

STRATTON MUTUAL FUNDS

Stratton Multi-Cap Fund, Inc. Stratton Monthly Dividend REIT Shares, Inc. The Stratton Funds, Inc.

Supplement dated July 10, 2009 to the Statement of Additional Information dated May 1, 2009

This Supplement provides information beyond that contained in the Statement of Additional Information and should be read in conjunction with the Statement of Additional Information.

Stratton Monthly Dividend REIT Shares, Inc.

Effective September 30, 2009, the name of Stratton Monthly Dividend REIT Shares, Inc. (SMDS) will be changed to **Stratton Real Estate Fund, Inc.** All references to “Stratton Monthly Dividend REIT Shares, Inc.” should be replaced with “Stratton Real Estate Fund, Inc.” Additionally, the fund will no longer declare dividends on a monthly basis. Rather, the fund expects to declare and pay dividends, if any, semi-annually, however it may declare and pay dividends more frequently.

All Funds

The fourth sentence in the paragraph immediately beneath the heading “Temporary Investments” under the “Investment Strategies and Risks” section on page 3 is replaced with the following:

The funds may also invest, for temporary defensive purposes, without limitation, in non-convertible preferred stocks, debt securities and domestic corporate and government fixed income obligations.

The paragraphs *Preferred Securities* and *Debt Securities and Fixed Income Obligations* under the “Investment Strategies and Risks” section on page 5 will include Stratton Real Estate Fund, Inc. and Stratton Small-Cap Value Fund.

The following will be inserted beneath the paragraph *Securities of Non-U.S. Companies Traded on U.S. Stock Exchanges* in the “Additional Non-Fundamental Investment Strategies” section on page 6 of the Statement of Additional Information:

Foreign Securities. The funds may, from time to time, in accordance with their respective investment policies, invest in foreign securities. Investments in foreign securities denominated in foreign currencies and/or traded outside of the United States require consideration of certain risks typically not associated with investing in U.S. securities or property. Such risks include, among other things, trade balances and imbalances and related economic policies, unfavorable currency exchange rate fluctuations, imposition of exchange control regulation by the United States or foreign governments, United States and foreign withholding taxes, limitations on the removal of funds or other assets, policies of governments with respect to possible nationalization of their industries, political difficulties, including expropriation of assets, confiscatory taxation and economic or political instability in foreign nations. There may be less publicly available information about certain foreign companies than would be the case for comparable companies in the United States and certain foreign companies may not be subject to accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards and requirements comparable to or as uniform as those of United States’ companies. Securities markets outside the United States, while growing in volume, have for the most part substantially less volume than U.S. markets, and many securities traded on these foreign markets are less liquid and their prices more volatile than securities of comparable United States’ companies. In addition, settlement of trades in some non-U.S. markets is much slower and more subject to failure than in U.S.

markets. There also may be less extensive regulation of the securities markets in particular countries than in the United States.

Debt Securities. The funds may, from time to time, in accordance with their respective investment policies, invest in debt securities. Investments in debt securities pose different risks than investments in equity securities. The value of fixed income securities generally will fall if interest rates rise. The value of these securities may also fall as a result of other factors such as the performance of the issuer, the market perception of the issuer or general economic conditions. These investments also involve a risk that the issuer may not be able to meet its principal and interest payment obligations. Fixed income securities having longer maturities involve greater risk of fluctuations in value.

Investments in debt securities rated below investment grade, *i.e.*, junk bonds, and unrated securities of comparable quality are subject to the increased risk of an issuer's inability to meet principal and interest payment obligations. These securities may be subject to greater price volatility due to such factors as specific corporate or municipal developments, interest rate sensitivity, negative perceptions of the junk bond markets generally and less secondary market liquidity.

The second paragraph under the "Redemption Information" section on page 21 of the Statement of Additional Information is replaced with the following:

Redemption Information

If you sell or exchange your shares within 120 days after the purchase date, you may be charged a redemption fee of 1.50% of the total redemption amount. This fee is retained by the funds to offset the brokerage commissions, market impact and other costs associated with fluctuations in fund asset levels and cash flow caused by short-term trading. For purposes of determining whether the redemption fee applies, the shares that have been held the longest will be redeemed first.

The funds, in their discretion, are authorized to waive the redemption fee for the following transactions:

- Redemptions from omnibus accounts, fee-based programs and employer-sponsored defined contribution plans maintained by financial intermediaries that they are unable to impose a redemption fee on their underlying customer accounts;
- Redemptions effected pursuant to asset allocation programs, wrap fee programs and other investment programs offered by financial institutions where investment decisions are made on a discretionary basis by investment professionals;
- Redemptions pursuant to systematic withdrawal plans and automatic exchange plans;
- Redemptions of shares acquired by reinvestment of dividends, distributions or other payments from the funds;
- Redemptions due to death or the post-purchase disability of the shareholder of the account;
- Redemptions to satisfy minimum required distributions from retirement accounts;
- Redemptions representing the return of excess contributions in retirement accounts; and
- Redemptions initiated by the funds.

In addition to the circumstances noted above, the funds reserve the right to waive the redemption fee in their discretion where they believe such waiver is consistent with the best interests of the funds, to the extent permitted by law.

The following will be inserted immediately above the paragraph **State and Local Taxes** in the “Information Concerning Taxes” section on page 23 of the Statement of Additional Information:

It is expected that Stratton Real Estate Fund, Inc. will be subject to foreign withholding taxes with respect to dividends or interest received from sources in foreign countries. Stratton Real Estate Fund, Inc. is not expected to hold sufficient stock or securities in foreign corporations to elect to pass those taxes through to investors as a foreign tax credit.

INVESTORS SHOULD RETAIN THIS SUPPLEMENT FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

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Stratton Monthly Dividend REIT Shares, Inc.
Stratton Small-Cap Value Fund

STATEMENT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

May 1, 2009

This Statement of Additional Information provides supplementary information pertaining to shares of common stock in three separate mutual funds: *Stratton Multi-Cap Fund, Inc.* (“SMCF”); *Stratton Monthly Dividend REIT Shares, Inc.* (“SMDS”); and *Stratton Small-Cap Value Fund* (“SSCV”), a separate series of The Stratton Funds, Inc.

This Statement of Additional Information is not a Prospectus but should be read in conjunction with the current Prospectus dated May 1, 2009, as amended or supplemented from time to time, and is incorporated by reference in its entirety into the Prospectus. The funds’ audited financial statements and financial highlights included in their Annual Report to shareholders are incorporated by reference into this Statement of Additional Information. A copy of the funds’ Prospectus and Annual Report are available upon request, without charge, by contacting the funds’ Underwriter, PFPC Distributors, Inc., 760 Moore Road, King of Prussia, PA 19406-1212, or by calling (800) 634-5726.

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HISTORY OF THE FUNDS

This Statement of Additional Information pertains to the following separate funds incorporated under the laws of the State of Maryland:

<u>Name of Fund</u>	<u>Date of Incorporation</u>
Stratton Multi-Cap Fund, Inc. (SMCF)	June 21, 1985*
Stratton Monthly Dividend REIT Shares, Inc. (SMDS)	March 4, 1985 **
The Stratton Funds, Inc. Stratton Small-Cap Value Fund (SSCV)	January 5, 1993***

* As successor to a Delaware corporation organized on June 5, 1972. On May 1, 2006, Stratton Growth Fund, Inc. changed its name to Stratton Multi-Cap Fund, Inc.

** As successor to a Delaware corporation organized on November 10, 1971. On December 9, 1997, the fund changed its name from Stratton Monthly Dividend Shares, Inc. to Stratton Monthly Dividend REIT Shares, Inc.

*** SSCV commenced operations on April 12, 1993 as the Stratton Small-Cap Yield Fund. On January 18, 2000, the Stratton Small-Cap Yield Fund changed its name to Stratton Small-Cap Value Fund.

Classification

The funds are classified as open-end management investment companies. The funds are diversified, which means that, with respect to 75% of each fund's total assets, such fund will not invest more than 5% of its respective assets in the securities of any single issuer (other than securities issued by the U.S. Government or its agencies or instrumentalities), nor will a fund invest in more than 10% of the outstanding voting securities of any issuer.

INVESTMENT STRATEGIES AND RISKS

Types of Obligations, Investment Risks and Other Investment Information

The following investment strategies supplement those set forth in the funds' Prospectus. The following investment strategies are not fundamental and a particular fund's Board may change such strategies without shareholder approval.

Temporary Investments

As stated in the Prospectus, each fund may make temporary investments in certain short-term fixed income securities. Such securities may be used to invest uncommitted cash balances temporarily to maintain liquidity, to meet shareholder redemptions, or as a defensive measure to attempt to protect capital. These securities include, but are not limited to, obligations of the U.S. Government, its agencies and instrumentalities, commercial paper, certificates of deposit, bankers acceptances, repurchase agreements and money market instruments. Further, for temporary defensive purposes, SMCF may also invest, without limitation, in non-convertible preferred stocks, debt securities and domestic corporate and government fixed income obligations. The following supplements the discussion of such investments in the Prospectus.

U.S. Government Obligations. Each fund may, in accordance with its investment policies, invest from time to time in obligations issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government, its agencies or instrumentalities.

Examples of the types of obligations issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government, its agencies or instrumentalities that may be held by the funds include, without limitation, direct obligations of the U.S. Treasury, and securities issued or guaranteed by the Federal Home Loan Banks, Federal Farm Credit Banks, Federal Land Banks, Federal Housing Administration, Farmers Home Administration, Export-Import Bank of the United States, Small Business Administration, Government National Mortgage Association ("GNMA"), Federal National Mortgage Association ("Fannie Mae"), General Services Administration, Central Bank for Cooperatives, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation ("Freddie Mac"), Federal Intermediate Credit Banks, Resolution Trust Corporation and Maritime Administration.

U.S. Treasury securities are bills, notes and bonds issued by the U.S. Government and backed by the full faith and credit of the United States. U.S. Treasury securities differ only in their interest rates, maturities and time of issuance: Treasury Bills have initial maturities of one year or less; Treasury Notes have initial maturities of one to ten years; and Treasury

Bonds generally have initial maturities of more than ten years.

Certain federal agencies, such as GNMA, have been established as instrumentalities of the U.S. Government to supervise and finance certain types of activities. Issues of these agencies, while not direct obligations of the U.S. Government, are either backed by the full faith and credit of the United States (e.g., GNMA securities) or supported by the issuing agencies' right to borrow from the Treasury. The issues of other agencies are supported by the credit of the instrumentality (e.g., Fannie Mae securities).

There is the risk that the U.S. Government will not provide financial support to U.S. Government agencies or instrumentalities if it is not obligated to do so by law. Although the issuers of many U.S. Government agency obligations purchased by the funds, such as Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac and Federal Home Loan Banks, may be chartered or sponsored by Acts of Congress, their securities are neither issued nor guaranteed by the U.S. Treasury and, therefore, are not backed by the full faith and credit of the United States. The maximum potential liability of the issuers of some U.S. Government agency obligations held by the funds may greatly exceed their current resources, including their legal right to support from the U.S. Treasury. It is possible that these issuers will not have the funds to meet their payment obligations in the future.

On September 7, 2008, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac were placed under the conservatorship of the Federal Housing Finance Agency ("FHFA") to provide stability in the financial markets, mortgage availability and taxpayer protection by preserving Fannie Mae's and Freddie Mac's assets and property and putting Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac in a sound and solvent condition. Under the conservatorship, the management of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac was replaced.

Additionally, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac are expected to modestly increase their mortgage-backed security portfolios through the end of 2009 and then gradually reduce such portfolios at the rate of 10 percent per year until stabilizing at a smaller size.

The U.S. Treasury, FHFA and the Federal Reserve acted in collaboration to take the following steps to support the conservatorship. First, the U.S. Treasury and FHFA have established Preferred Stock Purchase Agreements pursuant to which the U.S. Treasury will receive senior preferred equity shares in Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac and warrants to purchase common stock in these entities to ensure that Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac maintain a positive net worth. Fannie Mae's and Freddie Mac's common and preferred shareholders will bear any losses ahead of the new government senior preferred shares. Second, the U.S. Treasury has established a new secured lending credit facility which will be available to Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac and Federal Home Loan Banks to assist the entities in funding their regular business activities in the capital markets until December 31, 2009. Also, the U.S. Treasury has initiated a program to purchase Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac mortgage-backed securities through December 31, 2009, to aid mortgage affordability.

