# SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT

Cohen & Steers Global Realty Majors ETF (NYSE ARCA: GRI)

An ALPS Advisors Solution



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Performance Overview

*May 31, 2018 (Unaudited)* 

#### **Investment Objective**

The Cohen & Steers Global Realty Majors ETF (the "Fund") seeks investment results that correspond generally to the performance, before the Fund's fees and expenses, of an index called the Cohen & Steers Global Realty Majors Index (the "Underlying Index"). The Fund will normally invest at least 90% of its total assets in common stocks and other equity securities (which may include American Depositary Receipts ("ADRs"), American Depositary Shares ("ADSs") and Global Depositary Receipts ("GDRs")) that comprise the Underlying Index.

The Underlying Index consists of the largest and most liquid securities within the global real estate universe that Cohen & Steers Capital Management, Inc. ("Cohen & Steers" or the "Index Provider") believes are likely to lead the global securitization of real estate. The Underlying Index is free float and modified market-capitalization weighted, with a limit of 4.0% on any security's weighting. Underlying Index constituents must have a free float adjusted market-capitalization of \$750 million or greater for initial inclusion in the Underlying Index. Cohen & Steers considers country weights relative to each country's GDP share representing the real estate securities universe and share of the private market for real estate, with up to 10% being allocated to securities of emerging markets. The Underlying Index is rebalanced quarterly.

#### Performance (as of May 31, 2018)

	6 Months	1 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Since Inception <sup>^</sup>
Cohen & Steers Global Realty Majors ETF - NAV	-1.06%	3.21%	4.59%	3.18%	2.61%
Cohen & Steers Global Realty Majors ETF - Market	-1.51%	3.08%	4.60%	2.98%	2.57%
Cohen & Steers Global Realty Majors® Index	-0.67%	3.96%	5.36%	3.94%	3.42%
FTSE EPRA/ NAREIT Developed Real Estate Index	0.76%	5.98%	5.98%	4.25%	3.73%
S&P 500 <sup>®</sup> Total Return Index	3.16%	14.38%	12.98%	9.14%	9.15%

#### Total Expense Ratio (per the current Prospectus) 0.55%

Data quoted represents past performance, which is no guarantee of future results. The table does not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on Fund distributions or the redemption of Fund shares. The Fund's portfolio holdings are subject to change without notice. Investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when sold or redeemed, may be worth more or less than the original cost. Current performance data may be higher or lower than actual data quoted. For the most current month-end performance data please visit www.alpsfunds.com or call 1.866.513.5856.

NAV is an exchange-traded fund's per-share value. The per-share dollar amount of the Fund is derived by dividing the total value of all the securities in its portfolio, less any liabilities, by the number of Fund shares outstanding. Market Price is the price at which a share can currently be traded in the market. Information detailing the number of days the Market Price of the Fund was greater than the Fund's NAV and the number of days it was less than the Fund's NAV can be obtained at www.alpsfunds.com.

#### Risks of Investing in Real Estate Securities

Risks of investing in real estate securities are similar to those associated with direct investments in real estate, including falling property values due to increasing vacancies or declining rents resulting from economic, legal, political or technological developments, lack of liquidity, limited diversification and sensitivity to certain economic factors such as interest rate changes and market recessions. Foreign securities involve special risks, including currency fluctuations, lower liquidity, political and economic uncertainties, and differences in accounting standards. Some international securities may represent small- and medium-sized companies, which may be more susceptible to price volatility and less liquidity than larger companies.

Cohen & Steers Global Realty Majors® Index: A free-float adjusted, modified market capitalization-weighted index of global real estate equities. The modified market capitalization weighting approach and qualitative screening process emphasize those companies that, in the opinion of the Cohen & Steers investment committee, are leading the securitization of real estate globally.

FTSE EPRA/NAREIT Developed Real Estate Index: An unmanaged market-weighted total return index that consists of many companies from developed markets whose floats are larger than \$100 million and which derive more than half of their revenue from property-related activities.

S&P 500<sup>®</sup> Total Return Index: The Standard & Poor's composite index of 500 stocks, a widely recognized, unmanaged index of common stock prices.

The indexes are not actively managed and do not reflect any deductions for fees, expenses or taxes. Total return assumes reinvestment of any dividends and distributions realized during a given time period. One cannot invest directly in an index. Index performance does not reflect fund performance.

The Fund's shares are not individually redeemable. Investors buy and sell shares of the Fund on a secondary market. Only market makers or "authorized participants" may trade directly with the Fund, typically in blocks of 50,000 shares.

The Cohen & Steers Global Realty Majors ETF is not suitable for all investors. An investor should consider investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses carefully before investing. Investments in the Fund are subject to investment risks, including possible loss of the principal amount invested.

ALPS Portfolio Solutions Distributor, Inc., a FINRA member, is the distributor for the Cohen & Steers Global Realty Majors ETF.

ALPS Portfolio Solutions Distributor, Inc. is not affiliated with Cohen & Steers.

<sup>^</sup> Fund Inception May 7, 2008.

<sup>\*</sup> Market Price is based on the midpoint of the bid/ask spread at 4p.m. ET and does not represent the returns an investor would receive if shares were traded at other times.

Performance Overview

*May 31, 2018 (Unaudited)* 

**Top 10 Holdings\*** (as of May 31, 2018)

Simon Property Group, Inc.	4.03%
American Tower Corp.	3.99%
ProLogis, Inc.	3.80%
Public Storage	3.52%
Equinix, Inc.	3.49%
Unibail-Rodamco SE	3.35%
Sun Hung Kai Properties, Ltd.	2.95%
Mitsubishi Estate Co., Ltd.	2.80%
Mitsui Fudosan Co., Ltd.	2.76%
Vonovia SE	2.67%
Total % of Top 10 Holdings	33.36%

<sup>\* %</sup> of Total Investments.

Future holdings are subject to change.

