

CALAMOS STRATEGIC TOTAL RETURN FUND

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SECURITIES**Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting
Person *

MORGAN STANLEY

(Last) (First) (Middle)

1585 BROADWAY

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10036

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring
Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

12/31/2008

3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

CALAMOS STRATEGIC TOTAL RETURN FUND
[CSQ]4. Relationship of Reporting
Person(s) to Issuer5. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____X____ 10% Owner
____ Officer ____ Other
(give title below) (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group

Filing(Check Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting
Person____ Form filed by More than One
Reporting Person**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**1. Title of Security
(Instr. 4)2. Amount of Securities
Beneficially Owned
(Instr. 4)3. Ownership
Form:
Direct (D)
or Indirect
(I)
(Instr. 5)4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial
Ownership
(Instr. 5)

Auction Rate Cumulative Preferred

814

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By Subsidiary

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially
owned directly or indirectly.

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currently valid OMB control number.****Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**1. Title of Derivative Security
(Instr. 4)2. Date Exercisable and
Expiration Date
(Month/Day/Year)Date Expiration
Exercisable Date3. Title and Amount of
Securities Underlying
Derivative Security
(Instr. 4)Title Amount or
Number of4. Conversion
or Exercise
Price of
Derivative
Security5. Ownership
Form of
Derivative
Security:
Direct (D)
or Indirect6. Nature of Indirect
Beneficial Ownership
(Instr. 5)

Shares

(I)
(Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MORGAN STANLEY 1585 BROADWAY NEW YORK, NY 10036	^	^ X	^	^

Signatures

/s/ Dennine Bullard, By: Morgan Stanley, By: Dennine Bullard, Authorized Signatory

01/12/2009

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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Remarks:

The ^ preferred ^ shares ^ reported ^ herein ^ represent ^ the ^ Reporting ^ Person's ^ combined ^ holdings ^ in ^ multiple ^ se ^
^ preferred ^ securities ^ of ^ the ^ Issuer, ^ which ^ are ^ treated ^ herein ^ as ^ one ^ class ^ of ^ securities ^ in ^ accordance ^
^ Securities ^ - ^ Global ^ Exemptive ^ Relief ^ no-action ^ letter ^ issued ^ by ^ the ^ Securities ^ and ^ Exchange ^ Commis ^
^ September ^ 22, ^ 2008. ^ ^ The ^ Reporting ^ Person ^ undertakes ^ to ^ provide, ^ upon ^ request ^ by ^ the ^ SEC ^ staff ^
^ holder ^ of ^ the ^ Issuer, ^ complete ^ information ^ regarding ^ the ^ number ^ of ^ the ^ Issuer's ^ equity ^ securities ^ pu ^
^ different ^ price ^ and ^ date ^ of ^ all ^ transactions ^ in ^ such ^ securities ^ that ^ occurred ^ after ^ the ^ Reporting ^ Per ^
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