Commercial Paper. Commercial paper consists of unsecured promissory notes issued by corporations. Except as noted below with respect to variable and floating rate instruments, issues of commercial paper will normally have maturities of less than nine months and fixed rates of return, although such instruments may have maturities of up to one year.

Commercial paper may include variable and floating rate instruments which are unsecured instruments that permit the indebtedness thereunder to vary. Variable rate instruments provide for periodic adjustments in the interest rate. Floating rate instruments provide for automatic adjustment of the interest rate whenever some other specified interest rate changes. Some variable and floating rate obligations are direct lending arrangements between the purchaser and the issuer and there may be no active secondary market. However, in the case of variable and floating rate obligations with a demand feature, a fund may demand payment of principal and accrued interest at a time specified in the instrument or may resell the instrument to a third party. In the event that an issuer of a variable or floating rate obligation defaulted on its payment obligation, a fund might be unable to dispose of the note because of the absence of a secondary market and could, for this or other reasons, suffer a loss to the extent of the default.

Commercial paper will consist of issues rated at the time of purchase A-2 or higher by Standard & Poor's Ratings Group, a Division of McGraw Hill, Prime-2 or higher by Moody's Investors Service, Inc., or similarly rated by another nationally recognized statistical ratings organization, or if unrated, will be determined to be of comparable quality by the fund's Advisor.

Certificates of Deposit. Certificates of deposit are negotiable certificates issued against funds deposited in a commercial bank for a definite period of time and earning a specified return.

Bankers' Acceptances. Bankers' acceptances are negotiable drafts or bills of exchange, normally drawn by an importer or exporter to pay for specified merchandise, which are "accepted" by a bank, meaning, in effect, that the bank unconditionally agrees to pay the face value of the instrument on maturity.

Repurchase Agreements. Each fund may purchase portfolio securities subject to the seller's agreement to repurchase them at a mutually specified date and price ("repurchase agreements"). Repurchase agreements will be entered into only with financial institutions such as banks and broker/dealers which are deemed to be creditworthy by the Advisor. Unless a repurchase agreement has a remaining maturity of seven days or less or may be terminated on demand upon notice of seven days or less, the repurchase agreement will be considered an illiquid security and will be subject to each fund's 15% limitation with respect to investments in illiquid securities.

The seller under a repurchase agreement will be required to maintain the value of the securities which are subject to the agreement and a fund will value the repurchase agreement at not less than the agreed upon repurchase price. If the seller defaults on its repurchase obligation, the fund holding such obligation would suffer a loss if the proceeds from a sale of the underlying securities (including accrued interest) are less than the repurchase price (including accrued interest) agreed upon in the repurchase agreement. In the event that such a defaulting seller files for bankruptcy or becomes insolvent, disposition of such securities by a fund might be delayed pending court action.

The repurchase price under a repurchase agreement generally equals the price paid by a fund plus interest negotiated on the basis of then current short-term interest rates (which may be more or less than the rate on the securities underlying the repurchase agreement). Securities subject to a repurchase agreement will be held by a fund's custodian or sub-custodian in a segregated account or in the Federal Reserve/Treasury book-entry system. Repurchase agreements are considered to be loans by a fund under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act").

Money Market Instruments. Each fund may invest in short-term, high-quality instruments which include, among other things, bank obligations. Bank obligations include bankers' acceptances, negotiable certificates of deposit, and non-negotiable time deposits earning a specified return and issued by a U.S. bank which is a member of the Federal Reserve System or insured by the Bank Insurance Fund of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC"), or by a savings and loan association or savings bank which is insured by the Savings Association Insurance Fund of the FDIC. Such deposits are not FDIC insured and the funds bear the risk of bank failure. Bank obligations also include U.S. dollar-denominated obligations of foreign branches of U.S. banks and obligations of domestic branches of foreign banks. Such investments may involve risks that are different from investments in securities of domestic branches of U.S. banks. These risks may include future unfavorable political and economic developments, possible withholding taxes on interest income, seizure or nationalization of foreign deposits, currency controls, interest limitations, or other governmental restrictions which might affect the payment of principal or interest on the securities held in a fund. Additionally, these institutions may be subject to less stringent reserve requirements and to different accounting, auditing, reporting and recordkeeping requirements than those applicable to domestic branches of U.S. banks. The value of money market instruments tends to fall when current interest rates rise. Money market instruments are generally less sensitive to interest rate changes than longer-term securities.

Preferred Securities. SMCF may invest in preferred securities. Unlike debt securities, the obligations of an issuer of preferred stock, including dividend and other payment obligations, may not typically be accelerated by the holders of preferred stock on the occurrence of an event of default (such as a covenant default or filing of a bankruptcy petition) or other non-compliance by the issuer with the terms of the preferred stock. Often, however, on the occurrence of any such event of default or non-compliance by the issuer, preferred stockholders will be entitled to gain representation on the issuer's board of directors or increase their existing board representation. In addition, preferred stockholders may be granted voting rights with respect to certain issues on the occurrence of any event of default.

Debt Securities and Fixed Income Obligations. SMCF may invest in debt securities and domestic corporate and government fixed income obligations. A debt security is a security consisting of a certificate or other evidence of a debt (secured or unsecured) on which the issuing company or governmental body promises to pay the holder thereof a fixed, variable, or floating rate of interest for a specified length of time, and to repay the debt on the specified maturity date. Some debt securities, such as zero coupon bonds, do not make regular interest payments but are issued at a discount to their principal or maturity value.

Debt securities include a variety of fixed income obligations, including, but not limited to, domestic corporate bonds and government securities. Debt securities include investment-grade securities, non-investment-grade securities, and unrated

securities. Corporate debt obligations are subject to the risk of an issuer's inability to meet principal and interest payments on the obligations and may also be subject to price volatility due to such factors as market interest rates, market perception of the creditworthiness of the issuer and general market liquidity.

Additional Non-Fundamental Investment Strategies

Convertible Securities. The funds may, from time to time, in accordance with their respective investment policies, invest in convertible securities. Convertible securities are fixed income securities which may be exchanged or converted into a predetermined number of shares of the issuer's underlying common stock at the option of the holder during a specified time period. Convertible securities may take the form of convertible preferred stock, convertible bonds or debentures, units consisting of "usable" bonds and warrants or a combination of the features of several of these securities.

Convertible bonds and convertible preferred stocks generally retain the investment characteristics of fixed income securities until they are, if ever, converted to the issuer's underlying common stock. However, they will react to both movements in interest rates and movements in the issuer's underlying common stock. The holder is entitled to receive the interest payment of a bond or the dividend preference of a preferred stock until the holder elects to exercise the conversion privilege. Usable bonds are corporate bonds that can be used in whole or in part, customarily at full face value, in lieu of cash, to purchase the issuer's common stock. When such bonds are owned as part of a unit with warrants (which are options to buy the common stock), they function as convertible bonds, except that the warrants generally will expire before the bond's maturity. Convertible securities are generally senior to common stock and therefore have a claim to the assets of the issuer prior to the holders of common stock in the case of liquidation. However, convertible securities are generally subordinated to similar non-convertible securities of the same issuer. The interest income and dividends from convertible bonds and convertible preferred stocks are expected to provide a stable stream of income with generally higher yields than common stocks, but with lower yields than non-convertible securities of similar quality. A fund may exchange or convert the convertible securities held in its portfolio into shares of the underlying common stock in instances in which, in the Advisor's opinion, the investment characteristics of the underlying common shares will assist the fund in achieving its investment objective. Otherwise, a fund may hold or trade the convertible securities.

Securities of Non-U.S. Companies Traded on U.S. Stock Exchanges. The funds may purchase sponsored and unsponsored American Depositary Receipts ("ADRs"), which are typically issued by a financial institution ("depository") and evidence ownership interests in a security or a pool of securities ("underlying securities") that have been deposited with the depository. For ADRs, the depository is typically a U.S. financial institution and the underlying securities are usually issued by a foreign issuer.. ADRs may be issued pursuant to sponsored or unsponsored programs. In sponsored programs, an issuer has made arrangements to have its securities traded in the form of ADRs. In unsponsored programs, the issuer may not be directly involved in the creation of the ADR. Although regulatory requirements with respect to sponsored and unsponsored programs are generally similar, in some cases it may be easier to obtain financial information from an issuer that has participated in the creation of a sponsored ADR. Accordingly, there may be less information available regarding issuers of securities underlying unsponsored ADRs and there may not be a correlation between such information and the market value of the ADRs. The funds may also purchase American Depositary Shares ("ADSs"), which are typically held by a depository and represent actual shares of the common stock of a foreign company. ADRs and ADSs trade on U.S. stock exchanges and are U.S. dollar denominated. For purposes of the funds' investment policies, investments in ADRs and ADSs will be deemed to be investments in the underlying securities. Thus, an ADR or ADS representing ownership of common stock will be treated as common stock.

INVESTMENT RESTRICTIONS

Unless otherwise indicated, the following investment restrictions are deemed fundamental policies and may be changed, with respect to a fund, only by the approval of the holders of a "majority" of such fund's outstanding shares. The term "majority" of a fund's outstanding shares means the holders of the lesser of: (1) 67% of a fund's shares present at a shareholder meeting, if the holders of more than 50% of the outstanding shares of such fund are present in person or by proxy at such shareholder meeting; or (2) more than 50% of such fund's outstanding shares.

The percentage limitations on investments are applied at the time an investment is made. An actual percentage in excess of a stated percentage limitation does not violate the limitation unless such excess exists immediately after an investment is made and results from the investment. In other words, appreciation or depreciation of a fund's investments will not cause a violation of the limitations. In addition, the limitations will not be violated if a fund receives securities by reason of a merger or other form of reorganization.

SMCF WILL NOT:

1. Invest more than 5% of the value of its total assets in the securities of any one issuer, except for securities of the U. S. Government or agencies thereof.
2. Invest in more than 10% of any class of securities of any one issuer (except for government obligations) or in more than 10% of the voting securities of any one issuer.
3. Invest more than 5% of the value of its total assets in securities of companies which (including operations of their predecessors and of subsidiaries if the company is a holding company) have not had a record of at least three years of continuous operations and in equity securities which are not readily marketable (that is, with a limited trading market).
4. Borrow money, except from banks for temporary or emergency purposes (but not for investment purposes), provided that such borrowings shall not exceed 5% of its total assets (at the lower of cost or market value).
5. Underwrite the securities of other issuers or invest in securities under circumstances where, if sold, the fund might be deemed to be an underwriter under the Securities Act of 1933.
6. Pledge, mortgage or hypothecate its assets.
7. Invest for purposes of exercising management or control.
8. Invest in securities of other investment companies or in options, puts, calls, straddles, spreads or similar devices, or engage in arbitrage transactions or short sales.
9. Purchase securities on margin, but the fund may obtain such short-term credits as may be necessary for the clearance of purchases and sales of securities.
10. Make loans to other persons except that this restriction shall not apply to government obligations, commercial paper or notes or other evidences of indebtedness which are publicly distributed.
11. Purchase or sell real estate or interests in real estate. This will not prevent the fund from investing in publicly-held real estate investment trusts or marketable securities which may represent indirect interests in real estate.
12. Purchase or sell commodities or commodity contracts or invest in interests in oil, gas or other mineral exploration or development programs.
13. Purchase or hold securities of any issuer, if, at the time of purchase or thereafter, any officer or Director of the fund or the Advisor owns beneficially more than ½ of 1%, and such officers and Directors holding more than ½ of 1% together own beneficially more than 5% of the issuer's securities.
14. Purchase the securities of issuers conducting their principal business activities in the same industry other than obligations issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government, its agencies or instrumentalities if, immediately after such purchase, the value of the fund's investments in such industry would exceed 25% of the value of the total assets of the fund.
15. Issue any senior securities (as defined in the 1940 Act).

