



(E) ven the intelligent investor is likely to need considerable willpower to keep from following the crowd." Benjamin Graham



*Ignore the crowd.* 

# PORTFOLIO MANAGER'S REPORT THE FAIRHOLME FUND

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### **PORTFOLIO MANAGER'S REPORT**

For the Year Ended December 31, 2015

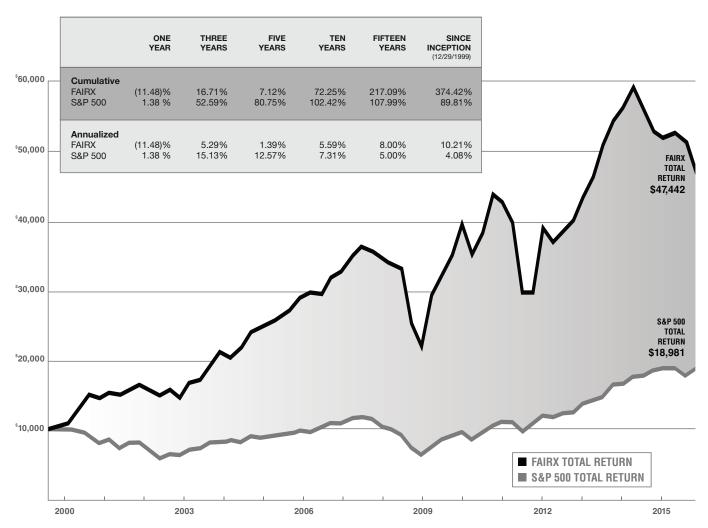
Mutual fund investing involves risks, including loss of principal. The charts below cover the period from inception of The Fairholme Fund (December 29, 1999) to December 31, 2015. Unless otherwise specified, all holdings information is shown as of December 31, 2015. Past performance information quoted below does not guarantee future results. The investment return and principal value of an investment in The Fairholme Fund will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance information quoted below. Performance figures are after expenses and assume reinvestment of dividends and capital gains but do not reflect a 2.00% redemption fee on shares redeemed within 60 days of purchase. Most recent month-end performance and answers to any questions you may have can be obtained by calling Shareholder Services at 1.866.202.2263. The Fairholme Fund maintains a focused portfolio of investments in a limited number of issuers and does not seek to diversify its investments. This exposes The Fairholme Fund to the risk of unanticipated industry conditions and risks particular to a single company or the securities of a single company. The S&P 500 Index is a broad-based measurement of changes in the stock market, is used for comparative purposes only, and is not meant to be indicative of The Fairholme Fund's performance, asset composition, or volatility. The Fairholme Fund's performance may differ markedly from the performance of the S&P 500 Index in either up or down market trends. The performance of the S&P 500 Index is shown with all dividends reinvested and does not reflect any reduction in performance for the effects of transaction costs or management fees. Investors cannot invest directly in an index. The Fairholme Fund's total expense ratio reflected in its prospectus dated March 27, 2015, was 1.06%, which included acquired fund fees and expenses that were incurred indirectly by The Fairholme Fund as a result of investments in securities issued by one or more investment companies.

## January 28, 2016

#### The Fairholme Fund vs. The S&P 500 Index

TOTAL ANNUAL RETURN					
Year	The Fairholme Fund	The S&P 500 Index			
2000	46.5%	(9.1)%			
2001	6.2%	(11.9)%			
2002	(1.6)%	(22.1)%			
2003	24.0%	28.7%			
2004	24.9%	10.9%			
2005	13.7%	4.9%			
2006	16.7%	15.8%			
2007	12.4%	5.5%			
2008	(29.7)%	(37.0)%			
2009	39.0%	26.5%			
2010	25.5%	15.1%			
2011	(32.4)%	2.1%			
2012	35.8%	16.0%			
2013	35.5%	32.4%			
2014	(2.7)%	13.7%			
2015	(11.5)%	1.4%			
Compounded Annual Gain	10.2%	4.1%			
Overall Gain	374.4%	89.8%			

The Fairholme Fund (the "Fund" or "FAIRX") decreased 11.48% versus a 1.38% gain for the S&P 500 Index (the "S&P 500") in 2015. The following table compares the Fund's unaudited performance (after expenses) with that of the S&P 500, with dividends and distributions reinvested, for various periods ending December 31, 2015.



The value of a \$10,000 investment in the Fund at its inception was worth \$47,442 (assumes reinvestment of distributions into additional Fund shares) compared to \$18,981 for the S&P 500 at year-end. Of the \$47,442, the value of distributions reinvested was \$28,942. It is clear a reinvestment strategy is rewarding.

Recent times have not been easy for all of us Fund shareholders. My three decades of experience dictates that the seeds of great performance are planted during the toughest of times. Above-average returns only seem painless in hindsight. After all, if it were easy, everyone would do it.

Fairholme remains focused on buying and holding securities characterized by large differences between our assessment of intrinsic value and their market price. Paying a cheap price relative to intrinsic value has determined much of Fairholme's performance success and helps protect against less-than-perfect future outcomes. Security prices and estimates of intrinsic value widen during bouts of market irrationality or times of crisis, but they usually converge. We try to take advantage of these bargains by buying securities of businesses with fixable problems trading at distressed prices. We only buy when the facts tell us to be greedy, especially when others are fearful. While holding our investments, we may appear wrong for extended periods, and in some instances, it can take years for a position to become an overnight success. We believe that point is near and maintain our strong conviction that the Fund's current securities are worth multiples of today's prices.

Historically, large and liquid markets have allowed the Fund to focus on a few, best ideas. Times have changed. Over the course of the year, the Fund reduced positions that appreciated and initiated investments in several new opportunities. Going forward, if markets remain less liquid, we will become less concentrated than in the past. Cash and equivalents now exceeding 20% of net assets provide ample dry powder.

#### **American International Group**

Fund shareholders have realized over \$2 billion in gains from our investment in American International Group ("AIG") common stock. Today, our remaining AIG stake is composed of double-ratchet, long-dated warrants (14.2% of Fund assets) received in connection with AIG's 2011 recapitalization. These warrants are our largest position for three reasons: (i) AIG's common shares continue to trade at a meaningful discount to the company's tangible book value of nearly \$80 per share; (ii) AIG has the potential to materially improve the cost structure of its property and casualty business, as its expense ratio remains higher than its peer group average; and (iii) future dividend increases and capital distributions will improve the conversion ratio and exercise price of the warrants until their 2021 expiry.

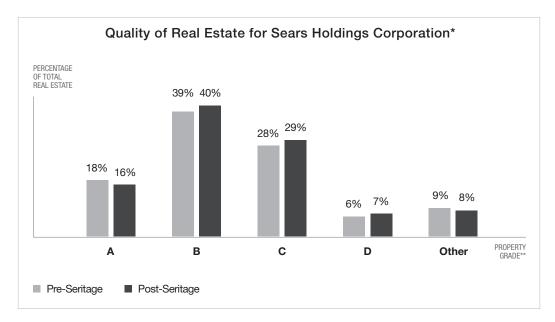
#### **Sears Holdings Corporation**

Sears Holdings Corporation ("Sears") common stock, warrants, and bonds comprise 13.2% of Fund assets. Our ongoing valuation work reinforces our longstanding belief that Sears is worth multiples of its current market price (as evidenced in the chart below), largely based on its vast real estate empire and disparate businesses configured to sell, deliver, connect, control, service, and replace all manner of consumer products. Throughout the year, the Fund took advantage of price declines to increase its stake.

Estimated Net Asset Value of Sears Holdings Corporation*	\$Millions	Per Share
Real Estate	\$15,772	\$123
Kenmore, Craftsman, DieHard, Home Services	\$5,150	\$40
Net Inventory, Cash, and Accounts Receivable	\$4,682	\$37
Other Assets	\$2,400	\$19
Total Assets	\$28,004	\$219
Total Liabilities	(\$9,168)	(\$72)
Net Asset Value	\$18,836	\$147

<sup>\*</sup>Estimate based on data as of Q3 2015.

Last year's sale of 266 properties for \$3.1 billion unlocked one-fourth of the company's real estate square footage. The properties included in the transaction were *not* exclusively the crème de la crème of the company's real estate portfolio as many have falsely asserted. Instead, the quality of the properties included in the transaction closely mirrors the approximately 170 million square feet of real estate retained by Sears today as depicted in the following chart.



<sup>\*</sup>Proprietary assessment based on publicly available information.

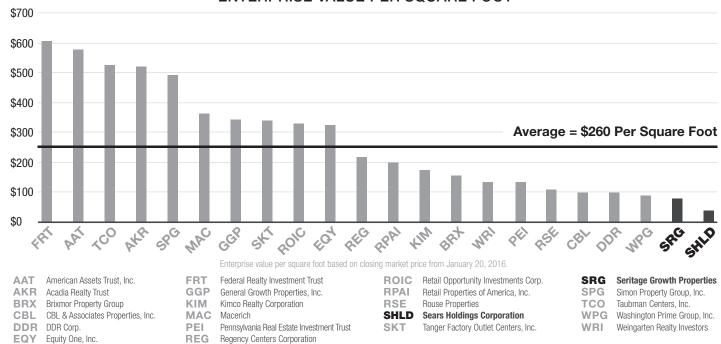
Proceeds from the sale were used to reduce corporate debt by \$936 million, and the company must now accelerate its return to profitability in order to rebuild confidence with customers, creditors, vendors, employees, and other investors. Doing so should enable Sears to optimize the value of all its assets.

## **Seritage Growth Properties**

Seritage Growth Properties ("Seritage"), a newly formed public real estate investment trust (REIT) that purchased the aforementioned 266 properties from Sears in mid-2015, comprises 2.5% of Fund assets. Our detailed property-by-property analysis, which has been independently corroborated by third party real estate professionals, indicates that Seritage is significantly undervalued at current market prices. One can only speculate that Warren Buffett concurs with our assessment given his recent decision to personally acquire shares. Seritage's real estate portfolio, which includes 235 properties and joint venture interests in 31 additional properties, has the opportunity to command significantly higher rents. Seritage appears to have the largest development backlog of any national REIT, and will be able to develop more rentable space over time without a need for further acquisitions. Commentary from the company's joint venture partners – General Growth Properties, Macerich, and Simon Properties – about ongoing and future projects across the country only serves to reinforce our conclusions. As shown in the following chart, Seritage and Sears have two of the lowest priced real estate portfolios in the United States.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Property Grades are derived from a proprietary research methodology developed by Fairholme Capital Management, LLC, corroborated by independent real estate professionals. The methodology utilizes key indicators of property and location value including revenue per square foot, local population and median household income demographics, presence of strategic tenants, and other measures. **Grade A** properties consistently ranked highest in most categories, **Grade B** properties predominantly scored higher than average in most categories, **Grade C** properties scored lower than average in most categories, and **Grade D** properties consistently ranked lowest in most categories. **Other** properties include freestanding Sears locations and unrated properties.

## ENTERPRISE VALUE PER SQUARE FOOT



#### Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac

In 1986, famed Magellan Fund manager Peter Lynch touted Fannie Mae as "the best business, literally, in America." At that time, Fannie Mae had a price-to-earnings ratio of one. Lynch noted that "when a company can earn back the price of its stock in one year, you've found a good deal." Thirty years later, the price-to-earnings ratio of Fannie Mae is back at one – but the circumstances are quite different. In our view, current prices of Fannie Mae as well as its smaller cousin Freddie Mac do not reflect the economic value of existing assets, let alone future earnings power, embedded in these world-class franchises. Indeed, the companies are not priced for a run-off of their existing businesses; they are priced for the permanent expropriation of all assets.

Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac represent 16.4% of Fund assets, primarily in the form of preferred stock. For those unfamiliar, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac are simple and straightforward insurance companies. They are *not* banks. There isn't a local Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac branch on the street corner. Unlike the big banks, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac did not commit any consumer fraud in the run-up to the financial crisis. The two do not originate mortgages and they do not deal directly with individual homeowners. However, when it comes to funding our nation's housing market, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac are mission critical. The companies have helped tens of millions of American families buy, rent, or refinance a home even during the toughest economic times when banks and other lenders shun mortgage risk. Bottom line: Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac are the housing finance system in America, and earn a nominal amount (less than 40 basis points) for ensuring that the venerable 30-year fixed-rate mortgage remains widely accessible and affordable.

During the 2008 financial crisis, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac helped save America's home mortgage system and resuscitated our national economy by continuing to provide liquidity when credit and insurance markets froze solid. According to a comprehensive analysis by Thomas Ferguson and Robert Johnson published in the *International Journal of Political Economy*, federal regulators explicitly directed Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac to initiate massive purchases of "home mortgages and mortgage bonds to stem declines in those markets and alleviate pressures on the balance sheets of private firms," particularly "overburdened banks." Then in 2012, Treasury's decision to usurp all of the profits from each company in perpetuity (the so-called "Net Worth Sweep") improved the federal budget deficit in an election year and avoided protracted debt ceiling negotiations with Congressional Republicans.

Roger Parloff's recent Fortune magazine piece – "How Uncle Sam Nationalized Two Fortune 50 Companies" – details the de facto nationalization of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac by the federal government and the determined effort by a handful of bureaucrats to hide the truth from the public:

For reasons that remain shrouded in secrecy to this day, the Treasury Department and the companies' conservator, the Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA) - two arms of the same government - agreed to radically change the terms of what the GSEs would owe in exchange for the moneys they had already received. Instead of a 10% annual dividend on all the bailout funds drawn ... the dividend was now to be set at 100% of each GSE's net worth. One hundred percent. That is to say, any and all profit they posted. And this would be so in perpetuity ... The two firms, on their way back to health, were effectively nationalized. The sudden change was called the "third amendment," an innocuous-sounding designation that belies its momentous consequences ... If this strikes you as, well, un-American, you're not alone ... The government's alleged nationalization of two enormous corporations raises potentially landmark constitutional issues - comparable to President Harry Truman's attempt to nationalize steel mills during the Korean War ... Seven years into their conservatorship, the GSEs remain adrift, with shrinking capital reserves and no exit plan — a dormant, festering crisis ... Documents and depositions from officials at Treasury and FHFA, obtained in discovery in a suit brought by Fairholme Funds, show that the government's story is "highly misleading" in some respects and "outright false" in others, plaintiffs lawyers allege in court briefs ... The lawyers can't tell the media (or even their clients) specifically what the documents and depositions show, however. That's because Court of Federal Claims Judge Margaret Sweeney has ordered those materials sealed from public view, at the government's behest. Bewilderingly, the Justice Department has persuaded her that disclosure of that information—concerning a now three- to eight-yearold decision-making process of tremendous public interest-might cause "dire harm" and "place this nation's financial markets in jeopardy" ... The spectacle of a conservator wiping out shareholders just as the companies he's supervising are about to have their best years in history simply doesn't smell right. It's hard to picture the Supreme Court letting it stand.

The market gyrations experienced during 2015 do not reflect our progress in halting Treasury's unlawful taking of Fannie Mae's and Freddie Mac's assets. Indeed, newly discovered evidence – which shows the government's defense to be outright false – was subsequently presented to the D.C. Circuit Court (under seal as required), and plaintiffs in other cases from the Northern District of Iowa to the Eastern District of Kentucky have now obtained these documents as well. We remain confident that Treasury's deliberate effort to realign the equity of each company and allocate all profits to itself in perpetuity is strictly prohibited by federal and state law, and anticipate that several of these cases will be adjudicated this year.

Today, taxpayers own 79.9% of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. In this respect, taxpayers are fully aligned with private shareholders of these extremely valuable companies. In our view, anyone claiming that shareholders are seeking remuneration at "taxpayer expense" is peddling fiction. Only the disingenuous would assert that recapitalization of these companies would take decades and come at taxpayer expense, as if retaining earnings precluded the ability of each company to raise equity from private investors. Only those beholden to special interests would ignore the substantial reforms implemented at Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac over the last eight years and pretend that the companies are somehow doomed to repeat the past upon release from conservatorship. Only those who oppose the dream of American homeownership would attempt to dismantle President Franklin Roosevelt's *New Deal* by eliminating two publicly traded, shareholder-owned companies that have single-handedly provided \$7 trillion dollars – yes, *trillion* – in liquidity to support America's mortgage market since 2009.

Shareholders simply request that the Treasury Department respect the capital structure of each company, respect the economic bundle of rights associated with our securities, and respect the law setting forth the rules of a conservatorship as decreed by Congress. The economist Herbert Stein once famously said: "If something cannot go on forever, it will stop." Sooner rather than later, we believe the Net Worth Sweep will be halted and a common sense solution will prevail: Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac will transform into low-risk, public utilities with regulated rates of return, just like your local electric company.

## The St. Joe Company

The St. Joe Company ("St. Joe") comprises 12.8% of Fund assets. Today, St. Joe stands well capitalized and focused on future developments in Florida's Bay and Walton Counties. The company is entitled to develop 170,000 residential units and 22 million square feet of retail, commercial, and industrial facilities on 110,500 acres of nearly contiguous land on the "Emerald Coast." We believe that the intrinsic value of St. Joe's current entitlements and other assets is substantially higher than its recent market price, and were pleased that the company repurchased almost 17 million shares of its common stock (over 18% of the outstanding public float) at \$18 per share in 2015.

### **Imperial Metals Corporation**

Imperial Metals Corporation ("Imperial") common shares and senior unsecured notes due 2019 comprise 5.4% of Fund assets. We first bought Imperial after observing Murray Edwards develop Canadian Natural Resources Limited – particularly its massive Horizon oil sands project – into a world-class energy producer. We believe that Imperial's Red Chris mine is a replay of low-cost Horizon, but with one of the largest copper resources and the seventh largest gold deposit in the world. Imperial posted record production results in 2015, and we expect the company to weather the current commodity cycle while preparing for the next upswing.

#### Oil and Natural Gas Related Companies

A shale fracking revolution allows America to be an energy exporter. Supply increases have led to an oil and gas price collapse. Energy companies now sell for huge discounts from historic values, and related service businesses are trading at record lows as well. When the Fund last purchased large amounts of securities in the energy sector, no one thought that the world would function if oil exceeded \$40 per barrel. We sold our positions when oil eclipsed \$100 per barrel and few thought a return to \$80 possible. Now, experts believe a price of \$10 is possible and \$50 per barrel a long way off. We again disagree. Prices cannot stay below marginal costs when demand grows and supply depletes – at least, not for too long.

In the immortal words of Yogi Berra, "It's déjà vu all over again." Common shares of MRC Global and NOW Inc. comprise 4.8% of Fund assets. Both companies operate in the supply chain and inventory management industry, and should be among the first to experience a rebound with higher oil and gas prices. Ultimately, MRC and NOW should consider a merger in order to create huge efficiencies and maximize value for all shareholders.

We are pleased to invite shareholders to join us for a public conference call in the near future, during which I will discuss the Fund's investments and address your questions. Details will be made available on www.fairholmefunds.com in the coming weeks, along with additional updated information on our investments.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce R. Berkowitz Chief Investment Officer

Fairholme Capital Management

The Portfolio Manager's Report is not part of The Fairholme Fund's Annual Report due to forward-looking statements that, by their nature, cannot be attested to, as required by regulation. The Portfolio Manager's Report is based on calendar-year performance. A more formal Management Discussion and Analysis is included in the Annual Report. Opinions of the Portfolio Manager are intended as such, and not as statements of fact requiring attestation.



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The Fairholme Fund (FAIRX)

Seeking long-term growth of capital

**Annual Report 2015** 

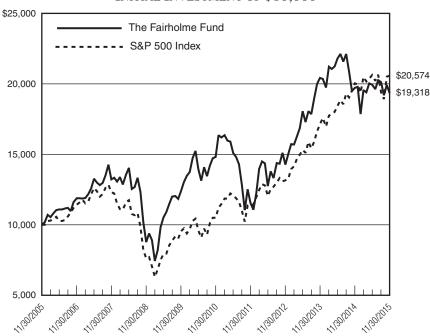
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# THE FAIRHOLME FUND

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# THE FAIRHOLME FUND VS. THE S&P 500 INDEX INITIAL INVESTMENT OF \$10,000



The Fairholme Fund (the "Fund") commenced operations on December 29, 1999. The chart above presents the performance of a \$10,000 investment for up to ten years to the latest fiscal year ending November 30, 2015.

The following notes pertain to the chart above as well as to the performance table included in the Management Discussion & Analysis Report. Performance information in this report represents past performance and is not a guarantee of future results. The investment return and principal value of an investment in the Fund will fluctuate, so that an investor's shares when redeemed may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance quoted within. The performance information does not reflect the taxes an investor would pay on Fund distributions or upon redemption of Fund shares. Most recent month-end performance and answers to any questions you may have can be obtained by calling Shareholder Services at 1-866-202-2263.

Data for both the S&P 500 Index and the Fund are presented assuming all dividends and distributions have been reinvested and do not reflect any taxes that might have been incurred by a shareholder as a result of the Fund distributions. The S&P 500 Index is a widely recognized, unmanaged index of 500 of the largest companies in the United States as measured by market capitalization and does not reflect any investment management fees or transaction expenses, nor the effects of taxes, fees or other charges.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION & ANALYSIS For the Fiscal Year Ended November 30, 2015

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The Fairholme Fund (the "Fund") shares outstanding and audited net asset value per share ("NAV") at November 30, 2015, the end of the Fund's fiscal year, and per share NAVs at other pertinent dates, were as follows:

11/30/2015	11/30/2015	05/31/2015	11/30/2014
Shares	NAV	NAV	NAV
Outstanding	(audited)	(unaudited)	(audited)
134,704,321	\$34.24	\$35.33	\$37.96

At December 31, 2015, the unaudited per share NAV of the Fund was \$18.50. Performance figures below are shown for the Fund's fiscal year ended November 30, 2015, and do not match calendar year figures for the period ended December 31, 2015, cited in the Portfolio Manager's report.

Fund Performance to 11/30/2015	Six Months	One Year	Five Years	Ten Years	Fifteen Years	Inception 12/29/1999
Cumulative: Fund	(3.09)%	(1.95)%	30.43%	93.18%	286.07%	423.12%
S&P 500	(0.21)%	2.75%	95.92%	105.74%	112.36%	92.85%
Annualized: Fund S&P 500		(1.95)% 2.75%	5.46% 14.40%	6.81% 7.48%	9.42% 5.15%	10.95% 4.21%

For the six months ended November 30, 2015, the Fund was outperformed by the S&P 500 Index ("S&P 500") by 2.88 percentage points while over the last year the Fund was outperformed by the S&P 500 by 4.70 percentage points. From inception, the Fund outperformed the S&P 500 by 6.74 percentage points per annum or, on a cumulative basis, 330.27 percentage points over fifteen years and eleven months.

Fairholme Capital Management, L.L.C. (the "Manager") believes performance over shorter periods is likely to be less meaningful than performance over longer periods. Investors are cautioned not to rely on short-term results. The fact that securities increase or decline in value does not always indicate that the Manager believes these securities to be more or less attractive — in fact, the Manager believes that some price increases present selling opportunities and some price declines present buying opportunities.

Further, shareholders should note that the S&P 500 is an unmanaged index incurring no fees, expenses, or tax effects and is shown solely to compare Fund performance to that of an unmanaged and diversified index of U.S. publicly traded corporation common stock.

Shareholders are also cautioned that it is possible that some securities mentioned in this discussion may no longer be held by the Fund subsequent to the end of the fiscal period and that the Fund may have made significant new purchases that are not yet required to be disclosed. It is the Fund's general policy not to disclose portfolio holdings other than when required by relevant law or regulation. Portfolio holdings are subject to change without notice.

Not all Fund portfolio dispositions or additions are material, and, while the Fund and the Manager have long-term objectives, it is possible that a security sold or purchased in one period will be purchased or sold in a subsequent period. Generally, the Manager determines to buy and sell based on its estimates of the absolute and relative intrinsic values and fundamental dynamics of a particular security and its issuer and its industry. However, certain strategies of the Manager in carrying out Fund policies may result in shorter holding periods.

The Manager invests Fund assets in securities to the extent it finds reasonable investment opportunities in accordance with its Prospectus and may invest a significant portion of Fund assets in liquid, low-risk securities or cash. The Manager views liquidity as a strategic advantage. At November 30, 2015, cash and cash equivalents

(consisting of cash, commercial paper, deposit accounts, U.S. Treasury Bills, and money-market funds) represented 23.58% of total assets. Since inception, the Fund has held liquid, low-risk securities or cash for periods without negatively influencing performance, although there is no guarantee that future performance will not be negatively affected by Fund liquidity.

The Fund is considered to be "non-diversified" under the Investment Company Act of 1940. The Fund can invest a greater percentage of assets in fewer securities than a diversified fund and may invest a significant portion of cash and liquid assets in one or more higher-risk securities at any time, particularly in situations where markets are weak or a particular security declines sharply. The Fund may also have a greater percentage of assets invested in a particular industry than a diversified fund, exposing the Fund to the risk of an unanticipated industry condition as well as risks specific to a single company or security. For the fiscal year ended November 30, 2015, the Fund investments that performed the best were American International Group, Inc., The St. Joe Co., Canadian Natural Resources Ltd., Citigroup, Inc., NOW, Inc., and MRC Global, Inc. The biggest contributors to negative performance were investments in Sears Holdings Corp., Leucadia National Corp., Seritage Growth Properties, National Oilwell Varco, Inc., and Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. The following charts show the top holdings by issuer and sector in descending order of net assets as of November 30, 2015.

The Fairholme Fund Top Holdings by Issuer* (% of Net Assets)		The Fairholme Fund Top Sectors (% of Net Assets)		
American International Group, Inc.	11.8%	Cash and Cash Equivalents**	23.8%	
Sears Holdings Corp.	10.5%	Mortgage Finance	15.1%	
The St. Joe Co.	9.7%	Retail Department Stores	12.4%	
Federal National Mortgage Association	8.0%	Multi-Line Insurance	11.8%	
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp.	7.1%	Real Estate Management & Development	9.7%	
Bank of America Corp.	5.5%	Diversified Banks	5.5%	
Canadian Natural Resources Ltd.	4.7%	Oil & Natural Gas Exploration	5.3%	
Imperial Metals Corp.	4.0%	Trading Companies & Distributors	4.0%	
NOW, Inc.	2.5%	Metals & Mining	4.0%	
Leucadia National Corp.	2.0%	Diversified Holding Companies	2.0%	
	<u>65.8%</u>		93.6%	

<sup>\*</sup> Excludes cash, U.S. Treasury Bills, commercial paper, and money market funds.

The Manager views the ability to focus on fewer investments than a diversified fund as a strategic advantage. However, such a strategy may negatively influence short-term performance and there is no guarantee that long-term performance will not be negatively affected.

The Fund may invest in non-U.S. securities and securities of corporations domiciled outside of the United States, which may expose the Fund to adverse changes resulting from foreign currency fluctuations or other potential risks as described in the Fund's Prospectus and Statement of Additional Information.

The Fund's officers, the Board of Directors (the "Board" or the "Directors"), and the Manager are aware that large cash inflows or outflows may adversely affect Fund performance. Such flows are monitored and appropriate actions are contemplated for when such flows could negatively impact performance.

Since inception, the Fund has been advised by the Manager. Bruce Berkowitz, both the Chief Investment Officer of the Manager and Chairman of the Fund's Board, continues to have a significant personal stake in the Fund, holding

<sup>\*\*</sup> Includes cash, U.S. Treasury Bills, commercial paper, and money market funds.

## THE FAIRHOLME FUND

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION & ANALYSIS (continued) For the Fiscal Year Ended November 30, 2015

an aggregate 3,330,764 shares at November 30, 2015. While there is no requirement that Mr. Berkowitz own shares of the Fund, such holdings are believed to help align the interests of the Manager with the interests of the shareholders.

The Board, including the Independent Directors, continues to believe that it is in the best interests of the Fund to have Mr. Berkowitz serve as Chairman of the Board given: his long-term relative performance; his experience, commitment, and significant personal investment in the Fund; the present constitution of Directors and policies; and current rules and regulations. A Director and Officers of the Fund are also Officers of the Manager. Nevertheless, at November 30, 2015, a majority of Directors were independent of the Manager, no stock option or restricted stock plans exist, Officers received no direct compensation from the Fund, and the Director affiliated with the Manager received no compensation for being a Director.

For more complete information about the Fund, or to obtain a current Prospectus, please visit www.fairholmefunds.com or call Shareholder Services at 1-866-202-2263.

EXPENSE EXAMPLE

For the Six Month Period from June 1, 2015 through November 30, 2015 (unaudited)

As a Fund shareholder, you incur direct and indirect costs. Direct costs include, but are not limited to, transaction fees at some broker-dealers, custodial fees for retirement accounts, redemption fees on Fund shares redeemed within 60 days of purchase, and wire transfer fees. You also incur indirect, ongoing costs that include, but are not limited to, management fees paid to the Manager.

The following example is intended to help you understand your indirect costs (also referred to as "ongoing costs" and measured in dollars) when investing in the Fund and to compare these costs with the ongoing costs of investing in other mutual funds. This example is based on an investment of \$1,000 invested in the Fund at June 1, 2015, and held for the entire six month period ending November 30, 2015.

## **Actual Expenses**

The first line of the table below provides information about actual account values and actual expenses. You may use the information in this line, together with the amount you had invested at the beginning of the period, to estimate the expenses that you paid over the period. Simply divide your account value by \$1,000 (for example, an \$8,600 account value divided by \$1,000 = 8.6), then multiply the result by the number in the first line under the heading "Expenses Paid During the Period" to estimate the expenses you paid on your Fund holdings during this period.

## **Hypothetical Example for Comparison Purposes**

The second line of the table provides information about hypothetical account values and hypothetical expenses based on the Fund's actual expense ratio and an assumed rate of return of 5% per year before expenses, which is not the Fund's actual return for the period presented. The hypothetical account values and expenses may not be used to estimate the actual ending account balance or expenses that you paid for the period presented. However, you may use this information to compare ongoing costs of investing in the Fund with the ongoing costs of investing in other funds. To do so, compare this 5% hypothetical example with the 5% examples that appear in the shareholder reports of other funds.

Please note that the column titled "Expenses Paid During the Period" in the table below is meant to highlight your ongoing costs only and do not reflect any transactional costs, such as redemption fees (if any), or other direct costs. Therefore, the second line of the table is useful in comparing ongoing costs only, and will not help you determine the relative total costs of owning different funds. In addition, if these direct costs were included, your total costs would be higher.

Expenses Paid

	Beginning Account Value June 1, 2015	Ending Account Value November 30, 2015	Annualized Expense Ratio	During the Period June 1, 2015 Through November 30, 2015*
Fund				
Actual	\$1,000.00	\$ 969.10	1.04%	\$5.13
Hypothetical				
(5% return before expenses)	\$1,000.00	\$1,019.85	1.04%	\$5.27

<sup>\*</sup> Expenses are equal to the Fund's annualized expense ratio, multiplied by the average account value over the period, multiplied by 183 days/365 days (to reflect the one-half year period).

SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS November 30, 2015

Shares		Value	Shares	_	Value
	DOMESTIC EQUITY SECURITIES — 32.2%			FOREIGN EQUITY SECURITIES — 7.3%	
	DIVERSIFIED BANKS — 4.9%			CANADA — 7.3%	
12,882,215	Bank of America Corp.	\$ 224,537,008		METALS & MINING — 0.8%	
	DIVERSIFIED HOLDING		7,132,613	Imperial Metals Corp. (a)(b)	36,852,766
	COMPANIES — 2.0%			OIL & NATURAL GAS	
5,192,315	Leucadia National Corp.	91,800,129		EXPLORATION — 4.7%	
	MORTGAGE FINANCE — 1.8%		8,981,900	Canadian Natural Resources Ltd.	217,361,980
24,741,100	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. (a)	50 710 255		RETAIL DEPARTMENT	
15,476,100	Federal National Mortgage	50,719,255	0.605.672	STORES — 1.8%	02 124 400
,,	Association (a)	32,345,049	9,685,672	Sears Canada, Inc. (a)(b)	82,134,499
		83,064,304		OREIGN EQUITY SECURITIES 350,090,615)	336,349,245
	REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT			-	
	TRUSTS — 1.6%			DOMESTIC PREFERRED EQUIT SECURITIES — 13.3%	Y
2,084,600	Seritage Growth Properties (a)(b)	76,087,900		MORTGAGE FINANCE — 13.3%	
	REAL ESTATE MANAGEMENT			Federal Home Loan Mortgage	
	& DEVELOPMENT — 9.7%			Corp.	
23,136,502	The St. Joe Co. (a)(b)(c)	449,310,869	50,025,248	7.875%, Series Z <sup>(a)(d)</sup>	217,109,576
	RETAIL DEPARTMENT		5,750,575 2,726,100	5.570%, Series V <sup>(a)</sup> 6.550%, Series Y <sup>(a)</sup>	17,999,300 9,813,960
	<b>STORES</b> — <b>6.9</b> %		1,614,250	0.680%, Series M <sup>(a)(d)</sup>	8,878,375
14,219,873	Sears Holdings Corp. (b)	314,685,789	1,308,929	0.963%, Series B (a)(d)	7,081,306
640,300	Sears Hometown and Outlet Stores, Inc. (a)	5,096,788	1,119,600	5.100%, Series H <sup>(a)</sup>	6,717,600
	Stores, Inc.		519,142 450,000	1.680%, Series L <sup>(a)(d)</sup> 5.900%, Series U <sup>(a)</sup>	2,829,324 1,453,500
		319,782,577	437,340	5.660%, Series W <sup>(a)</sup>	1,924,296
	RETAILER — 1.3%		200,000	5.000%, Series F (a)	1,264,000
2,415,527	Lands' End, Inc. (a)(b)	58,069,269		Federal National Mortgage	
	TRADING COMPANIES &		57,852,719	Association 7.750%, Series S (a)(d)	251,659,328
	DISTRIBUTORS — 4.0%		8,049,643	7.000%, Series O <sup>(a)(d)</sup>	60,452,819
4,720,500	MRC Global, Inc. (a) NOW, Inc. (a)(b)	69,816,195	3,558,097	4.500%, Series P (a)(d)	12,595,663
6,266,800	NOW, IIIC.	115,183,784	1,557,500	6.750%, Series Q <sup>(a)</sup>	6,712,825
		184,999,979	1,500,000 256,000	7.625%, Series R <sup>(a)</sup> 0.400%, Series G <sup>(a)(d)</sup>	5,610,000 1,763,840
	OMESTIC EQUITY SECURITIES	1 497 652 025	230,000	0.400 %, Series G	
(COSI \$	2,080,196,703)	1,487,652,035		-	613,865,712
				RETAIL DEPARTMENT STORES	<b>— 0.0</b> %
			15,405	Sears Roebuck Acceptance Corp. 7.400% (b)	216,748
				OMESTIC PREFERRED	
				SECURITIES 719,554,484)	614,082,460
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SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (continued) November 30, 2015

Shares		Value	Principal	Value
4,750,218	WARRANTS — 12.5%  DIVERSIFIED BANKS — 0.6%  Bank of America Corp.,  Vested, Strike Price \$13.137,  Expire 01/16/2019 (a)(e)	\$ 29,688,863	DOMESTIC CORPORATE BONDS (CONTINUED) — 4.6% RETAIL DEPARTMENT STORES	
21,261,817	MULTI-LINE INSURANCE — 11.8% American International Group, Inc., Vested, Strike Price \$45.00,	545 700 040	6,886,000 7.500%, 10/15/2027 <sup>(b)</sup>	\$ 786,047 4,964,806 167,252,322
	Expire 01/19/2021 (a)(e)	545,790,842	TOTAL DOMESTIC CORPORATE BONDS (COST \$217,095,655)	210,954,087
222,319	RETAIL DEPARTMENT STORES — 0.1% Sears Holdings Corp., Vested, Strike Price \$25.686,		FOREIGN CORPORATE BONDS — 3.2%	
	Expire 12/15/2019 (a)(b)(e)	2,890,147	CANADA — 3.2% METALS & MINING — 3.2%	
TOTAL WA	ARRANTS 376,674,508)	578,369,852	Imperial Metals Corp. 156,780,000 7.000%, 03/15/2019 (b)(f)	147,185,064
Principal			TOTAL FOREIGN CORPORATE BONDS (COST \$147,738,395)	147,185,064
	DOMESTIC CORPORATE BONDS — 4.6%		COMMERCIAL PAPER — 4.8%	
\$ 2,000,000	AEROSPACE & DEFENSE — 0.1%	1,890,000	ALUMINUM — 1.1% 50,000,000 Alcoa, Inc. 0.550%, 12/07/2015 (g)  AUTO MANUFACTURERS — 1.9	49,995,625
37,863,000	OIL & NATURAL GAS EXPLORATION — 0.6% Atwood Oceanics, Inc. 6.500%, 02/01/2020	28,586,565	Ford Motor Credit Co. 15,000,000 0.720%, 12/03/2015 (g) 45,205,000 0.740%, 12/07/2015 (g) 30,000,000 0.720%, 12/14/2015 (g)	14,999,437 45,201,045 29,994,750
	OIL DRILLING — 0.1%			90,195,232
7,000,000	Transocean, Inc. 6.875%, 12/15/2021	5,390,000	FOOD PRODUCTS — 0.4% 20,000,000 ConAgra Foods, Inc. 0.600%, 12/01/2015 (g)	19,999,761
8,000,000	PHARMACEUTICALS — 0.2% Valeant Pharmaceuticals International, Inc. 6.750%, 08/15/2018 <sup>(f)</sup>	7,835,200	MULTIMEDIA — 0.4% 19,150,000 Viacom, Inc. 0.500%, 12/02/2015 (g)	19,149,734
	RETAIL DEPARTMENT STORES — 3.6% Sears Holdings Corp.	24.752.042	WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICAT SERVICES — 1.0% 45,000,000 Bell Canada	TION
22,022,000 143,408,000	·	21,563,943 139,937,526	0.420%, 12/01/2015 (g)  TOTAL COMMERCIAL PAPER	44,999,725
			(COST \$224,336,344)	224,340,077

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (continued) November 30, 2015

Principal	Value		Value
U.S. GOVERNMENT OBLIGATIONS — 2.2% \$100,000,000 U.S. Treasury Bills 0.099%, 03/17/2016 (g)	\$ 99,947,200	TOTAL INVESTMENTS — 100.5% (COST \$5,222,902,944)  LIABILITIES IN EXCESS OF OTHER	\$4,637,336,473
TOTAL U.S. GOVERNMENT OBLIGATIONS (COST \$99,971,169) Shares	99,947,200	ASSETS — (0.5)% NET ASSETS — 100.0%	(24,982,048) <u>\$4,612,354,425</u>
MONEY MARKET  FUNDS — 16.8%  774,074,868 Fidelity Institutional Money  Market Funds - Money  Market Portfolio, 0.160% (h)	774,074,868		
TOTAL MONEY MARKET FUNDS (COST \$774,074,868)  MISCELLANEOUS INVESTMENTS — 3.6% <sup>(i)</sup> (COST \$233,170,203)	774,074,868		

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

<sup>(</sup>c) Restricted and controlled security under procedures approved by the Directors. The value of these securities totals \$449,310,869, which represents 9.74% of the Fund's net assets. Information related to these securities is as follows:

Acquisition Shares	Issuer	Acquisition Date(s)	Acquisition Cost	Carrying Value Per Unit
23,136,502	The St. Joe Co.	12/12/2007-10/13/2010	\$607,609,975	\$19.42

<sup>(</sup>d) Variable rate security. Rates shown are the effective rates as of November 30, 2015.

<sup>(</sup>b) Affiliated Company. See Note 8.

<sup>(</sup>e) Warrants have terms and conditions based on dividends paid and other events that may lower the strike price and raise the shares per warrant conversion ratio. Reported strike prices and conversion ratios are as of the date of this report. All share-to-warrant conversion ratios are currently 1:1, excluding the Sears Holdings Corp. warrants, which on November 30, 2015 had a conversion ratio of 1:1.11.

<sup>(</sup>f) Restricted security as defined in Rule 144A/144a under the Securities Act of 1933. The Manager has determined that such security is liquid pursuant to the Fund's liquidity guidelines. The value of these securities totals \$156,910,264, which represents 3.40% of the Fund's net assets.

<sup>(</sup>g) Rates shown are the effective yields based on the purchase price. The calculation assumes the security is held to maturity.

<sup>(</sup>h) Annualized based on the 1-day yield as of November 30, 2015.

<sup>(</sup>i) Represents previously undisclosed unrestricted securities, which the Fund has held for less than one year.

# STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES November 30, 2015

Assets	
Investments, at Fair Value:	
Unaffiliated Issuers (Cost — \$3,006,718,615)	\$3,187,467,316
Affiliated Issuers (Cost — \$2,216,184,329)	1,449,869,157
Total Investments, at Fair Value	
(Cost — \$5,222,902,944)	4,637,336,473
Interest Receivable	16,728,055
Receivable for Investments Sold	3,224,284
Receivable for Capital Shares Sold	461,840
Total Assets	4,657,750,652
Liabilities	
Payable for Capital Shares Redeemed	40,781,377
Accrued Management Fees	3,995,598
Accrued Legal Expenses	619,252
Total Liabilities	45,396,227
NET ASSETS	\$4,612,354,425
Net Assets Consist of:	
Paid-In Capital	\$3,634,284,243
Undistributed Net Investment Income	73,575,252
Accumulated Net Realized Gain on Investments and	
Foreign Currency Related Transactions	1,490,061,401
Net Unrealized Depreciation on Investments and	
Foreign Currency Related Translations	(585,566,471)
NET ASSETS	\$4,612,354,425
Shares of Common Stock Outstanding* (\$0.0001 par value)	134,704,321
Net Asset Value, Offering and Redemption Price Per Share	
(\$4,612,354,425 / 134,704,321 shares)	\$ 34.24

<sup>\* 700,000,000</sup> shares authorized in total.

	For the Fiscal Year Ended November 30, 2015
Investment Income	
Dividends — Unaffiliated Issuers (net of \$209,849 in	
foreign taxes withheld)	\$ 29,427,012
Dividends — Affiliated Issuers	82,358,195
Interest — Affiliated Issuers	12,552,342
Interest — Unaffiliated Issuers	7,049,908
Total Investment Income	131,387,457
Expenses	
Management Fees	55,982,433
Legal Expenses	1,594,600
Registration Fees	235,000
Miscellaneous Expense	14,518
Total Expenses	57,826,551
Net Investment Income	73,560,906
Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments and Foreign Currency Related Transactions	
Net Realized Gain on Investments and Foreign Currency	
Related Transactions	
Unaffiliated Issuers	1,497,443,687
Affiliated Issuers	2,131,845
Net Change in Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation) on Investments and Foreign Currency Related Translations	(1,679,802,694)
Net Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments	
and Foreign Currency Related Transactions	(180,227,162)
NET DECREASE IN NET ASSETS FROM OPERATIONS	\$ (106,666,256)

	For the Fiscal Year Ended November 30, 2015	For the Fiscal Year Ended November 30, 2014
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS		
From Operations		
Net Investment Income (Loss)	\$ 73,560,906	\$ (39,531,846)
Net Realized Gain on Investments and Foreign Currency Related Transactions	1,499,575,532	594,237,348
Net Change in Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation) on Investments and Foreign	(4 <b>(=0.00=</b> (0.4)	(00 # 000 #00)
Currency Related Translations	(1,679,802,694)	(805,928,580)
Net Decrease in Net Assets from Operations	(106,666,256)	(251,223,078)
From Dividends and Distributions		
to Shareholders	(520.062.045)	(600,410,500)
Net Realized Capital Gains from Investment Transactions	(538,063,047)	(690,418,532)
Net Decrease in Net Assets from Dividends and Distributions	(538,063,047)	(690,418,532)
From Capital Share Transactions		
Proceeds from Sale of Shares	274,869,917	553,078,572
Shares Issued in Reinvestment of Dividends and Distributions	475,827,681	612,192,862
Redemption Fees	240,567	263,247
Cost of Shares Redeemed	(2,270,739,382)	(2,236,856,973)
Net Decrease in Net Assets from Shareholder Activity	(1,519,801,217)	(1,071,322,292)
NET ASSETS		
Net Decrease in Net Assets	(2,164,530,520)	(2,012,963,902)
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	6,776,884,945	8,789,848,847
Net Assets at End of Year	\$ 4,612,354,425	\$ 6,776,884,945
Undistributed Net Investment Income at End of Year	\$ 73,575,252	\$
SHARES TRANSACTIONS		
Issued	7,865,752	13,903,282
Reinvested	13,456,741	15,689,206
Redeemed	(65,125,309)	(56,657,870)
Net Decrease in Shares	(43,802,816)	(27,065,382)
Shares Outstanding at Beginning of Year	178,507,137	205,572,519
Shares Outstanding at End of Year	134,704,321	178,507,137

	For the Fiscal Year Ended November 30,							
	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011			
PER SHARE OPERATING PERFORMANCE NET ASSET VALUE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$37.96	\$42.76	\$29.89	\$25.10	\$34.19			
Investment Operations  Net Investment Income (Loss) <sup>(1)</sup> Net Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss) on	0.46	(0.19)	(0.10)	0.15	(0.07)			
Investments	(1.10)	(1.21)	12.97	5.55	(6.95)			
Total from Investment Operations	(0.64)	(1.40)	12.87	5.70	(7.02)			
Dividends and Distributions								
From Net Investment Income	_	_	_	(0.70)	(0.39)			
From Realized Capital Gains	(3.08)	(3.40)	_	_	(1.69)			
From Return of Capital				(0.21)				
Total Dividends and Distributions	(3.08)	(3.40)	_	(0.91)	(2.08)			
Redemption Fees <sup>(1)</sup>	$0.00^{(2)}$	$0.00^{(2)}$	0.00(2)	0.00 <sup>(2)</sup>	0.01			
NET ASSET VALUE, END OF YEAR	\$34.24	\$37.96	\$42.76	\$29.89	\$25.10			
TOTAL RETURN	(1.95)%	(3.50)%	43.06%	23.69%	(22.10)%			
Ratio/Supplemental Data								
Net Assets, End of Year (in 000's)	\$4,612,354	\$6,776,885	\$8,789,849	\$6,992,078	\$8,015,294			
Ratio of Expenses to Average Net Assets	$1.03\%^{(3)}$	$1.06\%^{(4)}$	$1.02\%^{(5)(6)}$	1.00%	$1.01\%^{(7)}$			
Ratio of Net Investment Income (Loss) to								
Average Net Assets	1.31%	(0.48)%	(0.29)%	0.52%	(0.22)%			
Portfolio Turnover Rate	40.46%	1.62%	15.59%	1.57%	43.95%			

<sup>(1)</sup> Based on average shares outstanding.

<sup>(2)</sup> Redemption fees represent less than \$0.01.

<sup>(3) 0.03%</sup> is attributable to legal expenses incurred outside of the 1.00% management fee and less than 0.01% is attributable to registration fees and miscellaneous expenses incurred outside of the 1.00% management fee.

<sup>(4) 0.04%</sup> is attributable to legal expenses incurred outside of the 1.00% management fee and 0.02% is attributable to miscellaneous expenses incurred outside of the 1.00% management fee.

<sup>(5) 0.02%</sup> is attributable to legal expenses incurred outside of the 1.00% management fee.

<sup>(6)</sup> Less than 0.01% is attributable to interest expenses incurred outside of the 1.00% management fee.

<sup>(7) 0.01%</sup> is attributable to legal expenses incurred outside of the 1.00% management fee.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS November 30, 2015

## Note 1. Organization

Fairholme Funds, Inc. (the "Company"), a Maryland corporation, is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"), as an open-end management investment company. The Company's Articles of Incorporation permit the Board of Directors of the Company (the "Board" or the "Directors") to issue 1,100,000,000 shares of common stock at \$.0001 par value. 700,000,000 shares have been allocated to The Fairholme Fund (the "Fund"). The Fund is a non-diversified fund. The Fund may have a greater percentage of its assets invested in particular securities than a diversified fund, exposing the Fund to the risk of unanticipated industry conditions as well as risks specific to a single company or the securities of a single company. The Board has the power to designate one or more separate and distinct series and/or classes of shares of common stock and to classify or reclassify any unissued shares with respect to such series.

The Fund's investment objective is to provide long-term growth of capital. Under normal circumstances, the Fund seeks to achieve its investment objective by investing in a focused portfolio of equity and fixed-income securities. The proportion of the Fund's assets invested in each type of asset class will vary from time to time based upon Fairholme Capital Management, L.L.C.'s (the "Manager") assessment of general market and economic conditions. The Fund may invest in, and may shift frequently among, the asset classes and market sectors. The equity securities in which the Fund may invest include common and preferred stock (including convertible preferred stock), partnership interests, business trust shares, interests in real estate investment trusts ("REITs"), rights and warrants to subscribe for the purchase of equity securities, and depository receipts. The Fund may invest in equity securities without regard to the jurisdictions in which the issuers of the securities are organized or situated and without regard to the market capitalizations or sectors of such issuers. The fixed-income securities in which the Fund may invest include U.S. corporate debt securities, non-U.S. corporate debt securities, bank debt (including bank loans and participations), U.S. government and agency debt securities (including U.S. Treasury bills), short-term debt obligations of foreign governments, and foreign money market instruments. Except for its investments in short-term debt obligations of foreign governments, the Fund may invest in fixed-income securities regardless of maturity or the rating of the issuer of the security. The Fund may also invest in "special situations" to achieve its objective. "Special situation" investments may include equity securities or fixed-income securities, such as corporate debt, which may be in a distressed position as a result of economic or company specific developments. Although the Fund normally holds a focused portfolio of equity and fixed-income securities, the Fund is not required to be fully invested in such securities and may maintain a significant portion of its total assets in cash and securities generally considered to be cash equivalents. The Manager serves as investment adviser to the Fund.

There is no guarantee that the Fund will meet its objective.

#### **Note 2. Significant Accounting Policies**

As an investment company, the Fund follows the investment company accounting and reporting guidance, which is part of U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("U.S. GAAP"). The Fund's investments are reported at fair value as defined by U.S. GAAP. The Fund calculates its net asset value as soon as practicable following the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange (currently 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time) on each day the New York Stock Exchange is open.

A description of the valuation techniques applied to the Fund's securities measured at fair value on a recurring basis follows:

#### Security Valuation:

Equity securities (common and preferred stocks): Securities traded on a national securities exchange or reported on the NASDAQ national market are generally valued at the official closing price, or at the last reported sale price on the exchange or market on which the securities are traded, as of the close of business on the day the securities are being valued or, lacking any sales, at the last available bid price. To the extent these securities are actively traded and valuation adjustments are not applied, they are classified in Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy. If these securities are not actively traded, they are classified in Level 2. The Manager may also employ other valuation methods which the Manager believes would provide a more

accurate indication of fair value. In these situations, if the inputs are observable, the valuation will be classified in Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy, otherwise they would be classified in Level 3.

Fixed-income securities (U.S. government obligations, corporate bonds, convertible bonds, and asset backed securities): The fair value of fixed-income securities is estimated using market quotations when readily available, but may also be estimated by various methods when no such market quotations exist and when the Manager believes these other methods reflect the fair value of such securities. These methods may consider recently executed transactions in securities of the issuer or comparable issuers and market price valuations from independent pricing services and/or brokers (where observable). Where the Manager deems it appropriate to do so (such as when independent prices are unavailable or not deemed to be representative of fair value) long-term fixed income securities will be fair valued in good faith following consideration by, and conclusion of, the Manager's Valuation Committee. As of November 30, 2015, fixed-income securities are valued by the Manager utilizing observable market prices on the day of valuation or the average bid of independent broker/dealer quotes and/or the average of valuations from independent pricing services. Although fixed-income securities are classified in Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy at November 30, 2015, in instances where lower relative weight is placed on transaction prices, quotations, or similar observable inputs, they would be classified in Level 3.

Open-end mutual funds: Investments in open-end mutual funds including money market funds are valued at their closing net asset value each business day and are classified in Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy.

Short-term securities: Investments in securities with maturities of less than sixty days when acquired, or which subsequently are within sixty days of maturity, shall be valued at prices supplied by an independent pricing source or by one of the Fund's pricing agents based on broker or dealer supplied valuations or matrix pricing. To the extent the inputs are observable and timely, the values would be classified in Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy.

Restricted securities: Depending on the relative significance of valuation inputs, these instruments may be classified in any level of the fair value hierarchy.

Warrants: The Fund may invest in warrants, which may be acquired either through a direct purchase, included as part of a private placement, or pursuant to corporate actions. Warrants entitle, but do not obligate, the holder to buy equity securities at a specific price for a specific period of time. Warrants may be considered more speculative than certain other types of investments in that they do not entitle a holder to dividends or voting rights with respect to the underlying securities that may be purchased nor do they represent any rights in the assets of the issuing company. Also, the value of a warrant does not necessarily change with the value of the underlying securities and a warrant ceases to have value if it is not exercised prior to its expiration date. Warrants traded on a security exchange are valued at the official closing price on the valuation date and are classified as Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy. Over the counter (OTC) warrants are valued using simulation models utilizing market value of the underlying security, expiration date of the warrants, volatility of the underlying security, strike price of the warrants, risk-free interest rate at the valuation date, and are classified as Level 2 or Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy depending on the observability of the inputs used.

The Fund uses several recognized industry third-party pricing services (TPPS) - approved by the Board and unaffiliated with the Manager - to value some of its securities. It also uses other independent market trade data sources (such as TRACE, the FINRA developed mandatory reporting of over-the-counter secondary market transactions), as well as broker quotes provided by market makers. The data within these feeds is ultimately sourced from major stock exchanges and trading systems where these securities trade. If a price obtained from the pricing source is deemed unreliable, it may be discarded and/or challenged. In these cases the pricing decision is made by reference to the reliable market data from the other market data sources.

The Manager may determine the fair valuation of a security when market quotations are insufficient or not readily available, when securities are determined to be illiquid or restricted, or when in the judgment of the Manager the prices or values available do not represent the fair value of the instrument. Factors which may cause the Manager to make such a judgment include the following: (a) only a bid price or an asked price is available; (b) the spread between bid and asked prices is

substantial; (c) the liquidity of the securities; (d) the frequency of sales; (e) the thinness of the market; (f) the size of reported trades; (g) actions of the securities markets, such as the suspension or limitation of trading; and (h) local market closures. Among the factors to be considered to fair value a security are recent prices of comparable securities that are publicly traded, reliable prices of securities not publicly traded, the use of valuation models, current analyst reports, valuing the income or cash flow of the issuer, or cost if the preceding factors do not apply. The circumstances of Level 3 securities are frequently monitored to determine if fair valuation measures continue to apply.

The Manager reports quarterly to the Board the results of the application of fair valuation policies and procedures.

The inputs and valuation techniques used to measure fair value of the Fund's investments are summarized into three levels as described in the hierarchy below:

- Level 1 quoted prices in active markets for identical securities;
- Level 2 other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar securities, quoted prices in inactive markets for identical securities, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, etc.); and
- Level 3 significant unobservable inputs (including the Manager's determination as to the fair value of investments).

The inputs or methodology used for valuing investments are not necessarily an indication of the level of risk associated with investing in those investments. The summary of the Fund's investments by inputs used to value the Fund's investments as of November 30, 2015, is as follows:

	Valuatio	n Inputs	
	Level 1 – Quoted Prices	Level 2 – Other Significant Observable Inputs	Total Fair Value at 11/30/15
ASSETS:			
<b>INVESTMENTS</b> (Fair Value):			
Domestic Equity Securities*	\$1,487,652,035	<del></del>	\$1,487,652,035
Foreign Equity Securities*	336,349,245	_	336,349,245
Domestic Preferred Equity Securities			
Mortgage Finance	612,101,872	\$ 1,763,840	613,865,712
Retail Department Stores	_	216,748	216,748
Warrants*	578,369,852	_	578,369,852
Domestic Corporate Bonds*	_	210,954,087	210,954,087
Foreign Corporate Bonds*	_	147,185,064	147,185,064
Commercial Paper*	_	224,340,077	224,340,077
U.S. Government Obligations	_	99,947,200	99,947,200
Money Market Funds	774,074,868	_	774,074,868
Miscellaneous Investments		164,381,585	164,381,585
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	\$3,788,547,872	\$848,788,601	\$4,637,336,473

<sup>\*</sup> Industry classifications for these categories are detailed in the Schedule of Investments.

The Fund did not have material transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 during the fiscal year ended November 30, 2015. The Fund's policy is to recognize transfers among Levels as of the beginning of the reporting period.

There were no Level 3 investments at November 30, 2015, or November 30, 2014.

Warrants: The Fund's investments in warrants as of November 30, 2015, are presented within the Schedule of Investments.

The Fund's warrant positions during the year ended November 30, 2015, had an average monthly market value of approximately \$537,250,629.

As of November 30, 2015, the value of warrants with equity risk exposure of \$578,369,852 is included with Investments at Fair Value on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. For the year ended November 30, 2015, the effect of the net change in unrealized appreciation of warrants with equity risk exposure of \$37,191,126 is included with the Net Change in Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation) on Investments and Foreign Currency Related Translations on the Statement of Operations and realized gains from warrants with equity risk exposure of \$2,734,207 is included in Net Realized Gain on Investments and Foreign Currency Related Transactions on the Statement of Operations.

Dividends and Distributions: The Fund records dividends and distributions to shareholders on the ex-dividend date. The Fund intends to distribute substantially all of its net investment income (if any) as dividends to its shareholders on an annual basis in December. The Fund intends to distribute any net long-term capital gains and any net short-term capital gains at least once a year. If the total dividends and distributions made in any tax year exceeds net investment income and accumulated realized capital gains, a portion of the total distribution may be treated as a tax return of capital.

Foreign Currency Translation: The books and records of the Fund are maintained in U.S. dollars. Foreign currency amounts are translated into U.S. dollars on the following basis: (i) fair value of investment securities, assets, and liabilities at the current rate of exchange; and (ii) purchases and sales of investment securities, income, and expenses at the relevant rates of exchange prevailing on the respective dates of such transactions. The Fund does not isolate that portion of gains and losses on investment securities which is due to changes in the foreign exchange rates from that which is due to changes in the market prices of such securities.

Estimates: The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires the Fund to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of both contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reported period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

*Redemption Fee:* The Fund assesses a 2% fee on the proceeds of the Fund shares that are redeemed within 60 days of their purchase. The redemption fee is paid to the Fund as applicable, for the benefit of remaining shareholders and is recorded as paid-in capital. The redemption fees retained by the Fund during the fiscal years ended November 30, 2015 and November 30, 2014, amounted to \$240,567 and \$263,247, respectively.

Other: The Fund accounts for security transactions on the trade date for financial statement purposes. The specific identification method is used for determining gains or losses for financial statements and income tax purposes. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date net of foreign taxes withheld where recovery is uncertain and interest income is recorded on an accrual basis. Discounts and premiums on securities purchased are amortized over the life of the respective securities using the effective yield method. Securities denominated in currencies other than U.S. dollars are subject to changes in value due to fluctuation in exchange rates. The Fund may invest in countries that require governmental approval for the repatriation of investment income, capital, or the proceeds of sales of securities by foreign investors. In addition, if there is deterioration in a country's balance of payments or for other reasons, a country may impose temporary restrictions on foreign capital remittances abroad.

The Fund paid commissions, other brokerage fees, registration fees, and legal expenses in connection with its investments in Federal National Mortgage Association and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation.

## **Note 3. Related Party Transactions**

The Manager is a Delaware limited liability company and is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission as an investment adviser. The Manager's principal business and occupation is to provide investment management and advisory services to individuals, corporations, and other institutions throughout the world. Pursuant to an Investment Management

Agreement, the Fund pays a management fee to the Manager for its provision of investment advisory and operating services to the Fund. Subject to applicable waivers or limitations, the management fee is paid at an annual rate equal to 1.00% of the daily average net assets of the Fund. The Manager is responsible pursuant to the Investment Management Agreement for paying the Fund's expenses for the following services: transfer agency, fund accounting, fund administration, custody, legal, audit, compliance, directors' fees, call center, fulfillment, travel, insurance, rent, printing, postage and other office supplies. The Manager is not responsible for paying for the following costs and expenses of the Fund: commissions, brokerage fees, issue and transfer taxes, and other costs chargeable to the Fund in connection with securities transactions or in connection with securities owned by the Fund, taxes, interest, acquired fund fees and related expenses, expenses in connection with litigation by or against the Fund, and any other extraordinary expenses.

The Manager earned \$55,982,433 from the Fund for its services during the year ended November 30, 2015.

Bruce Berkowitz, both the Chief Investment Officer of the Manager and Chairman of the Fund's Board, continues to have a significant personal stake in the Fund, holding in an aggregate 3,330,764 shares at November 30, 2015.

A Director and Officers of the Fund are also Officers of the Manager or its affiliates.

#### Note 4. Investments

For the year ended November 30, 2015, aggregated purchases and sales of investment securities other than short-term investments and U.S. government obligations were as follows:

Purchases	Sales
\$1.897.527.200	\$4 616 424 601

#### Note 5. Tax Matters

Federal Income Taxes: The Fund intends to qualify each year as a "Regulated Investment Company" under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. By so qualifying, the Fund will not be subject to federal income taxes to the extent that it distributes all of its net investment income and any realized capital gains.

For U.S. federal income tax purposes, the cost of securities owned, gross unrealized appreciation, gross unrealized depreciation, and net unrealized appreciation of investments at November 30, 2015, were as follows:

Cost	Gross Unrealized Appreciation	Gross Unrealized Depreciation	Net Unrealized Depreciation
\$5,241,860,505	\$366,879,553	\$(971,403,585)	\$(604,524,032)

The difference between book basis and tax basis net unrealized depreciation is attributable to the tax deferral of losses on wash sales and capitalized cost.

The Fund's tax basis capital gains are determined only at the end of each fiscal year. As of November 30, 2015, the components of distributable earnings on a tax basis were as follows:

Undistributed Ordinary Income	\$ 73,575,252
Net Long-Term Capital Gain	1,509,018,962
Net Unrealized Depreciation on Investments	
and Foreign Currency Related Transactions	(604,524,032)
Total	\$ 978,070,182

The Fund is permitted to carry capital losses forward for an unlimited period. Capital losses that are carried forward will retain their character as either short term or long term capital losses.

The Manager has analyzed the Fund's tax positions taken on tax returns for all open tax years (current and prior three tax years) and has concluded that there are no uncertain tax positions that require recognition of a tax liability. The Fund's federal and state income and federal excise tax returns for tax years for which the applicable statutes of limitations have not expired (the current year and prior three years) are subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service and state departments of revenue. Additionally, the Fund is not aware of any tax position for which it is reasonably possible that the total amounts of unrecognized tax benefits will change materially in the next twelve months.

### Note 6. Dividends and Distributions to Shareholders

Ordinary income and capital gain distributions are determined in accordance with federal income tax regulations, which may differ from U.S. GAAP.

The tax character of dividends and distributions paid by the Fund were as follows:

	For the Fiscal Year Ended November 30, 2015	For the Fiscal Year Ended November 30, 201		
Dividends and Distributions paid from:				
Ordinary Income*	\$ 6,221,462	<del>_</del>		
Long-Term Capital Gain	531,841,585	\$690,418,532		
	\$538,063,047	\$690,418,532		

<sup>\*</sup> Inclusive of short-term capital gains

The Fund declared and made payable the following distribution on December 11, 2015.

#### Dividends and Distributions paid from:

Ordinary Income	\$ 73,560,978
Long-Term Capital Gain	1,509,019,832
	\$1,582,580,810

## Note 7. Reclassification in the Capital Accounts

In accordance with U.S. GAAP, the Fund has recorded reclassifications in their capital accounts. These reclassifications have no impact on the net asset value of the Fund and are designed generally to present undistributed income and realized gains on a tax basis which is considered to be more informative to the shareholder. Permanent differences were primarily due to the disallowance of certain non-tax deductible expenses for the Fund. As of November 30, 2015, the Fund recorded the following reclassifications to increase (decrease) the accounts listed below:

Undistributed Net Investment Income	\$ 14,346
Paid-in-Capital	(14,346)

#### Note 8. Transactions in Shares of Affiliates

Portfolio companies in which the Fund owns 5% or more of the outstanding voting securities of the issuer are considered affiliates of the Fund. The aggregate fair value of all securities of affiliates held in the Fund as of November 30, 2015, amounted to \$1,449,869,157 representing approximately 31.43% of the Fund's net assets.

Transactions in the Fund during the year ended November 30, 2015, in which the issuer was an affiliate are as follows:

	Novembe	er 30, 2014	Gro	ss Additions	Gross	Deductions	1	November 30, 2015				
		ares/ Value		Shares/ Par Value		Shares/ ar Value		ares/ Value	F	air Value	Realized Gain	Investment Income
Imperial Metals Corp.	4,7	95,100		2,337,513		_	7,	132,613	\$	36,852,766	\$ —	\$ —
Lands' End, Inc. (a)		75,019		2,415,527		75,019	2,	415,527		58,069,269	1,940,194	_
NOW, Inc.		_		6,266,800		_	6,	266,800		115,183,784	_	_
Sears Holdings Corp.	14,2	12,673		7,200		_	14,	219,873		314,685,789	_	82,351,070
Sears Canada, Inc. (a)	5,0	78,700		4,606,972		_	9,	685,672		82,134,499	_	_
Seritage Growth Properties		_		2,084,600		_	2,	084,600		76,087,900	_	_
The St. Joe Co.	23,1	36,502		_		_	23,	136,502	4	449,310,869	_	_
Sears Roebuck Acceptance Corp. 7.400%		_		15,405		_		15,405		216,748	_	7,125
Sears Holdings Corp., Vested, Strike Price \$25.686, Expire 12/15/2019		_		222,319		_		222,319		2,890,147	_	_
Imperial Metals Corp. 7.000%, 03/15/2019	\$	_	\$1	61,870,000	\$5	5,090,000	\$156,	780,000		147,185,064	191,651	10,218,114
Sears Holdings Corp. 6.625%, 10/15/2018	\$	_	\$	22,022,000	\$	_	\$ 22,	022,000		21,563,943	_	276,089
Sears Holdings Corp. 8.000%, 12/15/2019 Sears Roebuck Acceptance Corp. 6.875%,	\$	_	\$1	43,408,000	\$	_	\$143,	408,000		139,937,526	_	1,917,382
10/15/2017	\$	_	\$	823,000	\$	_	\$	823,000		786,047	_	11,793
Sears Roebuck Acceptance Corp. 7.500%, 10/15/2027	\$	_	\$	6,886,000	\$	_	\$ 6,	886,000		4,964,806	_	128,964
Total									\$1,4	449,869,157	\$2,131,845	\$94,910,537

<sup>(</sup>a) Company was not an "affiliated company" at November 30, 2014.

#### **Note 9. Indemnifications**

Under the Company's organizational documents, its Officers and Directors are indemnified against certain liabilities arising out of the performance of their duties to the Fund. In the normal course of business the Company or the Fund enters into contracts that contain a variety of representations and customary indemnifications. The Fund's maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown as this would involve future claims that may be made against the Fund that have not yet occurred. However, based on its experience to date, the Fund expects the risk of loss to be remote.

## REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Board of Directors of Fairholme Funds, Inc. and the shareholders of The Fairholme Fund:

We have audited the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities, including the schedule of investments, of The Fairholme Fund (the "Fund"), as of November 30, 2015, and the related statement of operations for the year then ended, the statements of changes in net assets for each of the two years in the period then ended, and the financial highlights for each of the five years in the period then ended. These financial statements and financial highlights are the responsibility of the Fund's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements and financial highlights based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements and financial highlights are free of material misstatement. The Fund is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. Our audits included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. Our procedures included confirmation of securities owned as of November 30, 2015, by correspondence with the custodian and brokers. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements and financial highlights referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The Fairholme Fund as of November 30, 2015, the results of its operations for the year then ended, the changes in its net assets for each of the two years in the period then ended, and the financial highlights for each of the five years in the period then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania January 28, 2016

## **Board of Directors (unaudited)**

The Board of Directors has overall responsibility for conduct of the Company's affairs. The day-to-day operations of the Fund are managed by the Manager, subject to the By-Laws of the Company and review by the Company's Board. The Directors and Officers of the Company, including those Directors who are also officers, are listed below.

Name, Age & Address†	Position(s) Held, Term of Office & Length of Time Served**	Principal Occupation(s) During Past 5 Years§	Number of Portfolios in Fund Complex Overseen by Director	Other Current Directorships Held by Director		
Interested Directors and (	Officers					
Bruce R. Berkowitz* Age 57	Mr. Berkowitz has served as a Director of the Company since December 15, 1999.	Manager, Fairholme Holdings LLC since January 2015 and Chief Investment Officer, Fairholme Capital Management, L.L.C. since October 1997; Managing Member, Fairholme Capital Management, L.L.C. from October 1997 to December 2014.	y 2015 and Chief Officer, Fairholme Capital t, L.L.C. since October ging Member, Fairholme agement, L.L.C. from			
Cesar L. Alvarez, Esq.* Age 68	Mr. Alvarez has served as a Director of the Company since May 19, 2008.	Senior Chairman effective January 1, 2016; Executive Chairman and Co-Chairman from 2010 to 2015; and Chief Executive Officer from 1997 to 2010 of Greenberg Traurig, LLP.	Executive Chairman and irman from 2010 to 2015; and executive Officer from 1997 to			
Independent Directors^						
Terry L. Baxter Age 70	Mr. Baxter has served as a Director of the Company since May 19, 2008.	Chairman of the Board, CEO, Source One (retired); President of White Mountain Holdings (retired).	3	Director, Main Street America Group		
Howard S. Frank Age 74	Mr. Frank has served as a Director of the Company since May 7, 2007.	Chairman of the Board of Costa Crociere S.p.A. since 2014; Special Advisor to the CEO and to the Chairman of Carnival Corporation & plc. since 2013; Vice Chairman, Chief Operating Officer and Director, Carnival Corporation & plc. 1989 to 2013	3	Director, New World Symphony; Director, The St. Joe Co.		
Steven J. Gilbert Age 68	Mr. Gilbert has served as a Director of the Company since June 16, 2014	Chairman, Gilbert Global Equity Partners, L.P. since 1998; Vice Chairman, MidOcean Equity Partners, L.P. since 2005; Co-Chairman, Birch Grove Capital since 2013; Senior Managing Director and Chairman, Sun Group (USA) from 2007 to 2009.	3	Chairman, CPM Holdings, Inc.; Director, MBIA, Inc.; Lead Independent Director, Empire State Realty Trust; Lead Independent Director, TRI Pointe Homes, Inc.; Director, Waterpik, Inc., and Director, Trade Informatics, Inc.		
Avivith Oppenheim, Esq. Age 65	Ms. Oppenheim has served as a Director of the Company since December 15, 1999.	Attorney-at-Law.	3	None.		
Leigh Walters, Esq. Age 69	Mr. Walters has served as a Director of the Company since December 15, 1999.	Vice-President and Director, Valcor Engineering Corporation. Attorney- at-Law.	3	Director, Valcor Engineering Corporation		

<sup>†</sup> Unless otherwise indicated, the address of each Director of the Company is c/o Fairholme Capital Management, L.L.C., 4400 Biscayne Blvd., 9th Floor, Miami, FL 33137.

<sup>^</sup> Directors who are not "interested persons" of the Company as defined under the 1940 Act.

<sup>\*</sup> Mr. Berkowitz and Mr. Alvarez are each an interested person, as defined in the 1940 Act, of the Company because of their affiliation with the Manager.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Each Director serves for an indefinite term. Each officer serves for an annual term and until his or her successor is elected and qualified.

<sup>§</sup> The information reported includes the principal occupation during the last five years for each Director and other information relating to the professional experiences, attributes and skills relevant to each Director's qualifications to serve as Director.

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## Officers (unaudited)

Name, Age & Address†	Position(s) Held with the Company	Term of Office & Length of Time Served*	Principal Occupation(s) During Past 5 Years
Fernando Font Age 41	Vice President	Mr. Font has served as Vice President of the Company since June 2015.	Chief Administrative Officer of Fairholme Capital Management, L.L.C. since August 2009.
Wayne Kellner Age 46	Treasurer	Mr. Kellner has served as Treasurer of the Company since March 2012.	Chief Operating Officer, Fairholme Capital Management, L.L.C. since June 2014; Chief Financial Officer, Fairholme Capital Management, L.L.C. since January 2012; Treasurer, Fairholme Capital Management, L.L.C. from January 2011 to December 2011; Tax Principal, Rothstein Kass from 2006 to 2010.
Paul R. Thomson Age 59	Chief Compliance Officer and Secretary	Mr. Thomson has served as Chief Compliance Officer of the Company since April 2010 and has served as Secretary of the Company since June 2011. Mr. Thomson previously served as Chief Compliance Officer from November 2008 to January 2009.	Chief Compliance Officer, Fairholme Capital Management L.L.C. since April 2010; Chief Financial Officer, Fairholme Capital Management L.L.C. from January 2008 to January 2012.

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## **Approval of Investment Management Agreement (unaudited)**

At its meeting on October 22, 2015, the Board of Directors (the "Board" or the "Directors") of Fairholme Funds, Inc. (the "Company") approved the renewal of the investment management agreement between the Company, on behalf of The Fairholme Fund (the "Fund"), and Fairholme Capital Management, L.L.C. (the "Manager"). In considering whether to approve the renewal of the agreement, the Directors considered the factors discussed below, and information made available to them at the meeting relating to such factors, and other information they deemed relevant. The renewal of the agreement was not, however, based on any single factor, but on an evaluation of the totality of factors and information reviewed and evaluated by the Directors.

## A. Nature, Extent and Quality of Services

The Directors considered information provided to them concerning the services performed by the Manager for the Fund pursuant to the agreement. The Directors reviewed information concerning the nature, extent and quality of investment advisory and operational services provided, or overseen, by the Manager. The Directors reviewed information concerning the personnel responsible for the day-to-day portfolio and administrative management of the Fund, the overall reputation of the Manager and the Manager's current and planned staffing levels. The Directors considered the Manager's commitment to the Fund as evidenced, among other things, by the current share ownership of the Fund by management/owners/employees of the Manager. The Directors considered information describing the Manager's compliance policies and procedures, including recent updates to those policies and information concerning the policies designed to address the Fund's compliance with its investment objective, policies and restrictions and applicable regulatory requirements and to address the Manager's conflicts of interest in providing services to the Fund and to other advisory clients.

The Directors did not compare services provided by the Manager to the Fund with the services provided by Manager to its other advisory accounts because such accounts are not subject to the same regulatory requirements as the Fund, may have different investment restrictions, holdings and goals than the Fund and require different levels of client and back-office servicing than the Fund.

The Directors concluded that the nature, extent and quality of services provided by the Manager to the Fund were appropriate and sufficient to support renewal of the agreement.

## B. Investment Performance

The Directors considered information regarding the Fund's performance, the Manager's views on performance and the holdings of the Fund that contributed negatively and positively to the Fund's performance. The Directors considered information about the short- and long-term investment performance of the Fund, including information comparing the Fund's performance with the performance of the S&P 500 Index, for the fiscal year to date period ended August 31, 2015. The Directors also reviewed and considered a third-party report (from Lipper/Broadridge, "Lipper") comparing the Fund's annualized performance with the annualized performance of similarly situated mutual funds, which reflected the annualized performance of the Fund and the similarly situated mutual funds for the 1-year, 3-year, 5-year, 10-year and since-inception periods ended August 31, 2015. The Directors noted that the Fund's annualized performance exceeded both the average and median annualized performance of the peer group for the 10-year and since inception periods ended August 31, 2015 by 1.85 and 1.62, and 4.65 and 5.18 percentage points, respectively. The Directors noted that the Fund's 1-year and 5-year annualized performance trailed the peer group's average and median annualized performance by 3.4 and 5.2 percentage points, and 4.1 and 5.3 percentage points, respectively and that the Fund's 3-year annualized performance equaled the peer group's average annualized performance, but trailed the peer group's median 3-year annualized performance by 0.85 percentage points. The Directors took into consideration the volatility of the Fund's recent performance as well as the Fund's longer-term performance relative to that of the other funds in the peer group. The Directors considered information provided to them concerning the performance of the Fund in light of market events and other factors affecting the Fund's performance and information about developments with respect

to specific issuers of securities held in the Fund's portfolio. They also considered other information about the Fund's total returns and focused investment strategies.

#### C. Management Fees and Expense Ratios

The Directors considered information about the Fund's management fee and expense ratio, including information in the Lipper report comparing the Fund's management fee and the most recent Total Expense ratio to the advisory fees and expense ratios of other similarly situated mutual funds. The Directors noted for the Fund that the Management Fee was reasonable when compared to the median of the peer groups' Advisory Fees when consideration was given to the Fund operating and other expenses that the Manager pays on behalf of the Fund. The Directors noted that the total expense ratio for the Fund's latest full fiscal year of 1.06 was slightly higher than the median expense ratio of the most recently completed fiscal year of its peer group funds included in the Lipper report.

In evaluating the management fee and expense ratio information, the Directors took into account the demands and complexity of portfolio management for the Fund in light of its investment objective, strategies, and asset size. The Directors also considered information regarding the Manager's payment (in some cases from its resources) of certain expenses for the benefit of the Fund, including shareholder account-level expenses associated with certain omnibus accounts. The Directors also reviewed information concerning the fees paid to the Manager by its other advisory accounts.

After reviewing information presented to them concerning fees, expenses, performance and other matters, the Directors concluded that the Fund's management fee and overall expense ratio were reasonable in light of the services provided by or through the Manager.

## D. Profitability

The Directors considered information regarding the estimated profitability of the Fund to the Manager. They considered such profitability in light of the Fund's assets under management, overall expense ratio, performance and the services provided by or through the Manager, and concluded that the Manager's estimated profitability was not such as to prevent Directors from approving the renewal of the agreement.

## E. Economies of Scale

The Directors considered information concerning economies of scale for the Fund, including the current assets of the Fund. The Directors concluded for the Fund that no modification to the Fund's existing arrangements was warranted based on economies of scale.

## Proxy Voting Policies, Procedures and Records (unaudited)

The Company has adopted policies and procedures that provide guidance and set forth parameters for the voting of proxies relating to securities held in the Fund's portfolio. A description of these policies and procedures, and records of how the Fund voted proxies relating to their portfolio securities during the most recent twelve month period ended June 30, 2015, are available to you upon request and free of charge by writing to the Fairholme Funds, Inc., c/o BNY Mellon Investment Servicing (US) Inc., P.O. Box 9692, Providence, RI, 02940 or by calling Shareholder Services at 1-866-202-2263 or visiting our website at fairholmefunds.com. They may also be obtained by visiting the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") website at www.sec.gov. The Company shall respond to all shareholder requests for records within three business days of its receipt of such request by first-class mail or other means designed to ensure prompt delivery.

## N-Q Filing (unaudited)

The Company files a complete schedule of the Fund's portfolio holdings on Form N-Q for the fiscal quarters ending February 28 (February 29 during leap year) and August 31. The Form N-Q filing must be made within 60 days of the end of the quarter. The Forms N-Q relating to the Fund's portfolio investments are available on the SEC's website at www.sec.gov, or may be

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reviewed and copied at the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC (call 1-800-732-0330 for information on the operation of the Public Reference Room).

## **Shareholder Tax Information (unaudited)**

The Fund reported \$538,063,047 of total distributions paid during the fiscal year ended November 30, 2015, and \$531,841,585 of that represented long-term capital gain distributions.

The information below is reported for the Fund's fiscal year and not calendar year. Therefore, shareholders should refer to their Form 1099-DIV or other tax information which will be mailed in 2016 to determine the calendar year amounts to be included on their 2015 tax returns. Shareholders should consult their own tax advisors.

Please note that, for the fiscal year ended November 30, 2015, the respective percentages of ordinary income distributions paid by the Fund were reported as follows:

Distribution Period November 30, 2015	The
Qualified Dividend Income for Individuals	100.
Dividends Qualifying for the Dividends	
Received Deduction for Corporations	100.
Qualifying Interest Income	0.
Qualifying Short-term Gain	100.
U.S. Treasury Securities	0.

<sup>\*</sup> The law varies in each state as to whether and what percentage of dividend income attributable to U.S. Treasury securities is exempt from state and local income tax. It is recommended that you consult your tax advisor to determine if any portion of the dividends you received is exempt from income taxes.

All information reported is based on financial information available as of the date of this annual report and, accordingly, are subject to change. For each item, it is the intention of the Fund to report the maximum amount permitted under the Internal Revenue Code and the regulations thereunder.

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