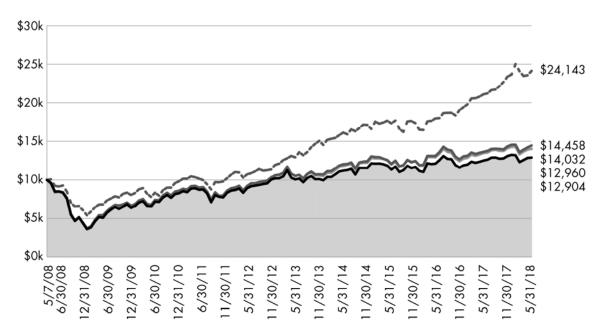
#### Country Allocation\* (as of May 31, 2018)

100.00%
0.23%
0.38%
0.41%
0.49%
1.14%
2.30%
4.11%
5.51%
5.80%
6.29%
8.92%
11.40%
53.02%

#### **Growth of \$10,000** (as of May 31, 2018)

Comparison of Change in Value of \$10,000 Investment in the Fund and the Indexes

Cohen & Steers Global Realty Majors ETF (based on NAV)
Cohen & Steers Global Realty Majors ETF (based on Market)
Cohen & Steers Global Realty Majors® Index
FTSE EPRA/ NAREIT Developed Real Estate Index
S&P 500® Total Return Index



The chart above represents historical performance of a hypothetical investment of \$10,000 in the Fund over the life of the Fund. Past performance does not guarantee future results. This chart does not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on Fund distributions or the redemption of Fund shares.

Disclosure of Fund Expenses

*May 31, 2018 (Unaudited)* 

**Shareholder Expense Example:** As a shareholder of the Fund, you incur two types of costs: (1) transaction costs which may include creation and redemption fees or brokerage charges, and (2) ongoing costs, including management fees and other Fund expenses. These examples are intended to help you understand your ongoing costs (in dollars) of investing in the Fund and to compare these costs with the ongoing costs of investing in other funds. It is based on an investment of \$1,000 invested at the beginning of the (six month) period and held through May 31, 2018.

**Actual Return:** The first line of the table provides information about actual account values and actual expenses. You may use the information in this line, together with the amount you invested, to estimate the expenses that you incurred over the period. Simply divide your account value by \$1,000 (for example, an \$8,600 account value divided by \$1,000 = 8.6), then multiply the result by the number in the first line under the heading entitled "Expenses Paid During Period" to estimate the expenses attributable to your investment during this period.

**Hypothetical 5% Return:** The second line of the table provides information about hypothetical account values and hypothetical expenses based on the Fund's actual expense ratio and an assumed rate of return of 5% per year before expenses, which is not the Fund's actual return. The hypothetical account values and expenses may not be used to estimate the actual ending account balance or expenses you paid for the period. You may use this information to compare ongoing costs of investing in the Fund and other funds. To do so, compare this 5% hypothetical example with the 5% hypothetical examples that appear in the shareholder reports of other funds.

The expenses shown in the table are meant to highlight ongoing Fund costs only and do not reflect any transaction costs, such as creation and redemption fees or brokerage charges. Therefore, the second line is useful in comparing ongoing costs only, and will not help you determine the relative total costs of owning different funds. In addition, if these costs were included, your costs would have been higher.

	Beginning Account Value 12/1/17	Ending Account Value 5/31/18	Expense Ratio <sup>(a)</sup>	Duri	nses Paid ng Period 7 - 5/31/18 <sup>(b)</sup>	
Cohen & Steers Global Realty Majors ETF						
Actual	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 989.40	0.55%	\$	2.73	
Hypothetical (5% return before expenses)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,022.19	0.55%	\$	2.77	

<sup>(</sup>a) Annualized, based on the Fund's most recent fiscal half-year expenses.

<sup>(</sup>b) Expenses are equal to the Fund's annualized expense ratio multiplied by the average account value over the period, multiplied by the number of days in the most recent fiscal half year (182), divided by 365.

May 31, 2018 (Unaudited)

Security Description	Shares	Value
COMMON STOCKS (99.02%)		
Australia (6.23%)		
Dexus	65,403	\$ 489,170
Goodman Group	103,940	734,168
The GPT Group	116,360	442,626
OneMarket, Ltd. <sup>(a)</sup>	6,192	7,164
Scentre Group, Ltd.	345,298	1,091,531
Stockland	157,878	495,490
Vicinity Centres	208,344	420,686
Total Australia		3,680,835
Brazil (0.23%)		
Multiplan Empreendimentos Imobiliarios SA	8,678	136,576
Canada (1.13%)		
Allied Properties Real Estate Investment Trust	6,028	197,632
Boardwalk Real Estate Investment Trust	2,427	88,893
RioCan Real Estate Investment Trust	20,821	378,170
Total Canada		664,695
France (5.74%)		
Fonciere Des Regions	3,509	366,121
Gecina SA	3,121	539,994
Klepierre	13,438	523,447
Unibail-Rodamco SE	8,716	1,961,880
Total France		3,391,442
Germany (5.46%)		
alstria office REIT-AG	9,164	135,307
Deutsche Wohnen AG	23,002	1,079,116
LEG Immobilien AG	4,063	445,346
Vonovia SE	33,092	1,561,376
Total Germany		3,221,145
Hong Kong (11.30%)		
China Overseas Land & Investment, Ltd.	249,000	833,365
CK Asset Holdings, Ltd.	170,000	1,419,701
Hang Lung Properties, Ltd.	131,000	297,302
Hongkong Land Holdings, Ltd.	76,400	554,664
Link REIT	140,664	1,244,655
Sun Hung Kai Properties, Ltd.	107,000	1,727,127
Wharf Real Estate Investment Co., Ltd.  Total Hong Kong	77,000	594,445 6,671,259
Japan (8.84%) Japan Real Estate Investment Corp.	87	456,653
Japan Retail Fund Investment Corp.	168	304,851
Mitsubishi Estate Co., Ltd.	90,300	1,640,234
Mitsui Fudosan Co., Ltd.	64,300	1,616,588
Nippon Building Fund, Inc.	93	521,487
Nippon Prologis REIT, Inc.	143	298,396