The fund will not invest more than 2% of the value of its total assets in warrants. This restriction does not apply to warrants initially attached to securities purchased by the fund. This restriction may be changed or eliminated at any time by the Board of Directors of the fund without action by the fund's shareholders.

SMDS WILL NOT:

1. Borrow money, except from banks for temporary or emergency purposes in an amount not exceeding 5% of the value of its total assets; or mortgage, pledge or hypothecate its assets to secure any borrowing except to secure

temporary or emergency borrowing and then only in an amount not exceeding 15% of the value of its total assets.

2. Invest more than 5% of the value of its total assets in securities of issuers which, with their predecessors, have not had at least three years of continuous operation.
3. Issue any senior securities (as defined in the 1940 Act), except in so far as investment restriction 1 may be deemed to be an issuance of a senior security.
4. Act as an underwriter or purchase securities which the fund may not be free to sell to the public without registration of the securities under the Securities Act of 1933.
5. Purchase or sell real estate, commodities, or commodity contracts.
6. As to 75% of the total assets of the fund, purchase the securities of any one issuer, other than securities issued by the U.S. Government, its agencies or its instrumentalities, if immediately thereafter such purchase more than 5% of the total assets of the fund would be invested in securities of such issuer.
7. Purchase or own 5% or more of the outstanding voting securities of any electric or gas utility company (as defined in the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935), or purchase or own 10% or more of the outstanding voting securities of any other issuer.
8. Purchase the securities of an issuer, if, to the fund's knowledge, one or more officers or Directors of the fund or of the Advisor individually own beneficially more than ½ of 1%, and those owning more than ½ of 1% together own beneficially more than 5%, of the outstanding securities of such issuer.
9. Make loans to other persons, except that the purchase of a portion of an issue of publicly distributed debt securities (whether or not upon original issuance) shall not be considered the making of a loan.
10. Purchase securities on margin, except that it may obtain such short-term credits as may be necessary for the clearance of purchases or sales of securities.
11. Participate on a joint or a joint-and-several basis in any securities trading account.
12. Invest in puts, calls or combinations thereof or make short sales.
13. Purchase the securities of other investment companies.
14. Purchase securities which do not have readily available market quotations.

The fund will invest at least 25% of its assets in real estate investment trusts ("REITs"), and thus will be concentrated. REITs are not considered investment companies, and therefore are not subject to the restriction in limitation 13 above. The restriction in limitation 5 on the purchase or sale of real estate does not include investments by the fund in securities secured by real estate or interests therein or issued by companies or investment trusts which invest in real estate or interests therein.

The following investment restrictions can be changed or eliminated by the Board of Directors of **SMDS** without action by the fund's shareholders:

1. The fund will not invest for the purpose of exercising control or management.
2. The fund will not invest in warrants, except when acquired as a unit with other securities.

SSCV WILL NOT:

1. Issue any senior securities (as defined in the 1940 Act); or borrow money, except from banks for temporary or emergency purposes in an amount not exceeding 5% of the value of its total assets; or mortgage, pledge or hypothecate its assets.

2. Act as an underwriter of securities, except that, in connection with the disposition of a security, the fund may be deemed to be an “Underwriter” as that term is defined in the Securities Act of 1933.
3. Purchase or sell real estate, commodities, or commodity contracts.
4. As to 75% of the total assets of the fund, purchase the securities of any one issuer, other than securities issued by the U.S. Government, its agencies or its instrumentalities, if immediately after such purchase more than 5% of the total assets of the fund would be invested in securities of such issuer.
5. Purchase or own 10% or more of the outstanding voting securities of any one issuer.
6. Purchase the securities of an issuer, if, to the fund’s knowledge, one or more officers or Directors of the fund or of the Advisor individually own beneficially more than ½ of 1%, and those owning more than ½ of 1% together own beneficially more than 5%, of the outstanding securities of such issuer.
7. Make loans to other persons, except that the purchase of a portion of an issue of publicly distributed debt securities (whether or not upon original issuance) shall not be considered the making of a loan, nor shall the fund be prohibited from entering into repurchase agreements with banks or broker/dealers.
8. Purchase securities on margin, except that it may obtain such short-term credits as may be necessary for the clearance of purchases or sales of securities.
9. Purchase the securities of issuers conducting their principal business activities in the same industry other than obligations issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government, its agencies or instrumentalities if, immediately after such purchase, the value of the fund’s investments in such industry would exceed 25% of the value of the total assets of the fund.
10. Invest in puts, calls, straddles or combinations thereof or make short sales.
11. Purchase the securities of other investment companies, except if they are acquired pursuant to a merger, consolidation, acquisition, plan of reorganization or a Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) approved offer of exchange.
12. Invest for the purpose of exercising control over, or management of, the issuer.

REITs are not considered investment companies, and therefore are not subject to the restriction in limitation 11 above. The restriction in limitation 3 on the purchase or sale of real estate does not include investments by the fund in securities secured by real estate or interests therein or issued by companies or investment trusts which invest in real estate or interests therein.

DISCLOSURE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS

The following policies and procedures describe the circumstances under which the funds, their administrator and their Advisor (collectively the “service providers”) may disclose each fund’s portfolio securities. The funds and their service providers shall only disclose information concerning securities held in the funds’ portfolio under the following circumstances.

The funds or a service provider may disclose a fund’s portfolio securities holdings to selected third parties when the funds have a legitimate business purpose for doing so. Examples of instances in which selective disclosure of a fund’s portfolio securities may be appropriate include, but are not limited to, disclosures to: providers of auditing, custody, proxy voting or other services to the funds, or rating, ranking or other informational agencies. In the event that the funds or their service providers disclose a fund’s portfolio securities holdings to a selected third party for a legitimate fund business purpose, such third party will be required to keep the information confidential and may not trade on such information.

As required by the federal securities laws, including the 1940 Act, the funds disclose portfolio holdings in applicable regulatory filings, including shareholder reports, reports on Form N-CSR, Form N-Q, or such other filings, reports or disclosure documents as the applicable regulatory authorities may require.

The funds also file with the SEC 1st and 3rd quarter shareholder reports on Form N-30B-2. The funds then may mail such reports to shareholders after the end of each calendar quarter after the Form N-Q for that quarter is filed with the SEC.

Each fund publishes on the funds' website, www.strattonfunds.com, a complete list of its month-end portfolio holdings, top five sector categories, total net assets, and the total number of portfolio holdings by the fifth business day of the following month. Each fund may then make such information available to any person the day after the information is posted to the website. This information will be available on the website until the date on which a fund files its next portfolio holdings report on either Form N-CSR or Form N-Q with the SEC.

Portfolio holdings information that is not filed with the SEC or posted on the funds' website may be provided to third parties only if the third party recipients are required to keep all portfolio holdings information confidential and are prohibited from trading on the information they receive. Disclosure to such third parties must be approved in advance by a fund's President and Treasurer, or by the Advisor's President. The administrator is responsible for portfolio holdings disclosure to third party service providers of auditing, custody, proxy voting and other similar services for the funds, as well as to rating, ranking and informational organizations, all of which is generally permitted. However, information may not be disclosed to other third parties (including without limitation, individuals, institutional investors, and intermediaries that sell shares of the funds) unless approved by a fund's President and Treasurer, or by the Advisor's President, only after they determine that the fund has a legitimate business purpose for making such disclosure. In general, each recipient of non-public portfolio holdings information must sign a confidentiality and non-trading agreement, although this requirement will not apply when the recipient is otherwise subject to a duty of confidentiality.

In accordance with this policy, entities that receive non-public portfolio holdings information for each fund on an ongoing basis are the funds': Advisor, transfer agent, accountant, administrator, independent registered public accounting firm, custodian, legal counsel, financial printer, and proxy-voting service. Third party providers of custodial or accounting services to the funds (so called sub-custodians or sub-accountants) may release non-public portfolio information of the funds only with the permission of the funds' administrator. From time to time, portfolio holdings information may be provided by the Advisor to broker-dealers solely in connection with a fund seeking securities trading suggestions. In providing this information, reasonable precautions, including limitations on the scope of the portfolio holdings information disclosed, are taken to avoid any potential misuse of the disclosed information.

Neither the funds, their service providers nor any of their affiliated persons (as that term is defined in the 1940 Act) may receive compensation in any form, whether in cash or otherwise, in connection with the disclosure of information about the funds' portfolio securities.

In order to ensure that the disclosure of the funds' portfolio securities is in the best interests of the funds' shareholders and to avoid any potential or actual conflicts of interest with the funds' administrator, Advisor, principal underwriter or any affiliated person (as that term is defined in the 1940 Act) of such entities, the disclosure of any of the funds' portfolio securities for legitimate business purposes is to be approved by the funds' Board of Directors in advance of such disclosure. This requirement does not apply to the disclosure of the funds' portfolio securities to the funds' existing providers of auditing, custody, proxy voting and other services in connection with the provision of their services to the funds, or as otherwise provided herein.

The Board of Directors shall receive a report at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting if disclosures of the funds' portfolio holdings are made in contravention of these policies and procedures during the previous quarter, and if so, such report shall describe to whom and under what circumstance such disclosures occurred.

MANAGEMENT OF THE FUNDS

Directors and Officers

The business of each fund is managed under the direction of the Board of Directors of **SMCF, SMDS and The Stratton Funds, Inc.** (collectively, the “Companies”), subject to the provisions of the Companies’ articles of incorporation, by-laws and the requirements of Maryland law. The Directors establish the policies of the Companies and oversee and review the management of the Companies. The Directors meet regularly to review the activities of the officers, who are responsible for day-to-day operations of the Companies. The Directors also review the various services provided by Stratton Management Co. and the Companies’ administrator and other service providers to ensure that the Companies’ general investment policies and programs are being carried out and administrative services are being provided in a satisfactory manner. Set forth below are the Directors and officers of the Companies, their positions and term of office with the Companies, ages, principal occupations during the past five years and other directorships held. The term “officer” means president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, controller or any other officer who performs policymaking functions. Each of the Directors named below is a Director for each of the Companies and each of the officers named below holds the same position, unless otherwise noted, with each of the Companies. Unless otherwise indicated, the address of each Director and officer for purposes of business relating to the Companies is c/o Stratton Management Co., 610 W. Germantown Pike, Suite 300, Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462.

<u>Name, Age and Position(s) with Funds</u>	<u>Term of Office and Length of Time Served¹</u>	<u>Principal Occupation(s) During Past 5 Years</u>	<u>Number of Portfolios in Fund Complex² Overseen by Director</u>	<u>Other Directorships Held by Director</u>
DISINTERESTED DIRECTORS*				
John J. Lombard, Jr. (74) Director	SMCF 1984 SMDS 1988 SFI 1993	Mr. Lombard is special counsel to the law firm of McCarter & English, LLP.	Three	None
Lois Rothenberger (58) Director	Since 2008	Ms. Rothenberger is Director of Finance of Meadowood Corporation, a non-profit retirement community.	Three	None
Frank Thomas (61) Director	Since 2003	Mr. Thomas is an attorney in private practice.	Three	None
H. Drake Williams, Jr. (69) Director	Since 2005	Mr. Williams is retired.	Three	None
Joel H. Wilson (60) Director	Since 2005	Mr. Wilson is Co-Owner and Principal of Kennedy Tool & Die, Inc.	Three	None
Harold L. Zuber, Jr. (60) ³ Director	Since 2009	Mr. Zuber is a private investor.	Three	None
INTERESTED DIRECTORS**				
James W. Stratton ^{4,5} (72) Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and Director	SMCF 1972 SMDS 1980 SFI 1993	Mr. Stratton is Chief Investment Officer and a Director of the investment advisor, Stratton Management Company.	Three	Amerigas Propane Ltd. (energy), and UGI Corp., Inc. (utility-natural gas).

