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ANNUAL REPORT 2014

ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY®

The Fund

- a closed-end equity investment company
- objectives: preservation of capital
  reasonable income
  opportunity for capital gain
- internally-managed
- annual distribution rate of at least 6%

Stock Data (12/31/14)

NYSE Symbol	ADX
Market Price	$13.68
52-Week Range	$12.14 – $14.90
Discount	13.8%
Shares Outstanding	96,286,656

Summary Financial Information

	Year Ended December 31, 2014	2013
Net asset value per share	$ 15.87	$ 15.09
Total net assets	1,527,772,661	1,421,550,920
Unrealized appreciation on investments	469,715,852	393,843,628
Net investment income	19,120,191	18,656,769
Net realized gain	93,558,308	57,371,366
Total return (based on market price)	13.7%	31.8%
Total return (based on net asset value)	14.3%	29.7%
Ratio of expenses to average net assets	0.58%	0.69%
Annual distribution rate	8.8%	7.1%

2014 Dividends and Distributions

Paid	Amount (per share)	Type
March 3, 2014	$0.02	Long-term capital gain
March 3, 2014	0.01	Short-term capital gain
March 3, 2014	0.02	Investment income
June 2, 2014	0.05	Investment income
September 2, 2014	0.05	Investment income
December 29, 2014	0.90	Long-term capital gain
December 29, 2014	0.05	Short-term capital gain
December 29, 2014	0.08	Investment income
	$1.18	

2015 Annual Meeting of Shareholders

Location: Belmond Charleston Place, Charleston, South Carolina
Date: April 30, 2015
Time: 9:00 a.m.

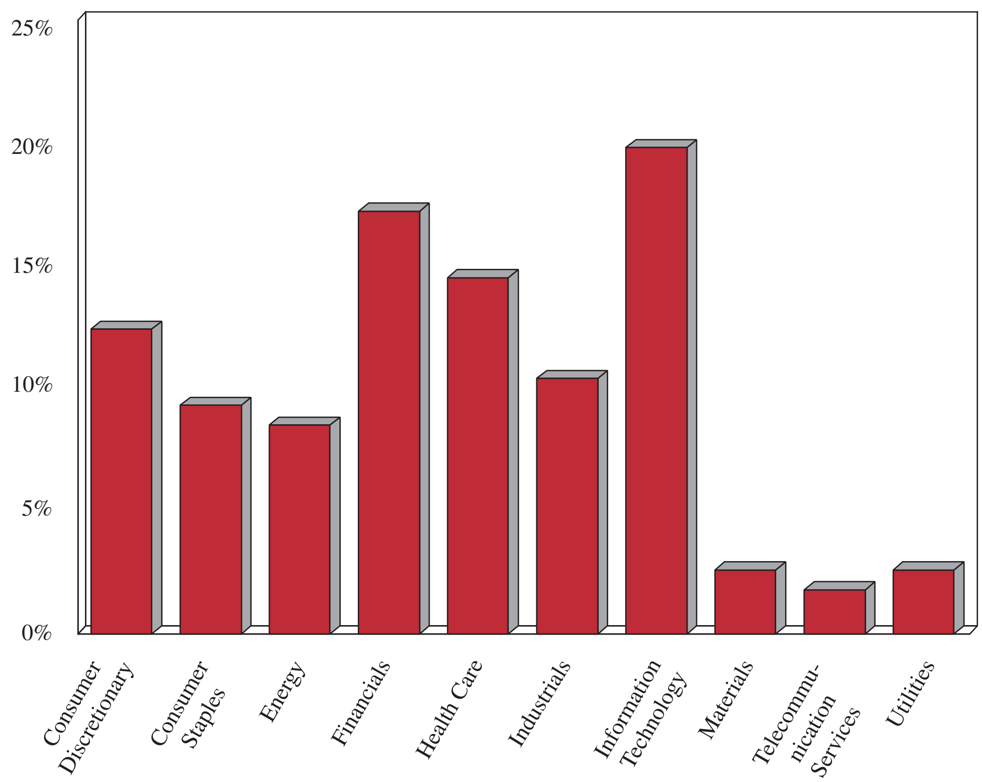
December 31, 2014
(unaudited)

Ten Largest Equity Portfolio Holdings

	Market Value	*Percent of Net Assets*
Apple Inc.	$ 72,089,178	4.7
Petroleum & Resources Corp.*	52,132,692	3.4
Wells Fargo & Co.	39,415,580	2.6
Google Inc. (Class A & Class C)	37,525,630	2.5
Walt Disney Co.	35,566,144	2.3
Gilead Sciences, Inc.	35,432,334	2.3
Lowe's Companies, Inc.	33,712,000	2.2
Citigroup Inc.	33,385,870	2.2
Union Pacific Corp.	33,118,140	2.2
CVS Health Corp.	30,241,340	2.0
	$402,618,908	26.4%

* Non-controlled affiliated closed-end fund

Sector Weightings



Dear Fellow Shareholders:

After a slow start to 2014, the S&P 500 reached an all-time high in December, marking the sixth consecutive year of gains. The rocky start to the year reflected soft U.S. economic data and fears that economic growth might be slowing in China, Japan and Europe. The Federal Reserve's decision in December 2013 to taper its bond-buying campaign raised fears of slowing the U.S. economy's momentum. Weather also took a heavy toll with unusually cold temperatures and heavy snow storms cutting into consumer spending, construction and industrial activity. Internationally, sharp declines in the currencies of Argentina and Turkey and tensions in Russia and the Ukraine heightened fears. Markets overcame these fears and, after the sell-off in January, recovered to finish in positive territory by the end of the first quarter.

Spring ushered in confidence that the U.S. economic recovery would gather pace despite the decline of 2.1% in Gross Domestic Product ("GDP") for the first quarter. Earnings season was strong and reported job gains were broad-based, recovering to pre-recession levels. Strong manufacturing data, coupled with positive momentum in the housing market and robust merger and acquisition ("M&A") activity, confirmed that the economy had begun an upswing from both a difficult winter and the long, subpar expansion. Markets discounted the tepid international economic data and geopolitical risks in the Ukraine and Iraq, and though volume and volatility were low, markets rallied for the eighth consecutive quarter. In the months that followed, investors continued to observe positive economic data, but were less certain regarding market direction. Volatility returned after an extended period of calm as solid U.S. economic reports and potential rising interest rates contrasted sharply with weaker foreign markets and central bank initiatives. This dynamic also caused the U.S. dollar to move higher against most currencies.

Building toward year-end, risk aversion became apparent. Falling oil prices and disappointing European data along with ongoing geopolitical risks tested the market's conviction and led to a 7.0% correction in the S&P 500. However, markets bounced back quickly as solid corporate earnings and guidance, a 5% rise in GDP, and surging U.S. economic data combined with monetary easing in Japan and interest rate cuts in China, assuaging investor concerns. During the year, a key theme that influenced investor decisions was the unfettered growth in domestic energy production. U.S. shale oil production accounted for virtually all of the increase in world production growth outside of OPEC in 2014. Subsequently, oil shale opportunities and the capital spending to develop them played an important role in the U.S. recovery. Jobs growth was significant and related industries prospered. That theme began to unravel by mid-year on the strength of the U.S. dollar and slowing demand growth, but the sell-off gained pace after Thanksgiving Day when OPEC decided to keep its output target unchanged. The decision not to cut production quotas stunned markets and oil prices plunged, taking with them many ancillary businesses. Market participants quickly identified beneficiaries of the downward move in oil prices. This helped to sustain the upward march of the broader markets, leading to an annual return on the S&P 500 of 13.7%.

We are pleased to report the Fund's return on net asset value last year exceeded that of the S&P 500, a result very few active managers achieved. Adams Express distributed 8.8% to shareholders and generated a total return on net asset value of 14.3%, surpassing the S&P 500's return of 13.7%. Our peer group, as measured by the Lipper Large-Cap Core Mutual Fund Average, returned 11.3%. On market price, the Fund's return was 13.7%.

