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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 August 31, 2009 to shareholders of record on August 14, 2009. The Fund currently anticipates that \$0.116 per share, or 75.36%, of this distribution will consist of income and the remaining \$0.038 per share, or 24.64%, of this distribution would currently be classified as return of capital. 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

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