

ALPINE TOTAL DYNAMIC DIVIDEND FUND
Form N-Q
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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: 811-21980

ALPINE TOTAL DYNAMIC DIVIDEND FUND

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

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Date of fiscal year end: October 31, 2017

Date of reporting period: July 31, 2017

Item 1. Schedule of Investments.Schedule of Portfolio Investments Alpine Total Dynamic Dividend Fund
July 31, 2017 (Unaudited)

Shares	Security Description	Value
Common Stocks-97.6%		
Aerospace & Defense-1.1%		
66,300	Raytheon Co.	\$ 11,388,351
Air Freight & Logistics-1.3%		
65,900	FedEx Corp.	13,709,177
Airlines-1.4%		
146,000	Delta Air Lines, Inc.	7,206,560
249,500	Japan Airlines Co., Ltd.	8,074,888
		15,281,448
Auto Components-2.5%		
134,000	Delphi Automotive PLC	12,116,280
3,261,000	GKN PLC	13,832,746
		25,949,026
Banks-11.9%		
1,467,685	Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria SA	13,293,200
583,000	Bank of America Corp.	14,061,960
78,500	BNP Paribas SA	6,093,311
188,000	Citigroup, Inc.	12,868,600
379,000	Citizens Financial Group, Inc.	13,295,320
143,700	Hana Financial Group, Inc.	6,549,037
2,900,000	Intesa Sanpaolo SpA	9,996,958
1,179,000	Mediobanca SpA	12,303,101
1,117,000	Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group, Inc.	7,092,385
605,000	Regions Financial Corp.	8,833,000
99,200	The PNC Financial Services Group, Inc.	12,776,960
156,000	Wells Fargo & Co.	8,414,640
		125,578,472
Biotechnology-1.0%		
63,400	Shire PLC-ADR	10,622,036
Building Products-0.6%		
90,500	Fortune Brands Home & Security, Inc.	5,943,135
Capital Markets-3.9%		

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582,000	Ares Capital Corp.	9,538,980
283,500	Azimut Holding SpA	6,356,404
88,500	Deutsche Boerse AG	9,262,392
92,600	Evercore Partners, Inc.-Class A	7,282,990
249,000	The Blackstone Group LP	8,329,050
		40,769,816

Chemicals-1.8%

398,000	Clariant AG	9,261,078
136,000	Symrise AG	9,535,844
		18,796,922

Communications Equipment-1.4%

245,300	Cisco Systems, Inc.	7,714,685
1,071,000	Nokia OYJ	6,821,034
		14,535,719

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Construction & Engineering-3.3%

321,885	Bouygues SA	13,811,070
5,467,500	China Railway Construction Corp., Ltd.-Class H	7,223,921
657,200	Ferrovial SA	14,194,494
		35,229,485

Consumer Finance-1.2%

105,000	Discover Financial Services	6,398,700
216,000	Synchrony Financial	6,549,120
		12,947,820

Diversified Telecommunication Services-2.0%

427,500	BT Group PLC-SP ADR	8,930,475
556,200	Cellnex Telecom SAU (a)	12,510,166
		21,440,641

Electric Utilities-1.7%

172,100	FirstEnergy Corp.	5,491,711
83,000	NextEra Energy, Inc.	12,125,470
		17,617,181

Electronic Equipment, Instruments & Components-1.2%

160,000	TE Connectivity, Ltd.	12,862,400
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Energy Equipment & Services-0.9%

151,300	Baker Hughes a GE Co.	5,581,457
88,200	Helmerich & Payne, Inc.	4,464,684
		10,046,141

Equity Real Estate Investment-5.2%

68,000	American Tower Corp.	9,270,440
366,200	Colony NorthStar, Inc.-Class A	5,361,168
79,500	CyrusOne, Inc.	4,746,945
48,000	Digital Realty Trust, Inc.	5,536,320
780	Nippon Building Fund, Inc.	4,209,715
394,000	Park Hotels & Resorts, Inc.	10,610,420
149,500	Starwood Waypoint Homes	5,226,520
192,000	The Geo Group, Inc.	5,635,200
674,738	Westfield Corp.	4,145,590
		54,742,318

