

LIBERTY ALL STAR EQUITY FUND  
Form N-Q  
November 19, 2010

**UNITED STATES**

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM N-Q**

**QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS OF REGISTERED**

**MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY**

Investment Company Act file number: 811-04809

LIBERTY ALL-STAR EQUITY FUND

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

1290 Broadway, Suite 1100, Denver, Colorado 80203

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

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1290 Broadway, Suite 1100

Denver, Colorado 80203

(Name and address of agent for service)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (303) 623-2577

Date of fiscal year end: December 31

Date of reporting period: July 1 - September 30, 2010

**Item 1 Schedule of Investments.**

**LIBERTY ALL-STAR® EQUITY FUND****SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS***As-of September 30, 2010 (Unaudited)*

|   | SHARES  | MARKET VALUE |
|---|---------|--------------|
| <b>COMMON STOCKS (97.83%)</b>                               |         |              |
| <b>CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY (11.56%)</b>                      |         |              |
| <b>Auto Components (1.04%)</b>                              |         |              |
| Johnson Controls, Inc.                                      | 113,700 | \$3,467,850  |
| Magna International, Inc.                                   | 76,340  | 6,279,728    |
|   |         | 9,747,578    |
| <b>Diversified Consumer Services (0.58%)</b>                |         |              |
| Apollo Group, Inc., Class A <sup>(a)</sup>                  | 106,008 | 5,443,511    |
| <b>Hotels, Restaurants &amp; Leisure (0.86%)</b>            |         |              |
| Carnival Corp.  | 209,140 | 7,991,239    |
| <b>Household Durables (1.75%)</b>                           |         |              |
| DR Horton, Inc.   | 488,962 | 5,437,258    |
| Fortune Brands, Inc.  | 89,900  | 4,425,777    |
| NVR, Inc. <sup>(a)</sup>                                    | 10,110  | 6,546,528    |
|   |         | 16,409,563   |
| <b>Internet &amp; Catalog Retail (2.01%)</b>                |         |              |
| Amazon.com, Inc. <sup>(a)</sup>                             | 71,654  | 11,253,977   |
| priceline.com, Inc. <sup>(a)</sup>                          | 21,688  | 7,554,798    |
|   |         | 18,808,775   |
| <b>Media (2.16%)</b>  |         |              |
| Discovery Communications, Inc., Class A <sup>(a)</sup>      | 22,842  | 994,769      |
| Discovery Communications, Inc., Class C <sup>(a)</sup>      | 13,792  | 526,717      |
| Liberty Media Corp., Capital Group, Series A <sup>(a)</sup> | 50,299  | 2,618,566    |
| The McGraw Hill Cos., Inc.                                  | 188,000 | 6,215,280    |
| Omnicom Group, Inc.   | 182,850 | 7,218,918    |
| The Walt Disney Co.   | 79,985  | 2,648,303    |
|   |         | 20,222,553   |
| <b>Multi-Line Retail (1.95%)</b>                            |         |              |
| J.C. Penney Co., Inc.                                       | 415,925 | 11,304,842   |
| Nordstrom, Inc.   | 41,577  | 1,546,664    |
| Target Corp.  | 100,237 | 5,356,665    |
|   |         | 18,208,171   |
| <b>Specialty Retail (1.21%)</b>                             |         |              |
| Best Buy Co., Inc.  | 67,991  | 2,776,073    |

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| Dick's Sporting Goods, Inc. <sup>(a)</sup> | 115,079 | 3,226,815 |
| Staples, Inc.                              | 255,000 | 5,334,600 |

11,337,488

**CONSUMER STAPLES (4.55%)**

**Beverages (0.53%)**

|                           |        |           |
|---------------------------|--------|-----------|
| The Coca-Cola Co.         | 50,000 | 2,926,000 |
| Diageo Plc <sup>(b)</sup> | 29,671 | 2,047,596 |

4,973,596

**Food & Staples Retailing (2.20%)**

|                        |         |           |
|------------------------|---------|-----------|
| Costco Wholesale Corp. | 153,977 | 9,929,977 |
|------------------------|---------|-----------|

