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### CERTIFIED SHAREHOLDER REPORT OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT

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Date of reporting period: 12/31/2017

Item 1 Report to Stockholders

**DECEMBER 31, 2017** 

# ANNUAL REPORT

**BlackRock Energy and Resources Trust (BGR)** 

BlackRock Enhanced Capital and Income Fund, Inc. (CII)

BlackRock Enhanced Equity Dividend Trust (BDJ)

BlackRock Enhanced Global Dividend Trust (BOE)

BlackRock Enhanced International Dividend Trust (BGY)

**BlackRock Health Sciences Trust (BME)** 

BlackRock Resources & Commodities Strategy Trust (BCX)

BlackRock Science and Technology Trust (BST)

BlackRock Utilities, Infrastructure & Power Opportunities Trust (BUI)

Not FDIC Insured May Lose Value No Bank Guarantee The Markets in Review

Dear Shareholder,

In the 12 months ended December 31, 2017, risk assets, such as stocks and high-yield bonds, continued to deliver strong performance. The equity market advanced, month after month, despite geopolitical uncertainty and relatively high valuations, while bond returns were constrained by higher interest rates.

Rising interest rates worked against high-quality assets with more interest rate sensitivity. Consequently, longer-term U.S. Treasuries posted modest returns, as rising energy prices, modest wage increases, and steady job growth led to expectations of higher inflation and interest rate increases by the U.S. Federal Reserve (the Fed ).

The market s performance reflected reflationary expectations early in the reporting period, as investors began to sense that a global recovery was afoot. Thereafter, many countries throughout the world experienced sustained and synchronized growth for the first time since the financial crisis. Growth rates and inflation are still relatively low, but they are finally rising together.

The Fed responded to these positive developments by increasing short-term interest rates three times and setting expectations for additional interest rate increases. The Fed also began reducing the vast balance sheet reserves that had accumulated in the wake of the financial crisis. In October 2017, the Fed reduced its \$4.5 trillion balance sheet by only \$10 billion, while setting expectations for additional modest reductions and rate hikes in 2018.

By contrast, the European Central Bank ( ECB ) and the Bank of Japan ( BoJ ) both continued to expand their balance sheets despite nascent signs of sustained economic growth. The Eurozone and Japan are both approaching the limits of central banks ownership share of national debt, which is a structural pressure point that limits their capacity to deliver additional monetary stimulus. In October 2017, the ECB announced plans to cut the amount of its bond purchases in half for 2018, while the BoJ reiterated its commitment to economic stimulus until the inflation rate rises to its target of 2%.

Emerging market growth also stabilized, as accelerating growth in China, the second largest economy in the world and the most influential of all developing economies, improved the outlook for corporate profits and economic growth across most developing nations. Chinese demand for commodities and other raw materials allayed concerns about the country s banking system, leading to rising equity prices and foreign investment flows.

While escalating tensions between the United States and North Korea and our nation s divided politics are concerning, benign credit conditions, modest inflation, solid corporate earnings, and the positive outlook for growth in the world s largest economies have kept markets relatively tranquil.

Rising consumer confidence and improving business sentiment are driving momentum for the U.S. economy. If the Fed maintains a measured pace of stimulus reduction, to the extent that inflation rises, it s likely to be accompanied by rising real growth and higher wages. That could lead to a favorable combination of moderately higher inflation, steadily rising interest rates, and improving growth in 2018.

Further fueling optimism, Congress passed a sweeping tax reform bill in December 2017. The U.S. tax overhaul is likely to accentuate the reflationary themes already in place, including faster growth and rising interest rates. Changing the corporate tax rate to a flat 21% will create many winners and losers among high-and-low tax companies, while the windfall from lower taxes could boost business and consumer spending.

In this environment, investors need to think globally, extend their scope across a broad array of asset classes, and be nimble as market conditions change. We encourage you to talk with your financial advisor and visit **blackrock.com** 

for further insight about investing in today s markets.

Sincerely,

# Rob Kapito

President, BlackRock Advisors, LLC

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# Total Returns as of December 31, 2017

	6-month	12-month
U.S. large cap equities	11.42%	21.83%
(S&P 500 <sup>®</sup> Index)		
U.S. small cap equities	9.20	14.65
(Russell 2000 <sup>®</sup> Index)		
International equities	9.86	25.03
(MSCI Europe, Australasia,		
Far East Index)		
Emerging market equities	15.92	37.28
(MSCI Emerging Markets Index)		
3-month Treasury bills	0.55	0.86
(ICE BofAML 3-Month U.S. Treasury Bill Index)		
U.S. Treasury securities	(0.01)	2.07
(ICE BofAML 10-Year U.S. Treasury Index)		
U.S. investment grade bonds	1.24	3.54
(Bloomberg Barclays U.S.		
Aggregate Bond Index)		
Tax-exempt municipal bonds	1.64	4.95
(S&P Municipal Bond Index)		
U.S. high yield bonds	2.46	7.50
(Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Corporate High Yield 2% Issuer		
Capped Index)		

Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Index performance is shown for illustrative purposes only. You cannot invest directly in an index.

Supplemental Information (unaudited)

# Section 19(a) Notices

BlackRock Energy and Resources Trust s (BGR), BlackRock Enhanced Capital and Income Fund, Inc. s (CII), BlackRock Enhanced Equity Dividend Trust s (BDJ), BlackRock Global Dividend Trust s (BOE), BlackRock Enhanced International Dividend Trust s (BGY), BlackRock Health Sciences Trust s (BME), BlackRock Resources & Commodities Strategy Trust s (BCX), BlackRock Science and Technology Trust s (BST) and BlackRock Utilities, Infrastructure & Power Opportunities Trust s (BUI) (each, a Trust and collectively, the Trusts), amounts and sources of distributions reported are estimates and are being provided to you pursuant to regulatory requirements and are not being provided for tax reporting purposes. The actual amounts and sources for tax reporting purposes will depend upon each Trust s investment experience during the fiscal year and may be subject to changes based on tax regulations. Each Trust will provide a Form 1099-DIV each calendar year that will tell you how to report these distributions for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

# **December 31, 2017**

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BGR*	\$ 0.404129	\$	\$	\$0.527071	\$0.931200	43%		%	%	57%	100%
CII*	0.148793			0.844807	0.993600	15				85	100
BDJ	0.163613		0.396787		0.560400	29		7	1		100
BOE	0.144688	0.649691	1.491621		2.286000	6	29	6	5		100
BME*	0.025870		1.468233	0.905897	2.400000	1		6	1	38	100
BGY*	0.077022			0.378978	0.456000	17				83	100
BCX*	0.197497			0.407703	0.605200	33				67	100
BST*			0.195212	1.084788	1.280000			1	5	85	100
BUI	0.543259		0.908741		1.452000	37		6	3		100

<sup>\*</sup> Certain Trusts estimate that they have distributed more than the amount of earned income and net realized gains; therefore, a portion of the distribution may be a return of capital. A return of capital may occur, for example, when some or all of the shareholder s investment in a Trust is returned to the shareholder. A return of capital does not necessarily reflect a Trust s investment performance and should not be confused with yield or income. When distributions exceed total return performance, the difference will reduce the Trust s net asset value per share.

Section 19(a) notices for the Trusts, as applicable, are available on the BlackRock website at http://www.blackrock.com.

### Section 19(b) Disclosure

The Trusts, acting pursuant to a U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) exemptive order and with the approval of each Trust's Board of Trustees/Directors (the Board), each have adopted a plan, consistent with its investment objectives and policies to support a level distribution of income, capital gains and/or return of capital (the Plan). In accordance with the Plans, the Trusts distribute the following fixed amounts per share on a monthly basis as of December 31, 2017:

	Amount Per	
Exchange Symbol	Common Share	
BGR	\$ 0.0776	
CII	0.0828	
BDJ	0.0467	
BOE	0.0780	
BME	0.2000	
BGY	0.0380	
BCX	0.0516	
BST	0.1300	
BUI	0.1210	

The fixed amounts distributed per share are subject to change at the discretion of each Trust s Board. Under its Plan, each Trust will distribute all available investment income to its shareholders, consistent with its primary investment objectives and as required by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code ). If sufficient investment income is not available on a monthly basis, the Trusts will distribute long-term capital gains and/or return of capital to shareholders in order to maintain a level distribution. Each monthly distribution to shareholders is expected to be at the fixed amount established by the Board, except for extraordinary distributions and potential distribution rate increases or decreases to enable the Trusts to comply with the distribution requirements imposed by the Code.

Shareholders should not draw any conclusions about each Trust s investment performance from the amount of these distributions or from the terms of the Plan. Each Trust s total return performance on net asset value is presented in its financial highlights table.

The Board may amend, suspend or terminate a Trust s Plan at any time without prior notice to the Trust s shareholders if it deems such actions to be in the best interests of the Trust or its shareholders. The suspension or termination of the Plan could have the effect of creating a trading discount (if the Trust s stock is trading at or above net asset value) or widening an existing trading discount. The Trusts are subject to risks that could have an adverse impact on their ability to maintain level distributions. Examples of potential risks include, but are not limited to, economic downturns impacting the markets, decreased market volatility, companies suspending or decreasing corporate dividend distributions and changes in the Code. Please refer to BME s prospectus for a more complete description of its risks.

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The Benefits and Risks of Option Over-Writing

In general, the goal of each of the Trusts is to provide total return through a combination of current income and realized and unrealized gains (capital appreciation). The Trusts seek to pursue this goal primarily by investing in a portfolio of equity securities and utilizing an option over-writing strategy in an effort to enhance the Trusts distribution rate and total return performance. However, these objectives cannot be achieved in all market conditions.

The Trusts primarily write single stock covered call options, and may also from time to time write single stock put options. When writing (selling) a covered call option, the Trust holds an underlying equity security and enters into an option transaction which allows the counterparty to purchase the equity security at an agreed-upon price (strike price) within an agreed-upon time period. The Trusts receive cash premiums from the counterparties upon writing (selling) the option, which along with net investment income and net realized gains, if any, are generally available to support current or future distributions paid by the Trusts. During the option term, the counterparty may elect to exercise the option if the market value of the equity security rises above the strike price, and the Trust is obligated to sell the equity security to the counterparty at the strike price, realizing a gain or loss. Premiums received increase gains or reduce losses realized on the sale of the equity security. If the option remains unexercised upon its expiration, the Trusts realize gains equal to the premiums received. Alternatively, an option may be closed out by an offsetting purchase or sale of an option prior to expiration. The Trust realizes a capital gain from a closing purchase or sale transaction if the premium paid is less than the premium received from writing the option. The Trust realizes a capital loss from a closing purchase or sale transaction if the premium paid to purchase the option.

Writing covered call options entails certain risks, which include, but are not limited to, the following: an increase in the value of the underlying equity security above the strike price can result in the exercise of a written option (sale by the Trust to the counterparty) when the Trust might not otherwise have sold the security; exercise of the option by the counterparty may result in a sale below the current market value and a gain or loss being realized by the Trust; and limiting the potential appreciation that could be realized on the underlying equity security to the extent of the strike price of the option. As such, an option over-writing strategy may outperform the general equity market in flat or falling markets but underperform in rising markets.

Each Trust employs a plan to support a level distribution of income, capital gains and/or return of capital. The goal of the plan is to provide shareholders with consistent and predictable cash flows by setting distribution rates based on expected long-term returns of the Trusts. Such distributions, under certain circumstances, may exceed a Trust s total return performance. When total distributions exceed total return performance for the period, the difference reduces the Trust s total assets and net asset value per share (NAV) and, therefore, could have the effect of increasing the Trust s expense ratio and reducing the amount of assets, the Trust has available for long term investment. In order to make these distributions, a Trust may have to sell portfolio securities at less than opportune times.

The final tax characterization of distributions is determined after the fiscal year and is reported in the Trust s annual report to shareholders. Distributions can be characterized as ordinary income, capital gains and/or return of capital. The Trust s taxable net investment income or net realized capital gains (taxable income) may not be sufficient to support the level of distributions paid. To the extent that distributions exceed the Trust s current and accumulated earnings and profits, the excess may be treated as a non-taxable return of capital. Distributions that exceed a Trust s taxable income but do not exceed the Trust s current and accumulated earnings and profits, may be classified as ordinary income which are taxable to shareholders. Such distributions are reported as distributions in excess of net investment income.

A return of capital distribution does not necessarily reflect a Trust s investment performance and should not be confused with yield or income. A return of capital is a return of a portion of an investor s original investment. A return

of capital is not taxable, but it reduces a shareholder s tax basis in his or her shares, thus reducing any loss or increasing any gain on a subsequent disposition by the shareholder of his or her shares. It is possible that a substantial portion of the distributions paid during a calendar year may ultimately be classified as return of capital or as distributions in excess of net investment income for U.S. federal income tax purposes when the final determination of the source and character of the distributions is made.

To illustrate these concepts, assume the following: (1) a common stock purchased at and currently trading at \$37.15 per share; (2) a three-month call option is written by a Trust with a strike price of \$40 (i.e., 7.7% higher than the current market price); and (3) the Trust receives \$2.45, or 6.6% of the common stock s value, as a premium. If the stock price remains unchanged, the option expires and there would be a 6.6% return for the three-month period. If the stock were to decline in price by 6.6% (i.e., decline to \$34.70 per share), the option strategy would break-even from an economic perspective resulting in neither a gain nor a loss. If the stock were to climb to a price of \$40 or above, the option would be exercised and the stock would return 7.7% coupled with the option premium received of 6.6% for a total return of 14.3%. Under this scenario, the Trust loses the benefit of any appreciation of the stock above \$40, and thus is limited to a 14.3% total return. The premium from writing the call option serves to offset some of the unrealized loss on the stock in the event that the price of the stock declines, but if the stock were to decline more than 6.6% under this scenario, the Trust s downside protection is eliminated and the stock could eventually become worthless.

Each Trust intends to write covered call options to varying degrees depending upon market conditions. Please refer to each Trust s Schedule of Investments and the Notes to Financial Statements for details of written options.

THE BENEFITS AND RISKS OF OPTION OVER-WRITING

Trust Information as of December 31, 2017

### **BlackRock Energy and Resources Trust**

# **Investment Objective**

BlackRock Energy and Resources Trust s (BGR) (the Trust) investment objective is to provide total return through a combination of current income, current gains and long-term capital appreciation. The Trust seeks to achieve its investment objective by investing, under normal market conditions, at least 80% of its total assets in equity securities of energy and natural resources companies and equity derivatives with exposure to the energy and natural resources industry. The Trust may invest directly in such securities or synthetically through the use of derivatives. The Trust seeks to pursue this goal primarily by investing in a portfolio of equity securities and utilizing an option over-writing strategy in an effort to seek total return performance and enhance distributions.

No assurance can be given that the Trust s investment objective will be achieved.

### **Trust Information**

Symbol on New York Stock Exchange ( NYSE )	BGR
Initial Offering Date	December 29, 2004
Current Distribution Rate on Closing Market Price as of December 31, 2017 (\$14.18) <sup>(a)</sup>	6.57%
Current Monthly Distribution per Common Share <sup>(b)</sup>	\$0.0776
Current Annualized Distribution per Common Share <sup>(b)</sup>	\$0.9312

- (a) Current distribution rate on closing market price is calculated by dividing the current annualized distribution per share by the closing market price. The current distribution rate consists of income, net realized gains and/or a return of capital. See the Financial Highlights for the actual sources and character of distributions. Past performance does not guarantee future results.
- (b) The distribution rate is not constant and is subject to change. A portion of the distribution may be deemed a return of capital or net realized gain.

