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DISCUSSION OF FUND PERFORMANCE (Unaudited)

For the period from September 1, 2022, through February 28, 2023, as provided by R. Patrick Kent, lead portfolio manager, and Andrew Leger, portfolio manager of Newton Investment Management North America, LLC, sub-adviser.

Market and Fund Performance Overview

For the six-month period ended February 28, 2023, BNY Mellon Opportunistic Small Cap Fund's (the "fund") Investor shares achieved a total return of 5.21%, Class I shares returned 5.29% and Class Y shares returned 5.38%.¹ In comparison, the fund's benchmark, the Russell 2000® Index (the "Index"), produced a total return of 3.63% for the same period.²

Small-cap stocks gained ground over the reporting period as investors began to anticipate the end of the Federal Reserve's (the "Fed") monetary tightening program. The fund outperformed the Index, mainly due to favorable stock selection in the industrial, communication services and energy sectors.

The Fund's Investment Approach

The fund seeks capital appreciation. To pursue its goal, the fund normally invests at least 80% of its net assets, plus any borrowings for investment purposes, in the stocks of small cap companies. The fund currently considers small-cap companies to be those companies with market capitalizations that fall within the range of companies in the Index. Stocks are selected for the fund's portfolio based primarily on bottom-up, fundamental analysis. The fund's portfolio managers use a disciplined investment process that relies, in general, on proprietary fundamental research and valuation. Generally, elements of the process include analysis of mid-cycle business prospects, estimation of the intrinsic value of the company and the identification of a revaluation trigger. The fund's portfolio managers invest in securities and sectors that they perceive to be attractive from a valuation and fundamental standpoint.

Anticipating the End of Monetary Tightening, Markets Post Gains

The reporting period was defined by a shift in investor sentiment. Much of 2022 was marked by concerns about high inflation and a tightening in global monetary policy by the Fed and other major central banks. Geopolitical events, including the Russia-Ukraine War, also weighed on the market.

As 2022 progressed, inflation data and central bank monetary tightening policies dominated the market narrative. Slower growth prospects, supply-chain concerns and expectations that interest rates would be higher for a longer period negatively impacted stock valuations. Across Europe, a broad monetary tightening effort by the Bank of England and the European Central Bank was implemented. In the EU, high inflation readings dampened the growth outlook, while soaring energy prices became a focus for European policymakers.

The Fed raised rates in September, November and December 2022, and as inflation eased somewhat, investors began to anticipate an end to the Fed's tightening program. The market appeared to reach a bottom early in the reporting period and rebounded into 2023. In February 2023, the Fed raised the federal funds rate again as inflation appeared to be more stubborn than expected. This resulted in the return of market volatility.

Performance Aided by Stock Selection

The fund's performance versus the Index stemmed from strong stock selection, primarily in the industrial, communication services and energy sectors. In the industrial sector, a position in Maxar Technologies, Inc. performed well as the space technology company was acquired at a premium. Shares of Fluor Corp., an engineering and construction firm, also made a positive contribution to returns. In the communication services sector, advertising technology companies such as Magnite, Inc. also contributed positively. The fund held a neutral allocation to the energy sector, but selections were beneficial. Shares of PBF Energy, Inc., a refiner, were advantageous as oil prices and demand remained strong.

On a less positive note, selections in the consumer discretionary sector were detrimental. Shares of Designer Brands, Inc. were a drag on performance, as was a position in Petco Health & Wellness Co., a pet supply company. Specialty retailers generally were hindered by rising inventories, which forced price discounting. In the utilities sector, an overweight, especially in independent power producers, was detrimental. Utilities were broadly hampered by rising interest rates and by a "risk-on" environment that took hold midway through the reporting period. In the information technology sector, the fund was underweight in the semiconductor industry, which rallied strongly from the market bottom that occurred early in the period.

Small Caps Attractively Valued

Economic uncertainty has weighed on the market, and this is likely to continue in the near term. In addition, we believe corporate earnings are likely to decline as the economy slows in the coming months. Nevertheless, we believe small-cap stocks are attractively valued, and are offering compelling opportunities.

March 15, 2023

¹ Total return includes reinvestment of dividends and any capital gains paid. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Share price and investment return fluctuate such that upon redemption, fund shares may be worth more or less than their original cost.

² Source: Lipper Inc. — The Russell 2000[®] Index measures the performance of the small-cap segment of the U.S. equity universe. The Russell 2000[®] Index is a subset of the Russell 3000[®] Index representing approximately 10% of the total market capitalization of that Index. It includes approximately 2,000 of the smallest securities based on a combination of their market cap and current index membership. The Russell 2000 is constructed to provide a comprehensive and unbiased, small-cap barometer and is completely reconstituted annually to ensure larger stocks do not distort the performance and characteristics of the true small-cap opportunity set. Investors cannot invest directly in any index.

Equities are subject generally to market, market sector, market liquidity, issuer and investment style risks, among other factors, to varying degrees, all of which are more fully described in the fund's prospectus.

Stocks of small- and/or mid-cap companies often experience sharper price fluctuations than stocks of large-cap companies.

Recent market risks include pandemic risks related to COVID-19. The effects of COVID-19 have contributed to increased volatility in global markets and affected certain companies, industries and market sectors more dramatically than others. To the extent the fund may overweight its investments in certain companies, industries or market sectors, such positions will increase the fund's exposure to risk of loss from adverse developments affecting those companies, industries or sectors.

UNDERSTANDING YOUR FUND'S EXPENSES (Unaudited)

As a mutual fund investor, you pay ongoing expenses, such as management fees and other expenses. Using the information below, you can estimate how these expenses affect your investment and compare them with the expenses of other funds. You also may pay one-time transaction expenses, including sales charges (loads) and redemption fees, which are not shown in this section and would have resulted in higher total expenses. For more information, see your fund's prospectus or talk to your financial adviser.

