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Item 7. Financial Statements and Financial Highlights for Open-End Management Investment Companies.

BNY Mellon S&P 500 Index Fund STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS

April 30, 2025 (Unaudited)

| Description | Shares | Value (\$) |
|--|---------|------------|
| Common Stocks — 99.5% | | |
| Automobiles & Components — 1.9% | | |
| Aptiv PLC (a) | 11,396 | 650,256 |
| Ford Motor Co. | 181,386 | 1,815,674 |
| General Motors Co. | 46,267 | 2,093,119 |
| Tesla, Inc. ^(a) | 131,052 | 36,977,632 |
| | | 41,536,681 |
| Banks — 3.4% | | |
| Bank of America Corp. | 309,665 | 12,349,440 |
| Citigroup, Inc. | 88,479 | 6,050,194 |
| Citizens Financial Group, Inc. | 20,602 | 760,008 |
| Fifth Third Bancorp | 32,042 | 1,151,589 |
| Huntington Bancshares, Inc. | 71,764 | 1,042,731 |
| JPMorgan Chase & Co. | 130,892 | 32,018,801 |
| KeyCorp | 45,508 | 675,339 |
| M&T Bank Corp. | 7,544 | 1,280,669 |
| Regions Financial Corp. | 40,436 | 825,299 |
| The PNC Financial Services Group, Inc. | 18,594 | 2,987,870 |
| Truist Financial Corp. | 61,797 | 2,369,297 |
| U.S. Bancorp | 72,214 | 2,913,113 |
| Wells Fargo & Co. | 153,925 | 10,930,214 |
| | | 75,354,564 |
| Capital Goods — 5.8% | | |
| 3M Co. | 25,752 | 3,577,210 |
| A.O. Smith Corp. | 6,175 | 419,035 |
| Allegion PLC | 3,993 | 555,826 |
| AMETEK, Inc. | 10,686 | 1,812,132 |
| Axon Enterprise, Inc. ^(a) | 3,403 | 2,087,060 |
| Builders FirstSource, Inc. (a) | 5,331 | 637,748 |
| Carrier Global Corp. | 37,769 | 2,362,073 |
| Caterpillar, Inc. | 22,355 | 6,913,731 |
| Cummins, Inc. | 6,434 | 1,890,567 |
| Deere & Co. | 11,913 | 5,522,390 |
| Dover Corp. | 6,227 | 1,062,638 |
| Eaton Corp. PLC | 18,459 | 5,433,776 |
| Emerson Electric Co. | 26,269 | 2,761,135 |
| Fastenal Co. | 26,580 | 2,152,183 |
| Fortive Corp. | 16,057 | 1,119,012 |
| GE Vernova, Inc. | 13,005 | 4,822,514 |
| Generac Holdings, Inc. ^(a) | 2,830 | 323,695 |
| General Dynamics Corp. | 12,082 | 3,287,754 |
| General Electric Co. | 50,166 | 10,110,456 |
| Honeywell International, Inc. | 30,412 | 6,401,726 |
| Howmet Aerospace, Inc. | 19,266 | 2,669,882 |
| Hubbell, Inc. | 2,528 | 918,119 |
| Huntington Ingalls Industries, Inc. | 1,814 | 417,837 |
| IDEX Corp. | 3,472 | 604,024 |
| Illinois Tool Works, Inc. | 12,498 | 2,998,395 |
| Ingersoll Rand, Inc. | 18,919 | 1,427,060 |
| Johnson Controls International PLC | 30,788 | 2,583,113 |

| Description | Shares | Value (\$) |
|---|---------|-------------|
| Common Stocks — 99.5% (continued) | | |
| Capital Goods — 5.8% (continued) | | |
| L3Harris Technologies, Inc. | 8,838 | 1,944,537 |
| Lennox International, Inc. | 1,441 | 787,867 |
| Lockheed Martin Corp. | 9,736 | 4,651,374 |
| Masco Corp. | 9,942 | 602,585 |
| Nordson Corp. | 2,517 | 477,148 |
| Northrop Grumman Corp. | 6,437 | 3,131,600 |
| Otis Worldwide Corp. | 18,663 | 1,796,687 |
| PACCAR, Inc. | 24,118 | 2,175,685 |
| Parker-Hannifin Corp. | 6,005 | 3,633,385 |
| Pentair PLC | 8,021 | 727,745 |
| Quanta Services, Inc. | 6,799 | 1,989,999 |
| Rockwell Automation, Inc. | 5,430 | 1,344,902 |
| RTX Corp. | 62,318 | 7,860,169 |
| Snap-on, Inc. | 2,532 | 794,567 |
| Stanley Black & Decker, Inc. | 7,272 | 436,465 |
| Textron, Inc. | 8,386 | 590,123 |
| The Boeing Company ^(a) | 34,886 | 6,392,511 |
| Trane Technologies PLC | 10,495 | 4,022,838 |
| TransDigm Group, Inc. | 2,651 | 3,746,049 |
| United Rentals, Inc. | 3,081 | 1,945,497 |
| W.W. Grainger, Inc. | 2,072 | 2,122,370 |
| Westinghouse Air Brake Technologies Corp. | 7,796 | 1,440,233 |
| Xylem, Inc. | 11,528 | 1,389,931 |
| | | 128,875,358 |
| Commercial & Professional Services — 1.3% | | |
| Automatic Data Processing, Inc. | 19,004 | 5,712,603 |
| Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc. | 5,538 | 1,342,411 |
| Cintas Corp. | 16,068 | 3,401,274 |
| Copart, Inc. ^(a) | 41,202 | 2,514,558 |
| Dayforce, Inc. ^(a) | 7,022 | 406,363 |
| Equifax, Inc. | 5,778 | 1,503,031 |
| Jacobs Solutions, Inc. | 5,697 | 705,289 |
| Leidos Holdings, Inc. | 6,344 | 933,710 |
| Paychex, Inc. | 14,974 | 2,202,975 |
| Paycom Software, Inc. | 2,098 | 474,966 |
| Republic Services, Inc. | 9,627 | 2,413,970 |
| Rollins, Inc. | 12,363 | 706,298 |
| Veralto Corp. | 12,111 | 1,161,445 |
| Verisk Analytics, Inc. | 6,607 | 1,958,513 |
| Waste Management, Inc. | 16,981 | 3,962,686 |
| | | 29,400,092 |
| Consumer Discretionary Distribution & Retail — 5.7% | | |
| Amazon.com, Inc. (a) | 441,385 | 81,400,222 |
| AutoZone, Inc. (a) | 791 | 2,976,217 |
| Best Buy Co., Inc. | 8,668 | 578,069 |
| CarMax, Inc. (a) | 7,292 | 471,574 |
| eBay, Inc. ^(b) | 22,205 | 1,513,493 |
| Genuine Parts Co. | 6,815 | 801,103 |
| LKQ Corp. (b) | 13,469 | 514,650 |
| Lowe's Companies, Inc. | 26,249 | 5,868,226 |
| O'Reilly Automotive, Inc. (a) | 2,721 | 3,850,759 |