The two largest contributors to the Fund's success were the health care and consumer discretionary sectors. As we expressed last year, two themes we felt would be successful in 2014 were biotechnology and companies exposed to the home improvement market. Biotech stocks continued to provide market-beating returns in 2014 as their groundbreaking drugs began to move from the approval stage into actual use. Looking beyond biotech, our position in Allergan, the manufacturer of the cosmetic drug Botox, benefited the portfolio when it agreed to be acquired by Actavis. Turning to the home improvement theme, both Lowe's and Whirlpool generated significant excess returns in 2014, rising 41.2% and 24.1%, respectively. Both companies enjoyed the dual tailwind of a steadily improving housing market and company-specific measures taken to improve profitability. While energy was the worst performing sector within the S&P 500, our focus on larger, high quality companies led to outperformance versus the sector.

The Fund's technology holdings were up 18.3% for the year but trailed the sector peer group. The semiconductor industry group was the strongest performer in 2014. The Fund was underweight this volatile group, which detracted from performance. Strong performance from Apple and Cisco Systems helped mitigate the shortfall. Our holdings in the consumer staples sector also trailed the market. Many of our staples positions have extensive exposure to overseas markets and, as a result, saw their profits impacted by the strength of the U.S. dollar. This was somewhat offset by the strong performance of CVS Health within food & staples retailing.

The Fund repurchased 1,011,600 shares of its Common Stock in 2014. At the end of the year, the Board of Directors reapproved the repurchase of up to 5% of the outstanding shares of the Fund. There is no time limit set on the repurchase authorization.

Looking Forward to 2015

Moving into the new year, market volatility has increased, reflecting uncertainty around the globe and a sharp contrast between the U.S. economy and the rest of the world. The U.S. stands out with its relatively strong economy and normalizing monetary policy. Domestic GDP growth appears likely as the markets closely watch for potential interest rate increases by the Fed. By contrast, Europe and Japan are growth-challenged and China's growth rate is slowing. Central banks in these countries are looking to quantitative easing or other actions to stimulate their economies. The impact of falling oil prices and the shift in power from oil-producing to oil-consuming countries may have unintended consequences and will add to an already tense geopolitical landscape. Fears of global deflation are also a concern. The strength of the U.S. dollar against other currencies adds complexity and challenges to the forecast.

Today's equity landscape also brings opportunities. We remain convinced that the growth at the end of last year will continue and the foundation for the U.S. equity market remains solid. Building on a theme we focused on in 2014, we continue to favor the biotechnology group into 2015. Valuations remain modest relative to sector leading growth. Ongoing innovation should provide future upside catalysts and drive positive estimate revisions in the group. While we see biotech having another strong year, we also expect other areas within health care to contribute to performance. Research and development productivity appears to have improved across the sector, leading to new product introductions and above-average growth. Corporate restructuring and M&A were catalysts for outperformance last year and are expected to have a continued favorable impact in 2015. An important trend that bears watching is healthcare costs. We believe companies that are able to control or lower costs to the healthcare system should be favored by investors and offer interesting investment opportunities.

Technology also continues to offer above-average returns. Within the sector, we like companies that enable positive secular trends like cloud computing and mobile advertising. The continued growth of cloud-based storage solutions provides an attractive environment for storage drive manufacturers such as Seagate Technology and Western Digital. Our positions in both Google and Facebook should do well as internet advertising, and especially mobile advertising, continues to take wallet share from other media.

Select investments in telecom are attractive. We favor wireless tower companies like American Tower and SBA Communications. Towers are the best way to capitalize on the exponential growth of wireless data. In addition, strict zoning rules in the U.S. help limit new tower supply growth. Robust demand and limited supply set up a long-term positive outlook for wireless towers.

We also believe the transportation industry group within industrials provides compelling opportunities as we head into 2015. With consistent end-market demand, solid pricing power and lower input costs, we feel that Union Pacific has one of the strongest business models in the sector. Both Delta and FedEx should benefit from the recent decline in the price of oil as well as strong demand profiles for their services.

Market volatility has increased significantly during the past year, which has proven challenging for active managers. A steadfast commitment to our philosophy and process has served us well. We strive to identify high quality companies that we can own for multiple years. We also look for near-term opportunities that can benefit our shareholders. Looking over the horizon, we are optimistic about the outlook for the Fund in 2015.

On January 21, 2015, we announced changes to the management of the Fund. I will take on the additional role of President, replacing Jim Haynie, who was elected President of Petroleum & Resources Corporation. Jim will continue to serve as Executive Vice President of the Fund and a member of its portfolio management team. In addition, Cotton Swindell has been elected Executive Vice President of the Fund. He will join Jim and me on the portfolio management team. Cotton has been a research analyst with the Fund since 2002, most recently covering the industrials sector. Nancy Prue, Executive Vice President, will be leaving the portfolio management team to assume the new role of Executive Vice President, Director of Shareholder Communications. We want to thank Nancy for her invaluable service to the portfolio management team. In her new role, she will be responsible for the content and delivery of information about the Funds to shareholders and the investment community.

During the past year, we completed a rebranding study for the Fund. Our objective was to remember our proud history but to more accurately reflect what we offer to investors today. Therefore, the decision was made to rebrand both Adams Express and our non-controlled affiliate, Petroleum & Resources Corporation, under the Adams Funds platform. By bringing these Funds together under the Adams Funds platform, we are acknowledging the shared value proposition these Funds bring to shareholders through their longstanding history, unwavering commitment to serving generations of investors, and strong track records.

Beginning March 31, 2015, Adams Express will change its name to Adams Diversified Equity Fund to increase investor awareness of what we do and what we offer. The Fund's ticker symbol will remain the same. Similarly, the name of Petroleum & Resources Corporation will change to Adams Natural Resources Fund. Our values and commitment to you will not change. The Funds will continue to share a Board of Directors and be managed by the experienced team of portfolio managers dedicated to employing a disciplined approach to identifying investment opportunities and carefully managing risk. Look for additional information in the coming weeks.

By order of the Board of Directors,

Mark E. Stoeckle
Chief Executive Officer

January 23, 2015

December 31, 2014

Assets		
Investments* at value:		
Common stocks (cost $1,009,795,542)	$1,462,114,106	
Non-controlled affiliate, Petroleum & Resources Corp. (cost $34,735,404)	52,132,692	
Short-term investments (cost $13,439,474)	13,439,474	$1,527,686,272
Cash		646,881
Receivables:		
Dividends and interest receivable		1,721,218
Investment securities sold		35,650,929
Prepaid pension cost		795,762
Prepaid expenses and other assets		3,875,689
Total Assets		1,570,376,751
Liabilities		
Investment securities purchased		36,924,935
Accrued pension liabilities		2,984,008
Accrued expenses and other liabilities		2,695,147
Total Liabilities		42,604,090
Net Assets		$1,527,772,661
Net Assets		
Common Stock at par value $0.001 per share, authorized 150,000,000 shares; issued and outstanding 96,286,656 shares (includes 148,236 nonvested restricted shares, 21,000 nonvested or deferred restricted stock units, and 29,939 deferred stock units) (note 6)		$ 96,287
Additional capital surplus		1,058,228,177
Accumulated other comprehensive income (note 5)		(2,375,650)
Undistributed net investment income		966,604
Undistributed net realized gain on investments		1,141,391
Unrealized appreciation on investments		469,715,852
Net Assets Applicable to Common Stock		$1,527,772,661
Net Asset Value Per Share of Common Stock		$15.87

*See Schedule of Investments on page 14.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