Food & Staples Retailing-1.7%

114,500	Alimentation Couche-Tard, Inc.-Class B	5,429,509
152,700	CVS Health Corp.	12,205,311
		17,634,820

Food Products-3.0%

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269,000	Mondelez International, Inc.-Class A	11,841,380
165,000	Nestle SA	13,941,259
45,600	The J.M. Smucker Co.	5,558,640
		31,341,279

Health Care Equipment & Supplies-1.8%

118,900	Medtronic PLC	9,984,033
75,500	Zimmer Biomet Holdings, Inc.	9,159,660
		19,143,693

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Health Care Providers & Services-3.4%

39,600	Aetna, Inc.	6,110,676
64,500	McKesson Corp.	10,440,615
40,200	UnitedHealth Group, Inc.	7,710,762
107,600	Universal Health Services, Inc.-Class B	11,925,308
		36,187,361

Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure-1.5%

238,800	Melco Resorts & Entertainment, Ltd.-ADR	4,823,760
322,700	MGM Resorts International	10,626,511
		15,450,271

Household Durables-3.1%

224,500	Lennar Corp.-Class A	11,772,780
200,000	Newell Brands, Inc.	10,544,000
57,000	Whirlpool Corp.	10,139,160
		32,455,940

Household Products-1.0%

353,900	Essity AB-Class B (b)	10,261,338
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Independent Power and Renewable Electricity

Producers-1.1%

300,000	NRG Yield, Inc.-Class C	5,580,000
249,600	Pattern Energy Group, Inc.	6,264,960
		11,844,960

Insurance-1.1%

55,800	Allianz SE	11,890,091
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Internet Software & Services-0.6%

6,900	Alphabet, Inc.-Class C (b)	6,420,450
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IT Services-1.5%

247,500	CSRA, Inc.	8,070,975
151,500	Leidos Holdings, Inc.	8,096,160
		16,167,135

Life Sciences Tools & Services-1.0%

63,200	Thermo Fisher Scientific, Inc.	11,093,496
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Machinery-1.6%

76,000	Alstom SA	2,724,706
5,209,950	CRRC Corp., Ltd.-Class H	4,655,791
61,500	Snap-on, Inc.	9,483,300
		16,863,797

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Media-1.8%

233,000	Comcast Corp.-Class A	9,424,850
324,000	Twenty-First Century Fox, Inc.-Class A	9,428,400
		18,853,250

Metals & Mining-1.8%

241,000	ArcelorMittal-NY Registered (b)	6,304,560
78,600	Randgold Resources, Ltd.-ADR	7,305,084
1,165,000	Sandfire Resources NL	5,396,280
		19,005,924

Multi-Utilities-1.9%

146,500	CMS Energy Corp.	6,774,160
594,500	Veolia Environnement SA	13,410,325
		20,184,485

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Multiline Retail-0.5%

69,500	Dollar General Corp.	5,223,620
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Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels-5.2%

118,000	Adeavor	11,744,540
90,000	Apache Corp.	4,453,200
229,000	BP PLC-SP ADR	8,047,060
231,000	Enbridge, Inc.	9,577,260
55,300	EOG Resources, Inc.	5,261,242
642,500	Kinder Morgan, Inc.	13,126,275
55,000	Marathon Petroleum Corp.	3,079,450
		55,289,027

Paper & Forest Products-2.0%

787,000	Stora Enso OYJ-R Shares	10,527,655
353,900	Svenska Cellulosa AB SCA-B Shares	2,930,246
275,000	UPM-Kymmene OYJ	7,490,793
		20,948,694

Personal Products-0.8%

151,000	Unilever NV	8,812,565
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Pharmaceuticals-1.7%

133,500	Novartis AG-SP ADR	11,374,200
196,000	Pfizer, Inc.	6,499,360
		17,873,560

Real Estate Management & Development-1.7%

4,210,000	Global Logistic Properties, Ltd.	10,283,068
357,000	Mitsui Fudosan Co., Ltd.	8,207,325
		18,490,393

