# **HUSSMAN INVESTMENT TRUST**

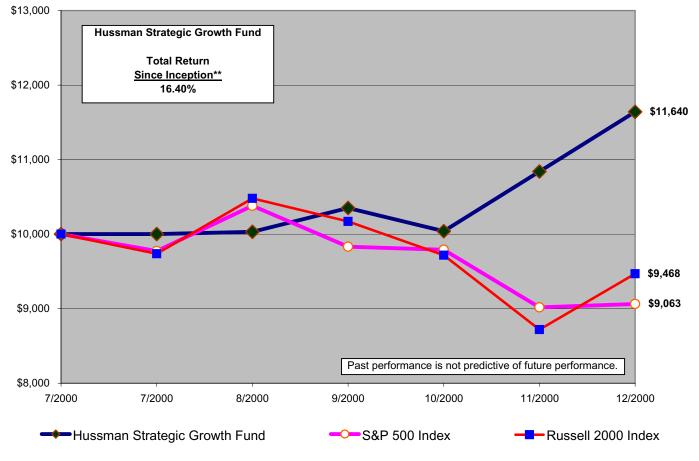
## **HUSSMAN STRATEGIC GROWTH FUND**

## SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2000 (Unaudited)



### Hussman Strategic Growth Fund

Comparison of the Change in Value of a \$10,000 Investment in the Hussman Strategic Growth Fund versus the Russell 2000 Index and the Standard & Poor's 500 Index\*



\* The Russell 2000 Index contains small and medium capitalization stocks, and is generally representative of the stocks held by the Hussman Strategic Growth Fund. The S&P 500 Index is a widely followed equity benchmark and is presented for comparative purposes only. Because the Hussman Strategic Growth Fund may vary its exposure to market fluctuations, Fund returns may differ from the performance of major stock market indices.

\*\* Initial public offering of shares was July 24, 2000.

#### Dear Shareholder,

The Hussman Strategic Growth Fund (the Fund) performed as intended during the year 2000, gaining value in a falling market, without having a net short position. The Fund ended 2000 at a net asset value of \$11.64 per share, up 16.4% from inception on July 24, 2000.

Last year was difficult for the equity markets, reflecting a combination of extremely high valuations and uniformly weak trend conditions for most of the year. Historically, that combination has defined an unfavorable Market Climate. Accordingly, the Fund generally held a "market neutral" position last year – nearly fully invested in favored stocks, and short an approximately equal value of major market indices, specifically the Russell 2000 and the S&P 100.

When the Fund is in a market neutral position, as it was last year, the portfolio benefits to the extent that our favored stocks outperform the indices that we are short. It is not the direction of the market, but the performance of the stock portfolio *relative* to the market, that produces a gain or loss. Last year, effective stock selection, relative to the market, contributed to the overall gain in the Fund.

The Fund's stock portfolio remains diversified across a wide range of industries. Here again, both valuation and market action are important in determining the weight given to any particular sector. Compared to the major market indices, the Fund has a smaller weight in technology stocks, due to extremely high valuations (e.g. high P/E and price/revenue multiples) as well as unfavorable market action in this group. In contrast, the Fund has above-market weightings in health care, utilities, energy, defense and apparel. These higher weightings reflect a combination of favorable valuation and market action in these groups.

Near the end of 2000, the internal action of the market began to improve, with strength in a wide range of stocks and industry groups. Valuations remained extreme, with prices still far out of line with fundamentals such as earnings, revenues and cash flows. Even so, the market was able to recruit enough trend uniformity to move the Market Climate to a more constructive position. Accordingly, the Fund entered 2001 with a hedged, but modestly positive exposure to market fluctuations.

It is not possible or necessary to predict how long this modestly favorable Climate will prevail. Our discipline requires us to maintain a market exposure that is consistent with the Market Climate in effect, based on objective evidence. The strategy does not require us to forecast when shifts will occur, but only to identify which Market Climate is in effect at a given time. Looking forward, we believe that the economy faces an oncoming recession. This view is based on market indicators such as credit spreads and equity prices, as well as business and consumer sentiment. Indeed, sharp declines in the NAPM Purchasing Managers Index and Consumer Confidence to the extent seen in recent months have *always* been followed by recession. Although further interest rate cuts by the Federal Reserve appear to be widely expected and priced into the market, the risk of sharply falling profit margins and further earnings disappointment does not appear to be widely anticipated. Accordingly, we are sensitive to the possibility of further erosion in the stock market. This increases the chance that our next shift will be back to a defensive Climate. Again, it is not necessary to forecast when this might occur. You may obtain ongoing updates, research and insight at no cost from our Fund website, www.hussman.net.