Year Ended December 31, 2014

Investment Income	
Income:	
Dividends:	
From unaffiliated issuers (net of $28,728 in foreign taxes)	$ 26,137,352
From non-controlled affiliate	1,377,668
Other income	196,691
Total income	27,711,711
Expenses:	
Investment research	4,327,418
Administration and operations	1,719,309
Directors' compensation	442,926
Travel, training, and other office expenses	442,445
Transfer agent, registrar, and custodian	320,561
Investment data services	272,272
Reports and shareholder communications	270,656
Occupancy	231,969
Legal services	228,309
Audit and accounting services	141,895
Insurance	116,430
Other	77,330
Total expenses	8,591,520
Net Investment Income	19,120,191
Realized Gain and Change in Unrealized Appreciation on Investments	
Net realized gain on security transactions	90,753,306
Net realized gain distributed by regulated investment company (non-controlled affiliate)	2,755,335
Net realized gain on written option contracts	49,667
Change in unrealized appreciation on securities	75,850,204
Change in unrealized appreciation on written option contracts	22,020
Net Gain on Investments	169,430,532
Other Comprehensive Income (note 5)	
Defined benefit pension plans:	
Net actuarial loss arising during period	(991,762)
Amortization of net loss	151,830
Other Comprehensive Income	(839,932)
Change in Net Assets Resulting from Operations	$187,710,791

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	For the Year Ended December 31, 2014	2013
From Operations:		
Net investment income	$ 19,120,191	$ 18,656,769
Net realized gain on investments	93,558,308	57,371,366
Change in unrealized appreciation on investments	75,872,224	250,782,258
Change in accumulated other comprehensive income (note 5)	(839,932)	1,346,153
Increase in net assets resulting from operations	187,710,791	328,156,546
Distributions to Shareholders from:		
Net investment income	(18,731,249)	(20,354,079)
Net realized gain from investment transactions	(91,506,911)	(57,121,286)
Decrease in net assets from distributions	(110,238,160)	(77,475,365)
From Capital Share Transactions:		
Value of shares issued in payment of distributions (note 4)	42,002,202	26,419,945
Cost of shares purchased (note 4)	(13,744,866)	(11,659,522)
Deferred compensation (notes 4, 6)	491,774	112,279
Increase in net assets from capital share transactions	28,749,110	14,872,702
Total Increase in Net Assets	106,221,741	265,553,883
Net Assets:		
Beginning of year	1,421,550,920	1,155,997,037
End of year (including undistributed net investment income of $966,604 and $734,051, respectively)	$1,527,772,661	$1,421,550,920

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1. Significant Accounting Policies

The Adams Express Company is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 as a diversified investment company (the Fund). The Fund is an internally-managed closed-end fund whose investment objectives are preservation of capital, the attainment of reasonable income from investments, and an opportunity for capital appreciation.

The accompanying financial statements were prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, which require the use of estimates made by Fund management. Management believes that estimates and security valuations are appropriate; however, actual results may differ from those estimates, and the security valuations reflected in the financial statements may differ from the value the Fund ultimately realizes upon sale of the securities.

Affiliated Companies — Investments in companies 5% or more of whose outstanding voting securities are held by the Fund are defined as "Affiliated Companies" in Section 2(a)(3) of the Investment Company Act of 1940.

Expenses — The Fund shares certain costs for investment research and data services, administration and operations, travel, training, office expenses, occupancy, accounting and legal services, insurance, and other miscellaneous items with its non-controlled affiliate, Petroleum & Resources Corporation. Expenses that are not solely attributable to one fund are allocated to each fund based on relative net asset values or, in the case of investment research staff and related costs, relative market values of portfolio securities in the particular sector of coverage. Expense allocations are updated quarterly, as appropriate, except for those related to payroll, which are updated annually.

Security Transactions and Investment Income — Investment transactions are accounted for on the trade date. Gain or loss on sales of securities and options is determined on the basis of specific identification. Dividend income and distributions to shareholders are recognized on the ex-dividend date, and interest income is recognized on the accrual basis.

Security Valuation — The Fund's investments are reported at fair value as defined under accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Investments in securities traded on national security exchanges are valued at the last reported sale price on the day of valuation. Over-the-counter and listed securities for which a sale price is not available are valued at the last quoted bid price. Short-term investments (excluding purchased options and money market funds) are valued at amortized cost, which approximates fair value. Purchased and written options are valued at the last quoted bid and asked price, respectively. Money market funds are valued at net asset value on the day of valuation.

Various inputs are used to determine the fair value of the Fund's investments. These inputs are summarized in the following three levels:

- Level 1 — fair value is determined based on market data obtained from independent sources; for example, quoted prices in active markets for identical investments,
- Level 2 — fair value is determined using other assumptions obtained from independent sources; for example, quoted prices for similar investments,
- Level 3 — fair value is determined using the Fund's own assumptions, developed based on the best information available in the circumstances.

The Fund's investments at December 31, 2014 were classified as follows:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Common stocks	$1,514,246,798	$ —	$ —	$1,514,246,798
Short-term investments	13,439,474	—	—	13,439,474
Total investments	$1,527,686,272	$ —	$ —	$1,527,686,272

There were no transfers into or from Level 1 or Level 2 during the year ended December 31, 2014.

2. Federal Income Taxes

No federal income tax provision is required since the Fund's policy is to qualify as a regulated investment company under the Internal Revenue Code and to distribute substantially all of its taxable income to its shareholders. Additionally, management has analyzed and concluded that tax positions included in federal income tax returns from the previous three years that remain subject to examination do not require any provision. Any income tax-related interest or penalties would be recognized as income tax expense. As of December 31, 2014, the identified cost of securities for federal income tax purposes was $1,057,970,420 and net unrealized appreciation aggregated $469,715,852, consisting of gross unrealized appreciation of $482,083,955 and gross unrealized depreciation of $12,368,103.

Distributions are determined in accordance with our annual 6% minimum distribution rate commitment, based on the Fund's average market price, and income tax regulations, which may differ from generally accepted accounting principles. Such differences are primarily related to the Fund's retirement plans and equity-based compensation. Differences that are permanent, while not material for the year ended December 31, 2014, are reclassified in the capital accounts of the Fund's financial statements and have no impact on net assets. For tax purposes, distributions paid by the Fund during the years ended December 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013 were classified as ordinary income of $24,330,351 and $36,005,425, respectively, and as long-term capital gain of $85,850,856 and $41,470,068, respectively. The tax basis of distributable earnings at December 31, 2014 was $2,441,797 of undistributed ordinary income and $714,524 of undistributed long-term capital gain.

3. Investment Transactions

The Fund's investment decisions are made by the portfolio management team with recommendations from the research staff. Purchases and sales of portfolio securities, other than options and short-term investments, during the year ended December 31, 2014 were $391,567,137 and $456,525,586, respectively.

The Fund is subject to changes in the value of equity securities held ("equity price risk") in the normal course of pursuing its investment objectives. The Fund may purchase and write option contracts to increase or decrease its equity price risk exposure or may write option contracts to generate additional income. Option contracts generally entail risks associated with counterparty credit, liquidity, and unfavorable equity price movements. The Fund has mitigated counterparty credit and liquidity risks by trading its options through an exchange. The risk of unfavorable equity price movements is limited for purchased options to the premium paid and for written options by writing only covered call or collateralized put option contracts, which require the Fund to segregate certain securities or cash at its custodian when the option is written. There were no outstanding option contracts as of December 31, 2014.

When the Fund writes (purchases) an option, an amount equal to the premium received (paid) by the Fund is recorded as a liability (asset) and is subsequently marked to market daily in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities, with any related change recorded as an unrealized gain or loss in the Statement of Operations. Premiums received (paid) from unexercised options are treated as realized gains (losses) on the expiration date and are separately identified in the Statement of Operations. Upon the exercise of written put (purchased call) option contracts, premiums received (paid) are deducted from (added to) the cost basis of the underlying securities purchased. Upon the exercise of written call (purchased put) option contracts, premiums received (paid) are added to (deducted from) the proceeds from the sale of underlying securities in determining whether there is a realized gain or loss.

