

Madison Strategic Sector Premium Fund  
Form SC 13D/A  
February 08, 2018

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D  
(Rule 13d-101)

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS FILED PURSUANT  
TO § 240.13d-1(a) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED PURSUANT TO  
§ 240.13d-2(a)

(Amendment No. 3)

Madison Strategic Sector Premium Fund

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock  
(Title of Class of Securities)

558268108  
(CUSIP Number)

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New York, New York 10019  
(212) 451-2300

(Name, Address, and Telephone Number of Person  
Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

February 7, 2018  
(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of This Statement)

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CUSIP NO. 558268108

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

Karpus Investment Management

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a)  (b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

AF

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

NEW YORK

|   |    |                          |
|---|----|--------------------------|
| NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH | 7  | SOLE VOTING POWER        |
|   |    | 1,364,466                |
|   | 8  | SHARED VOTING POWER      |
|   |    | -                        |
|   | 9  | SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER   |
|   |    | 1,364,466                |
|   | 10 | SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER |
|   |    | -                        |

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

1,364,466

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

23.5%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

George W. Karpus

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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

NEW YORK

|   |    |                          |
|---|----|--------------------------|
| NUMBER OF<br>SHARES<br>BENEFICIALLY<br>OWNED BY<br>EACH<br>REPORTING<br>PERSON WITH | 7  | SOLE VOTING POWER        |
|   |    | -                        |
|   | 8  | SHARED VOTING POWER      |
|   |    | 16,450                   |
|   | 9  | SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER   |
|   |    | -                        |
|   | 10 | SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER |
|   |    | 16,450                   |

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

16,450

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

Less than 1%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

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The following constitutes Amendment No. 3 to the Schedule 13D filed by the undersigned ("Amendment No. 3"). This Amendment No. 3 amends the Schedule 13D as specifically set forth herein.

Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration..

Item 3 is hereby amended and restated to read as follows:

Karpus, an independent registered investment advisor, has accumulated 1,364,466 Shares on behalf of accounts that are managed by Karpus (the "Accounts") under limited powers of attorney, which represents approximately 23.5% of the outstanding Shares. All funds that have been utilized in making such purchases are from such Accounts.

The aggregate purchase price of the 1,364,466 Shares beneficially owned by Karpus Investment Management is approximately \$15,464,518, excluding brokerage commissions.

The aggregate purchase price of the 16,450 Shares held by Mr. Karpus and the Karpus Entities is approximately \$170,563, excluding brokerage commissions.

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Item 4. Purpose of Transaction..

Item 4 is hereby amended to add the following:

Karpus, an independent registered investment advisor, with a specialty focus in closed-end funds, believes that the profile of the Issuer fits the investment guidelines for various Accounts. Shares have been acquired since July 10, 2015.

On February 7, 2018, Karpus sent a letter containing a stockholder proposal for the Fund's 2018 Annual Meeting. A copy of the letter is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

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Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer.

Item 5(a)-(c) is hereby amended and restated to read as follows:

The aggregate percentage of Shares reported owned by each Reporting Person is based upon 5,798,291 Shares outstanding, which is the total number of Shares outstanding as of June 30, 2017 as reported in the Issuer's Certified Shareholder Report, Semi-Annual, of Registered Management Investment Companies on Form N-CSRS, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on September 1, 2017.

A .. Karpus Investment Management

(a) As of the close of business on February 7, 2018, Karpus Investment Management beneficially owned 1,364,466 Shares held in the Accounts.

Percentage: 23.5%

- (b)
1. Sole power to vote or direct vote: 1,364,466
  2. Shared power to vote or direct vote: -
  3. Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: 1,364,466
  4. Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: -

(c) The transactions in the Shares by Karpus over the last 60 days are set forth in Schedule B and are incorporated herein by reference.

B .. George W. Karpus

(a) As of the close of business on February 7, 2018, George W. Karpus may be deemed to beneficially own the 16,450 Shares held in the Karpus Entities.

Percentage: Less than 1%

- (b)
1. Sole power to vote or direct vote: -
  2. Shared power to vote or direct vote: 16,450
  3. Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: -
  4. Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 16,450

(c) Mr. Karpus nor the Karpus Entities had any transactions in the Shares during the past 60 days. The filing of this Schedule 13D shall not be construed as an admission that the Reporting Persons are, for purposes of Section 13(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the beneficial owners of any of the Shares reported herein. Each Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of such Shares except to the extent of his or its pecuniary interest therein.

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Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships With Respect to Securities of the Issuer.  
Item 6 is hereby amended to add the following:

On February 7, 2018, Karpus sent a 14a-8 shareholder proposal to the Fund, referenced in Item 4, above, and attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto.



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Item 7. Material to be Filed as Exhibits..

Item 7 is hereby amended to add the following exhibit:

99.1 14a-8 Shareholder Proposal sent to the Fund on February 7, 2018

SIGNATURES

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of his knowledge and belief, the undersigned certifies that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: February 8, 2018

KARPUS MANAGEMENT, INC.

By: /s/ Daniel Lippincott  
Name: Daniel Lippincott  
Title: Director of Investment Personnel  
and  
Sr. Tax-Sensitive Portfolio  
Manager

/s/ George W. Karpus  
GEORGE W. KARPUS

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## SCHEDULE A

Executive Officers &amp; Directors of Karpus Management, Inc., d/b/a Karpus Investment Management

| Name                       | Position & Present Principal Occupation                              | Business Address                                   | Shares Owned |
|----------------------------|--|--|--------------|
| George W. Karpus           | President, CEO, and Chairman of the Board                            | 183 Sully's Trail,<br>Pittsford, New York<br>14534 | See Above    |
| Kathleen Finnerty<br>Crane | Chief Financial Officer<br>and Chief Compliance<br>Officer           | 183 Sully's Trail,<br>Pittsford, New York<br>14534 | 0 Shares     |
| Dana R. Consler            | Executive Vice<br>President  | 183 Sully's Trail,<br>Pittsford, New York<br>14534 | 700 Shares   |
| Thomas M. Duffy            | Vice President   | 183 Sully's Trail,<br>Pittsford, New York<br>14534 | 0 Shares     |
| Sharon L. Thornton         | Senior Director of<br>Investments                                    | 183 Sully's Trail,<br>Pittsford, New York<br>14534 | 0 Shares     |
| Daniel L. Lippincott       | Sr. Tax-Sensitive<br>Manager and Director of<br>Investment Personnel | 183 Sully's Trail,<br>Pittsford, New York<br>14534 | 0 Shares     |

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SCHEDULE B

Transactions in the Shares over the last 60 days.

| Nature of the Transaction  | Securities<br>Purchased/(Sold) | Price Per<br>Share(\$) | Date of<br>Purchase / Sale |
|--|--------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| KARPUS MANAGEMENT, INC., D/B/A/ KARPUS INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT<br>(THROUGH THE ACCOUNTS) |                                |                        |                            |
| Sale of Common Stock   | (790)                          | \$11.67                | 12/12/2017                 |

EXHIBIT 99.1

14a-8 Shareholder Proposal Sent to the Fund on February 7, 2018

**VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS & ELECTRONIC MAIL** February 7, 2018

Madison Strategic Sector Premium Fund  
Attn: Holly S. Baggot, Secretary  
550 Science Drive  
Madison, Wisconsin 53711

Re: 14a-8 Shareholder Proposal for the Madison Strategic Sector Premium Fund ("MSP" or the "Fund")

Ms. Baggot:

This letter shall serve as notice to the Madison Strategic Sector Premium Fund ("MSP" or the "Fund"), as to Karpus Management, Inc.'s ("Karpus") timely submittal of a shareholder proposal pursuant to Rule 14a-8 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 for presentation to MSP shareholders at the Fund's next annual shareholders' meeting anticipated to be held in August 2018, or any postponement or adjournment thereof (the "Meeting"). Karpus' non-binding 14a-8 shareholder proposal (the "Proposal") is as follows:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the shareholders of the Madison Strategic Sector Premium Fund ("MSP" or the "Fund") request that the Trustees promptly consider authorizing a self-tender offer for all outstanding common shares of the Fund at or close to net asset value ("NAV"). If more than 50% of the Fund's outstanding common shares are tendered, the tender offer should be cancelled and the Board should take the steps necessary to liquidate, merge, or convert the Fund to an open-end mutual fund or exchange traded fund.

**Supporting Statement**

**At MSP's 2016 and 2017 annual shareholder meetings, shareholders approved the same proposal that we put forth today.** However, because the proposal is "non-binding," MSP's Board has repeatedly chosen to ignore it instead of implement it. In our opinion, **ignoring shareholders is NOT acceptable.** Repeatedly doing so is even more egregious. Similar to the arguments we set forth last year, although the discount was quite narrow for some time, we don't think this had **anything** to do with the Board. Instead, the discount narrowing of the Fund appears to be a reaction of the market that the Fund's Board might actually do something to enhance shareholder value. Second, 2017 marks the second consecutive meeting that shareholders approved the proposal above and also the second consecutive year that nothing has been done to implement it. How many times must a Board be told by shareholders what it wants before that plan gets carried out? We continue to question whether the decision not to implement the proposal was in the best interest of shareholders or the best interests of the Fund's Advisor. Surely, maintaining the status quo is the highest fee generating option for Madison Asset Management, LLC. The same argument, however, cannot be made for MSP shareholders. Does the Board not think that MSP is a strategy that shareholders could get elsewhere or that could be implemented efficiently through another investment vehicle? After shareholders **repeatedly** asked for and approved a plan to receive liquidity close to full value, how can a fiduciary such as the Board argue that doing so is not in their best interest? To us, the only party "harmed" in such a scenario are those that chose to vote against the 2016 and 2017 proposal. In that case, they could have the option to not

tender their shares, just as they had the option to vote how they saw fit. We do not believe that the Fund's current discount has **anything** to do with what the Board or the Fund's Advisor has done. If you agree, please vote FOR Karpus' Proposal and tell our Fund's Trustees that you want them to listen and take the actions that were already approved at the last two annual shareholder meetings. **Shareholders are the owners of the Fund, not the Fund's adviser.**

**END OF PROPOSAL**

As is required by Rule 14a-8, attached as Exhibits 1 and 2 are letters from U. S. Bank N.A. and the "record" holder of the referenced shares, verifying that the referenced shares were continuously and beneficially owned, and had a market value of \$2,000 or more, for at least a one year period prior to the date of the submittal of the above Proposal. Karpus intends to hold the shares referenced through the date of the Meeting. Please advise us immediately if this notice is deficient in any way or if any additional information is required so that Karpus may promptly provide it in order to cure any deficiency.

Sincerely,

/s/

Brett D. Gardner  
Senior Corporate Governance Analyst

cc: Kevin Thompson, Chief Legal Officer and Assistant Secretary

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**Exhibit 1**  
U.S. Bank N.A. Letter

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**Exhibit 2**  
Cede & Co. Letter