Road & Rail-2.6%

63,500	Canadian Pacific Railway, Ltd.	9,929,495
76,500	Norfolk Southern Corp.	8,612,370
2,568,500	Rumo SA (b)	8,516,777
		27,058,642

Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment-4.6%

268,000	Applied Materials, Inc.	11,875,080
62,200	Broadcom, Ltd.	15,342,252
331,000	Intel Corp.	11,740,570
162,500	SK Hynix, Inc.	9,584,022
		48,541,924

Software-1.0%

61,470	Dell Technologies, Inc.-VMware, Inc.-Class V (b)	3,950,677
94,000	Microsoft Corp.	6,833,800

10,784,477

Specialty Retail-1.0%

36,600	The Home Depot, Inc.	5,475,360
74,400	TJX Cos., Inc.	5,231,064
		10,706,424

Technology Hardware, Storage & Peripherals-3.3%

149,000	Apple, Inc.	22,160,770
3,150	Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd.	6,783,879
64,500	Western Digital Corp.	5,490,240
		34,434,889

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Textiles, Apparel & Luxury Goods-1.3%

120,600	Carter's, Inc.	10,459,638
773,923	Samsonite International SA	3,244,991
		13,704,629

Transportation Infrastructure-0.5%

878,318	CCR SA	4,810,772
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Wireless Telecommunication Services-1.1%

3,800,000	Vodafone Group PLC	11,130,462
	Total Common Stocks (Cost \$838,662,822)	1,030,068,456

Equity-Linked Structured Notes-0.8%**Electric Utilities-0.6%**

343,183	SSE PLC-Morgan Stanley BV	6,242,786
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Industrial Conglomerates-0.2%

109,079	Electra Private Equity PLC-Morgan Stanley BV	2,446,621
	Total Equity-Linked Structured Notes (Cost \$10,452,800)	8,689,407

Exchange-Traded Funds-0.6%

75,000	SPDR S&P Biotech ETF	5,862,750
	Total Exchange-Traded Funds (Cost \$4,870,148)	5,862,750

Principal Amount**Short-Term Investments-0.1%**

\$756,000	State Street Eurodollar Time Deposit, 0.12%	756,000
	Total Short-Term Investments (Cost \$756,000)	756,000
	Total Investments (Cost \$854,741,770) (c) - 99.1%	1,045,376,613
	Other Assets in Excess of Liabilities-0.9%	9,589,876
	TOTAL NET ASSETS 100.0%	\$1,054,966,489

Percentages are stated as a percent of net assets.

(a) Restricted under Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933. These securities may be resold in transactions exempt from registration, normally to qualified institutional buyers. These securities have been determined to be liquid under guidelines established by the Board of Trustees. Liquid securities restricted under Rule 144A comprised 1.2% of the Fund's net assets.

(b) Non-income producing security.

(c) See Note 2B for the cost of investments for federal tax purposes.

AB-Aktiebolag is the Swedish equivalent of a corporation.

ADR-American Depositary Receipt

AG-Aktiengesellschaft is a German term that refers to a corporation that is limited by shares, i.e., owned by shareholders.

NV-Naamloze Vennootschap is the Dutch term for a public limited liability corporation.

OYJ-Osakeyhtio is the Finnish equivalent of a limited company.

PLC-Public Limited Company

SA-Generally designates corporations in various countries, mostly those employing the civil law.

SCA-Societe en Commandite par actions is the French equivalent of a limited partnership.

SP ADR-Sponsored American Depositary Receipt

SpA-Societa' Per Azioni is an Italian shared company.

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Alpine Total Dynamic Dividend Fund

Notes to Schedule of Portfolio Investments

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1. Organization:

Alpine Total Dynamic Dividend Fund (the “Fund”) is a diversified, closed-end management investment company. The Fund was organized as a Delaware statutory trust on October 27, 2006, and had no operating history prior to January 26, 2007. The Board of Trustees (the “Board”) authorized an unlimited number of shares with no par value. The Fund’s primary investment objective is to seek high current dividend income. The Fund also focuses on long-term growth of capital as a secondary investment objective.

The Fund is an investment company and accordingly follows the investment company accounting and reporting guidance of the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) Accounting Standards Codification Topic (“ASC”) 946 Financial Services - Investment Companies.

