

CALAMOS STRATEGIC TOTAL RETURN FUND
Form N-Q
September 01, 2017

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM N-Q

**QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS OF REGISTERED
MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES**

INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT FILE NUMBER: 811-21484

Calamos Strategic Total Return Fund

EXACT NAME OF REGISTRANT AS SPECIFIED IN CHARTER:

ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES:

2020 Calamos Court, Naperville

Illinois 60563-2787

John P. Calamos, Sr., Founder, Chairman

and Global Chief Investment Officer

NAME AND ADDRESS OF AGENT FOR SERVICE:

Calamos Advisors LLC,

2020 Calamos Court,

Naperville, Illinois

60563-2787

REGISTRANT'S TELEPHONE NUMBER, INCLUDING AREA CODE: (630) 245-7200

DATE OF FISCAL YEAR END: October 31, 2017

DATE OF REPORTING PERIOD: July 31, 2017

ITEM 1. SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS JULY 31, 2017 (UNAUDITED)

Calamos Strategic Total Return Fund
SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS JULY 31, 2017 (UNAUDITED)**PRINCIPAL**

| AMOUNT | | VALUE |
|--------------------------------|--|--------------|
| CORPORATE BONDS (17.5%) | | |
| | <i>Consumer Discretionary (4.3%)</i> | |
| 574,000 | Altice US Finance I Corp.* μ 5.500%, 05/15/26 | \$ 609,221 |
| 828,000 | AV Homes, Inc.* 6.625%, 05/15/22 | 858,595 |
| 1,220,000 | Beverages & More, Inc.* 11.500%, 06/15/22 | 1,160,946 |
| 5,699,000 | CalAtlantic Group, Inc. 5.375%, 10/01/22 | 6,203,846 |
| 2,297,000 | CCO Holdings, LLC / CCO Holdings Capital Corp.* 5.125%, 05/01/27 | 2,376,890 |
| 957,000 | Cedar Fair, LP* 5.375%, 04/15/27 | 1,011,358 |
| 1,674,000 | Century Communities, Inc. 6.875%, 05/15/22 | 1,762,010 |
| 330,000 | 5.875%, 07/15/25* | 331,305 |
| 3,254,000 | Dana Financing Luxembourg Sarl* 6.500%, 06/01/26 | 3,492,176 |
| 3,570,000 | DISH DBS Corp.^ 6.750%, 06/01/21 | 3,948,491 |
| 1,847,000 | 5.875%, 11/15/24 | 2,008,760 |
| 1,258,000 | GameStop Corp.* 5.500%, 10/01/19 μ | 1,294,501 |
| 1,053,000 | 6.750%, 03/15/21^ | 1,092,240 |
| 2,078,000 | Golden Nugget, Inc.* 8.500%, 12/01/21 | 2,205,745 |
| 3,828,000 | L Brands, Inc. μ 6.875%, 11/01/35 | 3,689,867 |
| 2,632,000 | 5.625%, 02/15/22^ | 2,767,048 |
| 2,330,000 | Liberty Interactive, LLC 8.250%, 02/01/30 | 2,551,117 |
| 301,000 | Mclaren Finance, PLC* 5.750%, 08/01/22 | 309,554 |
| 3,139,000 | Meritage Homes Corp. μ 7.000%, 04/01/22 | 3,581,819 |
| 2,392,000 | 7.150%, 04/15/20 | 2,654,438 |

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| | PetSmart, Inc.* | |
| 612,000 | 5.875%, 06/01/25 | 589,558 |
| 560,000 | 8.875%, 06/01/25^ | 530,250 |
| 1,579,000 | Reliance Intermediate Holdings, LP* | 1,690,809 |
| | 6.500%, 04/01/23 | |
| | Rite Aid Corp. | |
| 2,010,000 | 6.125%, 04/01/23*^ | 1,997,236 |
| 1,445,000 | 7.700%, 02/15/27 | 1,438,245 |
| 8,240,000 | Royal Caribbean Cruises, Ltd.µ | 10,874,039 |
| | 7.500%, 10/15/27 | |
| 1,995,000 | Salem Media Group, Inc.* | 2,074,201 |
| | 6.750%, 06/01/24 | |
| 1,252,000 | Sally Holdings, LLC / Sally Capital, Inc.^ | 1,285,209 |
| | 5.625%, 12/01/25 | |
| | SFR Group, SA* | |
| 2,488,000 | 6.000%, 05/15/22 | 2,605,608 |
| 1,340,000 | 7.375%, 05/01/26^ | 1,452,413 |
| 7,464,000 | Sirius XM Radio, Inc.* | 8,057,575 |
| | 6.000%, 07/15/24 | |
| 2,140,000 | Time, Inc.*^ | 2,221,919 |
| | 5.750%, 04/15/22 | |

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| AMOUNT | | VALUE |
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| 3,727,000 | ZF North America Capital, Inc.* | \$3,903,772 |
| | 4.750%, 04/29/25 | |
| | | 82,630,761 |
| | <i>Consumer Staples (0.4%)</i> | |
| 2,057,000 | Fresh Market, Inc.*^ | 1,692,130 |
| | 9.750%, 05/01/23 | |
| 4,498,000 | JBS USA LUX SA / JBS USA | 4,459,587 |
| | Finance, Inc.* | |
| | 5.750%, 06/15/25 | |
| 2,057,000 | The Nature's Bounty Company* | 2,219,472 |
| | 7.625%, 05/15/21 | |
| | | 8,371,189 |
| | <i>Energy (1.7%)</i> | |
| 3,938,000 | Atwood Oceanics, Inc.^ | 3,887,909 |
| | 6.500%, 02/01/20 | |
| 1,273,000 | Bill Barrett Corp.^ | 1,159,900 |
| | 7.000%, 10/15/22 | |
| 1,196,000 | Carrizo Oil & Gas, Inc.^ | 1,190,594 |
| | 6.250%, 04/15/23 | |
| 2,345,000 | DCP Midstream, LLC*‡ | 2,189,093 |
| | 5.850%, 05/21/43 | |
| | 3 mo. USD LIBOR + 3.85% | |
| 2,297,000 | Energy Transfer Equity, LPµ | 2,029,974 |

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| | 4.328%, 11/01/66‡ | |
| | 3 mo. USD LIBOR + 3.02% | |
| 1,770,000 | 5.500%, 06/01/27 | 1,862,562 |
| 550,000 | 5.875%, 01/15/24 | 594,633 |
| 2,775,000 | Gulfmark Offshore, Inc. @ 6.375%, 03/15/22 | 777,000 |
| | Gulfport Energy Corp.* | |
| 1,034,000 | 6.000%, 10/15/24 | 1,023,489 |
| 957,000 | 6.375%, 05/15/25^ | 958,282 |
| 1,914,000 | Laredo Petroleum, Inc. 6.250%, 03/15/23 | 1,972,769 |
| 3,321,000 | MPLX, LPμ 4.875%, 06/01/25 | 3,567,501 |
| | Oasis Petroleum, Inc. ^ | |
| 1,952,000 | 6.500%, 11/01/21 | 1,948,194 |
| 1,148,000 | 6.875%, 01/15/23 | 1,133,811 |
| 325,000 | Rice Energy, Inc. 7.250%, 05/01/23 | 349,903 |
| 6,220,000 | SEACOR Holdings, Inc. 7.375%, 10/01/19 | 6,314,855 |
| 957,000 | Southwestern Energy Company^ 6.700%, 01/23/25 | 945,444 |
| | W&T Offshore, Inc.* | |
| 1,620,889 | 8.500%, 06/15/21 | 1,146,779 |
| | 10.000% PIK rate | |
| | | 33,052,692 |
| | Financials (1.8%) | |
| 3,942,000 | Ally Financial, Inc.μ 8.000%, 11/01/31 | 4,907,692 |
| 4,881,000 | AON Corp.μ 8.205%, 01/01/27 | 6,424,079 |
| 742,000 | Ardonagh Midco 3, PLC* 8.625%, 07/15/23 | 763,904 |
| 2,010,000 | AssuredPartners, Inc.* 7.000%, 08/15/25 | 2,032,713 |
| | CyrusOne, LP / CyrusOne Finance Corp.*μ | |
| 957,000 | 5.375%, 03/15/27 | 1,010,807 |

See accompanying Notes to Schedule of Investments

Calamos Strategic Total Return Fund
SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS JULY 31, 2017 (UNAUDITED)

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| AMOUNT | | VALUE |
|---------------|--|--------------|
| 278,000 | 5.000%, 03/15/24 | \$289,559 |
| 1,804,000 | Dell International, LLC / EMC Corp.*μ | 2,012,912 |
| 1,866,000 | 6.020%, 06/15/26 Equinix, Inc. | 2,017,398 |
| 957,000 | 5.375%, 05/15/27 HUB International, Ltd.* | 1,002,156 |
| 5,766,000 | 7.875%, 10/01/21 Jefferies Finance, LLC* | 5,937,539 |
| 2,488,000 | 7.375%, 04/01/20^ | 2,495,240 |
| 1,148,000 | 7.250%, 08/15/24 Lions Gate Entertainment Corp.*^ | 1,209,728 |
| 928,000 | 5.875%, 11/01/24 Navient Corp. | 976,353 |
| 550,000 | 6.750%, 06/25/25 | 586,658 |
| 478,000 | 6.500%, 06/15/22^ Oil Insurance, Ltd.*‡ | 435,250 |
| 2,297,000 | 4.278%, 12/31/49 3 mo. USD LIBOR + 2.98% | 2,413,033 |
| 612,000 | 5.750%, 05/01/25 Quicken Loans, Inc.*^ | 621,954 |
| | Towne Bank‡ | 35,136,975 |
| | 4.500%, 07/30/27 3 mo. USD LIBOR + 2.55% | |
| | Health Care (2.2%) | |
| 5,340,000 | Acadia Healthcare Company, Inc. | 5,767,814 |
| 941,000 | 6.500%, 03/01/24 Alere, Inc. | 957,745 |
| 6,015,000 | 6.500%, 06/15/20 Community Health Systems, Inc.^ | 5,829,467 |
| 1,215,000 | 7.125%, 07/15/20 Endo International, PLC*^ | 1,206,963 |
| 2,488,000 | 7.250%, 01/15/22 Endo, Ltd.*^ | 2,157,220 |
| 1,244,000 | 6.000%, 07/15/23 Greatbatch, Ltd.* | 1,366,802 |
| 8,522,000 | 9.125%, 11/01/23 HCA Holdings, Inc. | 9,316,208 |
| | 5.875%, 05/01/23 | |

