



**EAGLE CAPITAL
GROWTH
FUND, INC.**

Eagle Capital Growth Fund, Inc.
Annual Report

December 31, 2011

Top Ten Holdings (as of December 31, 2011)

<u>Company</u>	<u>Market Value</u>	<u>Percentage of Equity Portfolio</u>
Automatic Data Processing, Inc.	\$ 1,836,340	8.7%
Paychex Inc.	\$ 1,385,060	6.6%
Guggenheim Enhanced Equity Strategy Fund	\$ 1,330,490	6.3%
Berkshire Hathaway Inc.	\$ 1,297,100	6.2%
Hillenbrand, Inc.	\$ 1,049,040	5.0%
Sigma-Aldrich Corp.	\$ 999,360	4.8%
Stryker Corp.	\$ 994,200	4.7%
The Chubb Corporation	\$ 969,080	4.6%
Abbott Laboratories Inc.	\$ 843,450	4.0%
Pfizer Inc.	\$ 838,269	4.0%

Fellow Shareholders,

Despite the headline-induced convulsions and related volatility, 2011 turned out all right in the end. Midway through the year our Fund was up nicely, although we gave up some of those gains during the second half of the year. We ended the year up 4.7%, handily beating our S&P 500 (total return) benchmark by 2.6%.

A Fund shareholder recently took us to task for focusing excessively on things like gross margins, operating margins, returns on invested capital and other financial metrics. This shareholder made a good point---we talk about financial metrics, but don't say much about the other critical factors we consider before we invest in a company. While we will talk a little about cash and cash flow later, it is a good idea for us to document some of the non-financial considerations that impact our investment thinking.

We love to find a company guided by principles. For example, the Johnson & Johnson Credo embodies this approach. Although the Credo was drafted in 1943, it has remained substantially unchanged over the years. The Credo was created well before "mission statements" and "vision statements" came to rule corporate America, and it summarizes in a single page why Johnson & Johnson exists. This document addresses JNJ's four principal constituencies---customers, employees, communities and, lastly, shareholders. As the Credo notes, if a company focuses on the first three constituencies, then it follows naturally that shareholders will be fairly rewarded.

We recommend to you "Built to Last" by James C. Collins and Jerry I. Porras. This book identifies how important a strong culture is to a business and cites, among others, Johnson & Johnson as an example. In fact, without a clear philosophy and culture a company, faced with external and internal challenges, is not likely to survive very long.

We measure companies against the template laid out in the Johnson & Johnson Credo, available on its website (www.jnj.com):

* How does the company treat its customers? Netflix understands the problems that are created by antagonizing customers.

* How does the company treat its employees? We've always been impressed with the way Starbucks treats its employees. Could this be why Starbucks employees seem to be so friendly, courteous and helpful?

* Is the company a good corporate citizen? McDonald's and its franchisees are active in the communities in which they operate, and support many local charities and initiatives. Should it be surprising that McDonald's restaurants are well liked and welcomed virtually everywhere in the world?

* How does the company treat its shareholders---like partners or with disdain? Berkshire Hathaway is a great example of a company that treats its shareholders like partners---with candor, honesty and fairness. Does it surprise you to learn that Berkshire Hathaway is routinely among the most admired companies in the world?

Suffice it to say, if we become aware a company doesn't satisfy the "constituencies" test of the Johnson & Johnson Credo, then we will not invest, regardless

of how good the financial metrics may look. When a company with a “weak” corporate culture enjoys “strong” financial metrics, it is only a matter of time before the financial metrics suffer.

One advantage of reading many letters to shareholders is that, occasionally, you uncover a nugget of wisdom. A recent example came to us from Kenneth A. Camp, the President and CEO of Hillenbrand, Inc. (NYSE: HI), who noted in HI’s 2010 Annual Report that “...cash is a fact, while profit is an accountant’s opinion”. We always held the same view, although we’ve never expressed it so succinctly. Mr. Camp exemplifies the type of manager we’re always looking for---one that focuses on the generation of cash rather than accounting gimmickry. When “net income” is higher than “cash flow” generated, watch out. Many investors wish that they had taken this principle to heart.

We love hearing from our shareholders, particularly investors like the one mentioned above that pointed out one of our failings. Of course, our ground rules remain the same. We can’t (and won’t) discuss any portfolio security that we’ve bought or sold but haven’t yet publicly disclosed, nor will we discuss any security that we’re thinking about buying or selling. Those limitations haven’t put a damper on our interactions with shareholders to date, and we don’t expect them to be a problem in the future.

The Fund’s 2012 Annual Meeting will be held in Milwaukee, a break from the past. We’re looking forward to seeing all of our Milwaukee shareholders in April.

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Eagle Capital Growth Fund, Inc.
Statement of Assets and Liabilities
As of December 31, 2011

Assets

Common stock--at market value (cost \$16,127,223)	\$ 21,028,124	
Cash and cash-equivalents	1,203,354	
Dividends and interest receivable	45,769	
Prepaid fees	12,000	
		\$ 22,289,247

Liabilities

Accrued expenses	\$ 46,069	
		\$ 46,069

Total net assets		\$ 22,243,178
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Shareholders' Equity

Common stock- \$0.001 par value per share; authorized 50,000,000 shares, outstanding 3,125,124 shares	\$ 3,125	
Paid-in capital	17,312,453	
Undistributed net investment income	26,699	
Unrealized appreciation on investments	4,900,901	
		\$ 22,243,178
Shareholders' equity		\$ 22,243,178
Net asset value per share		\$ 7.12

See Notes to Financial Statements.

