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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *  Pesaran Jamal			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 03/20/2009	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Claymore/Guggenheim Strategic Opportunities Fund [GOF]									
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	03/20/2009	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)						
2455 CORPO DRIVE	ORATE W	EST		(Check all applicable)		, , , , , ,							
	(Street)			Director Officer	10% (X Otherw) (specify below		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_Form filed by One Reporting						
LISLE, IL 60532				Portfolio Mgr/Trader			Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting Person						
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned										
1.Title of Securi (Instr. 4)	ity		2. Amount o Beneficially (Instr. 4)		3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nat Owne (Instr.							
Reminder: Repo	_	ate line for ea	ch class of securities benefic	ially S.	EC 1473 (7-02	)							

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security		4. Conversion or Exercise	5. Ownership Form of	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
			(Instr. 4)	) Price of		Derivative	
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security	•	

(I) (Instr. 5)

### **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Pesaran Jamal

2455 CORPORATE WEST DRIVE Portfolio Mgr/Trader LISLE, ILÂ 60532

## **Signatures**

/s/ Jamal Pesaran by Kevin M. Robinson Pursuant to Power of Atty 03/20/2009

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

#### **Explanation of Responses:**

No securities are beneficially owned

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).

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