| Description | Shares | Value (\$) |
|---|--------|-------------|
| Common Stocks — 99.5% (continued) | | |
| Consumer Discretionary Distribution & Retail — 5.7% (continued) | | |
| Pool Corp. | 1,829 | 536,153 |
| Ross Stores, Inc. | 15,343 | 2,132,677 |
| The Home Depot, Inc. | 46,505 | 16,764,587 |
| The TJX Companies, Inc. | 52,113 | 6,705,901 |
| Tractor Supply Co. | 24,802 | 1,255,477 |
| Ulta Beauty, Inc. (a) | 2,198 | 869,617 |
| Williams-Sonoma, Inc. | 5,721 | 883,723 |
| | | 127,122,448 |
| Consumer Durables & Apparel — .6% | | |
| D.R. Horton, Inc. | 13,771 | 1,739,828 |
| Deckers Outdoor Corp. ^(a) | 7,312 | 810,389 |
| Garmin Ltd. | 7,284 | 1,361,161 |
| Hasbro, Inc. | 5,792 | 358,525 |
| Lennar Corp., Cl. A | 11,094 | 1,204,919 |
| Lululemon Athletica, Inc. (a) | 5,301 | 1,435,352 |
| Mohawk Industries, Inc. ^(a) | 2,527 | 268,746 |
| NIKE, Inc., Cl. B | 55,015 | 3,102,846 |
| NVR, Inc. (a) | 138 | 983,354 |
| PulteGroup, Inc. | 8,812 | 903,935 |
| Ralph Lauren Corp. | 1,965 | 442,027 |
| Tapestry, Inc. | 9,589 | 677,463 |
| | | 13,288,545 |
| Consumer Services — 2.1% | | |
| Airbnb, Inc., Cl. A ^(a) | 20,406 | 2,487,900 |
| Booking Holdings, Inc. | 1,550 | 7,903,884 |
| Caesars Entertainment, Inc. (a),(b) | 10,535 | 285,077 |
| Carnival Corp. (a) | 48,602 | 891,361 |
| Chipotle Mexican Grill, Inc. ^(a) | 63,550 | 3,210,546 |
| Darden Restaurants, Inc. | 5,593 | 1,122,180 |
| Domino's Pizza, Inc. | 1,581 | 775,275 |
| DoorDash, Inc., Cl. A (a) | 15,844 | 3,056,149 |
| Expedia Group, Inc. | 5,822 | 913,646 |
| Hilton Worldwide Holdings, Inc. | 11,264 | 2,539,807 |
| Las Vegas Sands Corp. | 16,773 | 615,066 |
| Marriott International, Inc., Cl. A | 10,614 | 2,532,288 |
| McDonald's Corp. | 33,552 | 10,724,897 |
| MGM Resorts International (a),(b) | 9,453 | 297,391 |
| Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings Ltd. (a),(b) | 21,068 | 337,720 |
| Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd. | 11,308 | 2,430,202 |
| Starbucks Corp. | 53,436 | 4,277,552 |
| Wynn Resorts Ltd. (b) | 4,091 | 328,548 |
| Yum! Brands, Inc. | 12,920 | 1,943,685 |
| , | 10,720 | 46,673,174 |
| Consumer Staples Distribution & Retail — 2.2% | | -,, - · · |
| Costco Wholesale Corp. | 20,819 | 20,704,495 |
| Dollar General Corp. | 10,020 | 938,774 |
| Dollar Tree, Inc. ^(a) | 9,564 | 782,048 |
| Sysco Corp. | 22,793 | 1,627,420 |
| Target Corp. | 21,592 | 2,087,946 |
| The Kroger Company | 31,550 | 2,278,226 |
| | 01,000 | _, 0,0 |

| Description | Shares | Value (\$) |
|--|-----------------|------------------------|
| Common Stocks — 99.5% (continued) | | |
| Consumer Staples Distribution & Retail — 2.2% (continued) | | |
| Walgreens Boots Alliance, Inc. | 30,781 | 337,668 |
| Walmart, Inc. | 203,227 | 19,763,826 |
| | | 48,520,403 |
| Energy — 3.2% | | |
| APA Corp. | 18,067 | 280,761 |
| Baker Hughes Co. | 46,250 | 1,637,250 |
| Chevron Corp. | 78,249 | 10,646,559 |
| ConocoPhillips | 59,782 | 5,327,772 |
| Coterra Energy, Inc. | 34,632 | 850,562 |
| Devon Energy Corp. | 30,344 | 922,761 |
| Diamondback Energy, Inc. | 9,029 | 1,191,918 |
| EOG Resources, Inc. | 26,114 | 2,881,158 |
| EQT Corp. | 27,670 | 1,368,005 |
| Expand Energy Corp. | 9,775 | 1,015,622 |
| Exxon Mobil Corp. | 203,820 | 21,529,507 |
| Halliburton Co. | 41,118 | 814,959 |
| Hess Corp. | 13,042 | 1,683,070 |
| Kinder Morgan, Inc. | 90,916 | 2,391,091 |
| Marathon Petroleum Corp. | 14,653 | 2,013,469 |
| Occidental Petroleum Corp. | 31,871 | 1,256,036 |
| ONEOK, Inc. | 29,070 | 2,388,391 |
| Phillips 66 | 19,191 | 1,997,015 |
| Schlumberger NV | 65,748 | 2,186,121 |
| Targa Resources Corp. | 9,938 | 1,698,404 |
| Texas Pacific Land Corp. ^(b) | 865 | 1,114,872 |
| The Williams Companies, Inc. | 57,044 | 3,341,067 |
| Valero Energy Corp. | 14,897 | 1,729,393 |
| E ' | | 70,265,763 |
| Equity Real Estate Investment Trusts — 2.1% | 7,000 | F1F 014 |
| Alexandria Real Estate Equities, Inc. (c) | 7,088 | 515,014 |
| American Tower Corp. (c) AvalonBay Communities, Inc. (c) | 21,878 | 4,931,520 |
| | 6,547 | 1,374,739 |
| BXP, Inc. (c) Complex Property Trust (c) | 7,336 | 467,523 |
| Camden Property Trust ^(c) Crown Castle, Inc. ^(c) | 5,163 | 587,549 |
| Digital Realty Trust, Inc. (c) | 20,712 | 2,190,501 2,411,632 |
| Equinix, Inc. (c) | 15,022 4,518 | 3,888,868 |
| Equity Residential (c) | 15,992 | 1,123,598 |
| Essex Property Trust, Inc. (c) | 2,932 | 818,468 |
| Extra Space Storage, Inc. (c) | 9,825 | 1,439,559 |
| Federal Realty Investment Trust ^(c) | 3,781 | 355,490 |
| Healthpeak Properties, Inc. (c) | 31,338 | 559,070 |
| Host Hotels & Resorts, Inc. (c) | 33,256 | 469,575 |
| Invitation Homes, Inc. (c) | 26,230 | 896,804 |
| Iron Mountain, Inc. (c) | 13,250 | 1,188,128 |
| Kimco Realty Corp. (c) | 33,044 | 660,219 |
| Mid-America Apartment Communities, Inc. (c) | 5,372 | 857,640 |
| Prologis, Inc. (c) | 43,638 | 4,459,804 |
| Public Storage (c) | 7,510 | 2,256,229 |
| Realty Income Corp. (c) | 40,754 | 2,358,026 |
| Regency Centers Corp. (c) | 8,089 | 583,864 |
| | 0,007 | JUJ,00T |