Eagle Capital Growth Fund, Inc.
Statement of Operations
For the Year Ended December 31, 2011

Investment Income

Dividends	\$ 623,896	
Interest	940	
Total investment income	<u>624,836</u>	\$ 624,836

Expenses

Advisory fees	\$ 178,986	
Legal fees	12,671	
Insurance	12,000	
Transfer agent	37,483	
Audit fees	24,200	
Directors' fees and expenses	28,672	
Custodian fees	7,500	
Listing fee	15,000	
Other fees and expenses	26,902	
Total expenses	<u>343,414</u>	\$ 343,414

Net investment income \$ 281,422

Realized Gain and Unrealized Appreciation on Investments

Realized gain on investments:

Proceeds from sale of investment securities	\$ 9,261,275	
Less: cost of investment securities sold	<u>6,402,724</u>	
Net realized gain on investments		\$ 2,858,551

Unrealized appreciation on investments:

Unrealized appreciation at end of period	\$ 4,900,901	
Less: unrealized appreciation at beginning of period	<u>6,969,730</u>	
Net change in unrealized appreciation on investments		<u>\$(2,068,829)</u>
Net realized gain and unrealized appreciation on investments		<u>\$ 789,722</u>

Net increase from operations \$ 1,071,144

See Notes to Financial Statements.

Eagle Capital Growth Fund, Inc.
Statements of Changes in Net Assets

	Year Ended December 31, 2010	Year Ended December 31, 2011
From Operations:		
Net investment income	\$ 238,373	\$ 281,423
Net realized gain on investments	966,044	2,858,551
Net change in unrealized appreciation on investments	1,856,315	(2,068,829)
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Net increase from operations	\$ 3,060,732	\$ 1,071,144
Distributions to Shareholders from:		
Net investment income	(224,344)	(265,646)
Net realized gain from investment transactions	(608,775)	(2,858,551)
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Total distributions	\$ (833,119)	\$ (3,124,197)
From Capital Stock Transactions:		
Dividend reinvestment	--	1,064,358
Cash purchases	--	--
Net increase from capital stock transactions	<hr/>	<hr/>
Increase in net assets	--	\$ 1,064,358
Total Net Assets:		
Beginning of year	\$ 21,004,259	\$ 23,231,872
End of period (including undistributed net investment income of \$10,922 and \$26,699)	23,231,872	22,243,178
Shares:		
Shares issued to shareholders under the Dividend Reinvestment and Cash Purchase Plan	--	149,698
Shares at beginning of year	2,975,426	2,975,426
Shares at end of period	2,975,426	3,125,124

See Notes to Financial Statements.

Eagle Capital Growth Fund, Inc.
Financial Highlights

For the periods ended December 31:	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Net asset value at beginning of year	\$9.55	\$8.48	\$5.73	\$7.06	\$7.81
Net investment income	\$0.07	\$0.05	\$0.05	\$0.08	\$0.09
Net realized gain and unrealized appreciation (loss) on investments	(\$0.26)	(\$2.45)	\$1.33	\$0.95	\$0.27
Total from investment operations	(\$0.19)	(\$2.40)	\$1.38	\$1.03	\$0.36
Distribution from:					
Net investment income	(\$0.07)	(\$0.05)	(\$0.05)	(\$0.08)	(\$0.09)
Realized gains	(\$0.80)	(\$0.30)	(\$0.00)	(\$0.20)	(\$0.96)
Total distributions	(\$0.88)	(\$0.35)	(\$0.05)	(\$0.28)	(\$1.05)
Net asset value at end of period	\$8.48	\$5.73	\$7.06	\$7.81	\$7.12
Per share market price, end of period last traded price (A)	\$8.30	\$5.00	\$6.39	\$6.62	\$7.00
Total Investment Return (B):					
Based on market value:					
1 Year (annualized)	12%	(34%)	29%	8%	21%
5 Year	5%	(4%)	2%	1%	4%
10 Year	3%	2%	4%	2%	4%
From inception	11%	7%	8%	8%	8%
Based on net asset value					
1 Year (annualized)	(2%)	(28%)	24%	15%	5%
5 Year	8%	(3%)	0%	3%	1%
10 Year	7%	1%	3%	2%	3%
From inception	11%	8%	8%	9%	8%
Net assets, end of year (000s omitted)	\$24,991	\$17,052	\$21,004	\$23,232	\$22,243
Ratios to average net assets:					
Ratio of expenses to average net assets (C)	1.64%	1.69%	1.67%	1.52%	1.42%
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets	0.81%	0.74%	0.84%	1.09%	1.16%
Portfolio turnover	16%	37%	37%	62%	26%
Average commission paid per share	\$0.02	\$0.01	\$0.01	\$0.01	\$0.01

(A) If there was no sale on the valuation date, the bid price for each such date is shown.