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| 981,000 | Hologic, Inc.* μ 5.250%, 07/15/22 | 1,037,658 |
| 3,445,000 | Mallinckrodt International Finance, SA / Mallinckrodt CB, LLC* \wedge 5.625%, 10/15/23 | 3,294,247 |
| 2,790,000 | Teleflex, Inc. 5.250%, 06/15/24 | 2,929,932 |
| 3,445,000 | Tenet Healthcare Corp.* \wedge 6.750%, 06/15/23 | 3,417,905 |
| 5,957,000 | Valeant Pharmaceuticals International, Inc.* 7.250%, 07/15/22 \wedge | 5,636,365 |
| 172,000 | 7.000%, 03/15/24 | 183,424 |
| | | 43,101,750 |
| | Industrials (2.0%) | |
| 1,244,000 | ACCO Brands Corp.* 5.250%, 12/15/24 | 1,297,716 |
| 364,000 | Allison Transmission, Inc.* μ 5.000%, 10/01/24 | 376,491 |
| 813,000 | Covanta Holding Corp. 5.875%, 03/01/24 | 795,858 |
| 258,000 | 5.875%, 07/01/25 | 252,208 |

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| AMOUNT | | VALUE |
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| 491,000 | DAE Funding, LLC* 5.000%, 08/01/24 | \$501,652 |
| 2,014,000 | Garda World Security Corp.* 7.250%, 11/15/21 | 2,058,560 |
| 933,000 | Great Lakes Dredge & Dock Co.* 8.000%, 05/15/22 | 955,523 |
| 4,407,000 | H&E Equipment Services, Inc.* \wedge 7.000%, 09/01/22 | 4,580,988 |
| 244,000 | Hertz Corp.* \wedge 7.625%, 06/01/22 | 241,456 |
| 254,000 | Icahn Enterprises, LP μ 4.875%, 03/15/19 | 257,528 |
| 574,000 | IHO Verwaltungs GmbH* 4.500%, 09/15/23 | |
| 574,000 | 5.250% PIK Rate 4.125%, 09/15/21 | 591,958 |
| 464,000 | 4.875% PIK Rate Kar Auction Services, Inc.* 5.125%, 06/01/25 | 585,253 |
| 3,594,000 | Meritor, Inc. 6.750%, 06/15/21 | 484,281 |
| 1,787,000 | 6.250%, 02/15/24 | 3,720,491 |
| 1,859,000 | Michael Baker International, LLC* 8.250%, 10/15/18 | 1,886,581 |
| | | 1,855,765 |

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| 1,388,047 | 8.875%, 04/15/19 9.625% PIK rate | 1,369,267 |
| 2,364,000 | Navistar International Corp.^ 8.250%, 11/01/21 | 2,394,436 |
| 1,967,000 | Park-Ohio Industries, Inc.*^ 6.625%, 04/15/27 | 2,088,236 |
| 1,435,000 | TransDigm, Inc.^ 6.500%, 07/15/24 | 1,521,817 |
| 2,201,000 | United Continental Holdings, Inc. 6.375%, 06/01/18 | 2,286,421 |
| 2,201,000 | United Rentals North America, Inc. 6.125%, 06/15/23^ | 2,297,206 |
| 1,869,000 | 7.625%, 04/15/22^ | 1,955,488 |
| 1,225,000 | 4.875%, 01/15/28 | 1,228,063 |
| 1,818,000 | United States Steel Corp.* 8.375%, 07/01/21 | 2,014,280 |
| 646,000 | WESCO Distribution, Inc.^ 5.375%, 06/15/24 | 679,598 |
| | | 38,277,121 |
| | Information Technology (2.1%) | |
| 1,863,000 | Alliance Data Systems Corp.* 5.875%, 11/01/21 | 1,934,567 |
| 2,947,000 | Amkor Technology, Inc.^ 6.375%, 10/01/22 | 3,081,678 |
| 2,896,000 | 6.625%, 06/01/21 | 2,963,882 |
| 1,751,000 | Cardtronics, Inc.µ 5.125%, 08/01/22 | 1,797,384 |
| 1,407,000 | 5.500%, 05/01/25* | 1,448,668 |
| 1,258,000 | CBS Radio, Inc.*^ 7.250%, 11/01/24 | 1,330,146 |
| 464,000 | CDK Global, Inc.*µ 4.875%, 06/01/27 | 477,500 |
| 774,000 | CDW, LLC / CDW Finance Corp.µ 5.000%, 09/01/23 | 810,506 |
| 2,048,000 | Clear Channel Worldwide Holdings, Inc. 7.625%, 03/15/20^ | 2,054,953 |
| 761,000 | 7.625%, 03/15/20 | 766,742 |

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Strategic Total Return Fund
SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS JULY 31, 2017 (UNAUDITED)

| PRINCIPAL AMOUNT | | VALUE |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| | CommScope Technologies, LLC* μ | |
| 2,249,000 | 6.000%, 06/15/25 | \$2,426,750 |
| 1,866,000 | 5.000%, 03/15/27 | 1,874,770 |
| | First Data Corp.* | |
| 7,464,000 | 7.000%, 12/01/23 | 8,058,545 |
| | Nuance Communications, Inc. | |
| 1,244,000 | 6.000%, 07/01/24 | 1,333,120 |
| 1,148,000 | 5.625%, 12/15/26* μ | 1,225,725 |
| 656,000 | 5.375%, 08/15/20* μ | 667,605 |
| | VFH Parent, LLC* | |
| 971,000 | 6.750%, 06/15/22 | 1,019,550 |
| | ViaSat, Inc. | |
| 6,699,000 | 6.875%, 06/15/20 | 6,846,881 |
| | | 40,118,972 |
| | <i>Materials (1.0%)</i> | |
| | ArcelorMittal, SA | |
| 2,871,000 | 6.125%, 06/01/25 \wedge | 3,294,630 |
| 2,158,000 | 7.500%, 10/15/39 | 2,547,897 |
| | Arconic, Inc. μ | |
| 1,316,000 | 5.125%, 10/01/24 | 1,401,685 |
| | First Quantum Minerals, Ltd.* | |
| 753,000 | 7.000%, 02/15/21 | 782,209 |
| 383,000 | 7.250%, 04/01/23 \wedge | 395,593 |
| 258,000 | 7.500%, 04/01/25 \wedge | 265,268 |
| | Freeport-McMoRan, Inc. \wedge | |
| 1,656,000 | 4.550%, 11/14/24 | 1,619,137 |
| 522,000 | 3.550%, 03/01/22 | 509,837 |
| | INEOS Group Holdings, SA* \wedge | |
| 1,531,000 | 5.625%, 08/01/24 | 1,585,565 |
| | Kinross Gold Corp.* μ | |
| 699,000 | 4.500%, 07/15/27 | 697,235 |
| | New Gold, Inc.* | |
| 699,000 | 6.375%, 05/15/25 | 725,412 |
| | Sealed Air Corp.* | |
| 1,282,000 | 5.250%, 04/01/23 | 1,381,284 |
| | Trinseo Materials Operating, SCA* | |
| 3,445,000 | 6.750%, 05/01/22 | 3,651,390 |
| | | 18,857,142 |

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| <i>Real Estate (0.3%)</i> | | |
| 1,176,000 | Crescent Communities, LLC/Crescent Ventures, Inc.* 8.875%, 10/15/21 | 1,237,558 |
| 1,053,000 | DuPont Fabros Technology, LPμ 5.875%, 09/15/21 | 1,090,950 |
| 751,000 | 5.625%, 06/15/23 | 803,702 |
| 249,000 | Iron Mountain, Inc.*μ 6.000%, 10/01/20 | 257,986 |
| 957,000 | iStar, Inc. 6.000%, 04/01/22 | 989,892 |
| 488,000 | M/I Homes, Inc.* 5.625%, 08/01/25 | 492,880 |
| | | 4,872,968 |
| <i>Telecommunication Services (1.4%)</i> | | |
| 933,000 | CenturyLink, Inc.^ 7.500%, 04/01/24 | 1,015,640 |
| 957,000 | CSC Holdings, LLC*μ 5.500%, 04/15/27 | 1,017,181 |
| 2,829,000 | Embarq Corp.μ 7.995%, 06/01/36 | 2,881,054 |
| PRINCIPAL AMOUNT | | VALUE |
| 3,235,000 | Frontier Communications Corp. 7.625%, 04/15/24^ | \$2,638,984 |
| 2,756,000 | 10.500%, 09/15/22 | 2,595,518 |
| 1,483,000 | 11.000%, 09/15/25 | 1,355,966 |
| 179,000 | 6.875%, 01/15/25^ | 141,848 |
| 1,038,000 | Intelsat Jackson Holdings, SA 7.500%, 04/01/21 | 986,100 |
| 981,000 | 9.750%, 07/15/25*^ | 1,014,442 |
| 895,000 | 8.000%, 02/15/24* | 972,843 |
| 5,149,000 | Sprint Corp. 7.875%, 09/15/23^ | 5,846,612 |
| 2,833,000 | 7.125%, 06/15/24 | 3,130,366 |
| 2,129,000 | T-Mobile USA, Inc. 6.625%, 04/01/23 | 2,254,952 |
| 790,000 | Windstream Corp. 7.750%, 10/15/20 | 761,197 |
| 861,000 | Windstream Services, LLC 7.750%, 10/01/21 | 775,223 |
| | | 27,387,926 |
| <i>Utilities (0.3%)</i> | | |
| 2,775,000 | AES Corp.μ 7.375%, 07/01/21 | 3,179,734 |
| 1,924,000 | NRG Energy, Inc.^ 6.625%, 01/15/27 | 1,979,209 |
| | | 5,158,943 |
| | | 336,966,439 |