<u>Name, Age and Position(s) with Funds</u>	<u>Term of Office and Length of Time Served¹</u>	<u>Principal Occupation(s) During Past 5 Years</u>	<u>Number of Portfolios in Fund Complex² Overseen by Director</u>	<u>Other Directorships Held by Director</u>
Bernard A. Francis, Jr. ⁴ (60) Director	Since 2008	Mr. Francis is Senior Vice President and Group Executive of Wealth Management of Susquehanna Bancshares, Inc.; Chairman of the Board and a Director of the investment advisor, Stratton Management Company; President and Chief Executive Officer of Valley Forge Asset Management Corp.; Chief Investment Officer of Susquehanna Trust and Investment Co.; President of Brandywine Benefits Company, LLC and President and Chief Executive Officer of Widmann, Siff & Co., Inc.	Three	None
OFFICERS WHO ARE NOT DIRECTORS				
John A. Affleck, CFA (62) President of Stratton Multi-Cap Fund, Inc. and Vice President of Stratton Monthly Dividend REIT Shares, Inc. and The Stratton Funds, Inc.	SMCF 2000 SMDS 2000 SFI 1993	Mr. Affleck is President and Director of the investment advisor, Stratton Management Company.	N/A	N/A
James A. Beers ⁶ (45) Chief Financial Officer of the Funds, President of Stratton Monthly Dividend REIT Shares, Inc. and Vice President of Stratton Multi-Cap Fund, Inc. and The Stratton Funds, Inc.	SMCF 1997 SMDS 2001 SFI 1997	Mr. Beers is Chief Executive Officer and Director of the investment advisor, Stratton Management Company.	N/A	N/A
Gerald M. Van Horn, CFA ⁷ (35) President of The Stratton Funds, Inc.	Since 2003	Mr. Van Horn is Senior Vice-President of the investment advisor, Stratton Management Company.	N/A	N/A
Joanne E. Kuzma (54) Chief Compliance Officer and Vice President of the Companies	Chief Compliance Officer Since 2004 Vice President of Compliance Since 1995	Ms. Kuzma is the Director of Trading and Chief Compliance Officer of the investment advisor, Stratton Management Company.	N/A	N/A
Patricia L. Sloan (55) Secretary and Treasurer of the Companies	SMCF Sec. 1980 Treas. 1990 SMDS Sec. 1990 Treas. 1984 SFI 1993	Ms. Sloan is an employee of the investment advisor, Stratton Management Company.	N/A	N/A

* Directors who are not “interested persons” of the Companies as defined by the 1940 Act.

** Directors who are “interested persons” of the Companies as defined by the 1940 Act.

¹ Each Director shall serve until the next meeting of shareholders for the election of Directors and until his/her successor shall have been elected and qualified, except in the event of his/her death, resignation or removal. Any Director elected or appointed on or after June 17, 2003 will no longer be eligible to serve as a Director beginning on January 1 of the year following the year in which such Director attains age 72. Each officer is elected annually by the Directors and serves until his/her successor is duly chosen and qualified, or until his/her death, resignation or removal.

² The "Fund Complex" consists of SMCF, SMDS and The Stratton Funds, Inc.

³ Mr. Zuber has served on the Boards of Directors since January 15, 2009.

⁴ Mr. Stratton is an "interested person" of the funds by reason of his positions with the Advisor. Mr. Francis is an "interested person" of the funds by reason of his positions with Susquehanna Bancshares Inc., the parent company of the Advisor.

⁵ Mr. Stratton served as President of The Stratton Funds, Inc. until May 1, 2003.

⁶ Mr. Beers is related to Mr. Stratton by marriage.

⁷ Mr. Van Horn served as Vice President of The Stratton Funds, Inc. from August 1, 2000 until May 1, 2003 when he was elected President of The Stratton Funds, Inc.

Committees

Each Company has a Valuation Committee comprised of each Director. The Valuation Committee has oversight responsibilities for, among other things, determining and monitoring the fair value of portfolio securities. No meetings of the Valuation Committee were held during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008.

Each Company has an Audit Committee, which consists of each of the Disinterested Directors. The current members of each fund's Audit Committee are Messrs. Lombard, Thomas, Williams, Wilson and Zuber, and Ms. Rothenberger. Pursuant to the Audit Committee Charter, the Audit Committee assists the Boards of Directors in their oversight of the funds' financial reporting processes. The Audit Committee meets with the funds' management and independent registered public accounting firm to review and discuss the funds' financial statements and the funds' systems of internal controls. The Audit Committee is responsible for the selection and engagement of the funds' independent registered public accounting firm, including evaluating such registered public accounting firm's independence and pre-approving audit and non-audit services. In addition, the Audit Committee serves as the funds' Qualified Legal Compliance Committee. The Audit Committee held two meetings during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008.

There are no separate compensation or nominating committees of the Boards of Directors.

Security and Other Interests

The following table sets forth the dollar range of equity securities beneficially owned by each Director in each fund as of December 31, 2008:

<u>Name of Director</u>	<u>Dollar Range of Equity Securities in each Fund¹</u>	<u>Aggregate Dollar Range of Equity Securities in All Registered Investment Companies Overseen by Director in the Family of Investment Companies</u>
	<u>INTERESTED DIRECTORS</u>	
James W. Stratton		Over \$100,000
SMCF	Over \$100,000	
SMDS	Over \$100,000	
SSCV	Over \$100,000	
Bernard A. Francis, Jr. ²		\$50,001 - \$100,000
SMCF	\$10,001 - \$50,000	
SMDS	\$10,001 - \$50,000	
SSCV	\$10,001 - \$50,000	

<u>Name of Director</u>	<u>Dollar Range of Equity Securities in each Fund¹</u>	<u>Aggregate Dollar Range of Equity Securities in All Registered Investment Companies Overseen by Director in the Family of Investment Companies</u>
<u>DISINTERESTED DIRECTORS</u>		
John J. Lombard, Jr. SMCF SMDS SSCV	Over \$100,000 \$1 - \$10,000 \$50,001 - \$100,000	Over \$100,000
Lois Rothenberger ³ SMCF SMDS SSCV	\$1 - \$10,000 None None	\$1 - \$10,000
Frank Thomas SMCF SMDS SSCV	None None None	None
H. Drake Williams, Jr. SMCF SMDS SSCV	\$1 - \$10,000 None \$10,001 - \$50,000	\$10,001 - \$50,000
Joel H. Wilson SMCF SMDS SSCV	Over \$100,000 \$1 - \$10,000 Over \$100,000	Over \$100,000
Harold L. Zuber Jr. ⁴ SMCF SMDS SSCV	\$10,001 - \$50,000 \$10,001 - \$50,000 \$10,001 - \$50,000	Over \$100,000

1 Securities beneficially owned as defined under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 include direct and/or indirect ownership of securities where the Director's economic interest is tied to the securities, employment ownership and securities when the Director can exert voting power and when the Director has authority to sell the securities. The dollar ranges are: None, \$1-\$10,000, \$10,001-\$50,000, \$50,001-\$100,000, and over \$100,000.

2 Mr. Francis has served on the Boards of Directors since June 11, 2008.

3 Ms. Rothenberger has served on the Boards of Directors since April 1, 2008.

4 Mr. Zuber has served on the Boards of Directors since January 15, 2009.

As of December 31, 2008, none of the Disinterested Directors or their immediate family members (spouse or dependent children) owned beneficially, or of record, any securities in the funds' Advisor or principal underwriter, or in any person (other than a registered investment company) directly or indirectly controlling, controlled by, or under common control with the Advisor or principal underwriter of the Companies.

Compensation of the Directors

The officers and Directors of the Companies who are also officers or employees of the Advisor or its parent receive no direct compensation from the funds for services to them. The Directors of the Companies serve in the same capacity for each Company and met concurrently five times in the year ended December 31, 2008. In the aggregate, each Disinterested Director for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008 received \$2,000 for each meeting attended and an

annual retainer of \$8,000. These fees are divided on a percentage basis among the funds based on their relative net assets as of the meeting date.

Set forth below are the total fees paid to each of the Directors who are not “interested persons” for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008:

<u>Name of Director</u>	<u>Aggregate Compensation From each Fund</u>	<u>Pension or Retirement Benefits Accrued as Part of Funds’ Expenses</u>	<u>Estimated Annual Benefits Upon Retirement</u>	<u>Total Compensation from Fund and Fund Complex¹ Paid to Directors</u>
George W. Graner ² SMCF SMDS SSCV	\$488.23 \$448.43 \$3,063.34	None	None	\$4,000.00
John J. Lombard, Jr. SMCF SMDS SSCV	\$2,432.67 \$1,739.95 \$13,827.38	None	None	\$18,000.00
Lois Rothenberger ³ SMCF SMDS SSCV	\$1,660.28 \$1,095.58 \$9,244.14	None	None	\$12,000.00
Richard W. Stevens ⁴ SMCF SMDS SSCV	\$2,432.67 \$1,739.95 \$13,827.38	None	None	\$18,000.00
Frank Thomas SMCF SMDS SSCV	\$2,432.67 \$1,739.95 \$13,827.38	None	None	\$18,000.00
H. Drake Williams, Jr. SMCF SMDS SSCV	\$2,432.67 \$1,739.95 \$13,827.38	None	None	\$18,000.00
Joel H. Wilson SMCF SMDS SSCV	\$2,432.67 \$1,739.95 \$13,827.38	None	None	\$18,000.00
Harold L. Zuber, Jr. ⁵ SMCF SMDS SSCV	\$0 \$0 \$0	None	None	\$0

1 The “Fund Complex” consists of SMCF, SMDS and The Stratton Funds, Inc.

2 Mr. Graner resigned from the Boards of Directors on March 31, 2008.

3 Ms. Rothenberger has served on the Boards of Directors since April 1, 2008.

4 Mr. Stevens resigned from the Boards of Directors on January 15, 2009.

Portfolio Managers

<u>Portfolio</u>	<u>Portfolio Manager</u>
SMCF	James W. Stratton
SMDS	James A. Beers
SSCV	Gerald M. Van Horn, CFA

Other Accounts Managed by the Portfolio Managers (tables do not include the Portfolios listed above)

The table below discloses other accounts within each type of category listed below for which James W. Stratton was jointly and primarily responsible for the day-to-day portfolio management for the most recently completed fiscal year ended December 31, 2008.

<u>Type of Accounts</u>	<u>Total Number of Accounts Managed</u>	<u>Total Assets (in Millions)</u>	<u>Number of Accounts Managed That Advisory Fee is Based on Performance</u>	<u>Total Assets That Advisory Fee is Based on Performance</u>
Registered Investment Companies:	0	0	0	0
Other Pooled Investment Vehicles:	0	0	0	0
Other Accounts:	160	\$497	0	0

The table below discloses other accounts within each type of category listed below for which James A. Beers was jointly and primarily responsible for the day-to-day portfolio management for the most recently completed fiscal year ended December 31, 2008.

<u>Type of Accounts</u>	<u>Total Number of Accounts Managed</u>	<u>Total Assets (in Millions)</u>	<u>Number of Accounts Managed That Advisory Fee is Based on Performance</u>	<u>Total Assets That Advisory Fee is Based on Performance</u>
Registered Investment Companies:	0	0	0	0
Other Pooled Investment Vehicles:	0	0	0	0
Other Accounts:	0	0	0	0

The table below discloses other accounts within each type of category listed below for which Gerald M. Van Horn was jointly and primarily responsible for the day-to-day portfolio management for the most recently completed fiscal year ended December 31, 2008.

<u>Type of Accounts</u>	<u>Total Number of Accounts Managed</u>	<u>Total Assets (in Millions)</u>	<u>Number of Accounts Managed That Advisory Fee is Based on Performance</u>	<u>Total Assets That Advisory Fee is Based on Performance</u>
Registered Investment Companies:	0	0	0	0
Other Pooled Investment Vehicles:	0	0	0	0
Other Accounts:	0	0	0	0

Conflicts of Interest

The Advisor's portfolio managers are responsible for managing one or more of the funds and other accounts, including proprietary accounts, separate accounts and other pooled investment vehicles. A portfolio manager may manage a separate account or other pooled investment vehicle, which may have materially higher fee arrangements than a fund and may also have a performance-based fee. The side-by-side management of the funds, separate accounts and pooled investment vehicles may raise potential conflicts of interest relating to the allocation of investment opportunities and the aggregation and allocation of trades. In addition, certain trade practices like cross trading between a fund and another account raise conflicts of interest issues.