(B) Sims Capital Management LLC became the investment advisor to the Fund on June 1, 2007.

(C) Expense ratio does not reflect fees and expenses incurred indirectly by the Fund as a result of its investments in shares of other investment companies. If these fees were included in the expense ratio, the net impact to the expense ratio would be an increase of approximately 0.13% for the twelve months ended December 31, 2011 and 0.15% for the year ended December 31, 2010. The Fund did not have investment company investments in 2009, 2008, and 2007.

See Notes to Financial Statements.

Eagle Capital Growth Fund, Inc.
Portfolio of Investments (as of December 31, 2011)

Common Stock (94.6% of total investments)		LEVEL ONE		Percent of Total
				Investments
<u>Industry</u>	<u>Shares</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Market Value</u>	
Consumer				
Colgate-Palmolive Co.	6,000	\$ 72,938	\$ 554,340	
PepsiCo, Inc.	10,000	168,296	663,500	
Procter & Gamble Co.	12,000	718,280	800,520	
			\$ 2,018,360	(9.1%)
Data Processing				
Automatic Data Processing, Inc.	34,000	1,278,025	1,836,340	
Paychex, Inc.	46,000	1,230,305	1,385,060	
			\$ 3,221,400	(14.5%)
Drug/Medical Device				
Abbott Laboratories Inc.	15,000	738,297	843,450	
Johnson & Johnson	12,500	484,536	819,750	
Pfizer, Inc.	38,737	522,042	838,269	
Stryker Corp.	20,000	95,500	994,200	
			\$ 3,495,669	(15.7%)
Industrial				
General Electric Co.	35,000	401,458	626,850	
Hillenbrand, Inc.	47,000	913,456	1,049,040	
Illinois Tool Works Inc.	17,000	786,916	794,070	
Sigma-Aldrich Corp.	16,000	498,184	999,360	
Waters Corp. *	6,000	302,341	444,300	
			\$ 3,913,620	(17.6%)
Mutual Fund Managers				
Eaton Vance Corp.	34,000	801,121	803,760	
Federated Investors, Inc.	46,000	1,036,715	696,900	
Franklin Resources, Inc.	7,500	712,331	720,450	
			\$ 2,221,110	(10.0%)
Insurance				
Berkshire Hathaway Inc. (class B)*	17,000	1,303,475	1,297,100	
The Chubb Corporation	14,000	715,049	969,080	
			\$ 2,266,180	(10.2%)
Retail/Distribution				
Best Buy Co., Inc.	31,000	1,057,843	724,470	
The Home Depot, Inc.	14,000	371,171	588,560	
Sysco Corp.	27,000	309,199	791,910	
			\$ 2,104,940	(9.5%)
Closed-end Funds				
Diamond Hill Financial Trends Fund, Inc.	55,182	527,969	456,355	
Guggenheim Enhanced Equity Strategy Fund	83,000	1,081,779	1,330,490	
			\$ 1,786,845	(8.0%)
Total common stock investments			\$ 21,028,124	
Cash and cash equivalents (5.4% of total investments)			1,203,354	
Total investments			\$ 22,231,478	
All other assets less liabilities			11,700	
Total net assets			\$ 22,243,178	

*Non-dividend paying security

See Notes to Financial Statements.

Notes to Financial Statements

(1) Organization.

Eagle Capital Growth Fund, Inc., a Maryland corporation (“Fund”), is a diversified closed-end investment company subject to the Investment Company Act of 1940.

(2) Significant Accounting Policies.

The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies followed by the Fund not otherwise set forth in the Notes to the Financial Statements:

Dividends and distributions—Dividends from the Fund’s net investment income and realized net long- and short-term capital gains will be declared and distributed at least annually.

Investments—Investments in equity securities are stated at market value, which is determined based on quoted market prices or dealer quotes. If no such price is available on the valuation date, the Board of Directors has determined that the most recent market price be used. The Fund uses the amortized cost method to determine the carrying value of short-term debt obligations. Under this method, investment securities are valued for both financial reporting and Federal tax purposes at amortized cost, which approximates fair value. Any discount or premium is amortized from the date of acquisition to maturity. Investment security purchases and sales are accounted for on a trade date basis. Interest income is accrued on a daily basis while dividends are included in income on the ex-dividend date.

Use of estimates—The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Federal income taxes—The Fund intends to comply with the general qualification requirements of the Internal Revenue Code applicable to regulated investment companies such as the Fund. The Fund plans to distribute annually at least 90% of its taxable income, including net long-term capital gains, to its shareholders. In order to avoid imposition of the excise tax applicable to regulated investment companies, the Fund intends to declare as dividends in each calendar year an amount equal to at least 98% of its net investment income and 98% of its net realized capital gains (including undistributed amounts from previous years).