TOTAL CORPORATE BONDS

(Cost \$327,552,573)

Convertible Bonds (16.6%)*Consumer Discretionary (5.7%)*

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| 3,466,000 | Ctrip.com International, Ltd.* 1.250%, 09/15/22 | 3,926,649 |
| 7,300,000 | DISH Network Corp.* 3.375%, 08/15/26 | 9,075,579 |
| 7,429,000 | Liberty Expedia Holdings, Inc.*^ 1.000%, 06/30/47 | 8,077,663 |
| 14,120,000 | Liberty Interactive, LLC 1.750%, 09/30/46* | 17,534,993 |
| 1,918,000 | 4.000%, 11/15/29 | 1,310,176 |
| 15,900,000 | Liberty Media Corp. 2.250%, 09/30/46* | 17,105,538 |
| 14,750,000 | 1.375%, 10/15/23 | 18,692,159 |
| 4,850,000 | Macquarie Infrastructure Corp.^ 2.000%, 10/01/23 | 4,805,137 |
| 16,580,000 | Priceline Group, Inc.^ 0.900%, 09/15/21 | 19,877,513 |
| 7,800,000 | Tesla, Inc. 2.375%, 03/15/22 | 9,243,819 |
| | | 109,649,226 |

Energy (0.3%)

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| 8,850,000 | Nabors Industries, Inc.*^ 0.750%, 01/15/24 | 6,970,304 |
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Financials (0.4%)

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| 7,500,000 | Ares Capital Corp.*^ 3.750%, 02/01/22 | 7,600,425 |
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Health Care (0.6%)

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| 5,100,000 | Dexcom, Inc.* 0.750%, 05/15/22 | 5,050,862 |
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| PRINCIPAL AMOUNT | | VALUE |
|---------------------|---|-------------|
| 4,700,000 | NuVasive, Inc. 2.250%, 03/15/21 | \$5,871,827 |
| | | 10,922,689 |
| | <i>Industrials (0.8%)</i> | |
| 2,569,000 | Air Lease Corp. 3.875%, 12/01/18 | 3,716,315 |
| 4,400,000 | Kaman Corp.* 3.250%, 05/01/24 | 4,608,164 |
| 7,520,000 | Pacira Pharmaceuticals, Inc.* 2.375%, 04/01/22 | 7,595,689 |
| | | 15,920,168 |
| | <i>Information Technology (7.9%)</i> | |
| 4,200,000 | Citrix Systems, Inc. 0.500%, 04/15/19 | 4,995,480 |
| 4,900,000 | Finisar Corp.*^ 0.500%, 12/15/36 | 4,907,693 |
| 6,100,000 | Inphi Corp.* 0.750%, 09/01/21 | 6,178,812 |
| 8,100,000 | Intel Corp. 3.250%, 08/01/39 | 13,990,522 |
| 7,500,000 | Lumentum Holdings, Inc.* 0.250%, 03/15/24 | 9,339,075 |
| 12,970,000 | Microchip Technology, Inc.* 1.625%, 02/15/27 | 14,376,207 |
| 6,300,000 | NXP Semiconductors, NV 1.000%, 12/01/19 | 7,546,802 |
| 5,822,000 | ON Semiconductor Corp.^ 1.000%, 12/01/20 | 6,266,015 |
| 5,000,000 | 1.625%, 10/15/23* | 5,182,750 |
| 4,800,000 | Pandora Media, Inc. 1.750%, 12/01/20 | 4,562,736 |
| 14,420,000 | Salesforce.com, Inc. 0.250%, 04/01/18 | 19,978,982 |
| 6,700,000 | Servicenow, Inc.*^ 0.000%, 06/01/22 | 6,992,589 |
| 7,600,000 | Silicon Laboratories, Inc.* 1.375%, 03/01/22 | 8,237,982 |
| 10,000,000 | Square, Inc.* 0.375%, 03/01/22 | 13,230,900 |

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| 3,700,000 | Veeco Instruments, Inc.^ 2.700%, 01/15/23 | 3,973,227 | |
| 5,000,000 | Viavi Solutions, Inc.* 1.000%, 03/01/24 | 5,386,900 | |
| 4,313,000 | WebMD Health Corp. 2.625%, 06/15/23 | 4,322,402 | |
| 6,000,000 | Workday, Inc.^ 0.750%, 07/15/18 | 7,707,840 | |
| 4,760,000 | Yahoo!, Inc. 0.000%, 12/01/18 | 5,626,058 | |
| | | 152,802,972 | |
| | <i>Materials (0.3%)</i> | | |
| 5,300,000 | Royal Gold, Inc. 2.875%, 06/15/19 | 5,888,565 | |
| | <i>Real Estate (0.6%)</i> | | |
| 5,300,000 | Empire State Realty OP, LP* 2.625%, 08/15/19 | 6,048,572 | |
| PRINCIPAL AMOUNT | | | VALUE |
| 4,520,000 | Starwood Waypoint Homes* 3.500%, 01/15/22 | | \$4,895,025 |
| | | | 10,943,597 |
| | TOTAL CONVERTIBLE BONDS (Cost \$299,787,832) | | 320,697,946 |
| | U.S. Government and Agency Securities (0.3%) | | |
| | United States Treasury Note | | |
| 6,172,000 | 2.000%, 11/15/26^ | | 6,032,900 |
| 574,000 | 0.875%, 08/15/17 | | 573,950 |
| | TOTAL U.S. GOVERNMENT AND AGENCY SECURITIES (Cost \$6,509,512) | | 6,606,850 |
| | SYNTHETIC CONVERTIBLE SECURITIES (0.9%) ☒ | | |
| | Corporate Bonds (0.8%) | | |
| | <i>Consumer Discretionary (0.2%)</i> | | |
| 26,000 | Altice US Finance I Corp.*μ 5.500%, 05/15/26 | | 27,595 |
| 37,000 | AV Homes, Inc.* 6.625%, 05/15/22 | | 38,367 |
| 55,000 | Beverages & More, Inc.* 11.500%, 06/15/22 | | 52,338 |
| 256,000 | CalAtlantic Group, Inc. 5.375%, 10/01/22 | | 278,678 |
| 103,000 | CCO Holdings, LLC / CCO Holdings Capital Corp.* 5.125%, 05/01/27 | | 106,582 |
| 43,000 | | | 45,442 |

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| | Cedar Fair, LP* | |
| | 5.375%, 04/15/27 | |
| | Century Communities, Inc. | |
| 75,000 | 6.875%, 05/15/22 | 78,943 |
| 15,000 | 5.875%, 07/15/25* | 15,059 |
| | Dana Financing Luxembourg Sarl* | |
| 146,000 | 6.500%, 06/01/26 | 156,687 |
| | DISH DBS Corp.^ | |
| 160,000 | 6.750%, 06/01/21 | 176,963 |
| 83,000 | 5.875%, 11/15/24 | 90,269 |
| | GameStop Corp.* | |
| 57,000 | 5.500%, 10/01/19μ | 58,654 |
| 47,000 | 6.750%, 03/15/21^ | 48,752 |
| | Golden Nugget, Inc.* | |
| 93,000 | 8.500%, 12/01/21 | 98,717 |
| | L Brands, Inc.μ | |
| 172,000 | 6.875%, 11/01/35 | 165,793 |
| 118,000 | 5.625%, 02/15/22^ | 124,055 |
| | Liberty Interactive, LLC | |
| 105,000 | 8.250%, 02/01/30 | 114,965 |
| | Mclaren Finance, PLC* | |
| 14,000 | 5.750%, 08/01/22 | 14,398 |
| | Meritage Homes Corp.μ | |
| 141,000 | 7.000%, 04/01/22 | 160,891 |
| 108,000 | 7.150%, 04/15/20 | 119,849 |
| | PetSmart, Inc.* | |
| 28,000 | 5.875%, 06/01/25 | 26,973 |
| 25,000 | 8.875%, 06/01/25^ | 23,672 |
| | Reliance Intermediate Holdings, LP* | |
| 71,000 | 6.500%, 04/01/23 | 76,028 |
| | Rite Aid Corp. | |
| 90,000 | 6.125%, 04/01/23*^ | 89,429 |

