

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20549

FORM N-Q

QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS OF REGISTERED  
MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY

Investment Company Act file number 811-21982  
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Claymore/Guggenheim Strategic Opportunities Fund  
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(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

2455 Corporate West Drive Lisle, IL 60532  
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(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

J. Thomas Futrell

2455 Corporate West Drive Lisle, IL 60532  
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(Name and address of agent for service)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (630) 505-3700  
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Date of fiscal year end: May 31  
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Date of reporting period: August 31, 2009  
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ITEM 1. SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS.  
Attached hereto.

CLAYMORE/GUGGENHEIM STRATEGIC OPPORTUNITIES FUND  
PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS  
AUGUST 31, 2009 (UNAUDITED)

PRINCIPAL AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION	OPTIONAL CALL PROVISION	VALUE
	LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS - 125.9%		
	CORPORATE BONDS - 18.5%		
	AIRLINES - 1.6%		
\$ 1,418,024	America West Airlines LLC, Ser. 011G, BB+, B1 7.100%, 4/2/21	N/A	\$ 1,106,058
301,819	Delta Air Lines, Inc., Ser. 02G1, BBB+, Ba2 6.718%, 1/2/23	N/A	242,964
843,876	Northwest Airlines Corp., Ser. 992A, A-, NR 7.575%, 3/1/19	N/A	700,417
			----- 2,049,439
	BANKS - 9.1%		
1,000,000	Agfirst Farm Credit Bank, A, NR 7.300%, 10/31/49 (a) (b)	10/5/09 @ 100.00	701,960
1,250,000	Barclays Bank PLC, NR, Baa2 6.278%, 12/29/49 (United Kingdom) (a) (c)	12/15/34 @ 100.00	838,050
1,200,000	BNP Paribas, A, Aa3 7.195%, 6/29/49 (France) (a) (b) (c)	6/25/37 @ 100.00	1,020,000
1,000,000	Credit Agricole SA, A-, Aa3 6.637%, 5/29/49 (France) (a) (b) (c)	5/31/17 @ 100.00	660,000
1,500,000	Farm Credit Bank, Ser. 1, NR, A2 7.561%, 11/29/49 (a) (c)	12/15/13 @ 100.00	1,021,695
1,000,000	Fifth Third Bancorp, BBB-, Baa2 8.250%, 3/1/38 (a)	N/A	888,362
1,000,000	KeyCorp Capital III, BB, Baa2 7.750%, 7/15/29 (a)	N/A	874,005
1,250,000	Mellon Capital IV, Ser. 1, A-, A1 6.244%, 6/20/49 (a) (c)	6/20/12 @ 100.00	912,500
1,250,000	Northgroup Preferred Capital Corp., A, A1 6.378%, 1/29/49 (a) (b) (c)	10/15/17 @ 100.00	1,018,963
700,000	PNC Preferred Funding Trust I, BBB, Baa2 8.700%, 2/19/49 (a) (b) (c)	3/15/13 @ 100.00	616,056
500,000	Rabobank Nederland NV, AA-, Aa2 11.000%, 12/29/49 (Netherlands) (b) (c)	6/30/19 @ 100.00	590,625
1,400,000	Royal Bank of Scotland Group PLC, CCC+, B3 7.640%, 3/31/49 (United Kingdom) (a) (c)	9/29/17 @ 100.00	616,000
1,250,000	State Street Capital Trust IV, BBB+, A2 1.629%, 6/15/37 (a) (d)	6/15/12 @ 100.00	780,594
1,250,000	US AgBank FCB, A, A2 6.110%, 4/29/49 (a) (b) (c)	7/10/12 @ 100.00	484,350
1,000,000	Wells Fargo Capital XIII, Ser. GMTN, A-, Ba3 7.700%, 12/29/49 (a) (c)	3/26/13 @ 100.00	870,000
			----- 11,893,160
	COMMERCIAL SERVICES - 0.2%		
250,000	R.R. Donnelley & Sons Co., BBB, Baa3 11.250%, 2/1/19 (a)	N/A	279,258
	DIVERSIFIED FINANCIAL SERVICES - 2.4%		
1,000,000	Hampton Roads PPV LLC, NR, Baa2 (b) 6.071%, 12/15/41	N/A	780,620
1,000,000	6.171%, 6/15/53	N/A	765,490
2,000,000	Svensk Exportkredit AB, A, Aa3 6.375%, 10/29/49 (Sweden) (a) (b)	9/27/09 @ 100.00	1,550,000
			----- 3,096,110
	ELECTRIC - 0.6%		
1,000,000	Wisconsin Energy Corp., BBB-, Baa1 6.250%, 5/15/67 (a) (c)	5/15/17 @ 100.00	790,000
	ENTERTAINMENT AND GAMING - 1.2%		
1,000,000	Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, NR, NR 6.350%, 10/1/15 (b)	N/A	932,880
500,000	Downstream Development Authority of the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma, B-, Caal 12.000%, 10/15/15 (b)	10/15/11 @ 109.00	316,250
500,000	Indianapolis Downs LLC & Capital Corp., CCC, Caa2 11.000%, 11/1/12 (b)	11/1/10 @ 105.50	355,000
			----- 1,604,130
	INSURANCE - 3.4%		
1,000,000	Allstate Corp. (The), BBB, Baa1 6.500%, 5/15/57 (a) (c)	5/15/37 @ 100.00	800,000
1,000,000	AXA SA, BBB+, Baa1 6.463%, 12/14/49 (France) (a) (b) (c)	12/14/18 @ 100.00	730,000
400,000	Blue Coast Ltd., Ser. A, B+, NR 10.144%, 12/8/10 (Cayman Islands) (b) (d) (e)	N/A	352,848
700,000	Blue Fin Ltd., BB+, NR		