Transactions in written covered call and collateralized put options during the year ended December 31, 2014 were as follows:

	Covered Calls		Collateralized Puts	
	Contracts	Premiums	Contracts	Premiums
Options outstanding, December 31, 2013	40	$ 2,560	40	$ 4,740
Options written	210	38,909	34	6,018
Options terminated in closing purchase transactions	—	—	—	—
Options expired	(210)	(38,909)	(74)	(10,758)
Options exercised	(40)	(2,560)	—	—
Options outstanding, December 31, 2014	—	$ —	—	$ —

4. Capital Stock

The Fund has 10,000,000 authorized and unissued preferred shares, $0.001 par value.

On December 29, 2014, the Fund issued 3,043,254 shares of its Common Stock at a price of $13.79 per share (the average market price on December 8, 2014) to shareholders of record November 24, 2014 who elected to take stock in payment of the year-end distribution from 2014 capital gain and investment income. During 2014, 2,612 shares were issued at a weighted average price of $13.67 per share as dividend equivalents to holders of deferred stock units and restricted stock units under the 2005 Equity Incentive Compensation Plan.

On December 27, 2013, the Fund issued 2,093,644 shares of its Common Stock at a price of $12.61 per share (the average market price on December 9, 2013) to shareholders of record November 25, 2013 who elected to take stock in payment of the year-end distribution from 2013 capital gain and investment income. During 2013, 1,567 shares were issued at a weighted average price of $12.15 per share as dividend equivalents to holders of deferred stock units and restricted stock units under the 2005 Equity Incentive Compensation Plan.

The Fund may purchase shares of its Common Stock from time to time, in accordance with parameters set by the Board of Directors, at such prices and amounts as the portfolio management team may deem appropriate.

Transactions in Common Stock for 2014 and 2013 were as follows:

	Shares		Amount	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
Shares issued in payment of distributions	3,045,866	2,095,211	$42,002,202	$26,419,945
Shares purchased (at a weighted average discount from net asset value of 14.0% and 13.6%, respectively)	(1,011,600)	(948,339)	(13,744,866)	(11,659,522)
Net activity under the 2005 Equity Incentive Compensation Plan	28,773	47,021	491,774	112,279
Net change	2,063,039	1,193,893	$28,749,110	$14,872,702

5. Retirement Plans

Defined Contribution Plans — The Fund sponsors a qualified defined contribution plan for all employees with at least six months of service and a nonqualified defined contribution plan for eligible employees to supplement the qualified plan. The Fund expensed contributions to the plans in the amount of $311,364, a portion thereof based on Fund performance, for the year ended December 31, 2014. The Fund does not provide postretirement medical benefits.

Defined Benefit Plans — On October 1, 2009, the Fund froze its non-contributory qualified and nonqualified defined benefit pension plans. Benefits are based on length of service and compensation during the last five years of employment through September 30, 2009, with no additional benefits being accrued beyond that date. In 2014, the Fund filed with the appropriate agencies to obtain approval to terminate the plans. Upon receiving the required regulatory approvals, all benefits under the plans will be paid out and all related pension liabilities will be relieved.

The funded status of the plans is recognized as an asset (overfunded plan) or a liability (underfunded plan) in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. Changes in the prior service costs and accumulated actuarial gains and losses are recognized as accumulated other comprehensive income, a component of net assets, in the year in which the changes occur and are subsequently amortized into net periodic pension cost. Non-recurring settlement costs are recognized in net periodic pension cost when a plan participant receives a lump-sum benefit payment and includes the amount of which is in excess of the present value of the projected benefit and any unamortized actuarial losses attributable to the portion of the projected benefit obligation being satisfied.

The Fund's policy is to contribute annually to the plans those amounts that can be deducted for federal income tax purposes, plus additional amounts as the Fund deems appropriate in order to provide assets sufficient to meet benefits to be paid to plan participants. The Fund contributed $0 to the qualified plan and $198,394 to the nonqualified plan in 2014. In 2015, the Fund anticipates making contributions to the plans to the extent that pension liabilities exceed assets available for plan benefits upon the termination of the plans.

The Fund uses a December 31 measurement date for its plans. Details in aggregate for the plans were as follows:

	2014	2013
Change in benefit obligation		
Benefit obligation at beginning of year	$ 8,278,135	$10,865,411
Interest cost	331,489	319,801
Actuarial (gain) loss	963,964	(430,184)
Benefits paid	(341,043)	(200,120)
Effect of settlement (non-recurring)	—	(2,276,773)
Benefit obligation at end of year	$ 9,232,545	$ 8,278,135
Change in qualified plan assets		
Fair value of qualified plan assets at beginning of year	$ 7,159,527	$ 9,304,946
Actual return on plan assets	27,421	246,307
Benefits paid	(142,649)	(114,953)
Settlement (non-recurring)	—	(2,276,773)
Fair value of qualified plan assets at end of year	$ 7,044,299	$ 7,159,527
Funded status	$(2,188,246)	$ (1,118,608)

The accumulated benefit obligation for all defined benefit pension plans was $9,232,545 and $8,278,135 at December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

The primary investment objective of the Fund's qualified pension plan assets is capital preservation, achieved through a portfolio of mutual funds and pooled separate accounts ("PSAs"). PSAs, like mutual funds, are made up of a wide variety of underlying investments in securities. The Fund's targeted asset allocation for 2015 is to maintain approximately 60% of plan assets invested in short-term fixed income securities and approximately 40% of plan assets invested in cash and money market securities.

The net asset value of mutual funds and PSAs are based on the fair value of its underlying investments. The fair value of the plan assets is determined using various inputs, summarized into the three levels described in footnote 1. The plan assets at December 31, 2014 were classified as follows:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Fixed income securities	$4,183,961	$ —	$ —	$4,183,961
Money market securities	2,850,303	10,035	—	2,860,338
Total	$7,034,264	$10,035	$ —	$7,044,299

Items impacting the Fund's net investment income and accumulated other comprehensive income were:

	2014	2013
Components of net periodic pension cost		
Interest cost	$ 331,489	$ 319,801
Expected return on plan assets	(57,754)	(323,274)
Net loss component	151,830	260,068
Effect of settlement (non-recurring)	—	740,825
Net periodic pension cost	$ 425,565	$ 997,420

	2014	2013
Accumulated other comprehensive income		
Defined benefit pension plans:		
Balance at beginning of year	$(1,535,718)	$(2,881,871)
Net actuarial gain/(loss) arising during period	(991,762)	345,260
Reclassifications to net periodic pension cost:		
Amortization of net loss	151,830	260,068
Effect of settlement (non-recurring)	—	740,825
Balance at end of year	$(2,375,650)	$(1,535,718)

Accumulated other comprehensive income was comprised of net actuarial losses of $(2,375,650) and $(1,535,718) at December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively. In 2015, the Fund estimates that $243,533 of net losses will be amortized from accumulated other comprehensive income into net periodic pension cost and the remaining balance of net losses will be recognized upon termination of the plans.

Assumptions used to determine benefit obligations were:

	2014	2013
Discount rate	3.33%	4.25%
Rate of compensation increase	—	—

The assumptions used to determine net periodic pension cost were:

	2014	2013
Discount rate	4.25%	3.58%
Expected long-term return on plan assets	1.20%	4.00%
Rate of compensation increase	—	—

The assumption used to determine expected long-term return on plan assets was based on historical and future expected returns of multiple asset classes in order to develop a risk-free real rate of return and risk premiums for each asset class. The overall rate for each asset class was developed by combining a long-term inflation component, the risk-free real rate of return, and the associated risk premium. A weighted average rate was developed based on those overall rates and the target asset allocation of the plan.