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| CVS Caremark Corp.                              | 131,800 | 4,147,746  |
| Walgreen Co.                                    | 194,000 | 6,499,000  |
|   |         | 20,576,723 |
| <b>Food Products (0.64%)</b>                    |         |            |
| Archer-Daniels-Midland Co.                      | 120,000 | 3,830,400  |
| Mead Johnson Nutrition Co.                      | 33,170  | 1,887,705  |
| Smithfield Foods, Inc. <sup>(a)</sup>           | 14,890  | 250,598    |
|   |         | 5,968,703  |
| <b>Household Products (0.67%)</b>               |         |            |
| The Procter & Gamble Co.                        | 104,800 | 6,284,856  |
| <b>Personal Products (0.11%)</b>                |         |            |
| Avon Products, Inc.                             | 30,818  | 989,566    |
| <b>Tobacco (0.40%)</b>                          |         |            |
| Philip Morris International, Inc.               | 67,456  | 3,778,885  |
| <b>ENERGY (12.97%)</b>                          |         |            |
| <b>Energy Equipment &amp; Services (2.76%)</b>  |         |            |
| FMC Technologies, Inc. <sup>(a)</sup>           | 83,810  | 5,723,385  |
| Oceaneering International, Inc. <sup>(a)</sup>  | 61,700  | 3,323,162  |
| Schlumberger Ltd.                               | 110,553 | 6,811,170  |
| Tidewater, Inc.                                 | 124,000 | 5,556,440  |
| Weatherford International Ltd. <sup>(a)</sup>   | 255,290 | 4,365,459  |
|   |         | 25,779,616 |
| <b>Oil, Gas &amp; Consumable Fuels (10.21%)</b> |         |            |
| Anadarko Petroleum Corp.                        | 100,788 | 5,749,955  |
| Apache Corp.                                    | 37,100  | 3,626,896  |
| Arch Coal, Inc.                                 | 474,685 | 12,678,836 |
| BP Plc <sup>(b)</sup>                           | 199,694 | 8,221,402  |
| Chesapeake Energy Corp.                         | 354,509 | 8,029,629  |
| Chevron Corp.                                   | 70,500  | 5,714,025  |
| ConocoPhillips                                  | 125,000 | 7,178,750  |
| Consol Energy, Inc.                             | 256,600 | 9,483,936  |
| Devon Energy Corp.                              | 100,500 | 6,506,370  |
| Exxon Mobil Corp.                               | 136,425 | 8,429,701  |
| Occidental Petroleum Corp.                      | 76,800  | 6,013,440  |
| Petrohawk Energy Corp. <sup>(a)</sup>           | 304,399 | 4,913,000  |
| Valero Energy Corp.                             | 515,300 | 9,022,903  |
|   |         | 95,568,843 |
| <b>FINANCIALS (19.01%)</b>                      |         |            |
| <b>Capital Markets (4.31%)</b>                  |         |            |
| Bank of New York Mellon Corp.                   | 226,000 | 5,905,380  |
| The Charles Schwab Corp.                        | 242,000 | 3,363,800  |
| The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.                   | 57,372  | 8,294,844  |
| Morgan Stanley                                  | 327,150 | 8,074,062  |
| State Street Corp.                              | 244,450 | 9,205,987  |
| UBS AG <sup>(a)</sup>                           | 324,700 | 5,529,641  |

40,373,714

**Commercial Banks (2.75%)**

|                                    |         |            |
|------------------------------------|---------|------------|
| Comerica, Inc.                     | 34,459  | 1,280,152  |
| PNC Financial Services Group, Inc. | 220,976 | 11,470,864 |