1,000,000	4.948%, 4/10/12 (Cayman Islands) (a) (b) (d) (e) Metlife Capital Trust IV, BBB, Baal	4/08/10 @ 101.00	605,780
1,250,000	7.875%, 12/15/37 (a) (b) Progressive Corp. (The), A-, A2	12/15/32 @ 100.00	880,000
	6.700%, 6/15/37 (a) (c)	6/15/17 @ 100.00	1,004,693
			----- 4,373,321 -----
	TOTAL CORPORATE BONDS - 18.5% (Cost \$30,465,472)		----- 24,085,418 -----
	ASSET BACKED SECURITIES - 55.9%		
1,862,396	321 Henderson Receivables I LLC, Ser. 2007-3A, Class A, BBB, Baal, 6.150%, 10/15/48 (a) (b)		1,392,681
467,738	321 Henderson Receivables I LLC, Ser. 2008-1A, Class A, AAA, Aaa, 6.190%, 1/15/44 (a) (b)		367,469
500,000	321 Henderson Receivables I LLC, Ser. 2008-1A, Class B, AA, NR, 8.370%, 1/15/46 (a) (b)		348,765
500,000	321 Henderson Receivables I LLC, Ser. 2008-1A, Class C, A, NR, 9.360%, 1/15/48 (b)		374,055
500,000	321 Henderson Receivables I LLC, Ser. 2008-1A, Class D, BBB, NR, 10.810%, 1/15/50 (b)		402,450
2,605,263	Aircraft Lease Securitisation Ltd., Ser. 2007-1A, Class G3, A-, Baal		
1,599,810	0.536%, 5/10/32 (Jersey) (b) (d) Airplanes Pass Through Trust, Ser. 1R, Class A8, BB-, Baa3, 0.648%, 3/15/19 (d)		1,771,578
973,338	Applebee's Enterprises LLC, Ser. 2007-1A, Class A22A, AAA, Aa2, 6.427%, 12/20/37 (b)		824,865
7,500,000	ARES CLO Funds, Ser. 2007-12A, Class B, AA, A3, 1.393%, 11/25/20 (Cayman Islands) (b) (d)		4,275,000
635,902	Armstrong Loan Funding Ltd., Ser. 2008-1A, Class B, AAA, Aa3, 1.483%, 8/1/16 (Cayman Islands) (b) (d)		441,297
2,180,686	Aspen Funding I Ltd., Ser. 2002-1A, Class ALL, AAA, A2, 1.125%, 7/10/37 (Cayman Islands) (b) (d)		1,199,377
6,723,980	Aviation Capital Group Trust, Ser. 2003-2A, Class G1, A, Aa2 0.973%, 9/20/33 (b) (d)		4,236,108
5,000,000	Avis Budget Rental Car Funding AESOP LLC, Ser. 2009-1A, Class A, NR, A2 9.310%, 10/20/13 (a) (b)		4,999,058
100,000	Ballantyne Re PLC, Ser. 2006-1A, Class A2A, CC, Baal, 0.569%, 5/2/36 (b) (d)		18,000
2,000,000	Black Diamond CLO Ltd., Ser. 2006-1A, Class B, AA, Aa2, 0.886%, 4/29/19 (Cayman Islands) (a) (b) (d) (f)		1,671,080
2,000,000	Black Diamond CLO Ltd., Ser. 2006-1A, Class C, A, A2, 1.186%, 4/29/19 (Cayman Islands) (a) (b) (d) (f)		1,513,380
47,590	Blue Falcon, Ser. A-2, NR, NR, 5.460%, 12/25/16 (b)		46,882
1,955,390	Callidus Debt Partners Fund Ltd., Ser. 6A, Class A1T, AAA, A3, 0.763%, 10/23/21 (Cayman Islands) (b) (d) (f)		1,635,254
1,300,000	Capital Auto Receivables Asset Trust, Ser. 2007-1, Class B, NR, A1, 5.150%, 9/17/12		1,224,605
750,000	CapitalSource Commercial Loan Trust, Ser. 2006-2A, Class A1B, AAA, Aaa, 0.603%, 9/20/22 (b) (d) (f)		654,623
691,915	CapitalSource Commercial Loan Trust, Ser. 2006-2A, Class APT, AAA, Aaa, 0.513%, 9/20/22 (b) (d) (f)		636,357
635,317	CLI Funding LLC, Ser. 2006-1A, Class A, BBB, Baa3, 0.453%, 8/18/21 (b) (d)		420,396
1,242,435	Coronado CDO Ltd., Ser. 1X, Class A1, AA-, Baa2, 1.166%, 9/4/38 (Cayman Islands) (d)		695,764
46,948	Daimler Chrysler Master Owner Trust, Ser. 2006-A, Class A, BB-, B2, 0.303%, 11/15/11 (d)		46,722
3,760,000	Dominos Pizza Master Issuer LLC, Ser. 2007-1, Class A2, BBB-, Baa3, 5.261%, 4/25/37 (a) (b)		3,058,442
4,577,946	Duke Funding Ltd., Ser. 2003-5A, Class 1W, CCC, Caa2 1.018%, 8/7/33 (Cayman Islands) (b) (d)		1,370,637
3,000,000	Dunkin Securitization, Ser. 2006-1, Class A2, BBB-, Baa3, 5.779%, 6/20/31 (b)		2,889,660
1,000,000	Ford Credit Floorplan Master Owner Trust, Ser. 2006-4, Class B, BB, Baa3, 0.823%, 6/15/13 (a) (d)		866,345
1,000,000	Friedbergmilstein Private Capital Fund, Ser. 2004-1A, Class B2, AA, A3, 5.409%, 1/15/19 (Cayman Islands) (b) (f)		863,470
747,039	GE Commercial Loan Trust, Ser. 2006-1, Class A2, AAA, A3, 0.740%, 4/19/17 (a) (b) (d) (f)		618,589
500,000	GSAA Trust, Ser. 2007-5, Class 1F2A, CCC, B3,		