In short, both the market position and the stock selection of the Fund remain driven by a disciplined strategy emphasizing both favorable valuation and market action as the foundations for long term growth. We continue to focus the Fund's investments in sectors that display these characteristics, and to avoid sectors that do not.

Best wishes,

John P. Hussman, Ph.D.

#### HUSSMAN INVESTMENT TRUST Hussman Strategic Growth Fund Financial Highlights for the Period Ended December 31, 2000\* (Unaudited) Selected Per Share Data and Ratios for a Share Outstanding Throughout the Period

Net asset value at beginning of period	\$	10.00
Income from investment operations: Net investment income(loss) Net realized and unrealized gains on investments Total from investment operations		(0.01) <u>1.65</u> 1.64
Net asset value at end of period	\$	11.64
Total Return (not annualized)		16.40%
Net assets at end of period	\$14,	157,145
Net assets at end of period Ratio of expenses to average net assets: Before advisory fees waived After advisory fees waived	<u>\$14,</u>	<u>157,145</u> 2.57% (1) 1.99% (1)
Ratio of expenses to average net assets: Before advisory fees waived	\$14,	2.57% (1)

(1) Annualized.

\* Represents the period from the commencement of operations (July 24, 2000) through December 31, 2000.

#### HUSSMAN INVESTMENT TRUST Hussman Strategic Growth Fund Statement of Assets and Liabilities December 31, 2000 (Unaudited)

#### ASSETS

Investments in securities:	
At acquisition cost	\$ 13,492,847
At value (Note 1)	\$ 14,528,339
Cash	81,858
Dividends and interest receivable	14,979
Receivable for investment securities sold	251,546
Receivable for capital shares sold	33,718
Other assets	16,085
Total Assets	 14,926,525
LIABILITIES	
Payable for investment securities purchased	370,940
Accrued investment advisory fees (Note 3)	5,940
Payable to Administrator (Note 3)	6,200
Other accrued expenses	800
Covered call options, at value (Notes 1 and 4)	
(premiums received \$354,975)	 385,500
Total Liabilities	 769,380
NET ASSETS	\$ 14,157,145
Net assets consist of:	
Paid-in capital	\$ 12,358,404
Undistributed net investment loss	(6,563)
Accumulated net realized gains from security transactions	800,337
Net unrealized appreciation on investments	 1,004,967
	\$ 14,157,145
Shares of beneficial interest outstanding (unlimited number of shares	
authorized, no par value)	 1,216,501
Net asset value and offering price price per share (A) (Note 1)	\$ 11.64

(A) Redemption price varies based on length of time held.

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

#### HUSSMAN INVESTMENT TRUST Hussman Strategic Growth Fund Statement of Operations Period Ended December 31, 2000\* (Unaudited)

INVESTMENT INCOME		
Dividends	\$	77,233
EXPENSES		
Investment advisory fees (Note 3)		52,373
Fund accounting fees (Note 3)		11,294
Administration fees (Note 3)		8,875
Printing of shareholder reports		8,395
Transfer agent and shareholder services fees (Note 3)		7,875
Trustees' fees		6,000
Custodian and bank service fees		5,480
Insurance expense		3,973
Registration and filing fees		1,565
Professional fees		1,267
Postage and supplies		1,190
Other expenses		189
Total Expenses		108,476
Less fees waived by the Advisor (Note 3)		(24,680)
Net Expenses		83,796
NET INVESTMENT INCOME (LOSS)		(6,563)
REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAINS (LOSSES) ON INVESTMENTS		
Net realized losses from security transactions		(386,789)
Net realized losses from security transactions Net realized gains on call and/or put options sold		530,842
Net realized gains on option contracts written		656,284
Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation on investments	1	,004,967
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NET REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAINS ON INVESTMENTS	1	,805,304
NET INCREASE IN NET ASSETS FROM OPERATIONS	\$ 1	,798,741

\* Represents the period from the commencement of operations (July 24, 2000) through December 31, 2000.