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Strategic Total Return Fund
SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS JULY 31, 2017 (UNAUDITED)

| PRINCIPAL AMOUNT | | VALUE |
|---------------------|---|-----------|
| 65,000 | 7.700%, 02/15/27 | \$64,696 |
| 370,000 | Royal Caribbean Cruises, Ltd.µ 7.500%, 10/15/27 | 488,276 |
| 90,000 | Salem Media Group, Inc.* 6.750%, 06/01/24 | 93,573 |
| 56,000 | Sally Holdings, LLC / Sally Capital, Inc.^ 5.625%, 12/01/25 | 57,485 |
| 112,000 | SFR Group, SA* | |
| 60,000 | 6.000%, 05/15/22 | 117,294 |
| 336,000 | 7.375%, 05/01/26^ Sirius XM Radio, Inc.* 6.000%, 07/15/24 | 65,033 |
| 96,000 | Time, Inc.*^ 5.750%, 04/15/22 | 362,721 |
| 168,000 | ZF North America Capital, Inc.* 4.750%, 04/29/25 | 99,675 |
| | | 175,968 |
| | | 3,713,820 |
| | Consumer Staples (0.0%) | |
| 93,000 | Fresh Market, Inc.*^ 9.750%, 05/01/23 | 76,504 |
| 202,000 | JBS USA LUX SA / JBS USA Finance, Inc.* 5.750%, 06/15/25 | 200,275 |
| 93,000 | The Nature's Bounty Company* 7.625%, 05/15/21 | 100,345 |
| | | 377,124 |
| | Energy (0.1%) | |
| 177,000 | Atwood Oceanics, Inc.^ 6.500%, 02/01/20 | 174,749 |
| 57,000 | Bill Barrett Corp.^ 7.000%, 10/15/22 | 51,936 |
| 54,000 | Carrizo Oil & Gas, Inc.^ 6.250%, 04/15/23 | 53,756 |
| 105,000 | DCP Midstream, LLC*‡ 5.850%, 05/21/43 | 98,019 |
| 80,000 | 3 mo. USD LIBOR + 3.85% Energy Transfer Equity, LPµ | |
| 25,000 | 5.500%, 06/01/27 | 84,184 |
| | 5.875%, 01/15/24 | 27,029 |

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| 103,000 | Energy Transfer Partners, LP $\mu\ddagger$ 4.328%, 11/01/66 3 mo. USD LIBOR + 3.02% | 91,026 |
| 125,000 | Gulfmark Offshore, Inc.@ 6.375%, 03/15/22 | 35,000 |
| 46,000 | Gulfport Energy Corp.* 6.000%, 10/15/24 | 45,532 |
| 43,000 | 6.375%, 05/15/25^ | 43,058 |
| 86,000 | Laredo Petroleum, Inc. 6.250%, 03/15/23 | 88,641 |
| 149,000 | MPLX, LP μ 4.875%, 06/01/25 | 160,060 |
| 88,000 | Oasis Petroleum, Inc.^ 6.500%, 11/01/21 | 87,828 |
| 52,000 | 6.875%, 01/15/23 | 51,357 |
| 15,000 | Rice Energy, Inc. 7.250%, 05/01/23 | 16,149 |
| 280,000 | SEACOR Holdings, Inc. 7.375%, 10/01/19 | 284,270 |
| 43,000 | Southwestern Energy Company^ 6.700%, 01/23/25 | 42,481 |
| PRINCIPAL AMOUNT | | VALUE |
| 73,000 | W&T Offshore, Inc.* 8.500%, 06/15/21 10.000% PIK Rate | \$51,647 |
| | | 1,486,722 |
| | Financials (0.1%) | |
| 177,000 | Ally Financial, Inc. μ 8.000%, 11/01/31 | 220,361 |
| 219,000 | AON Corp. μ 8.205%, 01/01/27 | 288,235 |
| 33,000 | Ardonagh Midco 3, PLC* 8.625%, 07/15/23 | 33,974 |
| 90,000 | AssuredPartners, Inc.* 7.000%, 08/15/25 | 91,017 |
| 43,000 | CyrusOne, LP / CyrusOne Finance Corp.* μ 5.375%, 03/15/27 | 45,418 |
| 12,000 | 5.000%, 03/15/24 | 12,499 |
| 81,000 | Dell International, LLC / EMC Corp.* μ 6.020%, 06/15/26 | 90,380 |
| 84,000 | Equinix, Inc. 5.375%, 05/15/27 | 90,815 |
| 43,000 | HUB International, Ltd.* 7.875%, 10/01/21 | 45,029 |
| 259,000 | Jefferies Finance, LLC* 7.375%, 04/01/20^ | 266,705 |
| 112,000 | 7.250%, 08/15/24 | 112,326 |
| 52,000 | | 54,796 |

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| | Lions Gate Entertainment Corp.*^ | |
| | 5.875%, 11/01/24 | |
| | Navient Corp. | |
| 42,000 | 6.750%, 06/25/25 | 44,188 |
| 25,000 | 6.500%, 06/15/22^ | 26,666 |
| | Oil Insurance, Ltd.*‡ | |
| 22,000 | 4.278%, 12/31/49 | 20,033 |
| | 3 mo. USD LIBOR + 2.98% | |
| 103,000 | Quicken Loans, Inc.*^ | 108,203 |
| | 5.750%, 05/01/25 | |
| | Towne Bank‡ | |
| 28,000 | 4.500%, 07/30/27 | 28,455 |
| | 3 mo. USD LIBOR + 2.55% | |
| | | 1,579,100 |
| | Health Care (0.1%) | |
| 240,000 | Acadia Healthcare Company, Inc. | 259,228 |
| | 6.500%, 03/01/24 | |
| 42,000 | Alere, Inc. | 42,747 |
| | 6.500%, 06/15/20 | |
| 270,000 | Community Health Systems, Inc.^ | 261,672 |
| | 7.125%, 07/15/20 | |
| 55,000 | Endo International, PLC*^ | 54,636 |
| | 7.250%, 01/15/22 | |
| 112,000 | Endo, Ltd.*^ | 97,110 |
| | 6.000%, 07/15/23 | |
| 56,000 | Greatbatch, Ltd.* | 61,528 |
| | 9.125%, 11/01/23 | |
| 383,000 | HCA Holdings, Inc. | 418,694 |
| | 5.875%, 05/01/23 | |
| 44,000 | Hologic, Inc.*μ | 46,541 |
| | 5.250%, 07/15/22 | |
| 155,000 | Mallinckrodt International Finance, SA / Mallinckrodt CB, LLC*^ | 148,217 |
| | 5.625%, 10/15/23 | |
| 125,000 | Teleflex, Inc. | 131,269 |
| | 5.250%, 06/15/24 | |

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Calamos Strategic Total Return Fund
SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS JULY 31, 2017 (UNAUDITED)

| PRINCIPAL AMOUNT | | VALUE |
|---------------------|--|------------|
| 155,000 | Tenet Healthcare Corp.^ 6.750%, 06/15/23 | \$ 153,781 |
| 268,000 | Valeant Pharmaceuticals International, Inc.* 7.250%, 07/15/22^ | 253,575 |
| 8,000 | 7.000%, 03/15/24 | 8,531 |
| | | 1,937,529 |
| | <i>Industrials (0.1%)</i> | |
| 56,000 | ACCO Brands Corp.* 5.250%, 12/15/24 | 58,418 |
| 16,000 | Allison Transmission, Inc.*μ 5.000%, 10/01/24 | 16,549 |
| 37,000 | Covanta Holding Corp. 5.875%, 03/01/24 | 36,220 |
| 12,000 | 5.875%, 07/01/25 | 11,731 |
| 22,000 | DAE Funding, LLC* 5.000%, 08/01/24 | 22,477 |
| 91,000 | Garda World Security Corp.* 7.250%, 11/15/21 | 93,013 |
| 42,000 | Great Lakes Dredge & Dock Co.* 8.000%, 05/15/22 | 43,014 |
| 198,000 | H&E Equipment Services, Inc.^ 7.000%, 09/01/22 | 205,817 |
| 11,000 | Hertz Corp.*^ 7.625%, 06/01/22 | 10,885 |
| 11,000 | Icahn Enterprises, LPμ 4.875%, 03/15/19 | 11,153 |
| 26,000 | IHO Verwaltungs GmbH* 4.500%, 09/15/23 | 26,813 |
| 26,000 | 5.250% PIK Rate 4.125%, 09/15/21 | 26,510 |
| 21,000 | 4.875% PIK Rate Kar Auction Services, Inc.* 5.125%, 06/01/25 | 21,918 |
| 162,000 | Meritor, Inc. 6.750%, 06/15/21 | 167,702 |
| 80,000 | 6.250%, 02/15/24 | 84,458 |
| 84,000 | Michael Baker International, LLC* 8.250%, 10/15/18 | 83,854 |
| 62,000 | | 61,161 |

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| | 8.875%, 04/15/19 | |
| | 9.625% PIK Rate | |
| 106,000 | Navistar International Corp.^ | 107,365 |
| | 8.250%, 11/01/21 | |
| 88,000 | Park Ohio Industries, Inc.*^ | 93,424 |
| | 6.625%, 04/15/27 | |
| 65,000 | TransDigm, Inc.^ | 68,933 |
| | 6.500%, 07/15/24 | |
| 99,000 | United Continental Holdings, Inc. | 102,842 |
| | 6.375%, 06/01/18 | |
| | United Rentals North America, Inc. | |
| 99,000 | 6.125%, 06/15/23^ | 103,327 |
| 84,000 | 7.625%, 04/15/22^ | 87,887 |
| 55,000 | 4.875%, 01/15/28 | 55,138 |
| 82,000 | United States Steel Corp.* | 90,853 |
| | 8.375%, 07/01/21 | |
| 29,000 | WESCO Distribution, Inc.^ | 30,508 |
| | 5.375%, 06/15/24 | |
| | | 1,721,970 |