The following information is based upon the Federal income tax basis of portfolio investments as of December 31, 2011:

Gross unrealized appreciation	\$ 5,798,813
Gross unrealized depreciation	<u>(897,912)</u>
Net unrealized appreciation	\$ 4,900,901
Federal income tax basis	\$16,127,223

Expenses—The Fund’s service providers bear all of their expenses in connection with the performance of their services. The Fund bears all of its expenses incurred in connection with its operations including, but not limited to, investment advisory fees (as discussed in Note 3), legal and audit fees, taxes, insurance, shareholder reporting and other related costs. As noted in Note 3, the Fund’s investment advisor, as part of its responsibilities under the Investment Advisory Agreement, is required to provide certain internal administrative services to the Fund at such investment advisor’s expense. The Investment Advisory Agreement provides that the Fund may not incur annual aggregate expenses in excess of two percent (2%) of the first \$10 million of the Fund’s average net assets, one and a half percent (1.5%) of the next \$20 million of the average net assets, and one percent (1%) of the remaining average net assets for any fiscal year. Any excess expenses are the responsibility of the investment advisor.

Fair Value Accounting—Accounting standards require certain assets and liabilities be reported at fair value in the financial statements and provides a framework for establishing that fair value. The framework for

determining fair value is based on a hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs and valuation techniques used to measure fair value.

In general, fair values determined by Level 1 inputs use quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Fund has the ability to access. All of the Fund's investments are classified as Level 1.

Fair values determined by Level 2 inputs use other inputs that are observable, either directly or indirectly. These Level 2 inputs include quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets, and other inputs such as interest rates and yield curves that are observable at commonly quoted intervals.

Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs, including inputs that are available in situations where there is little, if any, market activity for the related asset. These level 3 fair value measurements are based primarily on management's own estimates using pricing models, discounted cash flow methodologies, or similar techniques taking into account the characteristics of the asset.

(3) Certain Service Providers Arrangements.

Investment advisor—For its services under the Investment Advisory Agreement, the investment advisor receives a monthly fee calculated at an annual rate of three-quarters of one percent (0.75%) of the weekly net asset value of the Fund, as long as the weekly net asset value is at least \$3.8 million. The investment advisor is not entitled to any compensation for any week in which the average weekly net asset value falls below \$3.8 million. Pursuant to the Investment Advisory Agreement, the investment advisor is required to provide certain internal administrative services to the Fund at the investment advisor's expense.

Effective June 1, 2007, following shareholder approval of the Investment Advisory Agreement, Sims Capital Management LLC ("SCM") began serving as the Fund's investment advisor. Pursuant to the Investment Advisory Agreement, SCM is responsible for the management of the Fund's portfolio, subject to oversight by the Fund's Board of Directors. SCM is 50% owned by Luke E. Sims, the President, CEO and a Director of the Fund, as well as an owner of more than five percent of the Fund's outstanding shares. David C. Sims, the Fund's Chief Financial Officer, Chief Compliance Officer and Secretary owns the remaining 50% of SCM.

Custodian—Bank of America Corporation serves as the Fund's custodian pursuant to a custodian agreement. As the Fund's custodian, Bank of America receives fees and compensation of expenses for services provided including, but not limited to, an annual account charge, annual security fee, security transaction fee and statement of inventory fee.

Transfer Agent—American Stock Transfer & Trust Company ("AST") serves as the Fund's transfer agent and dividend disbursing agent pursuant to custody agreements. AST receives fees for services provided including, but not limited to, account maintenance fees, activity and transaction processing fees and reimbursement for its out-of-pocket expenses. AST also acts as the agent under the Fund's Dividend Reinvestment and Cash Purchase Plan.

(4) Dividend Reinvestment and Cash Purchase Plan.

The Fund has a Dividend Reinvestment and Cash Purchase Plan ("Plan" or "DRIP") which allows shareholders to reinvest cash dividends and make cash contributions. Pursuant to the terms of the DRIP, cash dividends may be used by the DRIP agent to either purchase shares from the Fund or in the open market, depending on the most favorable pricing available to DRIP participants. Voluntary cash contributions from DRIP participants are used to purchase Fund shares in the open market. A complete copy of the DRIP is available on the Fund's website (www.eaglecapitalgrowthfund.com) or from AST, the DRIP agent.

(5) Distributions to Shareholders.

On December 5, 2011, a distribution of \$1.05 per share aggregating \$3,124,197 was declared from net investment income and capital gains. The dividend was paid on December 27, 2011, to shareholders of record on December 16, 2011.

The tax character of distributions paid during 2010 and 2011 was as follows:

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>
Distributions paid from:		
Net Investment Income:	\$224,344	\$ 265,646
Capital Gains:		
Long-term	--	2,823,123
Short-term	608,775	35,428

As of December 31, 2011, the components of distributable earnings on a tax basis were as follows:

Under-distributed ordinary income:	\$ 26,699
Net unrealized appreciation:	\$ 4,900,901

(6) Fund Investment Transactions

Purchases and sales of securities, other than short-term securities, for the twelve-month period ended December 31, 2011, were \$6,359,025 and \$9,261,275, respectively.

(7) Financial Highlights.

The Financial Highlights present a per share analysis of how the Fund's net asset value has changed during the periods presented. Additional quantitative measures expressed in ratio form analyze important relationships between certain items presented in the financial statements. The total investment return based on market value assumes that shareholders bought into the Fund at the bid price and sold out of the Fund at the bid price. In reality, shareholders buy into the Fund at the asked price and sell out of the Fund at the bid price. Therefore, actual returns may differ from the amounts shown.