# **Performance and Portfolio Management Commentary**

Returns for the 12 months ended December 31, 2017 were as follows:

	Returns Based On		
	Market Price	Net Asset Value	
$BGR^{(a)(b)}$	5.11%	3.49%	
Lipper Natural Resources Funds <sup>(c)</sup>	7.33	1.06	

- (a) All returns reflect reinvestment of dividends and/or distributions at actual reinvestment prices.
- (b) The Trust s discount to NAV narrowed during the period, which accounts for the difference between performance based on market price and performance based on NAV.

(c) Average return. Returns reflect reinvestment of dividends and/or distributions at NAV on the ex-dividend as calculated by Lipper.

Past performance is not indicative of future results. Performance results may include adjustments made for financial reporting purposes in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

# The following discussion relates to the Trust s absolute performance based on NAV:

### What factors influenced performance?

Oil prices, after declining in the first half of the year, staged a strong recovery once signs emerged that the oil market was tighter than many believed. Global inventories declined at a time of the year when they typically rise, suggesting limited availability of near-term supply. However, energy stocks—after falling sharply when oil prices were weak in the first half—did not stage a rebound of equal magnitude in oil—s subsequent rally. In this environment, the Trust—s positions in more leveraged exploration and production (E&P) stocks, such as Anadarko Petroleum Corp. and Hess Corp., detracted from absolute performance.

There was a distinct performance differential between integrated energy companies and E&Ps during the year, with the former outperforming. In addition, international integrated companies outpaced their U.S. counterparts. With this as the backdrop, the Trust sholdings in Royal Dutch Shell PLC and BP PLC were the largest contributors to absolute performance.

The Trust made use of options, principally written call options on individual stocks, in order to seek enhanced income returns while continuing to participate in the performance of the underlying equities. The option overlay strategy had a positive impact on results.

# Describe recent portfolio activity.

Early in the period, the investment adviser increased the Trust s exposure to U.S. onshore energy services companies and funded the purchases by taking profits in certain E&P holdings. Later in the period, the investment adviser increased the Trust s exposure to the integrated energy industry while reducing its allocation to certain U.S.-based E&P stocks. The latter shift included exiting the Trust s position in Hess Corp. and reducing its weighting in EOG Resources, Inc.

### Describe portfolio positioning at period end.

The E&P sector represented the Trust s largest allocation, followed by the integrated, oil services, distribution, and refining & marketing industries, respectively. The investment adviser positioned the Trust with a higher-quality bias, focusing on companies with robust balance sheets and low costs of production.

The views expressed reflect the opinions of BlackRock as of the date of this report and are subject to change based on changes in market, economic or other conditions. These views are not intended to be a forecast of future events and are no guarantee of future results.

Trust Information as of December 31, 2017 (continued)

**BlackRock Energy and Resources Trust** 

# Market Price and Net Asset Value Per Share Summary

	12/31/17	12/31/16	Change	High	Low
Market Price	\$ 14.18	\$ 14.44	(1.80)%	\$ 14.87	\$12.32
Net Asset Value	15.79	16.33	(3.31)	16.57	13.61

Market Price and Net Asset Value History For the Past Five Years

### Overview of the Trust s Total Investments

### TEN LARGEST HOLDINGS

Security	12/31/17
Chevron Corp.	10%
Royal Dutch Shell PLC ADR, Class A	10
Exxon Mobil Corp.	9
BP PLC	7
ConocoPhillips	5
EOG Resources, Inc.	4
Halliburton Co.	4
Pioneer Natural Resources Co.	4
TransCanada Corp.	3
Devon Energy Corp.	3

<sup>\*</sup> Excludes option positions and money market funds.

### INDUSTRY ALLOCATION

Industry	12/31/17	12/31/16
Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels	90%	91%
Energy Equipment & Services	10	9

For Trust compliance purposes, the Trust s industry classifications refer to any one or more of the industry sub-classifications used by one or more widely recognized market indexes or ratings group indexes, and/or as defined by the investment adviser. These definitions may not apply for purposes of this report, which may combine such industry sub-classifications for reporting ease.

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### BlackRock Enhanced Capital and Income Fund, Inc.

# **Investment Objective**

**BlackRock Enhanced Capital and Income Fund, Inc. s (CII) (the Trust**) investment objective is to provide investors with a combination of current income and capital appreciation. The Trust seeks to achieve its investment objective by investing in a portfolio of equity securities of U.S. and foreign issuers. The Trust may invest directly in such securities or synthetically through the use of derivatives. The Trust also seeks to achieve its investment policy by employing a strategy of writing (selling) call and put options.

No assurance can be given that the Trust s investment objective will be achieved.

### **Trust Information**

Symbol on NYSE	CII
Initial Offering Date	April 30, 2004
Current Distribution Rate on Closing Market Price as of December 31, 2017 (\$16.38)(a)	6.07%
Current Monthly Distribution per Common Share <sup>(b)</sup>	\$0.0828
Current Annualized Distribution per Common Share <sup>(b)</sup>	\$0.9936

- (a) Current distribution rate on closing market price is calculated by dividing the current annualized distribution per share by the closing market price. The current distribution rate consists of income, net realized gains and/or a return of capital. See the Financial Highlights for the actual sources and character of distributions. Past performance does not guarantee future results.
- (b) The distribution rate is not constant and is subject to change. A portion of the distribution may be deemed a return of capital or net realized gain.

### **Performance and Portfolio Management Commentary**

Returns for the 12 months ended December 31, 2017 were as follows:

	Returns Based On		
	Market Price	Net Asset Value	
$CII^{(a)(b)}$	27.54%	21.69%	
S&P 500 <sup>®</sup> Index	N/A	21.83	

- (a) All returns reflect reinvestment of dividends and/or distributions at actual reinvestment prices.
- (b) The Trust s discount to NAV narrowed during the period, which accounts for the difference between performance based on market price and performance based on NAV.

N/A Not applicable as the index does not have a market price.

Past performance is not indicative of future results. Performance results may include adjustments made for financial reporting purposes in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

# The following discussion relates to the Trust s relative performance based on the index cited above:

# What factors influenced performance?

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In sector terms, consumer discretionary was the prime contributor to relative performance, led by household durables and specialty retail holdings. Stock selection in energy and materials also added considerable value, as did holdings within the information technology ( IT ) sector. Conversely, utilities and financials detracted from performance.

In stock specifics, Lam Research Corp. and D.R. Horton, Inc. were top individual contributors. Lam performed very well, notably in the first half of the year, on the back of strong execution and growing demand for its products, driven by the build-out of 3D NAND capacity, for which the company is a key supplier. The stock was sold by the end of the reporting period as, in the investment adviser s view, semiconductor capital expenditures are nearing peak levels and Lam s valuation reflected the sustainability of above-normal demand trends. Homebuilders, including D.R. Horton, outperformed during the year on continued strength in single family housing demand, particularly among first-time, entry-level homebuyers. The investment adviser thinks that cyclical and secular drivers (particularly the return of the entry-level homebuyer) should support continued growth in housing markets for the foreseeable future and, hence, sustainable earnings per share growth that is not reflected in current homebuilder share prices.

Additional contributions came from an underweight to General Electric Co., as well as the position in Activision Blizzard, Inc.

Among the largest individual detractors in the period was Walgreens Boots Alliance. Early in the reporting period, sentiment for Walgreens shares was negatively affected by delays in the closing of its highly anticipated merger with peer Rite-Aid. Later, the stock underperformed on press reports that Amazon is evaluating entering the retail pharmacy market. The investment adviser ultimately sold the position on the view that the company s over-reliance on front-of-the-store sales exposes it to potential ongoing sales and margin pressure.

Elsewhere, zero exposure to Amazon.com, Inc. and Facebook, Inc. proved disadvantageous.

The Trust made use of options, principally written call options on individual stocks, in order to seek enhanced income returns while continuing to participate in the performance of the underlying equities. The Trust s option writing strategy had a negative impact on performance during the reporting period.

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Trust Information as of December 31, 2017 (continued)

BlackRock Enhanced Capital and Income Fund, Inc.

# Describe recent portfolio activity.

Due to a combination of portfolio trading activity and market movement during the 12-month period, the Trust s exposure to the health care sector increased, with additions in utilities and materials as well. The largest reductions were in consumer staples and energy.

### Describe portfolio positioning at period end.

From a positioning standpoint, as of period end, the investment adviser continues to favor financials, particularly banks, and is also focusing on stock-specific opportunities to capture growth tied to healthy U.S. consumers. These cyclical positions are balanced with strategic allocations to more stable growers in the health care and IT sectors. The investment adviser continues to underweight defensive stocks, as well as industrials.

The views expressed reflect the opinions of BlackRock as of the date of this report and are subject to change based on changes in market, economic or other conditions. These views are not intended to be a forecast of future events and are no guarantee of future results.

### **Market Price and Net Asset Value Per Share Summary**

	12/31/17	12/31/16	Change	High	Low
Market Price	\$ 16.38	\$ 13.71	19.47%	\$ 16.46	\$ 13.63
Net Asset Value	17.19	15.08	13.99	17.26	15.08

Market Price and Net Asset Value History For the Past Five Years

### Overview of the Trust s Total Investments

## TEN LARGEST HOLDINGS

Security	12/31/17
Apple, Inc.	5%
Alphabet, Inc., Class A	4
Microsoft Corp.	4
JPMorgan Chase & Co.	4
Bank of America Corp.	3
Comcast Corp., Class A	3
Pfizer, Inc.	3
Altria Group, Inc.	2
Home Depot, Inc.	2

Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.

# SECTOR ALLOCATION

Sector	12/31/17 12/	31/16
Information Technology	26%	26%
Financials	17	17
Health Care	16	14
Consumer Discretionary	14	15
Industrials	7	6
Consumer Staples	6	9
Energy	6	8
Materials	5	4
Utilities	3	1

For Trust compliance purposes, the Trust s sector classifications refer to any one or more of the sector sub-classifications used by one or more widely recognized market indexes or ratings group indexes, and/or as defined by the investment adviser. These definitions may not apply for purposes of this report, which may combine such sector sub-classifications for reporting ease.

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<sup>\*</sup> Excludes option positions and money market funds.

Trust Information as of December 31, 2017

### **BlackRock Enhanced Equity Dividend Trust**

### **Investment Objective**

**BlackRock Enhanced Equity Dividend Trust** s (**BDJ**) (the **Trust**) primary investment objective is to provide current income and current gains, with a secondary investment objective of long-term capital appreciation. The Trust seeks to achieve its investment objectives by investing in common stocks that pay dividends and have the potential for capital appreciation and by utilizing an option writing (selling) strategy to seek total return performance and enhance distributions. The Trust invests, under normal market conditions, at least 80% of its total assets in dividend paying equities. The Trust may invest directly in such securities or synthetically through the use of derivatives.

No assurance can be given that the Trust s investment objectives will be achieved.

### **Trust Information**

Symbol on NYSE	BDJ
Initial Offering Date	August 31, 2005
Current Distribution Rate on Closing Market Price as of December 31, 2017 (\$9.23)(a)	6.07%
Current Monthly Distribution per Common Share <sup>(b)</sup>	\$0.0467
Current Annualized Distribution per Common Share <sup>(b)</sup>	\$0.5604

- (a) Current distribution rate on closing market price is calculated by dividing the current annualized distribution per share by the closing market price. The current distribution rate consists of income, net realized gains and/or a return of capital. See the Financial Highlights for the actual sources and character of distributions. Past performance does not guarantee future results.
- (b) The distribution rate is not constant and is subject to change. A portion of the distribution may be deemed a return of capital or net realized gain.

# Performance and Portfolio Management Commentary

Returns for the 12 months ended December 31, 2017 were as follows:

	Returns Based On		
	Market Price	Net Asset Value	
$BDJ^{(a)(b)}$	20.63%	15.06%	
Russell 1000® Value Index	N/A	13.66	

<sup>(</sup>a) All returns reflect reinvestment of dividends and/or distributions at actual reinvestment prices.

N/A Not applicable as the index does not have a market price.

Past performance is not indicative of future results. Performance results may include adjustments made for financial reporting purposes in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

<sup>(</sup>b) The Trust s discount to NAV narrowed during the period, which accounts for the difference between performance based on market price and performance based on NAV.

## The following discussion relates to the Trust s relative performance based on the index cited above:

### What factors influenced performance?

The largest contribution to performance for the 12-month period came from a combination of stock selection and allocation decisions within the health care sector. Notably, stock selection and an overweight to the health care providers & services industry and stock selection in pharmaceuticals added to relative performance. In energy, an underweight to U.S. integrated oil & gas operators and an overweight to their non-U.S.-domiciled peers proved beneficial within the oil, gas & consumable fuels industry. An underweight to the energy equipment & services industry also contributed. Lastly, a combination of stock selection within and an underweight to telecommunication services (telecom) contributed to relative performance, as did an underweight to the real estate sector.

The largest detractor from relative return derived from the portfolio s cash position, as the period saw rising U.S. stock prices. Within utilities, a combination of stock selection within and an underweight to the electric utilities industry negatively impacted returns. In financials, stock selection in the insurance segment and an underweight to the diversified financial services industry detracted. At the industry level, stock selection within food & staples retailing was unfavorable.

The Trust made use of options, principally written call options on individual stocks, in order to seek enhanced income returns while continuing to participate in the performance of the underlying equities. The Trust s option writing strategy had a negative effect on performance.

### Describe recent portfolio activity.

During the 12-month period, the Trust significantly boosted exposure to the health care sector. Holdings within telecom and utilities also were increased. Conversely, the Trust significantly reduced its holdings in the industrials sector. The Trust also reduced exposure to information technology ( IT ) and consumer discretionary.

# Describe portfolio positioning at period end.

The Trust s largest allocations were in the financials, health care and energy sectors. Relative to the benchmark, the Trust s largest overweight positions were in the health care, IT and financials sectors. The Trust s largest relative underweights were in the real estate, consumer discretionary and consumer staples segments.

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Trust Information as of December 31, 2017 (continued)

**BlackRock Enhanced Equity Dividend Trust** 

# Market Price and Net Asset Value Per Share Summary

	12/31/17	12/31/16	Change	High	Low
Market Price	\$ 9.23	\$ 8.15	13.25%	\$ 9.31	\$8.13
Net Asset Value	9.96	9.22	8.03	10.02	9.16

Market Price and Net Asset Value History For the Past Five Years

# Overview of the Trust s Total Investments

# TEN LARGEST HOLDINGS

Security		12/31/17
JPMorgan Chase & Co.		4%
Bank of America Corp.		4
Citigroup, Inc.		4
Pfizer, Inc.		4
Wells Fargo & Co.		3
Oracle Corp.		3
Anthem, Inc.		3
Royal Dutch Shell PLC	ADR	3
Microsoft Corp.		2
Suncor Energy, Inc.		2

<sup>\*</sup> Excludes option positions and money market funds.