400,000	5.788%, 3/25/47 (a) (d) Harley-Davidson Motorcycle Trust, Ser. 2007-2, Class B, A, A3, 5.230%, 3/15/14	207,915
1,000,000	Harley-Davidson Motorcycle Trust, Ser. 2007-3, Class B, A, Baa3, 6.040%, 8/15/14	377,065
500,000	Helios Finance LP, Ser. 2007-S1, Class B1, BBB, Baa3 0.973%, 10/20/14 (Cayman Islands) (b) (d)	692,818
2,000,000	HFG Healthco-4 LLC, Ser. 2006-1A, Class A, NR, Aa2, 0.676%, 6/5/12 (b) (d)	425,000
2,000,000	IHOP Franchising LLC, Ser. 2007-1A, Class A1, BBB-, Baa2, 5.144%, 3/20/37 (a) (b)	1,301,900
448,909	Lease Investment Flight Trust, Ser. 1, Class A3, B+, Baa3, 0.703%, 7/15/16 (d) (f)	1,615,840
5,961	Merritt Funding Trust, Ser. 2005-2A, Class APT, AAA, Aaa, 0.729%, 7/15/15 (b) (d)	304,490
800,000	Mountain View Funding CLO, Ser. 2007-3A, Class A2, AAA, A2, 0.853%, 4/16/21 (Cayman Islands) (b) (d)	5,776
391,848	MRU Student Loan Trust, Ser. 2008-A, Class A1A, AAA, NR, 7.400%, 1/25/41 (b)	512,000
202,567	MRU Student Loan Trust, Ser. 2008-A, Class B, AA, NR, 6.004%, 1/25/41 (b) (d)	250,354
202,567	MRU Student Loan Trust, Ser. 2008-A, Class C, A, NR, 8.004%, 1/25/41 (b) (d)	87,800
1,211,075	Muzinich CBO II Ltd., Ser. A2-A, AA+, B1, 7.150%, 10/15/13 (Bermuda) (b) (f)	102,866
1,000,000	Nantucket CLO Ltd., Ser. 2006-1A, Class B, AA, Aa2, 0.827%, 11/24/20 (Cayman Islands) (b) (d) (f)	1,163,843
600,000	NuCO2 Funding LLC, Ser. 2008-1A, Class A1, NR, Baa2, 7.250%, 6/25/38 (b) (f)	826,280
179,388	Phoenix Funding Ltd., Ser. 2001-1, AA, Aa2, 0.959%, 4/15/13 (d) (f)	484,536
4,874,501	Preferred Term Securities XXIII Ltd., BBB-, B1 0.939%, 12/22/36 (Cayman Islands) (b) (d)	162,970
583,109	Railcar Leasing LLC, Ser. 1, Class A2, AA+, Aa2 7.125%, 1/15/13 (b)	1,803,565
1,500,000	Rosedale CLO Ltd., Ser. I-A, Class A1J, AAA, Baa1, 0.912%, 7/24/21 (Cayman Islands) (b) (d)	579,278
2,000,000	Sealane Trade Finance, Ser. 2007-1A, Class E, NR, NR, 15.393%, 11/25/12 (Cayman Islands) (a) (b) (d)	900,000
1,734,058	Sierra Receivables Funding Co., Ser. 2006-1A, Class A1, BBB, Baa3, 5.840%, 5/20/18 (a) (b)	1,594,740
211,489	Special Asset Facility, Ser. 2009-A, Class A, NR, NR, 9.000%, 2/20/25 (a) (b)	1,653,702
2,000,000	Stanfield Modena CLO Ltd., Ser. 2004-1A, Class C, A, Baa3, 1.859%, 9/22/16 (Cayman Islands) (a) (b) (d) (f)	207,745
600,000	Start CLO Ltd., Ser. 2006-2, Class C, AA-, Baa1 1.351%, 6/29/12 (Cayman Islands) (d)	1,379,080
1,000,000	Start CLO Ltd., Ser. 2006-2, Class D, BBB+, Baa3 2.451%, 6/29/12 (Cayman Islands) (d)	481,776
400,000	Start CLO Ltd., Ser. 2006-3A, Class C, A-, A1, 1.329%, 6/7/11 (Cayman Islands) (b) (d)	714,570
550,000	Start CLO Ltd., Ser. 2006-3A, Class D, BBB, Baa1, 2.379%, 6/7/11 (Cayman Islands) (b) (d)	339,464
500,000	Start CLO Ltd., Ser. 2007-4A, Class D, BBB+, Baa1, 2.154%, 12/26/11 (Cayman Islands) (a) (b) (d)	470,443
1,000,000	Start CLO Ltd., Ser. 2007-4A, Class E, BB+, Baa1, 4.204%, 12/26/11 (Cayman Islands) (a) (b) (d)	375,937
896,161	Structured Asset Securities Corp., Ser. 2007-BNC1, Class A2, CCC, NR, 1.366%, 10/25/37 (d) (f)	787,590
1,000,000	Swift Master Auto Receivables Trust, Ser. 2007-2, Class C, BBB-, Baa1, 2.273%, 10/15/12 (a) (d)	625,886
2,000,000	TCW Global Project Fund, Ser. 2004-1A, Class A1, NR, NR, 1.409%, 6/15/16 (Cayman Islands) (b) (d) (f)	720,000
2,000,000	TCW Global Project Fund, Ser. 2004-1A, Class B1, NR, NR, 2.459%, 6/15/16 (Cayman Islands) (b) (d) (f)	1,856,960
1,000,000	TCW Global Project Fund, Ser. 2005-1A, Class B2, A, NR, 5.793%, 9/1/17 (Cayman Islands) (b) (f)	1,363,740
190,386	TCW Select Loan Fund Ltd., Inc., Ser. 1A, Class A1, AAA, Aaa, 0.985%, 10/10/13 (Cayman Islands) (b) (d) (f)	768,239
2,349,000	Triton Container Finance LLC, Ser. 2006-1A, BBB, Baa2, 0.434%, 11/26/21 (b) (d)	189,337
4,000,000	Telos CLO Ltd., Ser. 2006-1A, Class A2, AAA, Aaa, 0.910%, 10/11/21 (Cayman Islands) (b) (d)	1,535,753
2,500,000	Telos CLO Ltd., Ser. 2006-1A, Class B, AA, Aa2, 1.000%, 10/11/21 (Cayman Islands) (b) (d)	2,080,000
1,300,000	Trafigura Securitisation Finance PLC, Ser. 2007-1, Class A, AAA, Aaa, 0.523%, 12/15/12 (Ireland) (d)	1,125,000
250,000	Wachovia Auto Loan Owner Trust, Ser. 2006-2A, Class D, BBB+, Baa3, 5.540%, 12/20/12 (b)	944,666
2,000,000	Wrightwood Capital Real Estate CDO Ltd., Ser. 2005-1A, Class A1, AAA, Aa3, 0.739%, 11/21/40 (Cayman Islands) (b) (d) (f)	191,717
		1,512,800
	TOTAL ASSET BACKED SECURITIES - 55.9%	72,866,198