The following benefit payments are eligible to be paid in the years indicated:

	Pension Benefits
2015	$2,020,000
2016	300,000
2017	1,500,000
2018	770,000
2019	275,000
Years 2020-2024	1,400,000

6. Equity-Based Compensation

The 2005 Equity Incentive Compensation Plan ("2005 Plan"), adopted at the 2005 Annual Meeting and re-approved at the 2010 Annual Meeting, permits the grant of restricted stock awards (both performance and nonperformance-based), as well as stock options and other stock incentives, to all employees and non-employee directors. Performance-based restricted stock awards vest at the end of a specified three-year period, with the ultimate number of shares earned contingent on achieving certain performance targets. If performance targets are not achieved, all or a portion of the performance-based restricted shares are forfeited and become available for future grants. Nonperformance-based restricted stock awards typically vest ratably over a three-year period and nonperformance-based restricted stock units (granted to non-employee directors) vest over a one-year period. Payment of awards may be deferred, if elected. The 2005 Plan provides for accelerated vesting in the event of death or retirement. Non-employee directors also may elect to defer a portion of their cash compensation, with such deferred amount to be paid by delivery of deferred stock units. Outstanding awards are granted at fair market value on grant date (determined by the average of the high and low price on that date). The 2005 Plan provides for the issuance of up to 3,413,131 shares of the Fund's Common Stock, of which 3,033,885 remain available for future grants at December 31, 2014.

A summary of the status of the Fund's awards granted under the 2005 Plan as of December 31, 2014, and changes during the year then ended, is presented below:

Awards	Shares/Units	Weighted Average Grant-Date Fair Value
Balance at December 31, 2013	195,365	$11.27
Granted:		
Restricted stock	40,408	13.10
Restricted stock units	5,250	12.88
Deferred stock units	11,975	13.44
Vested & issued	(41,259)	11.46
Forfeited	(12,564)	11.06
Balance at December 31, 2014 (includes 49,656 performance-based awards and 149,519 nonperformance-based awards)	199,175	$12.36

Compensation cost resulting from awards granted under the 2005 Plan is based on the fair market value of the award on grant date and recognized on a straight-line basis over the requisite service period. For those awards with performance conditions, compensation cost is based on the most probable outcome and, if such goals are not met, compensation cost is not recognized and any previously recognized compensation cost is reversed. The total compensation cost for restricted stock granted to employees for the year ended December 31, 2014 was $484,208. The total compensation cost for restricted stock units granted to non-employee directors for the year ended December 31, 2014 was $60,926. As of December 31, 2014, there was total unrecognized compensation cost of $973,539, a component of additional capital surplus, related to nonvested equity-based compensation arrangements granted under the 2005 Plan. That cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of 1.50 years. The total fair value of shares and units vested during the year ended December 31, 2014 was $538,711.

7. Officer and Director Compensation

The aggregate remuneration paid during the year ended December 31, 2014 to officers and directors amounted to $3,917,886, of which $282,268 was paid as fees and compensation to directors who were not officers. These amounts represent the taxable compensation to the Fund's officers and directors and therefore differ from the amounts reported in the accompanying Statement of Operations that are recorded and expensed in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

8. Portfolio Securities Loaned

The Fund makes loans of securities to approved brokers to earn additional income. It receives as collateral cash deposits, U.S. Government securities, or bank letters of credit valued at 102% of the value of the securities on loan. The market value of the loaned securities is calculated based upon the most recent closing prices and any additional required collateral is delivered to the Fund on the next business day. Cash deposits are placed in a registered money market fund. The Fund accounts for securities lending transactions as secured financing and receives compensation in the form of fees or retains a portion of interest on the investment of any cash received as collateral. The Fund also continues to receive interest or dividends on the securities loaned. Gain or loss in the fair value of the securities loaned that may occur during the term of the loan will be for the account of the Fund. At December 31, 2014, the Fund had no securities on loan. The Fund is indemnified by the Custodian, serving as lending agent, for loss of loaned securities and has the right under the lending agreement to recover the securities from the borrower on demand.

9. Operating Lease Commitments

The Fund leases office space and equipment under operating lease agreements expiring at various dates through the year 2026. The Fund recognized rental expense of $207,111 in 2014, and its minimum rental commitments are as follows:

2015	$ 319,733
2016	152,050
2017	291,434
2018	298,843
2019	239,171
Thereafter	1,804,140
Total	$3,105,371

	Year Ended December 31,				
	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
Results Per Share Outstanding For Each Period					
Net asset value, beginning of year	$15.09	$12.43	$11.54	$12.65	$11.95
Net investment income	0.20	0.20	0.19	0.16	0.15
Net realized gains and increase (decrease) in unrealized appreciation	1.83	3.32	1.41	(0.56)	1.10
Change in accumulated other comprehensive income (note 5)	(0.01)	0.01	—	(0.01)	—
Total from investment operations	2.02	3.53	1.60	(0.41)	1.25
Less distributions					
Dividends from net investment income	(0.20)	(0.22)	(0.18)	(0.15)	(0.14)
Distributions from net realized gains	(0.98)	(0.62)	(0.49)	(0.50)	(0.37)
Total distributions	(1.18)	(0.84)	(0.67)	(0.65)	(0.51)
Capital share repurchases	0.02	0.02	—	—	—
Reinvestment of distributions	(0.08)	(0.05)	(0.04)	(0.05)	(0.04)
Total capital share transactions	(0.06)	(0.03)	(0.04)	(0.05)	(0.04)
Net asset value, end of year	$15.87	$15.09	$12.43	$11.54	$12.65
Market price, end of year	$13.68	$13.07	$10.59	$ 9.64	$10.72
Total Investment Return*					
Based on market price	13.7%	31.8%	16.9%	(4.2)%	11.5%
Based on net asset value	14.3%	29.7%	14.7%	(2.8)%	11.2%
Ratios/Supplemental Data					
Net assets, end of year (in 000's)	$1,527,773	$1,421,551	$1,155,997	$1,050,734	$1,124,672
Ratio of expenses to average net assets**	0.58%	0.69%	0.65%	0.55%	0.58%
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets***	1.29%	1.44%	1.54%	1.25%	1.29%
Portfolio turnover	26.6%	55.9%	27.4%	21.5%	16.2%
Number of shares outstanding at end of year (in 000's)	96,287	94,224	93,030	91,074	88,885

* Total investment return assumes reinvestment of all distributions at the price received in the Fund's dividend reinvestment plan.

** The ratios of expenses to average net assets were 0.63% and 0.63% in 2013 and 2012, respectively, after adjusting for non-recurring pension expenses as described in footnote 5.

*** The ratios of net investment income to average net assets were 1.50% and 1.56% in 2013 and 2012, respectively, after adjusting for non-recurring pension expenses as described in footnote 5.