Review your fund's expenses

The table below shows the expenses you would have paid on a \$1,000 investment in BNY Mellon Opportunistic Small Cap Fund from September 1, 2022 to February 28, 2023. It also shows how much a \$1,000 investment would be worth at the close of the period, assuming actual returns and expenses.

Expenses and Value of a \$1,000 Investment

Assume actual returns for the six months ended February 28, 2023

	Investor Shares	Class I	Class Y
Expenses paid per \$1,000 [†]	\$5.70	\$4.78	\$4.18
Ending value (after expenses)	\$1,052.10	\$1,052.90	\$1,053.80

COMPARING YOUR FUND'S EXPENSES WITH THOSE OF OTHER FUNDS (Unaudited)

Using the SEC's method to compare expenses

The Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") has established guidelines to help investors assess fund expenses. Per these guidelines, the table below shows your fund's expenses based on a \$1,000 investment, assuming a hypothetical 5% annualized return. You can use this information to compare the ongoing expenses (but not transaction expenses or total cost) of investing in the fund with those of other funds. All mutual fund shareholder reports will provide this information to help you make this comparison. Please note that you cannot use this information to estimate your actual ending account balance and expenses paid during the period.

Expenses and Value of a \$1,000 Investment

Assuming a hypothetical 5% annualized return for the six months ended February 28, 2023

	Investor Shares	Class I	Class Y
Expenses paid per \$1,000 [†]	\$5.61	\$4.71	\$4.11
Ending value (after expenses)	\$1,019.24	\$1,020.13	\$1,020.73

[†] Expenses are equal to the fund's annualized expense ratio of 1.12% for Investor Shares, .94% for Class I and .82% for Class Y, multiplied by the average account value over the period, multiplied by 181/365 (to reflect the one-half year period).

STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS

February 28, 2023 (Unaudited)

Description	Shares	Value (\$)
Common Stocks - 96.9%		
Automobiles & Components - 1.1%		
Stoneridge, Inc.	167,579 ^a	3,990,056
Banks - 10.3%		
BankUnited, Inc.	171,268	6,066,313
Essent Group Ltd.	142,916	6,138,242
First Bancorp/Puerto Rico	575,257	8,346,979
First Interstate BancSystem, Inc., Cl. A	115,925	4,119,974
First Merchants Corp.	100,767	4,123,386
Synovus Financial Corp.	138,569	5,793,570
Texas Capital Bancshares, Inc.	60,626 ^a	4,015,260
		38,603,724
Capital Goods - 10.7%		
EnerSys	54,711	4,961,741
Flowserve Corp.	111,157	3,856,036
Fluor Corp.	336,814 ^a	12,350,969
Matrix Service Co.	391,176 ^a	2,476,144
Maxar Technologies, Inc.	18,889	972,783
SiteOne Landscape Supply, Inc.	14,290 ^a	2,119,779
Spirit AeroSystems Holdings, Inc., Cl. A	132,558	4,530,832
Terex Corp.	70,358	4,165,897
Titan Machinery, Inc.	102,968 ^a	4,714,905
		40,149,086
Commercial & Professional Services - 1.3%		
The Brink's Company	72,417	4,725,209
Consumer Durables & Apparel - 3.2%		
Allbirds, Inc., Cl. A	744,429 ^a	2,129,067
GoPro, Inc., Cl. A	682,378 ^a	3,541,542
Topgolf Callaway Brands Corp.	270,755 ^a	6,276,101
		11,946,710
Consumer Services - 5.5%		
Bloomin' Brands, Inc.	250,570	6,539,877
Bright Horizons Family Solutions, Inc.	29,292 ^a	2,309,381
Genius Sports Ltd.	983,387 ^a	4,759,593
Papa John's International, Inc.	40,380 ^b	3,389,901
Six Flags Entertainment Corp.	143,020 ^{a,b}	3,775,728
		20,774,480
Diversified Financials - 1.5%		
PJT Partners, Inc., Cl. A	72,384	5,709,650
Energy - 7.2%		
CNX Resources Corp.	364,416 ^{a,b}	5,593,786
Dril-Quip, Inc.	163,360 ^{a,b}	5,595,080
Frontline PLC	159,197	3,005,639

STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS (Unaudited) (continued)

Description	Shares	Value (\$)
Common Stocks - 96.9% (continued)		
Energy - 7.2% (continued)		
PBF Energy, Inc., Cl. A	144,628	6,321,690
Viper Energy Partners LP	223,294	6,392,907
		26,909,102
Food & Staples Retailing - 1.6%		
The Chefs' Warehouse, Inc.	186,951 ^a	6,085,255
Health Care Equipment & Services - 12.1%		
Acadia Healthcare Co., Inc.	76,872 ^a	5,573,989
Amedisys, Inc.	32,619 ^a	2,999,317
Merit Medical Systems, Inc.	33,578 ^a	2,369,935
ModivCare, Inc.	44,301 ^a	4,349,915
NuVasive, Inc.	73,172 ^a	3,163,226
Privia Health Group, Inc.	292,478 ^a	8,168,911
R1 RCM, Inc.	425,067 ^{a,b}	6,035,951
Select Medical Holdings Corp.	211,673	5,755,389
TransMedics Group, Inc.	86,186 ^a	6,900,913
		45,317,546
Household & Personal Products - 1.7%		
Spectrum Brands Holdings, Inc.	102,241	6,545,469
Insurance - 2.6%		
BRP Group, Inc., Cl. A	169,917 ^{a,b}	4,883,415
The Hanover Insurance Group, Inc.	35,428	4,941,497
		9,824,912
Materials - 4.3%		
Alamos Gold, Inc., Cl. A	1,013,692	10,319,385
Largo, Inc.	353,306 ^a	2,261,158
Tronox Holdings PLC	232,547	3,627,733
		16,208,276
Media & Entertainment - 3.4%		
Eventbrite, Inc., Cl. A	511,617 ^a	4,481,765
Magnite, Inc.	592,314 ^a	6,592,455
World Wrestling Entertainment, Inc., Cl. A	21,026	1,766,184
		12,840,404
Pharmaceuticals Biotechnology & Life Sciences - 5.4%		
Alkermes PLC	334,615 ^a	8,947,605
Denali Therapeutics, Inc.	177,273 ^a	4,812,962
Insmed, Inc.	174,787 ^a	3,562,159
Xenon Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	73,118 ^a	2,885,236
		20,207,962
Real Estate - 3.4%		
Colliers International Group, Inc.	43,882	5,082,413
EPR Properties	103,995 ^c	4,247,156

Description	Shares	Value (\$)
Common Stocks - 96.9% (continued)		
Real Estate - 3.4% (continued)		
Pebblebrook Hotel Trust	226,191 ^{b,c}	3,227,746
		12,557,315
Retailing - 3.7%		
Citi Trends, Inc.	61,770 ^a	1,732,031
Designer Brands, Inc., Cl. A	268,730	2,630,867
Ollie's Bargain Outlet Holdings, Inc.	118,868 ^a	6,839,665
Petco Health & Wellness Co., Inc.	255,246 ^a	2,629,034
		13,831,597
Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment - 1.1%		
MaxLinear, Inc.	118,471 ^a	4,052,893
Software & Services - 5.1%		
DigitalOcean Holdings, Inc.	63,675 ^a	2,036,326
DoubleVerify Holdings, Inc.	180,010 ^a	4,728,863
Edgio, Inc.	1,690,433 ^{a,b}	2,079,233
JFrog Ltd.	274,911 ^a	6,322,953
Zuora, Inc., Cl. A	472,396 ^a	4,001,194
		19,168,569
Technology Hardware & Equipment - 5.1%		
ADTRAN Holdings, Inc.	347,507	6,063,997
Arlo Technologies, Inc.	419,171 ^a	1,592,850
Extreme Networks, Inc.	292,920 ^a	5,483,462
Itron, Inc.	102,551 ^{a,b}	5,719,269
Ondas Holdings, Inc.	117,048 ^{a,b}	220,050
		19,079,628
Transportation - 1.0%		
SkyWest, Inc.	205,190 ^{a,b}	3,912,973
Utilities - 5.6%		
Atlantica Sustainable Infrastructure PLC	77,096 ^b	2,127,850
Clearway Energy, Inc., Cl. C	273,189 ^b	8,580,866
NextEra Energy Partners LP	152,174 ^b	10,083,049
		20,791,765
Total Common Stocks (cost \$339,802,819)		363,232,581
Private Equity - .4%		
Real Estate - .2%		
Roofstock	41,269 ^{a,d}	682,177
Software & Services - .2%		
Locus Robotics	14,518 ^{a,d}	645,180
Total Private Equity (cost \$1,841,069)		1,327,357

STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS (Unaudited) (continued)

Description	1-Day Yield (%)	Shares	Value (\$)
Investment Companies - 2.8%			
Registered Investment Companies - 2.8%			
Dreyfus Institutional Preferred Government Plus Money Market Fund, Institutional Shares (cost \$10,674,906)	4.65	10,674,906 ^e	10,674,906
Investment of Cash Collateral for Securities Loaned - .7%			
Registered Investment Companies - .7%			
Dreyfus Institutional Preferred Government Plus Money Market Fund, SL Shares (cost \$2,447,624)	4.65	2,447,624 ^e	2,447,624
Total Investments (cost \$354,766,418)		100.8%	377,682,468
Liabilities, Less Cash and Receivables		(.8%)	(3,011,593)
Net Assets		100.0%	374,670,875

^a Non-income producing security.

^b Security, or portion thereof, on loan. At February 28, 2023, the value of the fund's securities on loan was \$29,938,780 and the value of the collateral was \$31,189,562, consisting of cash collateral of \$2,447,624 and U.S. Government & Agency securities valued at \$28,741,938. In addition, the value of collateral may include pending sales that are also on loan.

^c Investment in real estate investment trust within the United States.

^d The fund held Level 3 securities at February 28, 2023. These securities were valued at \$1,327,357 or .4% of net assets.

^e Investment in affiliated issuer. The investment objective of this investment company is publicly available and can be found within the investment company's prospectus.

Portfolio Summary (Unaudited) †	Value (%)
Health Care	17.5
Financials	14.5
Consumer Discretionary	13.5
Industrials	13.0
Information Technology	11.5
Energy	7.2
Utilities	5.5
Materials	4.3
Real Estate	3.5
Investment Companies	3.5
Communication Services	3.4
Consumer Staples	3.4
	100.8

† Based on net assets.

See notes to financial statements.

Affiliated Issuers					
Description	Value (\$) 8/31/2022	Purchases (\$) [†]	Sales (\$)	Value (\$) 2/28/2023	Dividends/ Distributions (\$)
Registered Investment Companies - 2.8%					
Dreyfus					
Institutional					
Preferred					
Government					
Plus Money					
Market Fund,					
Institutional					
Shares -					
2.8%	9,640,347	41,499,318	(40,464,759)	10,674,906	210,367
Investment of Cash Collateral for Securities Loaned - .7%					
Dreyfus					
Institutional					
Preferred					
Government					
Plus Money					
Market Fund,					
SL Shares -					
.7%	6,992,538	63,533,369	(68,078,283)	2,447,624	31,087 ^{††}
Total - 3.5%	16,632,885	105,032,687	(108,543,042)	13,122,530	241,454

[†] Includes reinvested dividends/ distributions.

^{††} Represents securities lending income earned from the reinvestment of cash collateral from loaned securities, net of fees and collateral investment expenses, and other payments to and from borrowers of securities.

See notes to financial statements.

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

February 28, 2023 (Unaudited)

	Cost	Value
Assets (\$):		
Investments in securities—See Statement of Investments (including securities on loan, valued at \$29,938,780)—Note 1(c):		
Unaffiliated issuers	341,643,888	364,559,938
Affiliated issuers	13,122,530	13,122,530
Dividends and securities lending income receivable		396,718
Receivable for investment securities sold		192,939
Receivable for shares of Common Stock subscribed		138,730
Tax reclaim receivable—Note 1(b)		297
Prepaid expenses		35,415
		378,446,567
Liabilities (\$):		
Due to BNY Mellon Investment Adviser, Inc. and affiliates—Note 3(b)		294,443
Liability for securities on loan—Note 1(c)		2,447,624
Payable for investment securities purchased		774,337
Payable for shares of Common Stock redeemed		151,621
Directors' fees and expenses payable		10,313
Other accrued expenses		97,354
		3,775,692
Net Assets (\$)		374,670,875
Composition of Net Assets (\$):		
Paid-in capital		347,474,901
Total distributable earnings (loss)		27,195,974
Net Assets (\$)		374,670,875

Net Asset Value Per Share	Investor Shares	Class I	Class Y
Net Assets (\$)	244,391,042	25,286,903	104,992,930
Shares Outstanding	8,099,792	828,442	3,427,029
Net Asset Value Per Share (\$)	30.17	30.52	30.64

See notes to financial statements.

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

Six Months Ended February 28, 2023 (Unaudited)

Investment Income (\$):	
Income:	
Cash dividends (net of \$25,384 foreign taxes withheld at source):	
Unaffiliated issuers	1,984,870
Affiliated issuers	210,367
Income from securities lending—Note 1(c)	31,087
Interest	510
Total Income	2,226,834
Expenses:	
Management fee—Note 3(a)	1,356,055
Shareholder servicing costs—Note 3(b)	382,338
Professional fees	44,443
Registration fees	27,596
Directors' fees and expenses—Note 3(c)	13,744
Prospectus and shareholders' reports	11,101
Chief Compliance Officer fees—Note 3(b)	7,875
Custodian fees—Note 3(b)	6,304
Loan commitment fees—Note 2	3,795
Miscellaneous	15,387
Total Expenses	1,868,638
Less—reduction in fees due to earnings credits—Note 3(b)	(21,779)
Net Expenses	1,846,859
Net Investment Income	379,975
Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments—Note 4 (\$):	
Net realized gain (loss) on investments	5,531,300
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments	12,369,365
Net Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments	17,900,665
Net Increase in Net Assets Resulting from Operations	18,280,640

See notes to financial statements.

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

	Six Months Ended February 28, 2023 (Unaudited)	Year Ended August 31, 2022
Operations (\$):		
Net investment income (loss)	379,975	(145,489)
Net realized gain (loss) on investments	5,531,300	14,037,620
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments	12,369,365	(78,907,153)
Net Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets Resulting from Operations	18,280,640	(65,015,022)
Distributions (\$):		
Distributions to shareholders:		
Investor Shares	(8,919,043)	(26,496,039)
Class I	(922,135)	(3,965,477)
Class Y	(3,895,688)	(14,710,233)
Total Distributions	(13,736,866)	(45,171,749)
Capital Stock Transactions (\$):		
Net proceeds from shares sold:		
Investor Shares	991,281	6,488,488
Class I	1,377,147	30,120,782
Class Y	6,761,511	15,231,210
Distributions reinvested:		
Investor Shares	8,509,335	25,369,412
Class I	904,017	3,866,182
Class Y	1,971,901	7,111,581
Cost of shares redeemed:		
Investor Shares	(9,216,757)	(45,188,016)
Class I	(3,533,791)	(21,679,898)
Class Y	(15,549,064)	(47,138,645)
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets from Capital Stock Transactions	(7,784,420)	(25,818,904)
Total Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	(3,240,646)	(136,005,675)
Net Assets (\$):		
Beginning of Period	377,911,521	513,917,196
End of Period	374,670,875	377,911,521

	Six Months Ended February 28, 2023 (Unaudited)	Year Ended August 31, 2022
Capital Share Transactions (Shares):		
Investor Shares		
Shares sold	33,682	180,736
Shares issued for distributions reinvested	305,432	740,713
Shares redeemed	(315,987)	(1,232,440)
Net Increase (Decrease) in Shares Outstanding	23,127	(310,991)
Class I^a		
Shares sold	47,327	770,533
Shares issued for distributions reinvested	32,091	111,869
Shares redeemed	(119,979)	(668,126)
Net Increase (Decrease) in Shares Outstanding	(40,561)	214,276
Class Y^a		
Shares sold	224,998	443,530
Shares issued for distributions reinvested	69,752	205,359
Shares redeemed	(533,209)	(1,430,350)
Net Increase (Decrease) in Shares Outstanding	(238,459)	(781,461)

^a During the period ended February 28, 2023, 20,534 Class Y shares representing \$611,104 were exchanged for 20,606 Class I shares. During the period ended August 31, 2022, 5,031 Investor shares representing \$189,372 were exchanged for 4,981 Class Y shares and 316 Investor shares representing \$9,238 were exchanged for 313 Class I shares and 80,162 Class Y shares representing \$2,769,844 were exchanged for 80,339 Class I shares.

See notes to financial statements.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The following tables describe the performance for each share class for the fiscal periods indicated. All information (except portfolio turnover rate) reflects financial results for a single fund share. Net asset value total return is calculated assuming an initial investment made at the net asset value at the beginning of the period, reinvestment of all dividends and distributions at net asset value during the period, and redemption at net asset value on the last day of the period. Net asset value total return includes adjustments in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and as such, the net asset value for financial reporting purposes and the returns based upon those net asset values may differ from the net asset value and returns for shareholder transactions. These figures have been derived from the fund's financial statements.

Investor Shares	Six Months Ended February 28, 2023 (Unaudited)		Year Ended August 31,			
	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	
Per Share Data (\$):						
Net asset value, beginning of period	29.83	37.97	27.26	25.18	40.10	36.53
Investment Operations:						
Net investment income (loss) ^a	.02	(.05)	(.13)	.03	.03	(.16)
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	1.44	(4.69)	10.91	2.10	(8.16)	8.29
Total from Investment Operations	1.46	(4.74)	10.78	2.13	(8.13)	8.13
Distributions:						
Dividends from net investment income	-	-	(.07)	(.05)	-	-
Dividends from net realized gain on investments	(1.12)	(3.40)	-	-	(6.79)	(4.56)
Total Distributions	(1.12)	(3.40)	(.07)	(.05)	(6.79)	(4.56)
Net asset value, end of period	30.17	29.83	37.97	27.26	25.18	40.10
Total Return (%)	5.21 ^b	(13.63)	39.58	8.44	(19.47)	23.51
Ratios/Supplemental Data (%):						
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets	1.13 ^c	1.11	1.11	1.13	1.13	1.09
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets	1.12 ^c	1.11	1.11	1.13	1.13	1.09
Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets	.11 ^c	(.14)	(.37)	.11	.12	(.43)
Portfolio Turnover Rate	20.30 ^b	41.25	85.56	95.32	83.97	74.02
Net Assets, end of period (\$ x 1,000)	244,391	240,926	318,464	248,201	285,688	635,221

^a Based on average shares outstanding.

^b Not annualized.

^c Annualized.

See notes to financial statements.

Class I Shares	Six Months Ended	Year Ended August 31,				
	February 28, 2023 (Unaudited)	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Per Share Data (\$):						
Net asset value, beginning of period	30.14	38.25	27.45	25.38	40.28	36.60
Investment Operations:						
Net investment income (loss) ^a	.04	.01	(.07)	.08	.08	(.08)
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	1.46	(4.72)	10.98	2.11	(8.19)	8.32
Total from Investment Operations	1.50	(4.71)	10.91	2.19	(8.11)	8.24
Distributions:						
Dividends from net investment income	-	-	(.11)	(.12)	-	-
Dividends from net realized gain on investments	(1.12)	(3.40)	-	-	(6.79)	(4.56)
Total Distributions	(1.12)	(3.40)	(.11)	(.12)	(6.79)	(4.56)
Net asset value, end of period	30.52	30.14	38.25	27.45	25.38	40.28
Total Return (%)	5.29 ^b	(13.44)	39.80	8.63	(19.31)	23.78
Ratios/Supplemental Data (%):						
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets	.95 ^c	.93	.93	.96	.93	.87
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets	.94 ^c	.93	.93	.96	.93	.87
Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets	.29 ^c	.03	(.19)	.30	.26	(.20)
Portfolio Turnover Rate	20.30 ^b	41.25	85.56	95.32	83.97	74.02
Net Assets, end of period (\$ x 1,000)	25,287	26,191	25,047	21,448	28,586	72,845

^a Based on average shares outstanding.

^b Not annualized.

^c Annualized.

See notes to financial statements.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS (continued)

Class Y Shares	Six Months Ended	Year Ended August 31,				
	February 28, 2023 (Unaudited)	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Per Share Data (\$):						
Net asset value, beginning of period	30.23	38.32	27.51	25.44	40.32	36.60
Investment Operations:						
Net investment income (loss) ^a	.06	.05	(.03)	.11	.11	(.04)
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	1.47	(4.74)	11.00	2.13	(8.20)	8.32
Total from Investment Operations	1.53	(4.69)	10.97	2.24	(8.09)	8.28
Distributions:						
Dividends from net investment income	-	-	(.16)	(.17)	-	-
Dividends from net realized gain on investments	(1.12)	(3.40)	-	-	(6.79)	(4.56)
Total Distributions	(1.12)	(3.40)	(.16)	(.17)	(6.79)	(4.56)
Net asset value, end of period	30.64	30.23	38.32	27.51	25.44	40.32
Total Return (%)	5.38 ^b	(13.36)	39.97	8.81	(19.23)	23.90
Ratios/Supplemental Data (%):						
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets	.83 ^c	.82	.82	.83	.81	.79
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets	.82 ^c	.82	.82	.83	.81	.79
Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets	.41 ^c	.15	(.08)	.45	.38	(.12)
Portfolio Turnover Rate	20.30 ^b	41.25	85.56	95.32	83.97	74.02
Net Assets, end of period (\$ x 1,000)	104,993	110,795	170,407	139,832	209,291	585,686

^a Based on average shares outstanding.

^b Not annualized.

^c Annualized.

See notes to financial statements.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Unaudited)

NOTE 1—Significant Accounting Policies:

BNY Mellon Opportunistic Small Cap Fund (the “fund”) is a separate diversified series of BNY Mellon Advantage Funds, Inc. (the “Company”), which is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “Act”), as an open-end management investment company and operates as a series company currently offering seven series, including the fund. The fund’s investment objective is to seek capital appreciation. BNY Mellon Investment Adviser, Inc. (the “Adviser”), a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation (“BNY Mellon”), serves as the fund’s investment adviser. Newton Investment Management North America, LLC (the “Sub-Adviser”), is an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of BNY Mellon and an affiliate of the Adviser, serves as the fund’s sub-adviser.

BNY Mellon Securities Corporation (the “Distributor”), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Adviser, is the distributor of the fund’s shares, which are sold without a sales charge. The fund is authorized to issue 400 million shares of \$.001 par value Common Stock. The fund currently has authorized three classes of shares: Investor (200 million shares authorized), Class I (100 million shares authorized) and Class Y shares (100 million shares authorized). Investor shares are sold primarily to retail investors through financial intermediaries and bear Shareholder Services Plan fees. Class I shares are sold primarily to bank trust departments and other financial service providers (including BNY Mellon and its affiliates), acting on behalf of customers having a qualified trust or an investment account or relationship at such institution, and bear no Shareholder Services Plan fees. Class Y shares are sold at net asset value per share generally to institutional investors, and bear no Shareholder Services Plan fees. Other differences between the classes include the services offered to and the expenses borne by each class, the allocation of certain transfer agency costs, and certain voting rights. Income, expenses (other than expenses attributable to a specific class), and realized and unrealized gains or losses on investments are allocated to each class of shares based on its relative net assets.

The Company accounts separately for the assets, liabilities and operations of each series. Expenses directly attributable to each series are charged to that series’ operations; expenses which are applicable to all series are allocated among them on a pro rata basis.

The Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) is the exclusive reference of authoritative

U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (“GAAP”) recognized by the FASB to be applied by nongovernmental entities. Rules and interpretive releases of the SEC under authority of federal laws are also sources of authoritative GAAP for SEC registrants. The fund is an investment company and applies the accounting and reporting guidance of the FASB ASC Topic 946 Financial Services-Investment Companies. The fund’s financial statements are prepared in accordance with GAAP, which may require the use of management estimates and assumptions. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

The Company enters into contracts that contain a variety of indemnifications. The fund’s maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown. The fund does not anticipate recognizing any loss related to these arrangements.

(a) Portfolio valuation: The fair value of a financial instrument is the amount that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date (i.e., the exit price). GAAP establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs of valuation techniques used to measure fair value. This hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements).

Additionally, GAAP provides guidance on determining whether the volume and activity in a market has decreased significantly and whether such a decrease in activity results in transactions that are not orderly. GAAP requires enhanced disclosures around valuation inputs and techniques used during annual and interim periods.

Various inputs are used in determining the value of the fund’s investments relating to fair value measurements. These inputs are summarized in the three broad levels listed below:

Level 1—unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical investments.

Level 2—other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar investments, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, etc.).

Level 3—significant unobservable inputs (including the fund’s own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments).

The inputs or methodology used for valuing securities are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities.

Changes in valuation techniques may result in transfers in or out of an assigned level within the disclosure hierarchy. Valuation techniques used to value the fund's investments are as follows:

The Company's Board of Directors (the "Board") has designated the Adviser as the fund's valuation designee, effective September 8, 2022, to make all fair value determinations with respect to the fund's portfolio investments, subject to the Board's oversight and pursuant to Rule 2a-5 under the Act.

Investments in equity securities are valued at the last sales price on the securities exchange or national securities market on which such securities are primarily traded. Securities listed on the National Market System for which market quotations are available are valued at the official closing price or, if there is no official closing price that day, at the last sales price. For open short positions, asked prices are used for valuation purposes. Bid price is used when no asked price is available. Registered investment companies that are not traded on an exchange are valued at their net asset value. All of the preceding securities are generally categorized within Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy.

Securities not listed on an exchange or the national securities market, or securities for which there were no transactions, are valued at the average of the most recent bid and asked prices. These securities are generally categorized within Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy.

Fair valuing of securities may be determined with the assistance of a pricing service using calculations based on indices of domestic securities and other appropriate indicators, such as prices of relevant American Depository Receipts and futures. Utilizing these techniques may result in transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy.

When market quotations or official closing prices are not readily available, or are determined not to accurately reflect fair value, such as when the value of a security has been significantly affected by events after the close of the exchange or market on which the security is principally traded, but before the fund calculates its net asset value, the fund may value these investments at fair value as determined in accordance with the procedures approved by the Board. Certain factors may be considered when fair valuing investments such as: fundamental analytical data, the nature and duration of restrictions on disposition, an evaluation of the forces that influence the market in which the securities are purchased and sold, and public trading in similar securities of the issuer or comparable issuers. These securities are either categorized within Level 2 or 3 of the fair value hierarchy depending on the relevant inputs used.

For securities where observable inputs are limited, assumptions about market activity and risk are used and such securities are generally categorized within Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy.

Investment in private equity securities will be fair valued by the Board in accordance with valuation procedures approved by the Board. Those portfolio valuations will be based on unobservable inputs and certain assumptions about how market participants would price the instrument. The fund expects that inputs into the determination of fair value of those investments will require significant management judgment or estimation. Because valuations may fluctuate over short periods of time and may be based on estimates, fair value determinations may differ materially from the value received in an actual transaction. Additionally, valuations of private companies are inherently uncertain. The fund's net asset value could be adversely affected if the fund's determinations regarding the fair value of those investments were materially higher or lower than the values that it ultimately realized upon the disposal of such investments. These securities are categorized within Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy.

The following is a summary of the inputs used as of February 28, 2023 in valuing the fund's investments:

	Level 1- Unadjusted Quoted Prices	Level 2- Other Significant Observable Inputs	Level 3- Significant Unobservable Inputs	Total
Assets (\$)				
Investments in Securities:†				
Equity Securities - Common Stocks	363,232,581	-	-	363,232,581
Equity Securities - Private Equity	-	-	1,327,357	1,327,357
Investment Companies	13,122,530	-	-	13,122,530

† See Statement of Investments for additional detailed categorizations, if any.

The following is a reconciliation of Level 3 assets for which significant unobservable inputs were used to determine fair value:

	Equity Securities- Private Equity (\$)
Balance as of 8/31/2022†	690,018
Purchases/Issuances	624,248
Sales/Dispositions	-
Net realized gain (loss)	-
Change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	13,091
Transfers into Level 3	-
Transfers out of Level 3	-
Balances as of 2/28/2023†	1,327,357
The amount of total net realized gains (loss) for the period included in earnings attributable to the net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) relating to investments still held at 2/28/2023	13,091

† Securities deemed as Level 3 due to the lack of observable inputs by management assessment.

The following table summarizes the significant unobservable inputs the fund used to value its investment categorized within Level 3 as of February 28, 2023. In addition to the techniques and inputs noted in the table below, according to the fund's valuation policy, other valuation techniques and methodologies when determining the fund's fair value measurements may be used. The below table is not intended to be all-inclusive, but rather provide information on the significant unobservable inputs as they are to the fund's determination of fair values.

Asset Category- Issuer Name	Valuation Technologies/ Methodologies	Unobservable Inputs	Weighted Range	Average
Private Equity:				
Locus Robotics	Public Comparables/ Enterprise Value	Enterprise Value as Multiple of Revenue	1.5x-22.6x	5.8x
Roofstock	Public Comparables/ Enterprise Value	Enterprise Value as Multiple of Revenue	.2x-11.3x	3.6x

(b) Foreign taxes: The fund may be subject to foreign taxes (a portion of which may be reclaimable) on income, stock dividends, realized and unrealized capital gains on investments or certain foreign currency transactions. Foreign taxes are recorded in accordance with the applicable foreign tax regulations and rates that exist in the foreign jurisdictions in which the fund invests. These foreign taxes, if any, are paid by the fund

and are reflected in the Statement of Operations, if applicable. Foreign taxes payable or deferred or those subject to reclaims as of February 28, 2023, if any, are disclosed in the fund's Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

(c) Securities transactions and investment income: Securities transactions are recorded on a trade date basis. Realized gains and losses from securities transactions are recorded on the identified cost basis. Dividend income is recognized on the ex-dividend date and interest income, including, where applicable, accretion of discount and amortization of premium on investments, is recognized on the accrual basis.

Pursuant to a securities lending agreement with BNY Mellon, the fund may lend securities to qualified institutions. It is the fund's policy that, at origination, all loans are secured by collateral of at least 102% of the value of U.S. securities loaned and 105% of the value of foreign securities loaned. Collateral equivalent to at least 100% of the market value of securities on loan is maintained at all times. Collateral is either in the form of cash, which can be invested in certain money market mutual funds managed by the Adviser, or U.S. Government and Agency securities. The fund is entitled to receive all dividends, interest and distributions on securities loaned, in addition to income earned as a result of the lending transaction. Should a borrower fail to return the securities in a timely manner, BNY Mellon is required to replace the securities for the benefit of the fund or credit the fund with the market value of the unreturned securities and is subrogated to the fund's rights against the borrower and the collateral. Additionally, the contractual maturity of security lending transactions are on an overnight and continuous basis. During the period ended February 28, 2023, BNY Mellon earned \$4,237 from the lending of the fund's portfolio securities, pursuant to the securities lending agreement.

(d) Affiliated issuers: Investments in other investment companies advised by the Adviser are considered "affiliated" under the Act.

(e) Market Risk: The value of the securities in which the fund invests may be affected by political, regulatory, economic and social developments, and developments that impact specific economic sectors, industries or segments of the market. The value of a security may also decline due to general market conditions that are not specifically related to a particular company or industry, such as real or perceived adverse economic conditions, changes in the general outlook for corporate earnings, changes in interest or currency rates, changes to inflation, adverse changes to credit markets or adverse investor sentiment generally. In addition, turbulence in financial markets and reduced liquidity in equity, credit and/or fixed-income markets may negatively affect many issuers, which could adversely

affect the fund. Global economies and financial markets are becoming increasingly interconnected, and conditions and events in one country, region or financial market may adversely impact issuers in a different country, region or financial market. These risks may be magnified if certain events or developments adversely interrupt the global supply chain; in these and other circumstances, such risks might affect companies world-wide. Recent examples include pandemic risks related to COVID-19 and aggressive measures taken world-wide in response by governments, including closing borders, restricting international and domestic travel, and the imposition of prolonged quarantines of large populations, and by businesses, including changes to operations and reducing staff.

(f) Dividends and distributions to shareholders: Dividends and distributions are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Dividends from net investment income and dividends from net realized capital gains, if any, are normally declared and paid annually, but the fund may make distributions on a more frequent basis to comply with the distribution requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”). To the extent that net realized capital gains can be offset by capital loss carryovers, it is the policy of the fund not to distribute such gains. Income and capital gain distributions are determined in accordance with income tax regulations, which may differ from GAAP.

(g) Federal income taxes: It is the policy of the fund to continue to qualify as a regulated investment company, if such qualification is in the best interests of its shareholders, by complying with the applicable provisions of the Code, and to make distributions of taxable income and net realized capital gain sufficient to relieve it from substantially all federal income and excise taxes.

As of and during the period ended February 28, 2023, the fund did not have any liabilities for any uncertain tax positions. The fund recognizes interest and penalties, if any, related to uncertain tax positions as income tax expense in the Statement of Operations. During the period ended February 28, 2023, the fund did not incur any interest or penalties.

Each tax year in the three-year period ended August 31, 2022 remains subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service and state taxing authorities.

The tax character of distributions paid to shareholders during the fiscal year ended August 31, 2022 was as follows: long-term capital gains \$45,171,749. The tax character of current year distributions will be determined at the end of the current fiscal year.

NOTE 2—Bank Lines of Credit:

The fund participates with other long-term open-end funds managed by the Adviser in a \$823.5 million unsecured credit facility led by Citibank, N.A. (the “Citibank Credit Facility”) and a \$300 million unsecured credit facility provided by BNY Mellon (the “BNYM Credit Facility”), each to be utilized primarily for temporary or emergency purposes, including the financing of redemptions (each, a “Facility”). The Citibank Credit Facility is available in two tranches: (i) Tranche A is in an amount equal to \$688.5 million and is available to all long-term open-ended funds, including the fund, and (ii) Tranche B is an amount equal to \$135 million and is available only to BNY Mellon Floating Rate Income Fund, a series of BNY Mellon Investment Funds IV, Inc. In connection therewith, the fund has agreed to pay its pro rata portion of commitment fees for Tranche A of the Citibank Credit Facility and the BNYM Credit Facility. Interest is charged to the fund based on rates determined pursuant to the terms of the respective Facility at the time of borrowing. During the period ended February 28, 2023, the fund did not borrow under the Facilities.

NOTE 3—Management Fee, Sub-Advisory Fee and Other Transactions with Affiliates:

(a) Pursuant to a management agreement with the Adviser, the management fee is computed at the annual rate of .75% of the value of the fund’s average daily net assets and is payable monthly.

Pursuant to a sub-investment advisory agreement between the Adviser and the Sub-Adviser, the Adviser pays the Sub-Adviser a monthly fee at an annual rate of .36% of the value of the fund’s average daily net assets.

(b) Under the Shareholder Services Plan, Investor shares pay the Distributor at an annual rate of .25% of the value of its average daily net assets for the provision of certain services. The services provided may include personal services relating to shareholder accounts, such as answering shareholder inquiries regarding the fund, and services related to the maintenance of shareholder accounts. The Distributor may make payments to Service Agents (securities dealers, financial institutions or other industry professionals) with respect to these services. The Distributor determines the amounts to be paid to Service Agents. During the period ended February 28, 2023, the fund was charged \$292,453 pursuant to the Shareholder Services Plan.

The fund has an arrangement with BNY Mellon Transfer, Inc., (the “Transfer Agent”), a subsidiary of BNY Mellon and an affiliate of the Adviser, whereby the fund may receive earnings credits when positive cash balances are maintained, which are used to offset Transfer Agent fees. For

financial reporting purposes, the fund includes transfer agent net earnings credits, if any, as an expense offset in the Statement of Operations.

The fund has an arrangement with The Bank of New York Mellon (the “Custodian”), a subsidiary of BNY Mellon and an affiliate of the Adviser, whereby the fund will receive interest income or be charged overdraft fees when cash balances are maintained. For financial reporting purposes, the fund includes this interest income and overdraft fees, if any, as interest income in the Statement of Operations.

The fund compensates the Transfer Agent, under a transfer agency agreement, for providing transfer agency and cash management services for the fund. The majority of Transfer Agent fees are comprised of amounts paid on a per account basis, while cash management fees are related to fund subscriptions and redemptions. During the period ended February 28, 2023, the fund was charged \$35,363 for transfer agency services. These fees are included in Shareholder servicing costs in the Statement of Operations. These fees were partially offset by earnings credits of \$21,779.

The fund compensates the Custodian, under a custody agreement, for providing custodial services for the fund. These fees are determined based on net assets, geographic region and transaction activity. During the period ended February 28, 2023, the fund was charged \$6,304 pursuant to the custody agreement.

During the period ended February 28, 2023, the fund was charged \$7,875 for services performed by the fund’s Chief Compliance Officer and his staff. These fees are included in Chief Compliance Officer fees in the Statement of Operations.

The components of “Due to BNY Mellon Investment Adviser, Inc. and affiliates” in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities consist of: management fee of \$220,735, Shareholder Services Plan fees of \$48,065, Custodian fees of \$9,600, Chief Compliance Officer fees of \$2,573 and Transfer Agent fees of \$13,470.

(c) Each board member also serves as a board member of other funds in the BNY Mellon Family of Funds complex. Annual retainer fees and attendance fees are allocated to each fund based on net assets.

NOTE 4—Securities Transactions:

The aggregate amount of purchases and sales of investment securities, excluding short-term securities, during the period ended February 28, 2023, amounted to \$72,359,235 and \$93,598,844, respectively.

At February 28, 2023, accumulated net unrealized appreciation on investments was \$22,916,050, consisting of \$72,535,546 gross unrealized appreciation and \$49,619,496 gross unrealized depreciation.

At February 28, 2023, the cost of investments for federal income tax purposes was substantially the same as the cost for financial reporting purposes (see the Statement of Investments).

NOTE 5—Subsequent Event:

Effective March 31, 2023, the Sub-Adviser, entered into a sub-sub-investment advisory agreement with its affiliate, Newton Investment Management Limited (NIM), to enable NIM to provide certain advisory services to the Sub-Adviser for the benefit of the fund, including, but not limited to, portfolio management services. NIM is subject to the supervision of the Sub-Adviser and the Adviser. NIM is also an affiliate of the Adviser. NIM, located at 160 Queen Victoria Street, London, EC4V, 4LA, England, was formed in 1978 and, as of December 31, 2022, had approximately \$48 billion in assets under management. NIM is an indirect subsidiary of BNY Mellon.

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The fund files its complete schedule of portfolio holdings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) for the first and third quarters of each fiscal year on Form N-PORT. The fund’s Forms N-PORT are available on the SEC’s website at www.sec.gov.

A description of the policies and procedures that the fund uses to determine how to vote proxies relating to portfolio securities and information regarding how the fund voted these proxies for the most recent 12-month period ended June 30 is available at www.im.bnymellon.com and on the SEC’s website at www.sec.gov and without charge, upon request, by calling 1-800-373-9387.



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