

LIBERTY ALL STAR GROWTH FUND INC.

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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: 811-04537

LIBERTY ALL-STAR GROWTH FUND, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

1290 Broadway, Suite 1100, Denver, Colorado 80203

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

Sareena Khwaja-Dixon

ALPS Fund Services, Inc.

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: September 30, 2016

Item 1 – Schedule of Investments.

Liberty All-Star® Growth Fund
 Schedule of Investments
 As of September 30, 2016 (unaudited)

	SHARES	MARKET VALUE
COMMON STOCKS (97.97%)		
CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY (17.48%)		
Auto Components (1.32%)		
Dorman Products, Inc. ^(a)	22,727	\$1,452,255
Gentherm, Inc. ^(a)	7,145	224,496
		1,676,751
Diversified Consumer Services (0.84%)		
2U, Inc. ^(a)	11,209	429,193
Nord Anglia Education, Inc. ^{(a)(b)}	29,469	641,835
		1,071,028
Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure (3.92%)		
Chipotle Mexican Grill, Inc. ^(a)	3,554	1,505,119
Chuy's Holdings, Inc. ^(a)	23,416	654,243
Planet Fitness, Inc., Class A ^{(a)(b)}	40,254	807,898
Starbucks Corp.	22,746	1,231,468
Texas Roadhouse, Inc.	20,000	780,600
		4,979,328
Household Durables (1.03%)		
GoPro, Inc., Class A ^{(a)(b)}	29,546	492,827
Helen of Troy Ltd. ^(a)	9,500	818,615
		1,311,442
Internet & Catalog Retail (3.56%)		
Amazon.com, Inc. ^(a)	1,982	1,659,549
The Priceline Group, Inc. ^(a)	992	1,459,718
Wayfair, Inc., Class A ^{(a)(b)}	35,863	1,411,926
		4,531,193
Media (0.75%)		
Scripps Networks Interactive, Inc., Class A	15,000	952,350
Multiline Retail (0.68%)		
Ollie's Bargain Outlet Holdings, Inc. ^{(a)(b)}	32,778	859,112
Specialty Retail (3.02%)		
Foot Locker, Inc.	17,500	1,185,100
Francesca's Holdings Corp. ^(a)	55,851	861,781
Lowe's Companies, Inc.	24,759	1,787,847
		3,834,728
Textiles, Apparel & Luxury Goods (2.36%)		
Carter's, Inc.	9,500	823,745
G-III Apparel Group Ltd. ^(a)	23,000	670,450
NIKE, Inc., Class B	28,737	1,513,003
		3,007,198

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	SHARES	MARKET VALUE
COMMON STOCKS (continued)		
CONSUMER STAPLES (4.82%)		
Food & Staples Retailing (0.97%)		
Whole Foods Market, Inc.	43,200	\$1,224,720
Food Products (1.91%)		
The Hain Celestial Group, Inc. ^(a)	20,000	711,600
Mondelez International, Inc., Class A	39,097	1,716,358
		2,427,958
Household Products (1.94%)		
Church & Dwight Co., Inc.	20,000	958,400
Colgate-Palmolive Co.	20,390	1,511,715
		2,470,115
ENERGY (2.66%)		
Energy Equipment & Services (2.66%)		
Core Laboratories NV ^(b)	16,971	1,906,352
Natural Gas Services Group, Inc. ^(a)	921	22,647
Schlumberger Ltd.	18,540	1,457,986
		3,386,985
FINANCIALS (8.33%)		
Banks (0.42%)		
Independent Bank Group, Inc.	12,119	535,296
Capital Markets (2.06%)		
Financial Engines, Inc.	5,066	150,511
Raymond James Financial, Inc.	18,500	1,076,885
State Street Corp.	11,666	812,303
Virtus Investment Partners, Inc. ^(b)	6,000	587,160
		2,626,859
Commercial Banks (1.82%)		
Signature Bank ^(a)	19,519	2,312,026
Consumer Finance (1.39%)		
Visa, Inc., Class A	21,363	1,766,720
Diversified Financial Services (0.83%)		
FactSet Research Systems, Inc.	6,500	1,053,650
Insurance (0.84%)		
Greenlight Capital Re Ltd., Class A ^(a)	31,755	649,072
United Insurance Holdings Corp.	24,806	421,206
		1,070,278