# SECTOR ALLOCATION

Sector	12/31/17 12	2/31/16
Financials	29%	30%
Health Care	19	14
Energy	12	12
Information Technology	10	9
Industrials	8	12
Consumer Staples	7	7
Utilities	5	5
Consumer Discretionary	4	6

Materials	3	3
Telecommunication Services	3	2

For Trust compliance purposes, the Trust s sector classifications refer to any one or more of the sector sub-classifications used by one or more widely recognized market indexes or ratings group indexes, and/or as defined by the investment adviser. These definitions may not apply for purposes of this report, which may combine such sector sub-classifications for reporting ease.

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#### **BlackRock Enhanced Global Dividend Trust**

# **Investment Objective**

BlackRock Enhanced Global Dividend Trust s (BOE) (the Trust) primary investment objective is to provide current income and current gains, with a secondary investment objective of long-term capital appreciation. The Trust seeks to achieve its investment objectives by investing primarily in equity securities issued by companies located in countries throughout the world and utilizing an option writing (selling) strategy to seek total return performance and enhance distributions. Under normal circumstances, the Trust invests at least 80% of its net assets in dividend-paying equity securities and at least 40% of its assets outside of the U.S. (unless market conditions are not deemed favorable by Trust management, in which case the Trust would invest at least 30% of its assets outside of the U.S.). The Trust may invest in securities of companies of any market capitalization, but intends to invest primarily in securities of large capitalization companies. The Trust may invest directly in such securities or synthetically through the use of derivatives.

On March 22, 2017, the Trust s Board approved a change to the Trust s name from BlackRock Global Opportunities Equity Trust to BlackRock Enhanced Global Dividend Trust. The Board also approved changes to certain of the Trust s non-fundamental investment policies. Please refer to the Additional Information section. These changes became effective on June 12, 2017.

No assurance can be given that the Trust s investment objectives will be achieved.

### **Trust Information**

Symbol on NYSE	BOE
Initial Offering Date	May 31, 2005
Current Distribution Rate on Closing Market Price as of December 31, 2017 (\$12.51) <sup>(a)</sup>	7.48%
Current Monthly Distribution per Common Share <sup>(b)</sup>	\$0.0780
Current Annualized Distribution per Common Share <sup>(b)</sup>	\$0.9360

- (a) Current distribution rate on closing market price is calculated by dividing the current annualized distribution per share by the closing market price. The current distribution rate consists of income, net realized gains and/or a return of capital. See the Financial Highlights for the actual sources and character of distributions. Past performance does not guarantee future results.
- (b) The distribution rate is not constant and is subject to change. A portion of the distribution may be deemed a return of capital or net realized gain.

# **Performance and Portfolio Management Commentary**

Returns for the 12 months ended December 31, 2017 were as follows:

	Returns Based On		
	Market Price	Net Asset Value	
$BOE^{(a)(b)}$ .	28.28%	17.22%	
MSCI All Country World Index	N/A	23.97	

- (a) All returns reflect reinvestment of dividends and/or distributions at actual reinvestment prices.
- (b) The Trust s discount to NAV narrowed during the period, which accounts for the difference between performance based on market price and performance based on NAV.
- N/A Not applicable as the index does not have a market price.

Past performance is not indicative of future results. Performance results may include adjustments made for financial reporting purposes in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

# The following discussion relates to the Trust s relative performance based on the index cited above:

# What factors influenced performance?

The Trust s overweight to consumer staples detracted from returns, as did stock selection in the sector. In particular, exposure to tobacco stocks Imperial Brands PLC, Altria Group, Inc. and Philip Morris International, Inc. held back performance. Stock selection within materials and consumer discretionary also weighed on returns.

The leading contributor to relative performance during the period was stock selection in telecommunication services (telecom), notably within the diversified telecom services sub-industry, where a lack of exposure to AT&T, Inc. added to results. Positive stock selection within the financials sector contributed to returns, notably bank holdings Federal Bank Ltd. and Unicredit SpA. An underweight to utilities also boosted performance.

The Trust made use of options, principally written call options on individual stocks, in order to seek enhanced income returns while continuing to participate in the performance of the underlying equities. The Trust s options writing strategy detracted from returns.

### Describe recent portfolio activity.

The Trust significantly increased exposure to consumer staples, with a focus on the tobacco industry, as well as to health care, where pharmaceuticals were favored. In contrast, the Trust eliminated exposure to energy and significantly reduced its holdings in financials, mainly banks.

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Trust Information as of December 31, 2017 (continued)

**BlackRock Enhanced Global Dividend Trust** 

# Describe portfolio positioning at period end.

At period end, the Trust s largest sector overweights were in the consumer staples and health care sectors, with an emphasis on the tobacco and pharmaceuticals industries, respectively. The largest underweights were to information technology and financials. The Trust had no exposure to real estate, utilities or energy at the end of the period. From a regional perspective, a majority of portfolio assets was invested either within the United States or Europe, with significant exposure in the United Kingdom and Switzerland.

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### Market Price and Net Asset Value Per Share Summary

	12/31/17	12/31/16	Change	High	Low
Market Price	\$ 12.51	\$ 11.57	8.12%	\$13.94	\$ 11.57
Net Asset Value	13.22	13.38	(1.20)	14.61	13.10

Market Price and Net Asset Value History For the Past Five Years

### Overview of the Trust s Total Investments

### TEN LARGEST HOLDINGS

Security	12/31/17
British American Tobacco PLC	4%
Altria Group, Inc.	4
Imperial Brands PLC	4
Johnson & Johnson	3
Sanofi	3
Cisco Systems, Inc.	3
Novartis AG, Registered Shares	3
Philip Morris International, Inc.	3
Rogers Communications, Inc., Class B	3
Genuine Parts Co.	3

<sup>\*</sup> Excludes option positions and money market funds.

### GEOGRAPHIC ALLOCATION

Country	12/31/17	12/31/16
United States	42%	59%
United Kingdom	16	6
Switzerland	10	2
Canada	6	1
Australia	4	
France	3	2
Taiwan	3	
Germany	3	2
Belgium	2	2
Japan	2	6
Finland	2	
Sweden	2	(a)
China	(a)	3
India	(a)	3
Italy	(a)	2
Spain	(a)	1
Other	5 <sup>(b)</sup>	11 <sup>(c)</sup>

<sup>(</sup>a) Representing less than 1% of the Trust s total investments.

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<sup>(</sup>b) Other includes a 1% holding or less in each of the following countries: Denmark, Hong Kong, India and Netherlands.

<sup>(</sup>c) Other includes a 1% holding or less in each of the following countries: Australia, Denmark, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, South Africa, South Korea, Sweden, Taiwan and Thailand.

Trust Information as of December 31, 2017

### **BlackRock Enhanced International Dividend Trust**

# **Investment Objective**

BlackRock Enhanced International Dividend Trust s (BGY) (the Trust) primary investment objective is to provide current income and current gains, with a secondary objective of long-term capital appreciation. The Trust seeks to achieve its investment objectives by investing primarily in equity securities issued by companies of any market capitalization located in countries throughout the world and utilizing an option writing (selling) strategy to seek total return performance and enhance distributions. The Trust invests, under normal circumstances, at least 80% of its net assets in dividend-paying equity securities issued by non-U.S. companies of any market capitalization, but intends to invest primarily in securities of large capitalization companies. The Trust may invest directly in such securities or synthetically through the use of derivatives.

On March 22, 2017, the Trust s Board approved a change to the Trust s name from BlackRock International Growth & Income Trust to BlackRock Enhanced International Dividend Trust. The Board also approved changes to certain of the Trust s non-fundamental investment policies. Please refer to the Additional Information section. These changes became effective on June 12, 2017.

No assurance can be given that the Trust s investment objectives will be achieved.

### **Trust Information**

Symbol on NYSE	BGY
Initial Offering Date	May 30, 2007
Current Distribution Rate on Closing Market Price as of December 31, 2017 (\$6.52) <sup>(a)</sup>	6.99%
Current Monthly Distribution per Common Share <sup>(b)</sup>	\$0.0380
Current Annualized Distribution per Common Share <sup>(b)</sup>	\$0.4560

- (a) Current distribution rate on closing market price is calculated by dividing the current annualized distribution per share by the closing market price. The current distribution rate consists of income, net realized gains and/or a return of capital. See the Financial Highlights for the actual sources and character of distributions. Past performance does not guarantee future results.
- (b) The distribution rate is not constant and is subject to change. A portion of the distribution may be deemed a return of capital or net realized gain.

### **Performance and Portfolio Management Commentary**

Returns for the 12 months ended December 31, 2017 were as follows:

	Returns Based On		
	Market Price	Net Asset Value	
$BGY^{(a)(b)}$ .	27.23%	20.88%	
MSCI All Country World Index ex-USA	N/A	27.19	

- (a) All returns reflect reinvestment of dividends and/or distributions at actual reinvestment prices.
- (b) The Trust s discount to NAV narrowed during the period, which accounts for the difference between performance based on market price and performance based on NAV.

N/A Not applicable as the index does not have a market price.

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# The following discussion relates to the Trust s relative performance based on the index cited above:

# What factors influenced performance?

An overweight to and stock selection in health care detracted from relative performance, mainly driven by pharmaceuticals exposure. In addition, stock selection in consumer discretionary weighed on relative return, due largely to holdings within the internet and direct retail marketing industry. An overweight and stock selection in consumer staples also detracted, with tobacco holdings lagging the most. Lastly, an overweight to the materials sector constrained returns.

The leading contributor to relative performance during the period was positive stock selection within the financials sector, largely due to the Trust s position in HDFC Bank Ltd., India s second largest private bank. Favorable stock selection in information technology, notably within the software sector, also contributed to returns. Finally, stock selection in industrials and telecommunication services was additive.

The Trust made use of options, principally written call options on individual stocks, in order to seek enhanced income returns while continuing to participate in the performance of the underlying equities. The Trust s options writing strategy detracted from relative returns.

### Describe recent portfolio activity.

The Trust significantly increased exposure to consumer staples, with a focus on the tobacco industry, as well as to health care, where pharmaceuticals were favored. In contrast, the Trust eliminated exposure to energy and significantly reduced its holdings in financials, mainly banks.

### Describe portfolio positioning at period end.

At period end, the Trust s largest sector overweights were in the consumer staples and health care sectors, with an emphasis on the tobacco and pharmaceuticals industries, respectively. The largest underweight exposure was to financials, particularly banks. The Trust had no exposure to real estate, utilities or energy. In regional terms, the majority of portfolio assets was invested in European equities, with significant exposure to the United Kingdom and Switzerland.

Trust Information as of December 31, 2017 (continued)

**BlackRock Enhanced International Dividend Trust** 

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# Market Price and Net Asset Value Per Share Summary

	12/31/17	12/31/16	Change	High	Low
Market Price	\$ 6.52	\$ 5.51	18.33%	\$6.71	\$ 5.45
Net Asset Value	7.06	6.28	12.42	7.10	6.28

Market Price and Net Asset Value History For the Past Five Years

### Overview of the Trust s Total Investments

# TEN LARGEST HOLDINGS

Security	12/31/17
British American Tobacco PLC	5%
Imperial Brands PLC	4
Sanofi	4
Novartis AG, Registered Shares	3
Rogers Communications, Inc., Class B	3
TELUS Corp.	3
Nestle SA	3
WisdomTree Japan Hedged Equity Fund	3
Deutsche Post AG, Registered Shares	3
Japan Tobacco, Inc.	3

<sup>\*</sup> Excludes option positions and money market funds.

# **GEOGRAPHIC ALLOCATION**

Country	12/31/17	12/31/16
United Kingdom	19%	16%
Switzerland	12	5
Canada	7	5
United States	6	8

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France	6	9
Netherlands	6	6
China	6	5
Australia	5	
Japan	5	8
Germany	5	6
Taiwan	3	
Belgium	3	2
Sweden	3	1
Finland	2	
Hong Kong	2	2
India	2	4
South Korea	2	3
South Africa	2	
Denmark	2	
Ireland	(a)	2
Italy		6
Spain		1
Mexico		1
Other	2 <sup>(b)</sup>	10 <sup>(c)</sup>

<sup>(</sup>a) Representing less than 1% of the Trust s total investments.

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<sup>(</sup>b) Other includes a 1% holding or less in each of the following countries: Ireland and Portugal.

<sup>(</sup>c) Other includes a 1% holding or less in each of the following countries: Australia, Denmark, Indonesia, Israel, New Zealand, Norway, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, South Africa, Taiwan and Thailand.

Trust Information as of December 31, 2017

**BlackRock Health Sciences Trust** 

# **Investment Objective**

**BlackRock Health Sciences Trust** s (BME) (the Trust ) investment objective is to provide total return through a combination of current income, current gains and long-term capital appreciation. The Trust seeks to achieve its investment objective by investing, under normal market conditions, at least 80% of its total assets in equity securities of companies engaged in the health sciences and related industries and equity derivatives with exposure to the health sciences industry. The Trust seeks to pursue this goal primarily by investing in a portfolio of equity securities and utilizing an option over-writing strategy in an effort to seek total return performance and enhance distributions.

No assurance can be given that the Trust s investment objective will be achieved.

### **Trust Information**

Symbol on NYSE	BME
Initial Offering Date	March 31, 2005
Current Distribution Rate on Closing Market Price as of December 31, 2017 (\$36.50) <sup>(a)</sup>	6.58%
Current Monthly Distribution per Common Share <sup>(b)</sup>	\$0.2000
Current Annualized Distribution per Common Share <sup>(b)</sup>	\$2.4000

- (a) Current distribution rate on closing market price is calculated by dividing the current annualized distribution per share by the closing market price. The current distribution rate consists of income, net realized gains and/or a return of capital. See the Financial Highlights for the actual sources and character of distributions. Past performance does not guarantee future results.
- (b) The distribution rate is not constant and is subject to change. A portion of the distribution may be deemed a return of capital or net realized gain.

# **Performance and Portfolio Management Commentary**

Returns for the 12 months ended December 31, 2017 were as follows:

	Returns Based On		
	Market Price	Net Asset Value	
$BME^{(a)(b)}$	23.17%	22.17%	
Russell 3000® Healthcare Index	N/A	23.13	

- (a) All returns reflect reinvestment of dividends and/or distributions at actual reinvestment prices.
- (b) The Trust s premium to NAV widened during the period, which accounts for the difference between performance based on market price and performance based on NAV.

Past performance is not indicative of future results. Performance results may include adjustments made for financial reporting purposes in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

The following discussion relates to the Trust s relative performance based on the index cited above:

# What factors influenced performance?

Health care stocks produced strong absolute returns in 2017 amid the steady rally in the broader market. However, the sector lagged the headline indices somewhat due to investors preference for economically sensitive stocks.

The medical devices & supplies subsector was the sole detractor from relative performance due to underweights in the life sciences tools and health care supplies industries. However, positions in the health care equipment industry, including C.R. Bard, Inc. (which was acquired), Baxter International, Inc., Intuitive Surgical, Inc. and Stryker Corp., aided results.