| Description | Shares | Value (\$) |
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| Common Stocks — 99.5% (continued) | 5.1.41 00 | |
| Equity Real Estate Investment Trusts — 2.1% (continued) | | |
| SBA Communications Corp. (c) | 5,028 | 1,223,815 |
| Simon Property Group, Inc. (c) | 14,494 | 2,281,066 |
| UDR, Inc. (c) | 13,940 | 583,807 |
| Ventas, Inc. (c) | 20,821 | 1,459,136 |
| VICI Properties, Inc. (c) | 49,203 | 1,575,480 |
| Welltower, Inc. (c) | 28,387 | 4,331,572 |
| Weyerhaeuser Co. (c) | 33,658 | 872,079 |
| | 52,555 | 46,720,775 |
| Financial Services — 8.7% | | , , |
| American Express Co. | 26,056 | 6,941,579 |
| Ameriprise Financial, Inc. | 4,437 | 2,089,916 |
| Apollo Global Management, Inc. | 21,212 | 2,895,014 |
| Berkshire Hathaway, Inc., Cl. B ^(a) | 85,818 | 45,762,449 |
| BlackRock, Inc. | 6,813 | 6,228,853 |
| Blackstone, Inc. | 34,216 | 4,506,589 |
| Capital One Financial Corp. | 17,828 | 3,213,675 |
| Choe Global Markets, Inc. | 4,862 | 1,078,392 |
| CME Group, Inc. | 17,042 | 4,721,997 |
| Corpay, Inc. (a) | 3,261 | 1,061,032 |
| Discover Financial Services | 11,739 | 2,144,363 |
| FactSet Research Systems, Inc. | 1,827 | 789,666 |
| Fidelity National Information Services, Inc. | 24,673 | 1,946,206 |
| Fiserv, Inc. (a) | 26,637 | 4,916,391 |
| Franklin Resources, Inc. (b) | 15,253 | 286,146 |
| Global Payments, Inc. | 11,465 | 874,894 |
| Intercontinental Exchange, Inc. | 26,883 | 4,515,538 |
| Invesco Ltd. | 20,682 | 288,100 |
| Jack Henry & Associates, Inc. | 3,512 | 609,086 |
| KKR & Co., Inc. | 31,817 | 3,635,729 |
| MarketAxess Holdings, Inc. | 1,826 | 404,623 |
| Mastercard, Inc., Cl. A | 38,052 | 20,854,779 |
| Moody's Corp. | 7,169 | 3,248,417 |
| Morgan Stanley | 57,513 | 6,638,151 |
| MSCI, Inc. | 3,630 | 1,978,749 |
| Nasdaq, Inc. | 18,996 | 1,447,685 |
| Northern Trust Corp. | 9,599 | 902,114 |
| PayPal Holdings, Inc. (a) | 45,963 | 3,026,204 |
| Raymond James Financial, Inc. | 8,535 | 1,169,636 |
| S&P Global, Inc. | 14,715 | 7,358,236 |
| State Street Corp. | 13,602 | 1,198,336 |
| Synchrony Financial | 18,021 | 936,191 |
| T. Rowe Price Group, Inc. (b) | 10,541 | 933,406 |
| The Bank of New York Mellon Corp. | 34,156 | 2,746,484 |
| The Charles Schwab Corp. | 79,991 | 6,511,267 |
| The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. | 14,575 | 7,980,541 |
| Visa, Inc., Cl. A ^(b) | 80,597 | 27,846,264 |
| | | 193,686,698 |
| Food, Beverage & Tobacco — 2.7% | | |
| Altria Group, Inc. | 79,350 | 4,693,553 |
| Archer-Daniels-Midland Co. | 21,811 | 1,041,475 |
| Brown-Forman Corp., Cl. B | 7,466 | 260,115 |

| Description | Shares | Value (\$) |
|---|----------|--------------------|
| Common Stocks — 99.5% (continued) | | |
| Food, Beverage & Tobacco — 2.7% (continued) | | |
| Bunge Global SA | 6,160 | 484,915 |
| Conagra Brands, Inc. | 23,476 | 580,092 |
| Constellation Brands, Inc., Cl. A | 7,151 | 1,341,099 |
| General Mills, Inc. | 26,245 | 1,489,141 |
| Hormel Foods Corp. | 13,387 | 400,271 |
| Kellanova | 13,006 | 1,076,507 |
| Keurig Dr. Pepper, Inc. | 55,388 | 1,915,871 |
| Lamb Weston Holdings, Inc. | 6,592 | 348,124 |
| McCormick & Co., Inc. | 11,642 | 892,476 |
| Molson Coors Beverage Co., Cl. B | 7,691 | 442,463 |
| Mondelez International, Inc., Cl. A | 60,471 | 4,119,889 |
| Monster Beverage Corp. ^(a) | 33,637 | 2,022,256 |
| PepsiCo, Inc. | 64,236 | 8,709,117 |
| Philip Morris International, Inc. | 72,797 | 12,474,494 |
| The Campbell's Company (b) | 8,311 | 303,019 |
| The Coca-Cola Company | 181,520 | 13,169,276 |
| The Hershey Company | 6,817 | 1,139,734 |
| The J.M. Smucker Company | 4,881 | 567,514 |
| The Kraft Heinz Company | 40,050 | 1,165,455 |
| Syson Foods, Inc., Cl. A | 12,996 | 795,875 |
| , ,, | , | 59,432,731 |
| Health Care Equipment & Services — 4.6% | | |
| Abbott Laboratories | 81,206 | 10,617,684 |
| Align Technology, Inc. ^(a) | 3,109 | 538,790 |
| Baxter International, Inc. | 23,310 | 726,573 |
| Becton, Dickinson and Co. | 13,451 | 2,785,568 |
| Boston Scientific Corp. ^(a) | 69,004 | 7,098,441 |
| ardinal Health, Inc. | 11,545 | 1,631,193 |
| encora, Inc. | 8,284 | 2,424,478 |
| Centene Corp. ^(a) | 23,440 | 1,402,884 |
| VS Health Corp. | 59,321 | 3,957,304 |
| DaVita, Inc. ^(a) | 1,951 | 276,164 |
| Dexcom, Inc. ^(a) | 18,471 | 1,318,460 |
| Edwards Lifesciences Corp. ^(a) | 27,388 | 2,067,520 |
| Elevance Health, Inc. | 10,859 | 4,567,078 |
| E HealthCare Technologies, Inc. | 21,506 | 1,512,517 |
| ICA Healthcare, Inc. | 8,295 | 2,862,439 |
| lenry Schein, Inc. ^(a) | | |
| Iologic, Inc. ^(a) | 6,228 | 404,633 580,661 |
| _ | 9,977 | |
| lumana, Inc. | 5,558 | 1,457,530 |
| DEXX Laboratories, Inc. ^(a) | 3,755 | 1,624,601 |
| nsulet Corp. ^(a) | 3,091 | 779,828 |
| ntuitive Surgical, Inc. ^(a) | 16,676 | 8,601,481 |
| abcorp Holdings, Inc. | 3,914 | 943,313 |
| AcKesson Corp. | 5,933 | 4,228,983 |
| Medtronic PLC | 60,487 | 5,126,878 |
| folina Healthcare, Inc. ^(a) | 2,660 | 869,847 |
| Quest Diagnostics, Inc. | 5,374 | 957,754 |
| esMed, Inc. | 6,855 | 1,621,824 |
| olventum Corp. ^(a) | 7,119 | 470,708 |
| TERIS PLC | 4,542 | 1,020,769 |

