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DISCUSSION OF FUND PERFORMANCE (Unaudited)

For the period from December 1, 2022, through May 31, 2023, as provided by Charlie Macquaker, Roy Leckie and Jane Henderson, Fraser Fox and Maxim Skorniakov, members of the Investment Executive group at Walter Scott & Partners Limited (Walter Scott), sub-adviser

Market and Fund Performance Overview

For the six-month period ended May 31, 2023, the BNY Mellon U.S. Equity Fund (the “fund”) produced a return of 4.47% for Class A shares, 4.08% for Class C shares, 4.62% for Class I shares and 4.67% for Class Y shares.¹ In comparison, the fund’s benchmark, the MSCI USA Index (the “Index”), produced a return of 3.09% over the same period.²

U.S. stocks gained ground during the reporting period as inflationary pressures eased, the U.S. Federal Reserve (the “Fed”) reduced the pace of interest-rate hikes, and economic growth remained positive. The fund outperformed the Index largely due to strong stock selection in the health care, financials and industrials sectors.

The Fund’s Investment Approach

The fund seeks long-term total return. To pursue its goal, the fund normally invests at least 80% of its net assets, plus any borrowings for investment purposes, in equity securities of companies located in the United States. The fund may invest in the securities of companies of any market capitalization. Walter Scott seeks investment opportunities in companies with fundamental strengths that indicate the potential for sustainable growth. Walter Scott focuses on individual stock selection, building the fund’s portfolio from the bottom up through extensive fundamental research. The investment process begins with the screening of reported company financials. Companies that meet certain broad, absolute and trend criteria are candidates for more detailed financial analysis. The fund’s Investment Team collectively reviews and selects those stocks that meet Walter Scott’s criteria, and where the expected growth rate is combined with a reasonable valuation for the underlying equity. Market capitalization and sector allocations are a residual of, not part of, the investment process, because the Investment Team’s sole focus is on the analysis of, and investment in, individual companies.

Equities Advance Despite Macroeconomic Concerns

Market sentiment proved volatile but positive during the reporting period, with hopes for continued economic growth outweighing concerns regarding persistently high levels of inflation and the impact of Fed rate hikes designed to curb inflation. In December 2022, as the period began, inflation averaged 6.45% on an annualized basis, down from the 9.06% peak set in June 2022 but well above the Fed target of 2%. On December 14, the Fed raised the benchmark federal funds rate from a range of 3.75%–4.00% to a range of 4.25%–4.50%, up from near zero nine months earlier. During the reporting period, the Fed raised rates three more times, totaling an additional 0.75%, while inflation steadily eased to 4.05% as of May 2023. Although U.S. economic growth and corporate profits showed signs of moderating during this time, indications generally remained positive, supported by robust consumer spending, rising wages and low levels of unemployment. These encouraging economic trends lessened concerns that rising rates might tip the economy into a sharp recession. Accordingly, while equity markets frequently dipped or spiked in response to the economic news of the day, stocks trended higher on balance, led by mega-cap, growth-oriented issues in the information technology sector.

Other factors aside from inflation and interest rates also played a role in market behavior during the period. The reopening of the Chinese economy in the fourth quarter of 2022, after lengthy COVID-19-related shutdowns, generally bolstered confidence, particularly as renewed Chinese activity did not appear to cause inflation to accelerate. On the negative side, a small number of high-profile, regional bank failures in the United States in March and April 2023 raised fears of possible wider banking industry contagion and future credit constraints. However, stocks remained in positive territory despite

a steep decline in early March. Swift action from federal authorities and major banks eased investors' concerns, enabling markets to gain additional ground in the closing months of the period.

Strong Stock Selection Bolsters Relative Returns

The fund's returns relative to the Index benefited from strong issue selection in the health care and industrials sectors, and from lack of exposure to banking stocks, which were negatively affected by industry uncertainty. Top-performing individual holdings included medical supply company West Pharmaceutical Services Inc., supply-chain software company Manhattan Associates Inc. and vehicle auction and sales firm Copart, Inc.. Shares in West Pharmaceutical Services Inc. rose on strong sales and earnings despite reduced demand for COVID-19-related supplies. Manhattan Associates Inc. also beat earnings expectations and raised guidance as its customers worked to improve supply-chain logistics in the wake of bottlenecks related to the pandemic and China's earlier lockdowns. Copart, Inc. reported solid financial results and improving margins, bolstered by subsidizing gas prices.

Conversely, the fund lagged the Index in the information technology, consumer discretionary and communication services sectors, partly due to a few underperforming holdings and partly due to lack of exposure to high-flying mega-cap market leaders, such as NVIDIA, Apple, Meta Platforms, Tesla and Amazon.com. Notably weak holdings included specialty health care industry support company Waters Corp., discount retailer Dollar General and specialty chemicals producer FMC Corp. Waters Corp. shares lost ground on slightly weaker-than-expected guidance from the company and investor concerns regarding slowing global economic growth. Dollar General Corp. issued disappointing earnings and weak guidance, warning of softening consumer spending. FMC Corp. shares appeared to suffer as the market anticipated a broad economic slowdown despite the company's reasonably positive earnings and unchanged guidance.

Maintaining Our Focus on High-Quality Companies with Strong Fundamentals

As of the end of the reporting period, we anticipate further market volatility as the Fed struggles to constrain inflationary pressures, with the possibility of a recession still on the horizon. While many companies have effectively controlled costs and continued to report reasonably strong earnings despite those pressures, we expect businesses to face increasing difficulties in meeting financial expectations if economic growth falters. We believe the fund's holdings are relatively well positioned to outperform in the face of prevailing market uncertainties due to their high-quality, defensive characteristics and solid fundamentals, which enable them to operate effectively in varying economic environments.

June 15, 2023

¹ Total return includes reinvestment of dividends and any capital gains paid and does not take into consideration the maximum initial sales charge in the case of Class A shares, or the applicable contingent deferred sales charge imposed on redemptions in the case of Class C shares. Share price and investment return fluctuate such that upon redemption, fund shares may be worth more or less than their original cost. The fund's return reflects the absorption of certain fund expenses by BNY Mellon Investment Adviser, Inc. pursuant to an agreement in effect through March 31, 2024, at which time it may be extended, modified or terminated. Had these expenses not been absorbed, returns would have been lower. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

² Source: Lipper Inc. — The MSCI U.S.A Index is designed to measure the performance of the large- and mid-cap segments of the U.S. market. It reflects reinvestment of net dividends and, where applicable, capital gain distributions. 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. Small and mid-sized company stocks tend to be more volatile and less liquid than larger company stocks as these companies are less established and have more volatile earnings histories.

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 U.S. Equity Fund from December 1, 2022 to May 31, 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 May 31, 2023				
	Class A	Class C	Class I	Class Y
Expenses paid per \$1,000†	\$5.86	\$9.67	\$4.44	\$4.29
Ending value (after expenses)	\$1,044.70	\$1,040.80	\$1,046.20	\$1,046.70

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 May 31, 2023				
	Class A	Class C	Class I	Class Y
Expenses paid per \$1,000†	\$5.79	\$9.55	\$4.38	\$4.23
Ending value (after expenses)	\$1,019.20	\$1,015.46	\$1,020.59	\$1,020.74

† Expenses are equal to the fund’s annualized expense ratio of 1.15% for Class A, 1.90% for Class C, .87% for Class I and .84% for Class Y, multiplied by the average account value over the period, multiplied by 182/365 (to reflect the one-half year period).

STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS

May 31, 2023 (Unaudited)

Description	Shares	Value (\$)
Common Stocks - 98.8%		
Capital Goods - 5.9%		
Fastenal Co.	116,300	6,262,755
Hexcel Corp.	89,300	6,160,807
The Toro Company	58,700	5,742,621
		18,166,183
Commercial & Professional Services - 5.7%		
Automatic Data Processing, Inc.	24,500	5,120,255
Copart, Inc.	84,300 ^a	7,383,837
Paychex, Inc.	47,100	4,942,203
		17,446,295
Consumer Discretionary Distribution & Retail - 5.9%		
O'Reilly Automotive, Inc.	6,900 ^a	6,232,839
The TJX Companies, Inc.	83,300	6,396,607
Tractor Supply Co.	26,700	5,596,053
		18,225,499
Consumer Durables & Apparel - 1.8%		
NIKE, Inc., Cl. B	51,200	5,389,312
Consumer Services - 3.9%		
Booking Holdings, Inc.	2,350 ^a	5,895,610
McDonald's Corp.	21,800	6,215,398
		12,111,008
Consumer Staples Distribution - 4.0%		
Costco Wholesale Corp.	12,800	6,547,968
Dollar General Corp.	28,600	5,751,174
		12,299,142
Financial Services - 8.7%		
Jack Henry & Associates, Inc.	40,300	6,161,467
Mastercard, Inc., Cl. A	18,600	6,789,372
Moody's Corp.	22,300	7,066,424
PayPal Holdings, Inc.	54,900 ^a	3,403,251
Visa, Inc., Cl. A	15,300 ^b	3,381,759
		26,802,273
Health Care Equipment & Services - 10.5%		
Align Technology, Inc.	11,500 ^a	3,250,590
Edwards Lifesciences Corp.	94,500 ^a	7,959,735
Intuitive Surgical, Inc.	27,700 ^a	8,527,168
ResMed, Inc.	31,700	6,682,043
Stryker Corp.	21,000	5,787,180
		32,206,716
Household & Personal Products - 1.6%		
The Estee Lauder Companies, Inc., Cl. A	26,300	4,839,989

STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS (Unaudited) (continued)

Description	Shares	Value (\$)
Common Stocks - 98.8% (continued)		
Materials - 5.6%		
Ecolab, Inc.	34,500	5,694,225
FMC Corp.	52,000	5,412,160
Linde PLC	17,200	6,082,952
		17,189,337
Media & Entertainment - 7.5%		
Alphabet, Inc., Cl. C	110,520 ^a	13,634,852
Netflix, Inc.	10,700 ^a	4,228,961
The Walt Disney Company	58,100 ^a	5,110,476
		22,974,289
Pharmaceuticals, Biotechnology & Life Sciences - 9.3%		
Eli Lilly & Co.	19,600	8,417,416
Illumina, Inc.	20,000 ^a	3,933,000
Mettler-Toledo International, Inc.	4,200 ^a	5,551,854
Waters Corp.	20,500 ^a	5,150,010
West Pharmaceutical Services, Inc.	17,100	5,722,173
		28,774,453
Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment - 2.3%		
Texas Instruments, Inc.	41,300	7,181,244
Software & Services - 14.5%		
Adobe, Inc.	17,400 ^a	7,269,546
Ansys, Inc.	20,600 ^a	6,665,954
Cognizant Technology Solutions Corp., Cl. A	86,200	5,386,638
Fortinet, Inc.	88,900 ^a	6,074,537
Manhattan Associates, Inc.	37,900 ^a	6,875,818
Microsoft Corp.	37,800	12,413,142
		44,685,635
Technology Hardware & Equipment - 9.6%		
Amphenol Corp., Cl. A	88,200	6,654,690
Cisco Systems, Inc.	132,300	6,571,341
Cognex Corp.	132,400	7,276,704
IPG Photonics Corp.	50,300 ^a	5,556,641
Keysight Technologies, Inc.	22,150 ^a	3,583,870
		29,643,246
Transportation - 2.0%		
Old Dominion Freight Line, Inc.	20,000	6,208,800
Total Common Stocks (cost \$158,197,611)		304,143,421

Description	1-Day Yield (%)	Shares	Value (\$)
Investment Companies - 1.5%			
Registered Investment Companies - 1.5%			
Dreyfus Institutional Preferred Government Plus Money Market Fund, Institutional Shares (cost \$4,661,097)	5.19	4,661,097 ^c	4,661,097
Total Investments (cost \$162,858,708)		100.3%	308,804,518
Liabilities, Less Cash and Receivables		(.3%)	(792,597)
Net Assets		100.0%	308,011,921

^a Non-income producing security.

^b Security, or portion thereof, on loan. At May 31, 2023, the value of the fund's securities on loan was \$3,347,941 and the value of the collateral was \$3,424,475, consisting of U.S. Government & Agency securities. In addition, the value of collateral may include pending sales that are also on loan.

^c 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 (%)
Information Technology	26.5
Health Care	19.8
Industrials	13.6
Consumer Discretionary	11.6
Financials	8.7
Communication Services	7.4
Materials	5.6
Consumer Staples	5.6
Investment Companies	1.5
	100.3

[†] Based on net assets.

See notes to financial statements.

Affiliated Issuers					
Description	Value (\$) 11/30/2022	Purchases (\$) [†]	Sales (\$)	Value (\$) 5/31/2023	Dividends/ Distributions (\$)
Registered Investment Companies - 1.5%					
Dreyfus Institutional Preferred Government Plus Money Market Fund, Institutional Shares - 1.5%	12,802	73,359,550	(68,711,255)	4,661,097	71,849

[†] Includes reinvested dividends/distributions.

See notes to financial statements.

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

May 31, 2023 (Unaudited)

	Cost	Value
Assets (\$):		
Investments in securities—See Statement of Investments (including securities on loan, valued at \$3,347,941)—Note 1(b):		
Unaffiliated issuers	158,197,611	304,143,421
Affiliated issuers	4,661,097	4,661,097
Receivable for shares of Common Stock subscribed		248,000
Dividends and securities lending income receivable		207,896
Prepaid expenses		63,859
		309,324,273
Liabilities (\$):		
Due to BNY Mellon Investment Adviser, Inc. and affiliates—Note 3(c)		212,561
Payable for shares of Common Stock redeemed		1,035,093
Directors' fees and expenses payable		6,591
Other accrued expenses		58,107
		1,312,352
Net Assets (\$)		308,011,921
Composition of Net Assets (\$):		
Paid-in capital		62,172,026
Total distributable earnings (loss)		245,839,895
Net Assets (\$)		308,011,921

Net Asset Value Per Share	Class A	Class C	Class I	Class Y
Net Assets (\$)	1,782,270	30,150	17,331,607	288,867,894
Shares Outstanding	100,231	1,988.41	961,754	16,049,436
Net Asset Value Per Share (\$)	17.78	15.16	18.02	18.00

See notes to financial statements.

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

Six Months Ended May 31, 2023 (Unaudited)

Investment Income (\$):	
Income:	
Cash dividends:	
Unaffiliated issuers	1,493,523
Affiliated issuers	71,849
Income from securities lending—Note 1(b)	1,088
Total Income	1,566,460
Expenses:	
Management fee—Note 3(a)	1,310,965
Professional fees	43,954
Registration fees	37,346
Prospectus and shareholders' reports	20,312
Directors' fees and expenses—Note 3(d)	18,437
Chief Compliance Officer fees—Note 3(c)	12,225
Shareholder servicing costs—Note 3(c)	7,114
Loan commitment fees—Note 2	5,431
Custodian fees—Note 3(c)	4,437
Interest expense—Note 2	1,767
Distribution fees—Note 3(b)	103
Miscellaneous	12,079
Total Expenses	1,474,170
Less—reduction in expenses due to undertaking—Note 3(a)	(753)
Less—reduction in fees due to earnings credits—Note 3(c)	(856)
Net Expenses	1,472,561
Net Investment Income	93,899
Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments—Note 4 (\$):	
Net realized gain (loss) on investments	100,353,884
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments	(87,078,203)
Net Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments	13,275,681
Net Increase in Net Assets Resulting from Operations	13,369,580

See notes to financial statements.

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

	Six Months Ended May 31, 2023 (Unaudited)	Year Ended November 30, 2022
Operations (\$):		
Net investment income	93,899	673,568
Net realized gain (loss) on investments	100,353,884	124,845,371
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments	(87,078,203)	(206,244,903)
Net Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets Resulting from Operations	13,369,580	(80,725,964)
Distributions (\$):		
Distributions to shareholders:		
Class A	(397,664)	(257,595)
Class C	(4,192)	(4,667)
Class I	(5,389,418)	(4,396,588)
Class Y	(94,895,735)	(86,574,572)
Total Distributions	(100,687,009)	(91,233,422)
Capital Stock Transactions (\$):		
Net proceeds from shares sold:		
Class A	256,592	272,114
Class C	21,546	-
Class I	2,289,116	14,958,564
Class Y	7,029,637	65,687,656
Distributions reinvested:		
Class A	337,991	232,055
Class C	1,556	2,840
Class I	4,731,943	3,476,970
Class Y	41,932,567	38,736,237
Cost of shares redeemed:		
Class A	(137,674)	(434,621)
Class C	(1,556)	(16,464)
Class I	(9,211,247)	(19,666,201)
Class Y	(122,312,514)	(213,592,453)
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets from Capital Stock Transactions	(75,062,043)	(110,343,303)
Total Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	(162,379,472)	(282,302,689)
Net Assets (\$):		
Beginning of Period	470,391,393	752,694,082
End of Period	308,011,921	470,391,393

	Six Months Ended May 31, 2023 (Unaudited)	Year Ended November 30, 2022
Capital Share Transactions (Shares):		
Class A^a		
Shares sold	14,666	11,441
Shares issued for distributions reinvested	19,001	8,864
Shares redeemed	(7,573)	(18,629)
Net Increase (Decrease) in Shares Outstanding	26,094	1,676
Class C		
Shares sold	1,469	-
Shares issued for distributions reinvested	105	121
Shares redeemed	(105)	(910)
Net Increase (Decrease) in Shares Outstanding	1,469	(789)
Class I^a		
Shares sold	126,269	622,732
Shares issued for distributions reinvested	262,422	132,097
Shares redeemed	(511,558)	(861,065)
Net Increase (Decrease) in Shares Outstanding	(122,867)	(106,236)
Class Y^a		
Shares sold	388,829	3,051,454
Shares issued for distributions reinvested	2,330,867	1,470,926
Shares redeemed	(6,586,845)	(9,381,933)
Net Increase (Decrease) in Shares Outstanding	(3,867,149)	(4,859,553)

^a During the period ended May 31, 2023, 116,217 Class Y shares representing \$2,107,757 were exchanged for 116,064 Class I shares. During the period ended November 30, 2022, 585,474 Class Y shares representing \$14,126,479 were exchanged for 584,953 Class I shares and 6,365 Class Y shares representing \$159,598 were exchanged for 6,409 Class A 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.

	Six Months Ended	Year Ended November 30,				
	May 31, 2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Class A Shares	(Unaudited)					
Per Share Data (\$):						
Net asset value, beginning of period	22.11	28.74	23.75	20.85	20.44	20.85
Investment Operations:						
Net investment income (loss) ^a	(.02)	(.05)	(.05)	.00 ^b	.04	.03
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	.77	(3.06)	5.32	3.16	2.30	1.77
Total from Investment Operations	.75	(3.11)	5.27	3.16	2.34	1.80
Distributions:						
Dividends from net investment income	-	-	(.03)	(.07)	(.03)	(.04)
Dividends from net realized gain on investments	(5.08)	(3.52)	(.25)	(.19)	(1.90)	(2.17)
Total Distributions	(5.08)	(3.52)	(.28)	(.26)	(1.93)	(2.21)
Net asset value, end of period	17.78	22.11	28.74	23.75	20.85	20.44
Total Return (%)^c	4.47 ^d	(12.50)	22.41	15.28	13.77	9.49
Ratios/Supplemental Data (%):						
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets	1.23 ^e	1.19	1.15	1.17	1.20	1.25
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets	1.15 ^e	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15
Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets	(.24) ^e	(.23)	(.20)	.02	.20	.17
Portfolio Turnover Rate	3.93 ^d	10.61	10.70	11.94	14.11	17.14
Net Assets, end of period (\$ x 1,000)	1,782	1,639	2,082	1,720	1,540	787

^a Based on average shares outstanding.

^b Amount represents less than \$.01 per share.

^c Exclusive of sales charge.

^d Not annualized.

^e Annualized.

See notes to financial statements.

	Six Months Ended	Year Ended November 30,				
	May 31, 2023					
Class C Shares	(Unaudited)	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Per Share Data (\$):						
Net asset value, beginning of period	19.66	26.10	21.74	19.18	19.07	19.70
Investment Operations:						
Net investment (loss) ^a	(.07)	(.22)	(.19)	(.14)	(.10)	(.11)
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	.65	(2.70)	4.80	2.89	2.11	1.65
Total from Investment Operations	.58	(2.92)	4.61	2.75	2.01	1.54
Distributions:						
Dividends from net realized gain on investments	(5.08)	(3.52)	(.25)	(.19)	(1.90)	(2.17)
Net asset value, end of period	15.16	19.66	26.10	21.74	19.18	19.07
Total Return (%)^b	4.08 ^c	(13.12)	21.42	14.44	12.92	8.69
Ratios/Supplemental Data (%):						
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets	2.73 ^d	2.40	2.34	2.35	2.40	2.35
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets	1.90 ^d	1.90	1.90	1.90	1.90	1.90
Ratio of net investment (loss) to average net assets	(.96) ^d	(1.01)	(.81)	(.72)	(.56)	(.57)
Portfolio Turnover Rate	3.93 ^c	10.61	10.70	11.94	14.11	17.14
Net Assets, end of period (\$ x 1,000)	30	10	34	107	121	86

^a Based on average shares outstanding.

^b Exclusive of sales charge.

^c Not annualized.

^d Annualized.

See notes to financial statements.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS (continued)

Class I Shares	Six Months Ended	Year Ended November 30,				
	May 31, 2023 (Unaudited)	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Per Share Data (\$):						
Net asset value, beginning of period	22.34	28.92	23.89	20.94	20.54	20.96
Investment Operations:						
Net investment income ^a	.00 ^b	.02	.03	.08	.10	.10
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	.79	(3.07)	5.34	3.17	2.31	1.77
Total from Investment Operations	.79	(3.05)	5.37	3.25	2.41	1.87
Distributions:						
Dividends from net investment income	(.03)	(.01)	(.09)	(.11)	(.11)	(.12)
Dividends from net realized gain on investments	(5.08)	(3.52)	(.25)	(.19)	(1.90)	(2.17)
Total Distributions	(5.11)	(3.53)	(.34)	(.30)	(2.01)	(2.29)
Net asset value, end of period	18.02	22.34	28.92	23.89	20.94	20.54
Total Return (%)	4.62 ^c	(12.19)	22.75	15.71	14.17	9.85
Ratios/Supplemental Data (%):						
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets	.87 ^d	.83	.81	.82	.82	.82
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets	.87 ^d	.83	.81	.82	.82	.82
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets	.02 ^d	.09	.12	.36	.53	.51
Portfolio Turnover Rate	3.93 ^c	10.61	10.70	11.94	14.11	17.14
Net Assets, end of period (\$ x 1,000)	17,332	24,227	34,445	24,508	26,577	22,755

^a Based on average shares outstanding.

^b Amount represents less than \$.01 per share.

^c Not annualized.

^d Annualized.

See notes to financial statements.

Class Y Shares	Six Months Ended May 31, 2023 (Unaudited)	Year Ended November 30,				
		2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Per Share Data (\$):						
Net asset value, beginning of period	22.32	28.90	23.87	20.93	20.54	20.96
Investment Operations:						
Net investment income ^a	.01	.03	.04	.08	.11	.11
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	.78	(3.07)	5.33	3.17	2.29	1.77
Total from Investment Operations	.79	(3.04)	5.37	3.25	2.40	1.88
Distributions:						
Dividends from net investment income	(.03)	(.02)	(.09)	(.12)	(.11)	(.13)
Dividends from net realized gain on investments	(5.08)	(3.52)	(.25)	(.19)	(1.90)	(2.17)
Total Distributions	(5.11)	(3.54)	(.34)	(.31)	(2.01)	(2.30)
Net asset value, end of period	18.00	22.32	28.90	23.87	20.93	20.54
Total Return (%)	4.67 ^b	(12.18)	22.80	15.69	14.15	9.88
Ratios/Supplemental Data (%):						
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets	.84 ^c	.80	.79	.80	.80	.80
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets	.84 ^c	.80	.79	.80	.80	.80
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets	.06 ^c	.12	.16	.37	.55	.53
Portfolio Turnover Rate	3.93 ^b	10.61	10.70	11.94	14.11	17.14
Net Assets, end of period (\$ x 1,000)	288,868	444,516	716,133	725,418	619,812	534,230

^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 U.S. Equity Fund (the “fund”) is a separate diversified series of BNY Mellon Strategic 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 six series, including the fund. The fund’s investment objective is to seek long-term total return. 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. Walter Scott & Partners Limited (the “Sub-Adviser”), 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. The fund is authorized to issue 500 million shares of \$.001 par value Common Stock. The fund currently has authorized four classes of shares: Class A (100 million shares authorized), Class C (100 million shares authorized), Class I (100 million shares authorized) and Class Y (200 million shares authorized). Class A and Class C shares are sold primarily to retail investors through financial intermediaries and bear Distribution and/or Shareholder Services Plan fees. Class A shares generally are subject to a sales charge imposed at the time of purchase. Class A shares bought without an initial sales charge as part of an investment of \$1 million or more may be charged a contingent deferred sales charge (“CDSC”) of 1.00% if redeemed within one year. Class C shares are subject to a CDSC imposed on Class C shares redeemed within one year of purchase. Class C shares automatically convert to Class A shares eight years after the date of purchase, without the imposition of a sales charge. 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 Distribution or Shareholder Services Plan fees. Class Y shares are sold at net asset value per share generally to institutional investors, and bear no Distribution or Shareholder Services Plan fees. Class I and Class Y shares are offered without a front-end sales charge or CDSC. 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 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 Depositary 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.

The following is a summary of the inputs used as of May 31, 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	304,143,421	-	-	304,143,421
Investment				
Companies	4,661,097	-	-	4,661,097

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

(b) 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 May 31, 2023, BNY Mellon earned \$148 from the lending of the fund's portfolio securities, pursuant to the securities lending agreement.

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

(d) 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.

(e) 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.

(f) 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 May 31, 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 May 31, 2023, the fund did not incur any interest or penalties.

Each tax year in the three-year period ended November 30, 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 November 30, 2022 was as follows: ordinary income \$11,710,883 and long-term capital gains \$79,522,539. 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.

The average amount of borrowings outstanding under the Facilities during the period ended May 31, 2023 was approximately \$66,484 with a related weighted average annualized interest rate of 5.33%.

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. The Adviser has contractually agreed, from December 1, 2022 through March 31, 2024, to waive receipt of its fees and/or assume the direct expenses of the fund so that the direct expenses of none of the fund's share classes (excluding Rule 12b-1 Distribution Plan fees, Shareholder Services Plan fees, taxes, interest expense, brokerage commissions, commitment fees on borrowings and extraordinary expenses) exceed .90% of the value of the fund's average daily net assets. On or after March 31, 2024, the Adviser may terminate this expense limitation at any time. The reduction in expenses, pursuant to the undertaking, amounted to \$753 during the period ended May 31, 2023.

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.

During the period ended May 31, 2023, the Distributor retained \$17 from commissions earned on sales of the fund's Class A shares.

(b) Under the Distribution Plan adopted pursuant to Rule 12b-1 under the Act, Class C shares pay the Distributor for distributing its shares at an annual rate of .75% of the value of its average daily net assets. The Distributor may pay one or more Service Agents in respect of advertising, marketing and other distribution services, and determines the amounts, if any, to be paid to Service Agents and the basis on which such payments are made. During the period ended May 31, 2023, Class C shares were charged \$103 pursuant to the Distribution Plan.

(c) Under the Shareholder Services Plan, Class A and Class C shares pay the Distributor at an annual rate of .25% of the value of their 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 May 31, 2023, Class A and Class C shares were charged \$2,163 and \$34, respectively, 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 May 31, 2023, the fund was charged \$2,481 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 \$856.

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 May 31, 2023, the fund was charged \$4,437 pursuant to the custody agreement.

During the period ended May 31, 2023, the fund was charged \$12,225 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 \$200,065, Distribution Plan fees of \$19, Shareholder Services Plan fees of \$386, Custodian fees of \$6,000, Chief Compliance Officer fees of \$5,078 and Transfer Agent fees of \$1,141, which are offset against an expense reimbursement currently in effect in the amount of \$128.

(d) 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 May 31, 2023, amounted to \$13,901,964 and \$193,004,665, respectively.

At May 31, 2023, accumulated net unrealized appreciation on investments was \$145,945,810, consisting of \$161,641,303 gross unrealized appreciation and \$15,695,493 gross unrealized depreciation.

At May 31, 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).

LIQUIDITY RISK MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (Unaudited)

The fund adopted a liquidity risk management program (the “Liquidity Risk Management Program”) pursuant to the requirements of Rule 22e-4 under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended. Rule 22e-4 requires registered open-end funds, including mutual funds and exchange-traded funds but not money market funds, to establish liquidity risk management programs in order to effectively manage fund liquidity and shareholder redemptions. The rule is designed to mitigate the risk that a fund could not meet redemption requests without significantly diluting the interests of remaining investors.

The rule requires the fund to assess, manage and review their liquidity risk at least annually considering applicable factors such as investment strategy and liquidity during normal and foreseeable stressed conditions, including whether the strategy is appropriate for an open-end fund and whether the fund has a relatively concentrated portfolio or large positions in particular issuers. The fund must also assess its use of borrowings and derivatives, short-term and long-term cash flow projections in normal and stressed conditions, holdings of cash and cash equivalents, and borrowing arrangements and other funding sources.

The rule also requires the fund to classify its investments as highly liquid, moderately liquid, less liquid or illiquid based on the number of days the fund expects it would take to liquidate the investment, and to review these classifications at least monthly or more often under certain conditions. The periods range from three or fewer business days for a highly liquid investment to greater than seven calendar days for settlement of a less liquid investment. Illiquid investments are those a fund does not expect to be able to sell or dispose of within seven calendar days without significantly changing the market value. The fund is prohibited from acquiring an investment if, after the acquisition, its holdings of illiquid assets will exceed 15% of its net assets. In addition, if a fund permits redemptions in-kind, the rule requires the fund to establish redemption in-kind policies and procedures governing how and when it will engage in such redemptions.

Pursuant to the rule’s requirements, the Liquidity Risk Management Program has been reviewed and approved by the Board. Furthermore, the Board has received a written report prepared by the Program’s Administrator that addresses the operation of the Program, assesses its adequacy and effectiveness and describes any material changes made to the Program.

Assessment of Program

In the opinion of the Program Administrator, the Program approved by the Board continues to be adequate for the fund and the Program has been implemented effectively. The Program Administrator has monitored the fund’s liquidity risk and the liquidity classification of the securities held by the fund and has determined that the Program is operating effectively.

During the period from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022, there were no material changes to the Program and no material liquidity events that impacted the fund. During the period, the fund held sufficient highly liquid assets to meet fund redemptions.

Under normal expected foreseeable fund redemption forecasts and foreseeable stressed fund redemption forecasts, the Program Administrator believes that the fund maintains sufficient highly liquid assets to meet expected fund redemptions.

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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.

