

LIBERTY ALL STAR EQUITY FUND
Form N-Q
November 29, 2011

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM N-Q

QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS OF REGISTERED

MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY

Investment Company Act file number: 811-04809

LIBERTY ALL-STAR EQUITY FUND

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

1290 Broadway, Suite 1100, Denver, Colorado 80203

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

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ALPS Fund Services, Inc.

1290 Broadway, Suite 1100

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(Name and address of agent for service)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (303) 623-2577

Date of fiscal year end: December 31

Date of reporting period: July 1 - September 30, 2011

Item 1 Schedule of Investments.

Liberty All-Star® Equity Fund

Schedule of Investments

	SHARES	MARKET VALUE
COMMON STOCKS (99.05%)		
CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY (11.09%)		
Auto Components (1.10%)		
Johnson Controls, Inc.	188,521	\$4,971,299
Magna International, Inc.	127,455	4,202,191
		9,173,490
Diversified Consumer Services (0.28%)		
Apollo Group, Inc., Class A ^(a)	58,825	2,330,058
Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure (1.15%)		
Carnival Corp.	273,025	8,272,657
Orient-Express Hotels Ltd., Class A ^(a)	200,890	1,388,150
		9,660,807
Household Durables (1.81%)		
Fortune Brands, Inc.	65,725	3,554,408
KB Home	188,310	1,103,497
NVR, Inc. ^(a)	10,900	6,583,382
Toll Brothers, Inc. ^(a)	267,700	3,862,911
		15,104,198
Internet & Catalog Retail (2.00%)		
Amazon.com, Inc. ^(a)	45,930	9,931,444
Expedia, Inc.	68,000	1,751,000
priceline.com, Inc. ^(a)	11,300	5,078,898
		16,761,342
Media (0.91%)		
Omnicom Group, Inc.	131,450	4,842,618
The Walt Disney Co.	91,753	2,767,270
		7,609,888
Multi-Line Retail (0.91%)		
J.C. Penney Co., Inc.	283,845	7,601,369
Specialty Retail (2.47%)		
Dick's Sporting Goods, Inc. ^(a)	114,755	3,839,702
Guess?, Inc.	63,087	1,797,349
Staples, Inc.	720,275	9,579,657
Tiffany & Co.	26,213	1,594,275
The TJX Cos., Inc.	69,382	3,848,620
		20,659,603

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Textiles, Apparel & Luxury Goods (0.46%)

Burberry Group PLC ^(b)	104,737	3,875,269
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CONSUMER STAPLES (6.10%)

Beverages (1.18%)

The Coca-Cola Company	31,000	2,094,360
Diageo PLC ^(b)	37,835	2,872,812

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COMMON STOCKS (continued)		
Beverages (continued)		
Molson Coors Brewing Co., Class B	123,700	\$4,899,757
		9,866,929
Food & Staples Retailing (1.67%)		
Costco Wholesale Corp.	72,353	5,941,628
CVS Caremark Corp.	80,000	2,686,400
Walgreen Co.	162,000	5,328,180
		13,956,208
Food Products (1.16%)		
Archer-Daniels-Midland Co.	160,000	3,969,600
Mead Johnson Nutrition Co.	83,200	5,726,656
		9,696,256
Household Products (0.86%)		
Colgate-Palmolive Co.	34,534	3,062,475
The Procter & Gamble Co.	65,000	4,106,700
		7,169,175
Personal Products (0.61%)		
Avon Products, Inc.	130,443	2,556,683
The Estee Lauder Cos., Inc., Class A	29,310	2,574,590
		5,131,273
Tobacco (0.62%)		
British American Tobacco PLC ^(b)	61,038	5,171,750
ENERGY (13.19%)		
Energy Equipment & Services (2.83%)		
FMC Technologies, Inc. ^(a)	118,620	4,460,112
Oceaneering International, Inc.	115,200	4,071,168
Schlumberger Ltd.	91,730	5,479,033
Tidewater, Inc.	124,000	5,214,200
Weatherford International Ltd. ^(a)	363,309	4,436,003
		23,660,516
Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels (10.36%)		
Anadarko Petroleum Corp.	72,956	4,599,876
Arch Coal, Inc.	555,545	8,099,846
BP PLC ^(b)	273,457	9,863,594