(Cost \$74,725,566)

	COLLATERALIZED MORTGAGE OBLIGATIONS - 20.5%	
500,000	Banc of America Commercial Mortgage, Inc., Ser. 2003-2, Class G, A-, NR, 5.493%, 3/11/41 (b) (d)	262,722
1,000,000	Banc of America Commercial Mortgage, Inc., Ser. 2004-5, Class B, AA+, Aa2, 5.058%, 11/10/41 (a) (d)	530,008
600,000	Banc of America Commercial Mortgage, Inc., Ser. 2005-5, Class AJ, AAA, Aaa, 5.321%, 10/10/45 (a) (d)	374,775
1,500,000	Bear Stearns Commercial Mortgage Securities, Ser. 2005-PW10, Class AJ, AAA, NR, 5.618%, 12/11/40 (a) (d)	973,353
510,829	BNC Mortgage Loan Trust, Ser. 2007-4, Class A3A, AAA, NR, 0.516%, 11/25/37 (d) (f)	474,756
1,200,000	Citigroup Commercial Mortgage Trust, Ser. 2007-C6, Class AM, A, NR 5.888%, 12/10/49 (d)	786,230
500,000	Citigroup Commercial Mortgage Trust, Ser. 2004-C2, Class E, A-, A3, 5.023%, 10/15/41 (b) (d)	208,112
2,000,000	Citigroup/Deutsche Bank Commercial Mortgage Trust, Ser. 2005-CD1, Class AJ, AAA, Aaa, 5.399%, 7/15/44 (a) (d)	1,305,194
1,000,000	Commercial Mortgage Pass Through Certificates, Ser. 2006-CN2A, Class F, A, NR, 5.756%, 2/5/19 (a) (b) (d)	623,078
3,166,438	Countrywide Home Equity Loan Trust, Ser. 2004-S, Class 1A, CCC, B3, 0.513%, 2/15/30 (d)	1,246,312
1,678,394	Countrywide Home Loan Mortgage Pass Through Trust, Ser. 2005-HYB8, Class 4A1, B+, B2, 5.494%, 12/20/35 (d)	983,246
1,500,000	Credit Suisse Mortgage Capital Certificates, Ser. 2006-C3, Class AM, AAA, Aaa, 6.020%, 6/15/38 (a) (d)	894,600
1,425,000	CS First Boston Mortgage Securities Corp., Ser. 2005-TFLA, Class K, AAA, Aaa, 1.573%, 2/15/20 (a) (b) (d)	1,256,288
169,362	Deutsche ALT-A Securities, Inc., Alternate Loan Trust, Ser. 2006-AB4, Class A1A, CCC, Caal, 6.005%, 10/25/36 (d)	112,680
2,000,000	Greenwich Capital Commercial Funding Corp., Ser. 2005-GG3, Class AJ, AAA, Aa2, 4.859%, 8/10/42 (a) (d)	1,308,099
1,000,000	Greenwich Capital Commercial Funding Corp., Ser. 2005-GG5, Class AJ, BBB, Aaa, 5.478%, 4/10/37 (a) (d)	647,139
600,000	GS Mortgage Securities Corp. II, Ser. 2001-GL3A, Class E, NR, A3, 6.852%, 8/5/18 (b) (d)	475,682
942,256	Impac Secured Assets CMN Owner Trust, Ser. 2007-3, Class A1A, AAA, Caal, 0.376%, 9/25/37 (d)	567,865
1,668,147	Indymac Index Mortgage Loan Trust, Ser. 2006-AR9, Class 3A1, AAA, B3, 5.742%, 6/25/36 (d)	1,204,976
700,000	JP Morgan Chase Commercial Mortgage Securities Corp., Ser. 2002-C1, Class E, A-, A2, 6.135%, 7/12/37 (b)	559,148
1,000,000	JP Morgan Chase Commercial Mortgage Securities Corp., Ser. 2005-LDP3, Class AJ, BBB, Aaa, 5.106%, 8/15/42 (a) (d)	670,000
2,600,000	JP Morgan Chase Commercial Mortgage Securities Corp., Ser. 2007-LD11, Class AM, AAA, Aaa, 6.006%, 6/15/49 (a) (d)	1,668,252
2,000,000	Morgan Stanley Capital I, Ser. 2005-HQ6, Class AJ, AAA, NR, 5.073%, 8/13/42 (a) (d)	1,197,143
1,250,000	Morgan Stanley Capital I, Ser. 2006- IQ12, Class AM, AAA, NR, 5.370%, 12/15/43 (a)	840,247
1,000,000	Morgan Stanley Capital I, Ser. 2006-T23, Class AM, AAA, NR, 5.984%, 8/12/41 (a) (d)	713,519
471,222	New Century Home Equity Loan Trust, Ser. 2004-A, Class A1I9, BBB+, A2, 5.470%, 8/25/34 (d)	297,710
1,088,000	TBW Mortgage Backed Pass Through Certificates, Ser. 2006-6, Class A3, CCC, Caa2, 5.750%, 1/25/37 (d)	522,020
2,500,000	TBW Mortgage Backed Pass Through Certificates, Ser. 2006-6, Class A5B, CCC, Caa3, 6.040%, 1/25/37 (d)	1,156,978
2,000,000	TIAA Seasoned Commercial Mortgage Trust, Ser. 2007-C4, Class AJ, AAA, NR, 6.069%, 8/15/39 (a) (d)	1,223,189
750,000	Timberstar Trust, Ser. 2006-1A, Class C, A, A2, 5.884%, 10/15/36 (a) (b)	691,575
100,000	Timberstar Trust, Ser. 2006-1A, Class D, BBB, Baa2, 6.208%, 10/15/36 (b)	91,137
1,054,204	TW Hotel Funding 2005 LLC, Ser. 2005-LUX, Class L, BB+, Bal,	

