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BNY Mellon Natural Resources Fund
SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

September 30, 2025

Description	Shares	Value (\$)
Common Stocks — 99.0%		
Agricultural & Farm Machinery — 1.3%		
Deere & Co.	27,682	12,657,871
Agricultural Products & Services — 2.8%		
Darling Ingredients, Inc. ^(a)	897,898	27,718,111
Coal & Consumable Fuels — 1.1%		
Cameco Corp. ^(b)	124,398	10,432,016
Commodity Chemicals — 2.7%		
Methanex Corp.	684,397	27,211,625
Construction Machinery & Heavy Trucks — 1.1%		
Caterpillar, Inc.	22,585	10,776,433
Copper — 5.9%		
Capstone Copper Corp. ^(a)	2,310,358	19,622,355
Freeport-McMoRan, Inc.	988,863	38,783,207
		58,405,562
Diversified Metals & Mining — 12.1%		
Anglo American PLC	844,205	31,620,091
Hudbay Minerals, Inc.	743,785	11,275,781
Ivanhoe Mines Ltd., Cl. A ^{(a),(b)}	983,743	10,433,317
MP Materials Corp. ^{(a),(b)}	65,151	4,369,677
Rio Tinto PLC	527,108	34,647,857
Teck Resources Ltd., Cl. B	641,491	28,155,040
		120,501,763
Fertilizers & Agricultural Chemicals — 6.3%		
CF Industries Holdings, Inc.	123,370	11,066,289
Corteva, Inc.	364,190	24,630,169
The Mosaic Company	782,388	27,133,216
		62,829,674
Gold — 7.7%		
Newmont Corp.	446,800	37,669,708
Pan American Silver Corp.	991,885	38,415,706
		76,085,414
Integrated Oil & Gas — 12.6%		
BP PLC	4,604,608	26,365,579
Exxon Mobil Corp.	300,068	33,832,667
Repsol SA	1,504,401	26,608,436
Suncor Energy, Inc.	919,488	38,443,793
		125,250,475
Metal, Glass & Plastic Containers — .6%		
Crown Holdings, Inc.	56,561	5,463,227
Oil & Gas Exploration & Production — 19.2%		
Canadian Natural Resources Ltd.	1,136,579	36,342,434
ConocoPhillips	281,761	26,651,773
Crescent Energy Co., Cl. A ^(b)	2,674,376	23,855,434
Diamondback Energy, Inc.	264,101	37,792,853
EQT Corp.	92,378	5,028,134
Expand Energy Corp.	348,037	36,975,451
Permian Resources Corp.	1,864,147	23,861,082
		190,507,161

SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (continued)

Description	Shares	Value (\$)
Common Stocks — 99.0% (continued)		
Oil & Gas Refining & Marketing — 9.2%		
Marathon Petroleum Corp.	196,977	37,965,347
Phillips 66	303,697	41,308,866
Valero Energy Corp.	69,727	11,871,719
		91,145,932
Oil & Gas Storage & Transportation — .5%		
Frontline PLC ^(b)	237,023	5,401,754
Paper & Plastic Packaging Products & Materials — 8.6%		
International Paper Co. ^(b)	906,288	42,051,763
Packaging Corp. of America	121,181	26,408,976
Smurfit WestRock PLC	400,758	17,060,268
		85,521,007
Precious Metals & Minerals — 2.0%		
Impala Platinum Holdings Ltd., ADR	997,605	12,711,483
Valterra Platinum Ltd.	101,333	7,222,986
		19,934,469
Steel — 5.3%		
ArcelorMittal SA ^(b)	1,125,187	40,675,510
Nucor Corp.	91,300	12,364,759
		53,040,269
Total Common Stocks (cost \$867,045,008)		982,882,763
	1-Day Yield (%)	
Investment Companies — .5%		
Registered Investment Companies — .5%		
Dreyfus Institutional Preferred Government Plus Money Market Fund, Institutional Shares ^(c) (cost \$4,902,580)	4.28	4,902,580
		4,902,580
Investment of Cash Collateral for Securities Loaned — 1.3%		
Registered Investment Companies — 1.3%		
Dreyfus Institutional Preferred Government Plus Money Market Fund, Institutional Shares ^(c) (cost \$13,138,326)	4.28	13,138,326
		13,138,326
Total Investments (cost \$885,085,914)	100.8%	1,000,923,669
Liabilities, Less Cash and Receivables	(.8%)	(8,342,183)
Net Assets	100.0%	992,581,486

ADR—American Depositary Receipt

^(a) Non-income producing security.

^(b) Security, or portion thereof, on loan. At September 30, 2025, the value of the fund's securities on loan was \$54,848,403 and the value of the collateral was \$56,387,997, consisting of cash collateral of \$13,138,326 and U.S. Government & Agency securities valued at \$43,249,671. In addition, the value of collateral may include pending sales that are also on loan.

^(c) Investment in affiliated issuer. The investment objective of this investment company is publicly available and can be found within the investment company's prospectus.

Affiliated Issuers					
Description	Value (\$) 9/30/2024	Purchases (\$) [†]	Sales (\$)	Value (\$) 9/30/2025	Dividends/ Distributions (\$)
Registered Investment Companies - .5%					
Dreyfus Institutional Preferred Government Plus Money Market Fund, Institutional Shares - .5%	1,733,301	430,066,282	(426,897,003)	4,902,580	506,789
Investment of Cash Collateral for Securities Loaned - 1.3%					
Dreyfus Institutional Preferred Government Plus Money Market Fund, Institutional Shares - 1.3%	34,174,020	731,117,079	(752,152,773)	13,138,326	510,606 ^{††}
Total - 1.8%	35,907,321	1,161,183,361	(1,179,049,776)	18,040,906	1,017,395

[†] Includes reinvested dividends/distributions.

^{††} Represents securities lending income earned from the reinvestment of cash collateral from loaned securities, net of fees and collateral investment expenses, and other payments to and from borrowers of securities.

See notes to financial statements.

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

September 30, 2025

	Cost	Value		
Assets (\$):				
Investments in securities—See Schedule of Investments (including securities on loan, valued at \$54,848,403)—Note 1(c):				
Unaffiliated issuers	867,045,008	982,882,763		
Affiliated issuers	18,040,906	18,040,906		
Cash		6		
Cash denominated in foreign currency	1,659,175	1,660,273		
Receivable for investment securities sold		7,401,726		
Receivable for shares of Beneficial Interest subscribed		3,842,785		
Dividends and securities lending income receivable		701,646		
Tax reclaim receivable—Note 1(b)		223,761		
Prepaid expenses		57,001		
		1,014,810,867		
Liabilities (\$):				
Due to BNY Mellon Investment Adviser, Inc. and affiliates—Note 3(c)		673,568		
Liability for securities on loan—Note 1(c)		13,138,326		
Payable for investment securities purchased		5,749,132		
Payable for shares of Beneficial Interest redeemed		2,389,633		
Trustees' fees and expenses payable		4,347		
Other accrued expenses		274,375		
		22,229,381		
Net Assets (\$)		992,581,486		
Composition of Net Assets (\$):				
Paid-in capital		887,947,306		
Total distributable earnings (loss)		104,634,180		
Net Assets (\$)		992,581,486		
Net Asset Value Per Share				
	Class A	Class C	Class I	Class Y
Net Assets (\$)	110,895,115	14,178,828	807,772,037	59,735,506
Shares Outstanding	2,462,748	357,052	17,218,351	1,271,049
Net Asset Value Per Share (\$)	45.03	39.71	46.91	47.00

See notes to financial statements.

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

Year Ended September 30, 2025

Investment Income (\$):	
Income:	
Cash dividends (net of \$1,027,566 foreign taxes withheld at source):	
Unaffiliated issuers	28,259,689
Affiliated issuers	506,789
Affiliated income net of rebates from securities lending—Note 1(c)	510,606
Interest	15,970
Total Income	29,293,054
Expenses:	
Management fee—Note 3(a)	8,758,834
Shareholder servicing costs—Note 3(c)	1,848,399
Distribution Plan fees—Note 3(b)	145,607
Registration fees	128,462
Prospectus and shareholders' reports	102,729
Professional fees	97,618
Trustees' fees and expenses—Note 3(d)	46,441
Custodian fees—Note 3(c)	31,463
Interest expense—Note 2	28,540
Loan commitment fees—Note 2	25,754
Chief Compliance Officer fees—Note 3(c)	25,495
Shareholder and regulatory reports service fees—Note 3(c)	12,167
Miscellaneous	34,538
Total Expenses	11,286,047
Less—reduction in fees due to earnings credits—Note 3(c)	(3,278)
Net Expenses	11,282,769
Net Investment Income	18,010,285
Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments—Note 4 (\$):	
Net realized gain (loss) on investments and foreign currency transactions	17,123,679
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments and foreign currency transactions	(45,655,968)
Net Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments	(28,532,289)
Net (Decrease) in Net Assets Resulting from Operations	(10,522,004)

See notes to financial statements.

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

	Year Ended September 30,	
	2025	2024
Operations (\$):		
Net investment income	18,010,285	16,371,124
Net realized gain (loss) on investments	17,123,679	78,786,213
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments	(45,655,968)	(47,017,272)
Net Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets Resulting from Operations	(10,522,004)	48,140,065
Distributions (\$):		
Distributions to shareholders:		
Class A	(9,548,955)	(18,587,063)
Class C	(1,713,466)	(3,720,519)
Class I	(75,690,334)	(95,188,244)
Class Y	(3,288,335)	(6,145,327)
Total Distributions	(90,241,090)	(123,641,153)
Beneficial Interest Transactions (\$):		
Net proceeds from shares sold:		
Class A	32,141,345	57,870,983
Class C	2,650,620	4,583,587
Class I	327,701,791	775,431,840
Class Y	26,691,755	30,383,801
Distributions reinvested:		
Class A	8,497,190	17,486,811
Class C	1,277,009	2,769,271
Class I	68,718,707	88,939,341
Class Y	3,072,010	5,571,477
Cost of shares redeemed:		
Class A	(72,294,155)	(85,735,193)
Class C	(14,433,312)	(11,226,571)
Class I	(681,824,890)	(596,801,259)
Class Y	(22,310,991)	(36,296,634)
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets from Beneficial Interest Transactions	(320,112,921)	252,977,454
Total Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	(420,876,015)	177,476,366
Net Assets (\$):		
Beginning of Period	1,413,457,501	1,235,981,135
End of Period	992,581,486	1,413,457,501

	Year Ended September 30,	
	2025	2024
Capital Share Transactions (Shares):		
Class A^{(a),(b)}		
Shares sold	746,654	1,232,862
Shares issued for distributions reinvested	191,853	419,952
Shares redeemed	(1,694,206)	(1,869,293)
Net Increase (Decrease) in Shares Outstanding	(755,699)	(216,479)
Class C^(a)		
Shares sold	69,945	110,946
Shares issued for distributions reinvested	32,511	74,363
Shares redeemed	(388,521)	(271,853)
Net Increase (Decrease) in Shares Outstanding	(286,065)	(86,544)
Class I^(b)		
Shares sold	7,431,972	16,421,026
Shares issued for distributions reinvested	1,491,939	2,058,781
Shares redeemed	(15,459,123)	(12,482,124)
Net Increase (Decrease) in Shares Outstanding	(6,535,212)	5,997,683
Class Y		
Shares sold	612,876	621,509
Shares issued for distributions reinvested	66,652	128,909
Shares redeemed	(489,088)	(745,077)
Net Increase (Decrease) in Shares Outstanding	190,440	5,341

^(a) During the period ended September 30, 2025, 156 Class C shares representing \$5,865 were automatically converted to 138 Class A shares and during the period ended September 30, 2024, 33 Class C shares representing \$1,460 were automatically converted to 30 Class A shares.

^(b) During the period ended September 30, 2024, 14,452 Class A shares representing \$630,595 were exchanged for 13,918 Class I shares.

See notes to financial statements.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The following tables describe the performance for each share class for the fiscal periods indicated. All information (except portfolio turnover rate) reflects financial results for a single fund share. Net asset value total return is calculated assuming an initial investment made at the net asset value at the beginning of the period, reinvestment of all dividends and distributions at net asset value during the period, and redemption at net asset value on the last day of the period. Net asset value total return includes adjustments in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and as such, the net asset value for financial reporting purposes and the returns based upon those net asset values may differ from the net asset value and returns for shareholder transactions.

Class A Shares	Year Ended September 30,				
	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Per Share Data (\$):					
Net asset value, beginning of period	47.73	52.38	47.45	39.02	25.18
Investment Operations:					
Net investment income ^(a)	.58	.46	.73	.86	.45
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	(.14)	.50	9.10	9.63	13.67
Total from Investment Operations	.44	.96	9.83	10.49	14.12
Distributions:					
Dividends from net investment income	(.52)	(1.04)	(.68)	(.49)	(.28)
Dividends from net realized gain on investments	(2.62)	(4.57)	(4.22)	(1.57)	-
Total Distributions	(3.14)	(5.61)	(4.90)	(2.06)	(.28)
Net asset value, end of period	45.03	47.73	52.38	47.45	39.02
Total Return (%)^(b)	1.01	3.42	20.99	28.32	56.46
Ratios/Supplemental Data (%):					
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets	1.16	1.16	1.15	1.14	1.20
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets	1.16 ^(c)	1.16 ^(c)	1.15 ^(c)	1.14	1.20
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets	1.35 ^(c)	.98 ^(c)	1.41 ^(c)	1.75	1.28
Portfolio Turnover Rate	95.86	103.94	89.32	76.19	99.02
Net Assets, end of period (\$ x 1,000)	110,895	153,631	179,911	172,540	83,204

^(a) Based on average shares outstanding.

^(b) Exclusive of sales charge.

^(c) Amount inclusive of reduction in fees due to earnings credits.

See notes to financial statements.

Class C Shares	Year Ended September 30,				
	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Per Share Data (\$):					
Net asset value, beginning of period	42.44	47.23	43.21	35.73	23.15
Investment Operations:					
Net investment income ^(a)	.24	.12	.31	.43	.17
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	(.14)	.41	8.28	8.86	12.59
Total from Investment Operations	.10	.53	8.59	9.29	12.76
Distributions:					
Dividends from net investment income	(.21)	(.75)	(.35)	(.24)	(.18)
Dividends from net realized gain on investments	(2.62)	(4.57)	(4.22)	(1.57)	-
Total Distributions	(2.83)	(5.32)	(4.57)	(1.81)	(.18)
Net asset value, end of period	39.71	42.44	47.23	43.21	35.73
Total Return (%)^(b)	.30	2.71	20.11	27.37	55.36
Ratios/Supplemental Data (%):					
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets	1.87	1.87	1.87	1.87	1.91
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets	1.87 ^(c)	1.87 ^(c)	1.87 ^(c)	1.87	1.91
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets	.64 ^(c)	.27 ^(c)	.67 ^(c)	.96	.52
Portfolio Turnover Rate	95.86	103.94	89.32	76.19	99.02
Net Assets, end of period (\$ x 1,000)	14,179	27,294	34,465	26,796	15,790

^(a) Based on average shares outstanding.

^(b) Exclusive of sales charge.

^(c) Amount inclusive of reduction in fees due to earnings credits.

See notes to financial statements.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS (continued)

Class I Shares	Year Ended September 30,				
	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Per Share Data (\$):					
Net asset value, beginning of period	49.63	54.25	48.96	40.19	25.92
Investment Operations:					
Net investment income ^(a)	.70	.64	.88	.97	.53
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	(.14)	.50	9.40	9.93	14.10
Total from Investment Operations	.56	1.14	10.28	10.90	14.63
Distributions:					
Dividends from net investment income	(.66)	(1.19)	(.77)	(.56)	(.36)
Dividends from net realized gain on investments	(2.62)	(4.57)	(4.22)	(1.57)	-
Total Distributions	(3.28)	(5.76)	(4.99)	(2.13)	(.36)
Net asset value, end of period	46.91	49.63	54.25	48.96	40.19
Total Return (%)	1.24	3.71	21.27	28.58	56.88
Ratios/Supplemental Data (%):					
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets	.93	.89	.90	.91	.96
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets	.93 ^(b)	.89 ^(b)	.90 ^(b)	.91	.96
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets	1.58 ^(b)	1.30 ^(b)	1.65 ^(b)	1.94	1.48
Portfolio Turnover Rate	95.86	103.94	89.32	76.19	99.02
Net Assets, end of period (\$ x 1,000)	807,772	1,178,834	963,187	633,212	355,451

^(a) Based on average shares outstanding.

^(b) Amount inclusive of reduction in fees due to earnings credits.

See notes to financial statements.

Class Y Shares	Year Ended September 30,				
	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Per Share Data (\$):					
Net asset value, beginning of period	49.69	54.33	49.02	40.23	25.94
Investment Operations:					
Net investment income ^(a)	.75	.67	.93	1.10	.61
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	(.12)	.51	9.41	9.85	14.07
Total from Investment Operations	.63	1.18	10.34	10.95	14.68
Distributions:					
Dividends from net investment income	(.70)	(1.25)	(.81)	(.59)	(.39)
Dividends from net realized gain on investments	(2.62)	(4.57)	(4.22)	(1.57)	-
Total Distributions	(3.32)	(5.82)	(5.03)	(2.16)	(.39)
Net asset value, end of period	47.00	49.69	54.33	49.02	40.23
Total Return (%)	1.37	3.80	21.40	28.73	57.02
Ratios/Supplemental Data (%):					
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets	.80	.80	.80	.82	.85
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets	.80 ^(b)	.80 ^(b)	.80 ^(b)	.82	.85
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets	1.70 ^(b)	1.36 ^(b)	1.74 ^(b)	2.16	1.63
Portfolio Turnover Rate	95.86	103.94	89.32	76.19	99.02
Net Assets, end of period (\$ x 1,000)	59,736	53,699	58,418	47,674	16,205

^(a) Based on average shares outstanding.

^(b) Amount inclusive of reduction in fees due to earnings credits.

See notes to financial statements.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1—Significant Accounting Policies:

BNY Mellon Natural Resources Fund (the “fund”), is the sole series of BNY Mellon Opportunity Funds (the “Trust”), which is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “Act”), as a diversified open-end management investment company. The fund’s investment objective is to seek long-term capital appreciation. BNY Mellon Investment Adviser, Inc. (the “Adviser”), a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation (“BNY”), serves as the fund’s investment adviser. Newton Investment Management North America, LLC (the “Sub-Adviser” or “NIMNA”), an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of BNY and an affiliate of the Adviser, serves as the fund’s sub-adviser. NIMNA’s principal office is located at BNY Mellon Center, 201 Washington Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02108. NIMNA has entered into a sub-sub-investment advisory agreement with its affiliate, Newton Investment Management Limited (“NIM”), which enables NIM to provide certain advisory services to the Sub-Adviser for the benefit of the fund, including, but not limited to, portfolio management services. NIM is subject to the supervision of NIMNA and the Adviser. NIM is also an affiliate of the Adviser. NIM, located at 160 Queen Victoria Street, London, EC4V, 4LA, England, was formed in 1978. NIM is an indirect subsidiary of BNY.

BNY Mellon Securities Corporation (the “Distributor”), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Adviser, is the distributor of the fund’s shares. The fund is authorized to issue an unlimited number of \$.001 par value shares of Beneficial Interest in each of the following classes of shares: Class A, Class C, Class I and Class Y. Class A and Class C shares are sold primarily to retail investors through financial intermediaries and bear Distribution and/or Shareholder Services Plan fees. Class A shares generally are subject to a sales charge imposed at the time of purchase. Class A shares bought without an initial sales charge as part of an investment of \$1 million or more may be charged a contingent deferred sales charge (“CDSC”) of 1.00% if redeemed within one year. Class C shares are subject to a CDSC imposed on Class C shares redeemed within one year of purchase. Class C shares automatically convert to Class A shares eight years after the date of purchase, without the imposition of a sales charge. Class I shares are sold primarily to bank trust departments and other financial service providers (including BNY and its affiliates), acting on behalf of customers having a qualified trust or an investment account or relationship at such institution, and bear no Distribution or Shareholder Services Plan fees. Class Y shares are sold at net asset value per share generally to institutional investors, and bear no Distribution or Shareholder Services Plan fees. Class I and Class Y shares are offered without a front-end sales charge or CDSC. Other differences between the classes include the services offered to and the expenses borne by each class, the allocation of certain transfer agency costs and certain voting rights. Income, expenses (other than expenses attributable to a specific class), and realized and unrealized gains or losses on investments are allocated to each class of shares based on its relative net assets.

The Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) is the exclusive reference of authoritative U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (“GAAP”) recognized by the FASB to be applied by nongovernmental entities. Rules and interpretive releases of the SEC under authority of federal laws are also sources of authoritative GAAP for SEC registrants. The fund is an investment company and applies the accounting and reporting guidance of the FASB ASC Topic 946 Financial Services—Investment Companies. The fund’s financial statements are prepared in accordance with GAAP, which may require the use of management estimates and assumptions. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

The Trust enters into contracts that contain a variety of indemnifications. The fund’s maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown. The fund does not anticipate recognizing any loss related to these arrangements.

(a) Portfolio valuation: The fair value of a financial instrument is the amount that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date (i.e., the exit price). GAAP establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs of valuation techniques used to measure fair value. This hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements).

Additionally, GAAP provides guidance on determining whether the volume and activity in a market has decreased significantly and whether such a decrease in activity results in transactions that are not orderly. GAAP requires enhanced disclosures around valuation inputs and techniques used during annual and interim periods.

Various inputs are used in determining the value of the fund’s investments relating to fair value measurements. These inputs are summarized in the three broad levels listed below:

Level 1—unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical investments.

Level 2—other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar investments, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, etc.).

Level 3—significant unobservable inputs (including the fund’s own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments).

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

Changes in valuation techniques may result in transfers in or out of an assigned level within the disclosure hierarchy. Valuation techniques used to value the fund’s investments are as follows:

The Trust’s Board of Trustees (the “Board”) has designated the Adviser as the fund’s valuation designee to make all fair value determinations with respect to the fund’s portfolio investments, subject to the Board’s oversight and pursuant to Rule 2a-5 under the Act.

Investments in equity securities are valued at the last sales price on the securities exchange or national securities market on which such securities are primarily traded. Securities listed on the National Market System for which market quotations are available are valued at the official closing price or, if there is no official closing price that day, at the last sales price. For open short positions, asked prices are used for valuation purposes. Bid price is used when no asked price is available. Registered investment companies that are not traded on an exchange are valued at their net asset value. All of the preceding securities are generally categorized within Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy.

Securities not listed on an exchange or the national securities market, or securities for which there were no transactions, are valued at the average of the most recent bid and asked prices. These securities are generally categorized within Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy.

Fair valuing of securities may be determined with the assistance of a pricing service using calculations based on indices of domestic securities and other appropriate indicators, such as prices of relevant ADRs and futures. Utilizing these techniques may result in transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy.

When market quotations or official closing prices are not readily available, or are determined not to accurately reflect fair value, such as when the value of a security has been significantly affected by events after the close of the exchange or market on which the security is principally traded (for example, a foreign exchange or market), but before the fund calculates its net asset value, the fund may value these investments at fair value as determined in accordance with the procedures approved by the Board. Certain factors may be considered when fair valuing investments such as: fundamental analytical data, the nature and duration of restrictions on disposition, an evaluation of the forces that influence the market in which the securities are purchased and sold, and public trading in similar securities of the issuer or comparable issuers. These securities are either categorized within Level 2 or 3 of the fair value hierarchy depending on the relevant inputs used.

For securities where observable inputs are limited, assumptions about market activity and risk are used and such securities are generally categorized within Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy.

Investments denominated in foreign currencies are translated to U.S. dollars at the prevailing rates of exchange.

The following is a summary of the inputs used as of September 30, 2025 in valuing the fund’s investments:

	Level 1 - Unadjusted Quoted Prices	Level 2- Other Significant Observable Inputs	Level 3- Significant Unobservable Inputs	Total
Assets (\$)				
Investments in Securities: [†]				
Equity Securities - Common Stocks	982,882,763	—	—	982,882,763
Investment Companies	18,040,906	—	—	18,040,906
	<u>1,000,923,669</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>1,000,923,669</u>

[†] See Schedule of Investments for additional detailed categorizations, if any.

(b) Foreign currency transactions: The fund does not isolate that portion of the results of operations resulting from changes in foreign exchange rates on investments from the fluctuations arising from changes in the market prices of securities held. Such fluctuations are included with the net realized and unrealized gain or loss on investments.

Net realized foreign exchange gains or losses arise from sales of foreign currencies, currency gains or losses realized on securities transactions between trade and settlement date, and the difference between the amounts of dividends, interest and foreign withholding taxes

recorded on the fund's books and the U.S. dollar equivalent of the amounts actually received or paid. Net unrealized foreign exchange gains and losses arise from changes in the value of assets and liabilities other than investments resulting from changes in exchange rates. Foreign currency gains and losses on foreign currency transactions are also included with net realized and unrealized gain or loss on investments.

Foreign taxes: The fund may be subject to foreign taxes (a portion of which may be reclaimable) on income, stock dividends, realized and unrealized capital gains on investments or certain foreign currency transactions. Foreign taxes are recorded in accordance with the applicable foreign tax regulations and rates that exist in the foreign jurisdictions in which the fund invests. These foreign taxes, if any, are paid by the fund and are reflected in the Statement of Operations, if applicable. Foreign taxes payable or deferred or those subject to reclaims as of September 30, 2025, if any, are disclosed in the fund's Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

(c) Securities transactions and investment income: Securities transactions are recorded on a trade date basis. Realized gains and losses from securities transactions are recorded on the identified cost basis. Dividend income is recognized on the ex-dividend date and interest income, including, where applicable, accretion of discount and amortization of premium on investments, is recognized on the accrual basis.

Pursuant to a securities lending agreement with BNY, the fund may lend securities to qualified institutions. It is the fund's policy that, at origination, all loans are secured by collateral of at least 102% of the value of U.S. securities loaned and 105% of the value of foreign securities loaned. Collateral equivalent to at least 100% of the market value of securities on loan is maintained at all times. Collateral is either in the form of cash, which can be invested in certain money market mutual funds managed by the Adviser, or U.S. Government and Agency securities. Any non-cash collateral received cannot be sold or re-pledged by the fund, except in the event of borrower default, and is not reflected in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. The securities on loan, if any, are also disclosed in the fund's Schedule of Investments. The fund is entitled to receive all dividends, interest and distributions on securities loaned, in addition to income earned as a result of the lending transaction. Should a borrower fail to return the securities in a timely manner, BNY is required to replace the securities for the benefit of the fund or credit the fund with the market value of the unreturned securities and is subrogated to the fund's rights against the borrower and the collateral. Additionally, the contractual maturity of security lending transactions are on an overnight and continuous basis. During the period ended September 30, 2025, BNY earned \$69,621 from the lending of the fund's portfolio securities, pursuant to the securities lending agreement.

For financial reporting purposes, the fund elects not to offset assets and liabilities subject to a securities lending agreement, if any, in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. Therefore, all qualifying transactions are presented on a gross basis in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. As of September 30, 2025, the fund had securities lending and the impact of netting of assets and liabilities and the offsetting of collateral pledged or received, if any, based on contractual netting/set-off provisions in the securities lending agreement are detailed in the following table:

Assets (\$)

Gross amount of securities loaned, at value, as disclosed in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities	54,848,403
Collateral (received)/posted not offset in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities	(54,848,403) [†]
Net amount	-

[†] The value of the related collateral received by the fund exceeded the value of the securities loaned by the fund pursuant to the securities lending agreement. In addition, the value of collateral may include pending sales that are also on loan. See Schedule of Investments for detailed information regarding collateral received for open securities lending.

(d) Affiliated issuers: Investments in other investment companies advised by the Adviser are considered "affiliated" under the Act.

(e) Market Risk: The value of the securities in which the fund invests may be affected by political, regulatory, economic and social developments, and developments that impact specific economic sectors, industries or segments of the market. In addition, turbulence in financial markets and reduced liquidity in equity, credit and/or fixed-income markets may negatively affect many issuers, which could adversely affect the fund. Global economies and financial markets are becoming increasingly interconnected, and conditions and events in one country, region or financial market may adversely impact issuers in a different country, region or financial market. These risks may be magnified if certain events or developments adversely interrupt the global supply chain; in these and other circumstances, such

risks might affect companies world-wide.

Foreign Investment Risk: To the extent the fund invests in foreign securities, the fund's performance will be influenced by political, social and economic factors affecting investments in foreign issuers. Special risks associated with investments in foreign issuers include exposure to currency fluctuations, less liquidity, less developed or less efficient trading markets, lack of comprehensive company information, political and economic instability and differing auditing and legal standards.

Natural Resources Sector Risk: Investments in the natural resources and related sectors may be affected by numerous factors, including events occurring in nature, inflationary pressures and domestic and international politics. For example, events occurring in nature (such as earthquakes or fires in prime natural resource areas) and political events (such as coups or military confrontations) can affect the overall supply of a natural resource and the value of companies involved in such natural resource. Political risks and other risks to which foreign securities are subject also may affect domestic companies in which the fund invests if they have significant operations or investments in foreign countries. In addition, interest rates, prices of raw materials and other commodities, international economic developments, energy conservation, tax and other government regulations (both domestic and foreign) may affect the supply of and demand for natural resources, which can affect the profitability and value of securities issued by companies in the natural resources sectors.

Securities of companies within specific natural resources sectors can perform differently than the overall market. This may be due to changes in such things as the regulatory or competitive environment or to changes in investor perceptions regarding a sector. Because the fund may allocate relatively more assets to certain natural resources sectors than others, the fund's performance may be more sensitive to developments which affect those sectors emphasized by the fund.

(f) Dividends and distributions to shareholders: Dividends and distributions are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Dividends from net investment income and dividends from net realized capital gains, if any, are normally declared and paid annually, but the fund may make distributions on a more frequent basis to comply with the distribution requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). To the extent that net realized capital gains can be offset by capital loss carryovers, it is the policy of the fund not to distribute such gains. Income and capital gain distributions are determined in accordance with income tax regulations, which may differ from GAAP.

(g) Federal income taxes: It is the policy of the fund to continue to qualify as a regulated investment company, if such qualification is in the best interests of its shareholders, by complying with the applicable provisions of the Code, and to make distributions of taxable income and net realized capital gain sufficient to relieve it from substantially all federal income and excise taxes.

As of and during the period ended September 30, 2025, the fund did not have any liabilities for any uncertain tax positions. The fund recognizes interest and penalties, if any, related to uncertain tax positions as income tax expense in the Statement of Operations. During the period ended September 30, 2025, the fund did not incur any interest or penalties.

Each tax year in the four-year period ended September 30, 2025 remains subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service and state taxing authorities.

At September 30, 2025, the components of accumulated earnings on a tax basis were as follows: undistributed ordinary income \$20,172,586 and unrealized appreciation \$100,932,472. In addition, the fund had \$16,470,878 of capital losses realized after October 31, 2024, which were deferred for tax purposes to the first day of the following fiscal year.

The tax character of distributions paid to shareholders during the fiscal years ended September 30, 2025 and September 30, 2024 were as follows: ordinary income \$29,649,486 and \$28,039,321, and long-term capital gains \$60,591,604 and \$95,601,832, respectively.

(h) Operating segment reporting: In this reporting period, the fund adopted FASB Accounting Standards Update 2023-07, Segment Reporting (Topic 280) - Improvements to Reportable Segment Disclosures ("ASU 2023-07"). Adoption of the new standard impacted financial statement disclosures only and did not affect the fund's financial position or the results of its operations. The ASU 2023-07 is effective for public entities for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2023, and requires retrospective application for all prior periods presented within the financial statements.

Since its commencement, the fund operates and is managed as a single reportable segment deriving returns in the form of dividends, interest and/or gains from the investments made in pursuit of its single stated investment objective as outlined in the fund's prospectus. The accounting policies of the fund are consistent with those described in these Notes to Financial Statements. The chief operating decision maker ("CODM") is represented by BNY Investments. The CODM is comprised of Senior Management and Directors of BNY Investments. The CODM considers net increase in net assets resulting from operations in deciding whether to purchase additional investments or to make distributions to fund shareholders. Detailed financial information for the fund is disclosed within these financial statements with total assets and liabilities disclosed on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities, investments held on the Schedule of

Investments, results of operations and significant segment expenses on the Statement of Operations and other information about the fund's performance, including total return, portfolio turnover and ratios within the Financial Highlights.

NOTE 2—Bank Lines of Credit:

The fund participates with other long-term open-end funds managed by the Adviser in a \$738 million unsecured credit facility led by Citibank, N.A. (the "Citibank Credit Facility") and a \$300 million unsecured credit facility provided by BNY (the "BNY Credit Facility"), each to be utilized primarily for temporary or emergency purposes, including the financing of redemptions (each, a "Facility"). The Citibank Credit Facility is available in two tranches: (i) Tranche A is in an amount equal to \$618 million and is available to all long-term open-ended funds, including the fund, and (ii) Tranche B is an amount equal to \$120 million and is available only to BNY Mellon Floating Rate Income Fund, a series of BNY Mellon Investment Funds IV, Inc. In connection therewith, the fund has agreed to pay its pro rata portion of commitment fees for Tranche A of the Citibank Credit Facility and the BNY Credit Facility. Interest is charged to the fund based on rates determined pursuant to the terms of the respective Facility at the time of borrowing.

During the period ended September 30, 2025, the fund was charged \$28,540 for interest expense. These fees are included in Interest expense in the Statement of Operations. The average amount of borrowings outstanding under the Citibank Credit Facility during the period ended September 30, 2025 was approximately \$535,890 with a related weighted average annualized interest rate of 5.33%. As of September 30, 2025, the fund has no outstanding loan balance from either Facility.

NOTE 3—Management Fee, Sub-Advisory Fee and Other Transactions with Affiliates:

(a) Pursuant to a management agreement with the Adviser, the management fee is computed at the annual rate of .75% of the value of the fund's average daily net assets and is payable monthly.

Pursuant to a sub-investment advisory agreement between the Adviser and the Sub-Adviser, the Adviser pays the Sub-Adviser a monthly fee at an annual rate of .36% of the value of the fund's average daily net assets.

During the period ended September 30, 2025, the Distributor retained \$4,450 from commissions earned on sales of the fund's Class A shares, \$8,893 and \$9,095 from CDSC fees on redemptions of the fund's Class A and Class C shares, respectively.

(b) Under the Distribution Plan adopted pursuant to Rule 12b-1 under the Act, Class C shares pay the Distributor for distributing its shares at an annual rate of .75% of the value of its average daily net assets. The Distributor may pay one or more Service Agents in respect of advertising, marketing and other distribution services, and determines the amounts, if any, to be paid to Service Agents and the basis on which such payments are made. During the period ended September 30, 2025, Class C shares were charged \$145,607 pursuant to the Distribution Plan.

(c) Under the Shareholder Services Plan, Class A and Class C shares pay the Distributor at an annual rate of .25% of the value of their average daily net assets for the provision of certain services. The services provided may include personal services relating to shareholder accounts, such as answering shareholder inquiries regarding the fund, and services related to the maintenance of shareholder accounts. The Distributor may make payments to Service Agents (securities dealers, financial institutions or other industry professionals) with respect to these services. The Distributor determines the amounts to be paid to Service Agents. During the period ended September 30, 2025, Class A and Class C shares were charged \$321,536 and \$48,536, respectively, pursuant to the Shareholder Services Plan.

The fund has an arrangement with BNY Mellon Transfer, Inc., (the "Transfer Agent"), a subsidiary of BNY and an affiliate of the Adviser, whereby the fund may receive earnings credits when positive cash balances are maintained, which are used to offset Transfer Agent fees. For financial reporting purposes, the fund includes transfer agent net earnings credits, if any, as an expense offset in the Statement of Operations.

The fund has an arrangement with The Bank of New York Mellon (the "Custodian"), a subsidiary of BNY and an affiliate of the Adviser, whereby the fund will receive interest income or be charged overdraft fees when cash balances are maintained. For financial reporting purposes, the fund includes this interest income and overdraft fees, if any, as interest income in the Statement of Operations.

The fund compensates the Transfer Agent, under a transfer agency agreement, for providing transfer agency and cash management services for the fund. The majority of Transfer Agent fees are comprised of amounts paid on a per account basis, while cash management fees are related to fund subscriptions and redemptions. During the period ended September 30, 2025, the fund was charged \$30,681 for transfer agency services. These fees are included in Shareholder servicing costs in the Statement of Operations. These fees were partially offset by earnings credits of \$3,278.

The fund compensates the Custodian, under a custody agreement, for providing custodial services for the fund. These fees are determined based on net assets, geographic region and transaction activity. During the period ended September 30, 2025, the fund was charged \$31,463 pursuant to the custody agreement.

During the period ended September 30, 2025, the fund was charged \$25,495 for services performed by the fund's Chief Compliance Officer and his staff. These fees are included in Chief Compliance Officer fees in the Statement of Operations.

The fund compensates the Custodian for providing shareholder reporting and regulatory services for the fund. These fees are included in Shareholder and regulatory reports service fees in the Statement of Operations. During the period ended September 30, 2025, the Custodian was compensated \$12,167 for financial reporting and regulatory services.

The components of "Due to BNY Mellon Investment Adviser, Inc. and affiliates" in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities consist of: Management fee of \$612,134, Distribution Plan fees of \$8,769, Shareholder Services Plan fees of \$26,382, Custodian fees of \$7,600, Chief Compliance Officer fees of \$4,759, Transfer Agent fees of \$7,257 and Shareholder and regulatory reports service fees of \$6,667.

(d) Each board member of the fund also serves as a board member of other funds in the BNY Mellon Family of Funds complex. Annual retainer fees and attendance fees are allocated to each fund based on net assets.

NOTE 4—Securities Transactions:

The aggregate amount of purchases and sales of investment securities, excluding short-term securities, during the period ended September 30, 2025, amounted to \$1,105,763,223 and \$1,496,397,861, respectively.

At September 30, 2025, the cost of investments for federal income tax purposes was \$899,998,588; accordingly, accumulated net unrealized appreciation on investments was \$100,925,081, consisting of \$146,999,838 gross unrealized appreciation and \$46,074,757 gross unrealized depreciation.

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Shareholders and the Board of Trustees of BNY Mellon Opportunity Funds

Opinion on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities of BNY Mellon Opportunity Funds (the “Trust”) (comprised of the sole fund BNY Mellon Natural Resources Fund (the “Fund”)), including the schedule of investments, as of September 30, 2025, and the related statement of operations for the year then ended, the statements of changes in net assets for each of the two years in the period then ended, the financial highlights for each of the five years in the period then ended and the related notes (collectively referred to as the “financial statements”). In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Fund (the sole fund constituting BNY Mellon Opportunity Funds) at September 30, 2025, the results of its operations for the year then ended, the changes in its net assets for each of the two years in the period then ended and its financial highlights for each of the five years in the period then ended, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Basis for Opinion

These financial statements are the responsibility of the Trust’s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Fund’s financial statements based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (“PCAOB”) and are required to be independent with respect to the Trust in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. The Trust is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of the Trust’s internal control over financial reporting. As part of our audits, we are required to obtain an understanding of internal control over financial reporting but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Trust’s internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion.

Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our procedures included confirmation of securities owned as of September 30, 2025, by correspondence with the custodian, brokers and others; when replies were not received from brokers and others, we performed other auditing procedures. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Ernst + Young LLP

We have served as the auditor of one or more investment companies in the BNY Mellon Family of Funds since at least 1957, but we are unable to determine the specific year.

New York, New York
November 21, 2025

IMPORTANT TAX INFORMATION (Unaudited)

For federal tax purposes, the fund hereby reports 63.93% of the ordinary dividends paid during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2025 as qualifying for the corporate dividends received deduction. Also, certain dividends paid by the fund may be subject to a maximum tax rate of 15%, as provided for by the Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003. Of the distributions paid during the fiscal year, \$29,649,486 represents the maximum amount that may be considered qualified dividend income. Shareholders will receive notification in early 2026 of the percentage applicable to the preparation of their 2025 income tax returns. The fund also hereby reports \$2.1832 per share as a long-term capital gain distribution and \$.4339 per share as a short-term capital gain distribution paid on December 6, 2024.

Item 8. Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants for Open-End Management Investment Companies (Unaudited)

N/A

Item 9. Proxy Disclosures for Open-End Management Investment Companies (Unaudited)

N/A

Item 10. Remuneration Paid to Directors, Officers, and Others of Open-End Management Investment Companies (Unaudited)

Each board member also serves as a board member of other funds in the BNY Mellon Family of Funds complex, and annual retainer fees and meeting attendance fees are allocated to each fund based on net assets. The fund is charged for services performed by the fund's Chief Compliance Officer. Compensation paid by the fund during the period to the board members and the Chief Compliance Officer are within Item 7. Statement of Operations as Trustees' fees and expenses and Chief Compliance Officer fees, respectively. The aggregate amount of Trustees' fees and expenses and Chief Compliance Officer fees paid by the fund during the period was \$71,936.

Item 11. Statement Regarding Basis for Approval of Investment Advisory Contracts (Unaudited)

At a meeting of the fund's Board of Trustees held on August 13-14, 2025, the Board considered the renewal of the fund's Management Agreement, pursuant to which the Adviser provides the fund with investment advisory and administrative services, the Sub-Investment Advisory Agreement, pursuant to which Newton Investment Management North America, LLC (the "Sub-Adviser" or "NIMNA") provides day-to-day management of the fund's investments, and the Sub-Sub-Investment Advisory Agreement (collectively with the Management Agreement and the Sub-Investment Advisory Agreement, the "Agreements") between NIMNA and Newton Investment Management Limited ("NIM"), pursuant to which NIMNA may use the investment advisory personnel, resources and capabilities available at its sister company, NIM, in providing the day-to-day management of the fund's investments. The Board members, none of whom are "interested persons" (as defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended) of the fund, were assisted in their review by independent legal counsel and met with counsel in executive session separate from representatives of the Adviser and the Sub-Adviser. In considering the renewal of the Agreements, the Board considered several factors that it believed to be relevant, including those discussed below. The Board did not identify any one factor as dispositive, and each Board member may have attributed different weights to the factors considered.

Analysis of Nature, Extent, and Quality of Services Provided to the Fund. The Board considered information provided to it at the meeting and in previous presentations from representatives of the Adviser regarding the nature, extent, and quality of the services provided to funds in the BNY fund complex, including the fund. The Adviser provided the number of open accounts in the fund, the fund's asset size and the allocation of fund assets among distribution channels. The Adviser also had previously provided information regarding the diverse intermediary relationships and distribution channels of funds in the BNY fund complex (such as retail direct or intermediary, in which intermediaries typically are paid by the fund and/or the Adviser) and the Adviser's corresponding need for broad, deep, and diverse resources to be able to provide ongoing shareholder services to each intermediary or distribution channel, as applicable to the fund.

The Board also considered research support available to, and portfolio management capabilities of, the fund's portfolio management personnel and that the Adviser also provides oversight of day-to-day fund operations, including fund accounting and administration and assistance in meeting legal and regulatory requirements. The Board also considered the Adviser's extensive administrative, accounting and compliance infrastructures, as well as the Adviser's supervisory activities over the Sub-Adviser. The Board also considered portfolio management's brokerage policies and practices (including policies and practices regarding soft dollars) and the standards applied in seeking best execution.

Comparative Analysis of the Fund's Performance and Management Fee and Expense Ratio. The Board reviewed reports prepared by Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc. ("Broadridge"), an independent provider of investment company data based on classifications provided by Thomson Reuters Lipper ("Lipper"), which included information comparing (1) the performance of the fund's Class I shares with the performance of a group of institutional global natural resources funds selected by Broadridge as comparable to the fund (the "Performance Group") and with a broader group of funds consisting of all retail and institutional natural resources funds (the "Performance Universe"), all for various periods ended June 30, 2025, and (2) the fund's actual and contractual management fees and total expenses with those of the same group of funds in the Performance Group (the "Expense Group") and with a broader group of funds consisting of all institutional natural resources funds and global natural resources funds, excluding outliers (the "Expense Universe"), the information for which was derived in part from fund financial statements available to Broadridge as of the date of its analysis. The Adviser previously had furnished the Board with a description of the methodology Broadridge used to select the Performance Group and Performance Universe and the Expense Group and Expense Universe.

Performance Comparisons. Representatives of the Adviser stated that the usefulness of performance comparisons may be affected by a number of factors, including different investment limitations and policies that may be applicable to the fund and comparison funds and the end date selected. The Board also considered the fund's performance in light of overall financial market conditions. The Board discussed with representatives of the Adviser and the Sub-Adviser the results of the comparisons and considered that the fund's total return performance was below the Performance Group median for the one-, two-, and three-year periods and above the Performance Group median for the four-, five- and ten-year periods, and was below the Performance Universe median for each period, except for the ten-year period when the fund's total return performance was above the Performance Universe median. The Board discussed with representatives of the Adviser and the Sub-Adviser the reasons for the fund's underperformance versus the Performance Group and Performance Universe during certain periods under review, and noted that the fund had a four-star rating for the five-year period from

Item 11. Statement Regarding Basis for Approval of Investment Advisory Contracts (Unaudited) (continued)

Morningstar based on Morningstar's risk-adjusted return measures. The Adviser also provided a comparison of the fund's calendar year total returns to the returns of the fund's benchmark index.

Management Fee and Expense Ratio Comparisons. The Board reviewed and considered the contractual management fee rate payable by the fund to the Adviser in light of the nature, extent and quality of the management services and the sub-advisory services provided by the Adviser and the Sub-Adviser, respectively. In addition, the Board reviewed and considered the actual management fee rate paid by the fund over the fund's last fiscal year. The Board also reviewed the range of actual and contractual management fees and total expenses as a percentage of average net assets of the Expense Group and Expense Universe funds and discussed the results of the comparisons.

The Board considered that the fund's contractual management fee was approximately equivalent to the Expense Group median contractual management fee, the fund's actual management fee was approximately equivalent to the Expense Group median and slightly higher than the Expense Universe median actual management fee, and the fund's total expenses were approximately equivalent to the Expense Group median and approximately equivalent to the Expense Universe median total expenses.

Representatives of the Adviser reviewed with the Board the management or investment advisory fees paid to the Adviser or the Sub-Adviser for advising any separate accounts and/or other types of client portfolios that are considered to have similar investment strategies and policies as the fund (the "Similar Clients"), and explained the nature of the Similar Clients. They discussed differences in fees paid and the relationship of the fees paid in light of any differences in the services provided and other relevant factors. The Board considered the relevance of the fee information provided for the Similar Clients to evaluate the appropriateness of the fund's management fee. Representatives of the Adviser noted that there were no other funds advised by the Adviser that are in the same Lipper category as the fund.

The Board considered the fee payable to the Sub-Adviser in relation to the fee payable to the Adviser by the fund and the respective services provided by the Sub-Adviser and the Adviser. The Board also took into consideration that the Sub-Adviser's fee is paid by the Adviser, out of its fee from the fund, and not the fund.

Analysis of Profitability and Economies of Scale. Representatives of the Adviser reviewed the expenses allocated and profit received by the Adviser and its affiliates and the resulting profitability percentage for managing the fund and the aggregate profitability percentage to the Adviser and its affiliates for managing the funds in the BNY fund complex, and the method used to determine the expenses and profit. The Board concluded that the profitability results were not excessive, given the services rendered and service levels provided by the Adviser and its affiliates. The Board also had been provided with information prepared by an independent consulting firm regarding the Adviser's approach to allocating costs to, and determining the profitability of, individual funds and the entire BNY fund complex. The consulting firm also had analyzed where any economies of scale might emerge in connection with the management of a fund.

The Board considered, on the advice of its counsel, the profitability analysis (1) as part of its evaluation of whether the fees under the Agreements, considered in relation to the mix of services provided by the Adviser and the Sub-Adviser, including the nature, extent and quality of such services, supported the renewal of the Agreements and (2) in light of the relevant circumstances for the fund and the extent to which economies of scale would be realized if the fund grows and whether fee levels reflect these economies of scale for the benefit of fund shareholders. Representatives of the Adviser stated that, as a result of shared and allocated costs among funds in the BNY fund complex, the extent of economies of scale could depend substantially on the level of assets in the complex as a whole, so that increases and decreases in complex-wide assets can affect potential economies of scale in a manner that is disproportionate to, or even in the opposite direction from, changes in the fund's asset level. The Board also considered potential benefits to the Adviser and the Sub-Adviser from acting as investment adviser and sub-adviser, respectively, and took into consideration the soft dollar arrangements in effect for trading the fund's investments.

At the conclusion of these discussions, the Board agreed that it had been furnished with sufficient information to make an informed business decision with respect to the renewal of the Agreements. Based on the discussions and considerations as described above, the Board concluded and determined as follows.

- The Board concluded that the nature, extent and quality of the services provided by the Adviser and the Sub-Adviser are satisfactory and appropriate.
- The Board generally was satisfied with the fund's long-term performance.

- The Board concluded that the fees paid to the Adviser and the Sub-Adviser continued to be appropriate under the circumstances and in light of the factors and the totality of the services provided as discussed above.
- The Board determined that the economies of scale which may accrue to the Adviser and its affiliates in connection with the management of the fund had been adequately considered by the Adviser in connection with the fee rate charged to the fund pursuant to the Management Agreement and that, to the extent in the future it were determined that material economies of scale had not been shared with the fund, the Board would seek to have those economies of scale shared with the fund.

In evaluating the Agreements, the Board considered these conclusions and determinations and also relied on its previous knowledge, gained through meetings and other interactions with the Adviser and its affiliates and the Sub-Adviser, of the Adviser and the Sub-Adviser and the services provided to the fund by the Adviser and the Sub-Adviser. The Board also relied on information received on a routine and regular basis throughout the year relating to the operations of the fund and the investment management and other services provided under the Agreements, including information on the investment performance of the fund in comparison to similar mutual funds and benchmark performance indices; general market outlook as applicable to the fund; and compliance reports. In addition, the Board's consideration of the contractual fee arrangements for the fund had the benefit of a number of years of reviews of the Agreements for the fund, or substantially similar agreements for other BNY funds that the Board oversees, during which lengthy discussions took place between the Board and representatives of the Adviser. Certain aspects of the arrangements may receive greater scrutiny in some years than in others, and the Board's conclusions may be based, in part, on its consideration of the fund's arrangements, or substantially similar arrangements for other BNY funds that the Board oversees, in prior years. The Board determined to renew the Agreements.

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