Compensation of the Portfolio Managers

Base Salary and Bonus. The Advisor's compensation packages for its portfolio managers are comprised of a base salary and bonus. The bonus is based, in part, on the fund's asset level and performance as well as the overall financial performance of the Advisor. In addition, the portfolio managers are shareholders of the Advisor and benefit from the profits of the firm based on their individual ownership position.

In addition to the base salary and bonus compensation, the Advisor has a number of benefits and deferred compensation programs for all portfolio managers.

Portfolio Managers' Ownership of Securities in the Funds They Manage*

<u>Name of Portfolio Manager</u>	<u>Dollar Ranges of Equity Securities Beneficially Owned by Portfolio Manager</u>
James A. Beers SMDS	\$100,000-\$500,000
James W. Stratton SMCF SMDS SSCV	Over \$1,000,000 Over \$1,000,000 Over \$1,000,000
Gerald M. VanHorn SSCV	\$100,000-\$500,000

* This information is as of December 31, 2008.

Code of Ethics

The Companies, the Advisor and the principal underwriter have each adopted codes of ethics under Rule 17j-1 of the 1940 Act that (i) establish procedures for personnel with respect to personal investing, (ii) prohibit or restrict certain transactions that may be deemed to create a conflict of interest between personnel and the funds and (iii) permit personnel to invest in securities, including securities that may be purchased or held by the funds.

Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures

The Companies are required to disclose to shareholders information concerning the funds' proxy voting policies and procedures. The Boards of each Company have delegated to the Advisor responsibility for decisions regarding proxy voting for securities held by each fund. The Advisor will vote such proxies in accordance with its proxy policies and procedures, which have been reviewed by the Boards, and which are found in Appendix A. Any material changes to the proxy policies and procedures will be submitted to the Boards for review.

Information regarding how the funds voted proxies relating to portfolio securities during the most recent 12-month period ended June 30 is available (i) without charge, upon request, by calling the funds at (800) 634-5726 and (ii) on the SEC's website at www.sec.gov.

CONTROL PERSONS AND PRINCIPAL HOLDERS OF SECURITIES

As of April 15, 2009, ownership in the funds by the Directors and officers as a group was as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Percentage of outstanding shares</u>
1. SMCF	13.49%
2. SMDS	2.80%
3. SSCV	1.08%

As of April 15, 2009, the following shareholders owned of record or beneficially more than 5% of the outstanding shares of the respective fund.

	<u>Name and Address</u>	<u>Shares Owned</u>	<u>Percent Owned</u>
SMCF	Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. Reinvest Account 101 Montgomery Street San Francisco, CA 94104	412,675.882	16.21%
	National Financial Services Corp One World Financial Center 200 Liberty Street New York, NY 10281	222,158.298	8.73%
	SEI Private Trust Company c/o Mellon Bank One Freedom Valley Drive Oaks, PA 19456	137,975.316	5.42%
SMDS	Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. Reinvest Account 101 Montgomery Street San Francisco, CA 94104	601,117.789	15.65%
	National Financial Services Corp One World Financial Center 200 Liberty Street New York, NY 10281	389,532.084	10.14%
SSCV	Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. Reinvest Account 101 Montgomery Street San Francisco, CA 94104	5,069,800.787	24.45%
	National Financial Services Corp One World Financial Center 200 Liberty Street New York, NY 10281	4,815,187.550	23.23%
	Prudential Investment Management Service Attn: PruChoice Unit 100 Mulberry Street Newark, NJ 07102	1,349,053.198	6.51%

INVESTMENT ADVISOR AND OTHER SERVICE PROVIDERS

Investment Advisor

Stratton Management Company is the funds' investment advisor. On April 30, 2008, Susquehanna Bancshares, Inc. ("Susquehanna") acquired all of the outstanding stock of Stratton Holding Company ("SHC"), which was, at the time, the parent company of the Advisor. Prior to April 30, 2008, James W. Stratton held all of the voting stock of SHC and was considered to control SHC and the Advisor within the meaning of the 1940 Act. Susquehanna is a publicly owned financial services holding company with headquarters in Lititz, Pennsylvania that operates primarily in central and eastern Pennsylvania, southern New Jersey and Maryland. Persons who are affiliated with the funds, the Advisor and Susquehanna are listed under the Directors and officers table under "Management of the Funds." Pursuant to Investment Advisory Agreements, each fund pays management fees at an annualized rate of its average daily net assets as follows: 0.75% for SMCF; 0.625% for SMDS; and 0.90% for SSCV. The amount of advisory fees paid by each fund for the last three fiscal years is as follows:

	SMCF	SMDS	SSCV
December 31, 2008	\$965,560	\$568,915	\$6,247,936
December 31, 2007	\$742,627	\$875,131	\$5,140,700
December 31, 2006	\$1,007,091	\$991,621	\$5,352,308

Service Providers and Underwriter

PNC Global Investment Servicing (U.S.) Inc., formerly known as PFPC Inc. ("PNC"), 760 Moore Road, King of Prussia, Pennsylvania 19406-1212, provides most of the back office services to the funds. Pursuant to certain agreements, PNC provides the services commonly and separately referred to as fund administration, fund accounting and transfer agency.

As the funds' Accounting Services Agent, PNC is responsible for certain accounting services such as computation of the net asset value of the funds' shares and maintenance of certain of the funds' books and financial records. Each fund pays PNC an accounting services fee based on each portfolio's average net assets, which is computed daily and paid monthly. The amount of accounting services fees paid by each fund for the last three fiscal years is as follows:

	SMCF	SMDS	SSCV
December 31, 2008	\$70,082	\$53,245	\$272,143
December 31, 2007	\$54,742	\$75,024	\$292,104
December 31, 2006	\$70,959	\$83,350	\$237,630

As the funds' Administrative Services Agent, PNC is responsible for certain administrative services such as: (1) assistance with coordinating the activities of certain other third party entities that provide services to the funds (e.g. the funds' independent auditors, printers, etc.); (2) maintenance of certain books and records of the funds as may be required by applicable Federal or state law; (3) preparation and, after approval by the funds, filing and arranging for the distribution of proxy materials and periodic reports to shareholders of the funds as required by applicable law; (4) preparation and, after approval by the funds, arranging for the filing of such registration statements and other documents with the SEC and other Federal or state regulatory authorities as may be required by applicable law; (5) review and submission to the officers of the funds for their approval, invoices or other requests for payment of the funds' expenses and instruction to the funds' custodian to issue payment thereof, and (6) such other action with respect to the funds as may be deemed by PNC to appropriately perform its duties under the administrative services agreements. In

consideration for providing these services, each fund pays PNC an administration services fee based on each portfolio's average net assets, which is computed daily and paid monthly. The amount of administrative services fees paid by each fund for the last three fiscal years is as follows:

	SMCF	SMDS	SSCV
December 31, 2008	\$70,083	\$53,246	\$272,144
December 31, 2007	\$54,743	\$75,024	\$292,103
December 31, 2006	\$70,959	\$83,350	\$237,630

The funds' Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm and auditor is Tait, Weller & Baker LLP, 1818 Market Street, Suite 2400, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103-2108. The auditor's responsibilities are (1) to ensure that all relevant accounting principles are being followed by the funds; and (2) to report to the Boards of Directors concerning the funds' operations.

PFPC Trust Company, Inc., The Eastwick Center, 8800 Tincum Boulevard, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19153 serves as the custodian of each fund's assets pursuant to custodian agreements. Under such agreements, PFPC Trust Company, Inc. (1) maintains a separate account or accounts in the name of the funds; (2) holds and transfers portfolio securities on account of the funds; (3) accepts receipts and makes disbursements of money on behalf of the funds; (4) collects and receives all income and other payments and distributions on account of the funds' securities; and (5) makes periodic reports to the Boards of Directors concerning the funds' operations.

PFPC Distributors, Inc., 760 Moore Road, King of Prussia, Pennsylvania 19406-1212, serves as the funds' principal underwriter pursuant to underwriting agreements for the limited purpose of acting as statutory underwriter to facilitate the registration of shares of each fund. For these services PFPC Distributors, Inc. receives an annual fee of \$5,000 per fund, which is paid by the Advisor.

PORTFOLIO TRANSACTIONS AND BROKERAGE COMMISSIONS

The funds' Advisor generally seeks to obtain the best price and execution in purchases and sales of securities. The advisory agreements contain provisions, however, which authorize the Advisor to pay, on behalf of the funds, brokerage commissions in excess of commissions which might be charged by other brokers, where a determination is made by the Advisor that the amount of commission paid is reasonable in relation to the brokerage and research services provided by the broker to the funds, viewed in terms of the particular transaction or the overall responsibilities of the Advisor with respect to the funds. Such research services may include research reports on companies, industries and securities; economic and financial data; financial publications; computer databases; market information services. Further, such research services are ordinarily of general application and may be used by the Advisor in servicing a variety of its clients. In addition, the advisory agreements recognize that the Advisor may, at its expense, acquire statistical and factual information, advice about economic factors and trends and other appropriate information from others in carrying out its obligations to the funds. Portfolio transactions are routed to, and commission rates are negotiated with, brokers based on the Advisor's assessment of the reliability and quality of a broker's services, including research services. The amount of total brokerage commissions attributable to each fund (all of which were paid to brokers which provided research, statistical data or pricing information to the Advisor) for the last three fiscal years are as follows:

	SMCF	SMDS	SSCV
December 31, 2008	\$269,461*	\$60,630	\$748,431
December 31, 2007	\$70,225*	\$85,404	\$506,902
December 31, 2006	\$156,573	\$94,087	\$859,554

* Brokerage commissions increased significantly in 2008 due to greater than expected inflows of cash in the first half of the year and greater than expected outflows of cash in the second half of the year.

Investment decisions for each fund will be made independently from investment decisions made for other clients advised by the Advisor. However, simultaneous transactions may occur on occasion when the same security is suitable for the investment objectives of more than one client, including the funds. When two or more such clients are simultaneously engaged in the purchase or sale of the same security, to the extent possible, the transactions will be averaged as to price and allocated among the clients in accordance with an equitable formula. In some cases, this coordination could have a detrimental effect on the price or quantity of a security available to any of the Advisor's clients, including the funds. In other cases, however, the ability of the funds to participate with other clients of the Advisor in volume transactions may produce benefits for the funds, including, but not limited to, better transaction execution.

Subject to applicable laws and regulations, the Advisor and/or its affiliates may pay, out of its own assets, compensation to authorized dealers, service organizations and financial intermediaries ("Intermediaries") in connection with the sale, distribution and/or servicing of shares of the funds. These payments ("Additional Payments") would be in addition to the payments by the funds described in the funds' Prospectus and this SAI for distribution and shareholder servicing and processing. These additional payments may take the form of "due diligence" payments for an institution's examination of the funds and payments for providing extra employee training and information relating to the funds; "listing" fees for the placement of the funds on a dealer's list of mutual funds available for purchase by its customers; "finders" or "referral" fees for directing investors to the funds; "marketing support" fees for providing assistance in promoting the sale of the funds' shares; and payments for the sale of shares and/or the maintenance of share balances. In addition, the Advisor and/or its affiliates may make Additional Payments for subaccounting, administrative and/or shareholder processing services that are in addition to any shareholder servicing and processing fees paid by the funds. The Additional Payments made by the Advisor and/or its affiliates may be a fixed dollar amount, may be based on the number of customer accounts maintained by an Intermediary, or may be based on a percentage of the value of shares sold to, or held by, customers of the Intermediary involved, and may be different for each Intermediary. Furthermore, the Advisor and/or its affiliates may contribute to various non-cash and cash incentive arrangements to promote the sale of shares, as well as sponsor various educational programs, sales contests and/or promotions. The Advisor and/or its affiliates may also pay for the travel expenses, meals, lodging and entertainment of Intermediaries and their salespersons and guests in connection with educational, sales and promotional programs, subject to applicable Financial Industry Regulatory Authority regulations. The Additional Payments may include amounts that are sometimes referred to as "revenue sharing" payments. The funds may reimburse the Advisor for and/or pay directly Additional Payments.