The Trust generated outperformance in three out of four subsectors (health care providers & services, biotechnology and pharmaceuticals). The health care providers & services subsector had the largest positive effect on performance, largely due to the Trust s overweight allocation to the managed care industry. Some of the key contributors in this area were UnitedHealth Group, Inc., Cigna Corp., Centene Corp., Aetna, Inc. and Anthem, Inc., all of which were bolstered by their of solid business results.

The biotechnology subsector also was a meaningful contributor to relative performance due to the investment adviser s effective stock selection. Vertex Pharmaceuticals, Inc., which reported favorable results in its cystic fibrosis franchise earlier in the year, was a key contributor. Similarly, positions in Sarepta Therapeutics, Inc., AveXis, Inc. and Alnylam Pharmaceuticals, Inc., were notable contributors due to positive clinical developments. The Trust also benefited from an overweight position in Celgene Corp. for most of the year and then scaling back to an underweight stance before the company reported disappointing financial results in October.

In pharmaceuticals, underweight positions in Merck & Co., Inc. and Pfizer, Inc., combined with an out-of-benchmark position in AstraZeneca PLC, were the key drivers of the Trust s positive performance.

The Trust made use of options, principally written call options on individual stocks, in order to seek enhanced income returns while continuing to participate in the performance of the underlying equities. This strategy detracted from performance given the double-digit absolute return for health care stocks in 2017.

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**BlackRock Health Sciences Trust** 

# Describe recent portfolio activity.

The Trust increased its allocation to the medical devices & supplies subsector and reduced its weightings in the health care providers & services area. The Trust s allocations in biotechnology and pharmaceuticals were largely unchanged.

# Describe portfolio positioning at period end.

The Trust continued to employ a bottom-up, fundamental investment process in an effort to construct a balanced, diversified portfolio of health care stocks. The investment adviser continued to look for companies that can benefit from the aging demographics in both developed and developing countries, as well as those participating in the innovation occurring in the medical technology.

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## Market Price and Net Asset Value Per Share Summary

	12/31/17	12/31/16	Change	High	Low
Market Price	\$ 36.50	\$ 31.75	14.96%	\$38.00	\$31.75
Net Asset Value	35.69	31.30	14.03	36.12	31.30

Market Price and Net Asset Value History For the Past Five Years

### Overview of the Trust s Total Investments

### TEN LARGEST HOLDINGS

Security	12/31/17
UnitedHealth Group, Inc.	9%
Pfizer, Inc.	4
Medtronic PLC	4
Stryker Corp.	4
Abbott Laboratories	4
Amgen, Inc.	3
Cigna Corp.	3
Johnson & Johnson	3

Biogen, Inc.	2
Quest Diagnostics, Inc.	2

<sup>\*</sup> Excludes option positions and money market funds.

# INDUSTRY ALLOCATION

Industry	12/31/17	12/31/16
Health Care Providers & Services	25%	30%
Biotechnology	25	24
Pharmaceuticals	24	23
Health Care Equipment & Supplies	23	21
Life Sciences Tools & Services	2	1
Diversified Consumer Services	1	1

For Trust compliance purposes, the Trust s industry classifications refer to any one or more of the industry sub-classifications used by one or more widely recognized market indexes or ratings group indexes, and/or as defined by the investment adviser. These definitions may not apply for purposes of this report, which may combine such industry sub-classifications for reporting ease.

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### **BlackRock Resources & Commodities Strategy Trust**

# **Investment Objective**

BlackRock Resources & Commodities Strategy Trust s (BCX) (the Trust) primary investment objective is to seek high current income and current gains, with a secondary objective of capital appreciation. The Trust will seek to achieve its investment objectives, under normal market conditions, by investing at least 80% of its total assets in equity securities issued by commodity or natural resources companies, derivatives with exposure to commodity or natural resources companies or investments in securities and derivatives linked to the underlying price movement of commodities or natural resources. While permitted, the Trust does not currently expect to invest in securities and derivatives linked to the underlying price movement of commodities or natural resources. The Trust seeks to pursue this goal primarily by investing in a portfolio of equity securities and utilizing an option overwriting strategy in an effort to seek total return performance and enhance distributions.

No assurance can be given that the Trust s investment objectives will be achieved.

### **Trust Information**

Symbol on NYSE	BCX
Initial Offering Date	March 30, 2011
Current Distribution Rate on Closing Market Price as of December 31, 2017 (\$9.77)(a)	6.34%
Current Monthly Distribution per Common Share <sup>(b)</sup>	\$0.0516
Current Annualized Distribution per Common Share <sup>(b)</sup>	\$0.6192

- (a) Current distribution rate on closing market price is calculated by dividing the current annualized distribution per share by the closing market price. The current distribution rate consists of income, net realized gains and/or a return of capital. See the Financial Highlights for the actual sources and character of distributions. Past performance does not guarantee future results.
- (b) The distribution rate is not constant and is subject to change. A portion of the distribution may be deemed a return of capital or net realized gain.

# **Performance and Portfolio Management Commentary**

Returns for the 12 months ended December 31, 2017 were as follows:

	Returns Based On	
	Market Price	Net Asset Value
$BCX^{(a)(b)}$	26.55%	15.60%
Lipper Natural Resources Funds(c)	7.33	1.06

- (a) All returns reflect reinvestment of dividends and/or distributions at actual reinvestment prices.
- (b) The Trust s discount to NAV narrowed during the period, which accounts for the difference between

- performance based on market price and performance based on NAV.
- (c) Average return. Returns reflect reinvestment of dividends and/or distributions at NAV on the ex-dividend as calculated by Lipper.

Past performance is not indicative of future results. Performance results may include adjustments made for financial reporting purposes in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

### The following discussion relates to the Trust s absolute performance based on NAV:

### What factors influenced performance?

The Trust s allocation to the mining sector made a positive contribution to absolute returns in 2017. Economic data from China was better than expected, and the country s measures to remove excess capacity in a number of industries was supportive for commodity prices such as zinc, where Chinese production fell year-over-year. Capacity rationalization, combined with solid demand and supply constraints stemming from the underinvestment in new mines in recent years, provided a highly favorable backdrop for the market. Base metals experienced the best performance, with copper and zinc moving to four- and ten-year highs, respectively. Precious metals prices also posted positive returns amid U.S. dollar weakness. While the price of iron ore declined, it remained meaningfully above analysts consensus and considerably higher than the lows of December 2015. The iron ore price, at these levels, supported healthy profit margins for mining companies. In this environment, the Trust s holdings in Glencore PLC, Rio Tinto PLC and Vale SA all contributed to absolute returns.

The sandalwood producer Quintis Ltd. was the largest detractor from absolute performance. The company was the focus of a short seller report in March 2017, and in May it announced that it had lost a contract. While the contract was for a relatively small amount of product, the loss highlighted an internal control issue and raised concerns about the company s management practices. Quintis later entered a voluntary trading halt and announced it was in discussions with multiple parties regarding debt and equity options.

The exploration & production company ( E&P ) Anadarko Petroleum Corp., which was negatively affected by the broader sell-off in energy stocks during the first half of the period, also detracted from returns. In addition, the company was linked to two operational incidents with fatalities. The Trust exited the position in November.

The Trust made use of options, principally written call options on individual stocks, in order to seek enhanced income returns while continuing to participate in the performance of the underlying equities. The option overlay strategy had an adverse effect on results at a time of positive performance for the overall sector.

# Describe recent portfolio activity.

The investment adviser increased the Trust s weighting in the mining industry while taking profits in certain agriculture stocks that had performed well earlier in the year. It also rotated its energy holdings by exiting the E&P stocks Anadarko Petroleum Corp. and Hess Corp. and adding to positions in the integrated energy companies Chevron Corp. and Exxon Corp.

Trust Information as of December 31, 2017 (continued)

BlackRock Resources & Commodities Strategy Trust

The battery-materials space (lithium and cobalt, and to a lesser extent, nickel and copper) grew in prominence in 2017. Investors excitement about the transition to electric vehicles mounted as countries stepped up their regulatory support efforts. China, for example, announced plans to introduce a ban on vehicles powered by fossil fuels. The shift toward electric vehicles led to an improving demand outlook for the related commodities. Accordingly, the investment adviser continued to seek opportunities in this area.

### Describe portfolio positioning at period end.

The energy sector represented the Trust s largest allocation, followed by mining and agriculture, respectively.

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## Market Price and Net Asset Value Per Share Summary

	12/31/17	12/31/16	Change	High	Low
Market Price	\$ 9.77	\$ 8.27	18.14%	\$ 9.82	\$7.76
Net Asset Value	10.64	9.86	7.91	10.65	9.00

Market Price and Net Asset Value History For Past Five Years

## Overview of the Trust s Total Investments

### TEN LARGEST HOLDINGS

Security	12/31/17
Royal Dutch Shell PLC ADR, Class A	6%
BP PLC ADR	6
Chevron Corp.	6
Glencore PLC	5
Agrium, Inc.	4
Vale SA ADR	4
Rio Tinto PLC ADR	3
First Quantum Minerals Ltd.	3
Teck Resources Ltd.	3
Packaging Corp. of America	3

\* Excludes option positions and money market funds.

### INDUSTRY ALLOCATION

Industry	12/31/17	12/31/16
Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels	34%	34%
Metals & Mining	34	30
Chemicals	13	18
Food Products	11	5
Energy Equipment & Services	3	3
Containers & Packaging	3	6
Paper & Forest Products	1	1
Machinery	1	
Food & Staples Retailing		2
Other	(a)	1 <sup>(b)</sup>

- (a) Other includes less than 1% in each of the following industries: Advertising Agencies.
- (b) Other includes less than 1% in each of the following industries: Building Products, Electric Utilities, Electrical Equipment, Electronic Equipment, Independent Power and Renewable Electricity Producers, Instruments & Components, Machinery, Multi-Utilities, Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs), Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment and Water Utilities.

For Trust compliance purposes, the Trust s industry classifications refer to any one or more of the industry sub-classifications used by one or more widely recognized market indexes or ratings group indexes, and/or as defined by the investment adviser. These definitions may not apply for purposes of this report, which may combine such industry sub-classifications for reporting ease.

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BlackRock Science and Technology Trust

# **Investment Objective**

**BlackRock Science and Technology Trust** s (**BST**) (the **Trust**) investment objective is to provide income and total return through a combination of current income, current gains and long-term capital appreciation. The Trust seeks to achieve its investment objective by investing, under normal market conditions, at least 80% of its total assets in equity securities of science and technology companies. The Trust seeks to pursue this goal primarily by investing in a portfolio of equity securities and utilizing an option over-writing strategy in an effort to seek total return performance and enhance distributions.

No assurance can be given that the Trust s investment objective will be achieved.

### **Trust Information**

Symbol on NYSE	BST
Initial Offering Date	October 30, 2014
Current Distribution Rate on Closing Market Price as of December 31, 2017 (\$26.69)(a)	5.84%
Current Monthly Distribution per Common Share <sup>(b)</sup>	\$0.1300
Current Annualized Distribution per Common Share <sup>(b)</sup>	\$1.5600

- (a) Current distribution rate on closing market price is calculated by dividing the current annualized distribution per share by the closing market price. The current distribution rate consists of income, net realized gains and/or a return of capital. See the Financial Highlights for the actual sources and character of distributions. Past performance does not guarantee future results.
- (b) The distribution rate is not constant and is subject to change. A portion of the distribution may be deemed a return of capital or net realized gain.

# Performance and Portfolio Management Commentary

Returns for the 12 months ended December 31, 2017 were as follows:

	Returns Based On		
	Market Price	Net Asset Value	
$BST^{(a)(b)}$ .	57.15%	45.73%	
MSCI World Information Technology Index	N/A	38.23	

<sup>(</sup>a) All returns reflect reinvestment of dividends and/or distributions at actual reinvestment prices.

N/A Not applicable as the index does not have a market price.

Past performance is not indicative of future results. Performance results may include adjustments made for financial reporting purposes in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

<sup>(</sup>b) The Trust s discount to NAV narrowed during the period, which accounts for the difference between performance based on market price and performance based on NAV.

### The following discussion relates to the Trust s relative performance based on the index cited above:

### What factors influenced performance?

Positive contributions to the Trust s relative performance were led by positions within the software & services group. These included mobile payment company Square Inc., video game publishers Take-Two Interactive Software, Inc., Activision Blizzard, Inc. and Nintendo Co. Ltd., and software engineering firm Altair Engineering. E-commerce holdings within the internet software & services industry also added to performance, including Chinese ecommerce giants Tencent Holdings Ltd. and Alibaba Group Holding Ltd., as well as Shopify, Inc. (Canada) and MercadoLibre, Inc. (Argentina). Positioning within semiconductor & semiconductor equipment boosted performance as well, led by SOITEC, STMicroelectronics NV, Ulvac, Inc. and LAM Research Corp.

Conversely, within the technology hardware & equipment industry group, the Trust s underweights to consumer product firms Apple, Inc. and Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd., combined with overweight positions in handset component provider Sunny Optical Technology Co. Ltd. and chipmaker Advanced Micro Devices, Inc., detracted from performance. Other detractors included Tesla, Inc. in the automobile industry, RYB Education within consumer services and Jainpu Technology, Inc. in diversified financials.

The Trust made use of options, principally written call options on individual stocks, in order to seek enhanced income returns while continuing to participate in the performance of the underlying equities. The Trust s options writing strategy detracted from returns.

### Describe recent portfolio activity.

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The Trust added to positions in software & services, largely within the internet software & services sub-industry, while holdings in semiconductor & semiconductor equipment and technology hardware & equipment were slightly decreased.

# Describe portfolio positioning at period end.

The Trust held its largest allocation within the software & services industry group, particularly idiosyncratic opportunities within the internet software & services and application software sub-industries. The portfolio also held large allocations in more stable cash flow businesses within the semiconductor & semiconductor equipment and technology hardware & equipment industries segments. Regionally, the Trust maintained most of its exposure in North America, followed by notable weights to the emerging markets and Europe.

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# Market Price and Net Asset Value Per Share Summary

	12/31/17	12/31/16	Change	High	Low
Market Price	\$ 26.69	\$ 17.94	48.77%	\$ 27.45	\$ 17.94
Net Asset Value	27.73	20.10	37.96	28.93	20.10

**Market Price and Net Asset Value History Since Inception** 

# Overview of the Trust's Total Investment\*

# TEN LARGEST HOLDINGS

Security	12/31/17
Tencent Holdings Ltd.	6%
Alphabet, Inc.	6
Apple, Inc.	6
Microsoft Corp.	5
Amazon.com, Inc.	5
Alibaba Group Holding Ltd. ADR	4
Facebook, Inc.	3
Visa, Inc.	2
Broadcom Ltd.	2
Mastercard, Inc.	2

<sup>\*</sup> Excludes option positions and money market funds.

# INDUSTRY ALLOCATION

Industry	12/31/17	12/31/16
Internet Software & Services	28%	23%

<sup>(</sup>a) Commencement of operations.

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Software	22	21
Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment	18	19
IT Services	10	11
Technology Hardware, Storage & Peripherals	7	7
Internet & Direct Marketing Retail	6	7
Electronic Equipment, Instruments & Components	2	2
Media	1	2
Equity Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs)		4
Diversified Telecommunication Services		1
Other	6 <sup>(a)</sup>	3(b)

<sup>(</sup>a) Other includes a 1% holding or less in each of the following industries: Automobiles, Chemicals, Consumer Finance, Electrical Equipment, Household Durables and Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs).