Security Description	Shares	Value
Japan (8.84%) (continued)		
Nomura Real Estate Master Fund, Inc.	273	\$ 382,453
Total Japan		5,220,662
Singapore (2.28%)		
Ascendas Real Estate Investment Trust	155,805	308,386
CapitaLand Mall Trust	178,047	275,279
CapitaLand, Ltd.	165,000	426,411
City Developments, Ltd.	40,100	335,752
Total Singapore		1,345,828
Spain (0.38%)		
Inmobiliaria Colonial Socimi SA	20,878	221,864
Sweden (0.48%)		
Castellum AB	17,723	284,562
Switzerland (0.41%)		
PSP Swiss Property AG	2,615	239,584
United Kingdom (4.08%)		
British Land Co. PLC	64,502	581,357
Derwent London PLC	7,198	287,921
Hammerson PLC	51,449	374,114
Land Securities Group PLC	48,729	602,176
Segro PLC	64,563	561,823
Total United Kingdom	,	2,407,391
United States (52.46%)		
Alexandria Real Estate Equities, Inc.	6,564	819,975
American Campus Communities, Inc.	8,856	355,126
American Homes 4 Rent, Class A	16,372	326,130
American Tower Corp.	16,872	2,334,579
AvalonBay Communities, Inc.	8,947	1,481,086
Boston Properties, Inc.	10,011	1,219,039
Digital Realty Trust, Inc.	13,305	1,430,021
Douglas Emmett, Inc.	10,343	398,102
Duke Realty Corp.	23,161	651,287
Equinix, Inc.	5,140	2,039,809
Equity LifeStyle Properties, Inc.	5,749	522,584
Equity Residential	23,832	1,525,010
Essex Property Trust, Inc.	4,281	1,023,287
Extra Space Storage, Inc.	8,146	784,053
Federal Realty Investment Trust	4,756	565,441
Highwoods Properties, Inc.	6,702	320,557
Host Hotels & Resorts, Inc.	47,641	1,030,475
Kilroy Realty Corp.	6,452	491,320
National Retail Properties, Inc.	9,985	413,679
Park Hotels & Resorts, Inc.	13,015	419,343
ProLogis, Inc.	34,570	2,224,580
Public Storage	9,726	2,060,356
Realty Income Corp.	18,435	982,586
Regency Centers Corp.	9,654	560,704
Simon Property Group, Inc.	14,711	2,356,996

Schedule of Investments

May 31, 2018 (Unaudited)

Security Description		Shares	Value
United States (52.46%) (continued)			
UDR, Inc.		17,438	\$ 635,964
Ventas, Inc.		23,048	1,259,804
Vornado Realty Trust		11,219	782,076
Welltower, Inc.		23,991	1,383,081
Total United States			 30,968,322
TOTAL COMMON STOCKS			
(Cost \$51,523,167)			 58,454,165
	7 Day Yield	Shares	Value
SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS (0.09%)			
State Street Institutional Treasury Plus Money Market			
Fund	1.669%	55,710	55,710
TOTAL SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS			
(Cost \$55,710)			 55,710
TOTAL INVESTMENTS (99.11%)			
(Cost \$51,578,877)			\$ 58,509,875
NET OTHER ASSETS AND LIABILITIES (0.89%)			 525,271
NET ASSETS (100.00%)			\$ 59,035,146

<sup>(</sup>a) Non-income producing security.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

May 31, 2018 (Unaudited)

ASSETS:	
Investments, at value	\$ 58,509,875
Cash held in escrow account (Note 3)	12,634
Foreign currency, at value (Cost \$396,429)	396,429
Receivable for investments sold	4,966
Foreign tax reclaims	45,721
Dividends receivable	106,786
Total Assets	59,076,411
LIABILITIES:	
Payable for investments purchased	271
Payable to adviser	40,994
Total Liabilities	41,265
NET ASSETS	\$ 59,035,146
NET ASSETS CONSIST OF:	
Paid-in capital	\$ 57,911,373
Accumulated net investment loss	(1,608,801)
Accumulated net realized loss	(4,196,853)
Net unrealized appreciation	6,929,427
NET ASSETS	\$ 59,035,146
INVESTMENTS, AT COST	\$ 51,578,877
PRICING OF SHARES	
Net Assets	\$ 59,035,146
Shares of beneficial interest outstanding (Unlimited number of shares authorized, par value \$0.01 per share)	1,350,000
Net Asset Value, offering and redemption price per share	\$ 43.73

Statement of Operations

For the Six Months Ended May 31, 2018 (Unaudited)

### **INVESTMENT INCOME:**Divide a de<sup>(a)</sup>

Dividends <sup>(a)</sup>	\$ 1,174,222
Total Investment Income	 1,174,222
EXPENSES:	
Investment adviser fees	171,806
Total Expenses	171,806
NET INVESTMENT INCOME	 1,002,416
REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN/(LOSS)	
Net realized gain on investments	217,880
Net realized loss on foreign currency transactions	(1,303)
Total net realized gain	216,577
Net change in unrealized depreciation on investments	(1,976,774)
Net change in unrealized depreciation on translation of assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies	(1,206)
Total net change in unrealized depreciation	 (1,977,980)
NET REALIZED AND UNREALIZED LOSS ON INVESTMENTS	 (1,761,403)
NET DECREASE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS	\$ (758,987)

<sup>(</sup>a) Net of foreign tax withholding of \$59,526.