Information Technology (0.1%)

| | | |
|--------|------------------------------|--------|
| 84,000 | Alliance Data Systems Corp.* | 87,227 |
| | 5.875%, 11/01/21 | |

| PRINCIPAL AMOUNT | | VALUE |
|------------------|--|------------|
| | Amkor Technology, Inc.^ | |
| 133,000 | 6.375%, 10/01/22 | \$ 139,078 |
| 130,000 | 6.625%, 06/01/21 | 133,047 |
| | Cardtronics, Inc.μ | |
| 79,000 | 5.125%, 08/01/22 | 81,093 |
| 63,000 | 5.500%, 05/01/25* | 64,866 |
| | CBS Radio, Inc.*^ | |
| 57,000 | 7.250%, 11/01/24 | 60,269 |
| | CDK Global, Inc.*μ | |
| 21,000 | 4.875%, 06/01/27 | 21,611 |
| | CDW, LLC / CDW Finance Corp.μ | |
| 35,000 | 5.000%, 09/01/23 | 36,651 |
| | Clear Channel Worldwide Holdings, Inc. | |
| 92,000 | 7.625%, 03/15/20^ | 92,312 |
| 34,000 | 7.625%, 03/15/20 | 34,256 |
| | CommScope Technologies, LLC*μ | |
| 101,000 | 6.000%, 06/15/25 | 108,982 |
| 84,000 | 5.000%, 03/15/27 | 84,395 |
| | First Data Corp.* | |
| 336,000 | 7.000%, 12/01/23 | 362,764 |
| | Nuance Communications, Inc. | |
| 56,000 | 6.000%, 07/01/24 | 60,012 |
| 52,000 | 5.625%, 12/15/26*μ | 55,521 |
| 30,000 | 5.375%, 08/15/20*μ | 30,531 |
| 44,000 | | 46,200 |

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| | VFH Parent, LLC* | |
| | 6.750%, 06/15/22 | |
| 301,000 | ViaSat, Inc. | 307,644 |
| | 6.875%, 06/15/20 | |
| | | 1,806,459 |
| | Materials (0.0%) | |
| | ArcelorMittal, SA | |
| 129,000 | 6.125%, 06/01/25^ | 148,035 |
| 97,000 | 7.500%, 10/15/39 | 114,525 |
| | Arconic, Inc.μ | |
| 59,000 | 5.125%, 10/01/24 | 62,841 |
| | First Quantum Minerals, Ltd.* | |
| 34,000 | 7.000%, 02/15/21 | 35,319 |
| 17,000 | 7.250%, 04/01/23^ | 17,559 |
| 12,000 | 7.500%, 04/01/25^ | 12,338 |
| | Freeport-McMoRan, Inc.^ | |
| 74,000 | 4.550%, 11/14/24 | 72,353 |
| 23,000 | 3.550%, 03/01/22 | 22,464 |
| | INEOS Group Holdings, SA*^ | |
| 69,000 | 5.625%, 08/01/24 | 71,459 |
| | Kinross Gold Corp.*μ | |
| 31,000 | 4.500%, 07/15/27 | 30,922 |
| | New Gold, Inc.* | |
| 31,000 | 6.375%, 05/15/25 | 32,171 |
| | Sealed Air Corp.* | |
| 58,000 | 5.250%, 04/01/23 | 62,492 |
| | Trinseo Materials Operating, SCA* | |
| 155,000 | 6.750%, 05/01/22 | 164,286 |
| | | 846,764 |
| | Real Estate (0.0%) | |
| | Crescent Communities, LLC/Crescent Ventures, Inc.* | |
| 53,000 | 8.875%, 10/15/21 | 55,774 |
| | DuPont Fabros Technology, LPμ | |
| 47,000 | 5.875%, 09/15/21 | 48,694 |
| 34,000 | 5.625%, 06/15/23 | 36,386 |

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Strategic Total Return Fund
SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS JULY 31, 2017 (UNAUDITED)

| PRINCIPAL AMOUNT | | VALUE |
|---------------------|--|-----------|
| 11,000 | Iron Mountain, Inc.*μ 6.000%, 10/01/20 | \$11,397 |
| 43,000 | iStar, Inc. 6.000%, 04/01/22 | 44,478 |
| 22,000 | M/I Homes, Inc.* 5.625%, 08/01/25 | 22,220 |
| | | 218,949 |
| | <i>Telecommunication Services (0.1%)</i> | |
| 42,000 | CenturyLink, Inc.^ 7.500%, 04/01/24 | 45,720 |
| 43,000 | CSC Holdings, LLC*μ 5.500%, 04/15/27 | 45,704 |
| 127,000 | Embarq Corp.μ 7.995%, 06/01/36 | 129,337 |
| 145,000 | Frontier Communications Corp. 7.625%, 04/15/24^ | 118,285 |
| 124,000 | 10.500%, 09/15/22 | 116,779 |
| 67,000 | 11.000%, 09/15/25 | 61,261 |
| 8,000 | 6.875%, 01/15/25^ | 6,340 |
| 47,000 | Intelsat Jackson Holdings, SA 7.500%, 04/01/21 | 44,650 |
| 44,000 | 9.750%, 07/15/25*^ | 45,500 |
| 40,000 | 8.000%, 02/15/24* | 43,479 |
| 231,000 | Sprint Corp. 7.875%, 09/15/23^ | 262,297 |
| 127,000 | 7.125%, 06/15/24 | 140,331 |
| 96,000 | T-Mobile USA, Inc. 6.625%, 04/01/23 | 101,679 |
| 35,000 | Windstream Corp. 7.750%, 10/15/20 | 33,724 |
| 39,000 | Windstream Services, LLC 7.750%, 10/01/21 | 35,115 |
| | | 1,230,201 |
| | <i>Utilities (0.0%)</i> | |
| 125,000 | AES Corp.μ 7.375%, 07/01/21 | 143,231 |
| 86,000 | | 88,468 |

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NRG Energy, Inc.^
6.625%, 01/15/27

231,699

TOTAL CORPORATE BONDS

15,150,337

U.S. Government and Agency Securities (0.0%)

United States Treasury Note

278,000 2.000%, 11/15/26^

271,734

26,000 0.875%, 08/15/17

25,998

TOTAL U.S. GOVERNMENT AND AGENCY SECURITIES

297,732

NUMBER

OF

CONTRACTS/

NOTIONAL

AMOUNT

VALUE

Purchased Options (0.1%) #

Materials (0.0%)

United States Steel Corp.

95

9,500 Call, 10/20/17, Strike \$27.00 8,360

NUMBER OF

CONTRACTS/

NOTIONAL

AMOUNT

VALUE

95

9,500 Call, 10/20/17, Strike \$25.00 \$13,775

22,135

Other (0.1%)

iShares MSCI EAFE ETF

13,990

1,399,000 Call, 09/15/17, Strike \$66.00 2,126,480

6,875

687,500 Call, 09/15/17, Strike \$67.00 577,500

2,703,980

TOTAL PURCHASED OPTIONS 2,726,115

TOTAL SYNTHETIC
CONVERTIBLE SECURITIES

(Cost \$17,427,105) 18,174,184

NUMBER

OF

SHARES

VALUE

CONVERTIBLE PREFERRED STOCKS**(8.2%)**

| | | |
|---------|---|------------|
| | Consumer Staples (0.6%) | |
| 111,900 | Bunge, Ltd. 4.875%, 12/31/49 | 12,189,849 |
| | Energy (1.0%) | |
| 84,885 | CenterPoint Energy, Inc. (Time Warner, Inc., Charter Communications, Time, Inc.)**§ 3.399%, 09/15/29 | 6,487,336 |
| 114,350 | Hess Corp. 8.000%, 02/01/19 | 6,432,188 |
| 165,000 | NuStar Energy, LP‡ 7.625%, 12/31/49 3 mo. USD LIBOR + 5.64% | 4,243,800 |
| 53,034 | 8.500%, 12/31/49 3 mo. USD LIBOR + 6.77% | 1,407,522 |
| | | 18,570,846 |
| | Health Care (2.2%) | |
| 17,847 | Allergan, PLC 5.500%, 03/01/18 | 15,955,396 |
| 374,395 | Anthem, Inc. 5.250%, 05/01/18 | 19,273,855 |
| 133,000 | Becton Dickinson and Company 6.125%, 05/01/20 | 7,433,370 |
| | | 42,662,621 |
| | Industrials (0.7%) | |
| 122,000 | Rexnord Corp. 5.750%, 11/15/19 | 6,517,850 |
| 64,000 | Stanley Black & Decker, Inc.^ 5.375%, 05/15/20 | 6,869,120 |
| | | 13,386,970 |
| | Real Estate (1.1%) | |
| 105,279 | American Tower Corp. 5.500%, 02/15/18 | 12,601,896 |
| 7,690 | Crown Castle International Corp.^ 6.875%, 08/01/20 | 8,206,976 |
| | | 20,808,872 |

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Calamos Strategic Total Return Fund
SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS JULY 31, 2017 (UNAUDITED)

| NUMBER OF SHARES | | VALUE |
|------------------------|---|--------------------|
| | Telecommunication Services (0.6%) | |
| 108,000 | T-Mobile USA, Inc. 5.500%, 12/15/17 | \$ 10,827,000 |
| | Utilities (2.0%) | |
| 40,398 | Dominion Resources, Inc.^ 6.750%, 08/15/19 | 2,059,490 |
| 144,600 | DTE Energy Company 6.500%, 10/01/19 | 7,927,247 |
| 126,000 | Great Plains Energy, Inc.^ 7.000%, 09/15/19 | 7,030,800 |
| 231,000 | NextEra Energy, Inc. 6.371%, 09/01/18 | 15,299,130 |
| 124,600 | 6.123%, 09/01/19^ | 6,922,776 |
| | | 39,239,443 |
| | TOTAL CONVERTIBLE PREFERRED STOCKS (Cost \$144,441,533) | 157,685,601 |
| | COMMON STOCKS (85.4%) | |
| | Consumer Discretionary (12.1%) | |
| 36,300 | Amazon.com, Inc.μ# | 35,856,414 |
| 185,615 | Carnival Corp.μ^ | 12,395,370 |
| 600,000 | Comcast Corp. - Class Aμ | 24,270,000 |
| 650,000 | Ford Motor Company^ | 7,293,000 |
| 154,993 | General Motors Company, Inc.^ | 5,576,648 |
| 154,215 | Home Depot, Inc. | 23,070,564 |
| 94,000 | Lowe's Companies, Inc. | 7,275,600 |
| 123,000 | McDonald's Corp.μ^ | 19,082,220 |
| 71,990 | Netflix, Inc.^# | 13,077,704 |
| 222,342 | Newell Rubbermaid, Inc.μ^ | 11,721,870 |
| 162,800 | Nike, Inc. - Class Bμ^ | 9,613,340 |
| 324,000 | Starbucks Corp.μ^ | 17,489,520 |
| 153,000 | TJX Companies, Inc.μ | 10,757,430 |
| 49,999 | TopBuild Corp.μ^# | 2,638,947 |
| 201,000 | Walt Disney Companyμ^ | 22,095,930 |
| 60,000 | Whirlpool Corp.μ^ | 10,672,800 |
| | | 232,887,357 |
| | Consumer Staples (7.5%) | |
| 505,000 | Coca-Cola Company^ | 23,149,200 |