For Trust compliance purposes, the Trust s industry classifications refer to any one or more of the industry sub-classifications used by one or more widely recognized market indexes or ratings group indexes, and/or as defined by the investment adviser. These definitions may not apply for purposes of this report, which may combine such industry sub-classifications for reporting ease.

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<sup>(</sup>b) Other includes a 1% holding or less in each of the following industries; Communications Equipment, Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure, Professional Services, Household Durables and Wireless Telecommunication Services.

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BlackRock Utilities, Infrastructure & Power Opportunities Trust

# **Investment Objective**

BlackRock Utilities, Infrastructure & Power Opportunities Trust s (BUI) (the Trust) investment objective is to provide total return through a combination of current income, current gains and long-term capital appreciation. The Trust seeks to achieve its investment objective by investing primarily in equity securities issued by companies that are engaged in the Utilities, Infrastructure and Power Opportunities business segments anywhere in the world and by utilizing an option writing (selling) strategy in an effort to seek total return performance and enhance distributions. The Trust considers the Utilities business segment to include products, technologies and services connected to the management, ownership, operation, construction, development or financing of facilities used to generate, transmit or distribute electricity, water, natural resources or telecommunications, the Infrastructure business segment to include companies that own or operate infrastructure assets or that are involved in the development, construction, distribution or financing of infrastructure assets and the Power Opportunities business segment to include companies with a significant involvement in, supporting, or necessary to renewable energy technology and development, alternative fuels, energy efficiency, automotive and sustainable mobility and technologies that enable or support the growth and adoption of new power and energy sources. Under normal circumstances, the Trust invests a substantial amount of its total assets in foreign issuers, issuers that primarily trade in a market located outside the United States or issuers that do a substantial amount of business outside the United States. The Trust may invest directly in such securities or synthetically through the use of derivatives.

On September 6, 2017, the Trust s Board approved a proposal to change the name of BlackRock Utility and Infrastructure Trust to BlackRock Utilities, Infrastructure & Power Opportunities Trust. The Board also approved changes to certain of the Trust s non-fundamental investment policies. Please refer to the Additional Information section. These changes became effective on November 27, 2017.

No assurance can be given that the Trust s investment objective will be achieved.

## **Trust Information**

Symbol on NYSE	BUI
Initial Offering Date	November 25, 2011
Current Distribution Rate on Closing Market Price as of December 31, 2017 (\$21.62) <sup>(a)</sup>	6.72%
Current Monthly Distribution per Common Share <sup>(b)</sup>	\$0.1210
Current Annualized Distribution per Common Share <sup>(b)</sup>	\$1.4520

- (a) Current distribution rate on closing market price is calculated by dividing the current annualized distribution per share by the closing market price. The current distribution rate consists of income, net realized gains and/or a return of capital. See the Financial Highlights for the actual sources and character of distributions. Past performance does not guarantee future results.
- (b) The distribution rate is not constant and is subject to change. A portion of the distribution may be deemed a return of capital or net realized gain.

# **Performance and Portfolio Management Commentary**

Returns for the 12 months ended December 31, 2017 were as follows:

Returns	Racad	On
Returns	Based	C)n

	Market Price	Net Asset Value
$BUI^{(a)(b)}$	25.93%	16.62%
Lipper Utility Funds(c)	21.54	14.34

- (a) All returns reflect reinvestment of dividends and/or distributions at actual reinvestment prices.
- (b) The Trust moved from a discount to NAV to a premium during the period, which accounts for the difference between performance based on market price and performance based on NAV.
- (c) Average return. Returns reflect reinvestment of dividends and/or distributions at NAV on the ex-dividend date as calculated by Lipper.

Past performance is not indicative of future results. Performance results may include adjustments made for financial reporting purposes in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

# The following discussion relates to the Trust s absolute performance based on NAV:

# What factors influenced performance?

The largest contributor to performance was the Trust s exposure to utilities. Utilities performed strongly during the period, as investors continued to seek higher-yielding equities. From an industry standpoint, stock selection in electric utilities and independent power & renewable electricity producers were the most noteworthy contributors to performance. Within the electric utilities industry, the Trust s performance benefited from positions in Florida-based NextEra Energy, Inc. and Italian utility operator Enel SpA.

The largest detractor from performance was the Trust s position in the energy sector, which has been negatively impacted by weak investor sentiment toward the sector. Specifically, the Trust s position in the oil, gas, & consumable fuels industry notably detracted from performance, especially among midstream master limited partnerships Plains All American Pipeline, LP, Energy Transfer Partners, LP and Genesis Energy, LP.

The Trust made use of options, principally written call options on individual stocks, in order to seek enhanced income returns while continuing to participate in the performance of the underlying equities. The Trust s option writing strategy detracted from performance during the period.

# Describe recent portfolio activity.

During the period, the Trust targeted companies that will benefit from the transition to a low carbon economy, both in the utilities sector and in other industries. The investment adviser believes that we have entered a period of significant disruption during which those companies that have embraced the transition to a lower carbon

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world and begun to integrate renewable energy will outperform, while those that have been slow to make that transition will suffer from pressure on their business models. This has already begun in Europe, where renewable energy adoption is more advanced, but the trend is likely to affect the sector globally. The Trust s evolution in its portfolio positioning addressed these structural shifts.

# Describe portfolio positioning at period end.

The utilities sector accounted for approximately 62% of the Trust s assets. The Trust had approximately 21% and 12% of its assets invested in the industrials and energy sectors, respectively, while the remainder was invested in other infrastructure- and power-related sectors.

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# Market Price and Net Asset Value Per Share Summary

	12/31/17	12/31/16	Change	High	Low
Market Price	\$ 21.62	\$ 18.41	17.44%	\$21.72	\$18.36
Net Asset Value	21.12	19.42	8.75	21.73	19.42

Market Price and Net Asset Value History For the Past Five Years

### Overview of the Trust s Total Investments

### TEN LARGEST HOLDINGS

Security	12/31/17
NextEra Energy, Inc.	10%
Enel SpA	5
EDP Renovaveis SA	4
Dominion Energy, Inc.	4
National Grid PLC	4
Atlantia SpA	4
Public Service Enterprise Group, Inc.	3
Duke Energy Corp.	3
Transurban Group	3
Exelon Corp.	3

\* Excludes option positions and money market funds.

### INDUSTRY ALLOCATION

Industry	12/31/17	12/31/16
Electric Utilities	33%	28%
Multi-Utilities	20	22
Transportation Infrastructure	15	14
Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels	12	20
Independent Power and Renewable Electricity Producers	8	4
Construction & Engineering	3	3
Electrical Equipment	3	
Chemicals	3	
Gas Utilities	1	1
Water Utilities	1	2
Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs)		3
Diversified Telecommunication Services		2
Other	1(a)	1 <sup>(b)</sup>

<sup>(</sup>a) Other includes a 1% holding or less in each of the following industries: Auto Components.

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<sup>(</sup>b) Other includes a 1% holding or less in each of the following industries: Road & Rail and Wireless Telecommunication Services.

### **Derivative Financial Instruments**

The Trusts may invest in various derivative financial instruments. These instruments are used to obtain exposure to a security, commodity, index, market, and/or other assets without owning or taking physical custody of securities, commodities and/or other referenced assets or to manage market, equity, credit, interest rate, foreign currency exchange rate, commodity and/or other risks. Derivative financial instruments may give rise to a form of economic leverage and involve risks, including the imperfect correlation between the value of a derivative financial instrument and the underlying asset, possible default of the counterparty to the transaction or illiquidity of the instrument. The Trusts successful use of a derivative financial instrument depends on the investment adviser s ability to predict pertinent market movements accurately, which cannot be assured. The use of these instruments may result in losses greater than if they had not been used, may limit the amount of appreciation a Trust can realize on an investment and/or may result in lower distributions paid to shareholders. The Trusts investments in these instruments, if any, are discussed in detail in the Notes to Financial Statements.

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# Schedule of Investments

# **BlackRock Energy and Resources Trust (BGR)**

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# (Percentages shown are based on Net Assets)

Security Common Stocks 101.0%	Shares	Value
Energy Equipment & Services 9.7%	254.000	¢ 0.005.020
Baker Hughes <sup>(a)</sup>	254,900	\$ 8,065,036
Halliburton Co. <sup>(a)</sup>	403,500	19,719,045
Patterson-UTI Energy, Inc. (a)	219,557 821,480	5,052,007
Precision Drilling Corp. (b) Schlumberger Ltd. (a)	156,724	2,489,927 10,561,630
Schlümberger Liu.	130,724	10,301,030
		45,887,645
Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels 91.3%		13,007,013
Anadarko Petroleum Corp. <sup>(a)</sup>	234,233	12,564,258
Andeavor <sup>(a)</sup>	82,550	9,438,767
BP PLC	4,681,100	32,839,270
Cabot Oil & Gas Corp. (a)	295,800	8,459,880
Cairn Energy PLC <sup>(b)</sup>	1,581,945	4,558,586
Canadian Natural Resources Ltd.	400,140	14,299,355
Chevron Corp.(a)	396,935	49,692,293
Cimarex Energy Co. <sup>(a)</sup>	114,050	13,915,240
Concho Resources, Inc.(a)(b)	33,600	5,047,392
ConocoPhillips <sup>(a)</sup>	442,050	24,264,124
Devon Energy Corp.(a)	348,200	14,415,480
Enbridge, Inc.	199,200	7,790,511
Encana Corp.	1,067,300	14,239,158
Eni SpA	272,839	4,514,922
EOG Resources, Inc.(a)	185,700	20,038,887
EQT Corp.(a)	138,500	7,883,420
Exxon Mobil Corp. (a)(c)	491,202	41,084,135
Kosmos Energy Ltd. <sup>(b)</sup>	554,713	3,799,784
Marathon Oil Corp. <sup>(a)</sup>	598,224	10,127,932
Noble Energy, Inc. (a)(c)	288,992	8,421,227
Oil Search Ltd.	1,063,613	6,439,761
Phillips 66 <sup>(a)</sup>	50,150	5,072,672
Pioneer Natural Resources Co. <sup>(a)</sup>	99,976	17,280,852
Security	Shares	Value
Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels (continued)		
Royal Dutch Shell PLC ADR, Class (A)	698,200 \$	46,576,922
Royal Dutch Shell PLC, Class A	353,298	11,794,213
TOTAL SA	119,603	6,602,071
TransCanada Corp.	296,200	14,416,481
Valero Energy Corp.(a)	155,900	14,328,769

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429,906,362

Total Long-Term Investments 101.0% (Cost \$426,013,729)		475,794,007
Short-Term Securities 0.8% BlackRock Liquidity Funds, T-Fund, Institutional Class, 1.18% <sup>(d)(e)</sup>	3,870,844	3,870,844
Total Short-Term Securities 0.8% (Cost \$3,870,844)		3,870,844
Total Investments Before Options Written 101.8% (Cost \$429,884,573)		479,664,851
Options Written (1.7)% (Premiums Received \$3,469,397)		(7,819,321)
Total Investments, Net of Options Written 100.1% (Cost \$426,415,176) Liabilities in Excess of Other Assets (0.1)%		471,845,530 (783,604)
Net Assets 100.0%		\$ 471,061,926

<sup>(</sup>e) During the year ended December 31, 2017, investments in issuers considered to be affiliates of the Trust for purposes of Section 2(a)(3) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, were as follows:

	Shares Held at	Net	Shares Held at	Value at		Dag		Change in arealized reciation
Affiliate	12/ 31/16		12/31/17	12/31/17	Incom <b>&amp;</b> ai			
BlackRock Liquidity Funds, T-Fund,	12/ 31/10	Activity	12/31/17	12/31/17	<i>Incom<b>g</b>ai</i>	n (Los	( <b>19</b> ep)	ecianon)
Institutional Class SL Liquidity Series, LLC, Money Market	3,936,617	(65,773)	3,870,844	\$ 3,870,844	\$ 47,600	\$	20	\$
Series					22,641 <sup>(b)</sup>			
				\$3,870,844	\$70,241	\$	20	\$

<sup>(</sup>a) All or a portion of security has been pledged and/or segregated as collateral in connection with outstanding exchange-traded options written.

<sup>(</sup>b) Non-income producing security.

<sup>(</sup>c) All or a portion of the security has been pledged as collateral in connection with outstanding OTC derivatives.

<sup>(</sup>d) Annualized 7-day yield as of period end.

- (a) Includes net capital gain distributions, if applicable.
- (b) Represents securities lending income earned from the reinvestments of cash collateral from loaned securities, net of fees and collateral investment expenses, and other payments to and from borrowers of securities.

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# **Derivative Financial Instruments Outstanding as of Period End**

# **Exchange-Traded Options Written**

	Number of	Expiration	Exercise	Notion	ıal
Description	Contracts	Date	Price	Amount (00	00) Value
Call					
Anadarko Petroleum Corp.	136	01/05/18	USD 50.00	USD 7	30 \$ (48,620)
Andeavor	90	01/05/18	USD 109.00	USD 1,0	29 (51,750)
Cabot Oil & Gas Corp.	255	01/05/18	USD 30.00	USD 7	29 (2,550)

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# **Exchange-Traded Options Written (continued)**