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	SHARES	MARKET VALUE
COMMON STOCKS (continued)		
Thrifts & Mortgage Finance (0.97%)		
BofI Holding, Inc. ^{(a)(b)}	54,995	\$ 1,231,888
HEALTH CARE (15.40%)		
Biotechnology (3.91%)		
ACADIA Pharmaceuticals, Inc. ^(a)	7,282	231,640
Amgen, Inc.	9,410	1,569,682
Puma Biotechnology, Inc. ^(a)	14,884	997,972
Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, Inc. ^(a)	3,128	1,257,519
Ultragenyx Pharmaceutical, Inc. ^(a)	12,884	913,991
		4,970,804
Health Care Equipment & Supplies (2.75%)		
The Cooper Cos., Inc.	6,000	1,075,560
Insulet Corp. ^(a)	32,140	1,315,812
ResMed, Inc.	17,000	1,101,430
		3,492,802
Health Care Provider & Services (0.15%)		
Adeptus Health, Inc. ^{(a)(b)}	4,278	184,168
Health Care Providers & Services (2.05%)		
Diplomat Pharmacy, Inc. ^{(a)(b)}	5,324	149,125
Henry Schein, Inc. ^(a)	6,000	977,880
U.S. Physical Therapy, Inc.	6,931	434,574
VCA, Inc. ^(a)	15,000	1,049,700
		2,611,279
Health Care Technology (2.81%)		
Cerner Corp. ^(a)	29,151	1,800,074
Cotiviti Holdings, Inc. ^(a)	52,646	1,765,221
		3,565,295
Life Sciences Tools & Services (2.46%)		
Cambrex Corp. ^(a)	20,000	889,200
Medpace Holdings, Inc. ^(a)	1,454	43,416
Mettler-Toledo International, Inc. ^(a)	2,500	1,049,575
PAREXEL International Corp. ^(a)	16,500	1,145,925
		3,128,116
Pharmaceuticals (1.27%)		
Aerie Pharmaceuticals, Inc. ^{(a)(b)}	22,986	867,492
Novo Nordisk AS ^(c)	18,092	752,446
		1,619,938
INDUSTRIALS (15.51%)		
Aerospace & Defense (1.77%)		
B/E Aerospace, Inc.	20,000	1,033,200

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COMMON STOCKS (continued)		
Aerospace & Defense (continued)		
HEICO Corp.	17,604	\$1,218,197 2,251,397
Air Freight & Logistics (0.48%)		
XPO Logistics, Inc. ^{(a)(b)}	16,534	606,302
Building Products (1.70%)		
Lennox International, Inc.	7,000	1,099,210
Masco Corp.	31,000	1,063,610 2,162,820
Commercial Services & Supplies (1.90%)		
The Advisory Board Co. ^(a)	29,950	1,339,963
Cintas Corp.	9,500	1,069,700 2,409,663
Electrical Equipment (0.83%)		
Acuity Brands, Inc.	4,000	1,058,400
Machinery (3.15%)		
Middleby Corp. ^(a)	20,654	2,553,248
Proto Labs, Inc. ^{(a)(b)}	7,720	462,505
Snap-on, Inc.	6,500	987,740 4,003,493
Professional Services (3.56%)		
Equifax, Inc.	7,500	1,009,350
Paylocity Holding Corp. ^(a)	33,294	1,480,251
Robert Half International, Inc.	24,000	908,640
WageWorks, Inc. ^(a)	18,453	1,123,972 4,522,213
Road & Rail (1.39%)		
J.B. Hunt Transport Services, Inc.	12,000	973,680
Kansas City Southern	8,549	797,793 1,771,473
Trading Companies & Distribution (0.73%)		
H&E Equipment Services, Inc.	21,586	361,781
SiteOne Landscape Supply, Inc. ^(a)	15,773	566,724 928,505
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (28.42%)		
Communications Equipment (0.88%)		
F5 Networks, Inc. ^(a)	9,000	1,121,760
Electronic Equipment & Instruments (2.95%)		
Cognex Corp.	23,000	1,215,780

