



**BNY MELLON**  
SHAREOWNER SERVICES

Subsidiary Legal Entity

**Claymore/Guggenheim Strategic Opportunities Fund  
(NYSE: GOF)**

**Cusip: 18385X104**

Notice to Shareholders

We are pleased to report the payment of the Claymore/Guggenheim Strategic Opportunities Fund's (the "Fund") monthly distribution in the amount of \$0.154 per share payable on December 31, 2009 to shareholders of record on December 15, 2009. The Fund currently anticipates that \$0.125 per share, or 81.00%, of this distribution will consist of income and the remaining \$0.029 per share, or 19.00%, of this distribution would currently be classified as short-term capital gains. A final determination of the tax character of distributions paid by the Fund in 2009 will be reported to shareholders in January 2010 on Form 1099-DIV.

**THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON**  
Transfer Agent

December 2009