	Number of	Expiration	1	Exercise	N	otional	
Description	Contracts	Date		Price	Amount (000)		Value
Call (continued)							
Devon Energy Corp.	274	01/05/18	USD	38.00	USD	1,134	\$ (91,105)
Exxon Mobil Corp.	273	01/05/18	USD	81.50	USD	2,283	(64,155)
Exxon Mobil Corp.	166	01/05/18	USD	83.50	USD	1,388	(10,209)
Halliburton Co.	326	01/05/18	USD	42.00	USD	1,593	(235,535)
Royal Dutch Shell PLC ADR,							
Class A	85	01/05/18	USD	65.01	USD	567	(14,747)
Royal Dutch Shell PLC ADR,							
Class A	171	01/10/18	USD	63.80	USD	1,141	(48,852)
Exxon Mobil Corp.	242	01/11/18	USD	83.00	USD	2,024	(28,168)
Anadarko Petroleum Corp.	177	01/12/18	USD	50.50	USD	949	(58,852)
Chevron Corp.	204	01/12/18	USD	121.00	USD	2,554	(95,880)
ConocoPhillips	328	01/12/18	USD	53.00	USD	1,800	(72,816)
Devon Energy Corp.	212	01/12/18	USD	38.00	USD	878	(75,260)
EOG Resources, Inc.	525	01/12/18	USD	104.00	USD	5,665	(233,625)
Exxon Mobil Corp.	121	01/12/18	USD	84.00	USD	1,012	(7,139)
Exxon Mobil Corp.	165	01/12/18	USD	83.50	USD	1,380	(14,272)
Halliburton Co.	380	01/12/18	USD	44.50	USD	1,857	(171,950)
Royal Dutch Shell PLC ADR,							
Class A	514	01/12/18	USD	64.00	USD	3,429	(146,490)
Schlumberger Ltd.	206	01/12/18	USD	65.50	USD	1,388	(48,307)
Anadarko Petroleum Corp.	361	01/19/18	USD	50.00	USD	1,936	(139,888)
Andeavor	85	01/19/18	USD	113.00	USD	972	(25,287)
Baker Hughes	209	01/19/18	USD	35.00	USD	661	(1,567)
Cabot Oil & Gas Corp.	250	01/19/18	USD	29.00	USD	715	(13,750)
Chevron Corp.	201	01/19/18	USD	115.00	USD	2,516	(214,065)
Cimarex Energy Co.	162	01/19/18	USD	115.00	USD	1,977	(126,360)
Concho Resources, Inc.	58	01/19/18	USD	145.00	USD	871	(38,570)
ConocoPhillips	307	01/19/18	USD	52.50	USD	1,685	(84,579)
Devon Energy Corp.	273	01/19/18	USD	39.00	USD	1,130	(75,894)
EQT Corp.	241	01/19/18	USD	62.50	USD	1,372	(4,217)
Enbridge, Inc.	85	01/19/18	CAD	48.00	CAD	418	(9,873)
Enbridge, Inc.	220	01/19/18	CAD	50.00	CAD	1,082	(5,688)
Encana Corp.	242	01/19/18	CAD	17.00	CAD	406	(6,931)
Encana Corp.	259	01/19/18	CAD	16.00	CAD	434	(20,089)
Exxon Mobil Corp.	176	01/19/18	USD	82.50	USD	1,472	(30,712)
Halliburton Co.	380	01/19/18	USD	45.00	USD	1,857	(154,850)
Halliburton Co.	327	01/19/18	USD	42.80	USD	1,598	(204,482)
Marathon Oil Corp.	603	01/19/18	USD	15.00	USD	1,021	(120,902)
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Noble Energy, Inc.	506	01/19/18	USD	27.50	USD	1,474	(98,670)
Patterson UTI Energy, Inc.	400	01/19/18	USD	21.00	USD	920	(88,000)
Pioneer Natural Resources Co.	230	01/19/18	USD	160.00	USD	3,976	(315,100)
Schlumberger Ltd.	206	01/19/18	USD	65.00	USD	1,388	(63,757)
TransCanada Corp.	759	01/19/18	CAD	64.00	CAD	4,644	(2,415)
Valero Energy Corp.	230	01/19/18	USD	77.50	USD	2,114	(337,525)
Valero Energy Corp.	195	01/19/18	USD	82.50	USD	1,792	(188,663)
Chevron Corp.	114	01/23/18	USD	118.00	USD	1,427	(84,417)
Royal Dutch Shell PLC ADR,							
Class A	172	01/25/18	USD	62.51	USD	1,147	(69,863)
Anadarko Petroleum Corp.	145	01/26/18	USD	48.50	USD	778	(79,025)
Andeavor	113	01/26/18	USD	113.00	USD	1,292	(38,137)
Cabot Oil & Gas Corp.	280	01/26/18	USD	28.00	USD	801	(34,300)
Chevron Corp.	361	01/26/18	USD	120.00	USD	4,519	(212,990)
ConocoPhillips	371	01/26/18	USD	53.00	USD	2,036	(117,236)
ConocoPhillips	104	01/26/18	USD	54.00	USD	571	(18,616)
Devon Energy Corp.	407	01/26/18	USD	39.00	USD	1,685	(118,234)
EOG Resources, Inc.	62	01/26/18	USD	104.00	USD	669	(31,000)
Exxon Mobil Corp.	576	01/26/18	USD	83.50	USD	4,818	(73,152)
Marathon Oil Corp.	698	01/26/18	USD	15.00	USD	1,182	(142,043)
Phillips 66	175	01/26/18	USD	101.00	USD	1,770	(33,250)
Pioneer Natural Resources Co.	29	01/26/18	USD	155.00	USD	501	(53,215)
Pioneer Natural Resources Co.	91	01/26/18	USD	162.50	USD	1,573	(108,745)
Royal Dutch Shell PLC ADR,							
Class A	86	01/31/18	USD	64.97	USD	574	(18,244)
Marathon Oil Corp.	81	02/02/18	USD	17.50	USD	137	(3,726)
Concho Resources, Inc.	59	02/05/18	USD	141.00	USD	886	(60,813)
Cabot Oil & Gas Corp.	250	02/16/18	USD	29.00	USD	715	(25,000)
Canadian Natural Resources Ltd.	89	02/16/18	CAD	46.00	CAD	400	(5,912)

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**BlackRock Energy and Resources Trust (BGR)** 

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# **Exchange-Traded Options Written (continued)**

Description	Number of Contracts	Expiration Date	E	Exercise Price		otional nt (000)	Value
Call (continued)							
Chevron Corp.	309	02/16/18	USD	125.00	USD	3,868	\$ (96,563)
ConocoPhillips	437	02/16/18	USD	55.00	USD	2,399	(77,786)
Noble Energy, Inc.	505	02/16/18	USD	27.50	USD	1,472	(116,150)
Patterson UTI Energy, Inc.	184	02/16/18	USD	23.00	USD	423	(24,840)
Precision Drilling Corp.	700	02/16/18	CAD	4.00	CAD	267	(11,973)
TransCanada Corp.	277	02/16/18	CAD	64.00	CAD	1,695	(5,950)
Valero Energy Corp.	120	02/16/18	USD	92.50	USD	1,103	(32,400)

\$ (5,585,696)

# **OTC Options Written**

			Expiration		Exercise			
	Ι	Number of				N	otional	
Description	Counterparty	Contracts	Date		Price	Amour	ıt (000)	Value
Call								
Canadian								
Natural								
Resources								
Ltd.	Deutsche Bank AG	95,700	01/03/18	CAD	44.40	CAD	4,299	\$ (54,471)
Chevron								
Corp.	Bank of America N.A.	20,000	01/04/18	USD	116.22	USD	2,504	(180,012)
Marathon Oil								
Corp.	Bank of America N.A.	13,700	01/08/18	USD	16.00	USD	232	(13,704)
Encana Corp.	Royal Bank of Canada	43,500	01/09/18	CAD	13.70	CAD	729	(106,409)
BP PLC	Goldman Sachs International	494,200	01/10/18	GBP	5.00	GBP	2,570	(136,445)
Royal Dutch								
Shell PLC								
ADR,								
Class A	Goldman Sachs International	7,000	01/10/18	GBP	24.26	GBP	173	(5,318)
Total SA	Goldman Sachs International	42,000	01/10/18	EUR	47.78	EUR	1,932	(944)
Enbridge, Inc.	Morgan Stanley & Co. International PLC	39,200	01/11/18	CAD	49.78	CAD	1,927	(8,269)
Encana Corp.	Deutsche Bank AG	26,000	01/11/18	CAD	15.82	CAD	436	(21,471)
Oil Search		,						. , ,
Ltd.	Morgan Stanley & Co. International PLC	207,000	01/12/18	AUD	7.58	AUD	1,606	(39,810)
	Morgan Stanley & Co. International PLC	9,400	01/16/18	USD	116.60	USD	1,147	(57,328)

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Cimarex Energy Co.								
Energy Co. Eni SpA	UBS AG	65,500	01/23/18	EUR	13.89	EUR	903	(12,770)
BP PLC	Morgan Stanley & Co. International PLC	384,000	01/25/18	GBP	5.08	GBP	1,997	(82,829)
Royal Dutch	Trongan Stainey & Co. International 120	201,000	01/25/10	ODI	2.00	ODI	1,,,,,	(02,02))
Shell PLC								
ADR,								
Class A	Goldman Sachs International	116,700	01/25/18	GBP	24.17	GBP	2,886	(114,652)
Baker Hughes	UBS AG	31,000	01/29/18	USD	32.37	USD	981	(21,616)
Devon								
Energy Corp.	UBS AG	5,200	01/29/18	USD	38.25	USD	215	(18,125)
Cimarex								
Energy Co.	Deutsche Bank AG	14,300	01/30/18	USD	114.82	USD	1,745	(116,238)
BP PLC	Goldman Sachs International	301,000	01/31/18	GBP	4.96	GBP	1,565	(106,724)
Marathon Oil	**************************************		04/04/40	****	17.60	****	0.74	(0.5.0.40)
Corp.	UBS AG	57,400	01/31/18	USD	15.62	USD	972	(86,042)
Patterson-UTI	LIDC A.C.	10 400	01/21/10	HCD	21.40	HCD	402	(26.596)
Energy, Inc.	UBS AG	18,400	01/31/18	USD	21.49	USD	423	(36,586)
Oil Search Ltd.	Citibank N.A.	165,200	02/01/18	AUD	7.44	AUD	1 292	(52 629)
Encana Corp.	Deutsche Bank AG	103,200	02/01/18	CAD	15.25	CAD	1,282 1,694	(53,638) (138,546)
BP PLC	Goldman Sachs International	230,000	02/03/18	GBP	5.13	GBP	1,196	(49,691)
Royal Dutch	Goldman Sachs International	230,000	02/07/10	ODI	5.15	ODI	1,170	(47,071)
Shell PLC								
ADR,								
Class A	UBS AG	141,500	02/09/18	USD	64.85	USD	9,439	(338,793)
EQT Corp.	Citibank N.A.	24,300	02/12/18	USD	57.89	USD	1,383	(42,009)
- •	Credit Suisse International	37,300	02/13/18	USD	31.66	USD	1,180	(48,767)
Encana Corp.	Deutsche Bank AG	153,000	02/21/18	CAD	14.65	CAD	2,566	(291,851)
Eni SpA	Goldman Sachs International	30,000	02/21/18	EUR	14.23	EUR	414	(4,639)
BP PLC	Goldman Sachs International	230,000	02/27/18	GBP	5.13	GBP	1,196	(45,928)

\$ (2,233,625)

# **Derivative Financial Instruments Categorized by Risk Exposure**

As of period end, the fair values of derivative financial instruments located in the Statements of Assets and Liabilities as follows:

Foreign
Currency Interest
Commodity Credit Equity Exchange Rate Other
Contracts Contracts Contracts Contracts Total

**Liabilities Derivative Financial Instruments**Options written

Although our contracts with DoD do not allow DoD to terminate for convenience, each contract requires us to meet specified performance benchmarks. The contracts may be terminated by DoD if rate of return performance ratios do not exceed specified benchmark ratios for two consecutive quarterly periods and the preceding twelve months. We have never failed to meet the required benchmark ratio during any of the testing periods. We cannot assure you that we will meet the performance benchmarks in the future. DoD also has the right, after giving us notice and a 30 day opportunity to cure, to terminate the contracts and seek other contract remedies in the event of material breaches.

If our relationship with DoD is impaired, we are not awarded new DoD contracts when our current contracts expire, any of our DoD contracts are terminated or the supply of assets under the contracts significantly decreased, we would experience a significant decrease in revenue and have difficulty generating income.

Unfavorable findings resulting from a government investigation or audit could subject us to a variety of penalties and sanctions, could negatively impact our future operating results and could force us to adjust previously reported operating results.

In July 2006, the Government Accountability Office (GAO) issued a report citing weaknesses in DoD excess inventory control procedures and lax security at selected DoD facilities with respect to surplus property. The GAO report refers to our company and asserts that we failed to verify the appropriate DoD regulatory classifications for certain items we sold and, as a result, we sold items we should have instead returned to the DoD. We don't believe that, under our DoD contracts, we have a contractural responsibility to assign these classifications and we believe that the DoD has the contractual obligation to assign these classifications. The GAO report also identified at least 79 buyers that collectively purchased 2,669 sensitive military items and stated that the GAO was referring these sales to federal law enforcement agencies for investigation. These buyers may have acquired these sensitive military items from us. It is possible that other government and law enforcement agencies may investigate these sales, our company and our activities under our DoD contracts. If an investigation alleges that we engaged in improper or illegal activities, we could be subject to civil and criminal penalties and administrative sanctions, including termination of contracts, forfeiture of profits, suspension of payments, fines, and suspension or debarment from doing business with U.S. federal government agencies. We could also suffer serious harm to our reputation if allegations of impropriety are made against us, whether or not these allegations have merit. If we are suspended or debarred from contracting with the federal government generally, or any specific agency, if our reputation or relationship with government agencies is impaired, or if the government otherwise ceases doing business with us or significantly decreases the amount of business it does with us, our revenue and profitability would substantially decrease.

The federal government has the right to audit our performance under our government contracts. Any adverse findings from audits or reviews of our performance under our contracts could result in a significant adjustment to our previously reported operating results. For example, our DoD contracts provide that we share sales profits with the government. The federal government may disagree with our calculation of the profits realized from the sales of government surplus assets and may require us to increase profit sharing payments to the government that have been made in the past. If this occurs, our past operating margins may be reduced. The results of an audit by the government could significantly limit the volume and type of merchandise made available to us under our contracts with the DoD, resulting in lower gross merchandise volume, revenue, and profitability for our company. If such a government audit uncovers improper or illegal activities, we could be subject to the civil and criminal penalties, administrative sanctions and reputational harm described above. If, as the result of such an audit, we are suspended or debarred from contracting with the federal government generally, or any specific agency, if our reputation or relationship with government agencies is impaired, or if the government otherwise ceases doing business with us or significantly decreases the amount of business it does with us, our revenue and profitability would substantially decrease.

The success of our business depends on our ability to successfully obtain a supply of merchandise for our buyers and to attract and retain active professional buyers to create sufficient demand for our sellers.

Our ability to increase our revenue and maintain profitability depends on whether we can successfully expand the supply of merchandise available for sale on our online marketplaces and attract and retain active professional buyers to purchase the merchandise. Our ability to attract sufficient quantities of suitable merchandise and new buyers will depend on various factors, some of which are out of our control. These factors include our ability to:

- offer sellers liquid marketplaces for their wholesale, surplus and salvage assets;
- offer buyers a sufficient supply of merchandise;
- develop and implement effective sales and marketing strategies;
- comply with regulatory or corporate seller requirements affecting marketing and disposition of certain categories of merchandise;
- efficiently catalogue, handle, store, ship and track merchandise; and

• achieve high levels of seller and buyer satisfaction with the trading experience.

### We may not be able to compete successfully against existing or future competitors.

The online services market for auctioning or liquidating wholesale, surplus and salvage assets is competitive and growing rapidly. We currently compete with:

- other e-commerce providers, such as Amazon.com, GSI Commerce and Overstock.com;
- auction websites such as eBay, Yahoo! Auctions and uBid;
- government agencies that have created websites to sell wholesale, surplus and salvage assets; and
- traditional liquidators and fixed-site auctioneers.

We expect our market to become even more competitive as traditional and online liquidators and auctioneers continue to develop online and offline services for disposition, redeployment and remarketing of wholesale, surplus and salvage assets. In addition, manufacturers, retailers and additional government agencies may decide to create their own websites to sell their own wholesale, surplus and salvage assets and those of third parties. Competitive pressures could affect our ability to attract and retain customers, which could decrease our revenue and negatively affect our operating results.

Some of our other current and potential competitors have longer operating histories, larger client bases, greater brand recognition and significantly greater financial, marketing and other resources than we do. In addition, some of these competitors may be able to devote greater financial resources to marketing and promotional campaigns, secure merchandise from sellers on more favorable terms, adopt more aggressive pricing or inventory availability policies and devote substantially more resources to website and systems development than we are able to do. Increased competition may result in reduced operating margins and loss of market share. We may not be able to compete successfully against current and future competitors.