2. Significant Accounting Policies:

The following is a summary of significant accounting policies consistently followed by the Fund in the preparation of its financial statements. The policies are in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (“GAAP”), which require management to make estimates and assumptions that affect amounts reported herein. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Changes in the economic environment, financial markets and any other parameters used in determining these estimates could cause actual results to differ.

A. Valuation of Securities:

The net asset value (“NAV”) of shares of the Fund is calculated by dividing the value of the Fund’s net assets by the number of outstanding shares. NAV is determined each day the New York Stock Exchange (“NYSE”) is open as of the close of regular trading (normally, 4:00 p.m., Eastern Time). In computing NAV, portfolio securities of the Fund are valued at their current fair values determined on the basis of market quotations or if market quotations are not readily available or determined to be unreliable, through procedures and/or guidelines established by the Board. In computing the Fund’s NAV, equity securities that are traded on a securities exchange in the United States, except for those listed on NASDAQ Global Market, NASDAQ Global Select Market and NASDAQ Capital Market exchanges (collectively, “NASDAQ”) and option securities are valued at the last reported sale price as of the time of valuation. Securities traded on NASDAQ will be valued at the NASDAQ Official Closing Prices (“NOCP”). If, on a particular day, an exchange

traded or NASDAQ security does not trade, then the mean between the most recent quoted bid and asked prices will be used. For equity investments traded on more than one exchange, the last reported sale price on the exchange where the stock is primarily traded is used. Equity-linked structured notes are valued by referencing the last reported sale or settlement price of the underlying security on the day of valuation. Foreign exchange adjustments are applied to the last reported price to convert the underlying security's trading currency to the equity-linked structured note's settlement currency. Each option security traded on a securities exchange in the United States is valued at the last current reported sales price as of the time of valuation if the last current reported sales price falls within the consolidated bid/ask quote. If the last current reported sale price does not fall within the consolidated bid/ask quote, the security is valued at the mid-point of the consolidated bid/ask quote for the option security. Forward currency contracts are valued based on third-party vendor quotations. Each security traded in the over-the-counter market and quoted on the NASDAQ National Market System is valued at the NOCP, as determined by NASDAQ, or lacking an NOCP, the last current reported sale price as of the time of valuation by NASDAQ, or lacking any current reported sale on NASDAQ at the time of valuation, at the mean between the most recent bid and asked quotations. Each over-the-counter option that is not traded through the Options Clearing Corporation is valued by the counterparty of the option, or if the counterparty's price is not readily available, then by using the Black-Scholes method. Debt and short-term securities are valued based on an evaluated bid price as furnished by pricing services approved by the Board, which may be based on market transactions for comparable securities and various relationships between securities that are generally recognized by institutional traders, a computerized matrix system, or appraisals derived from information concerning the securities or similar securities received from recognized dealers in those securities. Each other security traded over-the-counter is valued at the mean between the most recent bid and asked quotations.

Securities that are principally traded in a foreign market are valued at the last current sale price at the time of valuation or lacking any current or reported sale, at the time of valuation, at the mean between the most recent bid and asked quotations as of the close of the appropriate exchange or other designated time. Trading in securities on European and Far Eastern securities exchanges and over-the-counter markets is normally completed at various times before the close of business on each day on which the NYSE is open. Trading of these securities may not take place on every NYSE business day. In addition, trading may take place in various foreign markets on Saturdays or on other days when the NYSE is not open and on which the Fund's NAV is not calculated.

When market quotations are not readily available or when the valuation methods mentioned above are not reflective of a fair value of the security, the security is valued at fair value following procedures and/or guidelines approved by the Board. The Fund

may also use fair value pricing, if the value of a security it holds is, pursuant to the Board guidelines, materially affected by events occurring before the Fund's NAV is calculated but after the close of the primary market or market transactions for comparable securities and various relationships between securities that are generally recognized by institutional traders, a computerized matrix system, or appraisals derived from information concerning the securities or similar securities received from recognized dealers in those securities. The Board has approved the use of a third-party pricing vendor's proprietary fair value pricing model to assist in determining current valuation for foreign equities and over-the-counter derivatives traded in markets that close prior to the NYSE. When fair value pricing is employed, the value of the portfolio security used to calculate the Fund's NAV may differ from quoted or official closing prices. The Fund may also fair value a security if the Fund or Adviser believes that the market price is stale. Other types of securities that the Fund may hold for which fair value pricing might be required include illiquid securities including restricted securities and private placements for which there is no public market.