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|   |           |            |
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| Wells Fargo & Co.                                   | 516,185   | 12,971,729 |
|   |           | 25,722,745 |
| <b>Consumer Finance (0.58%)</b>                     |           |            |
| American Express Co.                                | 129,500   | 5,442,885  |
| <b>Diversified Financial Services (4.89%)</b>       |           |            |
| Bank of America Corp.                               | 1,294,914 | 16,976,323 |
| Citigroup, Inc. <sup>(a)</sup>                      | 1,155,568 | 4,506,715  |
| IntercontinentalExchange, Inc. <sup>(a)</sup>       | 54,907    | 5,749,861  |
| JPMorgan Chase & Co.                                | 485,855   | 18,496,500 |
|   |           | 45,729,399 |
| <b>Insurance (5.85%)</b>                            |           |            |
| ACE Ltd.  | 138,112   | 8,045,024  |
| Aflac, Inc.   | 57,322    | 2,964,121  |
| The Allstate Corp.                                  | 380,355   | 12,000,200 |
| Assured Guaranty Ltd.                               | 293,654   | 5,024,420  |
| Axis Capital Holdings Ltd.                          | 152,725   | 5,030,761  |
| Brown & Brown, Inc.                                 | 113,375   | 2,289,041  |
| Fidelity National Financial, Inc., Class A          | 200,950   | 3,156,924  |
| The Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc.         | 86,500    | 1,985,175  |
| Lincoln National Corp.                              | 77,140    | 1,845,189  |
| RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd.                         | 35,760    | 2,144,170  |
| Torchmark Corp.                                     | 105,800   | 5,622,212  |
| Willis Group Holdings Plc                           | 150,450   | 4,636,869  |
|   |           | 54,744,106 |
| <b>Real Estate Investment Trusts (0.63%)</b>        |           |            |
| Annaly Capital Management, Inc.                     | 212,769   | 3,744,734  |
| Redwood Trust, Inc.                                 | 145,895   | 2,109,642  |
|   |           | 5,854,376  |
| <b>HEALTH CARE (10.92%)</b>                         |           |            |
| <b>Biotechnology (1.95%)</b>                        |           |            |
| Celgene Corp. <sup>(a)</sup>                        | 58,225    | 3,354,342  |
| Genzyme Corp. <sup>(a)</sup>                        | 76,500    | 5,415,435  |
| Gilead Sciences, Inc. <sup>(a)</sup>                | 176,941   | 6,300,869  |
| Myriad Genetics, Inc. <sup>(a)</sup>                | 190,658   | 3,128,698  |
|   |           | 18,199,344 |
| <b>Health Care Equipment &amp; Supplies (3.37%)</b> |           |            |
| Covidien Ltd.                                       | 86,000    | 3,456,340  |
| Intuitive Surgical, Inc. <sup>(a)</sup>             | 13,900    | 3,943,986  |
| Medtronic, Inc.                                     | 28,900    | 970,462    |
| NuVasive, Inc. <sup>(a)</sup>                       | 76,909    | 2,702,582  |
| St. Jude Medical, Inc. <sup>(a)</sup>               | 130,938   | 5,151,101  |
| Varian Medical Systems, Inc. <sup>(a)</sup>         | 120,400   | 7,284,200  |
| Zimmer Holdings, Inc. <sup>(a)</sup>                | 153,850   | 8,050,971  |
|   |           | 31,559,642 |

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**Health Care Providers & Services (1.67%)**

|   |         |           |
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| Aetna, Inc.   | 121,950 | 3,854,840 |
| Brookdale Senior Living, Inc. <sup>(a)</sup>        | 193,224 | 3,151,483 |
| Laboratory Corp. of America Holdings <sup>(a)</sup> | 43,700  | 3,427,391 |
| WellPoint, Inc. <sup>(a)</sup>                      | 91,570  | 5,186,525 |