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Board of Directors and Shareowners

Eagle Capital Growth Fund, Inc.

We have audited the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities, including the portfolio of investments of Eagle Capital Growth Fund, Inc., as of December 31, 2011 and the related statement of operation for the year then ended, the statement of changes in net assets for each of the two years in the period then ended, and the financial highlights for each of the five years in the period then ended. These financial statements and financial highlights are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements and financial highlights based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements and financial highlights are free from material misstatement. The Company is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly we express no such opinion. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our procedures included confirmation of securities owned as of December 31, 2011 by correspondence with the custodian. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements and financial highlights referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Eagle Capital Growth Fund, Inc. as of December 31, 2011, the results of its operations for the year then ended, and the financial highlights for each of the five years in the period then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

/s/ Plante & Moran, PLLC

**EAGLE CAPITAL GROWTH FUND, INC.
DIVIDEND REINVESTMENT AND CASH PURCHASE PLAN
(THE “PLAN”)**

ADVANTAGES OF THE PLAN

Your increased shareholdings of Eagle Capital Growth Fund, Inc. common stock will generate additional dividend and/or other distribution income.

You may choose to have all of your dividends and/or other distributions reinvested in shares of Eagle Capital Growth Fund, Inc. common stock.

You may make additional voluntary cash investments as often as once each month, in an amount of not less than \$50 nor more than \$250,000 per year.

Your cash dividends and/or other distributions will go directly to American Stock Transfer & Trust Company (the “Plan Agent”), which will administer the Plan, assuring prompt reinvestment of your dividends and/or other distributions. It is intended that such cash dividends and/or other distributions, together with any voluntary cash payments, will be fully utilized to purchase shares of Eagle Capital Growth Fund, Inc. common stock.

The Plan Agent does all of the work and, at your option, will accept delivery from you, for safekeeping of, the certificates which you hold in your own name and representing shares of stock of Eagle Capital Growth Fund, Inc. by establishing a “book-entry” account in your name.

The maintenance of your personal records is simplified by the detailed statements which the Plan Agent will mail to you after each investment.

Participation in the Plan is entirely voluntary. You may join at any time, and you may terminate your participation whenever you wish by following the procedures described below.

There are no fees or charges imposed upon you, other than brokerage commissions, and reasonable transaction and termination fees.

PARTICIPATION IN THE PLAN

Any holder of common stock of Eagle Capital Growth Fund, Inc. (“Fund”), may participate in the Plan.

JOINING THE PLAN

To join the Plan, you can either enroll on-line at www.amstock.com and clicking on “Shareholder Account Access” or you can sign and complete the enclosed enrollment and authorization form {enrollment form not included with annual report} and mail it to: American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, P.O. Box 922 Wall Street Station, New York, New York 10269-0560. Please make sure that if you enroll by completing the enrollment and authorization form that you sign your name exactly the same as shown on your shareholder account. Once you have completed and returned the form to American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, you will begin participating automatically in the Plan and all cash dividends and/or other distributions on Eagle Capital Growth Fund, Inc. common stock registered in your name will be reinvested automatically.

COSTS OF THE PLAN

There are no special fees or charges relating to participation in the Plan, other than reasonable transaction fees and brokerage commissions. A termination or sale fee (currently \$15 plus \$0.10 per share) may be imposed when you terminate or sell your shares in the Plan and take delivery of accumulated shares. The benefit of any reduced brokerage commissions will be passed on, *pro rata*, to participants. In addition, if you wish to deposit your certificated shares in your plan account, there is currently a transaction fee of \$7.50 for this service.

DIVIDEND REINVESTMENT

Dividend payments and/or other distributions made by the Fund to participants in the Plan are made in one of two ways. They are paid to the Plan Agent either in cash (which then are used to purchase shares in the open market), or by the delivery of newly-issued Fund shares. The option chosen by the Fund is the one that the Fund determines is the most favorable to participants, as described below under “Additional Terms and Conditions of Participation in the Eagle Capital Growth Fund, Inc. Dividend Reinvestment and Cash Purchase Plan.” In the event the Plan Agent is unable to complete its acquisition of shares to be purchased on the open market by the end of the thirtieth (30th) day following receipt of the cash dividends and/or other distributions from the Fund, any remaining funds will be returned to the Participants on a pro rata basis.