For securities valued by the Fund, valuation techniques are used to measure fair value that are consistent with the market approach and/or income approach, depending on the type of security and the particular circumstance. The market approach uses prices and other relevant information generated by market transactions involving comparable securities. The income approach uses valuation techniques to discount estimated future cash flows to present value.

The Board of Trustees adopted procedures which utilize fair value procedures when any assets for which reliable market quotations are not readily available or for which the Fund's pricing service does not provide a valuation or provides a valuation that in the judgment of the Adviser does not represent fair value. The Board of Trustees has established a Valuation Committee which is responsible for: (1) monitoring the valuation of Fund securities and other investments; and (2) as required, when the Board of Trustees is not in session, reviewing and approving the fair value of illiquid and other holdings after consideration of all relevant factors, which determinations are reported to the Board of Trustees.

Fair Value Measurement:

In accordance with FASB ASC, "Fair Value Measurement" ("ASC 820"), defines fair value as the value that the Fund would receive to sell an investment or pay to transfer a liability in a timely transaction with an independent buyer in the principal market, or in the absence of a principal market the most advantageous market for the investment or liability. ASC 820 uses a three-tier hierarchy to establish classification of fair value measurements for disclosure purposes. 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 are inputs that 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 are inputs that reflect the reporting entities' own assumptions about the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability that are developed based on the best information available.

Level 1 - Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical investments.

Level 2 -

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Other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar instruments, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, yield curves, default rates, etc.).

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

The availability of observable inputs can vary from security to security and is affected by a wide variety of factors, including, for example, the type of security, whether the security is new and not yet established in the marketplace, the liquidity of markets, and other characteristics particular to the security. To the extent that valuation is based on models or inputs that are less observable or unobservable in the market, the determination of fair value requires more judgment. Accordingly, the degree of judgment exercised in determining fair value is greatest for instruments categorized in Level 3.

The inputs used to measure fair value may fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy. In such cases, for disclosure purposes, the level in the fair value 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.

Various inputs are used in determining the value of the Fund's investments as of the reporting period end. 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 ASC 820.

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The following is a summary of the inputs used to value the Fund's assets and liabilities carried at fair value as of July 31, 2017:

	Valuation Inputs			Total Value
Investments in Securities at Value *	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
Common Stocks	\$ 1,030,068,456	\$—	\$—	\$ 1,030,068,456
Equity-Linked Structured Notes	—	8,689,407	—	8,689,407
Exchange-Traded Funds	5,862,750	—	—	5,862,750
Short-Term Investments	—	756,000	—	756,000
Total	\$1,035,931,206	\$9,445,407	\$—	\$1,045,376,613

	Valuation Inputs			Total Value
Other Financial Instruments	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
Liabilities				
Forward Currency Contracts	\$—	\$(714,324)	\$—	\$(714,324)
Total	\$—	\$(714,324)	\$—	\$(714,324)

* For detailed industry descriptions, see accompanying Schedule of Portfolio Investments.

For the period ended July 31, 2017, there were no transfers between Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3. The Fund recognizes transfers as of the beginning of the period.

B. Federal and Other Income Taxes:

It is the Fund's policy to comply with the Federal income and excise tax requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "Code"), as amended, applicable to regulated investment companies and to timely distribute all of its investment company taxable income and net realized capital gains to shareholders in accordance with the timing requirements imposed by the Code. Therefore, no Federal income tax provision is required. Capital gains realized on some foreign securities are subject to foreign taxes. Dividends and interest from non-U.S. sources received by the Fund are generally subject to non-U.S. withholding taxes at rates ranging up to 30%. Such capital gains and withholding taxes, which are accrued as applicable, may be reduced or eliminated under the terms of applicable U.S. income tax treaties, and the Fund intends to undertake procedural steps to claim the benefits of such treaties. Where available, the Fund will file refund claims for foreign taxes withheld.