Statements of Changes in Net Assets

	•	For the Six Months Ended May 31, 2018 (Unaudited)		For the Year Ended November 30, 2017
OPERATIONS:				
Net investment income	\$	1,002,416	\$	1,267,980
Net realized gain		216,577		5,272,774
Net change in unrealized appreciation/(depreciation)		(1,977,980)		2,684,359
Net increase/(decrease) in net assets resulting from operations		(758,987)		9,225,113
DISTRIBUTIONS TO SHAREHOLDERS:				
From net investment income		(1,748,966)		(1,968,767)
Total distributions		(1,748,966)		(1,968,767)
CAPITAL SHARE TRANSACTIONS:				
Cost of shares redeemed		(6,507,080)		(19,756,525)
Net decrease from share transactions		(6,507,080)	(19,756,525)	
Net decrease in net assets		(9,015,033)		(12,500,179)
NET ASSETS:				
Beginning of period		68,050,179		80,550,358
End of period *	\$	59,035,146	\$	68,050,179
*Including accumulated net investment loss of:	\$	(1,608,801)	\$	(862,251)
OTHER INFORMATION:				
CAPITAL SHARE TRANSACTIONS:				
Beginning shares		1,500,000		1,950,000
Shares sold				_
Shares redeemed		(150,000)		(450,000)
Shares outstanding, end of year		1,350,000		1,500,000

Financial Highlights

For a Share Outstanding Throughout the Periods Presented

	Fo	r the										
		Nonths		For the Year		For the Year		For the Year	l	For the Year		For the Year
		ided		Ended		Ended		Ended		Ended		Ended
	•	1, 2018 udited)		November 30, 2017		November 30, 2016		November 30, 2015	I۱	lovember 30, 2014	ľ	lovember 30, 2013
NET ACCET VALUE DECINIONS OF DEDICE			<u>,</u>	_	۲.		<u>,</u>		,		۲.	
NET ASSET VALUE, BEGINNING OF PERIOD	\$ 4	5.37	\$	41.31	\$	42.25	\$	44.07	\$	39.32	\$	39.59
INCOME/(LOSS) FROM INVESTMENT OPERA	TIONS	:										
Net investment income <sup>(a)</sup>		0.70		0.75		1.24		1.41		0.92		0.94
Net realized and unrealized gain/(loss)	(1	L.17)		4.45		(0.90)		(1.57)		4.85		1.25
Total from investment operations	(0	).47)		5.20		0.34		(0.16)		5.77		2.19
DISTRIBUTIONS:												
From net investment income	(1	L.17)		(1.14)		(1.28)		(1.66)		(1.02)		(2.27)
From tax return of capital	•	<u>-</u>		· ,		· ,		· ,		· –		(0.19)
Total distributions	(1	L.17)		(1.14)		(1.28)		(1.66)		(1.02)		(2.46)
NET INCOPACE (IDEODEACE) IN NET ACCET												
NET INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN NET ASSET												
VALUE		L.64)		4.06		(0.94)		(1.82)		4.75		(0.27)
	\$ 4	3.73	\$	45.37	\$	41.31	\$	42.25	\$	44.07	\$	39.32
TOTAL RETURN <sup>(b)</sup>	(	1.06)%		12.77%		0.61%		(0.38)%		14.90%		5.60%
RATIOS/SUPPLEMENTAL DATA:												
Net assets, end of period (000s)	\$ 59	,035	\$	68,050	\$	80,550	\$	99,298	\$	96,953	\$	108,137
Ratio of expenses to average net assets	0	.55% <sup>(c)</sup>		0.55%		0.55%		0.55%		0.55%		0.55%
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets	3	.20% <sup>(c)</sup>		1.71%		2.86%		3.24%		2.21%		2.31%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(d)</sup>		9%		10%		8%		7%		11%		10%

<sup>(</sup>a) Based on average shares outstanding during the period.

<sup>(</sup>b) Total return is calculated assuming an initial investment made at the net asset value at the beginning of the period and redemption at the net asset value on the last day of the period and assuming all distributions are reinvested at reinvestment prices.

<sup>(</sup>c) Annualized.

Portfolio turnover for periods less than one year is not annualized and does not include securities received or delivered from processing creations or redemptions in-kind.

Notes to Financial Statements

*May 31, 2018 (Unaudited)* 

#### 1. ORGANIZATION

ALPS ETF Trust (the "Trust"), a Delaware statutory trust, is an open-end management investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"). As of May 31, 2018, the Trust consisted of twenty separate portfolios. Each portfolio represents a separate series of the Trust. This report pertains solely to the Cohen & Steers Global Realty Majors ETF (the "Fund"). The investment objective of the Fund is to seek investment results that correspond generally to the performance, before the Fund's fees and expenses, of an index called the Cohen & Steers Global Realty Majors Index (the "Underlying Index"). The investment advisor uses a "passive" or indexing approach to try to achieve the Fund's investment objective. The Fund is considered non-diversified and may invest a greater portion of assets in securities of individual issuers than a diversified fund. As a result, changes in the market value of a single investment could cause greater fluctuations in share price than would occur in a diversified fund.

The Fund's Shares ("Shares") are listed on the NYSE Arca, Inc. (the "NYSE Arca"). The Fund issues and redeems Shares at net asset value ("NAV") in blocks of 50,000 Shares, each of which is called a "Creation Unit". Creation Units are issued and redeemed principally in-kind for securities included in the Underlying Index. Except when aggregated in Creation Units, Shares are not redeemable securities of the Fund.

Pursuant to the Trust's organizational documents, its Officers and Trustees are indemnified against certain liability arising out of the performance of their duties to the Trust. Additionally, in the normal course of business, the Trust enters into contracts with service providers that contain general indemnification clauses. The Trust's maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown, as this would involve future claims that may be made against the Trust that have not yet occurred.

#### 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following is a summary of significant accounting policies consistently followed by the Fund in the preparation of the financial statements. The accompanying financial statements were prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP"). The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make certain estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. The Fund is considered an investment company under U.S. GAAP and follows the accounting and reporting guidance applicable to investment companies in the Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification Topic 946.

#### A. Portfolio Valuation

The Fund's NAV is determined daily, as of the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange (the "NYSE"), normally 4:00 p.m. Eastern time, on each day the NYSE is open for trading. The NAV is computed by dividing the value of all assets of the Fund (including accrued interest and dividends), less all liabilities (including accrued expenses and dividends declared but unpaid), by the total number of shares outstanding.

