#### **BOSTON BEER CO INC**

Form 4

January 09, 2007

# FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* ROPER MARTIN F

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

**BOSTON BEER CO INC [SAM]** 

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(First) (Last)

(Check all applicable)

C/O THE BOSTON BEER COMPANY, INC., ONE DESIGN

(Street)

(State)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

01/09/2007

\_X\_\_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify X\_ Officer (give title below)

President and C.E.O.

**CENTER PLACE, SUITE 850** 

(Middle)

(Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

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BOSTON, MA 02210

(City)

| (,)                    | ()                                   | Table                         | e I - Non-D      | erivative  | Secur     | ities Acqi | uirea, Disposea o       | t, or Beneficial          | ly Owned              |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|------------|-----------|------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1.Title of<br>Security | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if | 3.<br>Transactio | 4. Securi  |           | •          | 5. Amount of Securities | 6. Ownership Form: Direct | 7. Nature of Indirect |
| (Instr. 3)             |                                      | any                           | Code             | (Instr. 3, | 4 and     | 5)         | Beneficially            | (D) or                    | Beneficial            |
|                        |                                      | (Month/Day/Year)              | (Instr. 8)       |            |           |            | Owned                   | Indirect (I)              | Ownership             |
|                        |                                      |                               |                  |            |           |            | Following               | (Instr. 4)                | (Instr. 4)            |
|                        |                                      |                               |                  |            | (A)       |            | Reported                |                           |                       |
|                        |                                      |                               |                  |            | (A)       |            | Transaction(s)          |                           |                       |
|                        |                                      |                               | Code V           | Amount     | or<br>(D) | Price      | (Instr. 3 and 4)        |                           |                       |
| Class A                | 01/00/2007                           |                               | C                | 400        | ъ         | \$         | 11.000                  | Ъ                         |                       |
| Common                 | 01/09/2007                           |                               | S                | 400        | D         | 34.95      | 11,000                  | D                         |                       |
| Class A<br>Common      | 01/09/2007                           |                               | S                | 100        | D         | \$ 34.9    | 10,900                  | D                         |                       |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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## Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of | 2.          | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed         | 4.         | 5.         | 6. Date Exerc | cisable and | 7. Title  | and         | 8. Price of | 9. Nu  |
|-------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------|------------|---------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|--------|
| Derivative  | Conversion  | (Month/Day/Year)    | Execution Date, if | Transactio | onNumber   | Expiration D  | ate         | Amount    | of          | Derivative  | Deriv  |
| Security    | or Exercise |                     | any                | Code       | of         | (Month/Day/   | Year)       | Underly   | ing         | Security    | Secui  |
| (Instr. 3)  | Price of    |                     | (Month/Day/Year)   | (Instr. 8) | Derivative | e             |             | Securitie | es          | (Instr. 5)  | Bene   |
|             | Derivative  |                     |                    |            | Securities |               |             | (Instr. 3 | and 4)      |             | Owne   |
|             | Security    |                     |                    |            | Acquired   |               |             |           |             |             | Follo  |
|             | •           |                     |                    |            | (A) or     |               |             |           |             |             | Repo   |
|             |             |                     |                    |            | Disposed   |               |             |           |             |             | Trans  |
|             |             |                     |                    |            | of (D)     |               |             |           |             |             | (Instr |
|             |             |                     |                    |            | (Instr. 3, |               |             |           |             |             |        |
|             |             |                     |                    |            | 4, and 5)  |               |             |           |             |             |        |
|             |             |                     |                    |            |            |               |             | ٨         | mount       |             |        |
|             |             |                     |                    |            |            |               |             |           | mount       |             |        |
|             |             |                     |                    |            |            | Date          | Expiration  | Title N   | r<br>Iumber |             |        |
|             |             |                     |                    |            |            | Exercisable   | Date        |           |             |             |        |
|             |             |                     |                    | C + V      | (A) (D)    |               |             | 0         |             |             |        |
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# **Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                      |       |  |  |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------------------|-------|--|--|
| topy on the runner runner   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer              | Other |  |  |
| ROPER MARTIN F<br>C/O THE BOSTON BEER COMPANY, INC.<br>ONE DESIGN CENTER PLACE, SUITE 850<br>BOSTON, MA 02210 | X             |           | President and C.E.O. |       |  |  |
| Signatures  |               |           |                      |       |  |  |
| Helen F. Bornemann under POA for the benefit Roper  | of Martin     | F.        | 01/09/2007           |       |  |  |

# **Explanation of Responses:**

If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

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Date

## **Remarks:**

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The Fund intends to comply with the requirements of Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Internal Revenue Code"), applicable to regulated investment companies. Accordingly, no provision for U.S. federal income taxes is required. In addition, by distributing substantially all of its ordinary income and long-term capital gains, if any, during each calendar year, the Fund intends not to be subject to U.S. federal excise tax.

Information on the components of net assets on a tax basis as of April 30, 2014 is as follows:

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|               |              |              | Net Tax      | Net Tax      |
|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Cost of       |              |              | Unrealized   | Unrealized   |
| Investments   | Gross Tax    | Gross Tax    | Appreciation | Depreciation |
| for Tax       | Unrealized   | Unrealized   | on           | on           |
| Purposes      | Appreciation | Depreciation | Investments  | Derivatives  |
| \$129,179,589 | \$79,645     | \$(915,479)  | \$(835,834)  | \$(144,708)  |

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Unaudited) continued

April 30, 2014

As of October 31, 2013, (the most recent fiscal year end for federal income tax purposes), the components of accumulated earnings/(losses) (excluding paid-in capital) on a tax basis were as follows:

|                     | Undistributed Ordinary |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| Accumulated Capital | Income/(Accumulated    |
| and other Losses    | Ordinary Loss)         |
| \$(657,171,884)     | \$(589,108)            |

The differences between book and tax basis unrealized appreciation(depreciation) is attributable to the tax deferral of losses on wash sales, straddle deferrals and partnership book tax deferral.

As of October 31, 2013, for federal income tax purposes, the Fund had a capital loss carryforward ("CLCF") of \$656,970,675 available to offset possible future capital gains.

As of October 31, 2013, for federal income tax purposes, the Fund anticipates utilizing \$4,501,055 of CLCF. Of the CLCF, \$208,128,225 is set to expire on October 31, 2016, \$443,299,661 is set to expire on October 31, 2017, and \$5,542,789 is set to expire on October 31, 2019. In order for the Fund's CLCF to be beneficially utilized in a given tax year, the Fund's net investment income plus net realized capital gains must exceed the total Fund distributions for that year. Given the current size of the Fund, it is highly unlikely that the Fund will be able to fully utilize the CLCF prior to its expiration. Such CLCF cannot be utilized prior to the utilization of new capital loss carryovers, if any, created after December 31, 2010. When the Fund utilizes CLCFs to offset its realized gains, distributions to shareholders derived from those realized gains are treated as ordinary income for tax purposes under the Internal Revenue Code and are shown as such on IRS Form 1099 DIV.

For the year ended October 31, 2013, the tax character of distributions paid to shareholders as reflected in the Statement of Changes in Net Assets was as follows:

| Distributions paid from:          | 2013          |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| Ordinary income – common shares   | \$4,345,053 * |
| Return of capital – common shares | 4,481,826     |
|                                   | \$8,826,879   |

\* Ordinary income distributions for federal income tax purposes includes distributions from realized gains.

During the period ended April 30, 2014, distributions of \$4,844,171 were paid to common shareholders. The classification of these distributions for federal income tax purposes will be determined after October 31, 2014.

For all open tax years and all major jurisdictions, management of the Fund has concluded that there are no significant uncertain tax positions that would require recognition in the financial statements. Uncertain tax positions are tax positions taken or expected to be taken in the course of preparing the Fund's tax returns that would not meet a

more-likely-than not threshold of being sustained by the applicable tax authority and would be recorded as a tax expense in the current year. Open tax years are those that are open for examination by taxing authorities (i.e. generally the last four tax year ends and the interim tax period since them). Furthermore, management of the Fund is also not aware of any tax positions for which it is reasonably possible that the total amounts of unrecognized tax benefits will significantly change in the next twelve months.

### Note 6 – Investments in Securities:

For the six months ended April 30, 2014, the cost of purchases and proceeds from sales of investments, excluding written options and short-term securities, were \$348,890,675 and \$355,720,404, respectively.

### Note 7 – Derivatives:

The Fund employs an options strategy in an attempt to generate income and gains from option premiums received from selling options. The Fund's options strategy follows a proprietary dynamic rules-based methodology.

There are several risks associated with transactions in options on securities. As the writer of a covered call option, the Fund forgoes, during the option's life, the opportunity to profit from increases in the market value of the security covering the call option above the sum of the premium and the strike price of the call but has retained the risk of loss should the price of the underlying security decline. A writer of a put option is exposed to the risk of loss if fair value of the underlying securities declines, but profits only to the extent of the premium received if the underlying security increases in value. The writer of an option has no control over the time when it may be required to fill its obligation as writer of the option. Once an option writer has received an exercise notice, it cannot effect a closing purchase transaction in order to terminate its obligation under the option and must deliver the underlying security at the exercise price.

Transactions in written option contracts for the six months ended April 30, 2014, were as follows:

|  | Number  | of       | Premiums    |
|--|---------|----------|-------------|
|  | Contrac | Received |             |
| Options outstanding, beginning of period | 11,814  | \$       | 1,448,431   |
| Options written during the period        | 77,512  |          | 10,318,265  |
| Options closed during the period         | (65,197 | )        | (8,791,293) |
| Options assigned during the period       | (15,439 | )        | (1,774,541) |
| Options outstanding, end of period       | 8,690   |          | 1,200,862   |

#### Summary of Derivatives Information

The following table presents the types of derivatives in the Fund by location as presented on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities at April 30, 2014:

Statement of Assets & Liability Presentation of Fair Values of Derivatives (\$000s):

| Statement of Assets & Elastity Tresentation | of full variacs of L | νοιι ναιι νου (φοσου). |                       |            |  |
|---|----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|------------|--|
|   | Asset Derivatives    |                        | Liability Derivatives |            |  |
|   | Statement            |                        | Statement             |            |  |
|   | of Assets            |                        | of Assets             |            |  |
|   | and                  |                        | and                   |            |  |
|   | Liabilities          |                        | Liabilities           |            |  |
|   | Location             | Fair Value             | Location              | Fair Value |  |
| Equity risk                                 |                      |                        | Options               |            |  |

|       |   |   | written, |             |
|-------|---|---|----------|-------------|
|       | _ | _ | at value | \$<br>1,346 |
| Total |   | _ |          | \$<br>1,346 |

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The following table presents the effect of derivatives on the Statement of Operations for the six months ended April 30, 2014:

Effect of Derivative Instruments on the Statement of Operations (in \$000s):

Amount of

|             | Amount of                | Change in Net Officanzed    |         |
|-------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|---------|
|             | Net Realized Gain/(Loss) | Appreciation/(Depreciation) |         |
|             | on Derivatives           | on Derivatives              |         |
|             | Options                  | Options                     | Total   |
| Equity risk | \$958                    | \$101                       | \$1,059 |
| Total       | \$958                    | \$101                       | \$1,059 |

Change in Net Unrealized

## Note 8 – Capital:

### **Common Shares**

The Fund has an unlimited amount of common shares, \$0.01 par value, authorized and 4,993,991 (reflecting the 1 for 5 reverse stock split that occurred prior to the opening of trading on the NYSE on June 5, 2009) issued and outstanding. In connection with the Fund's dividend reinvestment plan, the Fund did not issue any shares during the six months ended April 30, 2014 or the year ended October 31, 2013.

## **Preferred Shares**

At April 30, 2014, there were no preferred shares outstanding.

### Note 9 – Borrowings:

The Fund entered into a \$45,000,000 committed credit facility agreement whereby the counterparty has agreed to provide secured financing to the Fund and the Fund will provide pledged collateral to the counterparty. The interest on the amount borrowed is based on the 1-month LIBOR plus 0.75%. As of April 30, 2014 there was \$27,500,000 outstanding in connection with the Fund's credit facility.

The average daily amount of the borrowings on the credit facility during the six months ended April 30, 2014 was \$35,262,431 with a related average interest rate of 0.92%. The maximum amount outstanding during the period was \$45,000,000.

### Note 10 – Indemnifications:

In the normal course of business, the Fund enters into contracts that contain a variety of representations, which provide general indemnifications. The Fund's maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown, as this would require future claims that may be made against the Fund that have not yet occurred. However, the Fund expects the risk of loss to be remote.

## Note 11 – Subsequent Event:

The Fund evaluated subsequent events through the date the financial statements were available for issue and determined there were no additional material events that would require disclosure in the Fund's financial statements, except as noted below.

On May 1, 2014, the Board of Trustees declared a quarterly distribution of \$0.4850 per common share. The distribution was payable on May 30, 2014, to shareholders of record on May 15, 2014.

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### Federal Income Tax Information

In January 2015, you will be advised on IRS Form 1099 DIV or substitute 1099 DIV as to the federal tax status of the distributions received by you in the calendar year 2014.

### Result of Shareholder Votes

The Annual Meeting of Shareholders of the Fund was held on April 3, 2014. Common shareholders voted on the election of Trustees.

With regard to the election of the following Trustees by common shareholders of the Fund:

|                        | # of Shares in Favor | # of Shares Against | # of Shares Withheld |
|------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Randall C. Barnes      | 3,998,000            | 105,818             | 88,536               |
| Donald C. Cacciapaglia | 3,978,629            | 127,137             | 86,587               |
| Donald A. Chubb        | 3,978,292            | 108,774             | 105,287              |
| Jerry B. Farley        | 3,985,105            | 116,624             | 90,624               |
| Maynard F. Oliverius   | 3,972,413            | 134,381             | 85,559               |

The other Trustees of the Fund whose terms did not expire in 2014 are Roman Friedrich III, Robert B. Karn III, Ronald A. Nyberg, and Ronald E. Toupin, Jr.

## Trustees

The Trustees of the Guggenheim Enhanced Equity Strategy Fund and their principal occupations during the past five years:

|                |             | Term of    |                                   | Number of  |                     |
|----------------|-------------|------------|-----------------------------------|------------|---------------------|
|                |             | Office     |                                   | Portfolios |                     |
|                |             | and Length |                                   | in         |                     |
| Name, Address* | Position(s) | of         |                                   | Fund       |                     |
| and Year of    | Held with   | Time       | Principal Occupation(s) During    | Complex    | Other Directorships |
| Birth          | Trust       | Served**   | Past Five Years                   | Overseen   | Held by Trustees    |
| Independent    |             |            |                                   |            |                     |
| Trustees       |             |            |                                   |            |                     |
| Randall C.     | Trustee     | Since 2010 | Current: Private Investor         | 86         | None                |
| Barnes         |             |            | (2001-present).                   |            |                     |
| (1951)         |             |            | · ·                               |            |                     |
|                |             |            | Former: Senior Vice President and |            |                     |
|                |             |            | Treasurer, PepsiCo, Inc.          |            |                     |
|                |             |            | (1993-1997); President, Pizza Hut |            |                     |
|                |             |            | International (1991-1993); Senior |            |                     |
|                |             |            | (1993-1997); President, Pizza Hut |            |                     |

|                                   |   | 0          |   |    |   |
|-----------------------------------|---|------------|---|----|---|
|                                   |   |            | Vice President, Strategic Planning and New Business Development, PepsiCo, Inc. (1987-1990).   |    |   |
| Donald A.<br>Chubb, Jr.<br>(1946) | Trustee and<br>Vice Chairman<br>of the Board                                | Since 2014 | Current: Business broker and manager of commercial real estate, Griffith & Blair, Inc. (1997-present)   | 82 | None  |
| Jerry B. Farley<br>(1946)         | Trustee and<br>Vice Chairman<br>of the Audit<br>Committee                   | Since 2014 | Current: President, Washburn University (1997-present).   | 82 | Current: Westar Energy, Inc. (2004-present); CoreFirst Bank & Trust (2000-present)  |
| (1946)                            | Trustee and<br>Chairman of<br>the Contracts<br>Review<br>Committee          | Since 2004 | Current: Founder and President, Roman Friedrich & Company (1998-present).  Former: Senior Managing Director, MLV & Co. LLC (2010-2011).                                       | 82 | Current: Mercator Minerals Ltd. (2013-present); Zincore Metals, Inc. (2009-present). Form First Americas Gold Corp. (2012-2014); Blue Sky Uranium Corp. (2011-2012); Axiom Gold and Silver Corp. (2011-2012); Stratagold Corp. (2003-2009); GFM Resources Ltd. (2005-2010). |
|                                   | Trustee and<br>Chairman of the<br>Audit<br>Committee                        | Since 2010 | Current: Consultant<br>(1998-present). Former: Arthur<br>Andersen (1965-1997) and<br>Managing Partner, Financial and<br>Economic Consulting, St. Louis<br>office (1987-1997). | 82 | Current: Peabody Energy Company (2003-present); GP Natural Resource Partners, LLC (2002- present).  |
| Ronald A.<br>Nyberg<br>(1953)     | Trustee and<br>Chairman of the<br>Nominating and<br>Governance<br>Committee | Since 2004 | Current: Partner, Nyberg & Cassioppi, LLC (2000-present).  Former: Executive Vice President, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary, Van Kampen Investments (1982-1999).    | 88 | None.   |

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| Name, Address*<br>and Year of<br>Birth<br>Independent Trus | Held with<br>Trust  | Term of<br>Office<br>and Length<br>of<br>Time<br>Served** | Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years  |     | Other Directorships<br>Held by Trustees  |
|--|---|---|---|-----|--|
| Maynard F.<br>Oliverius<br>(1943)                          | Trustee and Vice Chairman of the Contracts Review Committee | Since 2014  | Retired.  Former: President and CEO, Stormont-Vail HealthCare (1996-2012).  | 82  | None   |
| Ronald E.<br>Toupin, Jr.<br>(1958)                         | Trustee and<br>Chairman of<br>the Board                     | Since 2004  | Current: Portfolio Consultant (2010-present).  Former: Vice President, Manager and Portfolio Manager, Nuveen Asset Management (1998-1999); Vice President, Nuveen Investment Advisory Corp. (1992-1999); Vice President and Manager, Nuveen Unit Investment Trusts (1991-1999); and Assistant Vice President and Portfolio Manager, Nuveen Unit Investment Trusts (1988-1999), each of John Nuveen & Co., Inc. (1982-1999). | 85  | Former: Bennett Group of Funds (2011-2013).  |
| Interested<br>Trustee                                      |   |   |   |     |  |
| Donald C.<br>Cacciapaglia***<br>(1951)                     | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·                       | Since 2012  | Current: President and CEO, certain other funds in the Fund Complex (2012-present); Vice Chairman, Guggenheim Investments (2010-present).  Former: Chairman and CEO, Channel Capital Group, Inc. (2002-2010).   | 214 | Current: Delaware Life (2013 - present);<br>Guggenheim Life and Annuity Company (2011-present);<br>Paragon Life Insurance Company of Indiana (2011-present). |

<sup>\*</sup> The business address of each Trustee is 227 W. Monroe, Chicago, IL.

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After a Trustee's initial term, each Trustee is expected to serve a three-year term concurrent with the class of Trustees for which he serves:

- -Messrs. Friedrich and Nyberg, as Class II Trustees, are expected to stand for re-election at the Fund's 2015 annual meeting of shareholders.
- -Messrs. Karn and Toupin, as Class III Trustees, are expected to stand for re-election at the Fund's 2016 annual meeting of shareholders.
- \*\*\* This Trustee is deemed to be an "interested person" of the Fund under the 1940 Act by reason of his position with the Fund's Investment Manager and/or the parent of the Investment Manager.

## **Principal Executive Officers**

The Principal Executive Officers of the Guggenheim Enhanced Equity Strategy Fund, who are not trustees, and their principal occupations during the past five years:

| Name, Address*                      | Position(s) held               | Term of Office and Length of |   |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|---|
| Birth<br>Officers                   | with the Trust                 | Time Served**                | Principal Occupations During Past Five Years  |
| Joseph M.<br>Arruda<br>(1966)       | Assistant<br>Treasurer         | Since 2014                   | Current: Assistant Treasurer, certain other funds in the Fund Complex (2006-present); Vice President, Security Investors, LLC (2010-present); CFO and Manager, Guggenheim Specialized Products, LLC (2009-present). |
|                                     |                                |                              | Former: Vice President, Security Global Investors, LLC (2010-2011); Vice President, Rydex Advisors, LLC (2010); Vice President, Rydex Advisors II, LLC (2010).  |
| William H.<br>Belden, III<br>(1965) | Vice President                 | Since 2014                   | Current: Vice President, certain other funds in the Fund Complex (2006-present); Managing Director, Guggenheim Funds Investment Advisors, LLC (2005-present).   |
|                                     |                                |                              | Former: Vice President of Management, Northern Trust Global Investments (1999-2005).  |
| Joanna M.<br>Catalucci<br>(1966)    | Chief<br>Compliance<br>Officer | Since 2012                   | Current: Chief Compliance Officer, certain funds in the Fund Complex (2012-present); Managing Director, Guggenheim Investments (2012-present).  |
|                                     |                                |                              | Former: Senior Vice President & Chief Compliance Officer,<br>Security Investors, LLC (2010 - 2012).   |
| Mark J. Furjanic<br>(1959)          | Assistant<br>Treasurer         | Since 2008                   | Current: Vice President, Guggenheim Investments (2005-present); Assistant Treasurer, certain other funds in the Fund Complex (2008-present).  |
|                                     |                                |                              | Former: Senior Manager, Ernst & Young LLP (1999-2005).  |

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| Name, Address* and Year of      | Position(s) held       | Term of Office and Length of |   |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|---|
| Birth<br>Officers<br>continued  | with the Trust         | Time Served**                | Principal Occupations During Past Five Years  |
| James Howley<br>(1972)          | Assistant<br>Treasurer | Since 2007                   | Current: Director, Guggenheim Investments (2004-present);<br>Assistant Treasurer, certain other funds in the Fund Complex<br>(2006-present).  |
|                                 |                        |                              | Former: Manager, Mutual Fund Administration of Van Kampen Investments, Inc. (1996-2004).  |
| Amy J. Lee (1961)               | Chief Legal<br>Officer | Since 2012                   | Current: Chief Legal Officer, certain other funds in the Fund Complex (2012-present); Senior Managing Director, Guggenheim Investments (2012-present).                              |
|                                 |                        |                              | Former: Vice President, Associate General Counsel and Assistant Secretary, Security Benefit Life Insurance Company and Security Benefit Corporation (2004-2012).                    |
| Derek Maltbie<br>(1972)         | Assistant<br>Treasurer | Since 2011                   | Current: Vice President, Guggenheim Investments (2012-present); Assistant Treasurer, certain other funds in the Fund Complex (2011-present).  |
|                                 |                        |                              | Former: Assistant Vice President, Guggenheim Funds<br>Investment Advisors, LLC (2005-2011); Supervisor,<br>Mutual Fund Administration, Van Kampen Investments, Inc.<br>(1995-2005). |
| Mark E.<br>Mathiasen<br>(1978)  | Secretary              | Since 2007                   | Current: Secretary, certain other funds in the Fund Complex (2007-present); Managing Director, Guggenheim Investments (2007-present).   |
| Michael P.<br>Megaris<br>(1984) | Assistant<br>Secretary | Since 2014                   | Current: Assistant Secretary, certain other funds in the Fund Complex (April 2014-present); Associate, Guggenheim Investments (2012-present).                                       |
|                                 |                        |                              | Former: J.D., University of Kansas School of Law (2009-2012).   |
| Kimberly Scott (1974)           | Assistant<br>Treasurer | Since 2012                   | Current: Vice President, Guggenheim Investments (2012-present); Assistant Treasurer, certain other funds in the Fund Complex (2012-present).  |
|                                 |                        |                              | Former: Financial Reporting Manager, Invesco, Ltd. (2010-2011); Vice President/Assistant Treasurer, Mutual Fund Administration for Van Kampen Investments, Inc./Morgan              |

|                            |   |            | Stanley Investment Management (2009-2010); Manager of Mutual Fund Administration, Van Kampen Investments, Inc./Morgan Stanley Investment Management (2005-2009).  |
|----------------------------|---|------------|---|
| Bryan Stone<br>(1979)      | Vice President                              | Since 2014 | Current: Vice President, certain other funds in the Fund Complex (April 2014-present); Director, Guggenheim Investments (2013-present).  Former: Senior Vice President, Neuberger Berman Group LLC (2009-2013); Vice President, Morgan Stanley (2002-2009).                       |
| John L. Sullivan<br>(1955) | Chief Financial<br>Officer and<br>Treasurer | Since 2010 | Current: CFO, Chief Accounting Officer and Treasurer, certain other funds in the Fund Complex (2010-present); Senior Managing Director, Guggenheim Investments (2010-present).  |
|                            |   |            | Former: Managing Director and CCO, each of the funds in the Van Kampen Investments fund complex (2004-2010); Managing Director and Head of Fund Accounting and Administration, Morgan Stanley Investment Management (2002-2004); CFO and Treasurer, Van Kampen Funds (1996-2004). |

<sup>\*</sup> The business address of each officer is 227 W. Monroe, Chicago, IL 60606

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<sup>\*\*</sup> Each officer serves an indefinite term, until his or her successor is duly elected and qualified. Time served includes time served in the respective position for the Predecessor Corporation.

#### DIVIDEND REINVESTMENT PLAN (Unaudited)

April 30, 2014

Unless the registered owner of common shares elects to receive cash by contacting Computershare Shareowner Services LLC (the "Plan Administrator"), all dividends declared on common shares of the Fund will be automatically reinvested by the Plan Administrator, Administrator for shareholders in the Fund's Dividend Reinvestment Plan (the "Plan"), in additional common shares of the Fund. Participation in the Plan is completely voluntary and may be terminated or resumed at any time without penalty by notice if received and processed by the Plan Administrator prior to the dividend record date; otherwise such termination or resumption will be effective with respect to any subsequently declared dividend or other distribution. Some brokers may automatically elect to receive cash on your behalf and may re-invest that cash in additional common shares of the Fund for you. If you wish for all dividends declared on your common shares of the Fund to be automatically reinvested pursuant to the Plan, please contact your broker.

The Plan Administrator will open an account for each common shareholder under the Plan in the same name in which such common shareholder's common shares are registered. Whenever the Fund declares a dividend or other distribution (together, a "Dividend") payable in cash, non-participants in the Plan will receive cash and participants in the Plan will receive the equivalent in common shares. The common shares will be acquired by the Plan Administrator for the participants' accounts, 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 New York Stock Exchange or elsewhere. If, on the payment date for any Dividend, the closing market price plus estimated brokerage commission per common share is equal to or greater than the net asset value per common share, the Plan Administrator will invest the Dividend amount in Newly Issued Common Shares on behalf of the participants. The number of Newly Issued Common Shares to be credited to each participant's account will be determined by dividing the dollar amount of the Dividend by the net asset value per common share on the payment date; provided that, if the net asset value is less than or equal to 95% of the closing market value on the payment date, the dollar amount of the Dividend will be divided by 95% of the closing market price per common share on the payment date. If, on the payment date for any Dividend, the net asset value per common share is greater than the closing market value plus estimated brokerage commission, the Plan Administrator will invest the Dividend amount in common shares acquired on behalf of the participants in Open-Market Purchases.

If, before the Plan Administrator has completed its Open-Market Purchases, the market price per common share exceeds the net asset value per common share, the average per common share purchase price paid by the Plan Administrator may exceed the net asset value of the common shares, resulting in the acquisition of fewer common shares than if the Dividend had been paid in Newly Issued Common Shares on the Dividend payment date. Because of the foregoing difficulty with respect to Open-Market Purchases, the Plan provides that if the Plan Administrator is unable to invest the full Dividend amount in Open-Market Purchases during the purchase period or if the market discount shifts to a market premium during the purchase period, the Plan Administrator may cease making Open-Market Purchases and may invest the uninvested portion of the Dividend amount in Newly Issued Common Shares at net asset value per common share at the close of business on the Last Purchase Date provided that, if the net asset value is less than or equal to 95% of the then current market price per common share; the dollar amount of the Dividend will be divided by 95% of the market price on the payment date.

The Plan Administrator maintains all shareholders' accounts in the Plan and furnishes written confirmation of all transactions in the accounts, including information needed by shareholders for tax records. Common shares in the account of each Plan participant will be held by the Plan Administrator on behalf of the Plan participant, and each shareholder proxy will include those shares purchased or received pursuant to the Plan. The Plan Administrator will forward all proxy solicitation materials to participants and vote proxies for shares held under the Plan in accordance with the instruction of the participants.

There will be no brokerage charges with respect to common shares issued directly by the Fund. However, each participant will pay a pro rata share of brokerage commission incurred in connection with Open-Market Purchases. The automatic reinvestment of Dividends will not relieve participants of any Federal, state or local income tax that may be payable (or required to be withheld) on such Dividends.

The Fund reserves the right to amend or terminate the Plan. There is no direct service charge to participants with regard to purchases in the Plan; however, the Fund reserves the right to amend the Plan to include a service charge payable by the participants.

All correspondence or questions concerning the Plan should be directed to the Plan Administrator, Computershare Shareowner Services LLC, P.O. Box 358015, Pittsburgh, PA 15252-8015; Attention Shareholder Services Department, Phone Number: 866-488-3559.

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### **FUND INFORMATION**

the Investment Adviser

and Administrator.

April 30, 2014

| Board of Trustees<br>Randall C. Barnes<br>Donald C. Cacciapaglia*<br>Donald A. Chubb | Officers Donald C. Cacciapaglia Chief Executive Officer Amy J. Lee | Investment Adviser Guggenheim Funds Investment Advisors, LLC | Legal Counsel<br>Skadden, Arps, Slate,<br>Meagher & Flom LLP<br>New York, New York |
|--|--|--|--|
| Jerry B. Farley  | Chief Legal Officer  | Chicago, Illinois  | Independent Registered   |
| Roman Friedrich III  | John L. Sullivan<br>Chief Financial Officer,                       | Investment Sub-Adviser<br>Guggenheim Partners                | Public Accounting Firm Ernst & Young LLP   |
| Robert B. Karn III   | Chief Accounting Officer   | Investment   | McLean, Virginia   |
| Ronald A. Nyberg   | and Treasurer  | Management, LLC  |  |
| Maynard F. Oliverius   | Joanna M. Catalucci  | Santa Monica, California                                     |  |
| Ronald E. Toupin, Jr.,   | Chief Compliance Officer   |  |  |
| Chairman   | Mark E. Mathiasen  | Administrator and  |  |
|  | Secretary  | Accounting Agent   |  |
| * Trustee is an "interested  |  | Rydex Fund   |  |
| person" (as defined in   |  | Services, LLC  |  |
| section 2(a)(19) of the  |  | Rockville, Maryland  |  |
| 1940 Act) ("Interested   |  |  |  |
| Trustee") of the Fund  |  | Custodian  |  |
| because of his position as   |  | The Bank of  |  |
| the President and CEO of   |  | New York Mellon  |  |

Privacy Principles of Guggenheim Enhanced Equity Strategy Fund for Shareholders

The Fund is committed to maintaining the privacy of its shareholders and to safeguarding its non-public personal information. The following information is provided to help you understand what personal information the Fund collects, how we protect that information and why, in certain cases, we may share information with select other parties.

New York, New York

Generally, the Fund does not receive any non-public personal information relating to its shareholders, although certain non-public personal information of its shareholders may become available to the Fund. The Fund does not disclose any non-public personal information about its shareholders or former shareholders to anyone except as permitted by law or as is necessary in order to service shareholder accounts (for example, to a transfer agent or third party administrator).

The Fund restricts access to non-public personal information about the shareholders to Guggenheim Funds Investment Advisors, LLC employees with a legitimate business need for the information. The Fund maintains physical, electronic and procedural safeguards designed to protect the non-public personal information of its shareholders.

Questions concerning your shares of Guggenheim Enhanced Equity Strategy Fund?

- If your shares are held in a Brokerage Account, contact your Broker.
- If you have physical possession of your shares in certificate form, contact the Fund's Transfer Agent: Computershare Shareowner Services LLC, 480 Washington Boulevard, Jersey City, NJ 07310; (866) 488-3559

This report is sent to shareholders of Guggenheim Enhanced Equity Strategy Fund for their information. It is not a Prospectus, circular or representation intended for use in the purchase or sale of shares of the Fund or of any securities mentioned in this report.

A description of the Fund's proxy voting policies and procedures related to portfolio securities is available without charge, upon request, by calling the Fund at (866) 392-3004.

Information regarding how the Fund voted proxies for portfolio securities, if applicable, during the most recent 12-month period ended June 30, is also available, without charge and upon request by calling (866) 392-3004, by visiting the Fund's website at guggenheiminvestments.com/gge or by accessing the Fund's Form N-PX on the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission's (SEC) website at www.sec.gov.

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. The Fund's Form N-Q is available on the SEC website at www.sec.gov or at guggenheiminvestments.com/gge. The Fund's Form N-Q may also be viewed and copied at the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC; information on the operation of the Public Reference Room may be obtained by calling (800) SEC-0330.

Notice to Shareholders

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 23(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, that the Fund from time to time may purchase shares of its common stock in the open market or in private transactions.

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#### ABOUT THE FUND MANAGERS

Guggenheim Partners Investment Management, LLC

Guggenheim Partners Investment Management, LLC ("GPIM") is an indirect subsidiary of Guggenheim Partners, LLC, a diversified financial services firm. The firm provides capital markets services, portfolio and risk management expertise, wealth management, and investment advisory services. Clients of Guggenheim Partners, LLC subsidiaries are an elite mix of individuals, family offices, endowments, foundations, insurance companies and other institutions.

**Investment Philosophy** 

GPIM's investment philosophy is predicated upon the belief that thorough research and independent thought are rewarded with performance that has the potential to outperform benchmark indexes with both lower volatility and lower correlation of returns over time as compared to such benchmark indexes.

**Investment Process** 

GPIM's investment process is a collaborative effort between various groups including the Portfolio Construction Group, which utilize proprietary portfolio construction and risk modeling tools to determine allocation of assets among a variety of sectors, and its Sector Specialists, who are responsible for security selection within these sectors and for implementing securities transactions, including the structuring of certain securities directly with the issuers or with investment banks and dealers involved in the origination of such securities.

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Item 2. Code of Ethics.

Not applicable for a semi-annual reporting period.

Item 3. Audit Committee Financial Expert.

Not applicable for a semi-annual reporting period.

Item 4. Principal Accountant Fees and Services.

Not applicable for a semi-annual reporting period.

Item 5. Audit Committee of Listed Registrants.

Not applicable for a semi-annual reporting period.

Item 6. Schedule of Investments.

The Schedule of Investments is included as part of Item 1.

Item 7. Disclosure of Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures for Closed-End Management Investment Companies.

Not applicable for a semi-annual reporting period.

Item 8. Portfolio Managers of Closed-End Management Investment Companies.

- (a) Not applicable for a semi-annual reporting period.
- (b) There has been no change, as of the date of filing, in any of the Portfolio Managers identified in response to paragraph (a)(1) of this Item in the registrant's most recent annual report on Form N-CSR.

Item 9. Purchases of Equity Securities by Closed-End Management Investment Company and Affiliated Purchasers.

None.

Item 10. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.

The registrant has not made any material changes to the procedures by which shareholders may recommend nominees to the registrant's Board of Trustees.

Item 11. Controls and Procedures.

(a) The registrant's principal executive officer and principal financial officer have evaluated the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 30a-3(c) under the Investment Company Act) as of a date within 90 days of this filing and have concluded based on such evaluation, that the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures were effective, as of that date, in ensuring that information required to be disclosed by the registrant in this Form N-CSR was recorded, processed, summarized, and reported within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules and forms.

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

Item 12. Exhibits.

- (a)(1) Not applicable
- (a)(2) Certifications of principal executive officer and principal financial officer pursuant to Rule 30a-2(a) of the Investment Company Act.
- (a)(3) Not applicable.
- (b) Certifications of principal executive officer and principal financial officer pursuant to Rule 30a-2(b) under the investment Company Act and Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

## **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.

(Registrant) Guggenheim Enhanced Equity Strategy Fund

By: /s/ Donald C. Cacciapaglia

Name: Donald C. Cacciapaglia

Title: Chief Executive Officer

Date: July 7, 2014

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

By: /s/ Donald C. Cacciapaglia

Name: Donald C. Cacciapaglia

Title: Chief Executive Officer

Date: July 7, 2014

By: /s/ John L. Sullivan

Name: John L. Sullivan

Title: Chief Financial Officer, Chief Accounting Officer and Treasurer

Date: July 7, 2014