VOLUNTARY CASH PAYMENTS

You may make voluntary monthly cash payments of not less than \$50 (but not more than \$250,000 per year) for the purpose of acquiring additional shares. You may make these voluntary cash payments regularly or from time to time, and you may also vary the amount of each payment so long as the amount of any monthly voluntary cash payment meets the foregoing limitations. Voluntary cash payments must be received by the Plan Agent on or prior to the last day of any month and will be invested beginning on or about the first business day of the following month (an “Investment Date”). Voluntary cash payments will be invested in shares purchased in the open market, (calculated to three decimal places in your account). However, if purchases of shares on the open market with such voluntary cash payments have not been completed by an ex-dividend date, the balance of such cash payments will be returned and credited on a pro rata basis. The Plan Agent will also return all voluntary cash payments it is holding or receives for purchases to be made on the Investment Date immediately following the dividend payment date if purchases are being made with the cash dividends or other distributions on or after such Investment Date. In the event the Plan Agent is unable to complete its acquisition of shares to be purchased on the open market by the end of the thirtieth (30th) day following the Investment Date, any remaining funds will be returned to the participants on a pro rata basis. All cash payments received by the Plan Agent in connection with the Plan will be held without earning interest. To avoid unnecessary cash accumulations, and also to allow ample time for receipt and processing by the Plan Agent, participants that wish to make voluntary cash payments should send such payments to the Plan Agent in such a manner that assures that the Plan Agent will receive and collect federal funds by the end of the month. This procedure will avoid unnecessary accumulations of cash and will enable participants to realize lower brokerage commissions and avoid additional transaction charges. If a voluntary cash payment is not received in time to purchase shares for the calendar month indicated, the Plan Agent shall attempt to invest such payment on the next Investment Date. Optional cash payments can also be made on-line at www.amstock.com. You need to know your American Stock Transfer & Trust Company 10 digit account number to access your account.

If an optional cash payment is paid by a check and the check is returned by the bank, a fee of \$25 will be charged. If the funds have not yet been invested, the Plan Agent will debit the amount of such funds. If the funds have been invested, then the Plan Agent will sell the shares to recover the amount of the returned check. If the cash balance of the sale is not enough to cover the debit of the amount of the returned check, then the Plan Agent reserves the right to sell account shares to pay the balance. The Plan Agent will also sell additional shares to recover the amount of the return fee.

HOLDING OF SHARES

For your convenience, the Plan Agent will hold all shares that you acquire as a result of your participation in the Plan for safekeeping. However, upon your on-line request at www.amstock.com, telephonically at (877) 739-9994 or request by mail, the Plan Agent will send you a certificate representing a specified number of full shares which you have acquired through the Plan and which are held for your account.

The Plan Agent will also allow you to deposit with it, in safekeeping and in your “book-entry” account for the Plan, any additional stock certificates for the Fund’s shares you might have in your possession. This will enable you to guard against loss, theft or damage.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

A cumulative, detailed statement of your account under the Plan for each current calendar year will be sent to you by the Plan Agent; and you will also receive the customary Form 1099 (Internal Revenue Service) reporting dividend and/or other distribution income.

WITHDRAWAL OF SHARES

You are not committed to remain in the Plan. You may terminate your participation at any time by written notice to the Plan Agent or on line at **www.amstock.com**. All requests for termination of participation in the Plan must be received at least three business days prior to the next dividend and/or other distribution payment date in order for the cash dividend and/or other distribution not to be reinvested. A separate written request, however, must be made to obtain the return of any voluntary cash payment. You may obtain the return of any voluntary cash payment if your written request is received by the Plan Agent at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the time such voluntary cash payment is invested.

Upon terminating participation in the Plan, certificates for full shares held in your account will be issued and sent to you. Any remaining fractional share will be converted to cash, on the basis of the then current market price of the Fund's common stock, and a check, representing the same, will be issued and sent to you (less service fees). If you desire, you may direct that your full shares be sold in the open market and that the proceeds (less any brokerage commission incurred as a result of such sale) be sent to you.

INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS

Dividends (including those declared in shares of stock) and other distributions invested under the Plan are taxable in the same way as dividends and other distributions paid to you in cash.

SHAREHOLDERS' RIGHTS

Shares held under the Plan have the same rights as all other shares, in terms of stock dividends, stock splits, and preemptive and voting rights. Stock dividends will be fully credited to your account. Transaction processing may either be curtailed or suspended until the completion of any stock dividend, stock split or corporate action.

MORE DETAILED INFORMATION

If you have any questions regarding your specific participation in the Plan, please visit the Plan Agent on-line at **www.amstock.com**, call the Plan Agent at (877) 739-9994 or write the Plan Agent at:

Transaction Processing

American Stock Transfer & Trust Company

DRP Plan

P.O. Box 922 Wall Street Station

New York, NY 10269-0560

Inquiries

American Stock Transfer & Trust Company

6201 15th Avenue

Brooklyn, NY 11219

Directors Who Are Interested Persons of the Fund and Officers

Name, Address and Age*	Position(s) Held with Fund	Term of Office and Length of Time Served	Principal Occupation(s) During Past 5 Years (in addition to positions held in the Fund)	Number of Portfolios in Fund Complex Overseen by Director or Nominee for Director**	Other Directorships Held by Director or Nominee for Director (Public Companies)
Luke E. Sims, age 62	President; Chief Executive Officer and Director	Term of office one year. Served as a director since 2002.	Chairman of Sims Capital Management LLC, the Fund's investment advisor; retired partner in the law firm of Foley & Lardner (1984-2010).	One	None.