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COMMON STOCKS (continued)		
Electronic Equipment & Instruments (continued)		
IPG Photonics Corp. ^(a)	30,823	\$2,538,274
		3,754,054
Internet Software & Services (6.06%)		
Alphabet, Inc., Class C ^(a)	2,104	1,635,418
Facebook, Inc., Class A ^(a)	6,860	879,932
GTT Communications, Inc. ^(a)	85,769	2,018,145
SPS Commerce, Inc. ^(a)	20,409	1,498,225
Stamps.com, Inc. ^{(a)(b)}	17,628	1,666,022
		7,697,742
IT Services (5.62%)		
Alliance Data Systems Corp. ^(a)	5,082	1,090,242
Automatic Data Processing, Inc.	16,205	1,429,281
EPAM Systems, Inc. ^(a)	15,011	1,040,412
FleetCor Technologies, Inc. ^(a)	9,838	1,709,156
Genpact Ltd. ^(a)	37,000	886,150
Jack Henry & Associates, Inc.	11,500	983,825
		7,139,066
Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment (2.02%)		
MACOM Technology Solutions Holdings, Inc. ^(a)	35,973	1,523,097
Monolithic Power Systems, Inc.	13,000	1,046,500
		2,569,597
Software (9.15%)		
Ebix, Inc. ^(b)	8,139	462,702
Everbridge, Inc. ^(a)	19,371	326,595
Fleetmatics Group PLC ^(a)	19,674	1,180,047
Globant SA ^{(a)(b)}	27,571	1,161,291
Manhattan Associates, Inc. ^(a)	15,000	864,300
RealPage, Inc. ^(a)	34,323	882,101
Red Hat, Inc. ^(a)	18,163	1,468,115
Salesforce.com, Inc. ^(a)	20,467	1,459,911
SAP SE ^{(b)(c)}	13,572	1,240,617
Synopsys, Inc. ^(a)	18,000	1,068,300
The Ultimate Software Group, Inc. ^(a)	7,414	1,515,347
		11,629,326
Technology Hardware Storage & Equipment (1.74%)		
Apple, Inc.	16,694	1,887,256
Stratasys Ltd. ^{(a)(b)}	13,664	329,166
		2,216,422
MATERIALS (2.16%)		
Chemicals (2.16%)		
Ecolab, Inc.	13,741	1,672,554

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	SHARES	MARKET VALUE
COMMON STOCKS (continued)		
Chemicals (continued)		
International Flavors & Fragrances, Inc.	7,500	\$ 1,072,275 2,744,829
REAL ESTATE (3.19%)		
Real Estate Investment Trusts (1.74%)		
Camden Property Trust	12,000	1,004,880
Equinix, Inc.	3,347	1,205,757 2,210,637
Real Estate Management & Development (1.45%)		
FirstService Corp.	39,533	1,845,400
TOTAL COMMON STOCKS (COST OF \$102,188,358)		124,545,126
SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS (10.54%)		
MONEY MARKET FUND (2.40%)		
State Street Institutional U.S. Government Money Market Fund, 0.27% ^(d) (COST OF \$3,051,123)	3,051,123	3,051,123
INVESTMENTS PURCHASED WITH COLLATERAL FROM SECURITIES LOANED (8.14%)		
State Street Navigator Securities Lending Prime Portfolio, 0.30% (COST OF \$10,351,696)	10,351,696	10,351,696
TOTAL SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS (COST OF \$13,402,819)		13,402,819
TOTAL INVESTMENTS (108.51%) (COST OF \$115,591,177) ^(e)		137,947,945
LIABILITIES IN EXCESS OF OTHER ASSETS (-8.51%)		(10,826,408)
NET ASSETS (100.00%)		\$ 127,121,537
NET ASSET VALUE PER SHARE (26,152,284 SHARES OUTSTANDING)		\$4.86

(a) Non-income producing security.