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| <b>Health Care Technology (0.65%)</b>              |         |            |
| Cerner Corp. <sup>(a)</sup>                        | 72,432  | 6,083,564  |
| <b>Life Sciences Tools &amp; Services (0.63%)</b>  |         |            |
| Life Technologies Corp. <sup>(a)</sup>             | 126,300 | 5,896,947  |
| <b>Pharmaceuticals (2.65%)</b>                     |         |            |
| Allergan, Inc.                                     | 96,300  | 6,406,839  |
| Bristol-Myers Squibb Co.                           | 198,800 | 5,389,468  |
| Forest Laboratories, Inc. <sup>(a)</sup>           | 133,350 | 4,124,515  |
| Johnson & Johnson                                  | 48,375  | 2,997,315  |
| Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd. <sup>(b)</sup> | 111,900 | 5,902,725  |
|  |         | 24,820,862 |
| <b>INDUSTRIALS (9.43%)</b>                         |         |            |
| <b>Aerospace &amp; Defense (3.28%)</b>             |         |            |
| The Boeing Co.                                     | 64,000  | 4,258,560  |
| General Dynamics Corp.                             | 69,892  | 4,389,917  |
| Goodrich Corp.                                     | 44,084  | 3,250,313  |
| Honeywell International, Inc.                      | 83,010  | 3,647,459  |
| L-3 Communications Holdings, Inc.                  | 88,450  | 6,392,282  |
| Northrop Grumman Corp.                             | 143,600 | 8,706,468  |
|  |         | 30,644,999 |
| <b>Air Freight &amp; Logistics (1.58%)</b>         |         |            |
| C.H. Robinson Worldwide, Inc.                      | 141,145 | 9,868,858  |
| Expeditors International of Washington, Inc.       | 106,890 | 4,941,525  |
|  |         | 14,810,383 |
| <b>Building Products (0.52%)</b>                   |         |            |
| Masco Corp.  | 445,150 | 4,901,102  |
| <b>Construction &amp; Engineering (0.91%)</b>      |         |            |
| Fluor Corp.  | 98,332  | 4,870,384  |
| Quanta Services, Inc. <sup>(a)</sup>               | 188,400 | 3,594,672  |
|  |         | 8,465,056  |
| <b>Electrical Equipment (0.64%)</b>                |         |            |
| Rockwell Automation, Inc.                          | 96,650  | 5,966,204  |
| <b>Industrial Conglomerates (0.44%)</b>            |         |            |
| Textron, Inc.                                      | 202,173 | 4,156,677  |
| <b>Machinery (1.63%)</b>                           |         |            |
| Flowerserve Corp.                                  | 39,606  | 4,333,688  |
| Joy Global, Inc.                                   | 25,906  | 1,821,710  |
| Navistar International Corp. <sup>(a)</sup>        | 86,206  | 3,762,030  |
| Pentair, Inc.                                      | 92,586  | 3,113,667  |
| Terex Corp. <sup>(a)</sup>                         | 97,593  | 2,236,832  |

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|  |         | 15,267,927 |
| <b>Transportation Infrastructure (0.43%)</b> |         |            |
| Aegean Marine Petroleum Network, Inc.        | 241,335 | 4,015,814  |
| <b>INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (23.83%)</b>       |         |            |
| <b>Communications Equipment (3.78%)</b>      |         |            |
| Acme Packet, Inc. <sup>(a)</sup>             | 91,148  | 3,458,155  |

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| Alcatel-Lucent <sup>(a)(b)</sup>                             | 1,111,583 | 3,757,150  |
| Cisco Systems, Inc. <sup>(a)</sup>                           | 541,700   | 11,863,230 |
| QUALCOMM, Inc.   | 361,488   | 16,310,339 |
|  |           | 35,388,874 |
| <b>Computers &amp; Peripherals (5.32%)</b>                   |           |            |
| Apple, Inc. <sup>(a)</sup>                                   | 91,017    | 25,826,074 |
| Dell, Inc. <sup>(a)</sup>                                    | 1,391,810 | 18,037,857 |
| Hewlett-Packard Co.  | 140,700   | 5,919,249  |
|  |           | 49,783,180 |
| <b>Electronic Equipment &amp; Instruments (2.26%)</b>        |           |            |
| Avnet, Inc. <sup>(a)</sup>                                   | 121,525   | 3,282,390  |
| Corning, Inc.  | 350,000   | 6,398,000  |
| Tyco Electronics Ltd.  | 391,625   | 11,443,283 |
|  |           | 21,123,673 |
| <b>Internet Software &amp; Services (2.95%)</b>              |           |            |
| Baidu, Inc. <sup>(a)(b)</sup>                                | 35,984    | 3,692,678  |
| eBay, Inc. <sup>(a)</sup>                                    | 271,000   | 6,612,400  |
| Google, Inc., Class A <sup>(a)</sup>                         | 17,800    | 9,359,062  |
| Monster Worldwide, Inc. <sup>(a)</sup>                       | 415,000   | 5,378,400  |
| VistaPrint Ltd. <sup>(a)</sup>                               | 67,510    | 2,609,262  |
|  |           | 27,651,802 |
| <b>IT Services (3.14%)</b>                                   |           |            |
| Cognizant Technology Solutions Corp., Class A <sup>(a)</sup> | 111,500   | 7,188,405  |
| International Business Machines Corp.                        | 3,500     | 469,490    |
| Mastercard, Inc., Class A                                    | 19,884    | 4,454,016  |
| Visa, Inc., Class A  | 82,100    | 6,096,746  |
| The Western Union Co.  | 630,923   | 11,148,410 |
|  |           | 29,357,067 |
| <b>Semiconductors &amp; Semiconductor Equipment (3.18%)</b>  |           |            |
| Analog Devices, Inc.   | 197,500   | 6,197,550  |
| Broadcom Corp., Class A                                      | 257,018   | 9,095,867  |
| International Rectifier Corp. <sup>(a)</sup>                 | 327,498   | 6,906,933  |
| MEMC Electronic Materials, Inc. <sup>(a)</sup>               | 429,620   | 5,121,070  |
| Novellus Systems, Inc. <sup>(a)</sup>                        | 90,000    | 2,392,200  |
|  |           | 29,713,620 |
| <b>Software (3.20%)</b>                                      |           |            |
| Adobe Systems, Inc. <sup>(a)</sup>                           | 86,286    | 2,256,379  |
| CA, Inc.   | 256,750   | 5,422,560  |
| Microsoft Corp.  | 346,225   | 8,479,050  |
| Oracle Corp.   | 296,874   | 7,971,067  |
| Salesforce.com, Inc. <sup>(a)</sup>                          | 52,000    | 5,813,600  |
|  |           | 29,942,656 |
| <b>MATERIALS (2.66%)</b>                                     |           |            |

