee, you will not be able to vote in person at the annual meeting unless you have previously requested and obtained a "legal proxy" from your broker, bank or other nominee and present it at the Annual Meeting. You may contact the Fund at (888) 991-0091 to obtain directions to the site of the Annual Meeting.

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

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

The Fund will update certain data regarding the Fund, including performance data, on a monthly basis on its website at www.guggenheimfunds/fmo.com. Investors and others are advised to periodically check the website for updated performance information and the release of other material information about the Fund.

Adviser and Sub-Adviser

The Adviser and its affiliates (together, “Guggenheim Funds”) offer strategic investment solutions for financial advisors and their valued clients. As an innovator in exchange-traded funds (ETFs), unit investment trusts (UITs) and closed-end funds (CEFs), Guggenheim Funds often leads its peers with creative investment strategy solutions. Guggenheim Funds and its affiliates provide supervision, management or servicing of assets with a commitment to consistently delivering exceptional service. Guggenheim Funds is a subsidiary of Guggenheim Partners, LLC, a global, diversified financial services firm with more than \$100 billion in assets under supervision. Guggenheim Partners, through its affiliates, provides investment management, investment advisory, insurance, investment banking, and capital markets services. The firm is headquartered in Chicago and New York with a global network of offices throughout the United States, Europe, and Asia.

Fiduciary Asset Management, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Piper Jaffray Companies, acts as the Fund’s investment sub-adviser and is responsible for making investment decisions with respect to the investment of the Fund’s assets. As of March 31, 2011, the Sub-Adviser had \$6.1 billion in assets under management. The Sub-Adviser is located at 8235 Forsyth Blvd., Suite 700, St. Louis, Missouri 63105.

Administrator

Guggenheim Funds Investment Advisors, LLC, located at 2455 Corporate West Drive, Lisle, Illinois 60532, serves as the Fund’s administrator.

Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

Ernst & Young LLP (“E&Y”) has been selected as the independent registered public accounting firm for the Fund by the Audit Committee of the Fund and approved by a majority of the Fund’s Board, including a majority of the Independent Trustees, to audit the accounts of the Fund for and during the Fund’s current fiscal year. The Fund does not know of any direct or indirect financial interest of E&Y in the Fund.

Representatives of E&Y will be available to attend the Annual Meeting, will have the opportunity to make a statement if they desire to do so and will be available to answer questions if necessary.

Audit Fees

The aggregate fees billed to the Fund by E&Y for professional services rendered for the audit of the Fund annual financial statements for the Fund's two most recent fiscal years were in the following amounts:

2010 Fiscal Year	2009 Fiscal Year
\$58,800	\$70,600

Audit-Related Fees

The aggregate fees billed by E&Y and approved by the Audit Committee of the Fund for assurance and related services reasonably related to the performance of the audit of the Fund's annual financial statements (such fees relate to services rendered, and out of pocket expenses incurred, in connection with the Fund's registration statements, comfort letters and consents) for the Fund's two most recent fiscal years were in the following amounts:

2010 Fiscal Year	2009 Fiscal Year
\$44,510	\$20,300

E&Y did not perform any other assurance and related services that were required to be approved by the Fund's Audit Committee for such periods.

Tax Fees

The aggregate fees billed by E&Y and approved by the Audit Committee of the Fund for professional services rendered for tax compliance, tax advice, and tax planning (such fees relate to tax services provided by E&Y in connection with the Fund's excise tax calculations and review of the Fund's tax returns) for the Fund's two most recent fiscal years were in the following amounts:

2010 Fiscal Year	2009 Fiscal Year
\$38,875	\$47,500

E&Y did not perform any other tax compliance or tax planning services or render any tax advice that were required to be approved by the Fund's Audit Committee for such periods.

All Other Fees

The aggregate fees billed by E&Y for products and services, other than those services described above, for the Fund's two most recent fiscal years were in the following amounts:

2010 Fiscal Year
\$0

2009 Fiscal Year
\$0

Aggregate Non-Audit Fees

The aggregate non-audit fees billed by E&Y for services rendered to the Fund, the Adviser and any entity controlling, controlled by or under common control with the Adviser that provides ongoing services to the Fund (not including a sub-adviser whose primary role is portfolio management and is sub-contracted with or overseen by another investment adviser) that directly related to the operations and financial reporting of the Fund for the Fund's two most recent fiscal years were in the following amounts:

2010 Fiscal Year	2009 Fiscal Year
\$83,385	\$67,800

Audit Committee's Pre-Approval Policies and Procedures

As noted above, the Audit Committee is governed by the Audit Committee Charter, attached hereto as Appendix A, which includes Pre-Approval Policies and Procedures in Section IV of such Charter. Specifically, sections IV.C.2 and IV.C.3 of the Audit Committee Charter contain the 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 Fund, 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 categories of services to be reviewed and considered for pre-approval include the following:

Audit Services

- Annual financial statement audits
- Seed audits (related to new product filings, as required)
- SEC and regulatory filings and consents

Audit-Related Services

- Accounting consultations
- Fund merger/reorganization support services
- Other accounting related matters
- Agreed upon procedures reports

- Attestation reports
- Other internal control reports

Tax Services

- Tax compliance services related to the filing of amendments: • Federal, state and local income tax compliance

Federal, state and local income tax compliance

Sales and use tax compliance

- Timely RIC qualification reviews
- Tax distribution analysis and planning
- Tax authority examination services
- Tax appeals support services

- Accounting methods studies
- Fund merger support services
- Tax compliance, planning and advice services and related projects

(b) The Audit Committee has pre-approved those services, which fall into one of the categories of services listed under 2(a) above and for which the estimated fees are less than \$25,000.

(c) For services with estimated fees of \$25,000 or more, but less than \$50,000, the Chairman is hereby authorized to pre-approve such services on behalf of the Audit Committee.

(d) For services with estimated fees of \$50,000 or more, such services require pre-approval by the Audit Committee.

(e) The independent auditors or the Chief Accounting Officer of the Fund (or an officer of the Fund who reports to the Chief Accounting Officer) shall report to the Audit Committee at each of its regular quarterly meetings all audit, audit-related and permissible non-audit services initiated since the last such report (unless the services were contained in the initial audit plan, as previously presented to, and approved by, the Audit Committee). The report shall include a general description of the services and projected fees, and the means by which such services were approved by the Audit Committee (including the particular category listed above under which pre-approval was obtained).

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 Fund), if the engagement relates directly to the operations and financial reporting of the Fund (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 for non-audit services to the Adviser (or any “control affiliate” of the Adviser providing ongoing services to the Fund) relating directly to the operations and financial reporting of the Fund for which the estimated fees are less than \$25,000. All such delegated pre-approvals shall be presented to the Audit Committee no later than the next Audit Committee meeting.

(b) For non-audit services to the Adviser (or any “control affiliate” of the Adviser providing ongoing services to the Fund) relating directly to the operations and financial reporting of the Fund for which the estimated fees are \$25,000 or more, such services require pre-approval by the Audit Committee.

The Audit Committee has pre-approved all audit and non-audit services provided by E&Y to the Fund, and all non-audit services provided by E&Y to the Adviser, or any entity controlling, controlled by, or under common control with the Adviser that provides ongoing services to the Fund that are related to the operations of the Fund for the fiscal years ended November 30, 2010, and November 30, 2009.

None of the services described above for the Fund's two most recent fiscal years were approved by the Audit Committee pursuant to the pre-approval exception under Rule 2-01(c)(7)(i)(C) of Regulation S-X promulgated by the SEC.

Principal Shareholders

As of the Record Date, to the knowledge of the Fund, no person beneficially owned more than 5% of the voting securities of any class of securities of the Fund, except as listed below:

Shareholder Name and Address	Class of Shares	Share Holdings	Percentage Owned
First Trust Portfolios, L.P.			
First Trust Advisors L.P.	common shares	2,009,997	10.1%(1)
The Charger Corporation 120 East Liberty Drive, Suite 400 Wheaton, Illinois 60187			

(1) Based on information obtained from a Form 13G/A filed with the SEC on May 10, 2011. First Trust Portfolios L.P. disclosed in this Form 13G/A that it acts as sponsor of certain unit investment trusts which hold Shares of the Fund. No individual unit investment trust sponsored by First Trust Portfolios L.P. holds more than 3% of the Fund's Shares. Neither First Trust Portfolios L.P., First Trust Advisors L.P. nor The Charger Corporation have the power to vote the Shares of the Fund held by these unit investment trusts. These Shares are voted by the trustee of such unit investment trusts so as to ensure that the Shares are voted as closely as possible in the same manner and in the same general proportion as are the Shares held by owners other than such unit investment trusts.

Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance

Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and Section 30(h) of the 1940 Act require the Fund's officers and Trustees, certain officers of the Fund's investment adviser, affiliated persons of the Fund's investment Adviser, and persons who beneficially own more than ten percent of the Fund's Shares to file certain reports of ownership ("Section 16 filings") with the SEC and the New York Stock Exchange. Based upon the Fund's review of the copies of such forms effecting the Section 16 filings received by it, the Fund believes that for the Fund's fiscal year ended November 30, 2010, all filings applicable to such persons were completed and filed in a timely manner.

Privacy Principles of the Fund

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

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

The Fund restricts access to non-public personal information about its shareholders to employees of the Adviser 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.

Deadline for Shareholder Proposals

The Fund's Amended and Restated By-Laws (the "By-Laws") require compliance with certain procedures for a shareholder to properly make a nomination for election as a Trustee or to propose other business for the Fund. If a shareholder who is entitled to do so under the Fund's By-Laws wishes to nominate a person or persons for election as a Trustee or propose other business for the Fund, that shareholder must provide a written notice to the Secretary of the Fund at the Fund's principal executive offices.

The notice must set forth: (a) as to each person whom the shareholder proposes to nominate for election as a Trustee (i) all information relating to such person that is required to be disclosed in solicitations of proxies for election of Trustees in an election contest, or is otherwise required, in each case pursuant to and in accordance with Regulation 14A under the Exchange Act and (ii) such person's written consent to being named as a nominee and to serving as a Trustee if elected; (b) as to any other business that the shareholder proposes to bring before the meeting, a brief description of the business desired to be brought before the meeting, the text of the proposal or business (including the text of any resolutions proposed for consideration), the reasons for conducting such business at the meeting and any material interest in such business of such shareholder and the beneficial owner, if any, on whose behalf the proposal is made; and (c) as to the shareholder giving the notice and the beneficial owner, if any, on whose behalf the nomination or proposal is made (i) the name and address of such shareholder, as they appear on the Fund's books, and of such beneficial owner, (ii) the class or series and number of Shares which are owned beneficially and of record by such shareholder and such beneficial owner, (iii) a description of any agreement, arrangement or understanding with respect to the nomination or proposal between or among such shareholder and such beneficial owner, any of their respective

affiliates or associates, and any others acting in concert with any of the foregoing, (iv) a description of any agreement, arrangement or understanding (including any derivative or short positions, profit interests, options, warrants, stock appreciation or similar rights, hedging transactions, and borrowed or loaned Shares) that has been entered into as of the date of the shareholder's notice by, or on behalf of, such shareholder and such beneficial owners, the effect or intent of which is to mitigate loss to, manage risk or benefit of share price changes for, or increase or decrease the voting power of, such shareholder or such beneficial owner, with respect to Shares of the Fund, (v) a representation that the shareholder is a holder of record of Shares of the Fund entitled to vote at such meeting and intends to appear in person or by proxy at the meeting to propose such business or nomination, and (vi) a representation whether the shareholder or the beneficial owner, if any, intends or is part of a group which intends (a) to deliver a proxy statement and/or form of proxy to holders of at least the percentage of the Fund's outstanding Shares required to approve or adopt the proposal or elect the nominee and/or (b) otherwise to solicit proxies from shareholders in support of such proposal or nomination. The Fund may require any proposed nominee to furnish such other information as it may reasonably require to determine the eligibility of such proposed nominee to serve as a Trustee of the Fund.

To be timely, the notice must be delivered to the Secretary of the Fund at the Fund's principal executive offices not later than the close of business on the ninetieth (90th) day, nor earlier than the close of business on the one hundred twentieth (120th) day, prior to the first anniversary of the preceding year's annual meeting (provided, however, that in the event that the date of the annual meeting is more than thirty (30) days before or more than seventy (70) days after such anniversary date, notice by the shareholder must be so delivered not earlier than the close of business on the one hundred twentieth (120th) day prior to such annual meeting and not later than the close of business on the later of the ninetieth (90th) day prior to such annual meeting or the tenth (10th) day following the day on which public announcement of the date of such meeting is first made by the Fund).

The foregoing description of the procedures for a shareholder properly to make a nomination for election as a Trustee or to propose other business for the Fund is only a summary and is not complete. A copy of the Fund's By-Laws, which includes the provisions regarding the requirements for shareholder nominations and proposals, may be obtained by writing to the Secretary of the Fund at 2455 Corporate West Drive, Lisle, Illinois 60532. Any shareholder considering making a nomination or other proposal should carefully review and comply with those provisions of the Fund's By-Laws.