2,000,000	1.823%, 1/15/21 (b) (d) Wachovia Bank Commercial Mortgage Trust, Ser. 2005-C20, Class AJ, BBB-, Aaa, 5.311%, 7/15/42 (a) (d)	846,136
1,000,000	Wachovia Bank Commercial Mortgage Trust, Ser. 2005-C21, Class AJ, AAA, Aaa, 5.384%, 10/15/44 (a) (d)	1,309,813
		735,053
	TOTAL COLLATERALIZED MORTGAGE OBLIGATIONS - 20.5%	26,757,035
	(Cost \$36,160,464)	

NUMBER OF SHARES

VALUE

	PREFERRED STOCK - 3.3%	
	BANKS - 1.7%	
40,000	BB&T Capital Trust VI, 9.600% (a)	1,047,200
50,000	Santander Finance Preferred SA Unipersonal, 6.500% (Spain) (a)	1,155,000
		2,202,200
	DIVERSIFIED FINANCIAL SERVICES - 0.7%	
50,000	Deutsche Bank Contingent Capital Trust II, 6.550% (a)	970,000
37,600	Lehman Brothers Holdings, Inc., Ser. J, 7.950% (g)	3,572
		973,572
	INSURANCE - 0.2%	
20,000	Aegon NV, 6.375% (Netherlands) (a)	257,600
3,800	ING Groep NV, 7.050% (Netherlands) (a)	53,352
		310,952
	TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES - 0.7%	
1,000	Centaur Funding Corp., 9.080% (Cayman Islands) (b)	936,250
	TOTAL PREFERRED STOCK - 3.3%	4,422,974
	(Cost \$5,817,313)	
	EXCHANGE-TRADED FUNDS - 15.4%	
25,000	DIAMONDS Trust, Series I (a) (h)	2,376,750
72,000	Powershares QQQ (a) (h)	2,880,000
66,900	ProShares Ultra Dow30 (a) (h)	2,435,829
48,300	ProShares Ultra QQQ (a) (h)	2,210,691
135,100	ProShares Ultra S&P500 (a) (h)	4,348,869
57,400	SPDR Trust, Series 1 (a) (h)	5,886,370
	TOTAL EXCHANGE-TRADED FUNDS - 15.4%	20,138,509
	(Cost \$18,747,944)	

PRINCIPAL AMOUNT

VALUE

\$	2,000,000	U.S. GOVERNMENT AND AGENCY SECURITIES - 1.4%	
		Freddie Mac, Ser. 1, AAA, Aaa, 6.500%, 6/3/24 (d)	
		TOTAL U.S. GOVERNMENT AND AGENCY SECURITIES - 1.4%	1,830,000
		(Cost \$2,000,000)	
	1,312,860	TERM LOANS (I) - 10.9%	
		AUTOMOBILE - 1.0%	
		Harbor Freight Tools, B+, B1, 9.750%, 7/12/13 (d)	1,306,296
	500,000	COMMUNICATIONS/MEDIA - 0.3%	
		Univision Acquisition, Inc., B-, B2, 2.535%, 9/30/14 (d)	393,890
	972,734	CONSUMER PRODUCTS - 0.5%	
		Navisite, Inc., B-, B3, 11.150%, 9/19/14 (d)	734,414
	983,683	ELECTRONICS - 2.6%	
		Caritor, Inc., B+, B2, 2.540%, 6/4/13 (d)	826,294
	467,744	Clientlogic Corp., B+, B3, 5.963%, 1/30/14 (d)	371,856
	1,222,583	Freescale Semiconductor, Inc., BB, Ba1, 2.059%, 11/29/13 (d)	922,133
	1,292,575	GXS Corp., B+, Ba3, 9.250%, 10/18/14 (d)	1,255,413
			3,375,696
	90,245	FOOD & BEVERAGES - 1.0%	
		OSI Restaurant Partners, Revolver, B+, B3, 2.454%, 8/29/14 (d)	72,147
	1,044,863	OSI Restaurant Partners, B+, B3,	