December 31, 2014

	Shares	Value (A)
Common Stocks — 99.1%		
Consumer Discretionary — 12.4%		
Amazon.com, Inc. (B)	50,000	$ 15,517,500
BorgWarner Inc.	137,000	7,528,150
Comcast Corp. (Class A)	452,300	26,237,923
Dollar General Corp. (B)	271,400	19,187,980
Hanesbrands Inc.	152,000	16,966,240
Las Vegas Sands Corp.	150,000	8,724,000
Lowe's Companies, Inc.	490,000	33,712,000
Magna International Inc.	126,000	13,694,940
Walt Disney Co.	377,600	35,566,144
Whirlpool Corp.	66,000	12,786,840
		189,921,717
Consumer Staples — 9.3%		
Coca-Cola Co.	300,000	12,666,000
CVS Health Corp.	314,000	30,241,340
General Mills Inc.	252,400	13,460,492
Hershey Co.	150,000	15,589,500
PepsiCo, Inc.	263,500	24,916,560
Philip Morris International Inc.	262,800	21,405,060
Procter & Gamble Co.	131,850	12,010,217
Unilever plc ADR	290,250	11,749,320
		142,038,489
Energy — 8.5%		
Chevron Corp.	218,000	24,455,240
EOG Resources, Inc.	151,200	13,920,984
Exxon Mobil Corp.	101,000	9,337,450
Marathon Petroleum Corp.	83,000	7,491,580
Noble Energy, Inc.	175,000	8,300,250
Petroleum & Resources Corp. (C)	2,186,774	52,132,692
Schlumberger Ltd.	171,300	14,630,733
		130,268,929
Financials — 17.2%		
Allstate Corp.	330,000	23,182,500
American International Group, Inc.	145,000	8,121,450
American Tower Corp.	105,000	10,379,250
Berkshire Hathaway Inc. (Class B) (B)	65,200	9,789,780
Capital One Financial Corp.	245,000	20,224,750
Citigroup Inc.	617,000	33,385,870
iShares US Real Estate ETF	147,722	11,350,958
JPMorgan Chase & Co.	450,000	28,161,000
Lincoln National Corp.	270,000	15,570,900
NASDAQ OMX Group, Inc.	360,000	17,265,600
Navient Corp.	520,000	11,237,200
Prudential Financial, Inc.	195,000	17,639,700
Simon Property Group, Inc.	89,500	16,298,845
Wells Fargo & Co.	719,000	39,415,580
		262,023,383

December 31, 2014

	Shares	Value (A)
Health Care — 14.5%		
AbbVie Inc.	20,000	$ 1,308,800
Aetna Inc.	252,000	22,385,160
Allergan, Inc.	120,000	25,510,800
Biogen IDEC Inc. (B)	47,000	15,954,150
Celgene Corp. (B)	164,000	18,345,040
Cerner Corp. (B)	341,000	22,049,060
Gilead Sciences, Inc. (B)	375,900	35,432,334
Johnson & Johnson	165,000	17,254,050
McKesson Corp.	116,000	24,079,280
Merck & Co., Inc.	480,000	27,259,200
Pfizer Inc.	385,400	12,005,210
		221,583,084
Industrials — 10.4%		
Boeing Co.	205,000	26,645,900
Delta Air Lines, Inc.	265,000	13,035,350
Dover Corp.	176,000	12,622,720
FedEx Corp.	80,000	13,892,800
Fluor Corp.	130,000	7,881,900
General Electric Co.	246,500	6,229,055
Honeywell International Inc.	287,500	28,727,000
Union Pacific Corp.	278,000	33,118,140
United Technologies Corp.	139,500	16,042,500
		158,195,365
Information Technology — 19.8%		
Apple Inc.	653,100	72,089,178
Automatic Data Processing, Inc.	109,000	9,087,330
Cisco Systems, Inc.	446,000	12,405,490
Facebook, Inc. (Class A) (B)	187,000	14,589,740
Gartner, Inc. (B)	165,000	13,894,650
Google Inc. (Class A) (B)	35,500	18,838,430
Google Inc. (Class C) (B)	35,500	18,687,200
Intel Corp.	435,000	15,786,150
International Business Machines Corp.	42,800	6,866,832
Lam Research Corp.	65,000	5,157,100
MasterCard, Inc. (Class A)	230,000	19,816,800
Microsoft Corp.	618,800	28,743,260
Oracle Corp.	306,000	13,760,820
QUALCOMM Inc.	151,400	11,253,562
Seagate Technology plc	168,000	11,172,000
Visa Inc. (Class A)	80,500	21,107,100
Western Digital Corp.	83,000	9,188,100
		302,443,742
Materials — 2.6%		
CF Industries Holdings, Inc.	50,031	13,635,449
LyondellBasell Industries N.V. (Class A)	211,000	16,751,290
Praxair, Inc.	67,500	8,745,300
		39,132,039
Telecommunication Services — 1.8%		
SBA Communications Corp. (Class A) (B)	90,000	9,968,400
Verizon Communications Inc.	389,000	18,197,420
		28,165,820

December 31, 2014

	Principal/ Shares	Value (A)
Utilities — 2.6%		
AGL Resources Inc.	145,000	$ 7,903,950
Edison International	148,000	9,691,040
NextEra Energy, Inc.	81,000	8,609,490
NRG Energy, Inc.	238,000	6,414,100
Pinnacle West Capital Corp.	115,000	7,855,650
		40,474,230
Total Common Stocks (Cost $1,044,530,946)		1,514,246,798
Short-Term Investments — 0.9%		
Money Market Account — 0.9%		
M&T Bank, 0.10% (D)	$13,339,474	13,339,474
Money Market Funds — 0.0%		
Fidelity Institutional Money Market – Money Market Portfolio (Institutional Class), 0.11% (D)	100,000	100,000
Total Short-Term Investments (Cost $13,439,474)		13,439,474
Total Investments — 100.0% (Cost $1,057,970,420)		1,527,686,272
Cash, receivables, prepaid expenses and other assets, less liabilities **– 0.0%**		86,389
Net Assets — 100.0%		$1,527,772,661

Notes:
(A) Common stocks are listed on the New York Stock Exchange or the NASDAQ and are valued at the last reported sale price on the day of valuation. See note 1 to financial statements.
(B) Presently non-dividend paying.
(C) Non-controlled affiliate, a closed-end sector fund, registered as an investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940.
(D) Rate presented is as of period-end and represents the annualized yield earned over the previous seven days.

To the Board of Directors and Shareholders of The Adams Express Company:

In our opinion, the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities, including the schedule of investments in securities, and the related statements of operations and of changes in net assets and the financial highlights present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The Adams Express Company (the "Fund") at December 31, 2014, the results of its operations 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 each of the five years in the period then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. These financial statements and financial highlights (hereafter referred to as "financial statements") are the responsibility of the Fund's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits of these financial statements in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits, which included confirmation of securities at December 31, 2014 by correspondence with the custodians and brokers, provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Baltimore, MD
February 17, 2015

During the Three Months Ended December 31, 2014
(unaudited)

	Shares		
	Additions	**Reductions**	**Held Dec. 31, 2014**
CF Industries Holdings, Inc.	11,500		50,031
Delta Air Lines, Inc.	60,000		265,000
FedEx Corp.	80,000		80,000
Johnson & Johnson	165,000		165,000
Lam Research Corp.	65,000		65,000
Las Vegas Sands Corp.	150,000		150,000
Marathon Petroleum Corp.	83,000		83,000
Schlumberger Ltd.	33,000		171,300
CDK Global, Inc.	36,333(1)	36,333	—
AbbVie Inc.		260,000	20,000
Cisco Systems, Inc.		179,000	446,000
Eastman Chemical Co.		85,000	—
Eaton Corp. plc		205,000	—
Halliburton Co.		170,801	—
JPMorgan Chase & Co.		20,000	450,000
Lowe's Companies, Inc.		60,000	490,000
McDonald's Corp.		180,000	—
Oracle Corp.		220,000	306,000
Pfizer Inc.		634,300	385,400
Procter & Gamble Co.		43,150	131,850
SLM Corp.		520,000	—
Union Pacific Corp.		33,000	278,000
United Technologies Corp.		35,000	139,500
Verizon Communications Inc.		31,000	389,000

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(unaudited)

Year	Value of Net Assets	Shares Outstanding	Net Asset Value Per Share	Market Value Per Share	Income Dividends Per Share	Capital Gains Distributions Per Share	Total Dividends and Distributions Per Share	Annual Distribution Rate*
2000**	$1,951,562,978	82,292,262	$23.72	$21.00	$.22	$1.63	$1.85	7.8%
2001	1,368,366,316	85,233,262	16.05	14.22	.26	1.39	1.65	9.6
2002	1,024,810,092	84,536,250	12.12	10.57	.19	.57	.76	6.2
2003	1,218,862,456	84,886,412	14.36	12.41	.17	.61	.78	6.8
2004	1,295,548,900	86,135,292	15.04	13.12	.24	.66	.90	7.1
2005	1,266,728,652	86,099,607	14.71	12.55	.22	.64	.86	6.7
2006	1,377,418,310	86,838,223	15.86	13.87	.23	.67	.90	6.8
2007	1,378,479,527	87,668,847	15.72	14.12	.32	.71	1.03	7.1
2008	840,012,143	87,406,443	9.61	8.03	.26	.38	.64	5.7
2009	1,045,027,339	87,415,193	11.95	10.10	.15	.30	.45	5.2
2010	1,124,671,966	88,885,186	12.65	10.72	.14	.37	.51	5.1
2011	1,050,733,678	91,073,899	11.54	9.64	.15	.50	.65	6.1
2012	1,155,997,037	93,029,724	12.43	10.59	.18	.49	.67	6.3
2013	1,421,550,920	94,223,617	15.09	13.07	.22	.62	.84	7.1
2014	1,527,772,661	96,286,656	15.87	13.68	.20	.98	1.18	8.8

* The annual distribution rate is the total dividends and capital gain distributions during the year divided by the Fund's average month-end stock price. For years prior to 2011, the average month-end stock price is determined for the calendar year. For 2011 and later, the average month-end stock price is determined for the twelve months ended October 31, which is consistent with the calculation used for the annual 6% minimum distribution rate commitment adopted in September 2011.

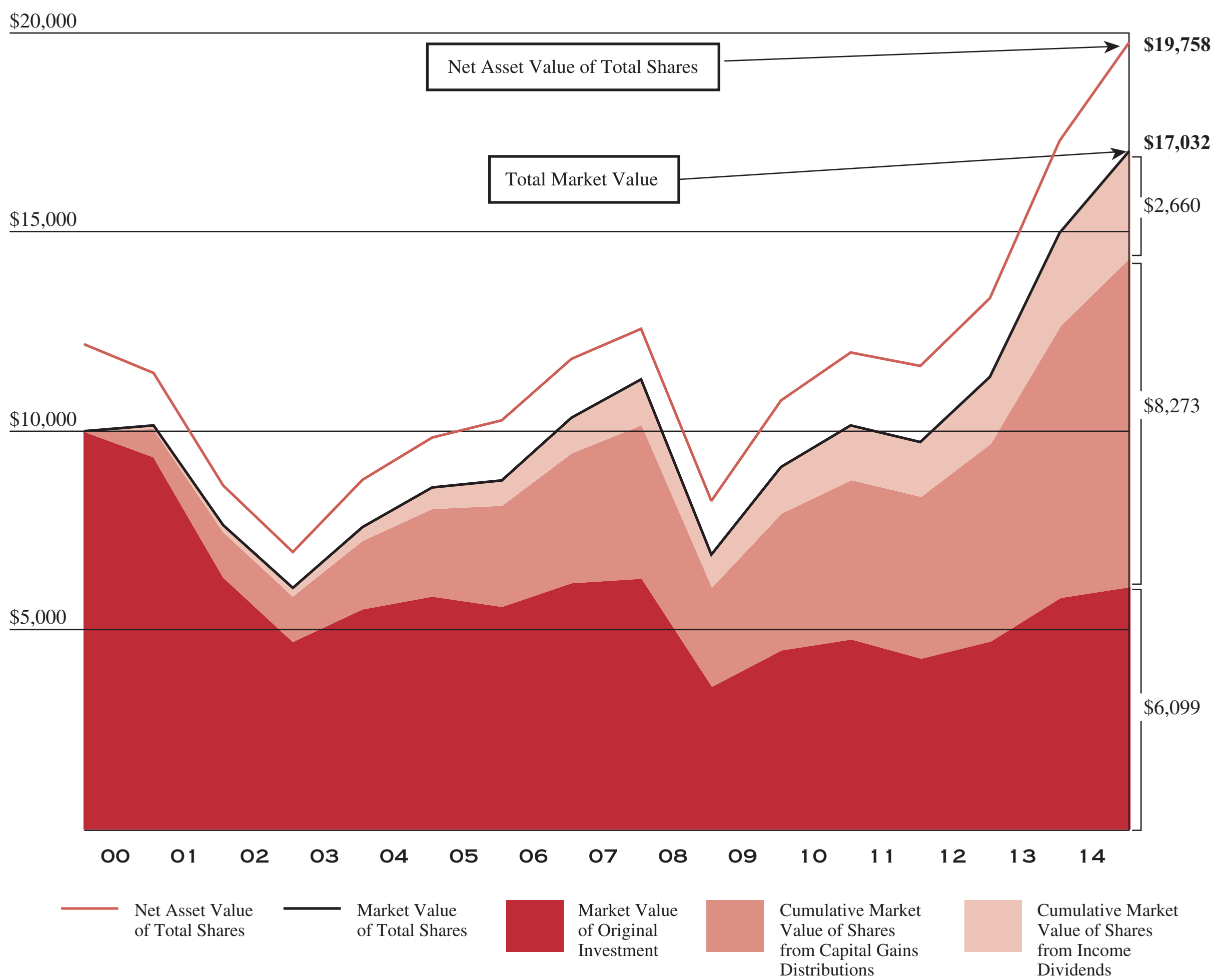
** Adjusted to reflect the 3-for-2 stock split effected in October 2000.

(unaudited)

Calendar year-end	Market value of original investment	Cumulative market value of shares from capital gains distributions	Cumulative market value of shares from income dividends	Total market value	Net asset value of total shares
2000	$9,362	$ 698	$ 85	$10,145	$11,458
2001	6,340	1,141	161	7,642	8,624
2002	4,712	1,146	205	6,063	6,953
2003	5,533	1,712	343	7,588	8,780
2004	5,849	2,209	525	8,583	9,839
2005	5,595	2,531	640	8,766	10,275
2006	6,184	3,260	887	10,331	11,813
2007	6,295	3,860	1,140	11,295	12,574
2008	3,580	2,497	819	6,896	8,253
2009	4,503	3,431	1,169	9,103	10,771
2010	4,779	3,989	1,378	10,146	11,974
2011	4,298	4,058	1,366	9,722	11,638
2012	4,721	4,964	1,680	11,365	13,340
2013	5,827	6,827	2,325	14,979	17,293
2014	6,099	8,273	2,660	17,032	19,758

Illustration of an assumed
15 year investment of $10,000

Investment income dividends and capital gains distributions are taken in additional shares. This chart covers the years 2000–2014. Fees for the reinvestment of interim dividends are assumed as 2% of the amount reinvested (maximum of $2.50) and commissions of $0.05 per share. There is no charge for reinvestment of year-end distributions. No adjustment has been made for any income taxes payable by shareholders on income dividends, capital gains distributions, or the sale of any shares. These results should not be considered representative of the dividend income or capital gain or loss which may be realized in the future.



DIVIDEND PAYMENT SCHEDULE

The Fund presently pays dividends four times a year, as follows: (a) three interim distributions on or about March 1, June 1, and September 1, and (b) a year-end distribution, payable in late December, consisting of the estimated balance of the net investment income for the year and the net realized capital gain earned through October 31 and, if applicable, a return of capital. Shareholders may elect to receive the year-end distribution in stock or cash. In connection with this distribution, all shareholders of record are sent a dividend announcement notice and an election card in mid-November. **Shareholders holding shares in "street" or brokerage accounts may make their election by notifying their brokerage house representative.**

INVESTORS CHOICE

INVESTORS CHOICE is a direct stock purchase and sale plan, as well as a dividend reinvestment plan, sponsored and administered by our transfer agent, American Stock Transfer & Trust Corporation (AST). The Plan provides registered shareholders and interested first time investors an affordable alternative for buying, selling, and reinvesting in Fund shares. A brochure which further details the benefits and features of INVESTORS CHOICE as well as an enrollment form may be obtained by contacting AST.