As of July 31, 2017, net unrealized appreciation/(depreciation) of investments, excluding foreign currency, based on Federal tax costs was as follows:*

Cost of investments	Gross unrealized appreciation	Gross unrealized depreciation	Net unrealized appreciation
\$ 854,741,770	\$ 211,168,881	\$ (20,534,038)	\$ 190,634,843

* Because tax adjustments are calculated annually, the above table reflects the tax adjustments outstanding at the Fund's previous fiscal year end. For the previous fiscal year's Federal income tax information, please refer to the Notes to Financial Statements section in the Fund's most recent semi-annual or annual report.

C. Distributions to Shareholders:

The Fund intends to make a level distribution each month to its shareholders of the net investment income of the Fund after payment of Fund operating expenses. The level distribution rate may be modified or eliminated by the Board from time to time. If a monthly distribution exceeds the Fund's monthly estimated investment company taxable income (which may include net short-term capital gain) and net tax-exempt income, the excess could result in a tax-free return of capital distribution from the Fund's assets. The determination of a tax-free return of capital is made on an annual basis as further described below. The Fund's final distribution for each calendar year will include any remaining investment company taxable income and net tax-exempt income undistributed during the year, as well as all net capital gains, if any, realized during the year. If the total distributions made in any fiscal year exceed annual investment company taxable income, net tax-exempt income and net capital gain, such excess distributed amount would be treated as ordinary dividend income to the extent of the Fund's current and accumulated earnings and profits. Distributions in excess of the accumulated investment company taxable income, net tax-exempt income and net capital gain would first be a tax-free return of capital to the extent of the adjusted tax basis in the shares. After such adjusted tax basis is reduced to zero, the distribution would constitute capital gain (assuming the shares are held as capital assets).

Distributions to shareholders are recorded by the Fund on the ex-dividend date and are determined in accordance with income tax regulations, which may differ from GAAP.

D. Foreign Currency Translation Transactions:

The Fund may invest in foreign securities. In the event that the Fund executes a foreign security transaction, the Fund will generally enter into a forward foreign currency contract to settle the foreign security transaction. The Fund does not isolate the portion of each portfolio invested in foreign securities of its net realized and unrealized gains and losses on investments resulting from changes in foreign exchange rates from the impact arising from changes in market process. Such fluctuations are included with net realized and unrealized gain or loss from investments. Net realized foreign currency transaction gains and losses arise from sales of foreign currencies, currency gains or losses realized between the trade and settlement dates on securities transactions, and the differences between the amounts of dividends, interest and foreign withholding taxes recorded on the Fund's books and the U.S. dollar equivalent of the amounts actually received or paid. Net unrealized foreign currency translations gains and losses arise from changes in the value of assets and liabilities, other than investments in securities, resulting from changes in the exchange rates. The books and records of the Fund are maintained in U.S. dollars. Non-U.S. dollar-denominated amounts are translated into U.S. dollars as follows, with the resultant translations gains and losses recorded in the Statement of Operations:

- i) fair value of investment securities and other assets and liabilities at the exchange rate on the valuation date.

- ii) purchases and sales of investment securities, income and expenses at the exchange rate prevailing on the respective date of such transactions.

E. Risks Associated with Foreign Securities and Currencies:

Investments in securities of foreign issuers carry certain risks not ordinarily associated with investments in securities of domestic issuers. Such risks include future political and economic developments and the possible imposition of exchange controls or other foreign governmental laws and restrictions. In addition, with respect to certain countries, there is a possibility of expropriation of assets, confiscatory taxation, political or social instability or diplomatic developments, which could adversely affect investments in those countries. Generally, when the U.S. dollar rises in value against a foreign currency, the Fund's investments denominated in that currency will lose value because that currency is worth fewer U.S. dollars; the opposite effect occurs if the U.S. dollar falls in relative value.

Certain countries may also impose substantial restrictions on investments in their capital markets by foreign entities, including restrictions on investments in issuers or industries deemed sensitive to relevant national interests. These factors may limit the investment opportunities available to the Fund or result in a lack of liquidity and high price

volatility with respect to securities of issuers from developing countries.