500,000	2.454%, 6/14/14 (d) Panda Restaurant, NR, NR, 6.600%, 8/23/17 (d) (f)			835,332
				351,590
				----- 1,259,069
831,309	HEALTHCARE, EDUCATION & CHILDCARE - 2.0% Aurora Diagnostics LLC, B-, B3, 4.665%, 12/10/12 (d) (f)			748,178
850,921	Embanet, B, B2, 3.510%, 6/28/12 (d)			659,464
1,477,500	PRA International, BB-, B1, 3.610%, 11/16/14 (d)			1,218,937
				----- 2,626,579
692,547	HOME & OFFICE FURNISHINGS - 0.5% Centaur LLC, CCC+, B2, 9.250%, 11/9/14 (d)			599,053
1,448,876	LEISURE - 1.0% Bushnell Performance Optics, BB-, Ba3, 4.348%, 8/24/13 (d)			1,260,522
1,061,064	RETAIL STORES - 2.0% Deb Shops, Inc., B-, B3, 6.496%, 4/23/14 (d)			360,762
987,500	Guitar Center, B-, B2, 3.790%, 10/9/13 (d)			803,163
980,000	Mattress Firm, B, Ba3, 2.540%, 10/23/14 (d)			592,900
111,851	QVC, Inc., NR, NR, 3.789%, 3/3/11 (d)			110,599
100,666	QVC, Inc., NR, NR, 4.289%, 6/3/11 (d)			99,156
89,481	QVC, Inc., NR, NR, 4.789%, 6/30/12 (d)			88,139
89,481	QVC, Inc., NR, NR, 5.289%, 6/30/13 (d)			88,139
440,743	QVC, Inc., NR, NR, 5.789%, 6/30/14 (d)			431,399
				----- 2,574,257
	TOTAL TERM LOANS - 10.9% (Cost \$16,751,901)			14,129,776
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	TOTAL LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS - 125.9% (Cost \$184,668,660)			164,229,910
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CONTRACTS	OPTIONS PURCHASED	EXPIRATION DATE	EXERCISE PRICE	VALUE
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35	CALL OPTIONS PURCHASED - 0.0% CBOE S&P 500 Volatility Index (h) (j) (k) (Cost \$21,700)	September 2009	22.50	20,225
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	TOTAL INVESTMENTS - 125.9% (Cost \$184,690,360)			164,250,135
	Other Assets in excess of Liabilities - 5.3%			6,906,363
	Total Options Written - (0.4%)			(572,396)
	Borrowings - (18.1%)			(23,627,551)
	Reverse Repurchase Agreements - (12.7%)			(16,530,950)
				----- \$130,425,601
	NET ASSETS APPLICABLE TO COMMON SHAREHOLDERS - 100.0%			=====

AB - Stock Company  
 CBO - Collateralized Bond Obligation  
 CDO - Collateralized Debt Obligation  
 CLO - Collateralized Loan Obligation  
 FCB - Farmers Credit Bureau  
 LLC - Limited Liability Company  
 LP - Limited Partnership  
 Ltd. - Limited  
 N/A - Not Available  
 NV - Publicly Traded Company  
 PLC - Public Limited Company  
 SA - Corporation

- (a) All or a portion of this security has been physically segregated in connection with swap agreements, line of credit, options and reverse repurchase agreements. As of August 31, 2009, the total amount segregated was \$85,279,720.
- (b) Securities are exempt from registration under Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933. These securities may be resold in transactions exempt from registration, normally to qualified institutional buyers. At August 31, 2009, these securities amounted to 62.7% of net assets applicable to common

shares.

- (c) Security has a fixed rate coupon which will convert to a floating or variable rate coupon on a future date.
- (d) Floating or Variable Rate Coupon. Rate shown is in effect at August 31, 2009.
- (e) Risk-Linked Security - A risk-linked security is a form of derivative issued by insurance companies and insurance related special purpose vehicles that apply securitization techniques to catastrophic property and casualty damages. The security is typically a debt obligation for which the return of principal and the payment of interest are contingent on the non-occurrence of a pre-defined "trigger event." Depending on the specific terms and structure of the security, this trigger could be the result of a hurricane, earthquake or some other catastrophic event.
- (f) Security is valued in accordance with Fair Valuation procedures established in good faith by the Board of Trustees and is based, in part on significant unobservable inputs. The total market value of such securities is \$19,805,438 which represents 15.2% of net assets applicable to common shares.
- (g) Non-income producing as security is in default.
- (h) All or a portion of this security position represents cover for outstanding options written.
- (i) Term loans held by the Fund have a variable interest rate feature which is periodically adjusted based on an underlying interest rate benchmark. In addition, term loans may include mandatory and/or optional prepayment terms. As a result, the actual maturity dates of the loans may be different than the amounts disclosed in the portfolio of investments. Term loans may be considered restricted in that the Fund may be contractually obligated to receive approval from the Agent Bank and/or Borrower prior to the sale or disposition of loan.
- (j) Non-income producing security.
- (k) Represents 100 shares per contract.

Ratings (unaudited) shown are per Standard & Poor's and Moody's. Securities classified as NR are not rated.

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Country Allocation\*  
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United States	71.7%
Cayman Islands	21.4%
France	1.5%
Jersey	1.1%
Sweden	0.9%
United Kingdom	0.9%
Bermuda	0.7%
Spain	0.7%
Ireland	0.6%
Netherlands	0.5%

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\*Subject to change daily. Based on total investments.

On July 17, 2009, Claymore Group Inc., the parent of Claymore Advisors, LLC (the "Adviser"), entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger between and among Claymore Group Inc., Claymore Holdings, LLC and GuggClayAcquisition, Inc., (with the latter two entities being wholly-owned, indirect subsidiaries of Guggenheim Partners, LLC ("Guggenheim")) whereby GuggClay Acquisition, Inc. will merge into Claymore Group Inc. which will be the surviving entity. This transaction was completed on October 14, 2009 (the "Effective Date") and resulted in a change-of-control whereby Claymore Group Inc. and its subsidiaries, including the Adviser, became indirect, wholly-owned subsidiaries of Guggenheim. The transaction is not expected to affect the daily operations of the Fund or the investment management activities of the Adviser.

Under the Investment Company Act of 1940, the consummation of this transaction resulted in the automatic termination of the Advisory Agreement. Accordingly, on September 28, 2009, the Board of Trustees approved an interim investment advisory agreement between the Claymore/Guggenheim Strategic Opportunities Fund (the "Fund") and the Adviser (the "Interim Advisory Agreement"). The Interim Advisory Agreement takes effect as of the Effective Date and will terminate upon the earlier of: (a) 150 calendar days after the Effective Date or (b) the approval of a new investment advisory agreement by the shareholders of the Fund. In addition, the advisory fees earned by the Adviser pursuant to the Interim Advisory Agreement will be held in an interest-bearing escrow account with the Fund's custodian during the term of the Interim Advisory Agreement. If the Fund's shareholders approve a new advisory agreement with the Adviser prior to the expiration of the term of the Interim Advisory Agreement, the amount in the escrow account (including any interest earned) with respect to the Fund shall be paid to the Adviser. If the Fund's shareholders do not approve a new advisory agreement with the Adviser prior to the expiration of the term of the Interim Advisory Agreement, the Adviser shall be paid, out of the escrow account with respect to the Fund, the lesser of (i) the Adviser's costs incurred in providing the services under the Interim Advisory Agreement (including any interest earned on that amount while in escrow) with respect to the Fund; or (ii) the total amount in the escrow account (including any interest earned) with respect to the Fund. Other than the effective dates and the provisions set forth above regarding the advisory fees' placement into an escrow account, the terms and conditions of the Interim Advisory Agreement are substantively identical to

those of the Advisory Agreement.