#### If we fail to manage our growth effectively, our operating results could be adversely affected.

We have expanded our operations rapidly since our inception in 1999. Although we currently do not have specific plans for any expansion that would require significant capital investment, in the future we plan to expand our operations further by developing new or complementary services, products, or trading formats and enhancing the breadth and depth of our value-added services. We also plan to continue to expand our sales and marketing, technology and client support organizations. In addition, we will likely need to continue to improve our financial and management controls and our reporting systems and procedures. If we are unable to effectively implement these plans and to otherwise manage our expanding operations, we may not be able to execute our business strategy and our operating results could significantly decrease.

#### Our business depends on the continued growth of the Internet and e-commerce.

The business of selling merchandise over the Internet, particularly through online trading, is dynamic and relatively new. Growth in the use of the Internet as a medium for consumer commerce may not continue. Concerns about fraud and privacy, increased costs of Internet service, Internet service disruptions and other problems may discourage consumers from engaging in e-commerce. In particular, many traditional buyers and sellers of wholesale, surplus and salvage goods still conduct much of their business in traditional live auctions that do not occur on the Internet, and those buyers and sellers may be hesitant to engage in e-commerce. If the e-commerce industry fails to grow or traditional buyers and sellers of wholesale, surplus and salvage assets are unwilling to conduct business on the Internet, we may be unable to attract customers, which could cause our revenue and operating results to decline.

# Because we have a limited operating history, it is difficult to evaluate our business and future operating results.

We commenced operations in early 2000 and, as a result, have only a limited operating history upon which you can evaluate our business and prospects. Although we have experienced significant revenue growth in recent periods, we may not be able to sustain this growth. If we are not able to sustain this revenue growth, the value of your investment in our common stock may decline.

### Our quarterly operating results have fluctuated in the past and may do so in the future, which could cause volatility in our stock price.

Our prior operating results have fluctuated due to changes in our business and the e-commerce industry. Similarly, our future operating results may vary significantly from quarter to quarter due to a variety of factors, many of which are beyond our control. You should not rely on period-to-period comparisons of our operating results as an indication of our future performance. Factors that may affect our quarterly operating results include the following:

- the addition of new buyers and sellers or the loss of existing buyers and sellers;
- the volume, size, timing and completion rate of transactions in our marketplaces;
- changes in the supply and demand for and the volume, price, mix and quality of our supply of wholesale, surplus and salvage assets;
- introduction of new or enhanced websites, services or product offerings by us or our competitors;
- implementation of significant new contracts;
- changes in our pricing policies or the pricing policies of our competitors;
- changes in the conditions and economic prospects of the e-commerce industry or the economy generally, which could alter current or prospective buyers and sellers priorities;
- technical difficulties, including telecommunication system or Internet failures;
- changes in government regulation of the Internet and e-commerce industry;
- event-driven disruptions such as war, terrorism, disease and natural disasters;
- seasonal patterns in selling and purchasing activity; and
- costs related to acquisitions of technology or equipment.

Our operating results may fall below the expectations of market analysts and investors in some future periods. If this occurs, even temporarily, it could cause volatility in our stock price.

Our operating results depend on our websites, network infrastructure and transaction processing systems. Service interruptions or system failures could negatively affect the demand for our services and our ability to grow our revenue.

Any system interruptions that affect our websites or our transaction systems could impair the services that we provide to our sellers and buyers. In addition, our systems may be vulnerable to damage from a variety of other sources, including telecommunications failures, power outages, malicious human acts and natural disasters. Improving the reliability and redundancy of our systems may be expensive, reduce our margins and may not be successful in preventing system failures. Our services are also substantially dependent on systems provided by third parties, over whom we have little control. We have occasionally experienced interruptions to our services due to system failures unrelated to our own systems. Any interruptions or failures of our current systems or our ability to communicate with third party systems could negatively affect the demand for our services and our ability to grow our revenue.

# If we do not respond to rapid technological changes or upgrade our systems, we could fail to grow our business and our revenue could decrease.

To remain competitive, we must continue to enhance and improve the functionality and features of our e-commerce business. Although we currently do not have specific plans for any upgrades that would require significant capital investment, in the future we will need to improve and upgrade our technology, transaction processing systems and network infrastructure in order to allow our operations to grow in both size and scope. Without such improvements, our operations might suffer from unanticipated system disruptions, slow transaction processing, unreliable service levels, or impaired quality or delays in reporting accurate financial information, any of which could negatively affect our reputation and ability to attract and retain sellers and buyers. We may also face material delays in introducing new services, products and enhancements. The Internet and the e-commerce industry are rapidly changing. If competitors introduce new products and services using new technologies or if new industry standards and practices emerge, our existing websites and our proprietary technology and systems may become obsolete. In addition, the expansion and improvement of our systems and infrastructure may require us to commit substantial financial, operational and technical resources, with no assurance our business will increase. If we fail to respond to technological change or to adequately maintain, expand, upgrade and develop our systems and infrastructure in a timely fashion our ability to grow could be limited and our revenue could decrease.

# Shipment of merchandise sold in our marketplaces could be delayed or disrupted by factors beyond our control and we could lose buyers and sellers as a result.

We rely upon third party carriers such as United Parcel Services, or UPS, for timely delivery of our merchandise shipments. As a result, we are subject to carrier disruptions and increased costs due to factors that are beyond our control, including labor difficulties, inclement weather, terrorist activity and increased fuel costs. In addition, we do not have a long-term agreement with UPS or any other third party carriers, and we cannot be sure that our relationship with UPS will continue on terms favorable to us, if at all. If our relationship with UPS is terminated or impaired or if UPS is unable to deliver merchandise for us, we would be required to use alternative carriers for the shipment of products to our buyers. We may be unable to engage alternative carriers on a timely basis or on terms favorable to us, if at all. Potential adverse consequences include:

- reduced visibility of order status and package tracking;
- delays in merchandise receipt and delivery;
- increased cost of shipment; and
- reduced shipment quality, which may result in damaged merchandise.

Any failure to receive merchandise at our distribution centers or deliver products to our buyers in a timely and accurate manner could lead to client dissatisfaction and cause us to lose sellers and buyers.

# A significant interruption in the operations of our customer service system or our distribution centers could harm our business and operating results.

Our business depends, to a large degree, on effective customer service and distribution center operations. We currently staff DoD warehouse distribution space, for which we do not incur leasing costs as well as leased commercial warehouse distribution space. These operations could be harmed by several factors, including any material disruption or slowdown at our distribution centers resulting from labor disputes, changes in the terms of our underlying lease agreements or occupancy arrangements in the case of government provided facilities, telecommunications failures, power or service outages, human error, terrorist attacks, natural disasters or other events. In addition, space provided to us by DoD could be re-configured or reduced as a result of DoD s Base Realignment and Closure initiative or other infrastructure reduction initiatives. For example, DRMS has indicated that it plans to reconfigure or reduce the current warehousing functions at a number of DoD sites. A disruption in our customer service and distribution operations, including as a result of DRMS s plans to reconfigure or reduce the current warehousing functions at several sites, could cause us to lose sellers and buyers, decrease our revenue and harm our operating results.

If our transaction models are not accepted by our clients or alternative transaction models are developed, we could lose clients and our revenue and our profitability could decline.

Our services are offered to sellers using the following two primary transaction models:

- consignment (in which we charge the seller a commission); and
- profit-sharing (in which we purchase merchandise from sellers and share profits).

We also collect a buyer s premium on substantially all completed transactions and may engage in outright purchases of client inventory. It is possible that new transaction models that are not compatible with our business model or our marketplaces may be developed and gain widespread acceptance. Alternative transaction models could cause our revenue and margins to decline. In addition, if current and potential customers do not recognize the benefits of our transaction models, activity in our marketplaces may decline or develop more slowly than we expect, which may limit our ability to grow our revenue or cause our revenue to decline.

If we fail to accurately predict our ability to sell merchandise in which we take inventory risk and credit risk, our margins may decline as a result of lower sale prices from such merchandise.

Under our profit-sharing model, we purchase merchandise and assume the risk that the merchandise may sell for less than we paid for it. In addition, we occasionally engage in transactions with sellers in which we purchase merchandise without a profit-sharing component. In each case, we assume general and physical inventory and credit risk. These risks are especially significant because some of the goods we sell on our websites are characterized by rapid technological change, obsolescence and price erosion, and because we sometimes make large purchases of particular types of inventory. In addition, we do not receive warranties on the goods we purchase and, as a result, we have to resell or dispose of any returned goods. Historically, the number of disposed goods (which includes returned goods that we have not resold) has been less than 2% of the goods we have purchased.

To manage our inventory successfully, we need to maintain sufficient buyer demand and sell merchandise for a reasonable financial return. We may miscalculate buyer demand and overpay for the acquired merchandise. In the event that merchandise is not attractive to our buyer base, we may be required to take significant losses resulting from lower sale prices, which could reduce our revenue and margins. For example, under our DoD surplus contract, we are obligated to purchase all DoD surplus property at set prices representing a percentage of the original acquisition cost, which varies depending on the type of surplus property being purchased. When we resell property under the contract, we are entitled to approximately 20% of the profits of sale (defined as gross proceeds of sale less allowable operating expenses) and DoD is entitled to approximately 80% of the profits. Historically, the cost of inventory has been approximately 5% of the gross merchandise volume under our profit-sharing model. Occasionally, we are not able to sell our inventory for amounts above its cost and we may incur a loss. As we grow our business, we may choose to increase the amount of merchandise we purchase directly from sellers, thus resulting in increased inventory levels and related risk. Any such increase would require the use of additional working capital and subject us to the additional risk of incurring losses on the sale of that inventory.

We may be unable to adequately protect or enforce our intellectual property rights, which could harm our reputation and negatively impact the growth of our business.

We regard our intellectual property, particularly domain names, copyrights and trade secrets, as critical to our success. We rely on a combination of contractual restrictions and copyright and trade secret laws to protect our proprietary rights, know-how, information and technology. Despite these protections, it may be possible for a third party to copy or otherwise obtain and use our intellectual property without authorization or independently develop similar intellectual property.

We currently are the registered owners of several Internet domain names, including www.liquidation.com, www.govliquidation.com, www.govliquidation.com. We pursue the registration of our domain names in the U.S. and internationally. We currently do not have any patents or registered copyrights, trademarks or service marks, but we are pursuing patents and registration of such intellectual property. Effective patent, copyright, trademark, service mark, trade secret and domain name protection is expensive to maintain and may require litigation. We seek to protect our domain names in an increasing number of jurisdictions and may not be successful in certain jurisdictions. Our competitors may adopt trade names or domain names similar to ours, thereby impeding our ability to promote our marketplaces and possibly leading to client confusion. In addition, there could be potential trade name or trademark or service mark infringement claims brought by owners of other registered or unregistered trademarks or service marks, including trademarks or service marks that may incorporate variations of our marketplace names. Any claims related to our intellectual property or client confusion related to our marketplaces could damage our reputation and negatively impact the growth of our business.

Our inability to use software licensed from third parties or our use of open source software under license terms that interfere with our proprietary rights could disrupt our business.

We use software licensed from third parties, including some software, known as open source software, that we use without charge. We currently use the following open source software: Linux (an operating system), MySql (database software), PERL (an interpreter) and Apache (a web server), and we may in the future use additional open source software. In the future, these licenses to third party software may not be available on terms that are acceptable to us, or at all. Our inability to use third-party software could result in disruptions to our business, or delays in the development of future services or enhancements of existing services, which could impair our business. In addition, the terms of certain open source software licenses may require us to provide modified versions of the open source software, which we develop, if any, or any proprietary software that incorporates all or a portion of the open source software, if any, to others on unfavorable license terms that are consistent with the open source license term. If we are required to license our proprietary software in accordance with the foregoing, our competitors and other third parties could obtain access to our intellectual property, which could harm our business.

Assertions that we infringe on intellectual property rights of others could result in significant costs and substantially harm our business and operating results.

Other parties may assert that we have infringed their technology or other intellectual property rights. We use internally developed systems and licensed technology to operate our online auction platform and related websites. Third parties could assert intellectual property infringement claims against us based on our internally developed systems or use of licensed third party technology. Third parties also could assert intellectual property infringement claims against parties from whom we license technology. If we are forced to defend against any infringement claims, whether they are with or without merit or are determined in our favor, we may face costly litigation, diversion of technical and management personnel and/or delays in completion of sales. Furthermore, the outcome of a dispute may be that we would need to change technology, develop non-infringing technology or enter into royalty or licensing agreements. A switch to different technology could cause interruptions in our business. Internal development of a non-infringing technology may be expensive and time-consuming, if we are able to successfully develop such technology at all. Royalty or licensing agreements, if required, may be unavailable on terms acceptable to us, or at all.

### If we do not retain our senior management, we may not be able to achieve our business objectives.

Our future success is substantially dependent on the continued service of our senior management, particularly William P. Angrick, III, our chief executive officer, Jaime Mateus-Tique, our chief operating officer, and Benjamin Brown, chairman of our LSI Technology Advisory Committee and chief technology officer of our Government Liquidation subsidiary. We do not have key-person insurance on any of our officers or employees. The loss of any member of our existing senior management team could damage key seller relationships, result in the loss of key information, expertise or know-how, lead to unanticipated recruitment and training costs and make it more difficult to successfully operate our business and achieve our business goals.

#### If we are unable to attract and retain skilled employees, we might not be able to sustain our growth.

Our future success depends on our ability to continue to attract, retain and motivate highly skilled employees, particularly employees with sales, marketing, operations and technology expertise. Competition for employees in our industry is intense. We have experienced difficulty from time to time in attracting the personnel necessary to support the growth of our business, and we may experience similar difficulties in the future. If we are unable to attract, assimilate and retain employees with the necessary skills, we may not be able to grow our business and revenue.

### Our international operations subject us to additional risks and challenges that could harm our business and our profitability.

We have begun expanding internationally, and in the future we may do so more aggressively. For the quarter ended June 30, 2006, international operations accounted for less than 6% of our revenue. International operations subject us to additional risks and challenges, including:

- the need to develop new seller and buyer relationships;
- difficulties and costs of staffing and managing foreign operations;
- changes in and differences between domestic and foreign regulatory requirements;
- price controls and foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations;
- difficulties in complying with export restrictions and import permits;
- reduced protection for intellectual property rights in some countries;
- potentially adverse tax consequences;
- lower per capita Internet usage and lack of appropriate infrastructure to support widespread Internet usage;
- political and economic instability; and
- tariffs and other trade barriers.

We cannot assure you that we will be successful in our efforts in foreign countries. Some of these factors may cause our international costs to exceed our domestic costs of doing business. Failure to adequately address these risks could decrease our profitability and operating results.

### We may make acquisitions that require significant resources and could be unsuccessful.

In the future, we may acquire other businesses, products and technologies to complement our current business. We may not be able to identify, negotiate, finance, complete or integrate any future acquisition successfully. Acquisitions involve a number of risks, including possible adverse effects on our operating results, diversion of management s attention, inability to retain key employees of the acquired business and risks associated with unanticipated events or liabilities, some or all of which could disrupt our business and reduce the likelihood that we will receive the anticipated benefits of the acquisition in the amount or the time frame that we expect.

Should we be unable successfully to integrate a new business, we could be required either to dispose of the operation or restructure the operation. In either event, our business could be disrupted and we would not achieve the anticipated benefits of the acquisition. In addition, future transactions could result in potentially dilutive issuances of our equity securities, the incurrence of debt, contingent liabilities or amortization of expenses, or write-offs of goodwill, any of which could harm our financial condition and operating results. Future transactions may also require us to obtain additional financing, which may not be available on favorable terms or at all.

### We may need additional financing in the future, which may not be available on favorable terms, if at all.

We may need additional funds to finance our operations, as well as to enhance our services, fund our expansion, respond to competitive pressures or acquire complementary businesses or technologies. However, our business may not generate the cash needed to finance such requirements. If we raise additional funds through the issuance of equity or convertible debt securities, the percentage ownership of our existing stockholders would be reduced, and these securities may have rights, preferences or privileges senior to those of our common stock. If adequate funds are not available or are not available on acceptable terms, our ability to enhance our services, fund our expansion, respond to competitive pressures or take advantage of business opportunities would be significantly limited, and we might need to significantly restrict our operations.

# We face legal uncertainties relating to the Internet in general and to the e-commerce industry in particular and may become subject to costly government regulation.

The laws and regulations related to the Internet and e-commerce are evolving. These laws and regulations relate to issues such as user privacy, freedom of expression, pricing, fraud, quality of products and services, taxation, advertising, intellectual property rights and information security. Laws governing issues such as property ownership, copyrights and other intellectual property issues, taxation, libel and defamation, obscenity and personal privacy could also affect our business. Laws adopted prior to the advent of the Internet may not contemplate or address the unique issues of the Internet and related technologies and it is not clear how they will apply. Current and future laws and regulations could increase our cost of doing business and/or decrease the demand for our services.

#### Our auction business may be subject to a variety of additional costly government regulations.

Many states and other jurisdictions have regulations governing the conduct of traditional auctions and the liability of traditional auctioneers in conducting auctions, which may apply to online auction services. In addition, certain states have laws or regulations that expressly apply to online auction services. We expect to incur costs in complying with these laws and could be subject to fines or other penalties for any failure to comply with these laws. We may be required to make changes in our business to comply with these laws, which could increase our costs, reduce our revenue, cause us to prohibit the listing of certain items, or otherwise adversely affect our financial condition or operating results.

In addition, the law regarding the potential liability of an online auction service for the activities of its users is not clear. We cannot assure you that users of our websites will comply with our terms and conditions or with laws and regulations applicable to them and their transactions. It is possible that we may be subject to allegations of civil or criminal liability for any unlawful activities conducted by sellers or buyers. Any costs we incur as a result of any such allegations, or as a result of actual or alleged unlawful transactions using our marketplaces, or in our efforts to prevent any such transactions, may harm our opportunities for future revenue growth. In addition, any negative publicity we receive regarding any such transactions or allegations may damage our reputation, our ability to attract new sellers and buyers and our business.

### Certain categories of merchandise sold on our marketplaces are subject to government restrictions.

We sell merchandise, such as scientific instruments, information technology equipment and aircraft parts, that is subject to export control and economic sanctions laws, among other laws, imposed by the United States and other governments. Such restrictions include the U.S. Export Administration Regulations, the International Traffic in Arms Regulations, and economic sanctions and embargo laws administered by the Office of the Foreign Assets Control Regulations. These restrictions prohibit us from, among other things, selling property to (1) persons or entities that appear on lists of restricted or prohibited parties maintained by the United States or other governments or (2) countries, regimes, or nationals that are the target of applicable economic sanctions or other embargoes. In addition, for specified categories of property sold under our contracts with the DoD, we are required to (1) obtain an end-use certificate from the prospective buyer describing the nature of the buyer s business, describing the expected disposition and specific end-use of the property, and acknowledging the applicability of pertinent export control and economic sanctions laws and (2) confirm that each buyer has been cleared to purchase export-controlled items.

We may incur significant costs or be required to modify our business to comply with these requirements. If we are alleged to have violated any of these laws or regulations we may be subject to civil and criminal penalties and administrative sanctions, including termination of contracts, forfeiture of profits, suspension of payments, fines, and suspension or debarment from doing business with U.S. federal government agencies. In addition, we could suffer serious harm to our reputation if allegations of impropriety are made against us, whether or not true.

#### Our business may be harmed if third parties misappropriate our clients confidential information.

We retain highly confidential information on behalf of our clients in our systems and databases. Although we maintain security features in our systems, our operations may be susceptible to hacker interception, break-ins and other disruptions. These disruptions may jeopardize the security of information stored in and transmitted through our systems. We may be required to expend significant capital and other resources to protect against such security breaches or to alleviate problems caused by such breaches. These issues are likely to become more difficult as we expand our operations. If any compromise of our security were to occur, we may lose clients and our reputation, business, financial condition and operating results could be harmed by the misappropriation of confidential client information. In addition, if there is any perception that we cannot protect our clients confidential information, we may lose the ability to attract new clients and our revenue could decline.

#### If we fail to comply with increasing levels of regulation relating to privacy, our business could suffer harm.

We are subject to increasing regulation at the federal, state and international levels relating to privacy and the use of personal user information. In addition, several states have proposed or enacted legislation to limit uses of personal information gathered online or require online services to establish privacy policies. Data protection regulations and enforcement efforts may restrict our ability to collect demographic and personal information from users, which could be costly or harm our marketing efforts. Such regulations, along with increased government or private enforcement, may increase the cost of growing our business and require us to expend significant capital and other resources. Our failure to comply with these federal, state and international laws and regulations could subject us to lawsuits, fines, criminal penalties, statutory damages, adverse publicity and other costs could decrease our profitability.

If one or more states successfully assert that we should collect sales or other taxes on the sale of our merchandise or the merchandise of third parties that we offer for sale on our websites, our business could be harmed.

We are currently required to pay sales taxes in all states for shipment of goods from our DoD contracts. We also pay sales or other similar taxes in respect of shipments of other goods into states in which we have a substantial presence. In addition, as we grow our business, any new operation in states in which we currently do not pay sales taxes could subject shipments into such states to state sales taxes under current or future laws.

In November 2004, the federal government passed legislation placing a three-year ban on state and local governments imposition of new taxes on Internet access or electronic commerce transactions. This ban does not prohibit federal, state or local authorities from collecting taxes on our income or from collecting taxes that are due under existing tax rules. Unless the ban is extended, state and local governments may begin to levy additional taxes on Internet access and electronic commerce transactions upon the legislation s expiration in November 2007. An increase in taxes may make electronic commerce transactions less attractive for merchants and businesses, which could result in a decrease in the level of demand for our services.

Currently, decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court restrict the imposition of obligations to collect state and local sales and use taxes with respect to sales made over the Internet. However, a number of states, as well as the U.S. Congress, have been considering various initiatives that could limit or supersede the Supreme Court s position regarding sales and use taxes on Internet sales. If any of these initiatives resulted in a reversal of the Supreme Court s current position, we could be required to collect sales and use taxes in states other than states in which we currently pay such taxes. A successful assertion by one or more local, state or foreign jurisdictions that the sale of merchandise by us is subject to sales or other taxes, could subject us to material liabilities and increase our costs of doing business. To the extent that we pass such costs on to our clients, could harm our business and decrease our revenue.

# Fraudulent activities involving our websites and disputes relating to transactions on our websites may cause us to lose clients and affect our ability to grow our business.

We are aware that other companies operating online auction or liquidation services have periodically received complaints of fraudulent activities of buyers or sellers on their websites, including disputes over the quality of goods and services, unauthorized use of credit card and bank account information and identity theft, potential breaches of system security, and infringement of third-party copyrights, trademarks and trade names or other intellectual property rights. We may receive similar complaints if sellers or buyers trading in our marketplaces are alleged to have engaged in fraudulent or unlawful activity. In addition, we may suffer losses as a result of purchases paid for with fraudulent credit card data even though the associated financial institution approved payment. In the case of disputed transactions, we may not be able to require users of our services to fulfill their obligations to make payments or to deliver goods. We also may receive complaints from buyers about the quality of purchased goods, requests for reimbursement, or communications threatening or commencing legal actions against us. Negative publicity generated as a result of fraudulent conduct by third parties or the failure to satisfactorily settle disputes related to transactions on our websites could damage our reputation, cause us to lose clients and affect our ability to grow our business.

### False or defamatory statements transmitted through our services could harm our reputation and affect our ability to attract clients.

The law relating to the liability of online services companies for information carried on or disseminated through their services is currently unsettled. Claims could be made against online services companies under both the U.S. and foreign law for defamation, libel, invasion of privacy, negligence, copyright or trademark infringement, or other theories based on the nature and content of the materials disseminated through their services. Our goWholesale.com website allows users to make comments regarding the online auction industry in general and other users and their merchandise in particular. Although all such comments are generated by users and not by us, we are aware that claims of defamation or other injury have been made against other companies operating auction services in the past and could be made in the future against us for comments made by users. If we are held liable for information provided by our users and carried on our service, we could be directly harmed and may be forced to implement measures to reduce our liability. This may require us to expend substantial resources or discontinue certain service offerings, which could negatively affect our operating results. In addition, the increased attention focused upon liability issues as a result of these lawsuits and legislative proposals could harm our reputation and affect our ability to attract clients.

### Our stock price may be volatile and your investment in our common stock could suffer a decline in value.

The market prices of the securities of e-commerce companies have been extremely volatile and have overall declined significantly since early 2000. Broad market and industry factors may adversely affect the market price of our common stock, regardless of our actual operating performance. Factors that could cause fluctuation in the stock price may include, among other things:

- actual or anticipated variations in quarterly operating results;
- changes in financial estimates by us or by a securities analyst who covers our stock;
- publication of research reports about our company or industry;
- conditions or trends in our industry;
- stock market price and volume fluctuations of other publicly traded companies and, in particular, those whose business involves the Internet and e-commerce;
- announcements by us or our competitors of significant contracts, acquisitions, commercial relationships, strategic partnerships or divestitures;
- announcements by us or our competitors of technological innovations, new services or service enhancements;
- announcements of investigations or regulatory scrutiny of our operations or lawsuits filed against us;
- the passage of legislation or other regulatory developments that adversely affect us, our clients or our industry;
- additions or departures of key personnel;
- sales of our common stock, including sales of our common stock by our directors and officers or specific stockholders; and
- general economic conditions and slow or negative growth of related markets.

Volatility in the market price of shares may prevent investors from being able to sell their shares of common stock at prices they view as attractive. In the past, securities class action litigation has often been instituted against companies following periods of volatility in their stock price. This type of litigation could result in substantial costs and divert our management s attention and resources.

# Our costs will increase significantly as a result of operating as a public company, and our management will be required to devote substantial time to comply with public company regulations.

We have just begun operating as a public company. As a new public company, we will incur significant legal, accounting and other expenses that we did not incur as a private company. These expenses are associated with our public company reporting requirements and recently adopted corporate governance requirements, including requirements under the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, as well as new rules implemented by the SEC, the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board and the Nasdaq National Market, or Nasdaq. We expect these rules and regulations to increase our legal and financial compliance costs and to make some activities more time-consuming and costly. We also expect these rules and regulations may make it more difficult and more expensive for us to obtain director and officer liability insurance. As a result, it may be more difficult for us to attract and retain qualified individuals to serve on our board of directors or as executive officers. We cannot predict or estimate the amount of additional costs we may incur as a public company or the timing of such costs.

### Our disclosure controls and procedures may not prevent or detect all errors or acts of fraud.

We are subject to the periodic reporting requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, or the Exchange Act. Our disclosure controls and procedures are designed to reasonably assure that information required to be disclosed by us in reports we file or submit under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to management, recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the rules and forms of the SEC. We believe that any disclosure controls and procedures or internal controls and procedures, no matter how well conceived and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the control system are met.

These inherent limitations include the realities that judgments in decision-making can be faulty, and that breakdowns can occur because of simple error or mistake. Additionally, controls can be circumvented by the individual acts of some persons, by collusion of two or more people or by an unauthorized override of the controls. Accordingly, because of the inherent limitations in our control system, misstatements due to error or fraud may occur and not be detected.

Because we have recently become a public company, we have limited experience attempting to comply with public company obligations, including Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

As directed by Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, the SEC has adopted rules requiring public companies to include a report of management on the company s internal controls over financial reporting in their annual reports on Form 10-K. In addition, the public accounting firm auditing a public company s financial statements must attest to and report on management s assessment of the effectiveness of the company s internal controls over financial reporting. These requirements will first apply to our annual report on Form 10-K for our fiscal year ending on September 30, 2007.

We currently do not have an internal audit group, and we will need to hire additional accounting and financial staff with appropriate public company experience and technical accounting knowledge. Also, we may in the future discover areas of our internal controls that need improvement. We cannot be certain that any remedial measures we take will ensure that we implement and maintain adequate controls over our financial processes and reporting in the future. Any failure to implement required new or improved controls, or difficulties encountered in their implementation could harm our operating results or cause us to fail to meet our reporting obligations. If we are unable to conclude that we have effective internal controls over financial reporting, or if our independent auditors are unable to provide us with an unqualified report as to the effectiveness of our internal controls over financial reporting as of September 30, 2007 and future year ends as required by Section 404, investors could lose confidence in the reliability of our financial statements, which could result in a decrease in the value of our common stock. Failure to comply with Section 404 could potentially subject us to sanctions or investigations by the SEC, Nasdaq or other regulatory authorities.

### Some provisions of our charter, bylaws and Delaware law inhibit potential acquisition bids that you may consider favorable.

Our corporate documents and Delaware law contain provisions that may enable our board of directors to resist a change in control of our company even if a change in control were to be considered favorable by you and other stockholders. These provisions include:

- a staggered board of directors;
- a prohibition on actions by our stockholders by written consent;
- limitations on persons authorized to call a special meeting of stockholders;
- the authorization of undesignated preferred stock, the terms of which may be established and shares of which may be issued without stockholder approval;
- advance notice procedures required for stockholders to nominate candidates for election as directors or to bring matters before an annual meeting of stockholders; and
- the requirement that board vacancies be filled by a majority of our directors then in office.

These provisions could discourage, delay or prevent a transaction involving a change in control of our company. These provisions could also discourage proxy contests and make it more difficult for you and other stockholders to elect directors of your choosing and cause us to take other corporate actions you desire.

#### Item 6. Exhibits.

Exhibit No. 3.1	Description Fourth Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.1 of Amendment No. 2 to the Company s Registration Statement on Form S-1 (Registration No. 333-129656) filed with the SEC on January 17, 2006).
3.2	Amended and Restated Bylaws (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.2 of Amendment No. 2 to the Company s Registration Statement on form S-1 (Registration No. 333-129656) filed with the SEC on January 17, 2006).
31.1	Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
31.2	Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
32.1	Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
32.2	Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
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### **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

LIQUIDITY SERVICES, INC.

(Registrant)

Date: August 11, 2006 /s/ William P. Angrick, III

By: William P. Angrick, III

Title: Chairman of the Board of Directors and

Chief Executive Officer

/s/ James M. Rallo

By: James M. Rallo

Title: Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer