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Wells Fargo Advantage Income Opportunities Fund

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

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Date of fiscal year end: April 30

Date of reporting period: October 31, 2014

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Wells Fargo Advantage

Income Opportunities Fund

Semi-Annual Report

October 31, 2014

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Letter to shareholders (unaudited)

Karla M. Rabusch

President

Wells Fargo Advantage Funds

The U.S. high-yield bond market (as measured by the Barclays U.S. Corporate High Yield Index¹) delivered positive performance overall for the six-month period that ended October 31, 2014.

Dear Valued Shareholder:

We are pleased to offer you this semi-annual report for the *Wells Fargo Advantage Income Opportunities Fund* for the six-month reporting period that ended October 31, 2014. Despite heightened volatility during the last four months of the period, the U.S. high-yield bond market (as measured by the Barclays U.S. Corporate High Yield Index¹) delivered positive performance overall for the six-month period that ended October 31, 2014.

The U.S. high-yield bond market delivered strong second-quarter 2014 results.

U.S. Federal Reserve (Fed) officials continued winding down their bond-buying program in the second quarter, leaving it on pace to end in October 2014. They also revisited the question of when to begin raising short-term interest rates from near zero and released new projections showing rates rising more than previously expected in 2015 and 2016, but on a positive note they slightly reduced their projection for rates over the longer term. Bond markets took this information in stride, continuing their rally that began in the first quarter, as low growth and low inflation expectations appeared to drive yields lower and longer-term bond prices higher. In this environment, the U.S. high-yield bond market delivered strong quarterly results. Similar to the previous quarter, longer-duration high-yield bonds performed best, helped by a decline in longer-dated U.S. Treasury yields following confirmation by the Fed that interest rates would remain low for some time. BB-rated bonds performed well because a number of higher-quality names in the BB-rated tier tend to have longer durations. However, BBB-rated bonds outperformed all other high-yield tiers; these bonds have generally had longer durations as well.

The third quarter of 2014 proved difficult for the U.S. high-yield bond market.

The high-yield bond rally that had carried on for nearly the entire first half of 2014 began weakening toward the end of June, likely driven by concern expressed by Fed Chair Janet Yellen that the leveraged financial markets might be

overheating. Shortly after her comments were publicized, high-yield bond mutual funds began to see outflows for the first time in more than nine months; by the end of the third quarter, they had experienced nearly \$20 billion in net outflows. As the outflows persisted, performance deteriorated. The high-yield market had its worst quarterly performance of -1.87% in three years and its second-worst performance since the height of the financial crisis (the fourth quarter of 2008) when the high-yield bond market declined more than 17%.

Within the broad high-yield market, higher-quality high-yield bonds performed better during the third quarter than lower-quality high-yield bonds of similar durations. BB-rated, B-rated, and CCC (and below)-rated bonds returned -1.34%, -1.86%, and -3.11%, respectively (measured by the Barclays U.S. Corporate High Yield Index). Also, longer-duration high-yield bonds buoyed by the rates rally in longer-duration U.S. Treasuries outperformed shorter-duration high-yield bonds of similar quality.

October 2014 brought a rebound for high-yield bonds.

The volatility in the high-yield bond market that began during the third quarter carried on into October. A sharp shift away from risk assets was driven by a variety of investor concerns, such as slowing global growth (particularly in Europe), disinflationary pressures resulting from falling oil prices, the end of the Fed's bond-purchase program in October 2014, and the spread of the Ebola virus.

1. The Barclays U.S. Corporate High Yield Index is an unmanaged, U.S. dollar-denominated, nonconvertible, non-investment-grade debt index. The index consists of domestic and corporate bonds rated Ba and below with a minimum outstanding amount of \$150 million. You cannot invest directly in an index.

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However, on the last day of October, the Bank of Japan unexpectedly announced an extension of its qualitative and quantitative easing programs. Investors responded positively to the news, which pushed the high-yield bond market into positive territory for the month.

Don't let short-term uncertainty derail long-term investment goals.

Periods of uncertainty can present challenges, but experience has taught us that maintaining long-term investment goals can be an effective way to plan for the future. Although diversification cannot guarantee an investment profit or prevent losses, we believe it can be an effective way to manage investment risk and potentially smooth out overall portfolio performance. We encourage investors to know their investments and to understand that appropriate levels of risk-taking may unlock opportunities.

Thank you for choosing to invest with *Wells Fargo Advantage Funds*. We appreciate your confidence in us and remain committed to helping you meet your financial needs. For current information about your fund investments, contact your investment professional, visit our website at wellsfargoadvantagefunds.com, or call us directly at **1-800-222-8222**. We are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Sincerely,

Karla M. Rabusch

President

Wells Fargo Advantage Funds

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Investment objective

The Fund seeks a high level of current income. Capital appreciation is a secondary objective.

Adviser

Wells Fargo Funds Management, LLC

Subadviser

Wells Capital Management Incorporated

Portfolio managers

Niklas Nordenfelt, CFA

Phillip Susser

Average annual total returns¹ (%) as of October 31, 2014

| | 6 months | 1 year | 5 year | 10 year |
|--|----------|--------|--------|---------|
| Based on market value | (0.02) | 8.78 | 11.24 | 5.90 |
| Based on net asset value (NAV) per share | 3.34 | 10.25 | 12.16 | 6.97 |

Figures quoted represent past performance, which is no guarantee of future results, and do not reflect taxes that a shareholder may pay on fund distributions or the sales of fund shares. Investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when sold, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted, which assumes the reinvestment of dividends and capital gains. Performance figures of the Fund do not reflect brokerage commissions that a shareholder would pay on the purchase and sale of shares. If taxes and such brokerage commissions had been reflected, performance would have been lower. To obtain performance information current to the most recent month-end, please call 1-800-222-8222.

The Adviser has committed through February 23, 2015, to waive fees and/or reimburse expenses to the extent necessary to limit the Fund's borrowing expenses to an amount that is 0.05% lower than what the borrowing expenses would have been if the Fund had not redeemed its Auction Market Preferred Shares. The Fund's gross and net expense ratios for the six months ended October 31, 2014, were 1.23% and 1.00%, respectively, which includes 0.07% of interest expense. Without this waiver and/or reimbursement, the Fund's returns would have been lower.

Comparison of NAV vs. market value²

The Fund is leveraged through a secured debt borrowing facility and also may incur leverage by issuing preferred shares in the future. The use of leverage results in certain risks including, among others, the likelihood of greater volatility of net asset value and the market price of common shares. Derivatives involve additional risks including interest rate risk, credit risk, the risk of improper valuation, and the risk of non-correlation to the relevant instruments that they are designed to hedge or to closely track. Bond values fluctuate in response to the financial condition of individual issuers, general market and economic conditions, and changes in interest rates. In general, when interest rates rise, bond values fall and investors may lose principal value. High-yield securities have a greater risk of default and tend to be more volatile than higherrated debt securities.

1. Total returns based on market value are calculated assuming a purchase of common stock on the first day and a sale on the last day of the period reported. Total returns based on NAV are calculated based on the NAV at the beginning of the period and end of period. Dividends and distributions, if any, are assumed for the purposes of these calculations to be reinvested at prices obtained under the Fund's Automatic Dividend Reinvestment Plan.
2. This chart does not reflect any brokerage commissions charged on the purchase and sale of the Fund's common stock. Dividends and distributions paid by the Fund have the effect of reducing the Fund's NAV.

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Performance highlights (unaudited)
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The Fund's return based on market value was -0.02% during the six months that ended October 31, 2014. During the same period, the Fund's return based on net asset value was 3.34%.

Overview

High-yield bond performance continued to be aided by rising stock prices (high-yield bond performance tends to have high correlation with stock performance), increasing prices for long-dated U.S. Treasuries, and relatively low volatility. However, these positive effects were partially offset by a decline in commodity prices, higher yields for intermediate-term Treasuries, outflows from high-yield bond mutual funds, and global economic uncertainty. The rise in interest rates for Treasuries that began in the summer of 2013 (resulting from investor concerns regarding the wind-down of the Federal Reserve's bond-purchase program) has subsided, and since the end of 2013, interest rates for long-dated Treasuries have consistently declined (with a few small pullbacks). The resulting environment provided a strong backdrop for long-duration high-yield bonds in particular.

Over the past several years, low interest rates combined with low volatility have enabled companies that issue high-yield bonds to refinance as well as add new high-yield debt and lower their borrowing costs. Although leverage levels have not reached record highs, they are relatively high given this point in the economic cycle.

Ten largest holdings³ (%) as of October 31, 2014

| | |
|---|------|
| Texas Competitive Electric Holdings Company LLC | 3.53 |
| Sprint Capital Corporation | 2.62 |
| Jabil Circuit Incorporated | 2.22 |
| Greektown Holdings LLC | 1.74 |
| NGPL PipeCo LLC | 1.69 |
| CCM Merger Incorporated | 1.65 |
| Gray Television Incorporated | 1.57 |
| GCI Incorporated | 1.49 |
| Select Medical Corporation | 1.48 |
| Sabine Pass LNG LP | 1.47 |

Credit quality⁵ as of October 31, 2014**Contributors to performance**

The performance of the high-yield market (as measured by the Barclays U.S. Corporate High Yield Index⁴) during the reporting period generally was positive, with the exception of five sectors in which the Fund overall held underweight positions. Three of these sectors were commodity-related (oil/gas exploration and production companies, metals and mining companies, and oil field services), and the other two sectors were gaming (in which the underperformance was

driven by one company, Caesars Entertainment Corporation, to which the Fund had no exposure) and consumer products. An overweight to longer-duration bonds, which outperformed shorter-duration bonds during the period, also contributed to performance. In addition, exposure to pipeline companies helped relative performance.

Detractors from performance

The Fund's performance was negatively affected by exposure to electric utilities in particular, to Energy Future Intermediate Holding Company LLC.

3. The ten largest holdings are calculated based on the value of the securities divided by total net assets of the Fund. Holdings are subject to change and may have changed since the date specified.
4. The Barclays U.S. Corporate High Yield Index is an unmanaged, U.S. dollar-denominated, nonconvertible, non-investment-grade debt index. The index consists of domestic and corporate bonds rated Ba and below with a minimum outstanding amount of \$150 million. You cannot invest directly in an index.
5. The credit quality of portfolio holdings reflected in the chart is based on ratings from Standard & Poor's, Moody's Investors Service, and/or Fitch Ratings Ltd. Credit quality ratings apply to the underlying holdings of the Fund and not to the Fund itself. The percentages of the Fund's portfolio with the ratings depicted in the chart are calculated based on the total market value of fixed income securities held by the Fund. If a security was rated by all three rating agencies, the middle rating was utilized. If rated by two of three rating agencies, the lower rating was utilized, and if rated by one of the rating agencies, that rating was utilized. Standard & Poor's rates the creditworthiness of bonds, ranging from AAA (highest) to D (lowest). Ratings from A to CCC may be modified by the addition of a plus (+) or minus (-) sign to show relative standing within the rating categories. Standard & Poor's rates the creditworthiness of short-term notes from SP-1 (highest) to SP-3 (lowest). Moody's rates the creditworthiness of bonds, ranging from Aaa (highest) to C (lowest). Ratings Aa to B may be modified by the addition of a number 1 (highest) to 3 (lowest) to show relative standing within the ratings categories. Moody's rates the creditworthiness of short-term U.S. tax-exempt municipal securities from MIG 1/VMIG 1 (highest) to SG (lowest). Fitch rates the creditworthiness of bonds, ranging from AAA (highest) to D (lowest). Credit quality, and credit quality ratings are subject to change.

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| Effective maturity distribution ⁶ as of October 31, 2014 | |

Management outlook

High-yield bond market statistics improved slightly during the reporting period due to slightly higher yields and spreads over Treasuries as of October 31, 2014, compared with six months earlier. Also, leverage in the high-yield market remained relatively stable because companies tended to increase debt and earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, amortization (cash flow) at similar rates. Coverage levels remained healthy as well; the average interest rate paid by high-yield issuers hovered near record

lows. We believe that if no external shocks or unexpected

interest-rate increases occur, high-yield bonds may remain at these historically high interest-rate coverage ratios.

On that note, we feel that accommodative central bank monetary policies will be a key to high-yield performance over the coming year. High-yield bonds and most other asset classes have been underpinned by low rates and quantitative easing, which have pushed investors into higher-yielding assets, such as high-yield bonds and equities. Investors alternative safe assets, such as Treasuries, have been delivering negative real yields and virtually no absolute yields and therefore often have not been meeting investors' needs and expectations. Should interest rates rise meaningfully over the coming year, we would not be surprised to see a sell-off in the high-yield market. However, if an increase in interest rates coincides with a strong economy, we believe high-yield bonds could continue to outperform other fixed-income assets. Alternatively, should rising interest rates trigger a slowdown in the economy, we are unsure which (if any) assets would perform well, and we would not be surprised by a sharper drop in the high-yield bond market.

In addition to the more traditional focus on monetary policy, we see a number of imbalances in the world that have existed for many years, such as high government debt and deficit levels in most of the developed world, a potential real estate and municipal debt bubble in China, and persistent trade and current-account deficits/surpluses among various countries throughout the world. Although these issues may remain subdued, we believe that if the market were to become focused on them, there could be renewed fears of systemic risks and a related fall in risk markets, including high yield.

Over the long run, we expect the relative performance of high yield will be driven primarily by corporate fundamentals and defaults. In the near term, our default outlook remains benign and supportive of high yield. Over a full cycle, we believe the best way to protect the Fund from periodic bouts of systemic fears and volatility will be our continued focus on a bottom-up approach that attempts to minimize downside risk while capturing the return potential of high-yield issuers.

6. Effective maturity distribution is subject to change and are calculated based on the total long-term investments of the Fund.

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| Security name | Shares | Value | | |
|--|---------------|------------------|--------------|------------|
| Common Stocks: 0.31% | | | | |
| Materials: 0.00% | | | | |
| Chemicals: 0.00% | | | | |
| <i>LyondellBasell Industries NV Class A</i> | 7 | \$ 641 | | |
| Telecommunication Services: 0.31% | | | | |
| Diversified Telecommunication Services: 0.31% | | | | |
| <i>Fairpoint Communications Incorporated</i> | 134,376 | 2,230,642 | | |
| Total Common Stocks (Cost \$3,110,371) | | 2,231,283 | | |
| | Interest rate | Maturity date | Principal | |
| Corporate Bonds and Notes: 108.03% | | | | |
| Consumer Discretionary: 17.78% | | | | |
| Auto Components: 1.93% | | | | |
| <i>Allison Transmission Incorporated 144A</i> | 7.13% | 5-15-2019 | \$ 8,015,000 | 8,425,769 |
| <i>Cooper Tire & Rubber Company</i> | 7.63 | 3-15-2027 | 4,000,000 | 4,220,000 |
| <i>Cooper Tire & Rubber Company</i> | 8.00 | 12-15-2019 | 150,000 | 166,500 |
| <i>Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company</i> | 7.00 | 5-15-2022 | 700,000 | 761,250 |
| | | | | 13,573,519 |
| Distributors: 0.19% | | | | |
| <i>LKQ Corporation</i> | 4.75 | 5-15-2023 | 1,355,000 | 1,309,472 |
| Diversified Consumer Services: 1.81% | | | | |
| <i>Service Corporation International</i> | 6.75 | 4-1-2016 | 1,250,000 | 1,321,875 |
| <i>Service Corporation International</i> | 7.00 | 6-15-2017 | 1,250,000 | 1,365,625 |
| <i>Service Corporation International</i> | 7.50 | 4-1-2027 | 7,078,000 | 7,785,800 |
| <i>Service Corporation International</i> | 7.63 | 10-1-2018 | 1,100,000 | 1,232,000 |
| <i>Service Corporation International</i> | 8.00 | 11-15-2021 | 885,000 | 1,039,875 |

12,745,175

Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure: 4.77%

| | | | | |
|--|------|------------|------------|------------|
| <i>Burger King Corporation</i> | 9.88 | 10-15-2018 | 1,600,000 | 1,688,000 |
| <i>CCM Merger Incorporated 144A</i> | 9.13 | 5-1-2019 | 10,830,000 | 11,642,250 |
| <i>Greektown Holdings LLC 144A</i> | 8.88 | 3-15-2019 | 12,215,000 | 12,276,075 |
| <i>Hilton Worldwide Finance LLC 144A</i> | 5.63 | 10-15-2021 | 320,000 | 337,200 |
| <i>Pinnacle Entertainment Incorporated</i> | 7.50 | 4-15-2021 | 6,257,000 | 6,679,348 |
| <i>Speedway Motorsports Incorporated</i> | 6.75 | 2-1-2019 | 980,000 | 1,019,200 |
| | | | | 33,642,073 |

Household Durables: 0.35%

| | | | | |
|--|------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| <i>American Greetings Corporation</i> | 7.38 | 12-1-2021 | 2,025,000 | 2,133,844 |
| <i>Tempur Sealy International Incorporated</i> | 6.88 | 12-15-2020 | 325,000 | 346,938 |
| | | | | 2,480,782 |

Media: 7.42%

| | | | | |
|--|------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| <i>Cablevision Systems Corporation</i> | 8.63 | 9-15-2017 | 2,975,000 | 3,361,750 |
| <i>CBS Outdoor Americas Capital LLC 144A</i> | 5.25 | 2-15-2022 | 320,000 | 330,400 |
| <i>CBS Outdoor Americas Capital LLC 144A</i> | 5.63 | 2-15-2024 | 35,000 | 36,488 |

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| Security name | Interest rate | Maturity date | Principal | Value |
|--|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| Media (continued) | | | | |
| <i>CBS Outdoor Americas Capital LLC 144A</i> | 5.88% | 3-15-2025 | \$ 1,955,000 | \$ 2,052,750 |
| <i>CCO Holdings LLC</i> | 8.13 | 4-30-2020 | 686,000 | 727,160 |
| <i>CCOH Safari LLC %%</i> | 5.50 | 12-1-2022 | 735,000 | 739,594 |
| <i>CCOH Safari LLC %%</i> | 5.75 | 12-1-2024 | 2,575,000 | 2,594,313 |
| <i>Cinemark USA Incorporated</i> | 7.38 | 6-15-2021 | 1,525,000 | 1,635,563 |
| <i>CSC Holdings LLC</i> | 7.63 | 7-15-2018 | 1,145,000 | 1,296,713 |
| <i>CSC Holdings LLC</i> | 7.88 | 2-15-2018 | 1,650,000 | 1,864,500 |
| <i>CSC Holdings LLC</i> | 8.63 | 2-15-2019 | 635,000 | 745,331 |
| <i>DISH DBS Corporation</i> | 7.88 | 9-1-2019 | 2,260,000 | 2,624,425 |
| <i>EchoStar DBS Corporation</i> | 7.13 | 2-1-2016 | 1,160,000 | 1,233,950 |
| <i>EchoStar DBS Corporation</i> | 7.75 | 5-31-2015 | 650,000 | 672,750 |
| <i>Gray Television Incorporated</i> | 7.50 | 10-1-2020 | 10,550,000 | 11,037,938 |
| <i>Lamar Media Corporation</i> | 5.88 | 2-1-2022 | 1,785,000 | 1,883,175 |
| <i>LIN Television Corporation</i> | 6.38 | 1-15-2021 | 500,000 | 507,500 |
| <i>LIN Television Corporation</i> | 8.38 | 4-15-2018 | 3,475,000 | 3,618,344 |
| <i>Live Nation Entertainment Incorporated 144A</i> | 7.00 | 9-1-2020 | 810,000 | 860,625 |
| <i>Lynx II Corporation 144A</i> | 6.38 | 4-15-2023 | 605,000 | 639,788 |
| <i>National CineMedia LLC</i> | 6.00 | 4-15-2022 | 3,340,000 | 3,381,750 |
| <i>National CineMedia LLC</i> | 7.88 | 7-15-2021 | 1,330,000 | 1,416,450 |
| <i>Nexstar Broadcasting Group Incorporated</i> | 6.88 | 11-15-2020 | 3,510,000 | 3,641,625 |
| <i>Regal Entertainment Group</i> | 5.75 | 6-15-2023 | 665,000 | 638,400 |
| <i>Regal Entertainment Group</i> | 5.75 | 3-15-2022 | 4,850,000 | 4,740,875 |
| | | | | 52,282,157 |
| Specialty Retail: 1.31% | | | | |
| <i>ABC Supply Company Incorporated 144A</i> | 5.63 | 4-15-2021 | 730,000 | 739,125 |
| <i>Ahern Rentals Incorporated 144A</i> | 9.50 | 6-15-2018 | 1,985,000 | 2,118,988 |
| <i>Century Intermediate Holding Company (PIK at 10.50%) 144A</i> | 9.75 | 2-15-2019 | 290,000 | 307,763 |
| <i>Penske Auto Group Incorporated</i> | 5.75 | 10-1-2022 | 1,965,000 | 2,043,600 |
| <i>Sonic Automotive Incorporated</i> | 5.00 | 5-15-2023 | 1,900,000 | 1,843,000 |
| <i>Toys R Us Property Company II LLC</i> | 8.50 | 12-1-2017 | 2,200,000 | 2,200,000 |
| | | | | 9,252,476 |

Consumer Staples: 0.72%**Food Products: 0.72%**

| | | | | |
|---|------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| <i>B&G Foods Incorporated</i> | 4.63 | 6-1-2021 | 670,000 | 658,275 |
| <i>Darling Ingredients Incorporated</i> | 5.38 | 1-15-2022 | 295,000 | 295,738 |
| <i>Hearthside Group Holdings LLC 144A</i> | 6.50 | 5-1-2022 | 200,000 | 197,000 |
| <i>Prestige Brands Incorporated 144A</i> | 5.38 | 12-15-2021 | 775,000 | 749,813 |
| <i>Simmons Foods Incorporated 144A</i> | 7.88 | 10-1-2021 | 3,100,000 | 3,138,750 |
| | | | | 5,039,576 |

Energy: 22.58%**Energy Equipment & Services: 9.25%**

| | | | | |
|---|------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| <i>Bristow Group Incorporated</i> | 6.25 | 10-15-2022 | 5,830,000 | 6,063,200 |
| <i>Cleaver Brooks Incorporated 144A</i> | 8.75 | 12-15-2019 | 2,295,000 | 2,495,813 |
| <i>Compressco Partners LP 144A</i> | 7.25 | 8-15-2022 | 1,980,000 | 1,960,200 |
| <i>Era Group Incorporated</i> | 7.75 | 12-15-2022 | 7,340,000 | 7,615,250 |

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| Security name | Interest rate | Maturity date | Principal | Value |
|--|---------------|---------------|------------|------------|
| Energy Equipment & Services | | | | |
| (continued) | | | | |
| <i>Forum Energy Technologies Incorporated</i> | 6.25% | 10-1-2021 | \$ 315,000 | \$ 324,450 |
| <i>Gulfmark Offshore Incorporated</i> | 6.38 | 3-15-2022 | 8,173,000 | 7,437,430 |
| <i>Hornbeck Offshore Services Incorporated</i> | 5.00 | 3-1-2021 | 3,955,000 | 3,519,950 |
| <i>Hornbeck Offshore Services Incorporated</i> | 5.88 | 4-1-2020 | 5,362,000 | 5,040,280 |
| <i>NGPL PipeCo LLC 144A</i> | 7.12 | 12-15-2017 | 9,470,000 | 9,493,675 |
| <i>NGPL PipeCo LLC 144A</i> | 7.77 | 12-15-2037 | 11,515,000 | 11,918,025 |
| <i>NGPL PipeCo LLC 144A</i> | 9.63 | 6-1-2019 | 715,000 | 761,475 |
| <i>Northern Tier Energy LLC 144A</i> | 7.13 | 11-15-2020 | 1,325,000 | 1,391,250 |
| <i>PHI Incorporated</i> | 5.25 | 3-15-2019 | 7,000,000 | 6,915,020 |
| <i>Pride International Incorporated</i> | 8.50 | 6-15-2019 | 210,000 | 259,295 |
| | | | | 65,195,313 |
| Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels: 13.33% | | | | |
| <i>Crestwood Midstream Partners LP</i> | 6.00 | 12-15-2020 | 1,230,000 | 1,245,375 |
| <i>Crestwood Midstream Partners LP</i> | 6.13 | 3-1-2022 | 475,000 | 479,750 |
| <i>CVR Refining LLC</i> | 6.50 | 11-1-2022 | 2,148,000 | 2,169,480 |
| <i>Denbury Resources Incorporated</i> | 4.63 | 7-15-2023 | 1,280,000 | 1,177,600 |
| <i>Denbury Resources Incorporated</i> | 6.38 | 8-15-2021 | 700,000 | 731,500 |
| <i>El Paso LLC</i> | 6.50 | 9-15-2020 | 1,155,000 | 1,313,813 |
| <i>El Paso LLC</i> | 7.00 | 6-15-2017 | 1,973,000 | 2,194,963 |
| <i>El Paso LLC</i> | 7.42 | 2-15-2037 | 1,820,000 | 2,184,000 |
| <i>El Paso LLC</i> | 7.80 | 8-1-2031 | 3,050,000 | 3,751,500 |
| <i>Energy Transfer Equity LP</i> | 7.50 | 10-15-2020 | 5,950,000 | 6,842,500 |
| <i>Exterran Partners LP</i> | 6.00 | 4-1-2021 | 4,000,000 | 3,860,000 |
| <i>Northern Tier Energy LLC</i> | 7.13 | 11-15-2020 | 3,280,000 | 3,444,000 |
| <i>Overseas Shipholding Group</i> | 8.13 | 3-30-2018 | 675,000 | 684,281 |
| <i>Pioneer Natural Resources Company</i> | 7.50 | 1-15-2020 | 3,170,000 | 3,841,260 |
| <i>Rockies Express Pipeline LLC 144A</i> | 5.63 | 4-15-2020 | 6,255,000 | 6,536,475 |
| <i>Rockies Express Pipeline LLC 144A</i> | 6.88 | 4-15-2040 | 8,100,000 | 8,991,000 |
| <i>Rockies Express Pipeline LLC 144A</i> | 7.50 | 7-15-2038 | 4,425,000 | 5,000,250 |
| <i>Rose Rock Midstream LP</i> | 5.63 | 7-15-2022 | 355,000 | 354,113 |
| <i>Sabine Pass Liquefaction LLC</i> | 5.63 | 2-1-2021 | 1,425,000 | 1,492,688 |
| <i>Sabine Pass Liquefaction LLC</i> | 5.63 | 4-15-2023 | 1,710,000 | 1,769,850 |
| <i>Sabine Pass Liquefaction LLC 144A</i> | 5.75 | 5-15-2024 | 525,000 | 542,719 |

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| <i>Sabine Pass Liquefaction LLC 144A</i> | 6.25 | 3-15-2022 | 3,415,000 | 3,679,663 |
| <i>Sabine Pass LNG LP</i> | 6.50 | 11-1-2020 | 9,370,000 | 9,908,775 |
| <i>Sabine Pass LNG LP</i> | 7.50 | 11-30-2016 | 9,675,000 | 10,376,438 |
| <i>SemGroup Corporation</i> | 7.50 | 6-15-2021 | 4,420,000 | 4,652,050 |
| <i>Suburban Propane Partners LP</i> | 5.50 | 6-1-2024 | 480,000 | 476,400 |
| <i>Suburban Propane Partners LP</i> | 7.38 | 3-15-2020 | 1,475,000 | 1,537,688 |
| <i>Suburban Propane Partners LP</i> | 7.38 | 8-1-2021 | 592,000 | 636,400 |
| <i>Ultra Petroleum Corporation 144A</i> | 5.75 | 12-15-2018 | 1,875,000 | 1,856,250 |
| <i>Ultra Petroleum Corporation 144A</i> | 6.13 | 10-1-2024 | 2,325,000 | 2,194,219 |
| | | | | 93,925,000 |

Financials: 20.88%

Banks: 0.39%

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|------------------------------------|------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| <i>CIT Group Incorporated 144A</i> | 5.50 | 2-15-2019 | 2,225,000 | 2,373,797 |
| <i>CIT Group Incorporated 144A</i> | 6.63 | 4-1-2018 | 370,000 | 405,150 |
| | | | | 2,778,947 |

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Portfolio of investments October 31, 2014 (unaudited)

| Security name | Interest rate | Maturity date | Principal | Value |
|--|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| Capital Markets: 2.90% | | | | |
| <i>Jefferies Finance LLC 144A</i> | 6.88% | 4-15-2022 | \$ 3,045,000 | \$ 2,953,650 |
| <i>Jefferies Finance LLC 144A</i> | 7.38 | 4-1-2020 | 4,150,000 | 4,139,625 |
| <i>Jefferies Finance LLC 144A</i> | 7.50 | 4-15-2021 | 2,775,000 | 2,775,000 |
| <i>Neuberger Berman Group LLC 144A</i> | 5.63 | 3-15-2020 | 900,000 | 940,500 |
| <i>Neuberger Berman Group LLC 144A</i> | 5.88 | 3-15-2022 | 1,125,000 | 1,192,500 |
| <i>Nuveen Investments Incorporated</i> | 5.50 | 9-15-2015 | 6,830,000 | 7,128,813 |
| <i>Nuveen Investments Incorporated 144A</i> | 9.13 | 10-15-2017 | 1,220,000 | 1,303,326 |
| | | | | 20,433,414 |
| Consumer Finance: 7.83% | | | | |
| <i>Ally Financial Incorporated</i> | 5.50 | 2-15-2017 | 1,325,000 | 1,409,403 |
| <i>Ally Financial Incorporated</i> | 6.75 | 12-1-2014 | 1,869,000 | 1,874,607 |
| <i>Ally Financial Incorporated</i> | 7.50 | 9-15-2020 | 1,541,000 | 1,833,790 |
| <i>Ally Financial Incorporated</i> | 8.00 | 3-15-2020 | 1,241,000 | 1,492,303 |
| <i>Ally Financial Incorporated</i> | 8.30 | 2-12-2015 | 8,820,000 | 8,963,325 |
| <i>Ford Motor Credit Company LLC</i> | 8.00 | 12-15-2016 | 200,000 | 226,681 |
| <i>General Motors Financial Company Incorporated</i> | 6.75 | 6-1-2018 | 2,215,000 | 2,516,794 |
| <i>Homer City Funding LLC</i> | 8.73 | 10-1-2026 | 3,031,303 | 3,167,712 |
| <i>Navient LLC</i> | 8.00 | 3-25-2020 | 6,460,000 | 7,412,850 |
| <i>SLM Corporation</i> | 6.13 | 3-25-2024 | 2,975,000 | 3,071,717 |
| <i>SLM Corporation</i> | 7.25 | 1-25-2022 | 1,600,000 | 1,788,000 |
| <i>SLM Corporation</i> | 8.45 | 6-15-2018 | 3,110,000 | 3,557,840 |
| <i>Springleaf Finance Corporation</i> | 5.40 | 12-1-2015 | 2,650,000 | 2,736,125 |
| <i>Springleaf Finance Corporation</i> | 5.75 | 9-15-2016 | 2,325,000 | 2,418,000 |
| <i>Springleaf Finance Corporation</i> | 6.00 | 6-1-2020 | 2,850,000 | 2,949,750 |
| <i>Springleaf Finance Corporation</i> | 6.50 | 9-15-2017 | 550,000 | 588,500 |
| <i>Springleaf Finance Corporation</i> | 6.90 | 12-15-2017 | 6,950,000 | 7,575,500 |
| <i>Springleaf Finance Corporation</i> | 7.75 | 10-1-2021 | 765,000 | 864,450 |
| <i>Springleaf Finance Corporation</i> | 8.25 | 10-1-2023 | 630,000 | 722,925 |
| | | | | 55,170,272 |
| Diversified Financial Services: 1.61% | | | | |
| <i>Denali Borrower LLC 144A</i> | 5.63 | 10-15-2020 | 6,930,000 | 7,350,131 |

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| <i>Infinity Acquisition LLC 144A</i> | 7.25 | 8-1-2022 | 4,310,000 | 4,029,850 |
| | | | | 11,379,981 |
| Insurance: 0.68% | | | | |
| <i>Hub Holdings LLC (PIK at 8.88%) 144A</i> | 8.13 | 7-15-2019 | 4,820,000 | 4,783,850 |
| Real Estate Management & Development: 1.38% | | | | |
| <i>Hockey Merger Sub 2 Incorporated 144A</i> | 7.88 | 10-1-2021 | 3,360,000 | 3,502,800 |
| <i>Onex Corporation 144A</i> | 7.75 | 1-15-2021 | 6,170,000 | 6,247,125 |
| | | | | 9,749,925 |
| REITs: 6.09% | | | | |
| <i>Crown Castle International Corporation</i> | 5.25 | 1-15-2023 | 4,385,000 | 4,489,144 |
| <i>DuPont Fabros Technology Incorporated LP</i> | 5.88 | 9-15-2021 | 7,670,000 | 7,976,800 |
| <i>Iron Mountain Incorporated</i> | 5.75 | 8-15-2024 | 6,150,000 | 6,273,000 |
| <i>Iron Mountain Incorporated</i> | 6.00 | 8-15-2023 | 3,560,000 | 3,746,900 |

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| Security name | Interest rate | Maturity date | Principal | Value |
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| REITs (continued) | | | | |
| <i>Iron Mountain Incorporated</i> | 7.75% | 10-1-2019 | \$ 605,000 | \$ 650,375 |
| <i>Iron Mountain Incorporated</i> | 8.38 | 8-15-2021 | 3,594,000 | 3,737,760 |
| <i>Omega Healthcare Investors Incorporated</i> | 6.75 | 10-15-2022 | 3,375,000 | 3,602,813 |
| <i>Sabra Health Care Incorporated</i> | 5.38 | 6-1-2023 | 1,425,000 | 1,446,375 |
| <i>Sabra Health Care Incorporated</i> | 5.50 | 2-1-2021 | 1,960,000 | 2,033,500 |
| <i>The Geo Group Incorporated</i> | 5.13 | 4-1-2023 | 3,000,000 | 2,970,000 |
| <i>The Geo Group Incorporated</i> | 5.88 | 1-15-2022 | 4,350,000 | 4,524,000 |
| <i>The Geo Group Incorporated</i> | 5.88 | 10-15-2024 | 770,000 | 793,100 |
| <i>The Geo Group Incorporated</i> | 6.63 | 2-15-2021 | 605,000 | 639,788 |
| | | | | 42,883,555 |
| Health Care: 11.14% | | | | |
| Health Care Equipment & Supplies: | | | | |
| 1.10% | | | | |
| <i>Crimson Merger Sub Incorporated 144A</i> | 6.63 | 5-15-2022 | 5,400,000 | 5,049,000 |
| <i>Hologic Incorporated</i> | 6.25 | 8-1-2020 | 2,590,000 | 2,722,738 |
| | | | | 7,771,738 |
| Health Care Providers & Services: | | | | |
| 7.20% | | | | |
| <i>Aviv Healthcare Properties LP</i> | 6.00 | 10-15-2021 | 850,000 | 875,500 |
| <i>Aviv Healthcare Properties LP</i> | 7.75 | 2-15-2019 | 4,435,000 | 4,656,750 |
| <i>Capella Healthcare Incorporated</i> | 9.25 | 7-1-2017 | 6,080,000 | 6,361,200 |
| <i>Centene Corporation</i> | 5.75 | 6-1-2017 | 1,925,000 | 2,026,063 |
| <i>Community Health Systems Incorporated</i> | 6.88 | 2-1-2022 | 2,200,000 | 2,370,500 |
| <i>DaVita HealthCare Partners Incorporated</i> | 5.75 | 8-15-2022 | 1,360,000 | 1,441,600 |
| <i>Fresenius Medical Care Holdings Incorporated 144A</i> | 5.63 | 7-31-2019 | 1,800,000 | 1,928,250 |
| <i>Fresenius Medical Care Holdings Incorporated</i> | 6.88 | 7-15-2017 | 700,000 | 768,250 |
| <i>HCA Incorporated</i> | 5.88 | 3-15-2022 | 750,000 | 823,125 |
| <i>HCA Incorporated</i> | 6.50 | 2-15-2020 | 5,675,000 | 6,341,813 |
| <i>HealthSouth Corporation</i> | 5.75 | 11-1-2024 | 125,000 | 131,250 |
| <i>HealthSouth Corporation</i> | 8.13 | 2-15-2020 | 820,000 | 863,050 |

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| <i>MPH Acquisition Holdings LLC 144A</i> | 6.63 | 4-1-2022 | 1,485,000 | 1,553,681 |
| <i>MPT Operating Partnership LP</i> | 6.38 | 2-15-2022 | 1,780,000 | 1,891,250 |
| <i>MPT Operating Partnership LP</i> | 6.88 | 5-1-2021 | 3,175,000 | 3,397,250 |
| <i>Select Medical Corporation</i> | 6.38 | 6-1-2021 | 10,230,000 | 10,460,175 |
| <i>Tenet Healthcare Corporation</i> | 6.00 | 10-1-2020 | 2,600,000 | 2,795,000 |
| <i>Tenet Healthcare Corporation</i> | 8.13 | 4-1-2022 | 1,790,000 | 2,051,788 |
| | | | | 50,736,495 |
| Health Care Technology: 1.44% | | | | |
| <i>Emdeon Incorporated</i> | 11.00 | 12-31-2019 | 9,165,000 | 10,161,694 |
| Pharmaceuticals: 1.40% | | | | |
| <i>Endo Finance LLC 144A</i> | 5.75 | 1-15-2022 | 1,180,000 | 1,185,900 |
| <i>Endo Finance LLC 144A</i> | 7.25 | 1-15-2022 | 3,575,000 | 3,816,313 |
| <i>Par Pharmaceutical Company</i> | 7.38 | 10-15-2020 | 3,550,000 | 3,771,875 |
| <i>Pinnacle Incorporated 144A</i> | 9.50 | 10-1-2023 | 835,000 | 910,150 |
| <i>Valeant Pharmaceuticals International Incorporated 144A</i> | 5.63 | 12-1-2021 | 140,000 | 138,600 |
| | | | | 9,822,838 |

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| Security name | Interest rate | Maturity date | Principal | Value |
|---|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| Industrials: 6.95% | | | | |
| Airlines: 0.55% | | | | |
| <i>Aviation Capital Group Corporation 144A</i> | 6.75% | 4-6-2021 | \$ 2,190,000 | \$ 2,496,600 |
| <i>Aviation Capital Group Corporation 144A</i> | 7.13 | 10-15-2020 | 1,210,000 | 1,390,820 |
| | | | | 3,887,420 |
| Commercial Services & Supplies: 2.23% | | | | |
| <i>ADT Corporation</i> | 4.13 | 6-15-2023 | 1,775,000 | 1,633,000 |
| <i>ADT Corporation</i> | 6.25 | 10-15-2021 | 4,935,000 | 5,187,919 |
| <i>Covanta Holding Corporation</i> | 5.88 | 3-1-2024 | 3,105,000 | 3,205,913 |
| <i>Covanta Holding Corporation</i> | 6.38 | 10-1-2022 | 3,205,000 | 3,413,325 |
| <i>Covanta Holding Corporation</i> | 7.25 | 12-1-2020 | 2,150,000 | 2,289,750 |
| | | | | 15,729,907 |
| Construction & Engineering: 0.69% | | | | |
| <i>AECOM Technology Corporation 144A</i> | 5.75 | 10-15-2022 | 355,000 | 371,863 |
| <i>AECOM Technology Corporation 144A</i> | 5.88 | 10-15-2024 | 4,280,000 | 4,526,100 |
| | | | | 4,897,963 |
| Machinery: 0.87% | | | | |
| <i>Columbus McKinnon Corporation</i> | 7.88 | 2-1-2019 | 5,840,000 | 6,102,800 |
| Trading Companies & Distributors: 2.41% | | | | |
| <i>Ashtead Capital Incorporated 144A</i> | 6.50 | 7-15-2022 | 6,625,000 | 7,155,000 |
| <i>H&E Equipment Services Incorporated</i> | 7.00 | 9-1-2022 | 5,540,000 | 5,913,950 |
| <i>International Lease Finance Corporation 144A</i> | 7.13 | 9-1-2018 | 1,015,000 | 1,149,488 |
| <i>International Lease Finance Corporation</i> | 8.63 | 9-15-2015 | 1,700,000 | 1,785,000 |
| <i>Light Tower Rentals Incorporated 144A</i> | 8.13 | 8-1-2019 | 970,000 | 955,450 |
| | | | | 16,958,888 |
| Transportation Infrastructure: 0.20% | | | | |
| <i>Watco Companies LLC 144A</i> | 6.38 | 4-1-2023 | 1,380,000 | 1,400,700 |

Information Technology: 8.32%**Electronic Equipment, Instruments & Components: 2.66%**

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| <i>Jabil Circuit Incorporated</i> | 8.25 | 3-15-2018 | 13,532,000 | 15,663,290 |
| <i>Zebra Technologies Corporation 144A</i> | 7.25 | 10-15-2022 | 2,910,000 | 3,062,775 |
| | | | | 18,726,065 |

Internet Software & Services: 0.48%

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| <i>Equinix Incorporated</i> | 7.00 | 7-15-2021 | 125,000 | 136,250 |
| <i>Sophia Holding Finance LP (PIK at 10.38%) 144A</i> | 9.63 | 12-1-2018 | 3,175,000 | 3,230,563 |
| | | | | 3,366,813 |

IT Services: 3.53%

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| <i>Audatex North America Incorporated 144A</i> | 6.00 | 6-15-2021 | 2,300,000 | 2,432,250 |
| <i>Audatex North America Incorporated 144A</i> | 6.13 | 11-1-2023 | 695,000 | 736,700 |
| <i>First Data Corporation 144A</i> | 6.75 | 11-1-2020 | 991,000 | 1,060,370 |
| <i>First Data Corporation 144A</i> | 7.38 | 6-15-2019 | 2,870,000 | 3,042,200 |

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| Security name | Interest rate | Maturity date | Principal | Value |
|--|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| IT Services (continued) | | | | |
| <i>First Data Corporation</i> | 11.75% | 8-15-2021 | \$ 2,860,000 | \$ 3,353,350 |
| <i>First Data Holdings Incorporated (PIK at 14.50%) 144A</i> | 14.50 | 9-24-2019 | 6,071,006 | 6,317,051 |
| <i>SunGard Data Systems Incorporated</i> | 6.63 | 11-1-2019 | 3,300,000 | 3,415,500 |
| <i>SunGard Data Systems Incorporated</i> | 7.38 | 11-15-2018 | 3,547,000 | 3,697,748 |
| <i>SunGard Data Systems Incorporated</i> | 7.63 | 11-15-2020 | 775,000 | 826,344 |
| | | | | 24,881,513 |
| Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment: 0.34% | | | | |
| <i>Micron Technology Incorporated 144A</i> | 5.88 | 2-15-2022 | 2,310,000 | 2,425,500 |
| Software: 0.46% | | | | |
| <i>Activision Blizzard Incorporated 144A</i> | 5.63 | 9-15-2021 | 1,155,000 | 1,228,631 |
| <i>Activision Blizzard Incorporated 144A</i> | 6.13 | 9-15-2023 | 285,000 | 308,513 |
| <i>BMC Software Finance Incorporated 144A</i> | 8.13 | 7-15-2021 | 1,810,000 | 1,733,075 |
| | | | | 3,270,219 |
| Technology Hardware, Storage & Peripherals: 0.85% | | | | |
| <i>NCR Corporation</i> | 5.88 | 12-15-2021 | 380,000 | 389,500 |
| <i>NCR Corporation</i> | 6.38 | 12-15-2023 | 5,315,000 | 5,607,325 |
| | | | | 5,996,825 |
| Materials: 2.04% | | | | |
| Chemicals: 0.07% | | | | |
| <i>Celanese US Holdings LLC</i> | 5.88 | 6-15-2021 | 440,000 | 476,300 |
| Containers & Packaging: 1.37% | | | | |
| <i>Ball Corporation</i> | 5.75 | 5-15-2021 | 400,000 | 419,000 |
| <i>Crown Americas LLC</i> | 6.25 | 2-1-2021 | 515,000 | 542,038 |

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| <i>Crown Cork & Seal Company Incorporated</i> | 7.38 | 12-15-2026 | 60,000 | 66,300 |
| <i>Crown Cork & Seal Company Incorporated</i> | 7.50 | 12-15-2096 | 1,225,000 | 1,145,375 |
| <i>Owens-Illinois Incorporated</i> | 7.80 | 5-15-2018 | 837,000 | 945,810 |
| <i>Sealed Air Corporation 144A</i> | 8.38 | 9-15-2021 | 3,740,000 | 4,235,550 |
| <i>Silgan Holdings Incorporated</i> | 5.00 | 4-1-2020 | 2,250,000 | 2,295,000 |
| | | | | 9,649,073 |

Metals & Mining: 0.08%

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|--|-------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| <i>Cliffs Natural Resources</i> | 6.25 | 10-1-2040 | 750,000 | 555,000 |
| <i>Indalex Holdings Corporation (s)(a)</i> | 11.50 | 2-1-2020 | 5,985,000 | 0 |
| | | | | 555,000 |

Paper & Forest Products: 0.52%

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| <i>Georgia-Pacific LLC</i> | 8.88 | 5-15-2031 | 2,430,000 | 3,708,749 |
|----------------------------|------|-----------|-----------|-----------|

Telecommunication Services: 14.45%

**Diversified Telecommunication Services:
7.30%**

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| <i>Citizens Communications Company</i> | 7.88 | 1-15-2027 | 4,205,000 | 4,373,200 |
| <i>Frontier Communications Corporation</i> | 8.13 | 10-1-2018 | 1,980,000 | 2,248,290 |
| <i>Frontier Communications Corporation</i> | 8.25 | 4-15-2017 | 2,380,000 | 2,668,575 |

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Portfolio of investments October 31, 2014 (unaudited)

| Security name | Interest rate | Maturity date | Principal | Value |
|--|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| Diversified Telecommunication Services | | | | |
| (continued) | | | | |
| <i>Frontier Communications Corporation</i> | 8.50% | 4-15-2020 | \$ 1,000,000 | \$ 1,152,500 |
| <i>GCI Incorporated</i> | 6.75 | 6-1-2021 | 4,145,000 | 4,124,275 |
| <i>GCI Incorporated</i> | 8.63 | 11-15-2019 | 10,090,000 | 10,518,825 |
| <i>Level 3 Financing Incorporated</i> | 8.13 | 7-1-2019 | 475,000 | 508,250 |
| <i>Qwest Corporation</i> | 7.13 | 11-15-2043 | 1,810,000 | 1,837,438 |
| <i>Qwest Corporation</i> | 7.25 | 9-15-2025 | 2,755,000 | 3,246,040 |
| <i>Qwest Corporation</i> | 7.63 | 8-3-2021 | 440,000 | 481,800 |
| <i>Syniverse Holdings Incorporated</i> | 9.13 | 1-15-2019 | 8,545,000 | 8,972,250 |
| <i>TW Telecommunications Holdings Incorporated</i> | 5.38 | 10-1-2022 | 990,000 | 1,093,950 |
| <i>TW Telecommunications Holdings Incorporated</i> | 5.38 | 10-1-2022 | 3,825,000 | 4,226,625 |
| <i>Windstream Corporation</i> | 7.88 | 11-1-2017 | 5,380,000 | 5,989,016 |
| | | | | 51,441,034 |
| Wireless Telecommunication Services: | | | | |
| 7.15% | | | | |
| <i>MetroPCS Wireless Incorporated</i> | 6.63 | 11-15-2020 | 5,910,000 | 6,227,663 |
| <i>SBA Telecommunications Corporation</i> | 5.63 | 10-1-2019 | 270,000 | 280,800 |
| <i>SBA Telecommunications Corporation</i> | 5.75 | 7-15-2020 | 2,795,000 | 2,920,775 |
| <i>Sprint Capital Corporation</i> | 6.88 | 11-15-2028 | 19,000,000 | 18,477,500 |
| <i>Sprint Capital Corporation</i> | 8.75 | 3-15-2032 | 3,390,000 | 3,788,325 |
| <i>Sprint Communications Incorporated 144A</i> | 9.00 | 11-15-2018 | 750,000 | 882,188 |
| <i>Sprint Communications Incorporated</i> | 11.50 | 11-15-2021 | 1,200,000 | 1,542,000 |
| <i>Sprint Corporation 144A</i> | 7.13 | 6-15-2024 | 1,585,000 | 1,628,588 |
| <i>Sprint Corporation 144A</i> | 7.25 | 9-15-2021 | 330,000 | 348,975 |
| <i>Sprint Corporation 144A</i> | 7.88 | 9-15-2023 | 330,000 | 357,225 |
| <i>T-Mobile USA Incorporated</i> | 6.00 | 3-1-2023 | 190,000 | 195,700 |
| <i>T-Mobile USA Incorporated</i> | 6.13 | 1-15-2022 | 140,000 | 145,075 |
| <i>T-Mobile USA Incorporated</i> | 6.25 | 4-1-2021 | 845,000 | 881,969 |
| <i>T-Mobile USA Incorporated</i> | 6.38 | 3-1-2025 | 1,855,000 | 1,906,013 |
| <i>T-Mobile USA Incorporated</i> | 6.46 | 4-28-2019 | 265,000 | 276,263 |
| <i>T-Mobile USA Incorporated</i> | 6.50 | 1-15-2024 | 140,000 | 146,650 |
| <i>T-Mobile USA Incorporated</i> | 6.54 | 4-28-2020 | 275,000 | 290,125 |

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|----------------------------------|------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| <i>T-Mobile USA Incorporated</i> | 6.63 | 4-1-2023 | 825,000 | 870,375 |
| <i>T-Mobile USA Incorporated</i> | 6.63 | 4-28-2021 | 1,510,000 | 1,591,163 |
| <i>T-Mobile USA Incorporated</i> | 6.73 | 4-28-2022 | 5,645,000 | 5,969,588 |
| <i>T-Mobile USA Incorporated</i> | 6.84 | 4-28-2023 | 1,575,000 | 1,665,563 |
| | | | | 50,392,523 |

Utilities: 3.17%

Electric Utilities: 1.16%

| | | | | |
|---|-------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| <i>Energy Future Intermediate Holding Company LLC (t)</i> | 10.00 | 12-1-2020 | 150,000 | 13,125 |
| <i>IPALCO Enterprises Incorporated 144A</i> | 7.25 | 4-1-2016 | 3,403,000 | 3,624,195 |
| <i>Otter Tail Corporation</i> | 9.00 | 12-15-2016 | 3,985,000 | 4,566,272 |
| | | | | 8,203,592 |

Gas Utilities: 0.54%

| | | | | |
|-----------------------------|------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| <i>AmeriGas Finance LLC</i> | 6.75 | 5-20-2020 | 1,675,000 | 1,783,875 |
| <i>AmeriGas Finance LLC</i> | 7.00 | 5-20-2022 | 1,840,000 | 1,987,200 |
| | | | | 3,771,075 |

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| Security name | Interest rate | Maturity date | Principal | Value |
|---|---------------|---------------|------------|-------------|
| Independent Power & Renewable Electricity Producers: 1.47% | | | | |
| <i>Calpine Corporation 144A</i> | 5.88% | 1-15-2024 | \$ 455,000 | \$ 489,125 |
| <i>Calpine Corporation 144A</i> | 6.00 | 1-15-2022 | 865,000 | 932,038 |
| <i>Calpine Corporation 144A</i> | 7.88 | 1-15-2023 | 1,210,000 | 1,340,075 |
| <i>NSG Holdings LLC 144A</i> | 7.75 | 12-15-2025 | 5,110,000 | 5,506,025 |
| <i>Reliant Energy Incorporated</i> | 9.24 | 7-2-2017 | 1,202,051 | 1,274,174 |
| <i>Reliant Energy Incorporated</i> | 9.68 | 7-2-2026 | 780,000 | 842,400 |
| | | | | 10,383,837 |
| Total Corporate Bonds and Notes (Cost \$731,572,692) | | | | 761,344,048 |
| Loans: 11.33% | | | | |
| <i>Accellent Incorporated ±</i> | 7.50 | 3-11-2022 | 515,000 | 498,520 |
| <i>Alliance Laundry Systems LLC ±</i> | 9.50 | 12-10-2019 | 3,742,755 | 3,752,112 |
| <i>Applied Systems Incorporated ±</i> | 7.50 | 1-22-2022 | 535,000 | 531,212 |
| <i>Asurion LLC ±</i> | 8.50 | 3-3-2021 | 2,025,000 | 2,055,881 |
| <i>Capital Automotive LP ±</i> | 4.00 | 4-10-2019 | 4,958,003 | 4,931,131 |
| <i>Capital Automotive LP ±</i> | 6.00 | 4-30-2020 | 3,103,333 | 3,134,367 |
| <i>CCM Merger Incorporated ±</i> | 4.50 | 8-8-2021 | 734,694 | 730,102 |
| <i>Centaur Acquisition LLC ±</i> | 8.75 | 2-20-2020 | 3,135,000 | 3,158,513 |
| <i>Focus Brands Incorporated ±</i> | 10.25 | 8-21-2018 | 4,124,203 | 4,134,719 |
| <i>Four Seasons Holdings Incorporated ±</i> | 6.25 | 12-27-2020 | 550,000 | 551,375 |
| <i>HGIM Corporation ±</i> | 5.50 | 6-18-2020 | 1,984,962 | 1,884,067 |
| <i>Learfield Communications Incorporated ± <</i> | 8.75 | 10-9-2021 | 2,595,234 | 2,582,257 |
| <i>LM U.S. Corp Acquisition Incorporated ±</i> | 8.25 | 10-25-2020 | 185,000 | 181,763 |
| <i>LTS Buyer LLC ±</i> | 8.00 | 4-12-2021 | 935,369 | 926,792 |
| <i>Neff Rental LLC ±</i> | 7.25 | 6-9-2021 | 1,355,000 | 1,358,388 |
| <i>nTelos Incorporated ±</i> | 5.75 | 11-9-2019 | 1,109,394 | 1,107,542 |
| <i>Peak 10 Incorporated ±</i> | 8.25 | 6-17-2022 | 700,239 | 690,611 |
| <i>Philadelphia Energy Solutions LLC ±</i> | 6.25 | 4-4-2018 | 4,688,600 | 4,419,006 |
| <i>Sedgwick Claims Management Services Incorporated ±</i> | 6.75 | 2-28-2022 | 1,020,000 | 989,400 |

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|--|------|------------|------------|------------|
| <i>Spin Holdco Incorporated ±</i> | 4.25 | 11-14-2019 | 2,759,522 | 2,729,167 |
| <i>Tallgrass Operations LLC ±</i> | 4.25 | 11-13-2018 | 1,941,250 | 1,933,485 |
| <i>Texas Competitive Electric Holdings Company LLC ±</i> | 4.65 | 10-10-2015 | 34,355,889 | 24,843,774 |
| <i>TGI Friday s Incorporated ±</i> | 9.25 | 7-15-2021 | 915,000 | 901,275 |
| <i>TWCC Holdings Corporation ±</i> | 7.00 | 6-26-2020 | 5,880,000 | 5,759,930 |
| <i>United Surgical Partners International Incorporated ±</i> | 4.75 | 4-3-2019 | 2,194,143 | 2,192,585 |
| <i>Vertafore Incorporated ±</i> | 9.75 | 10-29-2017 | 845,000 | 843,589 |
| <i>W3 Company ±</i> | 9.25 | 9-13-2020 | 488,775 | 474,112 |
| <i>WASH Multifamily Laundry Systems LLC ±</i> | 4.50 | 2-21-2019 | 2,615,175 | 2,575,947 |
| Total Loans (Cost \$86,455,454) | | | | 79,871,622 |

| | Dividend yield | Shares | |
|--|-----------------------|---------------|-----------|
| Preferred Stocks: 0.31% | | | |
| Financials: 0.31% | | | |
| Banks: 0.31% | | | |
| <i>GMAC Capital Trust I ±</i> | 8.13 | 81,784 | 2,186,086 |
| Total Preferred Stocks (Cost \$2,078,248) | | | 2,186,086 |

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16 Wells Fargo Advantage Income Opportunities Fund Portfolio of investments October 31, 2014 (unaudited)

| Security name | Interest rate | Maturity date | Principal | Value |
|--|---------------|---------------|------------|------------|
| Yankee Corporate Bonds and Notes: 6.94% | | | | |
| Consumer Discretionary: 0.03% | | | | |
| Media: 0.03% | | | | |
| <i>Videotron Limited</i> | 6.38% | 12-15-2015 | \$ 100,000 | \$ 100,260 |
| <i>Videotron Limited</i> | 9.13 | 4-15-2018 | 78,000 | 80,535 |
| | | | | 180,795 |
| Energy: 0.81% | | | | |
| Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels: 0.81% | | | | |
| <i>Griffin Coal Mining Company Limited (s)144A</i> | 9.50 | 12-1-2016 | 2,119,383 | 1,419,986 |
| <i>Griffin Coal Mining Company Limited (s)</i> | 9.50 | 12-1-2016 | 290,088 | 191,458 |
| <i>Teekay Corporation</i> | 8.50 | 1-15-2020 | 3,690,000 | 4,095,900 |
| | | | | 5,707,344 |
| Financials: 0.10% | | | | |
| Diversified Financial Services: 0.10% | | | | |
| <i>Nielsen Holding and Finance BV 144A</i> | 5.50 | 10-1-2021 | 700,000 | 726,250 |
| <i>Preferred Term Securities XII Limited (s)(a)(i)</i> | 0.00 | 12-24-2033 | 1,540,000 | 0 |
| | | | | 726,250 |
| Health Care: 0.47% | | | | |
| Pharmaceuticals: 0.47% | | | | |
| <i>Valeant Pharmaceuticals International Incorporated 144A</i> | 6.75 | 8-15-2018 | 1,120,000 | 1,191,400 |
| <i>Valeant Pharmaceuticals International Incorporated 144A</i> | 7.50 | 7-15-2021 | 1,995,000 | 2,134,622 |
| | | | | 3,326,022 |
| Information Technology: 0.20% | | | | |
| Technology Hardware, Storage & Peripherals: 0.20% | | | | |

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|--|------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| <i>Seagate Technology HDD Holdings</i> | 6.80 | 10-1-2016 | 1,275,000 | 1,383,375 |
| Materials: 1.58% | | | | |
| Containers & Packaging: 0.72% | | | | |
| <i>Ardagh Finance Holdings (PIK at 8.63%)</i> | | | | |
| <i>144A</i> | 8.63 | 6-15-2019 | 3,140,000 | 3,129,987 |
| <i>Ardagh Packaging Finance 144A</i> | 9.13 | 10-15-2020 | 1,780,000 | 1,917,950 |
| | | | | 5,047,937 |
| Metals & Mining: 0.58% | | | | |
| <i>Novelis Incorporated</i> | 8.38 | 12-15-2017 | 1,100,000 | 1,149,500 |
| <i>Novelis Incorporated</i> | 8.75 | 12-15-2020 | 2,675,000 | 2,919,094 |
| | | | | 4,068,594 |
| Paper & Forest Products: 0.28% | | | | |
| <i>Sappi Limited 144A</i> | 7.50 | 6-15-2032 | 2,155,000 | 2,014,925 |
| Telecommunication Services: 3.75% | | | | |
| Diversified Telecommunication Services: 3.54% | | | | |
| <i>Intelsat Jackson Holdings SA</i> | 5.50 | 8-1-2023 | 3,960,000 | 3,969,900 |
| <i>Intelsat Jackson Holdings SA</i> | 7.25 | 4-1-2019 | 5,760,000 | 6,048,000 |

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Portfolio of investments October 31, 2014 (unaudited) Wells Fargo Advantage Income Opportunities Fund 17

| Security name | Interest rate | Maturity date | Principal | Value |
|---|---------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| Diversified Telecommunication Services | | | | |
| (continued) | | | | |
| <i>Intelsat Jackson Holdings SA</i> | 7.25% | 10-15-2020 | \$ 3,225,000 | \$ 3,442,688 |
| <i>Intelsat Jackson Holdings SA</i> | 7.50 | 4-1-2021 | 2,214,000 | 2,396,655 |
| <i>Intelsat Jackson Holdings SA</i> | 8.50 | 11-1-2019 | 905,000 | 943,463 |
| <i>Intelsat Luxembourg SA</i> | 7.75 | 6-1-2021 | 3,220,000 | 3,364,900 |
| <i>Intelsat Luxembourg SA</i> | 8.13 | 6-1-2023 | 4,190,000 | 4,451,875 |
| <i>Virgin Media Secured Finance plc 144A</i> | 5.38 | 4-15-2021 | 305,000 | 316,438 |
| | | | | 24,933,919 |
| Wireless Telecommunication Services: | | | | |
| 0.21% | | | | |
| <i>Telesat Canada Incorporated 144A</i> | 6.00 | 5-15-2017 | 1,475,000 | 1,520,356 |
| Total Yankee Corporate Bonds and Notes | | | | |
| (Cost \$48,352,295) | | | | 48,909,517 |
| | Yield | | Shares | |
| Short-Term Investments: 4.62% | | | | |
| Investment Companies: 4.62% | | | | |
| <i>Wells Fargo Advantage Cash Investment Money Market Fund, Select Class ##(l)(u)</i> | 0.07 | | 32,537,691 | 32,537,691 |
| Total Short-Term Investments (Cost \$32,537,691) | | | | 32,537,691 |
| Total investments in securities (Cost \$904,106,751) * | | 131.54% | | 927,080,247 |
| <i>Other assets and liabilities, net</i> | | (31.54) | | (222,309,531) |
| Total net assets | | 100.00% | | \$ 704,770,716 |

144A The security may be resold in transactions exempt from registration, normally to qualified institutional buyers, pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933.

%% The security is issued on a when-issued basis.

¥ A payment-in-kind (PIK) security is a security in which the issuer may make interest or dividend payments in cash or additional securities. These additional securities generally have the same terms as the original holdings.

(s) The security is currently in default with regards to scheduled interest and/or principal payments. The Fund has stopped accruing interest on the security.

(a) The security is fair valued in accordance with procedures approved by the Board of Trustees.

± Variable rate investment. The rate shown is the rate in effect at period end.

< All or a portion of the position represents an unfunded loan commitment.

(i) Illiquid security

All or a portion of this security is segregated for when-issued securities and unfunded loans.

(l) The security represents an affiliate of the Fund as defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940.

(u) The rate represents the 7-day annualized yield at period end.

(t) The security is currently in default with regards to scheduled interest and/or principal payments.

* Cost for federal income tax purposes is \$909,226,519 and unrealized gains (losses) consists of:

| | |
|-------------------------|---------------|
| Gross unrealized gains | \$ 43,172,898 |
| Gross unrealized losses | (25,319,170) |
| Net unrealized gains | \$ 17,853,728 |

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| 18 Wells Fargo Advantage Income Opportunities Fund | Statement of assets and liabilities | October 31, 2014 (unaudited) |
| Assets | | |
| Investments | | |
| In unaffiliated securities, at value (cost \$871,569,060) | | \$ 894,542,556 |
| In affiliated securities, at value (cost \$32,537,691) | | 32,537,691 |
| Total investments, at value (cost \$904,106,751) | | 927,080,247 |
| Receivable for investments sold | | 4,618,164 |
| Receivable for interest and dividends | | 15,050,753 |
| Total assets | | 946,749,164 |
| Liabilities | | |
| Dividends payable | | 4,826,367 |
| Payable for investments purchased | | 6,333,451 |
| Secured borrowing payable | | 230,219,322 |
| Advisory fee payable | | 355,436 |
| Administration fee payable | | 41,961 |
| Accrued expenses and other liabilities | | 201,911 |
| Total liabilities | | 241,978,448 |
| Total net assets | | \$ 704,770,716 |
| NET ASSETS CONSIST OF | | |
| Paid-in capital | | \$ 983,331,382 |
| Overdistributed net investment income | | (6,346,879) |
| Accumulated net realized losses on investments | | (295,187,283) |
| Net unrealized gains on investments | | 22,973,496 |
| Total net assets | | \$ 704,770,716 |
| NET ASSET VALUE PER SHARE | | |
| Based on \$704,770,716 divided by 70,983,001 shares issued and outstanding (100,000,000 shares authorized) | | \$9.93 |

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Statement of operations six months ended October 31, Wells Fargo Advantage Income Opportunities Fund 19
2014 (unaudited)

Investment income

| | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| Interest | \$ 31,462,939 |
| Dividends | 83,108 |
| Income from affiliated securities | 8,985 |
| Total investment income | 31,555,032 |

Expenses

| | |
|---|------------|
| Advisory fee | 2,874,593 |
| Administration fee | 239,549 |
| Custody and accounting fees | 28,905 |
| Professional fees | 37,196 |
| Shareholder report expenses | 34,594 |
| Trustees fees and expenses | 3,426 |
| Transfer agent fees | 14,761 |
| Interest expense | 238,943 |
| Secured borrowing fees | 954,913 |
| Other fees and expenses | 23,159 |
| Total expenses | 4,450,039 |
| Less: Fee waivers and/or expense reimbursements | (834,718) |
| Net expenses | 3,615,321 |
| Net investment income | 27,939,711 |

REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAINS (LOSSES) ON INVESTMENTS

| | |
|---|----------------------|
| Net realized gains on investments | 4,350,311 |
| Net change in unrealized gains (losses) on investments | (11,339,192) |
| Net realized and unrealized gains (losses) on investments | (6,988,881) |
| Net increase in net assets resulting from operations | \$ 20,950,830 |

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| | Statement of changes in net assets | |
|--|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| | Six months ended | Year ended |
| | October 31, | April 30, |
| | 2014 | 2014 |
| | (unaudited) | |
| Operations | | |
| Net investment income | \$ 27,939,711 | \$ 58,419,766 |
| Net realized gains on investments | 4,350,311 | 8,206,695 |
| Net change in unrealized gains (losses) on investments | (11,339,192) | (18,641,627) |
| Net increase in net assets resulting from operations | 20,950,830 | 47,984,834 |
| Distributions to shareholders from | | |
| Net investment income | (28,961,064) | (57,922,129) |
| Capital share transactions | | |
| Net asset value of common shares issued under the Automatic Dividend Reinvestment Plan | 0 | 162,908 |
| Total decrease in net assets | (8,010,234) | (9,774,387) |
| Net assets | | |
| Beginning of period | 712,780,950 | 722,555,337 |
| End of period | \$ 704,770,716 | \$ 712,780,950 |
| Overdistributed net investment income | \$ (6,346,879) | \$ (1,534,172) |

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|--|---|---------------|
| Statement of cash flows year ended April 30, 2014 | Wells Fargo Advantage Income Opportunities Fund | 21 |
| Cash flows from operating activities: | | |
| Net increase in net assets resulting from operations | | \$ 20,950,830 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net increase in net assets resulting from operations to net cash provided by operating activities: | | |
| Purchase of investment securities | | (230,355,091) |
| Proceeds from disposition of investment securities | | 235,290,862 |
| Amortization | | (751,629) |
| Proceeds from sales of short-term investment securities, net | | 2,436,731 |
| Increase in receivable for investments sold | | (4,618,164) |
| Increase in receivable for interest and dividends | | (767,717) |
| Decrease in prepaid expenses and other assets | | 1,425 |
| Decrease in payable for investments purchased | | (6,854,064) |
| Increase in advisory fee payable | | 39,573 |
| Increase in administration fee payable | | 3,309 |
| Decrease in accrued expenses and other liabilities | | (93,353) |
| Litigation payments received | | 1,494 |
| Net realized gains on investments | | (4,350,311) |
| Net change in unrealized gains (losses) on investments | | 11,339,192 |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | | 22,273,087 |
| Cash flows from financing activities: | | |
| Cash distributions paid | | (28,961,064) |
| Increase in secured borrowing payable | | 14,529 |
| Net cash used in financing activities | | (28,946,535) |
| Net decrease in cash | | (6,673,448) |
| Cash: | | |
| Beginning of period | | \$ 6,673,448 |
| End of period | | \$ 0 |
| Supplemental cash disclosure: | | |
| Cash paid for interest | | \$ 224,861 |

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(For a share outstanding throughout each period)

Financial highlights

| | Six months ended October 31, 2014 | | Year ended April 30 | | | |
|--|---|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| | (unaudited) | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 |
| Net asset value, beginning of period | \$ 10.04 | \$ 10.18 | \$ 9.67 | \$ 10.11 | \$ 9.69 | \$ 7.37 |
| Net investment income | 0.39 ¹ | 0.82 ¹ | 0.88 ¹ | 0.95 ¹ | 1.02 ¹ | 1.06 ¹ |
| Net realized and unrealized gains (losses) on investments | (0.09) | (0.14) | 0.54 | (0.37) | 0.42 | 2.41 |
| Distributions to preferred shareholders from net investment income | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | (0.00) ^{1,2} | (0.01) ¹ |
| Total from investment operations | 0.30 | 0.68 | 1.42 | 0.58 | 1.44 | 3.46 |
| Distributions to common shareholders from | | | | | | |
| Net investment income | (0.41) | (0.82) | (0.91) | (1.02) | (1.02) | (1.08) |
| Tax basis return of capital | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | (0.06) ¹ |
| Total distributions to common | (0.41) | (0.82) | (0.91) | (1.02) | (1.02) | (1.14) |

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|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------------------|---------------------|--|
| shareholders | | | | | | | |
| Net asset value, end of period | \$ 9.93 | \$ 10.04 | \$ 10.18 | \$ 9.67 | \$ 10.11 | \$ 9.69 | |
| Market value, end of period | \$ 9.11 | \$ 9.52 | \$ 10.23 | \$ 10.29 | \$ 10.38 | \$ 9.63 | |
| Total return based on market value ³ | (0.02)% | 1.60% | 8.90% | 10.03% | 19.68% | 49.84% | |
| Ratios to average net assets (annualized) | | | | | | | |
| Gross expenses ⁴ | 1.23% | 1.27% | 1.29% | 1.35% | 1.44% | 1.79% | |
| Net expenses ⁴ | 1.00% | 1.01% | 1.05% | 1.03% | 1.09% | 1.13% | |
| Net investment income | 7.72% | 8.35% | 8.89% | 9.89% | 10.55% ⁵ | 11.81% ⁵ | |
| Supplemental data | | | | | | | |
| Portfolio turnover rate | 16% | 31% | 27% | 25% | 42% | 108% | |
| Net assets of common shareholders, end of period (000s omitted) | \$704,771 | \$712,781 | \$722,555 | \$683,807 | \$709,850 | \$676,144 | |
| Borrowings outstanding, end of period (000s omitted) | \$230,000 | \$230,000 | \$230,000 | \$230,000 | \$230,000 | N/A | |
| Asset coverage per \$1,000 of borrowing, end of period | \$4,064 | \$4,099 | \$4,142 | \$3,973 | \$4,088 | N/A | |
| Liquidation value of Preferred Shares, end of period (thousands) | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | \$196,000 | |
| Asset coverage ratio for Preferred Shares, end of period | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 394% | |

1. Calculated based upon average shares outstanding

2. Amount is less than \$0.005.

3. Total return is calculated assuming a purchase of common stock on the first day and sale on the last day of the period reported. Dividends and distributions, if any, are assumed for the purposes of these calculations to be reinvested at prices obtained under the Fund's Automatic Dividend Reinvestment Plan. Total return does not reflect brokerage commissions or sales charges.

4. Ratios include interest expense relating to interest associated with borrowings and/or leverage transactions as follows:

| | |
|---|-------|
| Six months ended October 31, 2014 (unaudited) | 0.07% |
| Year ended April 30, 2014 | 0.07% |
| Year ended April 30, 2013 | 0.08% |
| Year ended April 30, 2012 | 0.08% |
| Year ended April 30, 2011 | 0.11% |
| Year ended April 30, 2010 | 0.02% |

5. The net investment income ratio reflects distributions paid to preferred shareholders.

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1. ORGANIZATION

The *Wells Fargo Advantage Income Opportunities Fund* (the Fund) was organized as a statutory trust under the laws of the state of Delaware on December 3, 2002 and is registered as a diversified closed-end management investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following significant accounting policies, which are consistently followed in the preparation of the financial statements of the Fund, are in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles which require management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Securities valuation

All investments are valued each business day as of the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange (generally 4 p.m. Eastern Time).

Fixed income securities acquired with maturities exceeding 60 days are valued based on evaluated bid prices provided by an independent pricing service which may utilize both transaction data and market information such as yield, quality, coupon rate, maturity, type of issue, trading characteristics and other market data. If prices are not available from the independent pricing service or prices received are deemed not representative of market value, prices will be obtained from an independent broker-dealer.

Short-term securities, with maturities of 60 days or less at time of purchase, generally are valued at amortized cost which approximates fair value. The amortized cost method involves valuing a security at its cost, plus accretion of discount or minus amortization of premium over the period until maturity.

Equity securities that are listed on a foreign or domestic exchange or market are valued at the official closing price or, if none, the last sales price. If no sale occurs on the primary exchange or market for the security that day, the prior day's price will be deemed stale and fair values will be determined in accordance with the Fund's Valuation Procedures

Investments in registered open-end investment companies are valued at net asset value.

Investments which are not valued using any of the methods discussed above are valued at their fair value, as determined in good faith by the Board of Trustees of the Fund. The Board of Trustees has established a Valuation Committee comprised of the Trustees and has delegated to it the authority to take any actions regarding the valuation of portfolio securities that the Valuation Committee deems necessary or appropriate, including determining the fair value of portfolio securities, unless the determination has been delegated to the Management Valuation Team of Wells Fargo Funds Management, LLC (Funds Management). The Board of Trustees retains the authority to make or ratify any valuation decisions or approve any changes to the Valuation Procedures as it deems appropriate. On a quarterly basis, the Board of Trustees receives reports on any valuation actions taken by the Valuation Committee or the Management Valuation Team which may include items for ratification.

Valuations of fair valued securities are compared to the next actual sales price when available, or other appropriate market values, to assess the continued appropriateness of the fair valuation methodologies used. These securities are fair valued on a day-to-day basis, taking into consideration changes to appropriate market information and any significant changes to the inputs considered in the valuation process until there is a readily available price provided on an exchange or by an independent pricing service. Valuations received from an independent pricing service or independent broker-dealer quotes are periodically validated by comparisons to most recent trades and valuations provided by other independent pricing services in addition to the review of prices by the adviser and/or subadviser. Unobservable inputs used in determining fair valuations are identified based on the type of security, taking into consideration factors utilized by market participants in valuing the investment, knowledge about the issuer and the current market environment.

When-issued transactions

The Fund may purchase securities on a forward commitment or when-issued basis. The Fund records a when-issued transaction on the trade date and will segregate assets in an amount at least equal in value to the Fund's commitment to purchase when-issued securities. Securities purchased on a when-issued basis are marked-to-market daily and the Fund begins earning interest on the settlement date. Losses may arise due to changes in the market value of the underlying securities or if the counterparty does not perform under the contract.

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Loans**

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The Fund may invest in direct debt instruments which are interests in amounts owed to lenders by corporate or other borrowers. The loans pay interest at rates which are periodically reset by reference to a base lending rate plus a spread. Investments in loans may be in the form of participations in loans or assignments of all or a portion of loans from third parties. When the Fund purchases participations, it generally has no rights to enforce compliance with terms of the loan agreement with the borrower. As a result, the Fund assumes the credit risk of both the borrower and the lender that is selling the participation. When the Fund purchases assignments from lenders, it acquires direct rights against the borrower on the loan and may enforce compliance by the borrower with the terms of the loan agreement. Loans may include fully funded term loans or unfunded loan commitments, which are contractual obligations for future funding.

Security transactions and income recognition

Securities transactions are recorded on a trade date basis. Realized gains or losses are recorded on the basis of identified cost.

Interest income is accrued daily and bond discounts are accreted and premiums are amortized daily based on the effective interest method. To the extent debt obligations are placed on non-accrual status, any related interest income may be reduced by writing off interest receivables when the collection of all or a portion of interest has become doubtful based on consistently applied procedures. If the issuer subsequently resumes interest payments or when the collectability of interest is reasonably assured, the debt obligation is removed from non-accrual status.

Dividend income is recognized on the ex-dividend date.

Distributions to shareholders

Distributions to shareholders from net investment income and net realized gains, if any, are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Such distributions are determined in conformity with federal income tax regulations, which may differ in amount or character from net investment income and realized gains recognized for purposes of U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

As of April 30, 2014, capital loss carryforwards available to offset future net realized capital gains were as follows through the indicated expiration dates:

| 2016 | 2017 | 2018 |
|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| \$12,398,698 | \$130,598,584 | \$155,329,141 |

3. FAIR VALUATION MEASUREMENTS

Fair value measurements of investments are determined within a framework that has established a fair value hierarchy based upon the various data inputs utilized in determining the value of the Fund's investments. The three-level hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to significant unobservable inputs (Level 3). The Fund's investments are classified

within the fair value hierarchy based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. The inputs are summarized into three broad levels as follows:

- n Level 1 quoted prices in active markets for identical securities

- n Level 2 other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar securities, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, use of amortized cost, etc.)

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

The inputs or methodologies used for valuing investments in securities are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities.

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The following is a summary of the inputs used in valuing the Fund's assets and liabilities as of October 31, 2014:

| | Quoted prices (Level 1) | Other significant observable inputs (Level 2) | Significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) | Total |
|---|----------------------------|--|---|-----------------------|
| Assets | | | | |
| Investments in: | | | | |
| Common stocks | | | | |
| <i>Materials</i> | \$ 641 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 641 |
| <i>Telecommunication Services</i> | 2,230,642 | 0 | 0 | 2,230,642 |
| Preferred stocks | | | | |
| <i>Financials</i> | 2,186,086 | 0 | 0 | 2,186,086 |
| Corporate bonds and notes | 0 | 761,344,048 | 0 | 761,344,048 |
| Loans | 0 | 60,893,084 | 18,978,538 | 79,871,622 |
| Yankee corporate bonds and notes | 0 | 48,909,517 | 0 | 48,909,517 |
| Short-term investments | | | | |
| <i>Investment companies</i> | 32,537,691 | 0 | 0 | 32,537,691 |
| Total assets | \$ 36,955,060 | \$ 871,146,649 | \$ 18,978,538 | \$ 927,080,247 |

Transfers in and transfers out are recognized at the end of the reporting period. At October 31, 2014, the Fund did not have any transfers between Level 1 and Level 2.

The following is a reconciliation of assets in which significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) were used in determining fair value:

| | Loans |
|--|----------------------|
| Balance as of April 30, 2014 | \$ 9,669,157 |
| Accrued discounts (premiums) | 2,132 |
| Realized losses | (13,338) |
| Change in unrealized gains (losses) | (67,496) |
| Purchases | 4,143,522 |
| Sales | (2,024,525) |
| Transfers into Level 3 | 7,269,086 |
| Transfers out of Level 3 | 0 |
| Balance as of October 31, 2014 | \$ 18,978,538 |
| Change in unrealized gains (losses) relating to securities still held at October 31, 2014 | \$ (53,133) |

The investment type categorized above was valued using indicative broker quotes. These indicative broker quotes are considered Level 3 inputs. Quantitative unobservable inputs used by the brokers are often proprietary and not

provided to the Fund and therefore the disclosure that would address these inputs is not included above.

4. TRANSACTIONS WITH AFFILIATES

Advisory fee

Funds Management, an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Wells Fargo & Company (Wells Fargo), is the adviser to the Fund and is entitled to receive a fee at an annual rate of 0.60% of the Fund's average daily total assets. Total assets consist of the net assets of the Fund plus borrowings or other leverage for investment purposes to the extent excluded in calculating net assets. Funds Management has committed through February 23, 2015 to waive fees and/or reimburse expenses to the extent necessary to limit the Fund's borrowing expenses to an amount that is 0.05% lower than what the borrowing expenses would have been if the Fund had not redeemed its Auction Market Preferred Shares (Preferred Shares). Funds Management contractually waived its advisory fee in the amount of \$834,718 for the six months ended October 31, 2014.

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Funds Management has retained the services of a subadviser to provide daily portfolio management to the Fund. The fee for subadvisory services is borne by Funds Management. Wells Capital Management Incorporated, an affiliate of Funds Management and an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Wells Fargo, is the subadviser to the Fund and is entitled to receive a fee from Funds Management at an annual rate of 0.40% of the Fund's average daily total assets.

Administration fee

Funds Management also serves as the administrator to the Fund providing the Fund with a wide range of administrative services necessary to the operation of the Fund. Funds Management is entitled to receive an annual administration fee from the Fund equal to 0.05% of the Fund's average daily total assets.

5. CAPITAL SHARE TRANSACTIONS

The Fund has authorized capital of 100,000,000 shares with no par value. For the six months ended October 31, 2014 and year ended April 31, 2014, the Fund issued 0 and 15,971 shares, respectively.

The Fund no longer has any Preferred Shares outstanding.

6. BORROWINGS

The Fund has borrowed approximately \$230 million through a secured debt financing agreement administered by a major financial institution (the Facility). The Facility has a commitment amount of \$230 million which expires on February 23, 2015, at which point it may be renegotiated and potentially renewed for another one-year term. At October 31, 2014, the Fund had secured borrowings outstanding in the amount of \$230,219,322 (including accrued interest and usage and commitment fees payable).

The Fund's borrowings under the Facility are generally charged interest at a rate based on the rates of the commercial paper notes issued to fund the Fund's borrowings or at the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) plus 1.0%. During the six months ended October 31, 2014, an effective interest rate of 0.20% was incurred on the borrowings. Interest expense of \$238,943, representing 0.07% of the Fund's average daily net assets, was incurred during the six months ended October 31, 2014.

The Fund has pledged all of its assets to secure the borrowings and currently pays, on a monthly basis, a usage fee at an annual rate of 0.40% of the daily average outstanding principal amount of borrowings and a commitment fee at an annual rate of 0.40% of the daily average outstanding principal amount of borrowings. The secured borrowing fees on the Statement of Operations of \$954,913 represent the usage fee and commitment fee.

7. INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO TRANSACTIONS

Purchases and sales of investments, excluding U.S. government obligations (if any) and short-term securities, for the six months ended October 31, 2014 were \$159,137,367 and \$ 141,118,340, respectively.

As of October 31, 2014, the Fund had unfunded term loan commitments of \$2,333,838.

8. INDEMNIFICATION

Under the Fund's organizational documents, the officers and Trustees are indemnified against certain liabilities that may arise out of performance of their duties to the Fund. Additionally, in the normal course of business, the Fund may enter into contracts with service providers that contain a variety of indemnification clauses. The Fund's maximum exposure under these arrangements is dependent on future claims that may be made against the Fund and, therefore, cannot be estimated.

9. SUBSEQUENT DISTRIBUTIONS

The Fund declared the following distributions to common shareholders:

| Declaration date | Record date | Payable date | Per share amount |
|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|
| October 31, 2014 | November 17, 2014 | December 1, 2014 | \$0.068 |
| November 14, 2014 | December 15, 2014 | January 2, 2015 | 0.068 |

These distributions are not reflected in the accompanying financial statements. The final determination of the source of all distributions is subject to change and made after the Fund's tax year-end.

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PROXY VOTING INFORMATION

A description of the policies and procedures that the Fund uses to determine how to vote proxies relating to portfolio securities is available without charge, upon request, by calling **1-800-222-8222**, visiting our website at **wellsfargoadvantagefunds.com**, or visiting the SEC website at sec.gov. Information regarding how the Fund voted proxies relating to portfolio securities during the most recent 12-month period ended June 30 is available without charge on the Fund's website at **wellsfargoadvantagefunds.com** or by visiting the SEC website at sec.gov.

ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

On August 4, 2014, an Annual Meeting of Shareholders for the Fund was held to consider the following proposal. The results of the proposal are indicated below.

Proposal 1 Election of trustees:

| | |
|---------------------------|----------------|
| Isaiah Harris, Jr. | |
| Net assets voted For | \$ 593,491,281 |
| Net assets voted Against | \$ 20,316,744 |
| David F. Larcker | |
| Net assets voted For | \$ 593,726,838 |
| Net assets voted Against | \$ 20,081,187 |
| Olivia S. Mitchell | |
| Net assets voted For | \$ 592,008,402 |
| Net assets voted Against | \$ 21,799,623 |

PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS INFORMATION

The complete portfolio holdings for the Fund are publicly available monthly on the Fund's website (**wellsfargoadvantagefunds.com**), on a one-month delayed basis. The Fund files its complete schedule of portfolio holdings with the SEC for the first and third quarters of each fiscal year on Form N-Q, which is available without charge by visiting the SEC website at sec.gov. In addition, the Fund's Form N-Q may be reviewed and copied at the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC, and at regional offices in New York City, at 233 Broadway, and in Chicago, at 175 West Jackson Boulevard, Suite 900. Information about the Public Reference Room may be obtained by calling 1-800-SEC-0330.

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND OFFICERS

The following table provides basic information about the Board of Trustees (the Trustees) and Officers of the Fund. Each of the Trustees and Officers¹ listed below acts in identical capacities for each fund in the Wells Fargo Advantage family of funds, which consists of 133 mutual funds comprising the Wells Fargo Funds Trust, Wells Fargo Variable Trust, Wells Fargo Master Trust, and four closed-end funds, including the Fund (collectively the Fund Complex). The mailing address of each Trustee and Officer is 525 Market Street, 12th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94105. The Board of Trustees is classified into three classes of which one is elected annually. Each Trustee serves a three-year term concurrent with the class from which the Trustee is elected. Each Officer serves an indefinite term.

Independent Trustees

| Name and year of birth | Position held and length of service | Principal occupations during past five years or longer | Other directorships during past five years |
|--------------------------------|---|---|---|
| Peter G. Gordon (Born 1942) | Trustee, since 2010; Chairman, since 2010 | Co-Founder, Retired Chairman, President and CEO of Crystal Geysler Water Company. Trustee Emeritus, Colby College. | Asset Allocation Trust |
| Isaiah Harris, Jr. (Born 1952) | Trustee, since 2010 | Retired. Prior thereto, President and CEO of BellSouth Advertising and Publishing Corp. from 2005 to 2007, President and CEO of BellSouth Enterprises from 2004 to 2005 and President of BellSouth Consumer Services from 2000 to 2003. Emeritus member of the Iowa State University Foundation Board of Governors. Emeritus Member of the Advisory Board of Iowa State University School of Business. Advisory Board Member, Palm Harbor Academy. Mr. Harris is a certified public accountant. | CIGNA Corporation; Asset Allocation Trust |
| Judith M. Johnson (Born 1949) | Trustee, since 2010; Audit Committee Chairman, since 2010 | Retired. Prior thereto, Chief Executive Officer and Chief Investment Officer of Minneapolis Employees Retirement Fund from 1996 to 2008. Ms. Johnson is an attorney, certified public accountant and a certified managerial accountant. | Asset Allocation Trust |
| Leroy Keith, Jr. (Born 1939) | Trustee, since 2010* | Chairman, Bloc Global Services (development and construction). Trustee of the Evergreen Funds complex (and its predecessors) from 1983 to 2010. Former Managing Director, Almanac Capital Management (commodities firm), former Partner, Stonington Partners, Inc. (private equity fund), former Director, Obagi Medical Products Co. and former Director, Lincoln Educational Services. | Trustee, Virtus Fund Complex (consisting of 50 portfolios as of |

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|-----------------------------------|---------------------|--|---|
| | | | 12/16/2013); Asset |
| David F. Larcker (Born 1950) | Trustee, since 2010 | James Irvin Miller Professor of Accounting at the Graduate School of Business, Stanford University, Morgan Stanley Director of the Center for Leadership Development and Research and Senior Faculty of The Rock Center for Corporate Governance since 2006. From 2005 to 2008, Professor of Accounting at the Graduate School of Business, Stanford University. Prior thereto, Ernst & Young Professor of Accounting at The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania from 1985 to 2005. | Allocation Trust Asset Allocation Trust |
| Olivia S. Mitchell (Born 1953) | Trustee, since 2010 | International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plans Professor, Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania since 1993. Director of Wharton's Pension Research Council and Boettner Center on Pensions & Retirement Research, and Research Associate at the National Bureau of Economic Research. Previously, Cornell University Professor from 1978 to 1993. | Asset Allocation Trust |
| Timothy J. Penny (Born 1951) | Trustee, since 2010 | President and CEO of Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation, a non-profit organization, since 2007 and Senior Fellow at the Humphrey Institute Policy Forum at the University of Minnesota since 1995. Member of the Board of Trustees of NorthStar Education Finance, Inc., a non-profit organization, since 2007. | Asset Allocation Trust |

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| Name and year of birth | Position held and length of service | Principal occupations during past five years or longer | Other | |
| Michael S. Scofield (Born 1943) | Trustee, since 2003 | Served on the Investment Company Institute's Board of Governors and Executive Committee from 2008-2011 as well the Governing Council of the Independent Directors Council from 2006-2011 and the Independent Directors Council Executive Committee from 2008-2011. Chairman of the IDC from 2008-2010. Institutional Investor (Fund Directions) Trustee of Year in 2007. Trustee of the Evergreen Funds complex (and its predecessors) from 1984 to 2010. Chairman of the Evergreen Funds from 2000-2010. Former Trustee of the Mentor Funds. Retired Attorney, Law Offices of Michael S. Scofield. | Asset Allocation Trust | |
| Donald C. Willeke (Born 1940) | Trustee, since 2010 | Principal of the law firm of Willeke & Daniels. General Counsel of the Minneapolis Employees Retirement Fund from 1984 until its consolidation into the Minnesota Public Employees Retirement Association on June 30, 2010. Director and Vice Chair of The Tree Trust (non-profit corporation). Director of the American Chestnut Foundation (non-profit corporation). | Asset Allocation Trust | |

*Leroy Keith, Jr. will retire as a Trustee effective December 31, 2014.

Officers

| Name and year of birth | Position held and length of service | Principal occupations during past five years or longer |
|---|---|--|
| Karla M. Rabusch (Born 1959) | President, since 2010 | Executive Vice President of Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. and President of Wells Fargo Funds Management, LLC since 2003. |
| Jeremy DePalma ¹ (Born 1974) | Treasurer, since 2012 | Senior Vice President of Wells Fargo Funds Management, LLC since 2009. Senior Vice President of Evergreen Investment Management Company, LLC from 2008 to 2010. Vice President, Evergreen Investment Services, Inc. from 2004 to 2007. Head of the Fund Reporting and Control Team within Fund Administration from 2005 to 2010. |
| C. David Messman (Born 1960) | Secretary, since 2010; Chief Legal Officer, | Assistant General Counsel of Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. since 2013 and Vice President and Managing Counsel of Wells Fargo Bank N.A. from 1996 to 2013. Senior Vice President |

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|--|--|---|
| <p>Debra Ann Early (Born 1964)</p> | <p>since 2010 Chief Compliance Officer, since 2010</p> | <p>and Secretary of Wells Fargo Funds Management , LLC since 2001. Senior Vice President and Chief Compliance Officer of Wells Fargo Funds Management, LLC since 2007. Chief Compliance Officer of Parnassus Investments from 2005 to 2007. Chief Financial Officer of Parnassus Investments from 2004 to 2007.</p> |
| <p>David Berardi (Born 1975)</p> | <p>Assistant Treasurer, since 2009</p> | <p>Vice President of Wells Fargo Funds Management, LLC since 2009. Vice President of Evergreen Investment Management Company, LLC from 2008 to 2010. Assistant Vice President of Evergreen Investment Services, Inc. from 2004 to 2008. Manager of Fund Reporting and Control for Evergreen Investment Management Company, LLC from 2004 to 2010.</p> |

1. Jeremy DePalma acts as Treasurer of 60 funds and Assistant Treasurer of 73 funds in the Fund Complex.

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| BOARD CONSIDERATION OF INVESTMENT ADVISORY AND SUB-ADVISORY AGREEMENTS: | |

Under Section 15 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the 1940 Act), the Board of Trustees (the Board) of *Wells Fargo Advantage Income Opportunities Fund* (the Fund), all the members of which have no direct or indirect interest in the investment advisory and sub-advisory agreements and are not interested persons of the Fund, as defined in the 1940 Act (the Independent Trustees), must determine whether to approve the continuation of the Fund's investment advisory and sub-advisory agreements. In this regard, at in-person meetings held on March 27-28, 2014 (the March Meeting) and May 15-16, 2014 (the May Meeting), and together with the March Meeting, the Meetings), the Board reviewed: (i) an investment advisory agreement with Wells Fargo Funds Management, LLC (Funds Management) for the Fund, and (ii) an investment sub-advisory agreement with Wells Capital Management Incorporated (the Sub-Adviser), an affiliate of Funds Management, for the Fund. The investment advisory agreement with Funds Management and the investment sub-advisory agreement with the Sub-Adviser are collectively referred to as the Advisory Agreements.

At the May Meeting, the Board received the information, considered the factors and reached the conclusions discussed below, and unanimously approved the renewal of the Advisory Agreements, as it had done at the March Meeting.

At the Meetings, the Board considered the factors and reached the conclusions described below relating to the selection of Funds Management and the Sub-Adviser and the continuation of the Advisory Agreements. Prior to the Meetings, the Trustees conferred extensively among themselves and with representatives of Funds Management about these matters. Also, the Board has adopted a team-based approach, with each team consisting of a sub-set of Trustees, to assist the full Board in the discharge of its duties in reviewing performance and other matters throughout the year. The Independent Trustees were assisted in their evaluation of the Advisory Agreements by independent legal counsel, from whom they received separate legal advice and with whom they met separately.

In providing information to the Board, Funds Management and the Sub-Adviser were guided by a detailed set of requests for information submitted to them by independent legal counsel on behalf of the Independent Trustees at the start of the Board's annual contract renewal process earlier in 2014. In considering and approving the Advisory Agreements, the Trustees considered the information they believed relevant, including but not limited to the information discussed below. The Board considered not only the specific information presented in connection with the Meetings, but also the knowledge gained over time through interaction with Funds Management and the Sub-Adviser about various topics. In this regard, the Board reviewed reports of Funds Management at each of its quarterly meetings, which included, among other things, portfolio reviews and performance reports. In addition, the Board and the teams mentioned above confer with portfolio managers at various times throughout the year. The Board did not identify any particular information or consideration that was all-important or controlling, and each individual Trustee may have attributed different weights to various factors.

After its deliberations, the Board unanimously approved the continuation of the Advisory Agreements and determined that the compensation payable to Funds Management and the Sub-Adviser is reasonable. The Board considered the continuation of the Advisory Agreements for the Fund as part of its consideration of the continuation of advisory agreements for funds across the complex, but its approvals were made on a fund-by-fund basis. The following summarizes a number of important, but not necessarily all, factors considered by the Board in support of its approvals.

Nature, extent and quality of services

The Board received and considered various information regarding the nature, extent and quality of services provided to the Fund by Funds Management and the Sub-Adviser under the Advisory Agreements. This information included, among other things, a summary of the background and experience of senior management of Funds Management, and the qualifications, background, tenure and responsibilities of each of the portfolio managers primarily responsible for the day-to-day portfolio management of the Fund.

The Board evaluated the ability of Funds Management and the Sub-Adviser to attract and retain qualified investment professionals, including research, advisory and supervisory personnel. The Board further considered the compliance programs and compliance records of Funds Management and the Sub-Adviser. In addition, the Board took into account the full range of services provided to the Fund by Funds Management and its affiliates.

Fund performance and expenses

The Board considered the performance results for the Fund over various time periods ended December 31, 2013. The Board also considered these results in comparison to the performance of funds in a universe that was determined by Lipper Inc. (Lipper) to be similar to the Fund (the Universe), and in comparison to the Fund's benchmark index and to other comparative data. Lipper is an independent provider of investment company data. The Board received a

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description of the methodology used by Lipper to select the funds in the performance Universe. The Board noted that the performance of the Fund was lower than the average performance of the Universe for all periods under review except for the five-year period. However, the Board noted that the performance of the Fund was higher than its benchmark, the BofA Merrill Lynch High Yield Master II Index, for the three- and five-year periods under review.

The Board also received and considered information regarding the Fund's net operating expense ratio and its various components, including actual management fees (which reflect fee waivers, if any, and include advisory, and administration fees), custodian and other non-management fees, and fee waiver and expense reimbursement arrangements. The Board considered this ratio in comparison to the median ratio of funds in an expense group that was determined by Lipper to be similar to the Fund (the Expense Group). The Board received a description of the methodology used by Lipper to select the funds in the expense Group and an explanation of year-to-year variations in the funds comprising such expense Group and their expense ratios. Based on the Lipper reports, the Board noted that the net operating expense ratio of the Fund was lower than the median net operating expense ratio of the expense Group.

Based on its consideration of the factors and information it deemed relevant, including those described here, the Board concluded that the overall performance and expense structure of the Fund supported the re-approval of the Advisory Agreements.

Investment advisory and sub-advisory fee rates

The Board reviewed and considered the contractual investment advisory fee rate that is payable by the Fund to Funds Management for investment advisory services (the Advisory Agreement Rate), both on a stand-alone basis and on a combined basis with the Fund's contractual administration fee rate (the Management Rate). The Board also reviewed and considered the contractual investment sub-advisory fee rate that is payable by Funds Management to the Sub-Adviser for investment sub-advisory services (the Sub-Advisory Agreement Rate).

Among other information reviewed by the Board was a comparison of the Management Rate of the Fund with those of other funds in the expense Group at a common asset level. The Board noted that the Management Rate of the Fund was lower than the average rate for the Fund's expense Group.

The Board also received and considered information about the portion of the total advisory fee that was retained by Funds Management after payment of the fee to the Sub-Adviser for sub-advisory services. In assessing the reasonableness of this amount, the Board received and evaluated information about the nature and extent of responsibilities retained and risks assumed by Funds Management and not delegated to or assumed by the Sub-Adviser, and about Funds Management's on-going oversight services. However, given the affiliation between Funds Management and the Sub-Adviser, the Board ascribed limited relevance to the allocation of the advisory fee between them.

Based on its consideration of the factors and information it deemed relevant, including those described here, the Board determined that the Advisory Agreement Rate and the Sub-Advisory Agreement Rate were reasonable in light of the services covered by the Advisory Agreements.

Profitability

The Board received and considered information concerning the profitability of Funds Management, as well as the profitability of Wells Fargo as a whole, from providing services to the Fund and the fund family as a whole. The Board did not receive or consider to be necessary separate profitability information with respect to the Sub-Adviser, because its profitability information was subsumed in the collective Wells Fargo profitability analysis.

Funds Management explained the methodologies and estimates that it used in calculating profitability. Among other things, the Board noted that the levels of profitability reported on a fund-by-fund basis varied widely, depending on factors such as the size and type of fund. Based on its review, the Board did not deem the profits reported by Funds Management to be at a level that would prevent it from approving the continuation of the Advisory Agreements.

Economies of scale

The Board considered the extent to which there may be sharing with the Fund of potential economies of scale in the provision of advisory services to the Fund. The Board noted that, as is typical of closed-end funds, there are no breakpoints in the Management Rate. Although the Fund would not share in any potential economies of scale through contractual breakpoints, the Board noted that fee waiver and expense reimbursement arrangements and competitive fee rates at the outset are means of sharing potential economies of scale with shareholders of the Fund and the fund family as a whole. The Board concluded that the Fund's fee waiver and expense arrangements constituted a reasonable approach to sharing potential economies of scale with the Fund and its shareholders. The Board also noted that it would have opportunities to revisit the Management Rate as part of future contract reviews.

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| Other benefits to Funds Management and the Sub-Adviser | |

The Board received and considered information regarding potential fall-out or ancillary benefits received by Funds Management and its affiliates, including the Sub-Adviser, as a result of their relationships with the Fund. Ancillary benefits could include, among others, benefits directly attributable to other relationships with the Fund and benefits potentially derived from an increase in Funds Management's and the Sub-Adviser's business as a result of their relationships with the Fund.

Based on its consideration of the factors and information it deemed relevant, including those described here, the Board did not find that any ancillary benefits received by Funds Management and its affiliates, including the Sub-Adviser, were unreasonable.

Conclusion

After considering the above-described factors and based on its deliberations and its evaluation of the information described above, the Board unanimously approved the continuation of the Advisory Agreements for an additional one-year period and determined that the compensation payable to Funds Management and the Sub-Adviser is reasonable.

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Automatic dividend reinvestment plan

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AUTOMATIC DIVIDEND REINVESTMENT PLAN

All common shareholders are eligible to participate in the Automatic Dividend Reinvestment Plan (the Plan). Pursuant to the Plan, unless a common shareholder is ineligible or elects otherwise, all cash dividends and capital gains distributions are automatically reinvested by Computershare Trust Company, N.A., as agent for shareholders in administering the Plan (Plan Agent), in additional common shares of the Fund. Whenever the Fund declares an ordinary income dividend or a capital gain dividend (collectively referred to as dividends) payable either in shares or in cash, nonparticipants in the Plan will receive cash, and participants in the Plan will receive the equivalent in common shares. The shares are acquired by the Plan Agent for the participant s account, depending upon the circumstances described below, either (i) through receipt of additional unissued but authorized common shares from the Fund (newly issued common shares) or (ii) by purchase of outstanding common shares on the open-market (open-market purchases) on the NYSE Amex or elsewhere. If, on the payment date for any dividend or distribution, the net asset value per share of the common shares is equal to or less than the market price per common share plus estimated brokerage commissions (market premium), the Plan Agent will invest the amount of such dividend or distribution in newly issued shares on behalf of the participant. The number of newly issued common shares to be credited to the participant s account will be determined by dividing the dollar amount of the dividend by the net asset value per share on the date the shares are issued, provided that the maximum discount from the then current market price per share on the date of issuance may not exceed 5%. If on the dividend payment date the net asset value per share is greater than the market value (market discount), the Plan Agent will invest the dividend amount in shares acquired on behalf of the participant in open-market purchases. There will be no brokerage charges with respect to shares issued directly by the Fund as a result of dividends or capital gains distributions payable either in shares or in cash. However, each participant will pay a pro rata share of brokerage commissions incurred with respect to the Plan Agent s open-market purchases in connection with the reinvestment of dividends. The automatic reinvestment of dividends and distributions will not relieve participants of any federal, state or local income tax that may be payable (or required to be withheld) on such dividends. All correspondence concerning the Plan should be directed to the Plan Agent at P.O. Box 30170, College Station, Texas 77842-3170 or by calling 1-800-730-6001.

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List of abbreviations

The following is a list of common abbreviations for terms and entities that may have appeared in this report.

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| ACA | ACA Financial Guaranty Corporation |
| ADR | American depositary receipt |
| ADS | American depositary shares |
| AGC | Assured Guaranty Corporation |
| AGM | Assured Guaranty Municipal |
| Ambac | Ambac Financial Group Incorporated |
| AMT | Alternative minimum tax |
| AUD | Australian dollar |
| BAN | Bond anticipation notes |
| BHAC | Berkshire Hathaway Assurance Corporation |
| BRL | Brazilian real |
| CAB | Capital appreciation bond |
| CAD | Canadian dollar |
| CCAB | Convertible capital appreciation bond |
| CDA | Community Development Authority |
| CDO | Collateralized debt obligation |
| CHF | Swiss franc |
| COP | Columbian Peso |
| CLP | Chilean peso |
| DKK | Danish krone |
| DRIVER | Derivative inverse tax-exempt receipts |
| DW&P | Department of Water & Power |
| DWR | Department of Water Resources |
| ECFA | Educational & Cultural Facilities Authority |
| EDA | Economic Development Authority |
| EDFA | Economic Development Finance Authority |
| ETF | Exchange-traded fund |
| EUR | Euro |
| FDIC | Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation |
| FFCB | Federal Farm Credit Banks |
| FGIC | Financial Guaranty Insurance Corporation |
| FHA | Federal Housing Administration |
| FHLB | Federal Home Loan Bank |
| FHLMC | Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation |
| FICO | The Financing Corporation |
| FNMA | Federal National Mortgage Association |
| FSA | Farm Service Agency |
| GBP | Great British pound |
| GDR | Global depositary receipt |
| GNMA | Government National Mortgage Association |
| GO | General obligation |

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| HCFR | Healthcare facilities revenue |
| HEFA | Health & Educational Facilities Authority |
| HEFAR | Higher education facilities authority revenue |
| HFA | Housing Finance Authority |
| HFFA | Health Facilities Financing Authority |
| HKD | Hong Kong dollar |
| HUD | Department of Housing and Urban Development |
| HUF | Hungarian forint |
| IDA | Industrial Development Authority |
| IDAG | Industrial Development Agency |
| IDR | Indonesian rupiah |
| IEP | Irish pound |
| JPY | Japanese yen |
| KRW | Republic of Korea won |
| LIBOR | London Interbank Offered Rate |
| LIQ | Liquidity agreement |
| LLC | Limited liability company |
| LLLP | Limited liability limited partnership |
| LLP | Limited liability partnership |
| LOC | Letter of credit |
| LP | Limited partnership |
| MBIA | Municipal Bond Insurance Association |
| MFHR | Multifamily housing revenue |
| MSTR | Municipal securities trust receipts |
| MTN | Medium-term note |
| MUD | Municipal Utility District |
| MXN | Mexican peso |
| MYR | Malaysian ringgit |
| National | National Public Finance Guarantee Corporation |
| NGN | Nigerian naira |
| NOK | Norwegian krone |
| NZD | New Zealand dollar |
| PCFA | Pollution Control Financing Authority |
| PCL | Public Company Limited |
| PCR | Pollution control revenue |
| PFA | Public Finance Authority |
| PFFA | Public Facilities Financing Authority |
| PFOTER | Puttable floating option tax-exempt receipts |
| plc | Public limited company |
| PLN | Polish zloty |
| PUTTER | Puttable tax-exempt receipts |
| R&D | Research & development |
| Radian | Radian Asset Assurance |
| RAN | Revenue anticipation notes |
| RDA | Redevelopment Authority |
| RDFA | Redevelopment Finance Authority |
| REIT | Real estate investment trust |
| ROC | Reset option certificates |
| RON | Romanian lei |
| RUB | Russian ruble |
| SAVRS | Select auction variable rate securities |

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| SBA | Small Business Authority |
| SEK | Swedish krona |
| SFHR | Single-family housing revenue |
| SFMR | Single-family mortgage revenue |
| SGD | Singapore dollar |
| SPA | Standby purchase agreement |
| SPDR | Standard & Poor's Depositary Receipts |
| STRIPS | Separate trading of registered interest and principal securities |
| TAN | Tax anticipation notes |
| TBA | To be announced |
| THB | Thai baht |
| TIPS | Treasury inflation-protected securities |
| TRAN | Tax revenue anticipation notes |
| TRY | Turkish lira |
| TTFA | Transportation Trust Fund Authority |
| TVA | Tennessee Valley Authority |
| ZAR | South African rand |

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ITEM 2. CODE OF ETHICS

Not applicable.

ITEM 3. AUDIT COMMITTEE FINANCIAL EXPERT

Not applicable.

ITEM 4. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT FEES AND SERVICES

Not applicable.

ITEM 5. AUDIT COMMITTEE OF LISTED REGISTRANTS

Not applicable.

ITEM 6. INVESTMENTS

A Portfolio of investments is included as part of the report to shareholders filed under Item 1 of this Form.

**ITEM 7. DISCLOSURE OF PROXY VOTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR CLOSED-END
MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES**

Not applicable.

ITEM 8. PORTFOLIO MANAGERS OF CLOSED-END MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES

Not applicable.

**ITEM 9. PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES BY CLOSED-END MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT
COMPANY AND AFFILIATED PURCHASERS**

Not applicable.

ITEM 10. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS

There have been no material changes to the procedures by which shareholders may recommend nominees to the Registrant's board of trustees that have been implemented since the Registrant's last provided disclosure in response to the requirements of this Item.

ITEM 11. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

(a) The President and Treasurer have concluded that the Wells Fargo Advantage Income Opportunities Fund (the Fund) disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 30a-3(c) under the Investment Company Act of 1940) provide reasonable assurances that material information relating to the Fund is made known to them by the

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appropriate persons, based on their evaluation of these controls and procedures as of a date within 90 days of the filing of this report.

(b) There were no significant changes in the Fund's internal controls over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the Investment Company Act of 1940) that occurred during the second fiscal quarter of the period covered by this report that materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

ITEM 12. EXHIBITS

(a)(1) Not applicable

(a)(2) Certification pursuant to Rule 30a-2(a) under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (17 CFR 270.30a-2(a)) is filed and attached hereto as Exhibit 99.CERT.

(a)(3) Not applicable.

(b) Certification pursuant to Rule 30a-2(b) under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (17 CFR 270.30a-2(b)) is filed and attached hereto as Exhibit 99.906CERT.

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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.

Wells Fargo Advantage Income Opportunities
Fund

By: /s/ Karla M. Rabusch

Karla M. Rabusch
President

Date: December 23, 2014

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 date indicated.

Wells Fargo Advantage Income Opportunities
Fund

By: /s/ Karla M. Rabusch

Karla M. Rabusch
President

Date: December 23, 2014

By: /s/ Jeremy DePalma

Jeremy DePalma
Treasurer

Date: December 23, 2014