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| 53,100 | Costco Wholesale Corp.µ | 8,416,881 |
| 340,000 | Mondelez International, Inc. - Class A^ | 14,966,800 |
| 189,300 | PepsiCo, Inc.µ | 22,074,273 |
| 147,500 | Philip Morris International, Inc.µ | 17,214,725 |
| 342,000 | Procter & Gamble Company | 31,060,440 |
| 170,835 | Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.µ^ | 13,665,092 |
| 177,650 | Walgreens Boots Alliance, Inc.µ^ | 14,331,025 |
| | | 144,878,436 |

Energy (6.0%)

| | | |
|---------|-------------------------------------|------------|
| 475,000 | BP, PLC | 16,691,500 |
| 325,000 | Chevron Corp.µ^ | 35,486,750 |
| 60,000 | Diamond Offshore Drilling, Inc.^# | 745,200 |
| 117,000 | EOG Resources, Inc.^ | 11,131,380 |
| 360,000 | Exxon Mobil Corp.^ | 28,814,400 |
| 137,300 | Halliburton Company | 5,827,012 |
| 39,450 | Marathon Petroleum Corp. | 2,208,806 |
| 26,500 | Pioneer Natural Resources Companyµ^ | 4,322,150 |

NUMBER OF
SHARES

VALUE

| | | |
|---------|---------------------|--------------|
| 156,200 | Schlumberger, Ltd.µ | \$10,715,320 |
| | | 115,942,518 |

Financials (15.9%)

| | | |
|-----------|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| 165,000 | American Express Companyµ^~ | 14,062,950 |
| 292,940 | American International Group, Inc.µ | 19,172,923 |
| 1,032,250 | Bank of America Corp.^ | 24,897,870 |
| 214,375 | Bank of New York Mellon Corp.µ^ | 11,368,306 |
| 161,625 | BB&T Corp.µ | 7,648,095 |
| 44,895 | Chubb Corp. | 6,575,322 |
| 945,000 | Citigroup, Inc.^ | 64,685,250 |
| 125,000 | Discover Financial Services | 7,617,500 |
| 111,650 | E*TRADE Financial Corp.# | 4,577,650 |
| 175,050 | First Republic Bank^ | 17,562,767 |
| 25,600 | Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. | 5,768,448 |
| 567,000 | JPMorgan Chase & Companyµ^ | 52,050,600 |
| 203,205 | MetLife, Inc. | 11,176,275 |
| 180,000 | Morgan Stanley | 8,442,000 |
| 85,200 | PNC Financial Services Group, Inc.µ^ | 10,973,760 |
| 81,900 | Prudential Financial, Inc. | 9,273,537 |
| 277,726 | Synchrony Financialµ | 8,420,652 |
| 432,150 | Wells Fargo & Company^ | 23,310,171 |
| | | 307,584,076 |

Health Care (10.9%)

| | | |
|---------|--------------------------------|------------|
| 139,700 | Abbott Laboratoriesµ^ | 6,870,446 |
| 46,225 | Aetna, Inc.µ | 7,132,980 |
| 17,250 | Alexion Pharmaceuticals, Inc.# | 2,369,115 |
| 181,015 | Baxter International, Inc.µ | 10,947,787 |
| 68,900 | Bristol-Myers Squibb Company | 3,920,410 |

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| | | |
|-----------|---|-------------|
| 81,000 | Celgene Corp.^# | 10,968,210 |
| 300,000 | Eli Lilly and Company | 24,798,000 |
| 275,000 | Johnson & Johnson | 36,498,000 |
| 98,200 | Medtronic, PLC | 8,245,854 |
| 331,975 | Merck & Company, Inc. | 21,206,563 |
| 740,400 | Pfizer, Inc.μ | 24,551,664 |
| 93,375 | Stryker Corp.^ | 13,735,462 |
| 42,800 | Thermo Fisher Scientific, Inc.^ | 7,512,684 |
| 139,700 | UnitedHealth Group, Inc.μ | 26,795,857 |
| 29,000 | Waters Corp.# | 5,029,760 |
| | | 210,582,792 |
| | Industrials (10.3%) | |
| 21,850 | Boeing Company^ | 5,297,751 |
| 103,225 | Caterpillar, Inc.μ^ | 11,762,489 |
| 220,200 | CSX Corp.μ^ | 10,864,668 |
| 162,000 | Delta Air Lines, Inc. | 7,996,320 |
| 185,000 | Eaton Corp., PLC^ | 14,476,250 |
| 1,087,514 | General Electric Company^ | 27,851,234 |
| 118,650 | Honeywell International, Inc.μ^ | 16,150,638 |
| 46,281 | Lockheed Martin Corp.^ | 13,520,068 |
| 450,000 | Masco Corp. | 17,158,500 |
| 33,000 | Northrop Grumman Corp.μ | 8,683,290 |
| 135,000 | EURSiemens, AG | 18,319,729 |
| 188,000 | Union Pacific Corp.μ | 19,356,480 |
| 109,300 | United Parcel Service, Inc. - Class Bμ^ | 12,054,697 |
| 120,464 | United Technologies Corp.μ^ | 14,283,416 |
| | | 197,775,530 |
| | Information Technology (16.8%) | |
| 81,415 | Accenture, PLC - Class A | 10,487,880 |

See accompanying Notes to Schedule of Investments

Strategic Total Return Fund
SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS JULY 31, 2017 (UNAUDITED)

| NUMBER OF SHARES | | VALUE |
|------------------------|--|---------------|
| 38,600 | Alphabet, Inc. - Class A# | \$36,496,300 |
| 12,534 | Alphabet, Inc. - Class C# | 11,662,887 |
| 504,140 | Apple, Inc.^ | 74,980,742 |
| 547,000 | Applied Materials, Inc.^ | 24,237,570 |
| 49,575 | Broadcom, Ltd.^ | 12,228,170 |
| 225,000 | Cisco Systems, Inc. | 7,076,250 |
| 195,000 | Facebook, Inc. - Class A# | 33,003,750 |
| 56,750 | Lam Research Corp.^ | 9,049,355 |
| 89,000 | MasterCard, Inc. - Class A | 11,374,200 |
| 641,000 | Microsoft Corp.μ^ | 46,600,700 |
| 300,000 | Nintendo Company, Ltd.μ^ | 12,720,030 |
| 1,820,000 | Nokia Corp.μ^ | 11,629,800 |
| 118,300 | Oracle Corp.^ | 5,906,719 |
| 160,000 | Visa, Inc. - Class A^ | 15,929,600 |
| | | 323,383,953 |
| | Materials (2.0%) | |
| 400,000 | Dow Chemical Company | 25,696,000 |
| 99,750 | E.I. du Pont de Nemours and Company | 8,200,448 |
| 82,000 | Nucor Corp. | 4,728,940 |
| | | 38,625,388 |
| | Real Estate (1.0%) | |
| 54,627 | American Tower Corp.^ | 7,447,299 |
| 70,275 | Crown Castle International Corp.^ | 7,068,259 |
| 56,400 | Welltower, Inc.^ | 4,139,196 |
| | | 18,654,754 |
| | Telecommunication Services (2.3%) | |
| 615,000 | AT&T, Inc.μ^ | 23,985,000 |
| 450,000 | EUROrange, SA | 7,572,096 |
| 261,000 | Verizon Communications, Inc.μ^ | 12,632,400 |
| | | 44,189,496 |
| | Utilities (0.6%) | |
| 295,194 | Exelon Corp. | 11,317,738 |
| | TOTAL COMMON STOCKS | |
| | (Cost \$1,466,565,770) | 1,645,822,038 |

RIGHT (0.0%) #

| | | |
|--------|--|---------|
| | Consumer Discretionary (0.0%) | |
| 22,573 | Motors Liquidation Company (Cost \$—) | 198,078 |

WARRANT (0.1%) #

| | | |
|--------|--|-----------|
| | Consumer Discretionary (0.1%) | |
| 88,470 | General Motors Company, Inc. 07/10/19, Strike \$18.33 (Cost \$5,539,299) | 1,585,382 |

EXCHANGE-TRADED FUNDS (2.6%)

| | | |
|---------|---|------------|
| | Other (2.6%) | |
| 237,925 | iShares iBoxx High Yield Corporate Bond ETF^ | 21,153,912 |
| 21,750 | iShares NASDAQ Biotechnology ETF^ | 6,940,207 |

NUMBER
OF
SHARES

VALUE

| | | |
|---------|---|--------------|
| 566,000 | SPDR Barclays Capital High Yield Bond ETF^ | \$21,168,400 |
|---------|---|--------------|

TOTAL EXCHANGE-TRADED FUNDS
(Cost \$47,916,152)