In order to align the dates of annual meetings of shareholders of funds in the Fund Complex, the Fund's 2012 annual meeting of shareholders is currently expected to be held on or about April 4, 2012. Shareholder proposals intended for inclusion in the Fund's proxy statement in connection with such annual meeting of shareholders pursuant to Rule 14a-8 under the Exchange Act must be received by the Fund at the Fund's principal executive offices by October 31, 2011. Proposals made outside of

Rule 14a-8 under the Exchange Act must be submitted, in accordance with the notice requirements of the Fund's By-Laws, not earlier than the close of business on December 6, 2011, nor later than the close of business on January 5, 2012 (which is also the date after which shareholder nominations and proposals made outside of Rule 14a-8 under the Exchange Act would not be considered "timely" within the meaning of Rule 14a-4(c) under the Exchange Act).

Expenses of Proxy Solicitation

The cost of soliciting proxies will be borne by the Fund. Certain officers of the Fund and certain officers and employees of the Adviser or its affiliates (none of whom will receive additional compensation therefore), may solicit proxies by telephone, mail, e-mail and personal interviews. Brokerage houses, banks and other fiduciaries may be requested to forward proxy solicitation material to their principals to obtain authorization for the execution of proxies, and will be reimbursed by the Fund for such out-of-pocket expenses.

Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Annual Meeting to be Held on July 27, 2011

This Proxy Statement is available on the Internet at www.proxyvote.com.

Other Matters

The management of the Fund knows of no other matters which are to be brought before the Annual Meeting. However, if any other matters not now known properly come before the Annual Meeting, it is the intention of the persons named in the enclosed form of proxy to vote such proxy in accordance with their judgment on such matters.

In the event a quorum is present at the Annual Meeting but sufficient votes to approve any of the Proposals are not received, proxies (including broker non-votes) would vote in favor of one or more adjournments of the Annual Meeting with respect to such Proposal(s) to permit further solicitation of proxies, provided they determine that such an adjournment and additional solicitation is reasonable and in the interest of shareholders based on a consideration of all relevant factors, including the nature of the relevant proposal, the percentage of votes then cast, the percentage of negative votes then cast, the nature of the proposed solicitation activities and the nature of the reasons for such further solicitation.

Very truly yours,

Kevin M. Robinson
Chief Executive Officer

June 27, 2011

Appendix A

GUGGENHEIM FUNDS
AUDIT COMMITTEE CHARTER

I. PURPOSE

The Audit Committee is a committee of the Board of the Trust (see Appendix A for a list of funds that have approved this Audit Committee Charter). Its primary function is to assist the Board in fulfilling certain of its responsibilities. This Charter sets forth the duties and responsibilities of the Audit Committee.

The Audit Committee serves as an independent and objective party to monitor the Trust's accounting policies, financial reporting and internal control system, as well as the work of the independent auditors. The Audit Committee assists Board oversight of (1) the integrity of the Trust's financial statements; (2) the Trust's compliance with legal and regulatory requirements; (3) the independent auditors' qualifications and independence; and (4) the performance of the Trust's independent auditors. The Audit Committee also serves to provide an open avenue of communication among the independent auditors, Trust management, the personnel responsible for internal audit functions (if any) and the Board.

- Trust management has the primary responsibility to establish and maintain systems for accounting, reporting and internal control.
- The independent auditors have the primary responsibility to plan and implement a proper audit, including consideration of the Trust's accounting, reporting and internal control practices.

The Audit Committee may have additional functions and responsibilities as deemed appropriate by the Board and the Audit Committee.

Although the Audit Committee has the responsibilities and powers set forth in this Charter, it is not the duty of the Audit Committee to plan or conduct audits or to determine that the Trust's financial statements are complete and accurate and have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

II. COMPOSITION

The Audit Committee shall be comprised of three or more board members as determined by the Board, each of whom shall be an independent board member, and free from any relationship that, in the opinion of the Board, would interfere with the exercise of his or her independent judgment as a member of the Audit Committee. For purposes of

the Audit Committee, a board member is independent if:

- he or she is not an “interested person” of the Trust as that term is defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940; and
- he or she does not accept, directly or indirectly, any consulting, advisory, or other compensatory fee from the Trust (except in the capacity as a Board or committee member).