| Description | Shares | Value (\$) |
|---|---------|-------------|
| Common Stocks — 99.5% (continued) | | |
| Health Care Equipment & Services — 4.6% (continued) | | |
| Stryker Corp. | 16,031 | 5,994,312 |
| The Cigna Group | 12,776 | 4,344,351 |
| The Cooper Companies, Inc. ^(a) | 9,550 | 779,949 |
| UnitedHealth Group, Inc. | 43,087 | 17,727,715 |
| Universal Health Services, Inc., Cl. B | 2,793 | 494,557 |
| Zimmer Biomet Holdings, Inc. | 9,530 | 982,067 |
| | | 102,798,854 |
| Household & Personal Products — 1.3% | | |
| Church & Dwight Co., Inc. | 11,797 | 1,171,914 |
| Colgate-Palmolive Co. | 38,139 | 3,516,034 |
| Kenvue, Inc. | 90,580 | 2,137,688 |
| Kimberly-Clark Corp. | 15,398 | 2,029,148 |
| The Clorox Company | 5,595 | 796,169 |
| The Estee Lauder Companies, Inc., Cl. A | 10,886 | 652,725 |
| The Procter & Gamble Company | 109,769 | 17,845,146 |
| | | 28,148,824 |
| Insurance — 2.3% | | |
| Aflac, Inc. | 23,245 | 2,526,267 |
| American International Group, Inc. | 27,438 | 2,236,746 |
| Aon PLC, Cl. A | 10,114 | 3,588,346 |
| Arch Capital Group Ltd. | 17,231 | 1,562,507 |
| Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. | 11,884 | 3,811,080 |
| Assurant, Inc. | 2,319 | 446,964 |
| Brown & Brown, Inc. | 11,015 | 1,218,259 |
| Chubb Ltd. | 17,647 | 5,048,454 |
| Cincinnati Financial Corp. | 7,543 | 1,050,061 |
| Erie Indemnity Co., Cl. A | 1,098 | 393,765 |
| Everest Group Ltd. | 1,932 | 693,260 |
| Globe Life, Inc. | 3,757 | 463,388 |
| Loews Corp. | 8,523 | 740,052 |
| Marsh & McLennan Cos., Inc. | 22,810 | 5,142,971 |
| MetLife, Inc. | 26,677 | 2,010,645 |
| Principal Financial Group, Inc. | 9,187 | 681,216 |
| Prudential Financial, Inc. | 16,577 | 1,702,624 |
| The Allstate Corp. | 12,582 | 2,496,143 |
| The Hartford Insurance Group, Inc. | 13,655 | 1,675,059 |
| The Progressive Corp. | 27,427 | 7,727,283 |
| The Travelers Companies, Inc. | 10,795 | 2,851,283 |
| W. R. Berkley Corp. | 13,696 | 981,866 |
| Willis Towers Watson PLC | 4,689 | 1,443,274 |
| | -, | 50,491,513 |
| Materials — 2.0% | | 55,172,525 |
| Air Products and Chemicals, Inc. | 10,482 | 2,841,565 |
| Albemarle Corp. (b) | 5,264 | 308,207 |
| Amcor PLC (b) | 95,551 | 879,069 |
| Avery Dennison Corp. | 3,870 | 662,196 |
| Ball Corp. | 14,212 | 738,171 |
| CF Industries Holdings, Inc. | 8,056 | 631,349 |
| Corteva, Inc. | 31,997 | 1,983,494 |
| Dow, Inc. | 33,080 | 1,011,917 |
| DuPont de Nemours, Inc. | 19,993 | 1,319,338 |
| Dur one ac Hemouro, mer | 17,773 | 1,017,000 |

| Description | Shares | Value (\$) |
|---|---------|-------------|
| Common Stocks — 99.5% (continued) | | |
| Materials — 2.0% (continued) | | |
| Eastman Chemical Co. | 5,221 | 402,017 |
| Ecolab, Inc. | 11,737 | 2,951,034 |
| Freeport-McMoRan, Inc. | 67,183 | 2,420,604 |
| International Flavors & Fragrances, Inc. | 11,919 | 935,165 |
| International Paper Co. | 24,587 | 1,123,134 |
| Linde PLC | 22,293 | 10,103,856 |
| LyondellBasell Industries NV, Cl. A | 11,835 | 688,915 |
| Martin Marietta Materials, Inc. | 2,834 | 1,484,959 |
| Newmont Corp. | 52,776 | 2,780,240 |
| Nucor Corp. | 10,956 | 1,307,818 |
| Packaging Corp. of America | 3,935 | 730,375 |
| PPG Industries, Inc. | 10,650 | 1,159,359 |
| Smurfit WestRock PLC | 24,185 | 1,016,254 |
| Steel Dynamics, Inc. | 6,549 | 849,471 |
| The Mosaic Company | 15,131 | 459,983 |
| The Sherwin-Williams Company | 10,833 | 3,823,182 |
| Vulcan Materials Co. | 6,290 | 1,650,056 |
| | | 44,261,728 |
| Media & Entertainment — 8.2% | | |
| Alphabet, Inc., Cl. A | 273,566 | 43,442,281 |
| Alphabet, Inc., Cl. C | 220,751 | 35,516,628 |
| Charter Communications, Inc., Cl. A ^{(a),(b)} | 4,468 | 1,750,830 |
| Comcast Corp., Cl. A | 176,165 | 6,024,843 |
| Electronic Arts, Inc. | 11,292 | 1,638,356 |
| Fox Corp., Cl. A | 10,707 | 533,102 |
| Fox Corp., Cl. B | 5,566 | 257,372 |
| Live Nation Entertainment, Inc. ^{(a),(b)} | 7,097 | 939,998 |
| Match Group, Inc. (b) | 12,473 | 369,949 |
| Meta Platforms, Inc., Cl. A | 102,503 | 56,274,147 |
| Netflix, Inc. ^(a) | 20,013 | 22,649,112 |
| News Corp., Cl. A | 13,922 | 377,565 |
| News Corp., Cl. B (b) | 7,580 | 238,164 |
| Omnicom Group, Inc. | 9,610 | 731,898 |
| Paramount Global, Cl. B ^(b) | 32,153 | 377,476 |
| Take-Two Interactive Software, Inc. ^(a) | 7,633 | 1,780,932 |
| The Interpublic Group of Companies, Inc. | 18,444 | 463,313 |
| The Walt Disney Company | 84,787 | 7,711,378 |
| TKO Group Holdings, Inc. (b) | 3,043 | 495,735 |
| Warner Bros Discovery, Inc. ^(a) | 107,405 | 931,201 |
| | | 182,504,280 |
| Pharmaceuticals, Biotechnology & Life Sciences — 6.1% | | |
| AbbVie, Inc. | 82,737 | 16,141,989 |
| Agilent Technologies, Inc. | 13,452 | 1,447,435 |
| Amgen, Inc. | 25,167 | 7,321,584 |
| Biogen, Inc. (a) | 7,011 | 848,892 |
| Bio-Techne Corp. | 7,138 | 359,398 |
| Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. | 95,708 | 4,804,542 |
| Charles River Laboratories International, Inc. ^(a) | 2,270 | 269,267 |
| Danaher Corp. | 30,085 | 5,996,843 |
| Eli Lilly & Co. | 36,891 | 33,163,164 |
| Gilead Sciences, Inc. | 58,208 | 6,201,480 |

| Description | Shares | Value (\$) |
|---|-----------|-------------|
| Common Stocks — 99.5% (continued) | | |
| Pharmaceuticals, Biotechnology & Life Sciences — 6.1% (continued) | | |
| Incyte Corp. ^(a) | 7,027 | 440,312 |
| IQVIA Holdings, Inc. ^(a) | 7,931 | 1,229,860 |
| Johnson & Johnson | 112,300 | 17,553,613 |
| Merck & Co., Inc. | 118,436 | 10,090,747 |
| Mettler-Toledo International, Inc. ^(a) | 997 | 1,067,358 |
| Moderna, Inc. ^(a) | 14,584 | 416,227 |
| Pfizer, Inc. | 264,915 | 6,466,575 |
| Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, Inc. | 4,929 | 2,951,288 |
| Revvity, Inc. | 5,718 | 534,233 |
| Thermo Fisher Scientific, Inc. | 17,908 | 7,682,532 |
| Vertex Pharmaceuticals, Inc. ^(a) | 12,046 | 6,137,437 |
| Viatris, Inc. | 51,666 | 435,028 |
| Waters Corp. (a) | 2,752 | 956,953 |
| West Pharmaceutical Services, Inc. | 3,426 | 723,880 |
| Zoetis, Inc. | 21,017 | 3,287,059 |
| <i>'</i> | ŕ | 136,527,696 |
| Real Estate Management & Development — .1% | | • |
| CBRE Group, Inc., Cl. A (a) | 13,920 | 1,700,746 |
| CoStar Group, Inc. (a) | 19,559 | 1,450,691 |
| | ., | 3,151,437 |
| Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment — 10.1% | | -,,- |
| Advanced Micro Devices, Inc. (a) | 75,979 | 7,396,556 |
| Analog Devices, Inc. | 23,089 | 4,500,508 |
| Applied Materials, Inc. | 37,896 | 5,711,306 |
| Broadcom, Inc. | 219,389 | 42,225,801 |
| Enphase Energy, Inc. ^(a) | 6,539 | 291,574 |
| First Solar, Inc. (a),(b) | 4,900 | 616,518 |
| Intel Corp. | 202,828 | 4,076,843 |
| KLA Corp. | 6,190 | 4,349,651 |
| Lam Research Corp. | 59,960 | 4,297,333 |
| Microchip Technology, Inc. | 25,701 | 1,184,302 |
| Micron Technology, Inc. | 52,267 | 4,021,946 |
| Monolithic Power Systems, Inc. | | 1,308,379 |
| NVIDIA Corp. | 2,206 | 1,306,379 |
| · | 1,146,273 | |
| NXP Semiconductors NV | 11,768 | 2,168,960 |
| ON Semiconductor Corp. ^(a) | 20,636 | 819,249 |
| QUALCOMM, Inc. | 51,575 | 7,656,824 |
| Skyworks Solutions, Inc. | 8,354 | 536,995 |
| Teradyne, Inc. | 7,880 | 584,775 |
| Texas Instruments, Inc. | 42,710 | 6,835,735 |
| | | 223,435,310 |
| Software & Services — 11.6% | | |
| Accenture PLC, Cl. A | 29,255 | 8,751,633 |
| Adobe, Inc. (a) | 20,364 | 7,636,093 |
| Akamai Technologies, Inc. ^(a) | 7,367 | 593,633 |
| ANSYS, Inc. (a) | 4,104 | 1,320,996 |
| Autodesk, Inc. ^(a) | 10,003 | 2,743,323 |
| Cadence Design Systems, Inc. ^(a) | 12,805 | 3,812,561 |
| Cognizant Technology Solutions Corp., Cl. A | 23,068 | 1,697,113 |
| CrowdStrike Holdings, Inc., Cl. A ^(a) | 11,524 | 4,942,298 |
| EPAM Systems, Inc. ^(a) | 2,646 | 415,184 |

| Description | Shares | Value (\$) |
|--|---------|-------------|
| Common Stocks — 99.5% (continued) | | <u>``</u> |
| Software & Services — 11.6% (continued) | | |
| Fair Isaac Corp. ^(a) | 1,157 | 2,302,060 |
| Fortinet, Inc. (a) | 30,161 | 3,129,505 |
| Gartner, Inc. ^(a) | 3,619 | 1,523,888 |
| Gen Digital, Inc. | 24,862 | 643,180 |
| GoDaddy, Inc., Cl. A ^(a) | 6,658 | 1,253,901 |
| International Business Machines Corp. | 43,291 | 10,468,630 |
| Intuit, Inc. | 13,123 | 8,234,289 |
| Microsoft Corp. | 347,923 | 137,520,045 |
| Oracle Corp. | 75,900 | 10,680,648 |
| Palantir Technologies, Inc., Cl. A ^(a) | 95,971 | 11,366,805 |
| Palo Alto Networks, Inc. ^(a) | 30,964 | 5,788,100 |
| PTC, Inc. (a) | 5,602 | 868,142 |
| Roper Technologies, Inc. | 4,959 | 2,777,437 |
| Salesforce, Inc. | 44,999 | 12,091,681 |
| ServiceNow, Inc. ^(a) | 9,645 | 9,211,071 |
| Synopsys, Inc. ^(a) | 7,261 | 3,332,872 |
| Tyler Technologies, Inc. ^(a) | 1,978 | 1,074,647 |
| VeriSign, Inc. (a) | 3,911 | 1,103,371 |
| Workday, Inc., Cl. A ^(a) | 10,071 | 2,467,395 |
| ,,, | ,, | 257,750,501 |
| Technology Hardware & Equipment — 8.5% | | |
| Amphenol Corp., Cl. A | 56,999 | 4,386,073 |
| Apple, Inc. | 703,048 | 149,397,700 |
| Arista Networks, Inc. ^(a) | 47,966 | 3,946,163 |
| CDW Corp. | 6,254 | 1,004,142 |
| Cisco Systems, Inc. | 186,623 | 10,773,746 |
| Corning, Inc. | 35,595 | 1,579,706 |
| Dell Technologies, Inc., Cl. C | 14,983 | 1,374,840 |
| F5, Inc. ^(a) | 2,568 | 679,852 |
| Hewlett Packard Enterprise Co. | 61,062 | 990,426 |
| HP, Inc. | 44,536 | 1,138,786 |
| Jabil, Inc. ^(b) | 5,297 | 776,328 |
| Juniper Networks, Inc. | 15,100 | 548,432 |
| Keysight Technologies, Inc. ^(a) | 7,968 | 1,158,547 |
| Motorola Solutions, Inc. | 7,900 | 3,479,521 |
| NetApp, Inc. | 9,778 | 877,576 |
| Seagate Technology Holdings PLC | 9,455 | 860,689 |
| Super Micro Computer, Inc. ^{(a),(b)} | | |
| TE Connectivity PLC | 24,179 | 770,343 |
| | 13,952 | 2,042,294 |
| Teledyne Technologies, Inc. ^(a) Trimble, Inc. ^(a) | 2,181 | 1,016,411 |
| · | 11,465 | 712,435 |
| Western Digital Corp. (a) | 15,905 | 697,593 |
| Zebra Technologies Corp., Cl. A ^(a) | 2,467 | 617,540 |
| Tologommunication Convices 1 10/ | | 188,829,143 |
| Telecommunication Services — 1.1% | 225.042 | 0.205.621 |
| AT&T, Inc. | 335,943 | 9,305,621 |
| T-Mobile US, Inc. | 22,446 | 5,543,040 |
| Verizon Communications, Inc. | 197,093 | 8,683,917 |
| T 4.40/ | | 23,532,578 |
| | F 700 | E00.05= |
| C.H. Kobinson Worldwide, Inc. | 5,709 | 509,357 |
| Transportation — 1.4% C.H. Robinson Worldwide, Inc. | 5,709 | 509 |

| Description | Shares | Value (\$) |
|---|---------|------------------------|
| Common Stocks — 99.5% (continued) | | |
| Transportation — 1.4% (continued) | | |
| CSX Corp. | 89,861 | 2,522,398 |
| Delta Air Lines, Inc. | 30,826 | 1,283,286 |
| Expeditors International of Washington, Inc. | 6,606 | 726,066 |
| FedEx Corp. | 10,280 | 2,162,192 |
| J.B. Hunt Transport Services, Inc. | 3,804 | 496,726 |
| Norfolk Southern Corp. | 10,682 | 2,393,302 |
| Old Dominion Freight Line, Inc. | 8,629 | 1,322,653 |
| Southwest Airlines Co. (b) | 26,277 | 734,705 |
| Uber Technologies, Inc. ^(a) | 97,654 | 7,910,951 |
| Union Pacific Corp. | 28,103 | 6,060,693 |
| United Airlines Holdings, Inc. ^(a) | 15,683 | 1,079,304 |
| United Parcel Service, Inc., Cl. B | 34,402 | 3,278,511 |
| | 5 -, | 30,480,144 |
| Utilities — 2.5% | | , , , , |
| Alliant Energy Corp. | 11,415 | 696,772 |
| Ameren Corp. | 12,800 | 1,270,272 |
| American Electric Power Co., Inc. | 25,377 | 2,749,344 |
| American Water Works Co., Inc. | 9,215 | 1,354,697 |
| Atmos Energy Corp. (b) | 7,292 | 1,171,314 |
| CenterPoint Energy, Inc. (b) | 29,698 | 1,151,689 |
| CMS Energy Corp. | 13,766 | 1,013,866 |
| Consolidated Edison, Inc. | 16,517 | 1,862,292 |
| Constellation Energy Corp. | 14,795 | 3,305,795 |
| Dominion Energy, Inc. | 39,201 | 2,131,750 |
| DTE Energy Co. | 9,758 | 1,336,846 |
| Duke Energy Corp. | 36,078 | 4,402,238 |
| Edison International | 18,616 | 996,142 |
| Entergy Corp. | 20,343 | 1,691,927 |
| Evergy, Inc. ^(b) | 10,678 | 737,850 |
| Eversource Energy | | |
| | 16,988 | 1,010,446 2,126,118 |
| Exelon Corp. | 45,333 | |
| FirstEnergy Corp. | 24,457 | 1,048,716 |
| NextEra Energy, Inc. | 96,280 | 6,439,206 |
| NiSource, Inc. | 21,218 | 829,836 |
| NRG Energy, Inc. | 9,695 | 1,062,378 |
| PG&E Corp. | 104,168 | 1,720,855 |
| Pinnacle West Capital Corp. | 5,044 | 480,088 |
| PPL Corp. | 34,660 | 1,265,090 |
| Public Service Enterprise Group, Inc. | 23,387 | 1,869,323 |
| Sempra | 29,980 | 2,226,615 |
| The AES Corp. | 28,846 | 288,460 |
| The Southern Company | 51,299 | 4,713,865 |
| Vistra Corp. | 16,058 | 2,081,599 |
| WEC Energy Group, Inc. | 14,585 | 1,597,349 |
| Xcel Energy, Inc. | 26,819 | 1,896,103 |
| | | 56,528,841 |
| Total Common Stocks | | |
| (cost \$402,009,853) | | 2,209,318,081 |

| | 1-Day | | |
|--|-----------|------------|---------------|
| Description | Yield (%) | Shares | Value (\$) |
| Investment Companies — .6% | | | |
| Registered Investment Companies — .6% | | | |
| Dreyfus Institutional Preferred Government Plus Money Market Fund, Institutional Shares $^{(d)}$ | | | |
| (cost \$12,802,119) | 4.45 | 12,802,119 | 12,802,119 |
| Investment of Cash Collateral for Securities Loaned — .0% | | | |
| Registered Investment Companies — .0% | | | |
| Dreyfus Institutional Preferred Government Plus Money Market Fund, Institutional Shares ^(d) | | | |
| (cost \$283,674) | 4.45 | 283,674 | 283,674 |
| Total Investments (cost \$415,095,646) | | 100.1% | 2,222,403,874 |
| Liabilities, Less Cash and Receivables | | (.1%) | (1,249,097) |
| Net Assets | | 100.0% | 2,221,154,777 |

⁽a) Non-income producing security.

⁽d) 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 | | | | | |
|--|------------|-----------------------------|---------------|------------|--------------------|
| | Value (\$) | | | Value (\$) | Dividends/ |
| Description | 10/31/2024 | Purchases (\$) [†] | Sales (\$) | 4/30/2025 | Distributions (\$) |
| Registered Investment Companies6% | | | | | |
| Dreyfus Institutional Preferred Government Plus Money | | | | | |
| Market Fund, Institutional Shares6% | 32,746,685 | 122,349,165 | (142,293,731) | 12,802,119 | 554,509 |
| Investment of Cash Collateral for Securities Loaned0% $$ | ó | | | | |
| Dreyfus Institutional Preferred Government Plus Money | | | | | |
| Market Fund, Institutional Shares0% | 581,977 | 9,388,363 | (9,686,666) | 283,674 | 19,367†† |
| Total6% | 33,328,662 | 131,737,528 | (151,980,397) | 13,085,793 | 573,876 |

[†] 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.

| Futures | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|-------------------|
| | Number of | | Notional | Market | Unrealized |
| Description | Contracts | Expiration | Value (\$) | Value (\$) | Appreciation (\$) |
| Futures Long | | | | | |
| S&P 500 E-mini | 53 | 6/20/2025 | 14,792,069 | 14,805,550 | 13,481 |
| Gross Unrealized Appreciation | | | | | 13,481 |

⁽b) Security, or portion thereof, on loan. At April 30, 2025, the value of the fund's securities on loan was \$27,704,092 and the value of the collateral was \$28,339,655, consisting of cash collateral of \$283,674 and U.S. Government & Agency securities valued at \$28,055,981. In addition, the value of collateral may include pending sales that are also on loan.

⁽c) Investment in real estate investment trust within the United States.

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

April 30, 2025 (Unaudited)

| | Cost | Value |
|---|-------------|---------------|
| Assets (\$): | | |
| Investments in securities—See Statement of Investments | | |
| (including securities on loan, valued at \$27,704,092)—Note 1(c): | | |
| Unaffiliated issuers | 402,009,853 | 2,209,318,081 |
| Affiliated issuers | 13,085,793 | 13,085,793 |
| Cash | | 2,845 |
| Cash collateral held by broker—Note 4 | | 1,144,000 |
| Dividends and securities lending income receivable | | 1,299,240 |
| Receivable for shares of Common Stock subscribed | | 417,079 |
| Receivable for futures variation margin—Note 4 | | 14,262 |
| | | 2,225,281,300 |
| Liabilities (\$): | | |
| Due to BNY Mellon Investment Adviser, Inc. and affiliates—Note 3(b) | | 847,292 |
| Payable for shares of Common Stock redeemed | | 2,696,513 |
| Payable for investment securities purchased | | 286,834 |
| Liability for securities on loan—Note 1(c) | | 283,674 |
| Directors' fees and expenses payable | | 12,210 |
| | | 4,126,523 |
| Net Assets (\$) | | 2,221,154,777 |
| Composition of Net Assets (\$): | | |
| Paid-in capital | | 316,656,261 |
| Total distributable earnings (loss) | | 1,904,498,516 |
| Net Assets (\$) | | 2,221,154,777 |
| Shares Outstanding | | |
| (200 million shares of \$.001 par value Common Stock authorized) | | 40,609,243 |
| Net Asset Value Per Share (\$) | | 54.70 |

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

Six Months Ended April 30, 2025 (Unaudited)

| Investment Income (\$): | |
|---|---------------|
| Income: | |
| Cash dividends (net of \$3,681 foreign taxes withheld at source): | |
| Unaffiliated issuers | 15,915,507 |
| Affiliated issuers | 554,509 |
| Affiliated income net of rebates from securities lending—Note 1(c) | 19,367 |
| Interest | 8,501 |
| Total Income | 16,497,884 |
| Expenses: | |
| Management fee—Note 3(a) | 2,959,555 |
| Shareholder servicing costs—Note 3(b) | 2,959,555 |
| Directors' fees—Notes 3(a) and 3(c) | 117,300 |
| Loan commitment fees—Note 2 | 22,982 |
| Total Expenses | 6,059,392 |
| Less—Directors' fees reimbursed by | |
| BNY Mellon Investment Adviser, Inc.—Note 3(a) | (117,300) |
| Net Expenses | 5,942,092 |
| Net Investment Income | 10,555,792 |
| Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments—Note 4 (\$): | |
| Net realized gain (loss) on investments | 106,857,795 |
| Net realized gain (loss) on futures | (2,599,489) |
| Net Realized Gain (Loss) | 104,258,306 |
| Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments | (156,216,623) |
| Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on futures | 921,687 |
| Net Change in Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation) | (155,294,936) |
| Net Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments | (51,036,630) |
| Net (Decrease) in Net Assets Resulting from Operations | (40,480,838) |

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

| | Six Months Ended | Year Ended |
|---|----------------------------|------------------|
| | April 30, 2025 (Unaudited) | October 31, 2024 |
| Operations (\$): | | |
| Net investment income | 10,555,792 | 22,599,308 |
| Net realized gain (loss) on investments | 104,258,306 | 210,872,332 |
| Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments | (155,294,936) | 468,008,088 |
| Net Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets Resulting from Operations | (40,480,838) | 701,479,728 |
| Distributions (\$): | | |
| Distributions to shareholders | (230,555,049) | (149,998,944) |
| Capital Stock Transactions (\$): | | |
| Net proceeds from shares sold | 111,699,963 | 177,135,401 |
| Distributions reinvested | 222,935,464 | 145,298,718 |
| Cost of shares redeemed | (254,176,493) | (400,203,174) |
| Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets from Capital Stock Transactions | 80,458,934 | (77,769,055) |
| Total Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets | (190,576,953) | 473,711,729 |
| Net Assets (\$): | | |
| Beginning of Period | 2,411,731,730 | 1,938,020,001 |
| End of Period | 2,221,154,777 | 2,411,731,730 |
| Capital Share Transactions (Shares): | | |
| Shares sold | 1,923,582 | 3,175,609 |
| Shares issued for distributions reinvested | 3,810,211 | 2,860,211 |
| Shares redeemed | (4,340,184) | (7,118,945) |
| Net Increase (Decrease) in Shares Outstanding | 1,393,609 | (1,083,125) |

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The following table describes the performance for the fiscal periods indicated. 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.

| | Six Months Ended April 30, 2025 | | | r Ended Oct | | |
|---|---------------------------------|--------|-----------|-------------|-------------|-----------|
| | (Unaudited) | 2024 | 2023 | 2022 | 2021 | 2020 |
| Per Share Data (\$): | | | | | | |
| Net asset value, beginning of period | 61.50 | 48.09 | 49.07 | 65.31 | 51.48 | 53.93 |
| Investment Operations: | | | | | | |
| Net investment income ^(a) | .26 | .55 | .57 | .56 | .56 | .71 |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments | (1.08) | 16.61 | 3.59 | (9.08) | 19.58 | 4.07 |
| Total from Investment Operations | (.82) | 17.16 | 4.16 | (8.52) | 20.14 | 4.78 |
| Distributions: | | | | | | |
| Dividends from net investment income | (.56) | (.59) | (.62) | (.58) | (.75) | (.85) |
| Dividends from net realized gain on investments | (5.42) | (3.16) | (4.52) | (7.14) | (5.56) | (6.38) |
| Total Distributions | (5.98) | (3.75) | (5.14) | (7.72) | (6.31) | (7.23) |
| Net asset value, end of period | 54.70 | 61.50 | 48.09 | 49.07 | 65.31 | 51.48 |
| Total Return (%) | (1.97) ^(b) | 37.34 | 9.60 | (15.03) | 42.21 | 9.13 |
| Ratios/Supplemental Data (%): | | | | | | |
| Ratio of total expenses to average net assets | .51 ^(c) | .51 | .51 | .51 | .51 | .51 |
| Ratio of net expenses to average net assets ^(d) | .50 ^(c) | .50 | .50 | .50 | .50 | .50 |
| Ratio of net investment income to average net assets ^(d) | .89 ^(c) | .98 | 1.19 | 1.03 | .95 | 1.41 |
| Portfolio Turnover Rate | 1.10 ^(b) | 2.42 | 1.98 | 1.89 | 3.31 | 2.43 |
| Net Assets, end of period (\$ x 1,000) | 2,221,155 2,4 | 11,732 | 1,938,020 | 1,919,564 | 2,553,501 2 | 2,078,988 |

⁽a) Based on average shares outstanding.

⁽b) Not annualized.

⁽c) Annualized.

⁽d) Amount inclusive of Directors' fees reimbursed by BNY Mellon Investment Adviser, Inc.

NOTE 1—Significant Accounting Policies:

BNY Mellon S&P 500 Index Fund (the "fund") is a separate diversified series of BNY Mellon Index Funds, Inc. (the "Company"), which is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "Act"), as an open-end management investment company and operates as a series company currently offering three series, including the fund. The fund's investment objective is to seek to match the performance of the S&P 500° Index. 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. BNY Mellon Securities Corporation (the "Distributor"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Adviser, is the distributor of the fund's shares, which are sold to the public without a sales charge.

The Company accounts separately for the assets, liabilities and operations of each series. Expenses directly attributable to each series are charged to that series' operations; expenses which are applicable to all series are allocated among them on a pro rata basis.

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 Company 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 Company's Board of Directors (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 American Depositary Receipts 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, 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.

Futures, which are traded on an exchange, are valued at the last sales price on the securities exchange on which such securities are primarily traded or at the last sales price on the national securities market on each business day and are generally categorized within Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy.

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

| | | Level 3- | |
|----------------------|---|---|---|
| Level 1 - | Level 2- Other | Significant | |
| Unadjusted | Significant | Unobservable | |
| Quoted Prices | Observable Inputs | Inputs | Total |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| 2,209,318,081 | _ | _ | 2,209,318,081 |
| 13,085,793 | | | 13,085,793 |
| 2,222,403,874 | | | 2,222,403,874 |
| | | | |
| 13,481 | | | 13,481 |
| 13,481 | | | 13,481 |
| | Unadjusted Quoted Prices 2,209,318,081 13,085,793 2,222,403,874 | Unadjusted Quoted Prices Significant Observable Inputs 2,209,318,081 — 13,085,793 — 2,222,403,874 — | Level 1 - Level 2 - Other Unadjusted Quoted Prices Observable Inputs 2,209,318,081 — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — |

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

- **(b) 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 April 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

^{††} Amount shown represents unrealized appreciation (depreciation) at period end, but only variation margin on exchange-traded and centrally cleared derivatives, if any, are reported in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

Statement 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 April 30, 2025, BNY earned \$2,674 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 April 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 (\$) | Liabilities (\$) |
|---|--------------------------|------------------|
| Gross amount of securities loaned, at | | |
| value, as disclosed in the Statement | | |
| of Assets and Liabilities | 27,704,092 | - |
| Collateral (received)/posted not offset | | |
| in the Statement of | | |
| Assets and Liabilities | $(27,704,092)^{\dagger}$ | - |
| 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 Statement 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.

Indexing Strategy Risk: The fund uses an indexing strategy. It does not attempt to manage market volatility, use defensive strategies or reduce the effects of any long-term periods of poor index performance. The correlation between fund and index performance may be affected by the fund's expenses and/or use of sampling techniques, changes in securities markets, changes in the composition of the index and the timing of purchases and redemptions of fund shares.

- (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 April 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 April 30, 2025, the fund did not incur any interest or penalties.

Each tax year in the three-year period ended October 31, 2024 remains subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service and state taxing authorities.

The tax character of distributions paid to shareholders during the fiscal year ended October 31, 2024 were as follows: ordinary income \$23,750,698 and long-term capital gains \$126,248,246. The tax character of current year distributions will be determined at the end of the current fiscal year.

(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 management of the Adviser, comprising Senior Management and Directors. 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 Statement 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 April 30, 2025, the fund did not borrow under either Facility.

NOTE 3—Management 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 .25% of the value of the fund's average daily net assets and is payable monthly. The Adviser has agreed in its management agreement with the fund to pay all of the fund's expenses, except management fees, Shareholder Services Plan fees, interest expenses, brokerage commissions, commitment fees on borrowings and extraordinary expenses not incurred in the ordinary course of the fund's business, and the fees and expenses of the non-interested board members and their counsel. The Adviser has further agreed to reduce its fees in an amount equal to the fund's allocable portion of the fees and expenses of the non-interested board members and the fees and expenses of counsel to the fund and to the non-interested board members. These provisions in the management agreement may not be amended without the approval of the fund's shareholders. During the period ended April 30, 2025, fees reimbursed by the Adviser amounted to \$117,300.
- (b) Under the Shareholder Services Plan, the fund pays 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 April 30, 2025, the fund was charged \$2,959,555 pursuant to the Shareholder Services Plan.

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 components of "Due to BNY Mellon Investment Adviser, Inc. and affiliates" in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities consist of: Management fee of \$439,646, Shareholder Services Plan fees of \$439,646, which are offset against an expense reimbursement currently in effect in the amount of \$32,000.

(c) 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 and derivatives, during the period ended April 30, 2025, amounted to \$25,931,259 and \$143,731,259, respectively.

Derivatives: A derivative is a financial instrument whose performance is derived from the performance of another asset. Rule 18f-4 under the Act regulates the use of derivatives transactions for certain funds registered under the Act. The fund is deemed a "limited" derivatives user under the rule and is required to limit its derivatives exposure so that the total notional value of applicable derivatives does not exceed 10% of fund's net assets, and is subject to certain reporting requirements. Each type of derivative instrument that was held by the fund during the period ended April 30, 2025 is discussed below.

Futures: In the normal course of pursuing its investment objective, the fund is exposed to market risk, including equity price risk, as a result of changes in value of underlying financial instruments. The fund invests in futures in order to manage its exposure to or protect against changes in the market. A futures contract represents a commitment for the future purchase or a sale of an asset at a specified date. Upon entering into such contracts, these investments require initial margin deposits with a counterparty, which consist of cash or cash equivalents. The amount of these deposits is determined by the exchange or Board of Trade on which the contract is traded and is subject to change. Accordingly, variation margin payments are received or made to reflect daily unrealized gains or losses which are recorded in the Statement of Operations. When the contracts are closed, the fund recognizes a realized gain or loss which is reflected in the Statement of Operations. There is minimal counterparty credit risk to the fund with futures since they are exchange traded, and the exchange guarantees the futures against default. Futures open at April 30, 2025 are set forth in the Statement of Investments.

The following tables show the fund's exposure to different types of market risk as it relates to the Statement of Assets and Liabilities and the Statement of Operations, respectively.

Fair value of derivative instruments as of April 30, 2025 is shown below:

| | Derivative | | Derivative |
|--|-----------------------|-------------|------------------|
| | Assets (\$) | | Liabilities (\$) |
| Equity Risk | 13,481 ⁽¹⁾ | Equity Risk | - |
| Gross fair value of derivative contracts | 13,481 | | - |

Statement of Assets and Liabilities location:

The effect of derivative instruments in the Statement of Operations during the period ended April 30, 2025 is shown below:

| Amount of realized gain (loss) on derivatives recognized in income (\$) | | | |
|---|------------------------|-------------|--|
| Underlying risk | Futures ⁽¹⁾ | Total | |
| Equity | (2,599,489) | (2,599,489) | |
| Total | (2,599,489) | (2,599,489) | |

⁽¹⁾ Includes cumulative appreciation (depreciation) on futures as reported in the Statement of Investments, but only the unpaid variation margin is reported in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on derivatives recognized in income (\$)

| Underlying risk | Futures ⁽²⁾ | Total |
|-----------------|------------------------|---------|
| Equity | 921,687 | 921,687 |
| Total | 921,687 | 921,687 |

Statement of Operations location:

The following table summarizes the monthly average market value of derivatives outstanding during the period ended April 30, 2025:

Average Market Value (\$)

Futures:

Equity Futures Long 30,047,214

At April 30, 2025, accumulated net unrealized appreciation on investments inclusive of derivative contracts was \$1,807,321,709, consisting of \$1,830,642,433 gross unrealized appreciation and \$23,320,724 gross unrealized depreciation.

At April 30, 2025, the cost of investments for federal income tax purposes was substantially the same as the cost for financial reporting purposes (see the Statement of Investments).

Net realized gain (loss) on futures.

Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on futures.

| Item 8. Char | nges in and | Disagreements | with Acco | untants for | Open-End | Management | Investment |
|--------------|-------------|---------------|-----------|-------------|----------|------------|------------|
| Companies (| (Unaudited) | _ | | | | | |

N/A

| Item 9. Proxy Disclosures for Open-End Management Investment | ent 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 Adviser reimburses the fund for the fees and expenses of the non-interested board members. Compensation paid by the fund to the board members and board member fees reimbursed by the Adviser during the period are within Item 7. Statement of Operations as Directors' fees reimbursed by BNY Mellon Investment Adviser, Inc., respectively.

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

At a meeting of the fund's Board of Directors (the "Board") held on March 4-5, 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 "Agreement"). 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. In considering the renewal of the Agreement, 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'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.

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 shares with the performance of a group of retail no-load S&P 500 index 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 S&P 500 index funds (the "Performance Universe"), all for various periods ended December 31, 2024, 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 retail no-load S&P 500 index 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 the results of the comparisons and considered that the fund's total return performance was below the Performance Group and Performance Universe medians for all periods. It was noted that there were only five other funds in the Performance Group. The Board considered the relative proximity of the fund's performance to the Performance Group and/or Performance Universe medians in periods under review. The Adviser also provided a comparison of the fund's calendar year total returns to the returns of the fund's benchmark index. The Board noted that the fund had a four-star overall rating and a four-star rating for the ten-year period from Morningstar based on Morningstar's risk-adjusted return measures.

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 provided by the Adviser. 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 noted that the Adviser pays all fund expenses, other than the actual management fee and certain other expenses. Because of the fund's "unitary" fee structure, the Board recognized that the fund's fees and expenses will vary within a much smaller range and the Adviser will bear the risk that fund expenses may increase over time. On the other hand, the Board noted that it is possible that the Adviser could earn a profit on the fees charged under the Agreement and would benefit from any price decreases in third-party services covered by the Agreement. Taking into account the fund's "unitary" fee structure, the Board considered that the fund's contractual management fee was higher than the Expense Group median contractual management fee, the fund's actual management fee was higher than the Expense Group median and higher than the Expense Universe median actual management fee, and the fund's total expenses were higher than the Expense Group median and higher than the Expense Universe median total expenses.

Representatives of the Adviser reviewed with the Board the management or investment advisory fees (1) paid by the one fund advised by the Adviser that is in the same Lipper category as the fund and (2) paid to the Adviser, or the primary employer of the fund's primary portfolio managers that is affiliated with the 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

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the relationship of the fees paid in light of any differences in the services provided and other relevant factors, noting the fund's "unitary" fee structure. The Board considered the relevance of the fee information provided for the Similar Clients to evaluate the appropriateness of the fund's management fee.

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 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 fee under the Agreement, considered in relation to the mix of services provided by the Adviser, including the nature, extent and quality of such services, supported the renewal of the Agreement 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 from acting as investment adviser and took into consideration that there were no 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 Agreement. 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 are satisfactory and appropriate.
- The Board was generally satisfied with the fund's overall performance.
- The Board concluded that the fee paid to the 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 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 Agreement, 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, of the Adviser and the services provided to the fund by the 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 Agreement, 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 Agreement 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 Agreement.

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