49,262,519

NUMBER
OF
CONTRACTS/
NOTIONAL
AMOUNT

VALUE

PURCHASED OPTIONS (0.1%) #

| | | |
|-------|-------------------------------|--------|
| | Materials (0.0%) | |
| | United States Steel Corp. | |
| 95 | | |
| 9,500 | Put, 10/20/17, Strike \$21.00 | 9,643 |
| 95 | | |
| 9,500 | Put, 10/20/17, Strike \$19.00 | 4,750 |
| | | 14,393 |

Other (0.1%)
S&P 500 Index

| | | |
|--------|----------------------------------|---------|
| 660 | | |
| 66,000 | Put, 09/15/17, Strike \$2,400.00 | 864,600 |
| 380 | | |
| 38,000 | Put, 09/15/17, Strike \$2,350.00 | 319,200 |
| 377 | | |
| 37,700 | Put, 09/15/17, Strike \$2,375.00 | 382,655 |

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1,566,455

TOTAL PURCHASED OPTIONS

(Cost \$4,425,239)

1,580,848

NUMBER
OF
SHARES

VALUE

SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS (3.8%)

| | | |
|------------|---|------------|
| 36,873,770 | Fidelity Prime Money Market Fund - Institutional Class | 36,888,519 |
|------------|---|------------|

| | | |
|------------|---|------------|
| 36,681,147 | Morgan Stanley Institutional Liquidity Funds - Government Portfolio | 36,681,147 |
|------------|---|------------|

TOTAL SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS

(Cost \$73,569,666)

73,569,666

TOTAL INVESTMENTS (135.5%)

(Cost \$2,393,734,681)

2,612,149,551

LIABILITIES, LESS OTHER ASSETS (-35.5%)

(683,709,406)

NET ASSETS (100.0%)

\$ 1,928,440,145

NUMBER
OF
CONTRACTS/
NOTIONAL
AMOUNT

VALUE

WRITTEN OPTIONS (0.0%) #

Consumer Staples (0.0%)

| | | |
|--------|-------------------------------|----------|
| 855 | Altria Group, Inc. | |
| 85,500 | Put, 09/15/17, Strike \$62.50 | (93,195) |

Materials (0.0%)

United States Steel Corp.

See accompanying Notes to Schedule of Investments

Calamos Strategic Total Return Fund
SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS JULY 31, 2017 (UNAUDITED)

| NUMBER OF CONTRACTS/ NOTIONAL AMOUNT | | VALUE |
|---|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 95 | | |
| 9,500 | Put, 10/20/17, Strike \$25.00 | \$(28,405) |
| 95 | | |
| 9,500 | Put, 10/20/17, Strike \$23.00 | (17,480) (45,885) |
| | Other (0.0%) | |
| 528 | S&P 500 Index | |
| 52,800 | Put, 09/15/17, Strike \$2,300.00 | (300,960) |
| | TOTAL WRITTEN OPTIONS | |
| | (Premium \$486,144) | \$(440,040) |

NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

Securities issued and sold pursuant to a Rule 144A transaction are excepted from the registration requirement of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. These securities may only be sold to qualified institutional buyers (“QIBs”), such as the Fund. Any resale of these securities must generally be effected through a sale that is registered under the Act or otherwise exempted from such registration requirements.

Security, or portion of security, is held in a segregated account as collateral for note payable aggregating a total value of \$442,833,860. \$160,991,167 of the collateral has been re-registered by one of the counterparties, BNP (see Note 3 - Borrowings).

^Security, or portion of security, is on loan.

‡ Variable rate security. The rate shown is the rate in effect at July 31, 2017.

@ In default status and considered non-income producing.

⌘ The synthetic convertible securities strategy combines separate securities that together possess the economic characteristics similar to a convertible security.

** Step Coupon security. Coupon changes periodically based upon a predetermined schedule. The rate shown is the rate in effect at July 31, 2017.

§ Securities exchangeable or convertible into securities of one or more entities that are different than the issuer. Each entity is identified in the parenthetical.

Non-income producing security.

Security, or portion of security, is segregated as collateral (or potential collateral for future transactions) for written options. The aggregate value of such securities is \$1,420,443.

FOREIGN CURRENCY ABBREVIATION

EUR European Monetary Unit

Note: Value for securities denominated in foreign currencies is shown in U.S. dollars. The principal amount for such securities is shown in the respective foreign currency. The date on options represents the expiration date of the option contract. The option contract may be exercised at any date on or before the date shown.

See accompanying Notes to Schedule of Investments

Note 1 – Organization and Significant Accounting Policies

Organization. Calamos Strategic Total Return Fund (the “Fund”) was organized as a Delaware statutory trust on December 31, 2003 and is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the “1940 Act”) as a diversified, closed-end management investment company. The Fund commenced operations on March 26, 2004.

The Fund’s investment strategy is to provide total return through a combination of capital appreciation and current income. The Fund, under normal circumstances, will invest at least 50% of its managed assets in equity securities (including securities that are convertible into equity securities). The Fund may invest up to 35% of its managed assets in securities of foreign issuers, including debt and equity securities of corporate issuers and debt securities of government issuers in developed and emerging markets. The Fund may invest up to 15% of its managed assets in securities of foreign issuers in emerging markets. “Managed assets” means the Fund’s total assets (including any assets attributable to any leverage that may be outstanding) minus total liabilities (other than debt representing financial leverage).

Significant Accounting Policies. The schedule of investments have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP). The Fund is considered an investment company under U.S. GAAP and follows the accounting and reporting guidance applicable to investment companies. The following summarizes the significant accounting policies of the Fund:

Fund Valuation. The valuation of the Fund’s investments is in accordance with policies and procedures adopted by and under the ultimate supervision of the board of trustees.

Fund securities that are traded on U.S. securities exchanges, except option securities, are valued at the official closing price, which is the last current reported sales price on its principal exchange at the time each Fund determines its net asset value (“NAV”). Securities traded in the over-the-counter market and quoted on The NASDAQ Stock Market are valued at the NASDAQ Official Closing Price, as determined by NASDAQ, or lacking a NASDAQ Official Closing Price, the last current reported sale price on NASDAQ at the time a Fund determines its NAV. When a last sale or closing price is not available, equity securities, other than option securities, that are traded on a U.S. securities exchange and other equity securities traded in the over-the-counter market are valued at the mean between the most recent bid and asked quotations on its principal exchange in accordance with guidelines adopted by the board of trustees. Each option security traded on a U.S. securities exchange is valued at the mid-point of the consolidated bid/ask quote for the option security, also in accordance with guidelines adopted by the board of trustees. Each over-the-counter option that is not traded through the Options Clearing Corporation is valued based on a quotation provided by the counterparty to such option under the ultimate supervision of the board of trustees.

Fixed income securities, certain convertible preferred securities, and non-exchange traded derivatives are normally valued by independent pricing services or by dealers or brokers who make markets in such securities. Valuations of such fixed income securities, certain convertible preferred securities, and non-exchange traded derivatives consider yield or price of equivalent securities of comparable quality, coupon rate, maturity, type of issue, trading characteristics and other market data and do not rely exclusively upon exchange or over-the-counter prices.

Trading on European and Far Eastern exchanges and over-the-counter markets is typically completed at various times before the close of business on each day on which the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") is open. Each security trading on these exchanges or in over-the-counter markets may be valued utilizing a systematic fair valuation model provided by an independent pricing service approved by the board of trustees. The valuation of each security that meets certain criteria in relation to the valuation model is systematically adjusted to reflect the impact of movement in the U.S. market after the foreign markets close. Securities that do not meet the criteria, or that are principally traded in other foreign markets, are valued as of the last reported sale price at the time the Fund determines its NAV, or when reliable market prices or quotations are not readily available, at the mean between the most recent bid and asked quotations as of the close of the appropriate exchange or other designated time. Trading of foreign securities may not take place on every NYSE business day. In addition, trading may take place in various foreign markets on Saturdays or on other days when the NYSE is not open and on which the Fund's NAV is not calculated.

If the pricing committee determines that the valuation of a security in accordance with the methods described above is not reflective of a fair value for such security, the security is valued at a fair value by the pricing committee, under the ultimate supervision of the board of trustees, following the guidelines and/or procedures adopted by the board of trustees.

The Fund also may use fair value pricing, pursuant to guidelines adopted by the board of trustees and under the ultimate supervision of the board of trustees, if trading in the security is halted or if the value of a security it holds is materially affected by events occurring before the Fund's pricing time but after the close of the primary market or exchange on which the security is listed. Those procedures may utilize valuations furnished by pricing services approved by the board of trustees, which may be based on market transactions for comparable securities and various relationships between securities that are generally recognized by institutional traders, a computerized matrix system, or appraisals derived from information concerning the securities or similar securities received from recognized dealers in those securities.

When fair value pricing of securities is employed, the prices of securities used by a Fund to calculate its NAV may differ from market quotations or official closing prices. In light of the judgment involved in fair valuations, there can be no assurance that a fair value assigned to a particular security is accurate.

Investment Transactions. Investment transactions are recorded on a trade date basis as of July 31, 2017.

Foreign Currency Translation. Values of investments and other assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into U.S. dollars using a rate quoted by a major bank or dealer in the particular currency market, as reported by a recognized quotation dissemination service.

Option Transactions. For hedging and investment purposes, the Fund may purchase or write (sell) put and call options. One of the risks associated with purchasing an option is that the Fund pays a premium whether or not the option is exercised. Additionally, the Fund bears the risk of loss of premium and change in value should the counterparty not perform under the contract. The Fund as writer of an option bears the market risk of an unfavorable change in the price of the security underlying the written option.