*The address of Mr. Sims is the address of the principal executive office of the Fund. Luke E. Sims is an Interested Person within the meaning of Section 2(a) (19) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 because he is the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Fund, beneficially owns in excess of five percent (5%) of the Fund's outstanding shares of common stock, and he is affiliated with the Fund's investment advisor, Sims Capital Management LLC (the "Advisor" or "SCM"). Luke E. Sims is the father of David C. Sims, the Chief Financial Officer, Chief Compliance Officer, and Secretary of the Fund.

**The Fund is not part of a fund family.

Directors Who Are Not Interested Persons

Name, Address and Age*	Position(s) Held with Fund	Term of Office and Length of Time Served	Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years	Number of Portfolios in Fund Complex Overseen by Director or Nominee for Director**	Other Directorships Held by Director or Nominee for Director (Public Companies)
Robert M. Bilkie, Jr., age 51	Chairman; Director	Term of office one year. Served as a director since 2006.	President and Chief Executive Officer of Sigma Investment Counselors, Inc. (a registered investment advisor) since 1987; member of the NAIC/Better Investing Securities Review Committee and of the NAIC/Better Investing Editorial Advisory Committee (non-remunerative).	One	None
Phillip J. Hanrahan, age 72	Director	Term of office one year. Served as a director since 2008.	Retired partner of Foley & Lardner LLP (law firm) since February 2007 and, prior thereto, active partner of that firm since 1973.	One	None
Carl A. Holth, age 79	Director	Term of office one year. Served as a director since 1989.	Retired.	One	None
Peggy L. Schmeltz, age 84	Director	Term of office one year. Served as a director since 1989.	Retired; Former Trustee of NAIC.	One	None
Donald G. Tyler, age 59	Director	Term of office one year. Served as a director since 2010.	Retired Interim President & Executive Director, Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra 2010; Vice President of Investment Products and Services, Northwestern Mutual, 2003-2010.	One	None
Neal F. Zalenko, age 66	Director	Term of office one year. Served as a director since 2008.	Retired; Founder and Managing partner of Zalenko & Associates, P.C. (accounting firm), that merged with Baker Tilly in early 2005.	One	None

*The address of each is the address of the principal executive office of the Fund.

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Officers Who Are Not Directors

Name, Address and Age*	Position(s) Held with Fund	Term of Office and Length of Time Served	Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years	Number of Portfolios in Fund Complex Overseen by Officer**	Other Directorships Held by Officer (Public Companies)
David C. Sims age 30	Chief Financial Officer, Chief Compliance Officer, and Secretary	Term of office one year. Served as Chief Financial Officer and Chief Compliance Officer since 2007 and Secretary since 2009***.	Manager, Peregrine Investment Fund LLC (private investment fund) since 2003; President and Manager of the Advisor since 2003.	One	None

*The address for David Sims is the address of the principal executive office of the Fund.

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***David C. Sims is the son of Luke E. Sims, the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Fund.

Compensation.

The following table sets forth the aggregate compensation paid to all Fund directors for the period ended December 31, 2011. Directors who are not “interested persons” of the Fund received an annual retainer of \$6,000 a year, paid in equal quarterly installments, and directors attending committee meetings were paid \$500 for each meeting. For 2012, the annual retainer for Fund directors who are not “interested persons” has been increased to \$7,000. Directors who are “interested persons” of the Fund are not entitled to receive directors’ fees. Directors are reimbursed for out-of-pocket expenses in connection with attending Board meetings.

Luke E. Sims, who is deemed to be an “interested person” of the Fund, is not entitled to receive directors’ fees from the Fund.

No Fund officer receives compensation in his capacity as an officer of the Fund. Fund officers are: Luke E. Sims, President and Chief Executive Officer; and David C. Sims, Chief Financial Officer, Chief Compliance Officer, and Secretary. Robert M. Bilkie, Jr. is the Fund’s Chairman, which is not an executive officer position.

Sims Capital Management LLC (“SCM”), the investment advisor for the Fund, was paid \$178,986 by the Fund in 2011. SCM is 50% owned by Luke E. Sims, the President, CEO and a Director of the Fund, as well as an owner of more than five percent of the Fund’s outstanding shares. David C. Sims, the Fund’s Chief Financial Officer, Chief Compliance Officer and Secretary, owns the remaining 50% of SCM.

The Fund is not part of a family of investment companies.

Directors who are “interested persons” of the Fund:

Name, Position	Aggregate Compensation From Fund	Pension or Retirement Benefits Accrued as part of Fund Expenses	Estimated Annual Benefits upon Retirement	Total Compensation from Fund and Complex paid to Directors
Luke E. Sims, Director, President, CEO	None	None	None	None

Directors who are not “interested persons” of the Fund:

Name, Position	Aggregate Compensation From Fund	Pension or Retirement Benefits Accrued as part of Fund Expenses	Estimated Annual Benefits upon Retirement	Total Compensation from Fund and Complex paid to Directors
Robert M. Bilkie, Jr., Director	\$6,000	None	None	\$6,000
Phillip J. Hanrahan Director	\$7,000	None	None	\$7,000
Carl A. Holth, Director	\$7,000	None	None	\$7,000
Peggy L. Schmeltz, Director	\$6,000	None	None	\$6,000
Donald G. Tyler, Director	\$6,000	None	None	\$6,000
Neal F. Zalenko, Director	\$7,000	None	None	\$7,000

Board of Directors

Robert M. Bilkie, Jr.
Chairman of the Board
Southfield, MI

Carl A. Holth
Director
Clinton Twp., MI

Phillip J. Hanrahan
Director
Whitefish Bay, WI

Peggy L. Schmeltz
Director
Bowling Green, OH

Luke E. Sims
President & Chief Executive Officer
Milwaukee, WI

Donald G. Tyler
Director
Shorewood, WI

Neal F. Zalenko
Director
Birmingham, MI

Shareholder Information

Trading. Fund shares trade under the symbol GRF on the NYSE Amex.