Portfolio securities listed on any exchange other than the NASDAQ Stock Market LLC ("NASDAQ") are valued at the last sale price on the business day as of which such value is being determined. If there has been no sale on such day, the securities are valued at the mean of the most recent bid and asked prices on such day. Securities traded on the NASDAQ are valued at the NASDAQ Official Closing Price as determined by NASDAQ. Portfolio securities traded on more than one securities exchange are valued at the last sale price on the business day as of which such value is being determined at the close of the exchange representing the principal market for such securities. Portfolio securities traded in the over-the-counter market, but excluding securities traded on the NASDAQ, are valued at the latest quoted sale price in such market.

The Fund's investments are valued at market value or, in the absence of market value with respect to any portfolio securities, at fair value according to procedures adopted by the Trust's Board of Trustees (the "Board"). When market quotations are not readily available or when events occur that make established valuation methods unreliable, securities of the Fund may be valued in good faith by or under the direction of the Board. These securities generally include, but are not limited to, restricted securities (securities which may not be publicly sold without registration under the Securities Act of 1933) for which a pricing service is unable to provide a market price; securities whose trading has been formally suspended; a security whose market price is not available from a pre-established primary pricing source or the pricing source is not willing to provide a price; a security with respect to which an event has occurred that is most likely to materially affect the value of the security after the market has closed but before the calculation of the Fund's NAV or make it difficult or impossible to obtain a reliable market quotation; or a security whose price, as provided by the pricing service, does not reflect the security's "fair value" due to the security being de-listed from a national exchange or the security's primary trading market is temporarily closed at a time when, under normal conditions, it would be open. As a general principle, the current "fair value" of a security would be the amount which the owner might reasonably expect to receive from the sale on the applicable exchange or principal market. A variety of factors may be considered in determining the fair value of such securities.

Notes to Financial Statements

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#### **B. Fair Value Measurements**

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

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

Equity securities, including restricted securities, for which market quotations are readily available, are valued at the last reported sale price or official closing price as reported by a third party pricing vendor on the primary market or exchange on which they are traded and are categorized as Level 1 in the hierarchy. In the event there were no sales during the day or closing prices are not available, securities are valued at the mean of the most recent quoted bid and ask prices on such day and are generally categorized as Level 2 in the hierarchy. Investments in open-end mutual funds are valued at their NAV each business day and are categorized as Level 1 in the hierarchy.

Changes in valuation techniques may result in transfers in or out of an assigned level within the disclosure hierarchy.

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

These inputs are categorized in the following hierarchy under applicable financial accounting standards:

- Level 1 Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical investments, unrestricted assets or liabilities that a Fund has the ability to access at the measurement date;
- Level 2 Quoted prices which are not active, quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets or inputs other than quoted prices that are observable (either directly or indirectly) for substantially the full term of the asset or liability; and
- Level 3 Significant unobservable prices or inputs (including the Fund's own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments) where there is little or no market activity for the asset or liability at the measurement date.

The following is a summary of the inputs used to value the Fund's investments as of May 31, 2018:

	Lev	el 1- Unadjusted	Level 2-	Other Significant	Level 3- Significant	
Investments in Securities at Value*	C	Quoted Prices	Obse	ervable Inputs	Unobservable Inputs	Total
Common Stocks	\$	58,454,165	\$	_	\$ -	\$ 58,454,165
Short Term Investments		55,710		_	_	55,710
TOTAL	\$	58,509,875	\$	_	\$ -	\$ 58,509,875

<sup>\*</sup> For a detailed geographical breakdown, see the accompanying Schedule of Investments.

The Fund recognizes transfers between levels as of the end of the period. For the six months ended May 31, 2018, the Fund did not have any transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 securities. The Fund did not have any securities that used significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) in determining fair value.

#### C. Foreign Securities

The Fund may directly purchase securities of non-U.S. issuers. Investing in securities of non-U.S. issuers may involve unique risks compared to investing in securities of U.S. issuers, including, among others, less liquidity generally, greater market volatility than U.S. securities and less complete financial information than for U.S. issuers. In addition, adverse political, economic or social developments could undermine the value of the Fund's investments or prevent the Fund from realizing the full value of its investments. Financial reporting standards for companies based in foreign markets differ from those in the United States. Finally, the value of the currency of the country in which the Fund has invested could decline relative to the value of the U.S. dollar, which may affect the value of the investment to U.S. investors.

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#### **D. Foreign Currency Translation**

The books and records of the Fund are maintained in U.S. dollars. Investment valuations and other assets and liabilities initially expressed in foreign currencies are converted each business day into U.S. dollars based upon current exchange rates. The portion of realized and unrealized gains or losses on investments due to fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates is not separately disclosed and is included in realized and unrealized gains or losses on investments, when applicable.

#### E. Securities Transactions and Investment Income

Securities transactions are recorded as of the trade date. Realized gains and losses from securities transactions are recorded on the highest cost basis. Dividend income and capital gains distributions, if any, are recorded on the ex-dividend date, net of any foreign taxes withheld. Interest income, if any, is recorded on the accrual basis.

#### F. Dividends and Distributions to Shareholders

Dividends from net investment income of the Fund, if any, are declared and paid quarterly or as the Board may determine from time to time. Distributions of net realized capital gains earned by the Fund, if any, are distributed at least annually.

#### G. Real Estate Investment Trusts ("REITs")

As part of its investments in real estate related securities, the Fund will invest in REITs and is subject to certain risks associated with direct investment in REITs. REITs possess certain risks which differ from an investment in common stocks. REITs are financial vehicles that pool investors' capital to acquire, develop and/or finance real estate and provide services to their tenants. REITs may concentrate their investments in specific geographic areas or in specific property types, e.g., regional malls, shopping centers, office buildings, apartment buildings and industrial warehouses. REITs may be affected by changes in the value of their underlying properties and by defaults by borrowers or tenants. REITs depend generally on their ability to generate cash flow to make distributions to shareowners, and certain REITs have self-liquidation provisions by which mortgages held may be paid in full and distributions of capital returns may be made at any time.