F. Equity-Linked Structured Notes:

The Fund may invest in equity-linked structured notes. Equity-linked structured notes are securities which are specially designed to combine the characteristics of one or more underlying securities and their equity derivatives in a single note form. The return and/or yield or income component may be based on the performance of the underlying equity securities, and equity index, and/or option positions. Equity-linked structured notes are typically offered in limited transactions by financial institutions in either registered or non-registered form. An investment in equity-linked structured notes creates exposure to the credit risk of the issuing financial institution, as well as to the market risk of the underlying securities. There is no guaranteed return of principal with these securities and the appreciation potential of these securities may be limited by a maximum payment or call right. In certain cases, equity-linked structured notes may be more volatile and less liquid than complex securities or other types of fixed-income securities. Such securities may exhibit price behavior that does not correlate with other fixed-income securities.

G. Options:

The Fund may engage in option transactions and in doing so achieve similar objectives to what they would achieve through the sale or purchase of individual securities. A call option, upon payment of a premium, gives the purchaser of the option the right to buy, and the seller of the option the obligation to sell, the underlying security, index or other instrument at the exercise price. A put option gives the purchaser of the option, upon payment of a premium, the right to sell, and the seller the obligation to buy, the underlying security, index, or other instrument at the exercise price.

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To seek to offset some of the risk of a potential decline in value of certain long positions, the Fund may also purchase put options on individual securities. The Fund may also seek to generate income from option premiums by writing (selling) options on a portion of the equity securities in the Fund's portfolio.

When a Fund purchases an option, it pays a premium and an amount equal to that premium is recorded as an asset. When a Fund writes an option, it receives a premium and an amount equal to that premium is recorded as a liability. The asset or liability is adjusted daily to reflect the current market value of the option. If an option expires unexercised, the Fund realizes a gain or loss to the extent of the premium received or paid. If an option is exercised, the premium received or paid is recorded as an adjustment to the proceeds from the sale or the cost basis of the purchase. The difference between the premium and the amount received or paid on a closing purchase or sale transaction is also treated as a realized gain or loss. The cost of securities acquired through the exercise of call options is increased by premiums paid. The proceeds from securities sold through the exercise of put options are decreased by the premiums paid. Gain or loss on written options and purchased options is presented separately as net realized gain or loss on written options and net realized gain or loss on purchased options, respectively. There were no options contracts held as of July 31, 2017.

H. Forward Currency Contracts:

The Fund is subject to foreign currency exchange rate risk in the normal course of pursuing its investment objective. The Fund may use forward currency contracts to gain exposure to or economically hedge against changes in the value of foreign currencies. A forward currency contract ("forward") is an agreement between two parties to buy and sell a currency at a set price on a future date. The market value of the forward contract fluctuates with changes in forward currency exchange rates. The forward contract is marked-to-market daily and the change in market value is recorded by the Fund as unrealized appreciation or depreciation. When the forward contract is closed, a Fund records a realized gain or loss equal to the fluctuation in value during the period the forward contract was open. A Fund could be exposed to risk if a counterparty is unable to meet the terms of a forward or if the value of the currency changes unfavorably. The Fund's forward contracts are not subject to a master netting agreement or similar agreement.

The following forward currency contracts were held as of July 31, 2017:

Description	Counterparty	Settlement Date	Currency	Settlement Value	Current Value	Unrealized Depreciation
Contracts Sold:						
Euro	State Street Bank and Trust Company	12/07/17	13,400,000 EUR	\$ 15,258,044	\$ 15,972,368	\$ (714,324)
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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) as of a date within 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) that occurred during the 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/ Samuel A. Lieber
Samuel A. Lieber
President (Principal Executive Officer)

Date: September 25, 2017

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/ Samuel A. Lieber
Samuel A. Lieber
President (Principal Executive Officer)

Date: September 25, 2017

By: /s/ Ronald G. Palmer, Jr.
Ronald G. Palmer, Jr.
Chief Financial Officer (Principal
Financial Officer)

Date: September 25, 2017