REDEMPTION INFORMATION

Please call the transfer agent ("PNC") at (800) 472-4266 to verify required language for all retirement plan redemption requests or to obtain the Retirement Plan Withdrawal Form. No redemption shall be made unless your application is first on file. In addition, a fund will not accept redemption requests until checks received for the shares purchased have cleared.

The funds may charge a redemption fee of 1.50% if a shareholder sells or exchanges shares within 120 days after the purchase date. The redemption fee will be waived in the event of a redemption following the death or disability of a shareholder as defined in Section 72(m)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended. The redemption fee will also be waived for required minimum distributions from any retirement account or shares purchased through reinvested dividends or capital gains.

Redemption requests mailed to the advisor must be forwarded to the transfer agent and will not be executed until they are received in good order by the transfer agent. The transfer agent cannot accept redemption requests which specify a particular forward date for redemption. All withdrawals under the Systematic Cash Withdrawal Plan are processed on the 25th of the month or, if such day is not a business day, on the next business day and paid promptly thereafter.

If withdrawals under the Systematic Cash Withdrawal Plan exceed income dividends and capital gains reinvestments, or if the dollar value of your shares falls below your original purchase price, your invested principal will be depleted. Thus, depending on the size of withdrawal payments and fluctuations in the value of your shares, your original investment could be exhausted entirely. You may change or stop the Systematic Cash Withdrawal Plan at any time by written notice to the funds. Income, dividends and capital gains distributions must be reinvested automatically to participate in this plan. Stock certificates cannot be issued under the Systematic Cash Withdrawal Plan.

Neither the right of redemption, nor the payment upon redemption request received in good order by the transfer agent, may be suspended or deferred for more than seven days, (or such shorter time period as may be required by applicable SEC rules), except: (1) when trading on the NYSE is restricted as determined by the SEC or the NYSE is closed for other than weekends and holidays; (2) when the SEC has by order permitted such suspension; or (3) when an emergency, as defined by the rules of the SEC, exists, making disposal of portfolio securities or valuation of net assets of a fund not reasonably practicable. In the case of a suspension of the determination of the net asset value, the right of redemption is also suspended and unless you withdraw your request for redemption, you will receive payment at the net asset value next determined after termination of the suspension.

As provided in each fund's Articles of Incorporation, payment for shares redeemed may be made either in cash or in-kind, or partly in cash and partly in-kind. However, the funds have elected, pursuant to Rule 18f-1 under the 1940 Act, to redeem shares solely in cash up to the lesser of \$250,000, or one percent of the net asset value of the fund, during any 90 day period for any one shareholder. Payments in excess of this limit will also be made wholly in cash unless the Board of Directors of such fund believes that economic conditions exist which would make such a practice detrimental to the fund.

Any portfolio securities paid or distributed in-kind will be in readily marketable securities, and will be valued as described under "Pricing Fund Shares" in the Prospectus. Subsequent sale of such securities would require payment of brokerage commissions or spreads by the investor.

The value of your shares on redemption may be more or less than the cost of such shares to you depending upon the net asset value of the fund's shares at the time of redemption.

INFORMATION CONCERNING TAXES

The following summarizes certain additional tax considerations generally affecting the funds and their shareholders that are not described in the Prospectus. No attempt is made to present a detailed explanation of the tax treatment of the funds or their shareholders, and the discussion here and in the Prospectus is not intended as a substitute for careful tax planning. Potential investors should consult their tax advisors with specific reference to their own tax situation.

The discussions of the federal tax consequences in the Prospectus and this Statement of Additional Information are based on the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") and the regulations issued under it, and cases and administrative interpretations, as in effect on the date of this Statement of Additional Information. Future legislative or administrative changes or court decisions may significantly alter the conclusions expressed herein, and any such changes or decisions may be retroactive.

Each fund has qualified and intends to continue to qualify as a regulated investment company (a "RIC") under Subchapter M of Subtitle A, Chapter 1 of the Code for each of its taxable years. As a RIC, each fund is exempt from Federal income and excise tax on its income and gains that it distributes to shareholders, provided it satisfies applicable requirements. To qualify for treatment as a regulated investment company, a fund must meet three important tests each year.

First, each fund must derive with respect to each taxable year at least 90% of its gross income from dividends, interest, certain payments with respect to securities loans and gains from the sale or other disposition of stock or securities or foreign currencies, other income derived with respect to its business of investing in such stock, securities, or currencies or net income derived from interests in qualified publicly traded partnerships.

Second, generally at the close of each quarter of its taxable year, at least 50% of the value of each fund's assets must consist of cash and cash items, U.S. government securities, securities of other regulated investment companies and securities of other issuers (as to which the fund has not invested more than 5% of the value of its total assets in securities of such issuer and as to which the fund does not hold more than 10% of the outstanding voting securities of such issuer), and no more than 25% of the value of each fund's total assets may be invested in the securities of (1) any one issuer (other than U.S. government securities and securities of other regulated investment companies), (2) two or more issuers that the fund controls and which are engaged in the same or similar trades of businesses, or (3) one or more qualified publicly traded partnerships.

Third, each fund must distribute an amount equal to at least the sum of 90% of its investment company taxable income (net investment income and the excess of net short-term capital gain over net long-term capital loss) and 90% of its tax-

exempt income, if any, for the year.

Each fund intends to comply with these requirements. If a fund were to fail to make sufficient distributions, it could be liable for corporate income tax and for excise tax in respect of the shortfall or, if the shortfall is large enough, the fund could be disqualified as a regulated investment company. If for any taxable year a fund were not to qualify as a regulated investment company, all its taxable income would be subject to tax at regular corporate rates without any deduction for distributions to shareholders. In that event, taxable shareholders would recognize dividend income on distributions to the extent of the fund's current and accumulated earnings and profits and corporate shareholders could be eligible for the dividends-received deduction.

A 4% nondeductible excise tax is imposed on RICs that fail to currently distribute an amount equal to specified percentages of their ordinary taxable income and capital gain net income (excess of capital gains over capital losses). The funds intend to make sufficient distributions or deemed distributions prior to the end of each calendar year to avoid liability for this excise tax. If a fund were to fail to make sufficient distributions in a year, the fund could be subject to excise tax and/or corporate income tax in respect of the shortfall or, if the shortfall were substantial enough, the fund could be disqualified as a RIC.

State and Local Taxes

Although each fund expects to qualify as a RIC and to be relieved of all or substantially all federal income taxes, depending upon the extent of its activities in states and localities in which its offices are maintained, in which its agents or independent contractors are located or in which it is otherwise deemed to be conducting business, a fund may be subject to the tax laws of such states or localities.

The foregoing discussion is based on Federal tax laws and regulations that are in effect on the date of this Statement of Additional Information. These laws and regulations may be changed by legislative or administrative action.

DESCRIPTION OF COMMON STOCK

SMCF's authorized capital is 10,000,000 shares of common stock, par value \$0.10 per share. **SMDS'** authorized capital is 10,000,000 shares of common stock, par value \$1.00 per share. **The Stratton Funds, Inc.** is authorized to issue 1,000,000,000 shares of common stock, par value \$0.001 per share, and to classify and reclassify any authorized and unissued shares into one or more series or classes. At present, the Board of Directors of **The Stratton Funds, Inc.** has authorized the issuance of 200,000,000 shares of Class A common stock representing interests in **SSCV**.

There are no conversion or preemptive rights in connection with any shares of the funds, nor are there cumulative voting rights. Shares of each fund are freely transferable. Each share of a particular fund has equal voting, dividend and distribution, and liquidation rights with other shares of such fund. When issued for payment as described in its Prospectus, a fund's shares will be fully paid and non-assessable. Fractional shares of a fund have proportionately the same rights as provided for full shares of the particular fund.

Each fund does not presently intend to hold annual meetings of shareholders except as required by the 1940 Act or other applicable law. **SMCF, SMDS and The Stratton Funds, Inc.** are each a separate legal entity and the shareholders of each will vote separately. Under certain circumstances, shareholders have the right to call a shareholders meeting to consider the removal of one or more directors.

Rule 18f-2 under the 1940 Act provides that any matter required to be submitted to the holders of the outstanding voting securities of a "series investment company", such as **The Stratton Funds, Inc.**, shall not be deemed to have been effectively acted upon unless approved by a majority of the outstanding shares of the particular series (i.e., fund) affected by the matter (for example, **SSCV**, which is a separate series of **The Stratton Funds, Inc.**). A series will be separately affected by a matter unless: 1) the interests of each series in the matter are substantially identical, or 2) the matter does not affect any interest of such series. Under Rule 18f-2, the approval of an investment advisory agreement or any change in fundamental investment policy would be effectively acted upon with respect to a series if and only if approved by a majority of the outstanding shares of such series. However, Rule 18f-2 also provides that the selection of independent registered public accounting firm and the election of directors may be effectively acted upon by shareholders of a "series investment company", voting without regard to a series.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The audited financial statements and notes thereto for **SMCF**, **SMDS** and **SSCV** contained in the funds' Annual Report to Shareholders dated December 31, 2008 are incorporated by reference into this Statement of Additional Information and have been audited by Tait, Weller & Baker LLP whose reports also appear in the 2008 Annual Report and are also incorporated by reference herein. No other parts of the Annual Report are incorporated by reference herein. Such financial statements and notes thereto have been incorporated herein in reliance on the reports of Tait, Weller & Baker LLP, Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm, given on the authority of said firm as experts in auditing and accounting, incorporating by reference from such funds' 2008 Annual Report.

APPENDIX A

Stratton Management Company Proxy Voting Policy and Procedures

Introduction

On January 31, 2003, the Securities and Exchange Commission adopted a new rule and rule amendments under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 that address an adviser's fiduciary obligation to clients who have given the adviser authority to vote their proxies. New Rule 206 (4)-6 requires an adviser that exercises voting authority over client proxies to adopt and implement policies and procedures that are reasonably designed to ensure that the adviser votes proxies in the best interest of the client. The rule requires several important disclosures:

- information on the adviser's policies and procedures and the way in which a client may obtain information on how the adviser has voted the client's proxies;
- a description of how the adviser addresses material conflicts between its interests and those of its clients;
- record retention of proxy voting materials.

Policy Statement

Stratton Management Company has designed our policies and procedures regarding proxy voting to ensure that proxy matters are conducted in the best interest of our clients. We ultimately cast a proxy vote after evaluating the relevant facts and circumstances of the issues at the time of the vote on a case-by-case basis. Should there be any material conflicts of interest regarding a proxy vote, we will resolve them in the best interest of our clients. Additionally, we will accept client direction as to how proxy votes are cast if the vote is contrary to the manner utilized by the firm.

Responsibility and Oversight of Proxy Voting Activities at the Firm

Ultimate responsibility and oversight of proxy voting activities at Stratton Management Company rests with the Proxy Voting Committee (the "Committee"). This Committee consists of the members of the firm's Investment Committee. The Committee will appoint one or more Proxy Administrators to assist in the administration of proxy material and record the minutes of the Committee meetings. The Proxy Administrators are responsible for reviewing each proxy prior to each appropriate proxy vote and shareholder meeting date. The Proxy Administrators are also responsible for ensuring that all proxies for which the Committee has authority to vote are voted, and that such votes were cast in accordance with the Committee's instructions.

Stratton Management Company's Proxy Voting Procedures

ProxyEdge Lite Services

Stratton Management Company has engaged Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc. (via their "ProxyEdge" product) to assist the firm in the proxy collection and voting process for those clients who have requested that we vote their proxies. Each proxy received is matched to the securities to be voted by the Proxy Administrators and a reminder is sent to any custodian or trustee that has not forwarded the proxies to Stratton Management Company. The proxy statement is then forwarded to the Compliance Director who then reviews the proxy for any conflicts of interest.

Stratton Management Company will generally vote in favor of a Company Management's recommendations regarding routine matters that do not have a significant economic impact on the company and/or its shareholders. If there are any proposals which we deem would **not** be in the shareholders' interests, or if there are proposals that might negatively affect substantially the rights or privileges of the holders of securities to be voted, those proposals would be presented to the Proxy Committee for determination.

Once the review is complete, the proxy is then voted electronically through ProxyEdge, and the final result becomes recorded on the ProxyEdge Lite system. Stratton Management Company retains final authority and responsibility for

proxy voting.

Availability of Policies and Procedures and Disclosure of Vote

Stratton Management Company will provide our clients with a copy of its policies and procedures upon request and the Company reserves the right to update and change those policies and procedures from time to time.

A client may obtain information from Stratton Management Company regarding how a particular proxy was voted on the client's behalf by contacting their assigned portfolio manager or client services liaison. Due to Stratton Management Company's Privacy Policy, the Committee will not disclose to third parties how a particular client's proxy vote was cast without receiving written authorization from the client to release such information.

Conflicts of Interest

A conflict of interest occurs when the interests of Stratton Management Company and the interests of its employees, officers and directors, interfere in any way with the interests of Stratton Management Company clients. The Proxy Committee is committed to avoiding all situations that might lead to a real or apparent material conflict between (i) the interests of Stratton Management Company, its employees, Officers and Directors, and (ii) the Committee's proxy voting responsibilities. The Committee will rely on Stratton Management Company's personal securities trading policies as outlined in Stratton Management Company's Code of Ethics as a guideline in determining possible conflicts of interest in its proxy voting procedures. Any attempt by any employee, Officer, or Director of Stratton Management Company to influence the Committee or any of its members in determining how to vote on a particular issue shall be reported in writing to the Committee. Any such action shall be considered a breach of Stratton Management Company's Code of Ethics.

Should a material conflict arise between the adviser's interest and those of the client, SMCF will disclose the conflict in writing to the client and obtain written consent on the matter presented before voting. If requested, SMCF will forward the proxy material to the client so that the client may cast its own vote.

Stratton Management Company Record Retention

Stratton Management Company maintains proxy voting records in accordance with Section 204-2 of the Investment Advisers Act. They include:

- A copy of our policies and procedures;
- Proxy statements received and reconciled;
- A record of each vote cast;
- A copy of any documentation created by the Company that was material to the proxy vote decision;
- Any written or oral request for clients for proxy voting records and our response to same.

Stratton Management Company will retain all proxy voting materials and records for a period of five years, the first two of which will be kept in our offices, and the latter three years' records in our offsite storage facility.

APPENDIX B

DESCRIPTION OF SECURITIES RATINGS

Short-Term Credit Ratings

A Standard & Poor's short-term issue credit rating is a current opinion of the creditworthiness of an obligor with respect to a specific financial obligation having an original maturity of no more than 365 days. The following summarizes the rating categories used by Standard & Poor's for short-term issues:

"A-1" – Obligations are rated in the highest category and indicate that the obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation is strong. Within this category, certain obligations are designated with a plus sign (+). This indicates that the obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitment on these obligations is extremely strong.

"A-2" – The obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation is satisfactory. Obligations are somewhat more susceptible to the adverse effects of changes in circumstances and economic conditions than obligations in the higher rating categories.

"A-3" – Obligor has adequate protection parameters. However, adverse economic conditions or changing circumstances are more likely to lead to a weakened capacity of the obligor to meet its financial commitment on the obligation.

"B" – An obligation is regarded as having significant speculative characteristics. The obligor currently has the capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation; however, it faces major ongoing uncertainties which could lead to the obligor's inadequate capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation. Ratings of "B1", "B-2" and "B-3" may be assigned to indicate finer distinction within the "B" category.

"C" – Obligations are currently vulnerable to nonpayment and are dependent upon favorable business, financial, and economic conditions for the obligor to meet its financial commitment on the obligation.

"D" – Obligations are in payment default. This rating category is used when payments on an obligation are not made on the date due even if the applicable grace period has not expired, unless Standard & Poor's believes that such payments will be made during such grace period. The "D" rating also will be used upon the filing of a bankruptcy petition or the taking of a similar action if payments on an obligation are jeopardized.

Local Currency and Foreign Currency Risks - Country risk considerations are a standard part of Standard & Poor's analysis for credit ratings on any issuer or issue. Currency of repayment is a key factor in this analysis. An obligor's capacity to repay foreign currency obligations may be lower than its capacity to repay obligations in its local currency due to the sovereign government's own relatively lower capacity to repay external versus domestic debt. These sovereign risk considerations are incorporated in the debt ratings assigned to specific issues. Foreign Currency issuer ratings are also distinguished from local currency issuer ratings to identify those instances where sovereign risks make them different for the same issuer.

Moody's Investors Service ("Moody's") short-term ratings are opinions of the ability of issuers to honor short-term financial obligations. Ratings may be assigned to issuers, short-term programs or to individual short-term debt instruments. Such obligations generally have an original maturity not exceeding thirteen months, unless explicitly noted.

Moody's employs the following designations to indicate the relative repayment ability of rated issuers:

"P-1" – Issuers (or supporting institutions) rated Prime-1 have a superior ability to repay short-term debt obligations.

"P-2" – Issuers (or supporting institutions) rated Prime-2 have a strong ability to repay short-term debt obligations.

"P-3" – Issuers (or supporting institutions) rated Prime-3 have an acceptable ability to repay short-term

obligations.

“NP” – Issuers (or supporting institutions) rated Not Prime do not fall within any of the Prime rating categories.

Fitch, Inc. / Fitch Ratings Ltd. (“Fitch”) short-term ratings scale applies to foreign currency and local currency ratings. A short-term rating has a time horizon of less than 13 months for most obligations, or up to three years for U.S. public finance, in line with industry standards, to reflect unique risk characteristics of bond, tax, and revenue anticipation notes that are commonly issued with terms up to three years. Short-term ratings thus place greater emphasis on the liquidity necessary to meet financial commitments in a timely manner. The following summarizes the rating categories used by Fitch for short-term obligations:

“F1” – Securities possess the highest credit quality. This designation indicates the strongest capacity for timely payment of financial commitments; may have an added “+” to denote any exceptionally strong credit feature.

“F2” – Securities possess good credit quality. This designation indicates a satisfactory capacity for timely payment of financial commitments, but the margin of safety is not as great as in the case of the higher ratings.

“F3” – Securities possess fair credit quality. This designation indicates that the capacity for timely payment of financial commitments is adequate; however, near term adverse changes could result in a reduction to non investment grade.

“B” – Securities possess speculative credit quality. This designation indicates minimal capacity for timely payment of financial commitments, plus vulnerability to near term adverse changes in financial and economic conditions.

“C” – Securities possess high default risk. Default is a real possibility. This designation indicates a capacity for meeting financial commitments which is solely reliant upon a sustained, favorable business and economic environment.

“D” – Indicates an entity or sovereign that has defaulted on all of its financial obligations.

“NR” – This designation indicates that Fitch does not publicly rate the associated issue or issuer.

“WD” – This designation indicates that the rating has been withdrawn and is no longer maintained by Fitch.

The following summarizes the ratings used by Dominion Bond Rating Service Limited (“DBRS”) for commercial paper and short-term debt:

“R-1 (high)” - Short-term debt rated “R-1 (high)” is of the highest credit quality, and indicates an entity possessing unquestioned ability to repay current liabilities as they fall due. Entities rated in this category normally maintain strong liquidity positions, conservative debt levels, and profitability that is both stable and above average. Companies achieving an “R-1 (high)” rating are normally leaders in structurally sound industry segments with proven track records, sustainable positive future results, and no substantial qualifying negative factors. Given the extremely tough definition DBRS has established for an “R-1 (high)”, few entities are strong enough to achieve this rating.

“R-1 (middle)” – Short-term debt rated “R-1 (middle)” is of superior credit quality and, in most cases, ratings in this category differ from “R-1 (high)” credits by only a small degree. Given the extremely tough definition DBRS has established for the “R-1 (high)” category, entities rated “R-1 (middle)” are also considered strong credits, and typically exemplify above average strength in key areas of consideration for the timely repayment of short-term liabilities.

“R-1 (low)” – Short-term debt rated “R-1 (low)” is of satisfactory credit quality. The overall strength and outlook for key liquidity, debt and profitability ratios is not normally as favorable as with higher rating categories, but these considerations are still respectable. Any qualifying negative factors that exist are considered manageable, and the entity is normally of sufficient size to have some influence in its industry.

“R-2 (high)” – Short-term debt rated “R-2 (high)” is considered to be at the upper end of adequate credit quality. The ability to repay obligations as they mature remains acceptable, although the overall strength and outlook for key liquidity, debt, and profitability ratios is not as strong as credits rated in the “R-1 (low)” category. Relative to the latter category, other shortcomings often include areas such as stability, financial flexibility, and the relative size and market

position of the entity within its industry.

“R-2 (middle)” – Short-term debt rated “R-2 (middle)” is considered to be of adequate credit quality. Relative to the “R-2 (high)” category, entities rated “R-2 (middle)” typically have some combination of higher volatility, weaker debt or liquidity positions, lower future cash flow capabilities, or are negatively impacted by a weaker industry. Ratings in this category would be more vulnerable to adverse changes in financial and economic conditions.

“R-2 (low)” – Short-term debt rated “R-2 (low)” is considered to be at the lower end of adequate credit quality, typically having some combination of challenges that are not acceptable for an “R-2 (middle)” credit. However, “R-2 (low)” ratings still display a level of credit strength that allows for a higher rating than the “R-3” category, with this distinction often reflecting the issuer’s liquidity profile.

“R-3” – Short-term debt rated “R-3” is considered to be at the lowest end of adequate credit quality, one step up from being speculative. While not yet defined as speculative, the R-3 category signifies that although repayment is still expected, the certainty of repayment could be impacted by a variety of possible adverse developments, many of which would be outside the issuer’s control. Entities in this area often have limited access to capital markets and may also have limitations in securing alternative sources of liquidity, particularly during periods of weak economic conditions.

“R-4” – Short-term debt rated R-4 is speculative. R-4 credits tend to have weak liquidity and debt ratios, and the future trend of these ratios is also unclear. Due to its speculative nature, companies with R-4 ratings would normally have very limited access to alternative sources of liquidity. Earnings and cash flow would typically be very unstable, and the level of overall profitability of the entity is also likely to be low. The industry environment may be weak, and strong negative qualifying factors are also likely to be present.

“R-5” – Short-term debt rated R-5 is highly speculative. There is a reasonably high level of uncertainty as to the ability of the entity to repay the obligations on a continuing basis in the future, especially in periods of economic recession or industry adversity. In some cases, short term debt rated R-5 may have challenges that if not corrected, could lead to default.

“D” – A security rated “D” implies the issuer has either not met a scheduled payment or the issuer has made it clear that it will be missing such a payment in the near future. In some cases, DBRS may not assign a “D” rating under a bankruptcy announcement scenario, as allowances for grace periods may exist in the underlying legal documentation. Once assigned, the “D” rating will continue as long as the missed payment continues to be in arrears, and until such time as the rating is discontinued or reinstated by DBRS.

Long-Term Credit Ratings

The following summarizes the ratings used by Standard & Poor’s for long-term issues:

“AAA” – An obligation rated “AAA” has the highest rating assigned by Standard & Poor’s. The obligor’s capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation is extremely strong.

“AA” – An obligation rated “AA” differs from the highest-rated obligations only to a small degree. The obligor’s capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation is very strong.

“A” – An obligation rated “A” is somewhat more susceptible to the adverse effects of changes in circumstances and economic conditions than obligations in higher-rated categories. However, the obligor’s capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation is still strong.

“BBB” – An obligation rated “BBB” exhibits adequate protection parameters. However, adverse economic conditions or changing circumstances are more likely to lead to a weakened capacity of the obligor to meet its financial commitment on the obligation.

Obligations rated “BB,” “B,” “CCC,” “CC” and “C” are regarded as having significant speculative characteristics. “BB” indicates the least degree of speculation and “C” the highest. While such obligations will likely have some quality and protective characteristics, these may be outweighed by large uncertainties or major exposures to

adverse conditions.

“BB” – An obligation rated “BB” is less vulnerable to nonpayment than other speculative issues. However, it faces major ongoing uncertainties or exposure to adverse business, financial, or economic conditions which could lead to the obligor’s inadequate capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation.

“B” – An obligation rated “B” is more vulnerable to nonpayment than obligations rated “BB,” but the obligor currently has the capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation. Adverse business, financial, or economic conditions will likely impair the obligor’s capacity or willingness to meet its financial commitment on the obligation.

“CCC” – An obligation rated “CCC” is currently vulnerable to nonpayment, and is dependent upon favorable business, financial and economic conditions for the obligor to meet its financial commitment on the obligation. In the event of adverse business, financial, or economic conditions, the obligor is not likely to have the capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation.

“CC” – An obligation rated “CC” is currently highly vulnerable to nonpayment.

“C” – A subordinated debt or preferred stock obligation rated “C” is currently highly vulnerable to nonpayment, obligations that have payment arrearages allowed by the terms of the documents, or obligations of an issuer that is the subject of a bankruptcy petition or similar action which have not experienced a payment default. The “C” rating may be assigned to subordinated debt, preferred stock or other obligations on which cash payments may have been suspended in accordance with the instrument’s terms.

“D” – An obligation rated “D” is in payment default. The “D” rating category is used when payments on an obligation are not made on the date due even if the applicable grace period has not expired, unless Standard & Poor’s believes that such payments will be made during such grace period. The “D” rating also will be used upon the filing of a bankruptcy petition or the taking of a similar action if payments on an obligation are jeopardized.

Plus (+) or minus (-) – The ratings from “AA” to “CCC” may be modified by the addition of a plus (+) or minus (-) sign to show relative standing within the major rating categories.

“NR” – This indicates that no rating has been requested, that there is insufficient information on which to base a rating, or that Standard & Poor’s does not rate a particular obligation as a matter of policy.

Local Currency and Foreign Currency Risks - Country risk considerations are a standard part of Standard & Poor’s analysis for credit ratings on any issuer or issue. Currency of repayment is a key factor in this analysis. An obligor’s capacity to repay foreign currency obligations may be lower than its capacity to repay obligations in its local currency due to the sovereign government’s own relatively lower capacity to repay external versus domestic debt. These sovereign risk considerations are incorporated in the debt ratings assigned to specific issues. Foreign currency issuer ratings are also distinguished from local currency issuer ratings to identify those instances where sovereign risks make them different for the same issuer.

The following summarizes the ratings used by Moody’s for long-term debt:

“Aaa” – Obligations rated “Aaa” are judged to be of the highest quality, with minimal credit risk.

“Aa” – Obligations rated “Aa” are judged to be of high quality and are subject to very low credit risk.

“A” – Obligations rated “A” are considered upper-medium grade and are subject to low credit risk.

“Baa” – Obligations rated “Baa” are subject to moderate credit risk. They are considered medium-grade and as such may possess certain speculative characteristics.

“Ba” – Obligations rated “Ba” are judged to have speculative elements and are subject to substantial credit risk.

“B” – Obligations rated “B” are considered speculative and are subject to high credit risk.

“Caa” – Obligations rated “Caa” are judged to be of poor standing and are subject to very high credit risk.

“Ca” – Obligations rated “Ca” are highly speculative and are likely in, or very near, default, with some prospect of recovery of principal and interest.

“C” – Obligations rated “C” are the lowest rated class of bonds and are typically in default, with little prospect for recovery of principal or interest.

Note: Moody’s appends numerical modifiers 1, 2, and 3 to each generic rating classification from “Aa” through “Caa.” The modifier 1 indicates that the obligation ranks in the higher end of its generic rating category; the modifier 2 indicates a mid-range ranking; and the modifier 3 indicates a ranking in the lower end of that generic rating category.

The following summarizes long-term ratings used by Fitch:

“AAA” – Securities considered to be of the highest credit quality. “AAA” ratings denote the lowest expectation of credit risk. They are assigned only in case of exceptionally strong capacity for payment of financial commitments. This capacity is highly unlikely to be adversely affected by foreseeable events.

“AA” – Securities considered to be of very high credit quality. “AA” ratings denote expectations of very low credit risk. They indicate very strong capacity for timely payment of financial commitments. This capacity is not significantly vulnerable to foreseeable events.

“A” – Securities considered to be of high credit quality. “A” ratings denote expectations of low credit risk. The capacity for payment of financial commitments is considered strong. This capacity may, nevertheless, be more vulnerable to changes in circumstances or in economic conditions than is the case for higher ratings.

“BBB” – Securities considered to be of good credit quality. “BBB” ratings indicate that there are currently expectations of low credit risk. The capacity for payment of financial commitments is considered adequate but adverse changes in circumstances and economic conditions are more likely to impair this capacity. This is the lowest investment grade category.

“BB” – Securities considered to be speculative. “BB” ratings indicate that there is a possibility of credit risk developing, particularly as the result of adverse economic change over time; however, business or financial alternatives may be available to allow financial commitments to be met. Securities rated in this category are not investment grade.

“B” – Securities considered to be highly speculative. “B” ratings indicate that significant credit risk is present, but a limited margin of safety remains. Financial commitments are currently being met; however, capacity for continued payment is contingent upon a sustained, favorable business and economic environment.

“CCC,” “CC” and “C” – Securities have high default risk. Default is a real possibility, and capacity for meeting financial commitments is solely reliant upon sustained, favorable business or economic developments. A “CC” rating indicates that default of some kind appears probable. “C” ratings signal imminent default.

“RD” – Indicates an entity has failed to make due payments (within the applicable grace period) on some but not all material financial obligations, but continues to honor other classes of obligations.

“D” – Indicates an entity or sovereign that has defaulted on all of its financial obligations.

Plus (+) or minus (-) may be appended to a rating to denote relative status within major rating categories. Such suffixes are not added to the “AAA” category or to categories below “CCC”.

“NR” indicates that Fitch does not publicly rate the associated issue or issuer.

The following summarizes the ratings used by DBRS for long-term debt:

“AAA” - Long-term debt rated “AAA” is of the highest credit quality, with exceptionally strong protection for the timely repayment of principal and interest. Earnings are considered stable, the structure of the industry in which the

entity operates is strong, and the outlook for future profitability is favorable. There are few qualifying factors present which would detract from the performance of the entity. The strength of liquidity and coverage ratios is unquestioned and the entity has established a creditable track record of superior performance. Given the extremely high standard which DBRS has set for this category, few entities are able to achieve an “AAA” rating.

“AA” – Long-term debt rated “AA” is of superior credit quality, and protection of interest and principal is considered high. In many cases they differ from long-term debt rated “AAA” only to a small degree. Given the extremely restrictive definition DBRS has for the “AAA” category, entities rated “AA” are also considered to be strong credits, typically exemplifying above-average strength in key areas of consideration and unlikely to be significantly affected by reasonably foreseeable events.

“A” – Long-term debt rated “A” is of satisfactory credit quality. Protection of interest and principal is still substantial, but the degree of strength is less than that of “AA” rated entities. While “A” is a respectable rating, entities in this category are considered to be more susceptible to adverse economic conditions and have greater cyclical tendencies than higher-rated securities.

“BBB” – Long-term debt rated “BBB” is of adequate credit quality. Protection of interest and principal is considered acceptable, but the entity is fairly susceptible to adverse changes in financial and economic conditions, or there may be other adverse conditions present which reduce the strength of the entity and its rated securities.

“BB” – Long-term debt rated “BB” is defined to be speculative and non-investment grade, where the degree of protection afforded interest and principal is uncertain, particularly during periods of economic recession. Entities in the “BB” range typically have limited access to capital markets and additional liquidity support. In many cases, deficiencies in critical mass, diversification, and competitive strength are additional negative considerations.

“B” – Long-term debt rated “B” is highly speculative and there is a reasonably high level of uncertainty as to the ability of the entity to pay interest and principal on a continuing basis in the future, especially in periods of economic recession or industry adversity.

“CCC”, “CC” and “C” – Long-term debt rated in any of these categories is very highly speculative and is in danger of default of interest and principal. The degree of adverse elements present is more severe than long-term debt rated “B.” Long-term debt rated below “B” often has features which, if not remedied, may lead to default. In practice, there is little difference between these three categories, with “CC” and “C” normally used for lower ranking debt of companies for which the senior debt is rated in the “CCC” to “B” range.

“D” – A security rated “D” implies the issuer has either not met a scheduled payment of interest or principal or that the issuer has made it clear that it will miss such a payment in the near future. In some cases, DBRS may not assign a “D” rating under a bankruptcy announcement scenario, as allowances for grace periods may exist in the underlying legal documentation. Once assigned, the “D” rating will continue as long as the missed payment continues to be in arrears, and until such time as the rating is suspended, discontinued or reinstated by DBRS.

(“high”, “low”) – Each rating category is denoted by the subcategories “high” and “low”. The absence of either a “high” or “low” designation indicates the rating is in the “middle” of the category. The “AAA” and “D” categories do not utilize “high”, “middle”, and “low” as differential grades.

Municipal Note Ratings

A Standard & Poor’s U.S. municipal note rating reflects the liquidity factors and market access risks unique to notes. Notes due in three years or less will likely receive a note rating. Notes maturing beyond three years will most likely receive a long-term debt rating. The following criteria will be used in making that assessment:

- Amortization schedule-the larger the final maturity relative to other maturities, the more likely it will be treated as a note; and
- Source of payment-the more dependent the issue is on the market for its refinancing, the more likely it will be treated as a note.

Note rating symbols are as follows:

“SP-1” – The issuers of these municipal notes exhibit a strong capacity to pay principal and interest. Those issues determined to possess a very strong capacity to pay debt service are given a plus (+) designation.

“SP-2” – The issuers of these municipal notes exhibit a satisfactory capacity to pay principal and interest, with some vulnerability to adverse financial and economic changes over the term of the notes.

“SP-3” – The issuers of these municipal notes exhibit speculative capacity to pay principal and interest.

Moody’s uses three rating categories for short-term municipal obligations that are considered investment grade. These ratings are designated as Municipal Investment Grade (“MIG”) and are divided into three levels – “MIG-1” through “MIG-3”. In addition, those short-term obligations that are of speculative quality are designated “SG”, or speculative grade. MIG ratings expire at the maturity of the obligation. The following summarizes the ratings used by Moody’s for these short-term obligations:

“MIG-1” – This designation denotes superior credit quality. Excellent protection is afforded by established cash flows, highly reliable liquidity support, or demonstrated broad-based access to the market for refinancing.

“MIG-2” – This designation denotes strong credit quality. Margins of protection are ample, although not as large as in the preceding group.

“MIG-3” – This designation denotes acceptable credit quality. Liquidity and cash-flow protection may be narrow, and market access for refinancing is likely to be less well-established.

“SG” – This designation denotes speculative-grade credit quality. Debt instruments in this category may lack sufficient margins of protection.

In the case of variable rate demand obligations (“VRDOs”), a two-component rating is assigned; a long or short-term debt rating and a demand obligation rating. The first element represents Moody’s evaluation of the degree of risk associated with scheduled principal and interest payments. The second element represents Moody’s evaluation of the degree of risk associated with the ability to receive purchase price upon demand (“demand feature”), using a variation of the MIG rating scale, the Variable Municipal Investment Grade or “VMIG” rating.

When either the long- or short-term aspect of a VRDO is not rated, that piece is designated “NR”, e.g., “Aaa/NR” or “NR/VMIG-1”.

VMIG rating expirations are a function of each issue’s specific structural or credit features.

“VMIG-1” – This designation denotes superior credit quality. Excellent protection is afforded by the superior short-term credit strength of the liquidity provider and structural and legal protections that ensure the timely payment of purchase price upon demand.

“VMIG-2” – This designation denotes strong credit quality. Good protection is afforded by the strong short-term credit strength of the liquidity provider and structural and legal protections that ensure the timely payment of purchase price upon demand.

“VMIG-3” – This designation denotes acceptable credit quality. Adequate protection is afforded by the satisfactory short-term credit strength of the liquidity provider and structural and legal protections that ensure the timely payment of purchase price upon demand.

“SG” – This designation denotes speculative-grade credit quality. Demand features rated in this category may be supported by a liquidity provider that does not have an investment grade short-term rating or may lack the structural and/or legal protections necessary to ensure the timely payment of purchase price upon demand.

Fitch uses the same ratings for municipal securities as described above for other short-term credit ratings.

About Credit Ratings

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