As REITs generally pay a higher rate of dividends than most other operating companies, to the extent application of the Fund's investment strategy results in the Fund investing in REIT shares, the percentage of the Fund's dividend income received from REIT shares will likely exceed the percentage of the Fund's portfolio that is comprised of REIT shares. Distributions received by the Fund from REITs may consist of dividends, capital gains and/or return of capital.

Dividend income from REITs is recognized on the ex-dividend date. The calendar year-end amounts of ordinary income, capital gains, and return of capital included in distributions received from the Fund's investments in REITs are reported to the Fund after the end of the calendar year; accordingly, the Fund estimates these amounts for accounting purposes until the characterization of REIT distributions is reported to the Fund after the end of the calendar year. Estimates are based on the most recent REIT distribution information available.

The performance of a REIT may be affected by its failure to qualify for tax-free pass-through of income under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), or its failure to maintain exemption from registration under the 1940 Act. Due to the Fund's investments in REITs, the Fund may also make distributions in excess of the Fund's earnings and capital gains. Distributions, if any, in excess of the Fund's earnings and profits will first reduce the adjusted tax basis of a holder's shares and, after that basis has been reduced to zero, will constitute capital gains to the shareholder.

#### H. Federal Tax and Tax Basis Information

The timing and character of income and capital gain distributions are determined in accordance with income tax regulations, which may differ from U.S. GAAP. Reclassifications are made to the Fund's capital accounts for permanent tax differences to reflect income and gains available for distribution (or available capital loss carryforwards) under income tax regulations. The amounts and characteristics of tax basis distributions and composition of distributable earnings/(accumulated losses) are finalized at fiscal year-end; accordingly, tax basis balances have not been determined as of May 31, 2018.

The tax character of the distribution paid during the fiscal year ended November 30, 2017 were as follows:

Ordinary Income

November 30, 2017

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1,968,767

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Under the Regulated Investment Company Modernization Act of 2010 ("the Modernization Act"), net capital losses recognized in tax years beginning after December 22, 2010 may be carried forward indefinitely, and the character of the losses is retained as short-term and/or long-term. Under the law in effect prior to the Modernization Act, net capital losses were carried forward for eight years and treated as short-term. As a transition rule, the Modernization Act requires that post-enactment net capital losses be used before pre-enactment net capital losses. Additionally, post-enactment capital losses that are carried forward will retain their character as either short-term or long-term losses rather than being considered all short-term as under previous law.

At November 30, 2017, the Fund had available for tax purposes unused pre-enactment capital loss carryforwards as follows:

Fund	Ехр	iring in 2018
Cohen & Steers Global Realty Majors ETF	\$	187,815

At November 30, 2017, the Fund had available for tax purposes unused post-enactment capital loss carryforwards as follows:

Fund	Short-Term	Long-Term
Cohen & Steers Global Realty Majors ETF	\$ 1,135,828	\$ 2,562,321

As of May 31, 2018, the cost of investments for federal income tax purposes and accumulated net unrealized appreciation/(depreciation) on investments were as follows:

Gross appreciation (excess of value over tax cost)		
Gross depreciation (excess of tax cost over value)		(2,068,020)
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation)		6,502,045
Cost of investments for income tax purposes	\$	52,007,830

The differences between book-basis and tax-basis are primarily due to the deferral of losses due to wash sales. In addition, certain tax cost basis adjustments are finalized at fiscal year-end and therefore have not been determined as of May 31, 2018

#### I. Income Taxes

No provision for income taxes is included in the accompanying financial statements, as the Fund intends to distribute to shareholders all taxable investment income and realized gains and otherwise comply with Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, applicable to regulated investment companies. The Fund evaluates tax positions taken (or expected to be taken) in the course of preparing the Fund's tax returns to determine whether these positions meet a "more-likely-than-not" standard that, based on the technical merits, have a more than fifty percent likelihood of being sustained by a taxing authority upon examination. A tax position that meets the "more-likely-than-not" recognition threshold is measured to determine the amount of benefit to recognize in the financial statements.

As of and during the six months ended May 31, 2018, the Fund did not have a liability for any unrecognized tax benefits. The Fund files U.S. federal, state, and local tax returns as required. The Fund's tax returns are subject to examination by the relevant tax authorities until expiration of the applicable statute of limitations, which is generally three years after the filing of the tax return, but may extend to four years in certain jurisdictions. Tax returns for open years have incorporated no uncertain tax positions that require a provision for income taxes.

#### J. Lending of Portfolio Securities

The Fund has entered into a securities lending agreement with State Street Bank & Trust Co. ("SSB"), the Fund's lending agent. The Fund may lend its portfolio securities only to borrowers that are approved by SSB. The Fund will limit such lending to not more than 33 1/3% of the value of its total assets. The Fund's securities held at SSB as custodian shall be available to be lent except those securities the Fund or ALPS Advisors, Inc. specifically identifies in writing as not being available for lending. The borrower pledges and maintains with the Fund collateral consisting of cash (U.S. Dollars only), securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. government or its agencies or instrumentalities, and cash equivalents (including irrevocable bank letters of credit) issued by a person other than the borrower or an affiliate of the borrower. The initial collateral received by the Fund is required to have a value of no less than 102% of the market value of the loaned securities for U.S equity securities and a value of no less than 105% of the market value equal to not less than 102% of the current value of the U.S. equity securities on loan and not less than 105% of the current value of the non-U.S. equity securities on loan. The market value of the loaned securities is determined at the close of each business day and any additional required collateral is delivered to the Fund on the next business day. During the term of the loan, the Fund is entitled to all distributions made on or in respect of the loaned securities. Loans of securities are terminable at any time and the borrower, after notice, is required to return borrowed securities within the customary time period for settlement of securities transactions.

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Any cash collateral received is reinvested in a money market fund managed by SSB as disclosed in the Fund's Schedule of Investments and is reflected in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities as a payable for collateral upon return of securities loaned. Non-cash collateral, in the form of securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. government or its agencies or instrumentalities, is not disclosed in the Fund's Statement of Assets and Liabilities as it is held by the lending agent on behalf of the Fund, and the Fund does not have the ability to re-hypothecate these securities. Income earned by the Fund from securities lending activity is disclosed in the Statement of Operations. As of May 31, 2018, the Fund had no securities on loan.