See previously submitted notes to financial statements for the year ended May 31, 2009.

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CLAYMORE/GUGGENHEIM STRATEGIC OPPORTUNITIES FUND  
PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS  
AUGUST 31, 2009 (UNAUDITED)

CONTRACTS	OPTIONS WRITTEN (J)	EXPIRATION DATE	EXERCISE PRICE	VALUE
	CALL OPTIONS WRITTEN - (0.4%)			
35	CBOE S&P 500 Volatility Index (k)	September 2009	\$ 27.50	\$ 7,403
250	DIAMONDS Trust, Series I (k)	September 2009	95.00	41,250
720	Powershares QQQ (k)	September 2009	40.00	58,320
334	ProShares Ultra Dow30 (k)	September 2009	36.00	48,430
335	ProShares Ultra Dow30 (k)	September 2009	37.00	30,150
483	ProShares Ultra QQQ (k)	September 2009	47.00	59,168
1,351	ProShares Ultra S&P500 (k)	September 2009	33.00	111,457
3,100	S&P 500 Index	September 2009	1,020.00	78,640
1,000	S&P 500 Index	September 2009	995.00	42,525
574	SPDR Trust, Series 1 (k)	September 2009	103.00	94,423
	TOTAL VALUE OF CALL OPTIONS WRITTEN			571,766
	(Premiums received \$694,006)			-----
	PUT OPTIONS WRITTEN - (0.0%*)			
35	CBOE S&P 500 Volatility Index (k)	September 2009	22.50	630
	(Premiums received \$788)			-----
	TOTAL VALUE OF OPTIONS WRITTEN - (0.4%)			\$ 572,396
	(Premiums received \$694,794)			=====

\*Less than 0.1%

(j) Non-income producing security

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CLAYMORE/GUGGENHEIM STRATEGIC OPPORTUNITIES FUND  
PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS  
AUGUST 31, 2009 (UNAUDITED)

The Fund entered into swap agreements during the period ended August 31, 2009 to potentially enhance return. Details of the swap agreements outstanding as of August 31, 2009 were as follows:

CREDIT DEFAULT SWAP AGREEMENTS

COUNTERPARTY	REFERENCE ENTITY	BUY/SELL PROTECTION	TERMINATION DATE	IMPLIED CREDIT SPREAD AT AUGUST 31, 2009 (2)	NOTIONAL AMOUNT (000)	RECEIVE FIXED RATE	UNREALIZED APPRECIATION/DEPRECIATION
Goldman Sachs(1)	Basket of distinct corporate entities	Sell	09/21/14	16.24%	\$ 3,000	1.180%	\$ (1,513,381)

INTEREST RATE SWAP AGREEMENTS

COUNTERPARTY	FLOATING RATE	TERMINATION DATE	NOTIONAL AMOUNT (000)	RECEIVE FIXED RATE	UNREALIZED APPRECIATION/DEPRECIATION
Goldman Sachs (3)	3 Month LIBOR	01/04/38	\$ 10,000	5.675%	\$ 386,610
Goldman Sachs (3)	3 Month LIBOR	01/04/38	10,000	5.860	241,997
Goldman Sachs (3)	3 Month LIBOR	07/07/38	5,000	5.753	261,500
Goldman Sachs (3)	3 Month LIBOR	07/07/38	5,000	5.940	176,250
HSBC (3)	3 Month LIBOR	01/09/23	5,000	7.700 (4)	(77,584)
					\$ 988,773
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TOTAL RETURN SWAP AGREEMENTS

COUNTERPARTY	REFERENCE ENTITY	FLOATING RATE	TERMINATION DATE	NOTIONAL AMOUNT (000)	UNREALIZED APPRECIATION/DEPRECIATION
Barclays Capital (5)	S&P (500)	1 Month LIBOR + 0.35%	12/23/09	\$ 1,286	\$ 56,586
Barclays Capital (5)	S&P (500)	1 Month LIBOR + 0.35%	12/23/09	1,813	79,795
Goldman Sachs (5)	S&P (500)	1 Month LIBOR + 0.35%	12/16/09	1,000	33,128
					\$169,509
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					TOTAL UNREALIZED APPRECIATION/(DEPRECIATION) FOR SWAP AGREEMENTS
					\$ (355,099)
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- (1) The Fund receives a fixed rate based upon the notional amount of \$3 million and if a defined credit event occurs, pays cumulative losses in excess of a stated percentage on an underlying basket of distinct corporate entities with an aggregate notional value of \$3 billion. The maximum loss exposure is \$3 million.
- (2) Implied credit spreads, represented in absolute terms, utilized in determining the market value of credit default swap agreements on corporate issues or sovereign issues of an emerging country as of period end serve as an indicator of the current status of the payment/performance risk and represent the likelihood or risk of default for the credit derivative. The implied credit spread of a particular referenced entity reflects the cost of buying/selling protection and may include upfront payments required to be made to enter into the agreement. Wider credit spreads represent a deterioration of the referenced entity's credit soundness and a greater likelihood or risk of default or other credit event occurring as defined under the terms of the agreement. A credit spread identified as "Defaulted" indicates a credit event has occurred for the referenced entity or obligation.
- (3) The Fund pays the floating rate and receives the fixed rate.
- (4) For any day that the spread between 30-year fixed for floating rate swap versus the 2-year fixed for floating swap rate is less than -0-, the fixed rate is -0-.
- (5) The Fund pays a floating rate and receives the total return of the Standard's & Poor's 500 Index.