Fund Stock Repurchases. The Fund is authorized, from time to time, to repurchase its shares in the open market, in private transactions or otherwise, at a price or prices reasonably related to the then prevailing market price.

Dividend Reinvestment and Cash Purchase Plan. By participating in the Fund's Dividend Reinvestment and Cash Purchase Plan ("Plan"), you can automatically reinvest your cash dividends in additional Fund shares without paying brokerage commissions. A copy of the plan is included earlier in the Annual Report. Alternatively, you can secure a copy of the Plan from the Fund's website (www.eaglecapitalgrowthfund.com) or by contacting American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, 6201 15th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11219, telephone number (800) 937-5449.

Dividend Checks/Stock Certificates/Address Changes/Etc. If you have a question about lost or misplaced dividend checks or stock certificates, have an address change to report, or have a comparable shareholder issue or question, please contact the Fund's transfer agent, American Stock Transfer and Trust Company, 6201 15th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11219, telephone number (800) 937-5449.

Proxy Voting. The Fund typically votes by proxy the shares of portfolio companies. If you'd like information about the policies and procedures that the Fund follows in voting, or how the Fund has voted on a particular issue or matter during the most recent 12-month period ended June 30, 2011, you can get that information (Form N-PX) from the SEC's website (www.sec.gov) or the Fund's website (www.eaglecapitalgrowthfund.com), or by calling the Fund at (414) 765-1107 (collect) or by sending an e-mail request (to dave@simscapital.com).

Fund Privacy Policy/Customer Privacy Notice (January 1, 2012). ***We collect nonpublic personal information about you from the following sources: (i) information we receive from you on applications or other forms and (ii) information about your transactions with us or others. We do not disclose any nonpublic personal information about you to anyone, except as permitted by law, and as follows. We may disclose all of the information we collect, as described above, to companies that perform marketing services on our behalf or to other financial institutions with whom we have joint marketing agreements. If you decide to close your account(s) or no longer be a shareholder of record, we will adhere to the privacy policies and practices as described in this notice. We restrict access to your personal and account information to those employees who need to know that information to provide services to you. We maintain physical, electronic, and procedural safeguards to guard your nonpublic personal information. In this notice, the term "we" refers to the Fund, Eagle Capital Growth Fund, Inc.***

Additional Information. The Fund files a complete schedule of its portfolio holdings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) as of the end of the first and third calendar quarters on SEC Form N-Q. You can obtain copies of these filings, and other information about the Fund, from the SEC's website (www.sec.gov) or from the Fund's website (www.eaglecapitalgrowthfund.com), or by calling the Fund at (414) 765-1107. The Fund's Forms N-Q can be reviewed and copied at the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington, D.C., and you can obtain information about the operation of the Public Reference Room by calling the SEC at (800) 732-0330.

Approval of Renewal of Investment Advisory Agreement. At its December 5, 2011 Board meeting, the Board of Directors approved the renewal of the Fund's Investment Advisory Agreement with SCM (with Director Luke E. Sims abstaining). The Board determined that SCM's performance should be reviewed on an approximate five-year time horizon, and that it was too soon to use performance as a criterion, though the Board was pleased that the Fund's had outperformed the S&P 500 (total return) index during SCM's tenure as investment advisor. The Board reviewed other factors in determining to retain SCM as investment advisor including, among other things, the nature, extent and quality of services provided by SCM, the cost of services provided by SCM (and benefits to be realized by SCM as a result of its relationship with the Fund), the economics of scale that may be realized as the Fund grows, whether fee level reflects the economics of scale for the benefit of Fund investors, the investment philosophy of SCM, the Fund's portfolio turnover, best execution and trading costs, personnel considerations, resources available to SCM, SCM's ability to satisfy compliance obligations and other relevant factors. Overall, the Board remained satisfied with the nature, extent and quality of services provided by SCM.

Electronic Distribution of Shareholder Reports and Other Communications. If you'd like to receive copies of the Fund's annual report, semiannual report, proxy statement, press releases and other comparable communications electronically, please provide your e-mail address to dave@simscapital.com. By providing your e-mail address to the Fund, you are consenting to the Fund sending the identified materials to you by e-mail.

General Inquiries. If you have a question or comment on any matter not addressed above, please contact the Fund (Eagle Capital Growth Fund, Inc.) at 205 E. Wisconsin Ave., Suite 120, Milwaukee, WI 53202, telephone number (414) 765-1107, or the Fund's investment advisor, Sims Capital Management LLC (dave@simscapital.com).