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

#### 3. INVESTMENT ADVISORY FEE AND OTHER AFFILIATED TRANSACTIONS

ALPS Advisors, Inc. (the "Adviser") acts as the Fund's investment adviser pursuant to an Advisory Agreement with the Trust on behalf of the Fund (the "Advisory Agreement"). Pursuant to the Advisory Agreement, the Fund pays the Adviser a unitary fee for the services and facilities it provides payable on a monthly basis at the annual rate of 0.55% of the Fund's average daily net assets. From time to time, the Adviser may waive all or a portion of its fee.

Capitalized terms used but not defined within this paragraph, shall have the respective meanings given to them in the Board Considerations Regarding Approval of Investment Advisory Agreement section of this Semi-Annual Report ("Board Considerations"). As discussed in the Board Considerations, the Adviser is an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of DST and on April 16, 2018, DST was acquired by SS&C resulting in a change of control of the Adviser. As discussed in the Board Considerations, in order for the Adviser to continue to serve as the investment adviser to the applicable Fund, among other approvals, the Board approved an Interim Advisory Agreement between the Adviser and the Trust, on behalf of the Funds. The Interim Advisory Agreement is effective for the earlier of 150 days from the close of the Transaction or the date of shareholder approval of the New Advisory Agreement. Under the terms of the Interim Advisory Agreement, the unitary management fee paid to the Adviser will be held in escrow until shareholder approval of the New Advisory Agreement is obtained and is reported as Cash held in escrow account on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

Out of the unitary management fee, the Adviser pays substantially all expenses of the Fund, including the cost of transfer agency, custody, fund administration, legal, audit, independent trustees and other services, except for interest expenses, distribution fees or expenses, brokerage expenses, taxes and extraordinary expenses such as litigation and other expenses not incurred in the ordinary course of the Fund's business. The Adviser's unitary management fee is designed to pay substantially all the Fund's expenses and to compensate the Adviser for providing services for the Fund.

ALPS Fund Services, Inc., an affiliate of the Adviser, is the administrator of the Fund.

Each Trustee who is not an officer or employee of the Adviser, any sub-adviser or any of their affiliates ("Independent Trustees") receives (1) a quarterly retainer of \$5,000, (2) a per meeting fee for regularly scheduled meetings of \$3,750, (3) \$1,500 for any special meeting held outside of a regularly scheduled board meeting, and (4) reimbursement for all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses relating to attendance at meetings. In addition, both the Chairman of the Board and Chairman of the Audit Committee each receives a quarterly retainer of \$2,000, in connection with their respective roles.

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#### 4. PURCHASES AND SALES OF SECURITIES

For the six months ended May 31, 2018, the cost of purchases and proceeds from sales of investment securities, excluding in-kind transactions and short-term investments, were as follows:

 Purchases
 Sales

 \$ 5,550,898
 \$ 6,770,075

For the six months ended May 31, 2018, the cost of in-kind purchases and proceeds from in-kind sales were as follows:

 Purchases
 Sales

 \$
 6,479,660

For the six months ended May 31, 2018, the Cohen and Steers Global Realty Majors ETF had in-kind net realized gains of \$1,254,241.

Gains on in-kind transactions are not considered taxable for federal income tax purposes and losses on in-kind transactions are also not deductible for tax purposes.

#### 5. CAPITAL SHARE TRANSACTIONS

Shares are created and redeemed by the Fund only in Creation Unit size aggregations of 50,000 Shares. Only broker-dealers or large institutional investors with creation and redemption agreements called Authorized Participants ("AP") are permitted to purchase or redeem Creation Units from the Fund. Such transactions are generally permitted on an in-kind basis, with a balancing cash component to equate the transaction to the NAV per unit of the Fund on the transaction date. Cash may be substituted equivalent to the value of certain securities generally when they are not available in sufficient quantity for delivery, not eligible for trading by the AP or as a result of other market circumstances.

#### 6. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

A Special Meeting of Shareholders of the Fund, a series of the Trust, was held at the offices of ALPS Fund Services, Inc., at 1290 Broadway, Suite 1100, Denver, CO 80203 on May 31, 2018 and adjourned to June 29, 2018. At the meeting, the following matters were voted on by the Shareholders. The results of the Special Meeting of Shareholders are noted below:

Proposal 1: To approve a new investment advisory agreement (the "New Advisory Agreement") between the Trust, on behalf of the Fund, and the Adviser.

Shares Voted
Against/Withheld or
Shares Voted In Favor Abstentions Proposal Approved

Cohen & Steers Global Realty Majors ETF 685,086 42,758 Yes

Proposal 2: To approve a proposal that would authorize the Adviser to enter into and materially amend sub-advisory agreements in the future with wholly-owned sub-advisers and unaffiliated sub-advisers, with the approval of the Board, but without obtaining additional Shareholder approval.

Shares Voted Against/Withheld or Shares Voted In Favor Abstentions Proposal Approved

Cohen & Steers Global Realty Majors ETF 449,771 278,073 No

Additional Information

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#### PROXY VOTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Information regarding how the Fund voted proxies relating to portfolio securities during the most recent 12-month period ended June 30 and a description of the Fund's proxy voting policies and procedures used in determining how to vote for proxies are available without charge on the SEC's website at www.sec.gov and upon request, by calling (toll-free) 1-866-675-2639.

#### **PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS**

The Trust is required to disclose, after its first and third fiscal quarters, the complete schedule of the Fund's portfolio holdings with the SEC on Form N-Q. Forms N-Q for the Fund are available on the SEC's website at www.sec.gov. The Fund's Forms N-Q may also be reviewed and copied at the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington, D.C. and information on the operation of the Public Reference Room may be obtained by calling 1-800-SEC-0330. The Fund's Forms N-Q are available without charge, upon request, by calling (toll-free) 1-866-675-2639 or by writing to ALPS ETF Trust at 1290 Broadway, Suite 1100, Denver, Colorado 80203.

