

**Madison Strategic Sector Premium Fund
(NYSE:MSP)**

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Dear Shareholder(s):

The distribution in the amount of \$0.30 per share payable December 31, 2008 from the Madison Strategic Sector Premium Fund (the "Fund") to shareholders of record on December 17, 2008 is considered a return of capital on a book basis. Note that both short term and long term capital gains are not considered income for book purposes.

The Fund currently does not anticipate that any of the distributions paid during the 2008 calendar year will be classified as return of capital for tax purposes. The final determination of the source of the 2008 distributions will be made after the end of the Fund's fiscal year and will be reported to you in January 2009 on Form 1099-DIV.

The Fund adopted a managed distribution policy such that the quarterly distributions to shareholders would consist of net investment income and net realized gains, if any. In order to include realized long-term capital gains as a component of these quarterly distributions, exemptive relief is required from the Securities and Exchange Commission because the SEC only allows for effectively one long-term capital gain distribution per year.

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