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HIGH INCOME EQUITY FUND

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October 31, 2019

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Letter from Chairman of the Board

October 31, 2019

Dear Shareholders,

Thank you for investing in the Miller/Howard High Income Equity Fund (the “Fund”). Our goal for this Fund is to provide our Shareholders with a high level of income coupled with the potential for capital appreciation. We apply rigorous fundamental financial analysis to stock selection, looking for candidates that we believe exhibit strong dividend prospects and have the potential to raise those dividends in the future.

Market Summary¹

During the Fund’s fiscal year period—November 1, 2018 through October 31, 2019—the broad equity market rose. The S&P 500 Index gained +14.3% and the Russell 1000 Index gained +14.2%, but it was a bumpy ride. Markets sharply corrected in December 2018 but rebounded in the first quarter of 2019, followed by an upswing in market uncertainty and investor negativity despite relatively benign broad market performance.

The Russell 1000 Growth Index ended the period ahead, gaining +17.1%, while the Russell 1000 Value Index returned +11.2%. Performance of dividend stocks was mixed. The NASDAQ US Broad Dividend Achievers Index, composed of stocks with long-term historic dividend growth, outperformed the broad market indices—the S&P 500 Index and Russell 1000 Index—with a gain of +15.8%. The Dow Jones US Select Dividend Index, composed of stocks with high dividend yields, lagged the broad market indices with total returns of +10.7%.

The Energy sector significantly lagged the broad market, with the S&P Composite 1500 Energy Index posting returns of -14.2% during the fiscal annual period. West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude oil began the fiscal annual period at \$65.31/bbl and ended the period at \$54.02/bbl. A sharp correction in December brought the price of WTI down to \$42.53 on December 24th. While oil prices recovered somewhat during the first quarter market rebound, prices fell in the subsequent quarters. Henry Hub Natural Gas started the fiscal annual period at \$3.31/MMBtu and closed at \$2.73/MMBtu on October 31, 2019—a decline of -17.5% over the twelve-month period.

US oil and gas drilling activity fell in response to worsening market sentiment and commodity price volatility. During the fiscal annual period, the US natural gas rig count decreased from 193 to 133, a decline of -31.1%. Over the same period, the US crude oil rig count also fell from 875 to 696, a -20.5% decrease.²

¹ Returns illustrated reflect the total return with dividends reinvested sourced from Bloomberg.

² Source: Bloomberg

The calendar year 2019 has seen an inverted yield curve, thought by many to be a precursor of a recession, which was followed by an upswing in investor negativity. This negativity resulted in investors fleeing toward assets viewed as safe harbors. Demand for bonds surged, sending the rate on the 10-year Treasury bond below 1.5% at the end of August, only rebounding somewhat by the end of third quarter 2019. Equity investors generally ran in two different directions: toward bond proxies such as utilities and real estate, and toward growth stocks whose fates are viewed as not depending on economic cycles.

More than 30 years ago, when we first wrote about dividend investing compared to fixed income, we simply assumed that the starting yield for a dividend portfolio would be 1–2 percentage points lower than bond yields (and this was at a time of bond yields much higher than today). We also assumed that it would take 4–5 years of dividend growth before one's yield on original investment would equal the bond yield—then surpass it over time as dividends continued to grow. But today, the average dividend yield is 1 percentage point higher than that for bonds, not lower (and it is not too hard to construct a portfolio that is 2 percentage points higher). So in the race for income over time, it is something like starting a 5 mile race with a 4 mile lead!

We believe that this is a ripe moment for dividend investors. The last time stock yields were clearly much higher than bond yields was in 2008 and its aftermath, when stock yields were temporarily elevated because stocks declined, and bond yields were suppressed due to the Fed lowering rates.

Portfolio Performance

During the Fund's fiscal annual period from November 1, 2018 to October 31, 2019, the net asset value (NAV) per share experienced an increase of +8.7%, compared with the S&P 500's +14.3% gain, on a total return basis. The market price of the Fund can sell at a premium or discount to NAV. The Fund's market price (NYSE) return was +6.4%, and the Fund's market total return (NYSE with dividends reinvested) was +20.5% for the fiscal annual period. On the last day of the period, the Fund was trading at a +11.8% premium to NAV.

The performance of high-yielding stocks³ was mixed in the period. Looking at the S&P 500 Index constituents sorted by dividend yield, the highest yielding 10% of stocks returned +17.3%, outperforming the +14.3% return for S&P 500 Index. However, the second highest yielding decile returned +6.1%, well below the S&P 500. Returns for non-dividend paying stocks were +13.3%. Our significant overweight allocation to high-yielding stocks relative to the S&P 500 Index, particularly in the highest yielding decile, contributed to the Fund's performance.

By individual holdings, the top stock contributors and detractors during the annual period were diverse. Midstream pipeline company Buckeye Partners (BPL) was the top contributor to absolute returns after IFM Investors announced intentions to acquire Buckeye. Also within the midstream group, Enbridge (ENB) contributed to returns. In mid-2018, ENB announced that it

³ High-yielding stocks are defined as those companies within the S&P 500 Index that are in dividend deciles nine and ten. Dividend deciles are calculated by separating the dividend-paying stocks within the S&P 500 Index into ten equal groups (lowest yielding being decile one and highest yielding decile ten) based on each security's yield at the beginning of the stated time period. Dividend decile calculations and returns data are sourced from Bloomberg.

would simplify its corporate structure, divest non-core businesses, and deleverage its balance sheet. The company has performed well since announcing strong earnings per share and a 10% dividend increase in December of 2018. Enbridge expects to increase its dividend by another 10% in 2020. However, Master Limited Partnership (MLP) Energy Transfer (ET) detracted as its pending acquisition of SEM Group was a surprise, especially given that management seemed focused on de-levering its balance sheet. Over time, we expect that favorable commodity price and volume trends will benefit midstream energy companies, including Master Limited Partnerships.

Semiconductor and telecommunications equipment company Qualcomm's (QCOM) long-standing patent dispute with Apple came to a resolution in April 2019, providing a significant boost to the stock. Utility company National Grid (NGG) also contributed, as the utilities sector rallied following two rate cuts by the Fed in July and September. Communications services company CenturyLink (CTL) detracted; the company reported adjusted EPS that beat estimates and revenue was in-line, but it reduced its dividend by 53% in order to focus on growth opportunities. In the consumer discretionary sector, retailer J. Jill (JILL) detracted after disappointing earnings reports. In late May, J. Jill slashed full-year earnings per share guidance to \$0.17 to \$0.21 from the prior range of \$0.66 to \$0.70 per share.

Dividend growth is important to this portfolio because the prices of higher-yielding stocks are based, in large part, on the income they provide. As income rises, an investor may expect the asset price to increase commensurately (though other factors may enter into this equation in the short-term). We seek companies that not only pay high dividends or distributions now but that also are likely, in our view, to increase dividends in the future. During the reporting period, 42% of our stocks declared dividend increases, with individual increases averaging 5.4% growth year-over-year, excluding special dividends on an unweighted basis. The Fund also captured 16 special dividends during the annual period.

We are enhancing the income in the portfolio through the sale of options. For the fiscal annual period ended October 31, 2019, we sold put options on three positions, all of which were exercised. We also sold calls on 115 positions. We bought nine to close the position, 40 expired worthless after we collected the premium, and we had 57 exercised. Our option positions' notional value represented approximately 18.4% of total assets as of the end of the period, below the 20% limitation.

As the prospectus indicates, the portfolio managers have the ability to employ modest leverage as a tool to reach our portfolio income objectives. As of October 31, 2019, we have borrowed an amount equal to 16.7% of the managed assets of the Fund at an average interest rate during the twelve-month period of 2.7%. Considering that the underlying portfolio yield is approximately 2.2 times the borrowing rate, it is an effective income enhancement. The use of leverage could increase volatility but, in our view, the inherent volatility of the portfolio is sufficiently low as to warrant this modest level of leverage.

Distributions to Shareholders

The distribution to Shareholders for each month during the fiscal year period was \$0.116 per share. The Fund's current indicated yield based on its closing price on the New York Stock Exchange on October 31, 2019 (\$11.79) was 11.8%. The current indicated yield based on the Fund's NAV per share (\$10.55) was 13.2%. The Fund currently intends to continue to pay monthly distributions to its shareholders. We should note that since inception, this distribution has been supported by income earned by the Fund. "Income" here means regular and special dividends (some of which are distributions from MLPs and REITs, which might be considered Return of Capital for tax and GAAP purposes) and option premiums. As discussed previously and as is still the case, the Fund has earned several special dividends during the year. With these special dividends, premiums from selling options, regular dividends and distributions from the portfolio, and our use of leverage, we expect to continue to generate sufficient income to cover these declared distributions.

Looking Ahead

Following nearly four decades of "bond plenty" for investors, the dark side of the moon has been obscured. But it is still there. When rates rise, bond prices must fall. It's just math. The impact on stocks—or metals or commodities or real estate—isn't fixed, it's variable. Fixed income, though, correlates directly with prevailing interest rates. It's fixed at issuance, always.

Long-term investors assume that bonds will induce losses in the years to come: Inflation has always come, whatever the reason. At that change point, the pain of negative real rates will drive the yields of various bonds higher and prices lower. Because yields are set when bonds are issued, any given bond can't compete with the reduction in purchasing power that bonds will "provide."

At Miller/Howard, we believe that focusing on income production, rather than being distracted by the market noise, allows one to peacefully seek long-term results and avoid running to one side of the ship and then the other. Income production, as a driver of long-term return, can help neutralize the inevitable fears and uncertainties that arise when investing. Investing in stocks that pay dividends now and grow their dividends over time, helps keep the focus on longer-term goals than next quarter or next year. In a world of noise, an income focus can help buy peace and quiet.

Above all, we think that what matters most in the Fund's portfolio is reliable income generation. We continue to seek current income and rising income that, in our experience, has frequently led to higher stock prices. It's not chasing after styles or sectors. It's about being an investor in companies that share their prosperity with their investors and continue to share as life gets better. This path can provide you with income for your spending needs now, and as the income rises, we believe your assets should rise as well. In other words, you achieve high and rising yield on your original investment.

We thank our Shareholders for their participation and continued support.

Important Disclosures and Risks

The views expressed in this report reflect those as of the date this is written and may not reflect the author's views on the date this report is first published or anytime thereafter. These views are subject to change at any time, based on market and other conditions and should not be construed as a recommendation or advice of any kind. These views are intended to assist shareholders in understanding the Fund's investment methodology and do not constitute investment advice. This report may contain discussions about investments that may or may not be held by the Fund as of the date of this report. All current and future holdings are subject to risk and to change. The material may also contain forward-looking statements that involve risk and uncertainty, and there is no guarantee they will come to pass.

There can be no assurance that the Fund will achieve its investment objective. The net asset value of the Fund will fluctuate with the value of the underlying securities. Performance data quoted represents past results. **Past performance is no guarantee of future results.** The Fund is not able to predict whether its shares will trade above, below, or at net asset value in the future. This information does not represent an offer, or the solicitation of an offer, to buy or sell securities of the Fund.

An investment in the Miller/Howard High Income Equity Fund is subject to risk, including the possible loss of principal. Fund risks include, but are not limited to, the following: Non-US markets may be smaller, less liquid and more volatile than the major markets in the United States and, as a result, Fund share values may be more volatile. Trading in non-US markets typically involves higher expense than trading in the United States. The Fund may have difficulties enforcing its legal or contractual rights in a foreign country. These additional risks may be heightened for securities of companies located in, or with significant operations in emerging market countries.

Companies that issue dividend yielding equity securities are not required to continue to pay dividends on such stock. The Fund may be exposed to liquidity risk that effect the Fund's ability to sell particular securities or close call option positions at an advantageous price or in a timely manner. The Fund invests in small and medium size companies, which carry greater risk than with larger, more established companies.

MLP entities are typically focused in the energy, natural resources and real estate sectors of the economy. A downturn in the energy, natural resources or real estate sectors of the economy could have an adverse impact on the Fund. Changes to current tax law and regulations could affect the treatment of distributions, including (but not limited to) ordinary income, capital gains or return of capital.

Dow Jones US Select Dividend Index aims to represent the US's leading stocks by dividend yield.

NASDAQ US Broad Dividend Achievers Index is a market cap index composed of stocks that have been selected annually based on stocks of companies that have historically increased and paid dividends annually and are listed on AMEX, NYSE, or NASDAQ.

Russell 1000 Growth Index is comprised of large- and mid-cap U.S. equities that show characteristics of growth. These characteristics of growth include higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth.

Russell 1000 Value Index measures the performance of the large-cap value segment of the U.S. equity universe. It includes those Russell 1000 companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower expected growth values.

The Standard & Poor's 500 Index ("S&P 500 Index") is a capitalization-weighted index of 500 widely held common stocks. The index is designed to measure performance of the broad domestic economy through changes in the aggregate market value of 500 stocks representing all major industries.

S&P Composite 1500® Energy Index ("S&P 1500 Energy Index") comprises those companies included in the S&P Composite 1500 that are classified as members of the GICS® energy sector.

One cannot invest directly in an index.

Miller/Howard High Income Equity Fund

Allocation of Portfolio Investments

(Expressed as a Percentage of Long-Term Investments)

October 31, 2019

(Unaudited)



Miller/Howard High Income Equity Fund

Schedule of Investments

October 31, 2019

| | Shares | Value |
|--|---------|-------------------|
| Common Stock — 83.7% | | |
| Air Courier Services — 1.6% | | |
| FedEx Corp. | 20,000 | \$ 3,053,200 |
| Biological Products, except Diagnostic Substances — 3.6% | | |
| Gilead Sciences, Inc. | 106,980 | 6,815,696 |
| Business Credit Institutions — 2.3% | | |
| Hercules Capital, Inc. ^(a) | 308,552 | 4,359,840 |
| Computer & Office Equipment — 5.0% | | |
| International Business Machines Corp. ^(c) | 70,500 | 9,427,965 |
| Computer Communications Equipment — 3.3% | | |
| Cisco Systems, Inc. ^(a) | 130,000 | 6,176,300 |
| Crude Petroleum — 5.9% | | |
| Occidental Petroleum Corp. | 273,953 | 11,095,097 |
| Drug Stores and Proprietary Stores — 4.4% | | |
| CVS Health Corp. ^(a) | 124,240 | 8,248,294 |
| Eating Places — 1.6% | | |
| Cracker Barrel Old Country Store, Inc. ^(c) | 18,575 | 2,888,412 |
| Grocery Stores — 1.7% | | |
| The Kroger Co. | 132,031 | 3,253,244 |
| Investing — 1.7% | | |
| Main Street Capital Corp. | 73,266 | 3,154,101 |
| Investment Advice — 4.7% | | |
| Lazard, Ltd. ^(a) | 233,000 | 8,697,890 |
| Natural Gas Distribution — 5.1% | | |
| Enbridge, Inc. ^(b) | 262,730 | 9,565,999 |
| Natural Gas Transmission — 14.0% | | |
| National Grid Plc ADR | 187,314 | 10,933,518 |
| Targa Resources Corp. ^{(a)(c)} | 221,547 | 8,613,747 |
| The Williams Cos., Inc. ^(a) | 293,840 | 6,555,571 |
| | | <u>26,102,836</u> |
| Petroleum Refining — 2.8% | | |
| Marathon Petroleum Corp. | 82,867 | 5,299,345 |
| Pharmaceutical Preparations — 6.1% | | |
| AbbVie, Inc. ^(a) | 121,688 | 9,680,280 |
| Sanofi ADR | 39,400 | 1,815,552 |
| | | <u>11,495,832</u> |
| Plastics Materials, Synthetic Resins, & Nonvulcanizable Elastomers — 2.3% | | |
| Albemarle Corp. ^(c) | 70,000 | 4,251,800 |
| Radiotelephone Communications — 1.9% | | |
| Vodafone Group Plc ADR ^(a) | 171,132 | 3,494,515 |
| Security Brokers, Dealers, and Flotation Companies — 1.4% | | |
| Virtu Financial, Inc. ^(c) | 149,792 | 2,540,472 |
| Semiconductors and Related Devices — 3.6% | | |
| Broadcom, Inc. ^(c) | 23,000 | 6,735,550 |

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Schedule of Investments (continued)

October 31, 2019

| | Shares | Value |
|--|------------|--------------------|
| Switchgear & Switchboard Apparatus — 3.5% | | |
| ABB Ltd. ADR ^(c) | 312,510 | \$ 6,559,585 |
| Telephone Communications (No Radiotelephone) — 3.8% | | |
| AT&T, Inc. ^(a) | 91,977 | 3,540,195 |
| CenturyLink, Inc. ^(c) | 276,053 | 3,572,126 |
| | | <u>7,112,321</u> |
| Variety Stores — 3.3% | | |
| Big Lots, Inc. ^(c) | 280,000 | 6,067,600 |
| Total Common Stock (Cost \$157,368,250) | | <u>156,395,894</u> |
| Master Limited Partnership — 24.2% | | |
| Crude Petroleum Pipelines — 8.7% | | |
| Buckeye Partners LP ^(a) | 259,543 | 10,760,653 |
| Tallgrass Energy LP | 297,498 | 5,551,313 |
| | | <u>16,311,966</u> |
| Investment Advice — 3.6% | | |
| AllianceBernstein Holding LP ^(a) | 227,640 | 6,683,510 |
| Liquified Petroleum Gas Dealers — 1.6% | | |
| Suburban Propane Partners, L.P. | 126,455 | 3,060,211 |
| Natural Gas Transmission — 7.6% | | |
| Energy Transfer Equity L.P. ^{(a)(b)} | 927,384 | 11,675,759 |
| Enterprise Products Partners L.P. | 29,540 | 768,926 |
| Western Midstream Partners L.P. | 78,170 | 1,661,894 |
| | | <u>14,106,579</u> |
| Oil & Gas Field Services — 2.7% | | |
| Enable Midstream Partners LP ^(a) | 507,150 | 5,117,143 |
| Total Master Limited Partnership (Cost \$46,777,604) | | <u>45,279,409</u> |
| Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) — 6.5% | | |
| The Geo Group, Inc. ^(a) | 151,227 | 2,301,675 |
| Tanger Factory Outlet Centers, Inc. ^(c) | 610,795 | 9,846,015 |
| Total REIT (Cost \$15,334,576) | | <u>12,147,690</u> |
| Short-Term Investments: 3.6% | | |
| Morgan Stanley Institutional Liquidity Fund - Treasury Portfolio, 1.68% ^(d) | 6,709,591 | 6,709,591 |
| Total Short-Term Investments (Cost \$6,709,591) | | <u>6,709,591</u> |
| Investments Purchased with Proceeds from Securities Lending: 31.8% | | |
| Mount Vernon Liquid Assets Portfolio, LLC, 2.00% ^(d) | 59,388,260 | 59,388,260 |
| Total Investments Purchased with Proceeds from Securities Lending (Cost \$59,388,260) | | <u>59,388,260</u> |

Miller/Howard High Income Equity Fund

Schedule of Investments (continued)

October 31, 2019

| | Shares | Value |
|--|--------|----------------------|
| Total Investments — 149.8% (cost \$285,578,281) | | \$ 279,920,844 |
| Total Value of Options Written | | |
| (Premiums received \$1,137,464) — (0.4%) | | (812,444) |
| Other Assets and Liabilities — (49.4)% | | (92,203,418) |
| Total Net Assets Applicable to Common Stockholders — 100.0% | | \$186,904,982 |

Note: Percentages indicated are based on the net assets of the Fund.

ADR American Depository Receipt

- (a) All or a portion of this security has been pledged as collateral in connection with the Fund's Special Custody Account Agreement. As of October 31, 2019, the total value of securities pledged as collateral for the Special Custody Account Agreement was \$74,894,504.
- (b) All or a portion of the security represents collateral for outstanding call or put option contracts written.
- (c) All or a portion of this security is on loan.
- (d) Rate indicated is the seven-day yield as of October 31, 2019

As of October 31, 2019, options written and outstanding are as follows:

| Options Written | Expiration Date | Strike Price | Contracts | Notional Amount | Fair Value |
|---|-----------------|--------------|-----------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Call Options | | | | | |
| Albemarle Corp. | November 2019 | \$ 65.00 | 699 | \$ (4,245,726) | \$ (41,940) |
| Albemarle Corp. | November 2019 | 70.00 | 1 | (6,074) | (10) |
| Broadcom, Inc. | November 2019 | 290.00 | 61 | (1,786,385) | (43,310) |
| Broadcom, Inc. | November 2019 | 292.50 | 169 | (4,949,165) | (78,754) |
| CenturyLink, Inc. | November 2019 | 13.00 | 2,760 | (3,571,440) | (154,560) |
| Cisco Systems, Inc. | November 2019 | 47.50 | 1,300 | (6,176,300) | (171,600) |
| CVS Health Corp. | November 2019 | 66.50 | 600 | (3,983,400) | (108,000) |
| National Grid Plc | November 2019 | 60.00 | 1,273 | (7,430,501) | (50,920) |
| Occidental Petroleum Corp. | November 2019 | 42.00 | 1,600 | (6,480,000) | (110,400) |
| Tanger Factory Outlet Centers, Inc. | November 2019 | 17.00 | 3,530 | (5,690,360) | (52,950) |
| | | | | | (812,444) |
| Total Value of Options Written (Premiums received \$1,137,464) | | | | | \$ (812,444) |

Miller/Howard High Income Equity Fund

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

October 31, 2019

Assets:

| | |
|--|--------------------|
| Investments in unaffiliated securities, at value (Identified cost - \$285,578,281) | \$ 279,920,844 |
| Receivable for investments sold | 3,722,951 |
| Dividends and interest receivable | 1,118,663 |
| Other assets | <u>262,097</u> |
| Total Assets | <u>285,024,555</u> |

Liabilities:

| | |
|---|-------------------|
| Options written, at value (premiums received \$1,137,464) | 812,444 |
| Loans payable | 37,500,000 |
| Payable for collateral on securities loaned | 59,388,260 |
| Payable to Adviser | 190,457 |
| Accrued administration expense | 27,025 |
| Accrued interest expense | 108,163 |
| Accrued custody expense | 4,250 |
| Other liabilities | <u>88,974</u> |
| Total Liabilities | <u>98,119,573</u> |

Net Assets

\$ 186,904,982

Net Assets consist of:

| | |
|--------------------|------------------------|
| Paid-in capital | \$ 245,653,465 |
| Accumulated losses | <u>\$ (58,748,483)</u> |

Total Net Assets

\$ 186,904,982

Shares at October 31, 2019

17,723,812

Net Asset Value Per Common Share Outstanding

\$ 10.55

Miller/Howard High Income Equity Fund

Statement of Operations

For the Year Ended October 31, 2019

Investment Income:

| | |
|--|-------------------|
| Dividend income (net of \$208,356 foreign withholding tax) | \$ 11,322,370 |
| Interest income | 124,226 |
| Securities lending income | <u>93,811</u> |
| Total Investment Income | <u>11,540,407</u> |

Expenses:

| | |
|----------------------------------|------------------|
| Advisory fees | 2,136,484 |
| Interest expense | 1,129,297 |
| Professional fees | 474,911 |
| Amortization of offering costs | 174,684 |
| Administration fees | 159,966 |
| Trustees' fees and expenses | 107,000 |
| Compliance fees | 70,001 |
| Registration and filing fees | 35,700 |
| Shareholder reporting expenses | 33,960 |
| Custodian fees and expenses | 24,680 |
| Transfer agent fees and expenses | 20,203 |
| Miscellaneous | <u>50,598</u> |
| Total Expenses | <u>4,417,484</u> |

Net Investment Income

7,122,923

Net Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss):

| | |
|---|----------------------|
| Net realized gain (loss) on: | |
| Investments | (13,979,807) |
| Options | <u>5,088,623</u> |
| Net realized loss | <u>(8,891,184)</u> |
| Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on: | |
| Investments | 15,077,755 |
| Options | <u>372,994</u> |
| Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) | <u>15,450,749</u> |
| Net realized and unrealized gain | <u>6,559,565</u> |
| Net Increase in Net Assets resulting from Operations | <u>\$ 13,682,488</u> |

Miller/Howard High Income Equity Fund

Statements of Changes in Net Assets

| | For the year ended October 31, 2019 | For the year ended October 31, 2018 |
|---|--|--|
| Change in Net Assets: | | |
| From Operations: | | |
| Net investment income | \$ 7,122,923 | \$ 6,550,530 |
| Net realized gain (loss) | (8,891,184) | 5,691,484 |
| Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) | <u>15,450,749</u> | <u>(13,492,218)</u> |
| Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations | <u>13,682,488</u> | <u>(1,250,204)</u> |
| Dividends and Distributions to Shareholders from: | | |
| Net investment income | (4,808,774) | (6,189,717) |
| Return of capital | <u>(17,912,244)</u> | <u>(13,267,688)</u> |
| Total dividends and distributions to shareholders | <u>(22,721,018)</u> | <u>(19,457,405)</u> |
| Capital Stock Transactions: | | |
| Proceeds from issuance of 2,713,146 and 1,454,885 common shares in connection with the at the market offering | 30,778,000 | 18,216,816 |
| Commissions and offering expenses associated with the issuance of common shares in connection with the at the market offering | (461,476) | (374,451) |
| Issuance of 26,566 and 22,216 common shares from reinvestment of distributions | <u>288,458</u> | <u>264,930</u> |
| Increase in net assets from Fund share transactions | <u>(30,604,982)</u> | <u>18,107,295</u> |
| Total increase (decrease) in net assets | <u>21,566,452</u> | <u>(2,600,314)</u> |
| Net Assets: | | |
| Beginning of year | <u>165,338,530</u> | <u>167,938,844</u> |
| End of year | <u>\$ 186,904,982</u> | <u>\$ 165,338,530</u> |

Miller/Howard High Income Equity Fund

Statement of Cash Flows

For the Year Ended October 31, 2019

Cash Flows from Operating Activities:

| | |
|---|---------------|
| Net increase in net assets resulting from operations | \$ 13,682,488 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net increase in net assets resulting from operations to net cash provided by operating activities: | |
| Purchases of long-term investments | (369,881,341) |
| Net purchases and sales of short-term investments | (2,794,318) |
| Proceeds from sales of long-term investments | 341,500,704 |
| Proceeds from option transactions | 10,539,553 |
| Return of capital on distributions received | 5,255,829 |
| Increase in collateral for securities loaned | (27,196,038) |
| Increase in payable upon return of securities loaned | 27,196,038 |
| Net decrease in dividends and interest receivable and other assets | 228,417 |
| Decrease in other assets for offering costs | 174,684 |
| Net increase in accrued expenses and other liabilities | (29,405) |
| Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investment securities | (15,450,749) |
| Net realized loss on investment securities | 8,890,174 |

Cash used in operating activities

(7,883,964)

Cash Flows from Financing Activities:

| | |
|--|--------------|
| Payments received from Fund share transactions | 30,316,524 |
| Dividends paid | (22,432,560) |

Cash provided by financing activities

7,883,964

Decrease in cash

—

Cash at beginning of year

—

Cash at end of year

\$ —

Supplemental Disclosure of Cash Flow and Non-cash Information:

| | |
|---------------|--------------|
| Interest paid | \$ 1,129,297 |
|---------------|--------------|

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| | For the year ended October 31, 2019 | For the year ended October 31, 2018 | For the year ended October 31, 2017 | For the year ended October 31, 2016 | Period from November 24, 2014 ⁽¹⁾ through October 31, 2015 |
|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| Per Common Share Data ⁽²⁾ | | | | | |
| Net asset value, beginning of year/period | \$ 11.03 | \$ 12.43 | \$ 12.16 | \$ 14.57 | \$ 19.10 |
| Income from Investment Operations | | | | | |
| Net investment income (loss) | 0.44 | 0.46 | 0.32 | 0.64 | 1.02 |
| Net realized and unrealized gains (losses) | 0.42 | (0.49) | 1.34 | (1.66) | (4.35) |
| Total from investment operations | 0.86 | (0.03) | 1.66 | (1.02) | (3.33) |
| Distributions to Common Stockholders | | | | | |
| Net investment income | (0.29) | (0.44) | (0.44) | (0.47) | (1.01) |
| Return of capital | (1.10) | (0.95) | (0.95) | (0.92) | (0.15) |
| Total distributions to common stockholders | (1.39) | (1.39) | (1.39) | (1.39) | (1.16) |
| Organizational and Offering costs on issuance of common stock | — | — | — | — | (0.04) ⁽³⁾ |
| Premiums less commissions and offering costs on issuance of common stock | 0.05 ⁽⁴⁾ | 0.02 ⁽⁴⁾ | 0.00 ⁽⁴⁾ | — | — |
| Total capital stock transactions | 0.05 | 0.02 | 0.00 | — | (0.04) |
| Net asset value, end of year/period | <u>\$ 10.55</u> | <u>\$ 11.03</u> | <u>\$ 12.43</u> | <u>\$ 12.16</u> | <u>\$ 14.57</u> |
| Per common share market value, end of period | \$ 11.79 | \$ 11.08 | \$ 13.18 | \$ 11.57 | \$ 13.32 |
| Total investment return based on market value ⁽⁵⁾ | 20.99% | (5.57)% | 26.83% | (2.26)% | (28.39)%⁽⁷⁾ |
| Total investment return based on net asset value ⁽⁶⁾ | 8.70% | (0.32)% | 13.86% | (6.70)% | (18.39)%⁽⁷⁾ |
| Supplemental Data and Ratios | | | | | |
| Net assets applicable to common stockholders, end of year/period (000's) | \$186,905 | \$165,339 | \$167,939 | \$163,229 | \$195,460 |
| Ratio of expenses to average net assets | 2.51% | 2.33% | 2.28% | 2.13% | 1.84% ⁽⁸⁾ |
| Ratio of net investment income to average net assets | 4.05% | 3.90% | 2.50% | 5.04% | 6.34% ⁽⁸⁾ |
| Ratio of interest expense to average net assets | 0.64% | 0.45% | 0.41% | 0.30% | 0.13% ⁽⁸⁾ |
| Borrowings outstanding (000's) | \$ 37,500 | \$ 37,500 | \$ 37,500 | \$ 37,500 | \$ 37,500 |
| Asset coverage per \$1,000 of indebtedness ⁽⁹⁾ | \$ 5,984 | \$ 5,409 | \$ 5,478 | \$ 5,353 | \$ 6,212 |
| Portfolio turnover rate | 166% | 100% | 96% | 85% | 46% ⁽⁷⁾ |

(1) Commencement of Operations.

(2) Information presented relates to a share of common stock outstanding for the entire period. Calculated using average shares outstanding method.

(3) Represents the dilution per common share from offering costs for the period from November 24, 2014 through October 31, 2015.

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- (4) Represents the premium on the at the market offering of \$0.076, \$0.046 and \$0.005 per share, respectively, less underwriting and offering costs of \$0.028, \$0.027 and \$0.001, respectively, per share for the years ended October 31, 2019, October 31, 2018 and October 31, 2017.
- (5) Total investment return is calculated assuming a purchase of common stock at the beginning of the period (or initial public offering price) and a sale at the closing price on the last day of the period reported (excluding brokerage commissions). The calculation also assumes reinvestment of distributions at actual prices pursuant to the Fund's dividend reinvestment plan.
- (6) Total investment return is calculated assuming a purchase of common stock at the net asset value at the beginning of the period (or initial public offering price) and a sale at the net asset value on the last day of the period reported. The calculation also assumes reinvestment of distributions at actual prices pursuant to the Fund's dividend reinvestment plan.
- (7) Not annualized.
- (8) Annualized.
- (9) Asset coverage per \$1,000 indebtedness is calculated by subtracting the Fund's liabilities and indebtedness not represented by senior securities from the Fund's total assets, dividing the result by the aggregate amount of the Fund's senior securities representing indebtedness then outstanding, and multiplying the result by 1,000.

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1. Organization

Miller/Howard High Income Equity Fund (the "Fund") was formed as a Delaware statutory trust on April 21, 2011, and is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "1940 Act") as a closed-end, diversified management investment company. The Fund is managed by Miller/Howard Investments, Inc. ("Adviser"). The Fund commenced operations on November 24, 2014. The Fund's stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "HIE."

The Fund will terminate on November 24, 2024, absent shareholder approval to extend such term. If the Fund's Board of Trustees ("Board") believes that under the current market conditions it is in the best interest of the Fund's shareholders to do so, the Board may extend the termination date for one year, to November 24, 2025, without a shareholder vote upon the affirmative vote of three-quarters of the Board's trustees then in office.

The Fund's primary investment objective is to seek a high level of current income. As a secondary objective the Fund seeks capital appreciation when consistent with its primary investment objective. There can be no assurance that the Fund will achieve its investment objectives. The Fund will attempt to achieve its investment objectives by investing, under normal market conditions, at least 80% of its total assets in dividend or distribution paying equity securities of U.S. companies and non-U.S. companies traded on U.S. exchanges.

2. Significant Accounting Policies

The following is a summary of significant accounting policies followed by the Fund in preparation of its financial statements. The policies are in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP"). The Fund is an investment company and, accordingly, follows the investment company accounting and reporting guidance of the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") Topic 946, *Investment Companies*.

A. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities, recognition of distribution income and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

B. Security Valuation

Portfolio securities are valued at their current market value determined on the basis of market quotations or, if market quotations are not readily available or are deemed unreliable, at "fair value" as determined in accordance with procedures established by and under the general supervision of the Fund's Board.

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In general, the market values of securities which are readily available and deemed reliable are determined as follows: securities listed on a national securities exchange (other than securities listed on the NASDAQ Stock Market, Inc. ("NASDAQ")) or on a foreign securities exchange are valued at the last sale price at the close of the exchange or foreign securities exchange. If there has been no sale on such day, the securities are valued at the mean price. Securities listed on more than one exchange are valued by reference to the principal exchange on which the securities are traded; securities listed only on NASDAQ are valued in accordance with the NASDAQ Official Closing Price; listed or over the counter ("OTC") market put or call options are valued at the mid level between the current bid and ask prices. If either a current bid or current ask price is unavailable, the Adviser will have discretion to determine the best valuation (e.g., last trade price in the case of listed options).

Other securities may be valued on the basis of prices provided by a pricing service or at a price obtained from one or more of the major broker-dealers. In cases where broker-dealer quotes are obtained, the Adviser may establish procedures whereby changes in market yields or spreads are used to adjust, on a daily basis, a recently obtained quoted price on a security.

Securities for which market quotations are not readily available (including restricted securities) or are deemed unreliable are valued at fair value. Factors considered in making this determination may include, but are not limited to, information obtained by contacting the issuer, analysts, and analysis of the issuer's financial statements or other available documents. In addition, the Fund may use fair value pricing for securities primarily traded in non-U.S. markets because most foreign markets close well before the Fund values its securities at 4:00 p.m., Eastern Time. The earlier close of these foreign markets gives rise to the possibility that significant events, including broad market moves, may have occurred in the interim and may materially affect the value of those securities.

C. Fair Value Measurement

Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. A three-tier hierarchy is utilized to maximize the use of observable market data and minimize the use of unobservable inputs and to establish classification of fair value measurements for disclosure purposes. Inputs refer broadly to the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability, including assumptions about risk. For example, market participants would consider the risk inherent in a particular valuation technique used to measure fair value, such as a pricing model, and/or the risk inherent in the inputs to the valuation technique. Inputs may be observable or unobservable. Observable inputs are inputs that reflect the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability and are developed based on market data obtained from sources independent of the reporting entity. Unobservable inputs are inputs that reflect the reporting entity's own assumptions about the assumptions market participants

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would use in pricing the asset or liability and are developed based on the best information available in the circumstances. The three-tier hierarchy of inputs is summarized in the three broad levels listed below.

Level 1 – quoted prices in active markets for identical securities

Level 2 – other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar securities, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, etc.)

Level 3 – significant unobservable inputs (including the Fund's own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments)

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

The inputs used to measure fair value may fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy. In such cases, for disclosure purposes, the level in the fair value hierarchy within which the fair value measurement falls in its entirety is determined based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety.

As of October 31, 2019, the Fund's assets and liabilities carried at value were classified as follows:

| Investments in Securities ^(a) | Total | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Assets | | | | |
| Common Stock | \$ 156,395,894 | \$ 156,395,894 | \$ — | \$ — |
| Master Limited Partnerships | 45,279,409 | 45,279,409 | — | — |
| Real Estate Investment Trusts | 12,147,690 | 12,147,690 | — | — |
| Short-Term Investment ^(b) | 6,709,591 | 6,709,591 | — | — |
| Investments Purchased as Securities | | | | |
| Lending Collateral ^(c) | 59,388,260 | — | — | — |
| Total Investment in Securities | \$ 279,920,844 | \$ 220,532,584 | \$ — | \$ — |
| Liabilities | | | | |
| Written Options | \$ 812,444 | \$ 812,444 | \$ — | \$ — |

(a) All industry classifications are identified in the Schedule of Investments.

(b) Short-term investment is a sweep investment for cash balances in the Fund at October 31, 2019.

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(c) Certain investments that are measured at fair value using the net asset value per share (or its equivalent) have not been categorized in the fair value hierarchy in accordance with ASC 820. The fair value amounts presented in the table are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the amounts presented in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

The Fund did not hold any Level 2 or Level 3 Securities during the year ended October 31, 2019.

D. Security Transactions and Investment Income

Security transactions are accounted for on the date the securities are purchased or sold (trade date). Realized gains and losses are reported on a specific identified cost basis. Interest income is recognized on the accrual basis. Dividend income and distributions are recognized on the ex-dividend date, and withholding taxes on foreign dividends have been provided for in accordance with the Fund's understanding of the applicable country's tax rules and rates.

The Fund may hold the securities of real estate investments trusts ("REITs"). Distributions from such investments may include income, capital gains and return of capital. The Fund may also hold the securities of master limited partnerships ("MLPs"). Distributions from such investments may include income and return of capital. The actual character of amounts received during the year is not known until after the REIT and MLP fiscal year ends. The Fund records the character of distributions received from REITs and MLPs during the year based on estimates available. The characterization of distributions received by the Fund may be subsequently revised based on the information received from the REITs and MLPs after their tax reporting periods conclude.

E. Foreign Currency Translation

The books and records of the Fund are maintained in U.S. dollars. Foreign currency transactions are translated into U.S. dollars on the following basis: (i) market value of investment securities, assets and liabilities at the daily rates of exchange, and (ii) purchases and sales of investment securities, dividend and interest income, and certain expenses at the rates of exchange prevailing on the respective dates of such transactions. For financial reporting purposes, the Fund does not isolate changes in the exchange rate of investment securities from the fluctuations arising from changes in the market prices of securities. However, for Federal income tax purposes, the Fund does isolate and treat as ordinary income the effect of changes in foreign exchange rates on realized gain or loss from the sale of investment securities, and payables and receivables arising from trade-date and settlement-date differences.

F. Dividends and Distributions to Shareholders

The Fund intends to make regular monthly cash distributions of all or a portion of its investment company taxable income (which includes ordinary income and short-term capital gains) to common shareholders. The Fund also intends to make annual distributions of its "net capital gain" (which is the excess of net long-term capital gains over net short-term capital losses). The Fund will pay common shareholders annually at least 90% of its investment company taxable income. Various factors will affect the level of the Fund's investment company taxable income,

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such as its asset mix. To permit the Fund to maintain more stable monthly distributions, the Fund may from time to time distribute less than the entire amount of income earned in a particular period, which would be available to supplement future distributions. As a result, the distributions paid by the Fund for any particular monthly period may be more or less than the amount of income actually earned by the Fund during that period.

Dividends from net investment income and distributions from realized gains from investment transactions have been determined in accordance with Federal income tax regulations and may differ from net investment income and realized gains recorded by the Fund for financial reporting purposes. These differences, which could be temporary or permanent in nature may result in reclassification of distributions; however, net investment income, net realized gains and losses, and net assets are not affected.

G. Federal Income Taxation

The Fund has elected to be treated as, and to qualify each year for special tax treatment afforded to, a regulated investment company ("RIC") under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC"). In order to qualify as a RIC, the Fund must, among other things, satisfy income, asset diversification and distribution requirements. As long as it so qualifies, the Fund will not be subject to U.S. federal income tax to the extent that it distributes annually its investment company taxable income and its net capital gain. The Fund intends to distribute at least annually all or substantially all of such income and gain. If the Fund retains any investment company taxable income or net capital gain, it will be subject to U.S. federal income tax on the retained amount at regular corporate tax rates. In addition, if the Fund fails to qualify as a RIC for any taxable year, it will be subject to U.S. federal income tax on all of its income and gains at regular corporate tax rates.

H. Derivative Financial Instruments

The Fund provides disclosure regarding derivatives and hedging activity to allow investors to understand how and why the Fund uses derivatives, how derivatives are accounted for, and how derivative instruments affect the Fund's results of operations and financial position.

The Fund occasionally sells ("writes") put options on securities already held in its portfolio or securities that are candidates for inclusion in the portfolio. The strategy is designed to provide the Fund with the ability to acquire securities that the Adviser is interested in at attractive valuations while generating realized gains from premiums as a means to enhance distributions.

The Fund may occasionally purchase put options. A purchaser of a put option has the right, but not the obligation, to sell the underlying instrument at an agreed upon price ("strike price") to the option seller.

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The Fund occasionally sells (“writes”) call options on securities already held in its portfolio. The strategy is designed to generate realized gains from premiums as a means to enhance distributions.

The Fund may occasionally purchase call options. A purchaser of a call option has the right, but not the obligation, to purchase the underlying instrument at the strike price from the option seller.

Written Options – Premiums received by the Fund for written options are included in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. The amount of the liability is adjusted daily to reflect the fair value of the written option and any change in fair value is recorded as unrealized appreciation (depreciation). Premiums received from written options that expire are treated as realized gains. The Fund records a realized gain (loss) on written options based on whether the cost of the closing transaction exceeds the premium received. If a call option is exercised by the option buyer, the premium received by the Fund is added to the proceeds from the sale of the underlying security to the option buyer and compared to the cost of the closing transaction to determine whether there has been a realized gain or loss. If a put option is exercised by an option buyer, the premium received by the option seller reduces the cost basis of the purchased security.

Written uncovered call options subject the Fund to unlimited risk of loss. Written covered call options limit the upside potential of a security above the strike price. Put options written subject the Fund to risk of loss if the value of the security declines below the exercise price.

Purchased Options – Premiums paid by the Fund for purchased options are included in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities as an investment. The option is adjusted daily to reflect the fair value of the option and any change in fair value is recorded as unrealized appreciation or depreciation of investments. If the option is allowed to expire, the Fund will lose the entire premium paid and record a realized loss for the premium amount. Premiums paid for purchased options which are exercised or closed are added to the amounts paid or offset against the proceeds on the underlying investment transaction to determine the realized gain/loss or cost basis of the security.

The Fund has adopted the disclosure provision of FASB ASC 815, Derivatives and Hedging. ASC 815 requires enhanced disclosures about the Fund’s use of and accounting for derivative instruments and the effect of derivative instruments on the Fund’s results of operations and financial position. Tabular disclosure regarding derivative fair value and gain/loss by contract type (e.g., interest rate contracts, foreign exchange contracts, credit contracts, etc.) is required and derivatives accounted for as hedging instruments under ASC 815 must be disclosed

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separately from those that do not qualify for hedge accounting. Even though the Fund may use derivatives in an attempt to achieve an economic hedge, the Fund's derivatives are not accounted for as hedging instruments under ASC 815.

The following table presents the types and fair value of derivatives by location as presented on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities at October 31, 2019:

| Derivatives not accounted for as hedging instruments under ASC 815 | Liabilities | |
|--|---------------------------|------------|
| | Location | Value |
| Written equity options | Options written, at value | \$ 812,444 |

The following table presents the effect of derivatives on the Statement of Operations for the year ended October 31, 2019:

| Derivatives not accounted for as hedging instruments under ASC 815 | Location of Gains (Losses) on Derivatives | Net Realized Gain (Loss) on Derivatives | Net Change in Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation) on Derivatives |
|--|---|---|---|
| Written equity options | Options | \$ 5,088,623 | \$ 372,994 |

The average notional value of written options for the Fund for the year ended October 31, 2019 was \$26,751,325.

I. New Accounting Pronouncements

In August 2018, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Accounting Standards Update 2018-13 "Changes to the Disclosure Requirements for Fair Value Measurement" which modifies disclosure requirements for fair value measurements. The guidance is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2019 and for interim periods within those fiscal years. Management is currently evaluating the impact of this guidance to the Fund.

3. Concentration of Risk

The Fund's investment objective is to seek a high level of current income. Under normal conditions, the Fund will have at least 80% of its total assets (including any assets obtained through leverage) invested in dividend or distribution paying equity securities of U.S. companies and non-U.S. companies traded on U.S. exchanges. Equity securities the Fund may invest in include common stocks, preferred stocks, convertible securities, warrants, depository receipts and equity interests in trust and other entities. The Fund may also invest up to 25% of its total assets in securities of MLPs.

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4. Agreements and Related Party Transactions

The Fund has entered into an Investment Advisory Agreement (the "Agreement") with the Adviser. Under the terms of the Agreement, the Fund pays the Adviser a fee equal to an annual rate of 1.00% of the Fund's average weekly Managed Assets (defined as the average weekly total assets minus all accrued expenses incurred in the normal course of operations other than liabilities or obligations attributable to investment leverage, including, without limitation, investment leverage obtained through (i) indebtedness of any type (including, without limitation, borrowing through a credit facility or the issuance of debt securities), (ii) the issuance of preferred stock or other similar preference securities and/or (iii) the reinvestment of collateral received for securities loaned in accordance with the Fund's investment objectives and policies). The Adviser earned \$2,136,484 in advisory fees for the year ended October 31, 2019.

U.S. Bank Global Fund Services serves as the Fund's administrator and fund accountant.

American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC serves as the Fund's transfer agent, registrar and dividend disbursing agent and agent for the automatic dividend reinvestment plan.

U.S. Bank, N.A. serves as the Fund's custodian.

One of the Fund's Trustees is an employee of the Adviser.

5. Income Taxes

The Fund intends to continue to qualify as a regulated investment company under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code and distribute all or substantially all of its taxable income. Accordingly, no provision for federal income taxes is included in the financial statements.

The tax character of dividends paid to shareholders during the years ended October 31 was as follows:

| | Ordinary Income | Net Long Term Capital Gains | Return of Capital | Total Distributions Paid |
|------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| 2018 | \$6,189,717 | \$— | \$13,267,688 | \$19,457,405 |
| 2019 | \$4,808,774 | \$— | \$17,912,244 | \$22,721,018 |

The amount and character of income and capital gain distribution to be paid, if any, are determined in accordance with federal income tax regulations, which may differ from U.S. GAAP. These differences could be temporary or permanent in nature. To the extent these differences are permanent in nature, such differences are reclassified at the end of the fiscal year among accumulated losses and paid-in capital. Accordingly, on October 31, 2019, accumulated losses were increased by \$257,560 and paid-in capital was decreased by \$257,560. This reclassification has no effect on the net assets of the Fund.

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The following information is provided on a tax basis as of October 31, 2019:

| | |
|--|------------------------|
| Cost of investments | <u>\$ 287,251,401</u> |
| Unrealized appreciation | \$ 10,642,868 |
| Unrealized depreciation | <u>(18,785,964)</u> |
| Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) | <u>(8,143,096)</u> |
| Undistributed ordinary income | — |
| Undistributed long term gains | <u>—</u> |
| Distributable earnings | — |
| Other accumulated gain/(loss) | <u>(50,605,387)</u> |
| Total accumulated gain/(loss) | <u>\$ (58,748,483)</u> |

Unused net capital losses are available to offset future realized gains, without expiration. The Fund has \$50,605,387 of unused net capital losses at October 31, 2019, which are treated as arising on the first day of the Fund's next tax year.

The Fund recognizes the tax benefits of uncertain tax positions only where the position is "more likely than not" to be sustained assuming examination by tax authorities. Management has analyzed the Fund's tax positions, and has concluded that no liability for unrecognized tax benefits should be recorded related to uncertain tax positions expected to be taken on U.S. tax returns and state tax returns of the Fund. All tax years since commencement of operations remain subject to examination by the tax authorities in the United States. The Fund is not aware of any tax positions for which it is reasonably possible that the total amounts of unrecognized tax benefits will change materially in the next 12 months. It is the Fund's policy to record interest and penalties related to uncertain tax benefits as a component of income taxes, as appropriate.

6. Investment Transactions

For the year ended October 31, 2019, the Fund purchased (at cost) and sold securities (proceeds received) in the amount of \$364,353,406 and \$342,175,464 (excluding short-term securities), respectively.

7. Common Stock

The Fund has unlimited shares of capital stock authorized and 17,723,812 shares outstanding at October 31, 2019. Transactions in common stock for the year ended October 31, 2019, were as follows:

| | |
|--|-------------------|
| Shares at October 31, 2018 | 14,984,100 |
| Shares sold through at the market offering | 2,713,146 |
| Shares issued through dividend reinvestments | <u>26,566</u> |
| Shares at October 31, 2019 | <u>17,723,812</u> |

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8. Special Custody Account Agreement

On September 19, 2017, the Fund entered into a \$50,000,000 Special Custody Account Agreement ("Agreement") with Interactive Brokers LLC ("Interactive Brokers"). The following shows the key terms of this agreement:

| <u>Loan Amount</u> | <u>Interest Rate</u> |
|----------------------------|--|
| \$0-\$100,000 | Federal Funds Rate + 1.50% |
| \$100,000.01-\$1,000,000 | Federal Funds Rate + 1.00% |
| \$1,000,000.01-\$3,000,000 | Federal Funds Rate + 0.50% |
| \$3,000,000.01+ | Greater of 0.50% or Federal Funds Rate + 0.30% |

The average principal balance and interest rate for the year ended October 31, 2019 were \$37,500,000 and 2.60%, respectively. At October 31, 2019, the principal balance outstanding was \$37,500,000 at an interest rate of 1.91%. The Fund may borrow up to an additional \$12,500,000 under the Agreement.

Under the terms of the Agreement, the outstanding principal balance must be collateralized with securities of the Fund in an amount as specified in the Agreement. In addition, the Fund must maintain asset coverage required under the 1940 Act. If the Fund fails to maintain the required asset coverage, it may be required to repay a portion of an outstanding balance until the coverage requirement has been met. At October 31, 2019, the Fund was in compliance with the terms of the Agreement.

9. Securities Lending

The Fund may lend up to 33 1/3% of the value of the securities in its portfolio to brokers, dealers and financial institutions (but not individuals) under terms of participation in a securities lending program administered by U.S. Bank N.A. ("the Custodian"). The securities lending agreement requires that loans are collateralized at all times in an amount equal to at least 102% of the value of any loaned securities at the time of the loan, plus accrued interest. The fund receives income from securities lending from fees paid to the Fund by the borrowers and/or from the reinvestment of the cash collateral. Funds typically compensate their lending agents with a share of the revenue generated by the lending program, and may pay lending agents an additional fee for managing the cash collateral reinvestment. The amount of security lending income depends on a number of factors including the type of security and length of the loan. The Fund continues to receive dividends on the securities loaned during the borrowing period. Gain or loss in the fair value of securities loaned that may occur during the term of the loan will be for the account of the Fund. The Fund has the right under the terms of the securities lending agreement to recall the securities from the borrower on demand. The cash collateral is invested by the Custodian in accordance with approved investment guidelines. Those guidelines require the cash collateral to be invested in readily marketable, high quality, short-term obligations;

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however, such investments are subject to risk of payment delays or default on the part of the issuer or counterparty or otherwise may not generate sufficient interest to support the cost associated with lending. The Fund could also experience delays in recovering its securities and possible loss of income or value if the borrower fails to return the borrowed securities, although the Fund is indemnified from these risks by contract with the Custodian.

As of October 31, 2019, the value of securities on loan and payable for collateral due to broker were \$57,289,712 and \$59,388,260, respectively.

The cash collateral received was invested in the Mount Vernon Liquid Assets Portfolio, LLC ("Portfolio") as shown on the Schedule of Investments. The Portfolio is a private fund that invests in high-quality, short term investments, similar to a money market fund. However, the Portfolio is not registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") and is not required to meet the regulatory requirements of a money market fund registered with the SEC. The Portfolio is only offered to participants in the Custodian's security lending program.

10. Indemnifications

Under the Fund's organizational documents, its officers and trustees are indemnified against certain liabilities arising out of the performance of their duties to the Fund. In addition, in the normal course of business, the Fund may enter into contracts that provide general indemnification to other parties. The Fund's maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown, as this would involve future claims that may be made against the Fund that have not yet occurred, and may not occur.

11. Subsequent Events

In preparing these financial statements, the Fund has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure resulting from subsequent events after the Statements of Assets and liabilities date of October 31, 2019 through the date the financial statements were issued. This evaluation did not result in any subsequent events that necessitated disclosure and/or adjustments.

**To the shareholders and the Board of Trustees of
Miller/Howard High Income Equity Fund:**

Opinion on the Financial Statements and Financial Highlights

We have audited the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities of Miller/Howard High Income Equity Fund (the "Fund"), including the schedule of investments, as of October 31, 2019, the related statements of operations and cash flows for the year then ended, the statements of changes in net assets for each of the two years in the period then ended, the financial highlights for the years ended October 31, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, and the period from November 24, 2014 (commencement of operations) through October 31, 2015, and the related notes. In our opinion, the financial statements and financial highlights present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Miller/Howard High Income Equity Fund as of October 31, 2019, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended, the changes in its net assets for each of the two years in the period then ended, and the financial highlights for the years ended October 31, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016 and the period from November 24, 2014 (commencement of operations) through October 31, 2015 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

These financial statements and financial highlights are the responsibility of the Fund's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Fund's financial statements and financial highlights based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB) and are required to be independent with respect to the Fund in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements and financial highlights are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. The Fund is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. As part of our audits we are required to obtain an understanding of internal control over financial reporting but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion.

Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements and financial highlights, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements and financial highlights. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant

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estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements and financial highlights. Our procedures included confirmation of securities owned as of October 31, 2019, by correspondence with the custodian and brokers; when replies were not received from brokers, we performed other auditing procedures. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

December 20, 2019

We have served as the auditor of one or more of Miller/Howard Investments Inc.'s investment companies since 2014.

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Trustees and Officer Compensation

The Fund does not compensate any of its trustees who are “interested persons,” as defined in Section 2(a)(19) of the 1940 Act. For the year ended October 31, 2019, the aggregate compensation paid by the Fund to the independent trustees was \$104,500. The Fund did not pay any special compensation to any of its trustees or officers.

Forward-Looking Statements

This report contains “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. By their nature, all forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties, and actual results could differ materially from those contemplated by the forward-looking statements. Several factors that could materially affect the Fund’s actual results are the performance of the portfolio of investments held by it, the conditions in the U.S. and international financial markets, the price at which shares of the Fund will trade in the public markets and other factors discussed in filings with the SEC.

Proxy Voting Policies

The Board of Trustees of the Fund has delegated the voting of proxies for Fund securities to the Adviser pursuant to the Adviser’s proxy voting policies and procedures. Under these policies and procedures, the Adviser will vote proxies related to Fund securities in the best interests of the Fund and its shareholders.

A description of the policies and procedures the Fund used to determine how to vote proxies relating to portfolio securities owned by the Fund is available without charge upon request by calling the Fund at (845) 679-9166. Information regarding how the Fund voted the proxies related to the portfolio of securities during the period ending June 30 is available without charge by accessing this information on the SEC’s web site at www.sec.gov.

Form N-Q

The Fund files its completed schedule of portfolio holdings for the first and third quarters of each fiscal year with the SEC on Form N-Q. The Fund’s Form N-Q is available without charge upon request by calling the Fund at (845) 679-9166 or by visiting the SEC’s web site at www.sec.gov.

Prospectus and Statement of Additional Information (“SAI”)

The SAI includes additional information about the Fund and is available upon request without charge by calling the Fund at (845) 679-9166 or by visiting the SEC’s web site at www.sec.gov.

Repurchase of Securities

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 23(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 that the Fund may from time to time purchase its shares of common stock in the open market when Fund shares are trading at a discount from their net asset value.

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Certifications

The Fund's President submitted to the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") the annual CEO certification as required by Section 303A.12(a) of the NYSE Listed Fund Manual.

Net Asset Value

The Net Asset Value per share appears in Barron's Mutual Funds/Closed End Funds section under the heading "World Equity Funds." The Nasdaq symbol for the Net Asset Value per share is "XHIEX." The Net Asset Value per share may be obtained each day by calling the Fund at (845) 679-9166.

Tax Information

The Fund designates 100% of its ordinary income distribution for the year ended October 31, 2018 as qualified dividend income and 100% of the dividends paid from net ordinary income qualify for the dividends received reduction available to corporate stockholders and 0% of its taxable ordinary income distributions as short-term capital gain distributions under Internal Revenue Section 871(k)(2)(C).

Automatic Dividend Reinvestment Plan (the "Fund's Plan")

Many of you have questions about the Fund's Automatic Dividend Reinvestment Plan. We urge shareholders who want to take advantage of the Fund's Plan and whose shares are held in "Street Name," to consult your financial advisor about participating in the Fund's Plan. Under the Fund's Automatic Dividend Reinvestment Plan, a shareholder whose common shares are registered in his or her own name will have all distributions reinvested automatically by American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC, the Fund's Transfer Agent, unless the shareholder elects to receive cash. Distributions with respect to shares registered in the name of a broker dealer or other nominee (that is, in "street name") will be reinvested by the broker or nominee in additional shares under the Fund's Plan, unless the service is not provided by the broker or nominee or the shareholder elects to receive dividends and distributions in cash. Investors who own common shares registered in street name should consult their broker-dealers for details regarding reinvestment. A participant in the Fund's Plan may elect to receive all dividends in cash by contacting American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC (the "Plan agent") in writing at the address specified on the back cover or by calling the Plan agent at 1(800) 278-4353. Under the Fund's Plan, whenever the market price of the common shares, including brokerage commissions, is equal to or exceeds net asset value at the time shares are valued for purposes of determining the number of shares equivalent to the cash distribution, participants in the Fund's Plan will receive newly issued common shares. The number of shares to be issued will be computed at a per share rate equal to the greater of (i) the net asset value as most recently determined or (ii) 95% of the then-current market price of the common shares. The valuation date is the distribution payment date or, if that date is not a trading day on the NYSE, the next trading day. If the net asset value of the common shares at the time of valuation exceeds the market price of the common shares, participants will receive shares purchased by the Fund's

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Plan agent in the open market. If the Fund should declare a distribution payable only in cash, the Plan agent will buy the common shares for the Fund's Plan in the open market, on the NYSE or elsewhere, for the participants' accounts, except that the Plan agent will terminate purchases in the open market and instead the Fund will distribute newly issued shares at a per share rate equal to the greater of net asset value or 95% of market value if, following the commencement of such purchases, the market value of the common shares plus estimated brokerage commissions exceeds net asset value. The automatic reinvestment of dividends and other distributions will not relieve participants of any U.S. federal, state or local income tax that may be payable (or required to be withheld) on such dividends or other distributions.

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Trustees and Officers

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| Name, Age and Address | Position(s) Held with Fund | Term of Office and Length of Time Served | Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years | Number of Portfolios in Fund Complex ⁽¹⁾ Overseen by Director | Other Directorships/ Trusteeships Held |
|--|--------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Independent Trustee | | | | | |
| James E. Hillman (Born March 1957) P.O. Box 549 10 Dixon Ave., Woodstock, NY 12498 | Lead Independent Trustee | Since 2014 Three-year term | CFO and Treasurer, Notre Dame School; Former Director and PFO, Bank of America Merrill Lynch (2006-2011) | 3 | Value Line Mid Cap Focused Fund, Inc. Value Line Income and Growth Fund, Inc. Value Line Premier Growth Fund, Inc. Value Line Larger Companies Focused Fund, Inc. Value Line Centurion Fund, Inc. The Value Line Tax Exempt Fund, Inc. Value Line Core Bond Fund Value Line Small Cap Opportunities Fund, Inc. Value Line Asset Allocation Fund, Inc. Value Line Funds Investment Trust Value Line Defensive Strategies Fund Value Line Funds Variable Trust Value Line Strategic Asset Management Trust Value Line VIP Equity Advantage Fund |

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|---|-----------------------------------|---|--|--|---|
| Roger Conrad (Born July 1961) P.O. Box 549 10 Dixon Ave., Woodstock, NY 12498 | Independent Trustee | Since 2014 Three-year term | Managing Director and Editor, Capitalist Times LLC; Managing Director, Halcyon Capital LLC; prior to January 2014, Investment Manager and Investment Committee Member, Leeb Capital Management; prior to April 2013, Editor, Investing Daily | 3 | None |
| Charles I. Leone (Born July 1961) P.O. Box 549 10 Dixon Ave., Woodstock, NY 12498 | Independent Trustee | Since 2014 Three-year term | CFO and CCO of Oribel Capital Management, L.P. and related affiliates; CFO and CCO, Taurasi Capital Management LLC and Taurasi Capital GP LLC (2012-2015); prior to 2012, CFO and COO, CACEIS (USA) Inc. | 3 | None |

Interested Trustees and Officer

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|---|--|-------------------------------|---|---|------|
| Lowell G. Miller (Born July 1948) P.O. Box 549 10 Dixon Ave., Woodstock, NY 12498 | Chairman of the Board and President, Trustee | Since 2014 Three-year term | Chief Investment Officer, Miller/Howard Investments Inc.; Chairman of the Board, Miller/Howard Funds Trust; Chief Investment Officer, MHI Funds, LLC. | 3 | None |
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⁽¹⁾ The "Fund Complex" includes each registered investment company for which the Adviser serves as an investment adviser. As of October 31, 2019, there were three funds in the Fund Complex.

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| Name, Age and Address | Position(s) Held with Fund | Term of Office and Length of Time Served | Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years |
|---|-----------------------------------|---|---|
| Officers | | | |
| Brian Helhoski (Born September 1966) P.O. Box 549 10 Dixon Ave., Woodstock, NY 12498 | Chief Financial Officer | Since 2019 | Chief Financial Officer, Miller/Howard Investments, Inc. (since 2018), Controller, Miller/Howard Investments, Inc. (2016-2018), Controller, SunWize Technologies/EcoClean Solar (Prior to 2016) |
| Catherine M. Johnston (Born October 1983) P.O. Box 549 10 Dixon Ave., Woodstock, NY 12498 | Secretary | Since 2019 | Head of Marketing/Fund Administrator, Miller/Howard Investments, Inc. (Since 2019; Portfolio Specialist, Miller/Howard Investments, Inc. (Since 2016); Product Analyst, AllianceBernstein (2006-2016) |
| John E. Leslie III (Born February 1960) P.O. Box 549 10 Dixon Ave., Woodstock, NY 12498 | Vice President | Since 2014 | Portfolio Manager/Research Analyst, Miller/Howard Investments Inc.; Vice President, Miller/Howard Funds Trust |
| Charles Atkins (Born March 1975) P.O. Box 549 10 Dixon Ave., Woodstock, NY 12498 | Chief Compliance Officer | Since 2018 | Chief Compliance Officer, MHI Funds, LLC; Chief Compliance Officer, Miller/Howard Investments Inc.; Prior to 2018, Director of Performance and Data Analytics, Miller/Howard Investments, Inc. |

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Privacy Policy

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Privacy Policy

In order to conduct its business, Miller/Howard High Income Equity Fund, through its transfer agent, American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC, collects and maintains certain nonpublic personal information about its shareholders of record with respect to transactions in shares of the Fund's securities. This information includes the shareholder's name and address, taxpayer identification number, share ownership and/or history, and dividend elections. The Fund does not collect or maintain personal information about its shareholders whose shares are held in "street name" by a financial institution such as a bank or broker.

The Fund does not disclose any nonpublic personal information about the Fund's shareholders or former shareholders to third parties unless necessary to process a transaction, service an account or as otherwise permitted by law.

To protect your personal information, the Fund restricts access to nonpublic personal information about the Fund's shareholders to those employees who need to know that information to provide services to the Fund's shareholders. The Fund also maintains physical, electronic and procedural safeguards to protect your nonpublic personal information.

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Board Consideration and Approval of Investment Advisory Agreement (Unaudited)

At a Board Meeting held on September 16, 2019, the Board of Trustees of the Fund (the "Trustees") approved the current Investment Advisory Agreement between the Fund and the Adviser (the "Agreement").

In determining whether to approve the Agreement, the Trustees, including all of the Independent Trustees, during the course of the Board Meetings held on September 16, 2019 reviewed and considered, among other items: (1) a review of the Trustees' fiduciary duties and responsibilities and the factors the Trustees should consider in evaluating of the Agreement (2) information regarding the investment performance of the Fund and performance information for the Fund's relevant peer group; (3) information comparing the Fund's Advisory fees and expenses to those of its relevant peer group; (4) the Adviser's complete Form ADV; (5) information concerning the Advisers' financial condition including the Advisers' most recent audited financial statements, business, operations, portfolio management teams, and succession planning strategies; and (6) presentations by representatives of the Adviser describing (i) the nature, extent and quality of the Adviser's services to be provided to the Fund; (ii) the experience and qualifications of the personnel providing those services, (iii) the Adviser's performance information for other Miller/Howard products; (iv) the Adviser's assets under management and client descriptions; (v) the Adviser's soft dollar commission and trade allocation policies, including information on the types of research and services obtained in connection with soft dollar commissions; (vi) the Advisory fee arrangements with the Fund and other clients advised by the Adviser; (vii) compliance program information; (viii) the Adviser's financial information and profitability analysis related to providing service to the Fund; (ix) fees and other benefits; (x) methodologies to allocate securities among the Fund and Miller/Howard's other clients; (xi) litigation; (xii) breakpoints; and (xiii) the extent to which economies of scale are relevant to the Fund. In determining whether to approve the Agreement, the Trustees, including the Independent Trustees, reviewed and considered the materials presented at the meeting. The Trustees discussed the materials and the Adviser's presentations and deliberated on the approval of the Agreement in light of this information. In their deliberations, the Trustees did not focus on any one piece of information that was all-important or controlling.

The Trustees, including the Independent Trustees, reached the following conclusions, among others, regarding the Adviser and the respective approvals: the Adviser has the capabilities, resources and personnel necessary to advise the Fund; the Trustees are satisfied with the quality of services to be provided by the Adviser in advising the Fund; the Advisory fee for the Fund is reasonable; the proposed total annual portfolio operating expenses to be paid by the Fund are reasonable; the profitability of the Adviser for Advisory services, based on the Advisory fees, seems reasonable; and the benefits derived by the Adviser from managing the Fund are reasonable.

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