(b) Security, or a portion of the security position, is currently on loan. The total market value of securities on loan is \$12,374,854.

(c) American Depositary Receipt.

(d) Rate reflects seven-day effective yield on September 30, 2016.

(e) Cost of investments for federal income tax purposes is \$116,939,885.

Gross unrealized appreciation and depreciation at September 30, 2016 based on cost of investments for federal income tax purposes is as follows:

Gross unrealized appreciation	\$23,726,890
Gross unrealized depreciation	(2,718,830)
Net unrealized appreciation	\$21,008,060

See Notes to Schedule of Investments.

Liberty All-Star® Growth Fund
Notes to Schedule of Investments
As of September 30, 2016 (unaudited)

Security Valuation

Equity securities 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 Stock Market LLC (“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.

Cash collateral from securities lending activity is reinvested in the State Street Navigator Securities Lending Prime Portfolio, a registered investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the “1940 Act”), which operates as a money market fund in compliance with Rule 2a-7 under the 1940 Act. Shares of registered investment companies are valued daily at that investment company’s net asset value per share.

The Fund’s investments are valued at market value or, in the absence of market value with respect to any portfolio securities, at fair value according to procedures adopted by the Fund’s Board of Directors (the “Board”). When market quotations are not readily available, or in management’s judgment they do not accurately reflect fair value of a security, or an event occurs after the market close but before the Fund is priced that materially affects the value of a security, the security will be valued by the Fund’s Valuation Committee, using fair valuation procedures established by the Board. Examples of potentially significant events that could materially impact a Fund’s net asset value include, but are not limited to: single issuer events such as corporate actions, reorganizations, mergers, spin-offs, liquidations, acquisitions and buyouts; corporate announcements on earnings or product offerings; regulatory news; and litigation and multiple issuer events such as governmental actions; natural disasters or armed conflicts that affect a country or a region; or significant market fluctuations. Potential significant events are monitored by the Advisor, ALPS Advisors, Inc. (the “Advisor”), Sub-Advisers and/or the Valuation Committee through independent reviews of market indicators, general news sources and communications from the Fund’s custodian. As of September 30, 2016, the Fund held no securities that were fair valued.

Security Transactions

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

Income Recognition

Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. 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.

Lending of Portfolio Securities

The Fund may lend its portfolio securities only to borrowers that are approved by the Fund’s securities lending agent, State Street Bank & Trust Co. (“SSB”). The Fund will limit such lending to not more than 20% of the value of its total assets. The borrower pledges and maintains with the Fund collateral consisting of cash (U.S. Dollar only), securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. government or its agencies or instrumentalities, or by irrevocable bank letters of credit issued by a person other than the borrower or an affiliate of the borrower. The initial collateral received by the Fund is required to have a value of no less than 102% of the market value of the loaned securities for securities traded on U.S. exchanges and a value of no less than 105% of the market value for all other securities. The collateral is maintained thereafter, at a market value equal to no less than 100% of the current value of the securities on loan. The market value of the loaned securities is determined at the close of each business day and any additional required

collateral is delivered to the Fund on the next business day. During the term of the loan, the Fund is entitled to all distributions made on or in respect of the loaned securities. Loans of securities are terminable at any time and the borrower, after notice, is required to return borrowed securities within the standard time period for settlement of securities transactions.

Any cash collateral received is reinvested in a money market fund managed by SSB as disclosed in the Fund's Schedule of Investments. Non-cash collateral, in the form of securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. government or its agencies or instrumentalities, is not disclosed in the Fund's Schedule of Investments as it is held by the lending agent on behalf of the Fund, and the Fund does not have the ability to re-hypothecate these securities. As of September 30, 2016, the market value of securities on loan was \$12,374,854, and the total cash collateral and non-cash collateral received was \$10,351,696 and \$2,302,230 respectively.