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**Chemicals (1.83%)**

|                          |         |            |
|--------------------------|---------|------------|
| The Dow Chemical Co.     | 147,574 | 4,052,382  |
| PPG Industries, Inc.     | 49,750  | 3,621,800  |
| Praxair, Inc.            | 63,900  | 5,767,614  |
| The Sherwin-Williams Co. | 48,400  | 3,636,776  |
|                          |         | 17,078,572 |

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| <b>Metals &amp; Mining (0.83%)</b>  |                  |                     |
| Alcoa, Inc.   | 410,000          | 4,965,100           |
| Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold, Inc.  | 33,327           | 2,845,792           |
|   |                  | 7,810,892           |
| <b>TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES (0.67%)</b>   |                  |                     |
| <b>Wireless Telecommunication Services (0.67%)</b>  |                  |                     |
| American Tower Corp., Class A <sup>(a)</sup>  | 120,960          | 6,200,410           |
| <b>UTILITIES (2.23%)</b>  |                  |                     |
| <b>Electric Utilities (1.17%)</b>   |                  |                     |
| Allegheny Energy, Inc.  | 290,080          | 7,112,762           |
| Edison International  | 112,175          | 3,857,698           |
|   |                  | 10,970,460          |
| <b>Gas Utilities (0.50%)</b>  |                  |                     |
| EQT Corp.   | 128,891          | 4,647,809           |
| <b>Independent Power Producers &amp; Energy Traders (0.56%)</b>   |                  |                     |
| RRI Energy, Inc. <sup>(a)</sup>   | 1,458,135        | 5,176,379           |
| <b>TOTAL COMMON STOCKS</b>  |                  |                     |
| (COST OF \$951,008,184)   |                  | 915,211,045         |
| <b>EXCHANGE TRADED FUND (0.04%)</b>   |                  |                     |
| iShares Russell 1000 Value Index Fund   | 7,330            | 432,397             |
| <b>TOTAL EXCHANGE TRADED FUND</b>   |                  |                     |
| (COST OF \$431,792)   |                  | 432,397             |
|   | <b>PRINCIPAL</b> | <b>MARKET VALUE</b> |
|   | <b>AMOUNT</b>    |                     |
| <b>CORPORATE BOND (0.16%)</b>   |                  |                     |
| <b>INDUSTRIALS (0.16%)</b>  |                  |                     |
| <b>Airlines (0.16%)</b>   |                  |                     |
| United Continental Holdings, Inc.   |                  |                     |
| 6.00%, 10/15/2029   | \$513,000        | 1,477,440           |
| <b>TOTAL CORPORATE BOND</b>   |                  |                     |
| (COST OF \$1,144,073)   |                  | 1,477,440           |
|   | <b>PAR VALUE</b> | <b>MARKET VALUE</b> |
| <b>SHORT TERM INVESTMENT (1.81%)</b>  |                  |                     |
| <b>REPURCHASE AGREEMENT (1.81%)</b>   |                  |                     |
| Repurchase agreement with State Street Bank & Trust Co., dated 09/30/10, due 10/01/10 at 0.010%, collateralized by several Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac instruments with various maturity dates, market value of \$17,288,269 (Repurchase proceeds of \$16,940,005) |                  |                     |