The costs to participants in administrative service fees and brokerage commissions for each type of transaction are listed below. ***Fees are subject to change at any time.***

Fees:	**Minimum and Maximum Cash Investments:**
Initial Enrollment and Optional Cash Investments: Service Fee $2.50 per investment Brokerage Commission $0.05 per share Reinvestment of Dividends*: Service Fee 2% of amount invested *(maximum of $2.50 per investment)* Brokerage Commission $0.05 per share Sale of Shares: Service Fee $10.00 Brokerage Commission $0.05 per share Deposit of Certificates for safekeeping $7.50 (waived if sold) Book to Book Transfers Included *To transfer shares to another participant or to a new participant* * The year-end dividend and capital gain distribution will usually be made in newly issued shares of Common Stock. There are no fees or commissions in connection with this dividend and capital gain distribution when made in newly issued shares.	Initial minimum investment (non-holders) $500 Minimum optional investment (existing holders) $50 Electronic Funds Transfer (monthly minimum) $50 Maximum per transaction $25,000 Maximum per year NONE **INVESTORS CHOICE Mailing Address:** Attention: Dividend Reinvestment P.O. Box 922 Wall Street Station New York, NY 10269-0560 ***Website:*** www.amstock.com ***E-mail:*** info@amstock.com

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Shareholders using brokerage accounts: *http://enroll.icsdelivery.com/ADX*

Personal Information	Position Held with the Fund	Term of Office	Length of Time Served	Principal Occupations	Number of Portfolios in Fund Complex Overseen by Director	Other Directorships
Independent Directors						
Enrique R. Arzac, Ph.D. 7 St. Paul Street, Suite 1140 Baltimore, MD 21202 Age 73	Director	One Year	Since 1983	Professor of Finance and Economics at the Graduate School of Business, Columbia University, formerly Vice Dean of Academic Affairs.	Two	Director of Petroleum Resources Corporation (closed-end fund), Aberdeen Asset Management Funds (6 closed-end funds), Credit Suisse Asset Management Funds (2 closed-end funds and 9 open-end funds), and Mirae Asset Discovery Funds (6 open-end funds). In addition, within the past five years, Dr. Arzac served as a director of Epoch Holdings Corporation (an investment management and investment advisory services company) and Starcomms Plc (telecommunications company).
Phyllis O. Bonanno 7 St. Paul Street, Suite 1140 Baltimore, MD 21202 Age 71	Director	One Year	Since 2003	Retired President & CEO of International Trade Solutions, Inc. (consultants). Formerly, President of Columbia College, Columbia, South Carolina, and Corporate Vice President of Warnaco, Inc. (apparel).	Two	Director of Petroleum Resources Corporation (closed-end fund) and Borg-Warner Inc. (industrial). In addition, within the past five years, Ms. Bonanno served as Director of Mohawk Industries, Inc. (carpets and flooring).
Kenneth J. Dale 7 St. Paul Street, Suite 1140 Baltimore, MD 21202 Age 58	Director	One Year	Since 2008	Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of The Associated Press. Formerly, Vice President, J.P. Morgan Chase & Co. Inc.	Two	Director of Petroleum Resources Corporation (closed-end fund).
Frederic A. Escherich 7 St. Paul Street, Suite 1140 Baltimore, MD 21202 Age 62	Director	One Year	Since 2006	Private Investor. Formerly, Managing Director and head of Mergers and Acquisitions Research and the Financial Advisory Department with JPMorgan & Co. Inc.	Two	Director of Petroleum Resources Corporation (closed-end fund).
Roger W. Gale, Ph.D. 7 St. Paul Street, Suite 1140 Baltimore, MD 21202 Age 68	Director	One Year	Since 2005	President & CEO of GF Energy, LLC (consultants to electric power companies). Formerly, member of management group of PA Consulting Group (energy consultants).	Two	Director of Petroleum Resources Corporation (closed-end fund) and during the past five years also served as a director of Ormat Technologies, Inc. (geothermal and renewable energy).

Personal Information	Position Held with the Fund	Term of Office	Length of Time Served	Principal Occupations	Number of Portfolios in Fund Complex Overseen by Director	Other Directorships
Independent Directors (continued)						
Kathleen T. McGahran, Ph.D., J.D., CPA 7 St. Paul Street, Suite 1140 Baltimore, MD 21202 Age 64	Director, Chair of the Board	One Year	Since 2003	President & CEO of Pelham Associates, Inc. (an executive education provider). Formerly, Associate Dean and Director of Executive Education and Associate Professor, Columbia University, and Adjunct Associate Professor, Stern School of Business, New York University and Tuck School of Business, Dartmouth College.	Two	Director of Petroleum Resources Corporation (closed-end fund).
Craig R. Smith, M.D. 7 St. Paul Street, Suite 1140 Baltimore, MD 21202 Age 68	Director	One Year	Since 2005	Retired Chief Operating Officer of Algenol LLC (ethanol manufacturing). Formerly, President, Williston Consulting LLC (consultants to pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries) and Chairman, President & CEO of Guilford Pharmaceuticals (pharmaceuticals & biotechnology).	Two	Director of Petroleum Resources Corporation (closed-end fund) and a Manager of Algenol LLC. In addition, within the past five years, Dr. Smith served as a director of Algenol Biofuels, Inc. (ethanol manufacturing), Depomed, Inc. (specialty pharmaceuticals), and LaJolla Pharmaceutical Company.
Interested Director						
Mark E. Stoeckle 7 St. Paul Street, Suite 1140 Baltimore, MD 21202 Age 58	Director and CEO	One Year	Since 2013	CEO of the Fund and CEO of Petroleum Resources Corporation.	Two	Director of Petroleum Resources Corporation (closed-end fund).

Statement on Quarterly Filing of Complete Portfolio Schedule

In addition to publishing its complete schedule of portfolio holdings in the First and Third Quarter Reports to shareholders, the Fund also files its complete schedule of portfolio holdings with the Securities and Exchange Commission for the first and third quarters of each fiscal year on Form N-Q. The Fund's Forms N-Q are available on the Commission's website: *www.sec.gov*. The Company's Forms N-Q may be reviewed and copied at the Commission's Public Reference Room, and information on the operation of the Public Reference Room may be obtained by calling 1-800-SEC-0330. The Fund also posts a link to its Forms N-Q on its website: *www.adamsexpress.com* under the headings "Investment Information", "Financial Reports" and then "SEC Filings".

Annual Certification

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

Proxy Voting Policies and Record

A description of the policies and procedures that the Fund uses to determine how to vote proxies relating to portfolio securities owned by the Fund and the Fund's proxy voting record for the 12-month period ended June 30, 2014 are available (i) without charge, upon request, by calling the Fund's toll free number at (800) 638-2479; (ii) on the Fund's website: *www.adamsexpress.com* under the headings "About Adams Express" and "Corporate Information"; and (iii) on the Securities and Exchange Commission's website: *www.sec.gov*.

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 stocks held by the Fund, 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 the Fund's periodic filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Privacy Policy

In order to conduct its business, the Fund, through its transfer agent, American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, collects and maintains certain nonpublic personal information about our shareholders of record with respect to their transactions in shares of our securities. This information includes the shareholder's address, tax identification or Social Security number, share balances, and dividend elections. We do not collect or maintain personal information about shareholders whose shares of our securities are held in "street name" by a financial institution such as a bank or broker.

We do not disclose any nonpublic personal information about you, our other shareholders or our 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 internally, we restrict access to nonpublic personal information about our shareholders to those employees who need to know that information to provide services to our shareholders. We also maintain certain other safeguards to protect your nonpublic personal information.

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