The risks of securities lending include the risk that the borrower may not provide additional collateral when required or may not return the securities when due. To mitigate these risks, the Fund benefits from a borrower default indemnity provided by SSB. SSB's indemnity allows for full replacement of securities lent wherein SSB will purchase the unreturned loaned securities on the open market by applying the proceeds of the collateral, or to the extent such proceeds are insufficient or the collateral is unavailable, SSB will purchase the unreturned loan securities at SSB's expense. However, the Fund could suffer a loss if the value of the investments purchased with cash collateral falls below the value of the cash collateral received.

Fair Value Measurements

The Fund discloses the classification of its fair value measurements following a three-tier hierarchy based on the inputs used to measure fair value. 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.

Valuation techniques used to value the Fund's investments by major category are as follows:

Equity securities that are valued based on unadjusted quoted prices in active markets are categorized as Level 1 in the hierarchy. In the event there were no sales during the day or closing prices are not available, securities are valued at the mean of the most recent quoted bid and ask prices on such day and are generally categorized as Level 2 in the hierarchy. Investments in open end mutual funds are valued at their closing NAV each business day and are categorized as Level 1 in the hierarchy.

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 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— Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical investments, unrestricted assets or liabilities that a Fund has the ability to access at the measurement date;
- Level 2— Quoted prices which are not active, quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets or inputs other than quoted prices that are observable (either directly or indirectly) for substantially the full term of the asset or liability; and
- Level 3— Significant unobservable prices or inputs (including the Fund's own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments) where there is little or no market activity for the asset or liability at the measurement date.

The following is a summary of the inputs used to value the Fund's investments as of September 30, 2016:

Investments in Securities at Value*	Valuation Inputs			Total
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
Common Stocks	\$124,545,126	\$ —	\$ —	\$124,545,126
Short Term Investment	3,051,123	—	—	3,051,123
Investments Purchased with Collateral from Securities Loaned	10,351,696	—	—	10,351,696
Total	\$137,947,945	\$ —	\$ —	\$137,947,945

* See Schedule of Investments for industry classifications.

The Fund recognizes transfers between levels as of the end of the period. For the period ended September 30, 2016, the Fund did not have any transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 securities. The Fund did not have any securities which used significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) in determining fair value during the period.

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 Directors 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.

Maryland Statutes

By resolution of the Board of Directors, the Fund has opted into the Maryland Control Share Acquisition Act and the Maryland Business Combination Act. In general, the Maryland Control Share Acquisition Act provides that "control shares" of a Maryland corporation acquired in a control share acquisition may not be voted except to the extent approved by shareholders at a meeting by a vote of two-thirds of the votes entitled to be cast on the matter (excluding shares owned by the acquirer and by officers or directors who are employees of the corporation). "Control shares" are voting shares of stock which, if aggregated with all other shares of stock owned by the acquirer or in respect of which the acquirer is able to exercise or direct the exercise of voting power (except solely by virtue of a revocable proxy), would entitle the acquirer to exercise voting power in electing directors within certain statutorily defined ranges (one-tenth but less than one-third, one-third but less than a majority, and more than a majority of the voting power). In general, the Maryland Business Combination Act prohibits an interested shareholder (a shareholder that holds 10% or more of the voting power of the outstanding stock of the corporation) of a Maryland corporation from engaging in a business combination (generally defined to include a merger, consolidation, share exchange, sale of a substantial amount of assets, a transfer of the corporation's securities and similar transactions to or with the interested shareholder or an entity affiliated with the interested shareholder) with the corporation for a period of five years after the most recent date on which the interested shareholder became an interested shareholder. At the time of adoption, March 19, 2009, the Board and the Fund were not aware of any shareholder that held control shares or that was an interested shareholder under the statutes.

Item 2 - Controls and Procedures.

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 (a) 90 days of this filing and have concluded that the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures were effective, as of that date.

There was no change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under (b) 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.

LIBERTY ALL-STAR GROWTH FUND,
INC.

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

Date: November 21, 2016

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 21, 2016

By: /s/ Kimberly Storms
Kimberly Storms
Treasurer (principal financial officer)

Date: November 21, 2016