**TOTAL SHORT TERM INVESTMENT**

|                        |              |            |
|------------------------|--------------|------------|
| (COST OF \$16,940,000) | \$16,940,000 | 16,940,000 |
|------------------------|--------------|------------|

**TOTAL INVESTMENTS (99.84%)**

|  |  |             |
|--|--|-------------|
| (COST OF \$969,524,049) <sup>(c)</sup> |  | 934,060,882 |
|--|--|-------------|

|  |  |                  |
|--|--|------------------|
| <b>OTHER ASSETS IN EXCESS OF LIABILITIES (0.16%)</b> |  | <b>1,486,916</b> |
|--|--|------------------|

|                             |  |                      |
|-----------------------------|--|----------------------|
| <b>NET ASSETS (100.00%)</b> |  | <b>\$935,547,798</b> |
|-----------------------------|--|----------------------|

**NET ASSET VALUE PER SHARE**

|                                  |  |        |
|----------------------------------|--|--------|
| (182,678,079 SHARES OUTSTANDING) |  | \$5.12 |
|----------------------------------|--|--------|

- (a) Non-income producing security.
- (b) American Depositary Receipt.
- (c) Cost of investments for federal income tax purposes is \$979,896,983.

Gross unrealized appreciation and depreciation at September 30, 2010 based on cost of investments for federal income tax purposes is as follows:

|                                    |                        |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Gross unrealized appreciation      | \$ 94,976,963          |
| Gross unrealized depreciation      | (140,813,064)          |
| <b>Net unrealized depreciation</b> | <b>\$ (45,836,101)</b> |

For Fund compliance purposes, the Fund's industry classifications refer to any one or more of the industry sub-classifications used by one or more widely recognized market indexes or ratings group indexes, and/or as defined by Fund management. This definition may not apply for purposes of this report, which may combine industry sub-classifications for reporting ease. Industries are shown as a percent of net assets. These industry classifications are unaudited.

## NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

*As-of September 30, 2010 (Unaudited)*

### NOTE 1. ORGANIZATION

Liberty All-Star<sup>®</sup> Equity Fund (the Fund) is a Massachusetts business trust registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the Act), as amended, as a diversified, closed-end management investment company.

#### Investment Goal

The Fund seeks total investment return comprised of long-term capital appreciation and current income through investing primarily in a diversified portfolio of equity securities.

### NOTE 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Security Valuation

Equity securities including common stocks and exchange traded funds are valued at the last sale price at the close of the principal exchange on which they trade, except for securities listed on the NASDAQ, which are valued at the NASDAQ official closing price. Unlisted securities or listed securities for which there were no sales during the day are valued at the closing bid price on such exchanges or over-the-counter markets and are classified as level 1 of the fair value hierarchy.

Debt securities generally are valued by pricing services approved by the Fund's Board of Trustees (the Board), based upon market transactions for normal, institutional-size trading units of similar securities. The services may use various pricing techniques which take into account appropriate factors such as yield, quality, coupon rate, maturity, type of issue, trading characteristics and other data, as well as broker quotes. Debt securities for which quotations are readily available are valued at an over-the-counter or exchange bid quotation.

Short-term debt obligations maturing in more than 60 days for which market quotations are readily available are valued at current market value. Short-term debt obligations maturing within 60 days are valued at amortized cost, which approximates market value. Debt obligations are classified as level 2 of the fair value hierarchy.

Investments for which market quotations are not readily available are valued at fair value as determined in good faith under consistently applied procedures approved by and under the general supervision of the Board and would be classified as level 2 or 3 within the fair value hierarchy.

#### Foreign Securities

The Fund invests in foreign securities including American Depositary Receipts, which may involve a number of risk factors and special considerations not present with investments in securities of U.S. corporations and would be classified as level 1 or 2 within the fair value hierarchy.

#### Security Transactions

Security transactions are accounted for on the trade date. Cost is determined and gains/(losses) are based upon the specific identification method for both financial statement and federal income tax purposes.

#### Foreign Currency Translation

The books and records of the Fund are maintained in U.S. dollars. Investment valuations and other

assets and liabilities initially expressed in foreign currencies are converted each business day into U.S. dollars based upon current exchange rates. Prevailing foreign exchange rates may generally be obtained at the close of the NYSE, normally 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time. As available and as provided by an appropriate pricing service, translation of foreign security and currency market values may also occur with the use of foreign exchange rates obtained at approximately 11:00 a.m. Eastern Time, which approximates the close of the London Exchange. The portion of unrealized and realized gains or losses on investments due to fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates is not separately disclosed.

### **Repurchase Agreements**

The Fund may engage in repurchase agreement transactions with institutions that the Fund's investment advisor has determined are creditworthy. The Fund, through its custodian, receives delivery of underlying securities collateralizing a repurchase agreement. Collateral is at least equal, at all times, to the value of the repurchase obligation including interest. A repurchase agreement transaction involves certain risks in the event of default or insolvency of the counterparty. These risks include possible delays or restrictions upon a Fund's ability to dispose of the underlying securities and a possible decline in the value of the underlying securities during the period while the Fund seeks to assert its rights. Repurchase agreement transactions are classified as level 2 of the fair value hierarchy.

### **Income Recognition**

Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Premium and discount are amortized and accreted, respectively, on all debt securities. Corporate actions and dividend income are recorded on the ex-date.

The Fund estimates components of distributions from real estate investment trusts (REITs). Distributions received in excess of income are recorded as a reduction of the cost of the related investments. Once the REIT reports annually the tax character of its distributions, the Fund revises its estimates. If the Fund no longer owns the applicable securities, any distributions received in excess of income are recorded as realized gains.

### **Fair Value Measurements**

The Fund discloses the classification of its fair value measurements following the three-tier hierarchy established by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB). Inputs refer broadly to the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability, including assumptions about risk. Inputs may be observable or unobservable. Observable inputs reflect the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability that are developed based on market data obtained from sources independent of the reporting entity. Unobservable inputs reflect the reporting entity's own assumptions about the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability that are developed based on the best information available.

Various inputs are used in determining the value of the Fund's investments as of the end of the reporting period. When inputs used fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy, the level in the hierarchy within which the fair value measurement falls in its entirety is determined based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. The designated input levels are not necessarily an indication of the risk or liquidity associated with these investments. These inputs are categorized in the following hierarchy under applicable financial accounting standards:



**Level 1** Quoted prices in active markets for identical investments

**Level 2** Other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar investments, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, etc.)

**Level 3** Significant unobservable inputs (including the Fund's own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments)

The following is a summary of the inputs used to value the Fund's investments as of September 30, 2010.

| Investments in Securities at<br>Value* | Valuation Inputs |               |         | Total          |
|--|------------------|---------------|---------|----------------|
|  | Level 1          | Level 2       | Level 3 |                |
| Common Stocks                          | \$ 915,211,045   | \$            | \$      | \$ 915,211,045 |
| Exchange Traded Fund                   | 432,397          |               |         | 432,397        |
| Corporate Bond                         |                  | 1,477,440     |         | 1,477,440      |
| Short Term Investment                  |                  | 16,940,000    |         | 16,940,000     |
| Total                                  | \$ 915,643,442   | \$ 18,417,440 | \$      | \$ 934,060,882 |

\*See Schedule of Investments for industry classifications

For the three months ended September 30, 2010, the Fund did not have any significant transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 securities. For the period ended September 30, 2010, the Fund did not have any securities which used significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) in determining fair value. Therefore, a reconciliation of assets in which significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) were used in determining fair value is not applicable.

#### Indemnification

In the normal course of business, the Fund enters into contracts that contain a variety of representations and warranties and which provide general indemnities. The Fund's maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown, as this would involve future claims against the Fund. Also, under the Fund's organizational documents and by contract, the Trustees and Officers of the Fund are indemnified against certain liabilities that may arise out of their duties to the Fund. However, based on experience, the Fund expects the risk of loss due to these warranties and indemnities to be minimal.

**Item 2 - 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) within 90 days of this filing and have concluded that the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures were effective, as of that date.
  
- (b) There was no change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the Investment Company Act of 1940) during registrant's last fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

**Item 3 Exhibits.**

Separate certifications for the registrant's Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer, as required by Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and Rule 30a-2(a) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, are attached as Ex99.CERT.

**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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By: /s/ William Parmentier  
**William Parmentier**  
**President (principal executive officer)**

Date: November 19, 2010

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

By: /s/ William Parmentier  
**William Parmentier**  
**President (principal executive officer)**

Date: November 19, 2010

By: /s/ Jeremy O. May  
**Jeremy O. May**  
**Treasurer (principal financial officer)**

Date: November 19, 2010