Note 2 – Investments

The cost basis of investments for federal income tax purposes at July 31, 2017 was as follows*:

| | |
|--|-----------------|
| Cost basis of investments | \$2,393,248,537 |
| Gross unrealized appreciation | 369,284,313 |
| Gross unrealized depreciation | (150,823,339) |
| Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) | \$218,460,974 |

* Because tax adjustments are calculated annually, the above table does not reflect tax adjustments. For the previous fiscal year's federal income tax information, please refer to the Notes to Financial Statements section in the Fund's most recent semi-annual or annual report.

Note 3 – Borrowings

The Fund, with the approval of its board of trustees, including its independent trustees, has entered into a financing package that includes a Committed Facility Agreement (the "BNP Agreement") with BNP Paribas Prime Brokerage International Ltd. ("BNP") that allows the Fund to borrow up to \$207.5 million and a lending agreement ("Lending Agreement"), as defined below. In addition, the financing package also includes a Credit Agreement (the "SSB Agreement", together with the BNP Agreement, "Agreements") with State Street Bank and Trust Company ("SSB") that allows the Fund to borrow up to a limit of \$622.5 million, and a related securities lending authorization agreement ("Authorized Agreement"). Borrowings under the BNP Agreement and the SSB Agreement are secured by assets of the Fund that are held with the Fund's custodian in a separate account (the "pledged collateral"). BNP and SSB share an equal claim on the pledged collateral, subject to any adjustment that may be agreed upon between the lenders. Interest on the BNP Agreement is charged at the three month LIBOR (London Inter-bank Offered Rate) plus .65% on the amount borrowed and .20% on the undrawn balance. Interest on the SSB Agreement is charged on the drawn amount at the rate of Overnight LIBOR plus .80% and .10% on the undrawn balance (if the undrawn amount is more than 75% of the borrowing limit, the commitment fee is .20%). For the period ended July 31, 2017, the average borrowings

under the Agreements were \$682.0 million. For the period ended July 31, 2017, the average interest rate was 1.88%. As of July 31, 2017, the amount of total outstanding borrowings was \$682.0 million (\$170.5 million under the BNP Agreement and \$511.5 million under the SSB Agreement), which approximates fair value. The interest rate applicable to the borrowings on July 31, 2017 was 1.29%.

The Lending Agreement with BNP is a separate side-agreement between the Fund and BNP pursuant to which BNP may borrow a portion of the pledged collateral (the “Lent Securities”) in an amount not to exceed the outstanding borrowings owed by the Fund to BNP under the BNP Agreement. The Lending Agreement is intended to permit the Fund to significantly reduce the cost of its borrowings under the BNP Agreement. BNP may re-register the Lent Securities in its own name or in another name other than the Fund, and may pledge, re-pledge, sell, lend or otherwise transfer or use the Lent Securities with all attendant rights of ownership. (It is the Fund’s understanding that BNP will perform due diligence to determine the creditworthiness of any party that borrows Lent Securities from BNP.) The Fund may designate any security within the pledged collateral as ineligible to be a Lent Security, provided there are eligible securities within the pledged collateral in an amount equal to the outstanding borrowing owed by the Fund. During the period in which the Lent Securities are outstanding, BNP must remit payment to the Fund equal to the amount of all dividends, interest or other distributions earned or made by the Lent Securities. The payment is disclosed on a net basis as Securities Lending Income in the Statement of Operations.

Under the terms of the Lending Agreement with BNP, the Lent Securities are marked to market daily, and if the value of the Lent Securities exceeds the value of the then-outstanding borrowings owed by the Fund to BNP under the Agreement (the “Current Borrowings”), BNP must, on that day, either (1) return Lent Securities to the Fund’s custodian in an amount sufficient to cause the value of the outstanding Lent Securities to equal the Current Borrowings; or (2) post cash collateral with the Fund’s custodian equal to the difference between the value of the Lent Securities and the value of the Current Borrowings. If BNP fails to perform either of these actions as required, the Fund will recall securities, as discussed below, in an amount sufficient to cause the value of the outstanding Lent Securities to equal the Current Borrowings. The Fund can recall any of the Lent Securities and BNP shall, to the extent commercially possible, return such security or equivalent security to the Fund’s custodian no later than three business days after such request. If the Fund recalls a Lent Security pursuant to the Lending Agreement, and BNP fails to return the Lent Securities, or equivalent securities in a timely fashion, BNP shall remain liable for the ultimate delivery of such Lent Securities, or equivalent securities, to be made to the Fund’s custodian, and for any buy-in costs that the executing broker for the sales transaction may impose with respect to the failure to deliver. The Fund shall also have the right to apply and set-off an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the then-current fair market value of such Lent Securities against the Current Borrowings.

Under the terms of the Authorized Agreement with SSB, all securities lent through SSB must be secured continuously by collateral received in cash, cash equivalents, or U.S. Treasury bills and maintained on a current basis at an amount at least equal to the market value of the securities loaned. Cash collateral held by SSB on behalf of the Fund may be credited against the amounts borrowed under the SSB Agreement. Any amounts credited against the SSB Agreement would count against the Fund’s leverage limitations under the 1940 Act, unless otherwise covered in accordance with SEC Release IC-10666. Under the terms of the

Authorized Agreement with SSB, SSB will return the value of the collateral to the borrower upon the return of the lent securities, which will eliminate the credit against the SSB Agreement and will cause the amount drawn under the SSB Agreement to increase in an amount equal to the returned collateral. Under the terms of the Authorized Agreement with SSB, the Fund will make a variable “net income” payment related to any collateral credited against the SSB Agreement which will be paid to the securities borrower, less any payments due to the Fund or SSB under the terms of the Authorized Agreement. The Fund has the right to call a loan and obtain the securities loaned at any time. As of July 31, 2017, the Fund used approximately \$469.2 million of its cash collateral to offset the SSB Agreement, representing 18.0% of managed assets, and was required to pay a “net income” payment equal to an annualized interest rate of 0.99%, which can fluctuate depending on interest rates. As of July 31, 2017, approximately \$458.6 million of securities were on loan (\$142.4 million of fixed income securities and \$316.2 million of equity securities) under the SSB Agreement which are reflected in the Investment in securities, at value on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

Note 4 – Fair Value Measurement

Various inputs are used to determine the value of the Fund’s investments. These inputs are categorized into three broad levels as follows:

Level 1 – Prices are determined using inputs from unadjusted quoted prices from active markets (including securities actively traded on a securities exchange) for identical assets.

Level 2 – Prices are determined using significant observable market inputs other than unadjusted quoted prices, including quoted prices of similar securities, fair value adjustments to quoted foreign securities, interest rates, credit risk, prepayment speeds, and other relevant data.

Level 3 – Prices reflect unobservable market inputs (including the Fund’s own judgments about assumptions market participants would use in determining fair value) when observable inputs are unavailable.

Debt securities are valued based upon evaluated prices received from an independent pricing service or from a dealer or broker who makes markets in such securities. Pricing services utilize various observable market data and as such, debt securities are generally categorized as Level 2. The levels are not necessarily an indication of the risk or liquidity of the Fund’s investments. Transfers between the levels for investment securities or other financial instruments are measured at the end of the reporting period.

The following is a summary of the inputs used in valuing the Fund’s holdings at fair value:

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| | LEVEL 1 | LEVEL 2 | LEVEL 3 | TOTAL |
|--|-----------------|---------------|------------|-----------------|
| Assets: | | | | |
| Corporate Bonds | \$— | \$336,966,439 | \$ — | \$336,966,439 |
| Convertible Bonds | — | 320,697,946 | — | 320,697,946 |
| U.S. Government and Agency Securities | — | 6,606,850 | — | 6,606,850 |
| Synthetic Convertible Securities (Corporate Bonds) | — | 15,150,337 | — | 15,150,337 |
| Synthetic Convertible Securities (U.S. Government and Agency Securities) | — | 297,732 | — | 297,732 |
| Synthetic Convertible Securities (Purchased Options) | 2,726,115 | — | — | 2,726,115 |
| Convertible Preferred Stocks | 131,081,169 | 26,604,432 | — | 157,685,601 |
| Common Stocks U.S. | 1,607,210,183 | 12,720,030 | — | 1,619,930,213 |
| Common Stocks Foreign | — | 25,891,825 | — | 25,891,825 |
| Rights | — | 198,078 | — | 198,078 |
| Warrants | 1,585,382 | — | — | 1,585,382 |
| Exchange-Traded Funds | 49,262,519 | — | — | 49,262,519 |
| Purchased Options | 1,580,848 | — | — | 1,580,848 |
| Short Term Investments | 73,569,666 | — | — | 73,569,666 |
| Total | \$1,867,015,882 | \$745,133,669 | \$ — | \$2,612,149,551 |
| Liabilities: | | | | |
| Written Options | \$440,040 | \$— | \$ — | \$440,040 |
| Total | \$440,040 | \$— | \$ — | \$440,040 |

ITEM 2. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES.

a) The registrant's principal executive officer and principal financial officer have evaluated the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures within 90 days of this filing and have concluded that the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures were effective, as of that date, in ensuring that information required to be disclosed by the registrant in this Form N-Q was recorded, processed, summarized, and reported timely.

b) There were no changes in the registrant's internal controls over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the Investment Company Act of 1940) that occurred during the registrant's last fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

ITEM 3. EXHIBITS.

(a) Certification of Principal Executive Officer.

(b) Certification of Principal Financial Officer.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Calamos Strategic Total Return
Fund

By: /s/ John P. Calamos, Sr.

Name: John P. Calamos, Sr.

Title: Principal Executive Officer

Date: September 1, 2017

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

Calamos Strategic Total Return
Fund

By: /s/ John P. Calamos, Sr.

Name: John P. Calamos, Sr.

Title: Principal Executive Officer

Date: September 1, 2017

By: /s/ Curtis Holloway

Name: Curtis Holloway

Title: Principal Financial Officer

Date: September 1, 2017