#### **TAX INFORMATION**

The Fund designated the following for federal income tax purposes for distributions made during the calendar year ended December 31, 2017:

Qualified Dividend IncomeDividend Received DeductionCohen and Steers Global Realty Majors ETF15.06%0.00%

In early 2018, if applicable, shareholders of record received this information for the distribution paid to them by the Fund during the calendar year 2017 via Form 1099. The Fund will notify shareholders in early 2019 of amounts paid to them by the Fund, if any, during the calendar year 2018.

#### LICENSING AGREEMENT

Cohen & Steers is the Index Provider for the Cohen & Steers Global Realty Majors ETF. Cohen & Steers is not affiliated with the Trust, the Adviser or the Distributor. ALPS, an affiliate of the Adviser, and the Trust have entered into a license agreement with Cohen & Steers to use the Index.

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## Board Considerations Regarding Approval of Investment Advisory Agreements

*May 31, 2018 (Unaudited)* 

At an in-person meeting held on March 5, 2018, the Board of Trustees of the Trust (the "Board" or the "Trustees"), including the Trustees who are not "interested persons" of the Trust within the meaning of the 1940 Act, as amended (the "Independent Trustees"), evaluated a proposal to approve each of (i) the continuance of the investment advisory agreement between the Trust and ALPS Advisors, Inc. (the "Adviser" or "AAI") with respect to the Cohen & Steers Global Realty Majors ETF ("GRI" or "the Fund") (the "Existing Advisory Agreement"); (ii) a new investment advisory agreement between the Adviser and the Trust on behalf of the Fund (the "New Advisory Agreement"); and (iii) an interim investment advisory agreement between the Adviser and the Trust on behalf of the Fund (the "Interim Advisory Agreement" and together with the Existing Advisory Agreement and New Advisory Agreement, the "Advisory Agreements"). The Independent Trustees also met separately to consider the Advisory Agreements.

Consideration by the Board of the New Advisory Agreement and Interim Advisory Agreement was necessary because DST Systems, Inc. ("DST"), the ultimate parent company to the Adviser, had had entered into an agreement to be acquired by SS&C Technologies Holdings, Inc. ("SS&C") (the "Transaction"). Because the Adviser would be acquired along with DST, the closing of the Transaction (the "Closing") may be deemed a change in control with respect to the Adviser. The Closing occurred on April 16, 2018. This change in control with respect to the Adviser may be deemed to trigger an "assignment" of the Existing Advisory Agreement under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"). As required by the 1940 Act, the Existing Advisory Agreement provides for its automatic termination in the event of an assignment, and therefore, the Existing Advisory Agreement automatically terminated upon Closing. In order for the Adviser to continue as the Fund's investment adviser, the Board and the Fund's shareholders must approve the New Advisory Agreement which would take effect, if approved, upon the date of such shareholder approval. As of the date of this report, the New Advisory Agreement has not received shareholder approval and efforts to secure such shareholder approval are ongoing. The Interim Advisory Agreement approve the New Advisory Agreement, subject to a maximum term of 150 days.

In evaluating the Advisory Agreements with respect to the Fund, the Independent Trustees considered various factors, including (i) the nature, extent and quality of the services provided (or to be provided) by AAI with respect to the Fund under the Advisory Agreements; (ii) the advisory fees and other expenses paid by the Fund compared to those of similar funds managed by other investment advisers; (iii) the costs of the services provided to the Fund by AAI and the profits realized by AAI and its affiliates from its relationship to the Fund; (iv) the extent to which economies of scale have been or would be realized if and as the assets of the Fund grow and whether fees reflect the economies of scale for the benefit of shareholders; and (v) any additional benefits and other considerations.

With respect to the nature, extent and quality of the services provided (or to be provided) by AAI under the Advisory Agreements, the Independent Trustees considered and reviewed information concerning the services provided (or to be provided) under the Advisory Agreements, the investment parameters of the index of the Fund, financial information regarding AAI and its parent company, information describing AAI's current organization and the background and experience of the persons responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund.

The Independent Trustees reviewed information on the performance of the Fund and its benchmark. The Independent Trustees also evaluated the correlation and tracking error between the underlying index and the Fund's performance. Based on their review, the Independent Trustees found that the nature and extent of services provided (or to be provided) to the Fund under the Advisory Agreements was appropriate and that the quality was satisfactory.

The Independent Trustees noted that the advisory fee for the Fund was a unitary fee pursuant to which AAI assumes all expenses of the Fund (including the cost of transfer agency, custody, fund administration, legal, audit and other services) other than the payments under the Advisory Agreements, brokerage expenses, taxes, interest, litigation expenses and other extraordinary expenses.

With respect to the advisory fee rate, the Independent Trustees noted the following:

The net advisory fee rate for the Fund is higher than the median of its Broadridge expense group and the Fund's expense ratio is at the median of its Broadridge expense group.

Based on the foregoing, and the other information available to them, the Independent Trustees concluded that the advisory fee rate for the Fund was reasonable under the circumstances and in light of the quality of the services provided.

The Independent Trustees considered other benefits available to AAI because of its relationship with the Fund and concluded that the advisory fees were reasonable taking into account any such benefits.

The Independent Trustees also considered with respect to the Fund the information provided by AAI about the costs and profitability of AAI with respect to the Fund. The Independent Trustees reviewed and noted the relatively small size of the Fund in considering economies of scale that may

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be realized by AAI. The Independent Trustees determined that they would continue to evaluate whether further economies of scale have been achieved on an ongoing basis.

In voting to renew the Existing Advisory Agreement and approve the New Advisory Agreement and Interim Advisory Agreement, the Independent Trustees concluded that the terms of each Advisory Agreement are reasonable and fair in light of the services to be performed, the fees paid by certain other funds, expenses to be incurred and such other matters as the Independent Trustees considered relevant in the exercise of their reasonable business judgment. The Independent Trustees did not identify any single factor or group of factors as all important or controlling and considered all factors together.

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