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Each member of the Audit Committee shall be financially literate, as such qualification is interpreted by the Board in its business judgment (or must become financially literate within a reasonable time after his or her appointment to the Audit Committee). The Audit Committee will review the qualifications of its members and determine whether any of its members qualify as an “audit committee financial expert” as defined in Form N-CSR. The Audit Committee will submit such determination to the Board for its final determination.

The members and Chairman of the Audit Committee shall be elected by the Board annually and serve until their successors shall be duly elected and qualified.

No member of the Audit Committee shall serve on the audit committee of more than three public companies with shares registered under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, unless the Board determines that such simultaneous service would not impair the ability of the Audit Committee member to serve effectively on the Audit Committee. For purposes of counting an Audit Committee member’s audit committee service, service on the Trust’s Audit Committee, together with other audit committees within the Guggenheim fund complex, shall count as one public company.

III. MEETINGS

The Audit Committee shall meet two times annually, or more frequently as circumstances dictate. Special meetings (including telephone meetings) may be called by the Chairman or a majority of the members of the Audit Committee upon reasonable notice to the other members of the Audit Committee.

As part of its job to foster open communication, the Audit Committee shall meet annually with senior Trust management responsible for accounting and financial reporting and the independent auditors in separate executive sessions to discuss any matters that the Audit Committee, or any of such other persons, believes should be discussed privately.

IV. RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES

To fulfill its responsibilities and duties the Audit Committee shall:

A. Charter

Review this Charter, annually, and recommend changes, if any, to the Board.

B. Internal Controls

1. Review, annually, with Trust management and the independent auditors:

(a) the organizational structure, reporting relationship, adequacy of resources and qualifications of the senior Trust management personnel responsible for accounting and financial reporting; and

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(b) their separate evaluation of the adequacy and effectiveness of the Trust's system of internal controls, including those of the Trust's service providers.

2. Review, with Trust management and the independent auditors:

(a) the Trust's plan related to the Trust's systems for accounting, reporting and internal controls;

(b) the responsibilities, resources and staffing with respect to the activities in IV.B.2.(a) above; and

(c) any significant audit findings or recommendations related to the Trust's systems for accounting, reporting and internal controls and Trust management's response.

3. Monitor procedures for the receipt, retention and treatment of complaints received by the Trust and/or the Audit Committee regarding accounting, internal accounting controls or auditing matters and the confidential, anonymous submission by officers and trustees of the Trust or employees of the Adviser, underwriter and any provider of accounting-related services to the Trust of concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters.

4. Review, annually, with Trust management and the independent auditors, policies for valuation of Trust portfolio securities, and the frequency and magnitude of pricing errors.

C. Independent Auditors

1. Approve, and recommend to the Board, the appointment, retention or termination of the independent auditors and approve the fees and other compensation to be paid to the independent auditors. Such selection shall be pursuant to a written engagement letter approved by the Audit Committee.

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 categories of services to be reviewed and considered for pre-approval include the following:

Audit Services

- Annual financial statement audits
- Seed audits (related to new product filings, as required)

- SEC and regulatory filings and consents

Audit-Related Services

- Accounting consultations
- Fund merger/reorganization support services

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- Other accounting related matters
- Agreed upon procedures reports
- Attestation reports
- Other internal control reports

Tax Services

- Tax compliance services related to the filing of amendments:
 - Federal, state and local income tax compliance
 - Sales and use tax compliance
- Timely RIC qualification reviews
- Tax distribution analysis and planning
- Tax authority examination services
- Tax appeals support services
- Accounting methods studies
- Fund merger support services
- Tax compliance, planning and advice services and related projects

(b) The Audit Committee has pre-approved those services, which fall one of the categories of services listed under 2(a) above and for which the estimated fees are less than \$25,000.

(c) For services with estimated fees of \$25,000 or more, but less than \$50,000, the Chairman is hereby authorized to pre-approve such services on behalf of the Audit Committee.

(d) For services with estimated fees of \$50,000 or more, such services require pre-approval by the Audit Committee.

(e) The independent auditors or the Chief Accounting Officer of the Trust (or an officer of the Trust who reports to the Chief Accounting Officer) shall report to the Audit Committee at each of its regular quarterly meetings all audit, audit-related and permissible non-audit services initiated since the last such report (unless the services were contained in the initial audit plan, as previously presented to, and approved by, the Audit Committee). The report shall include a

general description of the services and projected fees, and the means by which such services were approved by the Audit Committee (including the particular category listed above under which pre-approval was obtained).

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-audit services to the Adviser (or any “control affiliate” of the Adviser providing ongoing services to the Trust) relating directly to the operations and financial reporting of the Trust for which the estimated fees are less than \$25,000. All such delegated pre-approvals shall be presented to the Audit Committee no later than the next Audit Committee meeting.

(b) For non-audit services to the Adviser (or any “control affiliate” of the Adviser providing ongoing services to the Trust) relating directly to the operations and financial reporting of the Trust for which the estimated fees are \$25,000 or more, such services require pre-approval by the Audit Committee.

4. On an annual basis, request, receive in writing and review a report by the independent auditors describing:

(a) the independent auditors’ internal quality-control procedures;

(b) any material issues raised by the most recent internal quality-control review, or peer review, of the independent auditors, or by any inquiry or investigations by governmental or professional authorities, within the preceding five years, respecting one or more independent audits carried out by the independent auditors, and any steps taken to deal with any such issues; and

(c) all relationships between the independent auditors and the Trust, so as to assess the auditors’ independence, including identification of all relationships the independent auditors have with the Trust and all significant relationships the independent auditors have with the Adviser (and any “control affiliate” of the Adviser) and any material service provider to the Trust (including, but not limited to, disclosures regarding the independent auditors’ independence required by Public Company Accounting Oversight Board Rule 3526 and compliance with the applicable independence provisions of Rule 2-01 of Regulation S-X).

In assessing the auditors’ independence, the Audit Committee shall take into account the opinions of Trust management. The Committee will present its conclusions with respect to the independent auditors to the Board, and recommend that the Board take appropriate action, if any, in response to the independent auditors’ report to satisfy itself of the independent auditors’ independence.

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5. On an annual basis, review and evaluate the lead audit partner (such review to include consideration of whether, in addition to the regular rotation of the lead audit partner as required by law, in order to assure continuing auditor independence, there should be regular consideration of rotation of the firm serving as independent auditors).

6. On an annual basis, meet with the independent auditors and Trust management to review the arrangements for and scope of the proposed audit for the current year and the audit procedures to be utilized.

7. Review the management letter prepared by the independent auditors and Trust management's response.

D. Financial Reporting Processes

1. If the Trust is a listed closed-end investment company,

(a) Review with Trust management and the independent auditors, (i) the Trust's audited financial statements and recommend to the Board, if appropriate, that the audited financial statements be included in the Trust's annual report to shareholders required by Section 30(e) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 and Rule 30d-1 thereunder and (ii) narrative disclosure analogous to the "Management's Discussion of Fund Performance," if any is included in such annual report to shareholders.

(b) Review with Trust management and the independent auditors the Trust's semi-annual financial statements and narrative disclosure analogous to the "Management's Discussion of Fund Performance," if any is included in such semi-annual report to shareholders.

(c) Review the Trust's policy and procedures with respect to declaring dividends and issuing dividend announcements and related press releases, as well as financial information and dividend guidance provided to analysts and rating agencies.

2. Review with Trust management and the independent auditors the matters that auditing professional standards require to be communicated to the Audit Committee, including, but not limited to, the matters required to be discussed by Statement on Auditing Standards No. 114, including:

- the independent auditors' judgments about the quality, and not just the acceptability, of the Trust's accounting principles as applied in its financial reporting;

- the process used by Trust management in formulating estimates and the independent auditors' conclusions regarding the reasonableness of those estimates;
- all significant adjustments arising from the audit, whether or not recorded by the Trust;
- when the independent auditors are aware that Trust management has consulted with other accountants about significant accounting and auditing matters, the independent auditors' views about the subject of the consultation;
- any disagreements with Trust management regarding accounting or reporting matters;
- any difficulties encountered in the course of the audit, including any restrictions on the scope of the independent auditors' activities or on access to requested information; and
- significant deficiencies in the design or operation of internal controls.

3. The independent auditors shall report, within 90 days prior to the filing of the Trust's annual financial statements with the SEC, to the Audit Committee:

- (a) all critical accounting policies and practices to be used;
- (b) all alternative treatments of financial information within GAAP for policies and practices related to material items that have been discussed with Trust management, the ramifications of the use of such alternative disclosures and treatments, and the treatment preferred by the independent auditor;