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Chesapeake Energy Corp.	108,496	2,772,073
Chevron Corp.	63,000	5,828,760
Cobalt International Energy, Inc. ^(a)	253,821	1,956,960
ConocoPhillips	107,300	6,794,236
Consol Energy, Inc.	245,060	8,314,886
Devon Energy Corp.	89,000	4,934,160
Exxon Mobil Corp.	80,175	5,823,110
Hess Corp.	40,740	2,137,220
Occidental Petroleum Corp.	78,100	5,584,150
Peabody Energy Corp.	217,095	7,355,179

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COMMON STOCKS (continued)		
Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels (continued)		
Royal Dutch Shell PLC, Class A ^(b)	83,335	\$5,126,769
Royal Dutch Shell PLC, Class B ^(b)	30,325	1,881,666
Valero Energy Corp.	313,855	5,580,342
		86,652,827
FINANCIALS (18.43%)		
Capital Markets (3.89%)		
Bank of New York Mellon Corp.	121,300	2,254,967
The Charles Schwab Corp.	395,100	4,452,777
Franklin Resources, Inc.	23,250	2,223,630
The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.	61,903	5,852,929
Morgan Stanley	396,175	5,348,362
State Street Corp.	255,450	8,215,272
UBS AG ^(a)	368,425	4,211,098
		32,559,035
Commercial Banks (4.66%)		
BB&T Corp.	140,000	2,986,200
Huntington Bancshares, Inc.	420,306	2,017,469
PNC Financial Services Group, Inc.	203,476	9,805,508
Regions Financial Corp.	648,210	2,158,539
SunTrust Banks, Inc.	371,020	6,659,809
Wells Fargo & Co.	636,665	15,356,360
		38,983,885
Consumer Finance (0.58%)		
American Express Co.	108,000	4,849,200
Diversified Financial Services (2.77%)		
Bank of America Corp.	344,350	2,107,422
Citigroup, Inc.	148,806	3,812,410
JPMorgan Chase & Co.	573,665	17,278,790
		23,198,622
Insurance (6.30%)		
ACE Ltd.	244,652	14,825,911
The Allstate Corp.	431,970	10,233,369
American International Group, Inc. ^(a)	153,125	3,361,094
Assured Guaranty Ltd.	345,684	3,799,067
Axis Capital Holdings Ltd.	169,975	4,409,152
Fidelity National Financial, Inc., Class A	233,275	3,541,114
Lincoln National Corp.	71,150	1,112,074
MetLife, Inc.	218,875	6,130,689
RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd.	63,655	4,061,189
Willis Group Holdings PLC	33,915	1,165,659

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COMMON STOCKS (continued)		
Real Estate Investment Trusts (0.23%)		
Sunstone Hotel Investors, Inc. ^(a)	341,300	\$1,941,997
HEALTH CARE (8.86%)		
Biotechnology (1.13%)		
Gilead Sciences, Inc. ^(a)	183,901	7,135,359
Myriad Genetics, Inc. ^(a)	122,867	2,302,527
		9,437,886
Health Care Equipment & Supplies (2.56%)		
Intuitive Surgical, Inc. ^(a)	11,000	4,007,080
NuVasive, Inc. ^(a)	105,241	1,796,464
St. Jude Medical, Inc.	135,000	4,885,650
Varian Medical Systems, Inc. ^(a)	96,300	5,023,008
Zimmer Holdings, Inc. ^(a)	107,000	5,724,500
		21,436,702
Health Care Providers & Services (1.82%)		
Brookdale Senior Living, Inc. ^(a)	327,767	4,110,198
Express Scripts, Inc. ^(a)	47,367	1,755,895
Medco Health Solutions, Inc. ^(a)	105,210	4,933,297
WellPoint, Inc.	68,122	4,447,004
		15,246,394
Health Care Technology (1.02%)		
Cerner Corp. ^(a)	124,664	8,541,977
Life Sciences Tools & Services (0.59%)		
Life Technologies Corp. ^(a)	128,100	4,922,883
Pharmaceuticals (1.74%)		
Abbott Laboratories	113,350	5,796,719
Allergan, Inc.	81,800	6,738,684
Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd. ^(b)	54,000	2,009,880
		14,545,283
INDUSTRIALS (8.24%)		
Aerospace & Defense (3.33%)		
The Boeing Co.	64,295	3,890,490
General Dynamics Corp.	94,428	5,372,009
Huntington Ingalls Industries, Inc. ^(a)	21,862	531,903
L-3 Communications Holdings, Inc.	93,425	5,789,547
Northrop Grumman Corp.	123,300	6,431,328

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Precision Castparts Corp.	37,700	5,860,842
		27,876,119
Air Freight & Logistics (1.52%)		
C.H. Robinson Worldwide, Inc.	121,245	8,301,645
Expeditors International of Washington, Inc.	109,790	4,451,985
		12,753,630

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COMMON STOCKS (continued)		
Building Products (0.28%)		
Masco Corp.	325,475	\$2,317,382
Construction & Engineering (0.35%)		
Fluor Corp.	62,001	2,886,146
Electrical Equipment (1.03%)		
Rockwell Automation, Inc.	153,420	8,591,520
Industrial Conglomerates (0.33%)		
Textron, Inc.	157,620	2,780,417
Machinery (0.72%)		
Navistar International Corp. ^(a)	146,081	4,692,122
Terex Corp. ^(a)	131,115	1,345,240
		6,037,362
Professional Services (0.54%)		
Robert Half International, Inc.	211,896	4,496,433
Transportation Infrastructure (0.14%)		
Aegean Marine Petroleum Network, Inc.	255,135	1,150,659
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (25.37%)		
Communications Equipment (4.81%)		
Acme Packet, Inc. ^(a)	72,384	3,082,834
Cisco Systems, Inc.	1,016,085	15,739,157
Harris Corp.	135,000	4,612,950
QUALCOMM, Inc.	344,703	16,762,907
		40,197,848
Computers & Peripherals (5.91%)		
Apple, Inc. ^(a)	74,186	28,278,219
Dell, Inc. ^(a)	926,450	13,109,268
Hewlett-Packard Co.	358,125	8,039,906
		49,427,393
Electronic Equipment & Instruments (1.85%)		
Avnet, Inc. ^(a)	122,885	3,204,841
Corning, Inc.	370,000	4,573,200
Tyco Electronics Ltd.	274,325	7,719,505
		15,497,546

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Internet Software & Services (4.41 %)

Baidu, Inc. ^{(a)(b)}	86,398	9,236,810
eBay, Inc. ^(a)	245,233	7,231,921
Google, Inc., Class A ^(a)	25,246	12,986,038
Monster Worldwide, Inc. ^(a)	616,660	4,427,619

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COMMON STOCKS (continued)		
Internet Software & Services (continued)		
OpenTable, Inc. ^(a)	65,542	\$3,015,587
		36,897,975
IT Services (3.42%)		
Cognizant Technology Solutions Corp., Class A ^(a)	85,400	5,354,580
Computer Sciences Corp.	148,500	3,987,225
Visa, Inc., Class A	117,929	10,108,874
The Western Union Co.	598,672	9,153,695
		28,604,374
Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment (2.23%)		
Analog Devices, Inc.	172,000	5,375,000
ARM Holdings PLC ^(b)	157,300	4,011,150
Broadcom Corp., Class A ^(a)	172,645	5,747,352
Intel Corp.	44,582	950,934
MEMC Electronic Materials, Inc. ^(a)	485,130	2,542,082
		18,626,518
Software (2.74%)		
CA, Inc.	249,875	4,850,074
Microsoft Corp.	346,225	8,617,540
Salesforce.com, Inc. ^(a)	54,811	6,263,801
VMware, Inc., Class A ^(a)	39,200	3,150,896
		22,882,311
MATERIALS (3.66%)		
Chemicals (2.44%)		
The Dow Chemical Co.	105,089	2,360,299
The Mosaic Co.	72,798	3,564,918
PPG Industries, Inc.	70,850	5,006,261
Praxair, Inc.	62,800	5,870,544
The Sherwin-Williams Co.	48,400	3,597,088
		20,399,110
Metals & Mining (1.22%)		
Alcoa, Inc.	407,000	3,894,990
Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold, Inc.	117,844	3,588,350
Silver Wheaton Corp.	91,200	2,685,840
		10,169,180
TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES (1.47%)		

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Wireless Telecommunication Services (1.47%)

American Tower Corp., Class A ^(a)	165,460	8,901,748
Sprint Nextel Corp. ^(a)	166,435	505,962
Vodafone Group PLC ^(b)	112,000	2,872,800
		12,280,510

UTILITIES (2.64%)

Electric Utilities (1.63%)

Edison International	89,000	3,404,250
Entergy Corp.	91,950	6,095,366

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COMMON STOCKS (continued)		
Electric Utilities (continued)		
FirstEnergy Corp.	92,587	\$4,158,082
		13,657,698
Gas Utilities (0.50%)		
EQT Corp.	79,051	4,218,161
Independent Power Producers & Energy Traders (0.51%)		
GenOn Energy, Inc. ^(a)	1,526,220	4,242,892
TOTAL COMMON STOCKS		
(COST OF \$950,499,637)		828,375,324
EXCHANGE TRADED FUND (0.00%)		
iShares Russell 1000 Value Index Fund	44	2,490
TOTAL EXCHANGE TRADED FUND		
(COST OF \$2,978)		2,490
	PRINCIPAL AMOUNT	MARKET VALUE
CORPORATE BOND (0.01%)		
INDUSTRIALS (0.01%)		
Airlines (0.01%)		
United Continental Holdings, Inc. 6.00%, 10/15/2029	\$38,000	90,250
TOTAL CORPORATE BOND		
(COST OF \$82,331)		90,250
	PAR VALUE	
SHORT TERM INVESTMENT (0.99%)		
REPURCHASE AGREEMENT (0.99%)		
Repurchase agreement with State Street Bank & Trust Co., dated 09/30/11, due 10/03/11 at 0.01%, collateralized by several Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac instruments with various maturity dates, market value of \$8,411,743 (Repurchase proceeds of \$8,239,000)	\$8,239,000	8,239,000
TOTAL SHORT TERM INVESTMENT		
(COST OF \$8,239,000)		8,239,000

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TOTAL INVESTMENTS (100.05%)	
(COST OF \$958,823,946) ^(c)	836,707,064
LIABILITIES IN EXCESS OF OTHER ASSETS (-0.05%)	(405,311)
NET ASSETS (100.00%)	\$836,301,753
NET ASSET VALUE PER SHARE	
(182,678,079 SHARES OUTSTANDING)	\$4.58

(a) Non-income producing security.

(b) American Depositary Receipt.

(c) Cost of investments for federal income tax purposes is \$969,615,533.

Gross unrealized appreciation and depreciation at September 30, 2011 based on cost of investments for federal income tax purposes is as follows:

Gross unrealized appreciation	\$61,652,871
Gross unrealized depreciation	(194,561,340)
Net unrealized appreciation	\$(132,908,469)

For Fund compliance purposes, the Fund's industry classifications refer to any one or more of the industry sub-classifications used by one or more widely recognized market indexes or ratings group indexes, and/or as defined by Fund management. This definition may not apply for purposes of this report, which may combine industry sub-classifications for reporting ease. Industries are shown as a percent of net assets. These industry classifications are unaudited.

See Notes to Schedule of Investments.

Security Valuation

Equity securities including common stocks and exchange traded funds are valued at the last sale price at the close of the principal exchange on which they trade, except for securities listed on the National Association of Securities Dealers Automated Quotations (NASDAQ) exchange, which are valued at the NASDAQ official closing price. Unlisted securities or listed securities for which there were no sales during the day are valued at the closing bid price on such exchanges or over-the-counter markets.

Debt securities generally are valued by pricing services approved by the Liberty All-Star® Equity Fund's (the Fund) Board of Trustees (the Board). The services may use various pricing techniques which take into account appropriate factors such as yield, quality, coupon rate, maturity, type of issue, trading characteristics and other data, as well as broker quotes. Debt securities for which quotations are readily available are valued at an over-the-counter or exchange bid quotation.

Short-term debt obligations maturing in more than 60 days for which market quotations are readily available are valued at current market value. Short-term debt obligations maturing within 60 days are valued at amortized cost, which approximates market value.

Investments for which market quotations are not readily available are valued at fair value as determined in good faith under consistently applied procedures approved by and under the general supervision of the Board.

Foreign Securities

The Fund invests in foreign securities including American Depositary Receipts, which may involve a number of risk factors and special considerations not present with investments in securities of U.S. corporations.

Security Transactions

Security transactions are recorded on the trade date. Cost is determined and gains/(losses) are based upon the specific identification method for both financial statement and federal income tax purposes.

Repurchase Agreements

The Fund may engage in repurchase agreement transactions with institutions that the Fund's investment advisor has determined are creditworthy. The Fund, through its custodian, receives delivery of underlying securities collateralizing a repurchase agreement. Collateral is at least equal, at all times, to the value of the repurchase obligation including interest. A repurchase agreement transaction involves certain risks in the event of default or insolvency of the counterparty. These risks include possible delays or restrictions upon a Fund's ability to dispose of the underlying securities and a possible decline in the value of the underlying securities during the period while the Fund seeks to assert its rights.

Income Recognition

Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Premium and discount are amortized and accreted, respectively, on all debt securities. Corporate actions and dividend income are recorded on the ex-date.

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The Fund estimates components of distributions from real estate investment trusts (REITs). Distributions received in excess of income are recorded as a reduction of the cost of the related investments. Once the REIT reports annually the tax character of its distributions, the Fund revises its estimates. If the Fund no longer owns the applicable securities, any distributions received in excess of income are recorded as realized gains.

Fair Value Measurements

The Fund discloses the classification of its fair value measurements following the three-tier hierarchy based on the inputs used to measure fair value. Inputs refer broadly to the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability, including assumptions about risk. Inputs may be observable or unobservable. Observable inputs reflect the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability that are developed based on market data obtained from sources independent of the reporting entity. Unobservable inputs reflect the reporting entity's own assumptions about the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability that are developed based on the best information available.

Various inputs are used in determining the value of the Fund's investments as of the end of the reporting period. When inputs used fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy, the level in the hierarchy within the fair value measurement falls is determined based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. The designated input levels are not necessarily an indication of the risk or liquidity associated with these investments. These inputs are categorized in the following hierarchy under applicable financial accounting standards:

Level 1 Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical, unrestricted assets or liabilities that a Fund has the ability to access at the measurement date;

Level 2 Quoted prices which are not active, quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets or inputs other than quoted prices that are observable (either directly or indirectly) for substantially the full term of the asset or liability; and

Level 3 Significant unobservable prices or inputs (including the Fund's own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments) where there is little or no market activity for the asset or liability at the measurement date.

The following is a summary of the inputs used to value the Fund's investments as of September 30, 2011:

Investments in Securities at	Valuation Inputs			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Value*				
Common Stocks	\$ 828,375,324	\$	\$	\$ 828,375,324
Exchange Traded Fund	2,490			2,490
Corporate Bond		90,250		90,250
Short Term Investment		8,239,000		8,239,000
Total	\$ 828,377,814	\$ 8,329,250	\$	\$ 836,707,064

*See Schedule of Investments for industry classifications

For the period ended September 30, 2011, the Fund did not have any significant transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 securities. The Fund did not have any securities which used significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) in determining fair value.

Indemnification

In the normal course of business, the Fund enters into contracts that contain a variety of representations and warranties and which provide general indemnities. The Fund's maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown, as this would involve future claims against the Fund. Also, under the Fund's organizational documents and by contract, the Trustees and Officers of the Fund are indemnified against certain liabilities that may arise out of their duties to the Fund. However, based on experience, the Fund expects the risk of loss due to these warranties and indemnities to be minimal.

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Description of Lipper Benchmark

and the S&P 500 Index

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Lipper Large-Cap Core Mutual Fund Average

The average of funds that, by portfolio practice, invest at least 75% of their equity assets in companies with market capitalizations (on a three-year weighted basis) above Lipper's U.S. domestic equity large-cap floor. These funds typically have an average price-to-earnings ratio, price-to-book ratio, and three-year sales-per-share growth value, compared to the S&P 500 Index.

S&P 500 Index

A representative sample of 500 leading companies in leading industries of the U.S. economy. Focuses on the large-cap segment of the market with approximately 75% coverage of U.S. equities

Item 2 - Controls and Procedures.

- (a) The registrant's Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer have evaluated the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 30a-3(c) under the Investment Company Act of 1940) within 90 days of this filing and have concluded that the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures were effective, as of that date.

- (b) There was no change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the Investment Company Act of 1940) during registrant's last fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Item 3 Exhibits.

Separate certifications for the registrant's Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer, as required by Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and Rule 30a-2(a) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, are attached as Ex99.CERT.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

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By: /s/ William Parmentier
William Parmentier
President (principal executive officer)

Date: November 28, 2011

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

By: /s/ William Parmentier
William Parmentier
President (principal executive officer)

Date: November 28, 2011

By: /s/ Jeremy O. May
Jeremy O. May
Treasurer (principal financial officer)

Date: November 28, 2011