#### HUSSMAN INVESTMENT TRUST Hussman Strategic Growth Fund Statement of Changes in Net Assets Period Ended December 31, 2000\* (Unaudited)

FROM OPERATIONS Net investment income(loss) Net realized gains(losses) from: Security transactions Call and/or put options sold Option contracts written	\$ (6,563) (386,789) 530,842 656,284
Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation on investments Net increase in net assets resulting from operations	 <u>1,004,967</u> 1,798,741
FROM CAPITAL SHARE TRANSACTIONS Proceeds from shares sold Payments for shares redeemed Net increase in net assets from capital share transactions	 12,267,543 (9,139) 12,258,404
TOTAL INCREASE IN NET ASSETS	 14,057,145
NET ASSETS Beginning of period End of period	\$ 100,000 14,157,145
CAPITAL SHARE ACTIVITY Sold Redeemed Net increase in shares outstanding Shares outstanding at beginning of period Shares outstanding at end of period	 1,207,382 (881) 1,206,501 10,000 1,216,501

\* Represents the period from the commencement of operations (July 24, 2000) through December 31, 2000.

Shares		Market Value
	COMMON STOCKS - 96.1%	
	Aerospace/Defense - 5.5%	
3,000	Alliant Techsystems, Inc. (a)	\$ 200,250
2,000	L-3 Communications Holdings, Inc. (a)	154,000
5,000	Lockheed Martin Corp.	169,750
3,000	Northorp Grumman Corp.	249,00
3,000		773,00
	Air Freight - 0.3%	
2,000	Offshore Logistics, Inc. (a)	43,09
	Banks - 0.6%	
3,000	KeyCorp	84,00
	Beverages (Non-alcoholic) - 1.4%	
5,000	Pepsi Bottling Group, Inc.	199,68
	Pietoshaology 2.0%	
2 000	Biotechnology - 2.0%	00.12
2,000	Cell Therapeutics, Inc. (a)	90,12
1,000	Gene Logic, Inc. (a)	18,37
2,000	Genzyme Corp. (a)	<u> </u>
	Duilding Materials 0.9%	
F 000	Building Materials - 0.8%	440.07
5,000	Standard Pacific Corp.	116,87
	Chemicals (Diversified) - 1.2%	
1,500	FMC Corp. (a)	107,53
3,000	Hercules, Inc. (a)	57,18
		164,71
	Chemicals (Specialty) - 1.8%	
5,000	Cytec Industries, Inc. (a)	199,68
1,500	H.B. Fuller Co.	59,18
		258,86
	Computers (Software and Services) - 3.1%	
13,000	Avant Corp. (a)	238,06
8,000	Sybase, Inc. (a)	158,50
3,000	3D Systems Corp. (a)	36,37
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Shares		Market Value
	Electrical Equipment - 6.1%	
10,000	Anixter International, Inc. (a)	\$ 216,250
12,000	Cable Design Technologies Corp. (a)	201,750
4,880	Koninklijke Philips Electronics NV-ADR	176,900
3,000	Molecular Devices Corp. (a)	205,312
2,000	Park Electrochemical Corp.	61,375
		861,587
	Electric Companies - 8.5%	
2,000	Ameren Corp.	92,625
3,000	Cleco Corp.	164,250
3,000	DPL, Inc.	99,562
2,000	DTE Energy Co.	77,875
7,102	Progress Energy, Inc.	349,341
2,500	Reliant Energy, Inc.	108,282
5,000	UtiliCorp United, Inc.	155,000
3,000	Wisconsin Energy Corp.	67,688
3,000	Xcel Energy, Inc.	87,188
		1,201,811
	Electronics (Component Distributors) - 0.4%	
2,000	Bell Microproducts, Inc. (a)	31,750
1,000	Tech Data Corp. (a)	27,047
		58,797
	Electronics (Semiconductors) - 1.7%	
7,000	Advanced Micro Devices, Inc. (a)	96,687
5,000	International Rectifier Corp. (a)	150,000
		246,687
	Equipment (Semiconductors) - 0.5%	
5,000	Nanometrics, Inc. (a)	69,062
	Gold and Precious Metals Mining - 4.6%	
16,000	Barrick Gold Corp.	262,080
14,000	Homestake Mining Co.	58,625
11,000	Newmont Mining Corp.	187,688
15,000	Placer Dome, Inc.	144,375
		652,768
	Health Care (Managed Care) - 4.2%	
10,000	Health Net, Inc. (a)	261,875
4,000	Oxford Health Plans, Inc. (a)	158,000
1,500	Wellpoint Health Networks, Inc Class A (a)	172,875
		592,750

Shares		Market Value
	Health Care (Medical Products and Supplies) - 4.7%	
6,000	Beckman Coulter, Inc.	\$ 251,625
6,000	DENTSPLY International, Inc.	234,750
3,000	PolyMedica Corp. (a)	100,125
3,000	Respironics, Inc. (a)	85,500
		672,000
	Health Care (Specialized Services) - 2.0%	
1,000	Impath, Inc. (a)	66,500
2,000	Orthodontic Centers of America, Inc. (a)	62,500
3,000	RehabCare Group, Inc. (a)	154,125
		283,125
	Homebuilding - 3.2%	
2,000	Centex Corp.	75,125
5,000	D.R. Horton, Inc.	122,187
3,500	Lennar Corp.	126,875
3,000	Toll Brothers, Inc. (a)	122,625
		446,812
	Household Furnishings and Appliances - 1.1%	
15,000	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	154,687
	Insurance (Life and Health) - 1.3%	
2,500	Everest Reinsurance Group, Ltd.	179,063
	Insurance (Multi-Line) - 1.6%	
7,000	Old Republic International Corp.	224,000
	Insurance (Property-Casualty) - 4.8%	
5,000	Ace, Ltd.	212,188
7,000	Fidelity National Financial, Inc.	258,563
4,000	St. Paul Companies, Inc.	217,250
		688,001
	Iron and Steel - 1.8%	
6,000	Precision Castparts Corp.	252,375
	Machinery (Diversified) - 0.8%	
5,000	Stewart & Stevenson Services, Inc.	113,516
	Manufacturing (Diversified) - 0.7%	
4,000	National Service Industries, Inc.	102,750

Shares		Market Value
	Manufacturing (Specialized) - 1.8%	
3,000	A. Schulman, Inc.	\$ 34,500
6,000	B.F. Goodrich Co.	218,250
		252,750
	Natural Gas - 2.6%	
2,000	Equitable Resources, Inc.	133,500
2,000	Keyspan Corp.	84,750
5,000	Questar Corp.	150,312
		368,562
	Office Equipment and Supplies - 1.4%	
2,000	Kimball International, Inc Class B	29,000
8,000	Standard Registar Co. (The)	114,000
3,000	Wallace Computer Services, Inc.	51,000
		194,000
	Oil and Gas (Drilling and Equipment) - 0.5%	
3,000	Rowan Companies, Inc. (a)	81,000
	Oil and Gas (Exploration and Production) - 3.4%	
10,000	Patina Oil & Gas Corp.	240,000
11,000	Vintage Petroleum, Inc.	236,500
		476,500
	Real Estate Investment Trusts - 2.5%	
5,000	AMLI Residential Properties Trust	123,437
4,000	CarrAmerica Realty Corp.	125,250
2,000	Spieker Properties, Inc.	100,250
		348,937
	Restaurants - 2.8%	
4,000	Applebee's International, Inc.	125,750
4,000	Bob Evans Farms, Inc.	85,250
10,000	CBRL Group, Inc.	181,875
		392,875
	Retail (General Merchandise) - 0.4%	
2,000	Coldwater Creek, Inc. (a)	62,125
	Retail (Home Shopping) - 0.7%	
2,800	Rent-A-Center, Inc. (a)	96,600
	Retail (Specialty - Apparel) - 1.6%	
8,000	Dress Barn, Inc. (a)	232,000

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Shares		Market Value
	Services (Advertising/Marketing) - 2.5%	
5,000	ADVO, Inc. (a)	\$ 221,875
5,000	R.R. Donnelley & Sons Co.	135,000
		356,875
	Services (Commerical and Consumer) - 0.4%	
2,000	Quanta Services, Inc. (a)	64,375
	Textiles (Apparel) - 3.9%	
1,800	K-Swiss, Inc Class A	45,000
3,000	Liz Claiborne, Inc.	124,875
9,000	Reebok International, Ltd. (a)	246,060
2,000	Timberland Co Class A (a)	133,750
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	Textiles (Home Furnishings) - 0.8%	
4,000	Mohawk Industries, Inc. (a)	109,500
5,000	<b>Tobacco - 3.3%</b> Philip Morris Companies, Inc.	220,000
5,000	R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Holdings, Inc.	243,750
3,000	R.o. Reynolds Tobacco Holdings, inc.	463,750
	Truckers - 1.4%	
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90	American Freightways Corp. (a)	2,515
3,500	Landstar System, Inc. (a)	<u> </u>
	Waste Management - 1.4%	
12,000	Republic Services, Inc. (a)	206,250
	Total Common Stocks - (Cost \$12,411,796)	\$ 13,613,675
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Contracts	PUT OPTION CONTRACTS - 4.0%	
100	Russell 2000 Index Option, 3/17/01 at \$500	\$ 378,000
50	S&P 100 Index Option, 3/17/01 at \$500	,
50	3ar 100 muex Option, 3/17/01 at \$100	182,000
	Total Put Option Contracts - (Cost \$726,387)	\$ 560,000

Shares		Market Value
354,664	MONEY MARKETS - 2.5% Firstar Stellar Treasury Fund - Institutional Class (Cost \$354,664)	\$ 354,664
	Total Investments at Value - 102.6% (Cost \$13,492,847)	\$ 14,528,339
	Liabilities in Excess of Other Assets - (2.6)%	 (371,194)
	Net Assets - 100.0%	\$ 14,157,145

(a) Non-income producing security

#### HUSSMAN INVESTMENT TRUST Hussman Strategic Growth Fund Schedule of Open Options Written December 31, 2000 (Unaudited)

Option Contracts	Written Call Options	 ket Value of Options	Premiums Received
100	Russell 2000 Index Option, 3/17/01 at \$500	\$ 248,000	\$ 230,130
50	S&P 100 Index Option, 3/17/01 at \$700	 137,500	124,845
		\$ 385,500	\$ 354,975

#### 1. Organization and Significant Accounting Policies

The Hussman Investment Trust (the "Trust") was organized as an Ohio business trust on March 20, 2000. The Trust is an open-end management investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "1940 Act"). The Trust currently offers one diversified investment portfolio, the Hussman Strategic Growth Fund (the "Fund"). The Trust is authorized to issue an unlimited number of shares.

As part of the Trust's organization, the Fund issued in a private placement 10,000 shares of beneficial interest to Hussman Econometrics Advisors, Inc, (the "Adviser") at \$10.00 a share on June 20, 2000. The Fund commenced operations on July 24, 2000.

The Fund's investment objective is to provide long-term capital appreciation, with added emphasis on capital preservation during unfavorable market conditions.

**Securities Valuation -** The Fund values its portfolio securities at their current market value determined on the basis of market quotations, or if market quotations are not readily available, at their fair value as determined under procedures adopted by the Fund's Board of Trustees.

**Option Transactions** – The Fund may purchase and write put and call options on broadbased stock indices. The Fund may also purchase and write call and put options on individual securities. When the Fund writes an option, an amount equal to the net premium (the premium less the commission) received by the Fund is recorded in the liabilities section of the Fund's Statement of Assets and Liabilities and is subsequently valued at the closing prices on its primary exchange to reflect the current value of the option written. The current value of the traded option is the last sale price or, in the absence of a sale, the average of the closing bid and asked prices. If an option expires on the stipulated expiration date or if the Fund enters into a closing purchase transaction, it will realize a gain (or a loss if the cost of a closing purchase transaction exceeds the net premium received when the option is sold) and the liability related to such option will be eliminated. If an option is exercised, the Fund may deliver the underlying security in the open market. In either event, the proceeds of the sale will be increased by the net premium originally received and the Fund will realize a gain or loss.

#### 1. Organization and Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

**Share Valuation** - The net asset value of the Fund's shares is calculated at the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange (generally 4:00 p.m., Eastern time) on each day that the Exchange is open for business. To calculate the net asset value, the Fund's assets are valued and totaled, liabilities are subtracted, and the balance is divided by the number of shares outstanding. The offering price and redemption price per share is equal to the net asset value per share, except that shares of the Fund are subject to a redemption fee of 1.5% if redeemed within six months of the date of purchase.

**Investment income** - Interest income is accrued as earned. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date.

**Distributions to shareholders** - Dividends arising from net investment income, if any, are declared and paid annually to shareholders of the Fund. Net realized short-term capital gains, if any, may be distributed throughout the year and net realized long-term capital gains, if any, are distributed at least once a year. Income distributions and capital gain distributions are determined in accordance with income tax regulations.

**Organization expenses** – All costs incurred by the Trust in connection with the organization of the Fund and the initial public offering of shares of the Fund, principally professional fees and printing, has been paid by the Adviser, but is subject to recovery by the Adviser pursuant to the Expense Limitation Agreement (See Note 3).

**Security transactions** - Security transactions are accounted for on trade date. Cost of securities sold is determined on a specific identification basis.

**Estimates** - The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities as of the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of income and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

#### 1. Organization and Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

**Federal income tax** - It is the Fund's policy to comply with the special provisions of the Internal Revenue Code applicable to regulated investment companies. As provided therein, in any fiscal year in which the Fund so qualifies and distributes at least 90% of its taxable net income, the Fund (but not the shareholders) will be relieved of federal income tax on the income distributed. Accordingly, no provisions for income taxes have been made.

In order to avoid imposition of the excise tax applicable to regulated investment companies, it is also the Fund's intention to declare as dividends in each calendar year at least 98% of its net investment income (earned during the calendar year) and 98% of its net realized capital gains (earned during the twelve months ended October 31) plus undistributed amounts from prior years.

For federal income tax purposes, the cost of portfolio investments amounted to \$13,492,847 at December 31, 2000. The composition of unrealized appreciation (the excess of value over tax cost) and unrealized depreciation (the excess of tax cost over value) was as follows:

Gross unrealized appreciation	\$ 1,707,367
Gross unrealized depreciation	(702,400)
Net unrealized appreciation	\$ 1,004,967

#### 2. Investment Transactions

During the period ended December 31, 2000, purchases and proceeds from sales and maturities of investment securities, other than short-term investments, amounted to \$15,320,568 and \$2,521,983, respectively.

#### 3. Transactions with Affiliates

Certain Trustees and officers of the Trust are affiliated with the Adviser or Ultimus Fund Solutions, LLC ("Ultimus"), the Fund's administrator, transfer agent and fund accounting agent.

#### ADVISORY AGREEMENT

Under the terms of an Advisory Agreement between the Trust and the Adviser, the Adviser is entitled to receive fees at the annual rate of 1.25% of the average daily net assets of the Fund.

Pursuant to an Expense Limitation Agreement, the Adviser has contractually agreed to waive a portion of its advisory fees and if necessary reimburse the Fund's organizational and operational expenses so that the Fund's net expenses do not exceed 2.00% (the "Cap") until at least December 31, 2001. If at any point the operational expenses of the Fund fall below the Cap, the Adviser may recoup fees previously waived or reimbursed so long as (1) the fee waiver or expense reimbursement to be recouped occurred within three years of the recoupment, and (2) the amount of the recouped fees does not cause the Fund's aggregate expenses on an annualized basis to exceed the Cap.

#### ADMINISTRATION AGREEMENT

Under the terms of an Administration Agreement, Ultimus supplies executive, administrative and regulatory services to the Fund, supervises the preparation of tax returns, and coordinates the preparation of reports to shareholders and reports to and filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission and state securities authorities.

For these services, Ultimus receives a monthly fee from the Fund at an annual rate of .15% on its average daily net assets up to \$50 million; .125% on the next \$50 million of such assets; .100% on the next \$150 million of such assets; .075% on the next \$250 million of such assets; and .05% of such net assets in excess of \$500 million, subject to a minimum monthly fee of \$2,000. During the period ended December 31, 2000, Ultimus was paid \$8,875 under the Administration Agreement.

#### 3. Transactions with Affiliates (continued)

#### ACCOUNTING SERVICES AGREEMENT

Under the terms of an Accounting Services Agreement between the Trust and Ultimus, Ultimus calculates the daily net asset value per share and maintains the financial books and records of the Fund. For these services, Ultimus receives from the Fund a monthly base fee of \$2,500, plus an asset based fee equal to 0.01% of its average daily net assets up to \$500 million and 0.005% of such assets in excess of \$500 million. During the period ended December 31, 2000, Ultimus was paid \$11,294 for accounting services. In addition, the Fund pays certain out-of-pocket expenses incurred by Ultimus in obtaining valuations of the Fund's portfolio securities.

#### TRANSFER AGENCY AND SHAREHOLDER SERVICES AGREEMENT

Under the terms of a Transfer Agency and Shareholder Services Agreement between the Trust and Ultimus, Ultimus maintains the records of each shareholder's account, answers shareholders' inquiries concerning their accounts, processes purchases and redemptions of Fund shares, acts as dividend and distribution disbursing agent and performs other shareholder service functions. For these services, Ultimus receives from the Fund a monthly fee at an annual rate of \$17 per account, subject to a minimum of \$1,500 per month. During the period ended December 31, 2000, Ultimus was paid \$7,875 for transfer agent and shareholder services. In addition, the Fund pays certain out-of-pocket expenses incurred by Ultimus including, but not limited to, postage and supplies.

#### 4. Option Contracts Written

The premium amount and the number of option contracts written during the period ended December 31, 2000, were as follows:

	Options Contracts	Option Premiums
Options outstanding at beginning of period	<u>-</u>	\$ -
Options written Options cancelled in a closing	636	1,720,283
purchase transaction	(486)	(1,365,308)
Options outstanding at end of period	150	\$ 354,975