In September, 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS") No. 157, "Fair Valuation Measurements" ("FAS 157"). The Fund adopted FAS 157 effective on September 1, 2008. This standard clarifies the definition of fair value for financial reporting, establishes a framework for measuring fair value and requires additional disclosures about the use of fair value measurements. FAS 157 establishes three different categories for valuations. Level 1 valuations are those based upon quoted prices in active markets. Level 2 valuations are those based upon quoted prices in inactive markets or based upon significant observable inputs (e.g. yield curves; benchmark interest rates; indices). Level 3 valuations are those based upon unobservable inputs (e.g. discounted cash flow analysis; non-market based methods used to determine fair valuation). In April 2009, the FASB issued FSP FAS 157-4, "Determining Fair Value When Volume and Level of Activity for the Asset or Liability Have Significantly Decreased and Identifying Transactions That Are Not Orderly" (FSP 157-4). FSP 157-4 provides guidance on how to determine the fair value of assets and liabilities when the volume and level of activity for the asset/liability has significantly decreased. The Fund adopted FSP 157-4 effective on August 31, 2009. The following tables represent each Fund's investments carried on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities by caption and by level within the fair value hierarchy as of August 31, 2009:

Description	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3	TOTAL
(value in \$000s)				
<b>Assets:</b>				
Asset Backed Securities	\$ -	\$ 54,635	\$ 18,231	\$ 72,866
Collateralized Mortgage Obligations	-	26,282	475	26,757
<b>Corporate Bonds:</b>				
Airlines	-	2,050	-	2,050
Banks	-	11,893	-	11,893
Commercial Services	-	279	-	279
Diversified Financial Services	-	3,096	-	3,096
Electric	-	790	-	790
Entertainment and Gaming	-	1,604	-	1,604
Insurance	-	4,373	-	4,373
Exchange-Traded Funds	20,139	-	-	20,139
Preferred Stock	4,423	-	-	4,423
U.S. Government and Agency Securities	-	1,830	-	1,830
<b>Term Loans:</b>				
Automobile	-	1,306	-	1,306
Communications/Media	-	394	-	394
Consumer Products	-	734	-	734
Electronics	-	3,376	-	3,376
Food & Beverages	-	908	351	1,259
Healthcare, Education & Childcare	-	1,879	748	2,627
Home & Office Furnishings	-	599	-	599
Leisure	-	1,261	-	1,261
Retail Stores	-	2,574	-	2,574
Interest Rate Swaps	-	1,066	-	1,066
Total Return Swaps	-	170	-	170
Call Options Purchased	-	20	-	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 24,562</b>	<b>\$121,119</b>	<b>\$ 19,805</b>	<b>\$165,486</b>
<b>Liabilities:</b>				
Credit Default Swaps	-	1,513	-	1,513
Interest Rate Swaps	-	78	-	78
Options Written	443	129	-	572
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 443</b>	<b>\$ 1,720</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 2,163</b>

For fair valuations using unobservable inputs, FAS 157 requires a reconciliation of the beginning to ending balances for reported market values that presents changes attributable to total realized and unrealized gains or losses, purchases and sales, and transfers in/out of the Level 3 category during the period. The following table presents the reconciliation of the Fund's investments measured at fair value using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3 valuations) for the period ended August 31, 2009. In addition to the observable inputs referenced earlier, the unobservable inputs used to value such securities include evaluations of anticipated cash flows, discount rates, default rates and other measures of illiquidity.

LEVEL 3 HOLDINGS	SECURITIES	DERIVATIVES	TOTAL
Beginning Balance at 5/31/09	\$ 33,038	\$ -	\$ 33,038
Total Realized Gain/Loss	-	-	-
Change in Unrealized Gain/Loss	(6,295)	-	(6,295)
Net Purchases and Sales	-	-	-
Net Transfers In/Out	(6,938)	-	(6,938)
Ending Balance at 8/31/09	\$ 19,805	\$ -	\$ 19,805

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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 (as defined in Rule 30a-3(c) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended) as of a date within 90 days of the filing date of this report and have concluded, based on such evaluation, 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 within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules and forms.
- (b) There was no change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended) 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 separate certification for each principal executive officer and principal financial officer of the registrant as required by Rule 30a-2(a) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (17 CFR 270.30a-2(a)), is attached hereto.

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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.

Claymore/Guggenheim Strategic Opportunities Fund

By: /s/ J. Thomas Futrell

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J. Thomas Futrell  
Chief Executive Officer

Date: October 26, 2009

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

By: /s/ J. Thomas Futrell

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J. Thomas Futrell  
Chief Executive Officer

Date: October 26, 2009

By: /s/ Steven M. Hill

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Steven M. Hill  
Chief Financial Officer, Chief Accounting Officer & Treasurer

Date: October 26, 2009

CERTIFICATIONS

I, J. Thomas Futrell, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this report on Form N-Q of Claymore/Guggenheim Strategic Opportunities Fund;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the schedule of investments included in this report fairly presents in all material respects the investments of the registrant as of the end of the fiscal quarter for which the report is filed;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 30a-3(c) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended) for the registrant and have:
  - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of a date within 90 days prior to the filing date of this report, based on such evaluation; and
  - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial information; and
  - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: October 26, 2009

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/s/ J. Thomas Futrell

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J. Thomas Futrell  
Chief Executive Officer

CERTIFICATIONS

I, Steven M. Hill, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this report on Form N-Q of Claymore/Guggenheim Strategic Opportunities Fund;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the schedule of investments included in this report fairly presents in all material respects the investments of the registrant as of the end of the fiscal quarter for which the report is filed;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 30a-3(c) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended) for the registrant and have:
  - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of a date within 90 days prior to the filing date of this report, based on such evaluation; and
  - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial information; and
  - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: October 26, 2009

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/s/ Steven M. Hill

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Steven M. Hill  
Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer