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GUGGENHEIM STRATEGIC OPPORTUNITIES FUND ANNOUNCES PRICING OF PUBLIC OFFERING OF COMMON SHARES

Lisle, IL – January 26, 2012 – (NYSE: GOF) Guggenheim Strategic Opportunities Fund (the "Fund") today announced the pricing of a public offering of common shares. The Fund agreed to sell a total of 1,500,000 common shares (exclusive of 225,000 common shares that the underwriters may purchase pursuant to a 45-day option to cover over-allotments) at a price of \$20.35 per share. Net proceeds, before deduction of offering expenses, from the offering of approximately \$29.3 million will be used to make additional portfolio investments that are consistent with the Fund's investment objective and for general corporate purposes. The offering is scheduled to close on January 31, 2012.

Citigroup, Morgan Stanley and RBC Capital Markets are acting as book running managers for the offering. The offering of these securities will be made only by means of a prospectus. A copy of the prospectus supplement and accompanying base prospectus relating to the offering may be obtained from the following addresses:

Citigroup Global Markets Inc. Attn: Prospectus Department Brooklyn Army Terminal 140 58th Street, 8th Floor Brooklyn, NY 11220 Telephone: 800-831-9146

Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC Attn: Prospectus Department 180 Varick Street, 2nd Floor New York, NY 10014 Telephone: 866-718-1649

RBC Capital Markets, LLC Attn: Prospectus Department Three World Financial Center 200 Vesey Street, 8th Floor New York, NY 10281 Telephone: 877-822-4089

Investors may also obtain these documents free of charge from the SEC's website at www.sec.gov.

An investor should read the Fund's prospectus supplement and accompanying base prospectus carefully before investing. The prospectus supplement and accompanying base prospectus contain important information about the Fund and its investment objective and policies, risks, charges and expenses.

This press release does not constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation to buy the securities described herein, nor shall there be any sale of these securities in any state or jurisdiction in which such offer or solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the laws of such state or jurisdiction.

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A registration statement relating to these securities was filed with, and has been declared effective by, the SEC. The securities being offered have not been approved or disapproved by any regulatory authority,

nor has any such authority passed upon the accuracy or adequacy of the prospectus supplement, prospectus or shelf registration statement.

The Fund is a diversified, closed-end management investment company. The Fund's investment objective is to maximize total return through a combination of current income and capital appreciation. No assurance can be given that the Fund's investment objective will be achieved.

About Guggenheim Investments

Guggenheim Investments represents the investment management division of Guggenheim Partners, LLC ("Guggenheim"), which consist of investment managers with approximately \$115 billion in combined total assets*. Collectively, Guggenheim Investments has a long, distinguished history of serving institutional investors, ultra-high-net-worth individuals, family offices and financial intermediaries. Guggenheim Investments offer clients a wide range of differentiated capabilities built on a proven commitment to investment excellence. Guggenheim Investments has offices in Chicago, New York City and Santa Monica, along with a global network of offices throughout the United States, Europe, and Asia.

Guggenheim Investments is comprised of several investment management entities within Guggenheim, which includes Guggenheim Funds Distributors, Inc. and Guggenheim Funds Investment Advisors, LLC. Guggenheim Funds Investment Advisors, LLC serves as the investment adviser for GOF.

* The total asset figure is as of Q3 2011 and includes \$8.7B of leverage for Assets Under Management and \$0.8B of leverage for Serviced Assets. Total assets includes Security Investors doing business as Security Global Investors and Rydex Investments, Guggenheim Partners Asset Management, Guggenheim Investment Management, Guggenheim Funds and its affiliated entities, and some business units including Guggenheim Real Estate, Guggenheim Structured Real Estate Advisors, Guggenheim Aviation, GS GAMMA Advisors, Guggenheim Partners Europe, Transparent Value Advisors, and Guggenheim Partners India Management. Values from some funds are based upon prior periods.

This information does not represent an offer to sell securities of the Fund and it is not soliciting an offer to buy securities of the Fund. The net asset value of the Fund will fluctuate with the value of the underlying securities. It is important to note that closed-end funds trade on their market value, not net asset value, and closed-end funds often trade at a discount to their net asset value. Past performance is not indicative of future performance. An investment in this Fund is subject to investment risk, including the possible loss of the entire amount that you invest. Some general risks and considerations associated with investing in this Fund: Below Investment Grade Securities Risk, Senior and Second Lien Secured Loans Risk, Structured Finance Investments Risk, Mezzanine Investments Risk, Preferred Stock Risk, Convertible Securities Risk, Equity Risk, Real Estate Securities Risk, Personal Property Asset Company Risk, Inflation/Deflation Risk, Dividend Risk, Portfolio Turnover Risk, Derivatives Risk, Foreign Securities and Emerging Markets Risk and Financial Leverage Risk. See www.guggenheimfunds.com/GOF for a detailed discussion of fund-specific risks.

Investors should consider the investment objectives and policies, risk considerations, charges and expenses of any investment before they invest. For this and more information visit www.guggenheimfunds.com or contact a securities representative or Guggenheim Funds Distributors, Inc. 2455 Corporate West Drive, Lisle, IL 60532, 800-345-7999.

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