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## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D (Rule 13d-101)

# INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS FILED PURSUANT TO § 240.13d-1(a) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED PURSUANT TO § 240.13d-2(a) (Amendment No. 2)

(Amendment No. 2)

Madison Strategic Sector Premium Fund

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock (Title of Class of Securities)

> 558268108 (CUSIP Number)

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September 28, 2017 (Date of Event Which Requires Filing of This Statement)

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition that is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of §§ 240.13d-1(e), 240.13d-1(f) or 240.13d-1(g), check the following box x.

Note: Schedules filed in paper format shall include a signed original and five copies of the schedule, including all exhibits. See § 240.13d-7 for other parties to whom copies are to be sent.

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1 The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

1	NAME OF REPORTING PERSON			
2 3	Karpus Investment Management CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (b) o SEC USE ONLY			
4	SOURCE OF FUNDS			
5	AF CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS '' IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)			
6	CITIZENSHIP	OR PLACE OF	ORGANIZATION	
NUMBER OF SHARES	NEW YORK	7	SOLE VOTING POWER	
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH	•	8	1,395,676 SHARED VOTING POWER	
REPORTING PERSON WITH		9	- SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER	
		10	1,395,676 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWE	R
11	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON			
12	1,395,676 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) o EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES			
13	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)			
14	24.1% TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON			
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1	NAME OF REPORTING PERSON			
2	George W. Karpus CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (b) o SEC USE ONLY			
4	SOURCE OF FUNDS			
5	AF CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS '' IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)			
6	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION			
NUMBER OF SHARES	NEW YORK	7	SOLE VOTING POWER	
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH		8	SHARED VOTING POWER	
REPORTING PERSON WITH		9	16,450 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER	
		10	- SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWE	R
11	AGGREGATE	AMOUNT BEN	16,450 EFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH	REPORTING PERSON
12	16,450 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) o EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES			
13	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)			
14	Less than 1% TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON			
	IN			

1	NAME OF REPORTING PERSON			
2	Karpus Investment Management Profit Sharing Plan Fund C - Growth Common Stock Fund CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A (a) x GROUP (b) o SEC USE ONLY			
4	SOURCE OF I	FUNDS		
5	WC CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS '' IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)			
6	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION			
NUMBER OF SHARES	NEW YORK	7	SOLE VOTING POWER	
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH	•	8	- SHARED VOTING POWER	
REPORTING PERSON WITH		9	13,300 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER	
		10	- SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER	R
11	AGGREGATE	E AMOUNT BEN	13,300 EFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH	REPORTING PERSON
12	13,300 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) o EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES			
13	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)			
14	Less than 1% TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON			
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1	NAME OF REPORTING PERSON			
2 3	Arthur Charles Regan CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (b) o SEC USE ONLY			
4	SOURCE OF FUN	NDS		
5	CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS " IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)			
6	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION			
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY	NEW YORK 7		SOLE VOTING POWER	
OWNED BY EACH	8		SHARED VOTING POWER	
REPORTING PERSON WITH	9		-0- SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER	
	10		- SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWE	R
11	-0- AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON			
12	-0- CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) o EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES			
13	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)			
14	0% TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON			
	IN			

1	NAME OF REPORTING PERSON			
2 3	Daniel C. Robeson CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (b) o SEC USE ONLY			
4	SOURCE OF I	FUNDS		
5	CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS " IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)			
6	CITIZENSHIP	OR PLACE OF (	ORGANIZATION	
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY	NEW YORK	7	SOLE VOTING POWER	
OWNED BY EACH		8	SHARED VOTING POWER	
REPORTING PERSON WITH		9	-0- SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER	
		10	- SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWE	R
11	-0- AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON			
12	-0- CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) o EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES			
13	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)			
14	0% TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON			
	IN			

The following constitutes Amendment No. 2 to the Schedule 13D filed by the undersigned ("Amendment No. 2"). This Amendment No. 2 amends the Schedule 13D as specifically set forth herein.

Item 2. Identity and Background.

Item 2 is hereby amended to add the following:

Following the Joint Annual and Joint Special Meeting of the Issuer and its sister Fund, Madison Covered Call & Equity Strategy Fund ("MCN"), the Joint Filing and Solicitation Agreement was terminated as of September 28, 2017. Accordingly, the Reporting Persons are no longer members of a Section 13(d) group and Mr. Regan, Mr. Robeson, and Karpus Investment Management Profit Sharing Plan Fund C - Growth Common Stock Fund shall cease to be Reporting Persons immediately after the filing of this Amendment No. 2. The remaining Reporting Persons will continue filing as a group statements on Schedule 13D with respect to their beneficial ownership of securities of the Issuer to the extent required by applicable law. Each of the remaining Reporting Persons is party to the Joing Filing Agreement, as further described in Item 6.

Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration.

Item 3 is hereby amended and restated to read as follows:

Karpus, an independent registered investment advisor, has accumulated 1,395,676 Shares on behalf of accounts that are managed by Karpus (the "Accounts") under limited powers of attorney, which represents 24.1% of the outstanding Shares. All funds that have been utilized in making such purchases are from such Accounts.

The aggregate purchase price of the 1,395,676 Shares beneficially owned by Karpus Investment Management is approximately \$15,812,215, excluding brokerage commissions.

The aggregate purchase price of the 13,300 Shares held by Karpus Fund is approximately \$133,408, excluding brokerage commissions.

The aggregate purchase price of the 3,150 Shares held by Mr. Karpus and the Karpus Entities (excluding the Shares held by Karpus Fund) is approximately \$37,154, excluding brokerage commissions.

Item 4. Purpose of Transaction.

Item 4 is hereby amended to add the following:

Karpus, an independent registered investment advisor, with a specialty focus in closed-end funds, believes that the profile of the Issuer fit the investment guidelines for various Accouts. Shares have been acquired since July 10, 2015.

Following the 2017 Joint Annual and Joint Special Meeting of the Issuer and MCN, the Joint Filing and Solicitation Agreement was terminated as of September 28, 2017.

The Reporting Persons have informed the Board that they are willing to enter into discussion in furtherance of reaching a mutually agreeable resolution. The Reporting Persons intend to closely monitor the situation at the Issuer.

Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer.

Item 5(a)-(c) is hereby amended and restated to read as follows:

The aggregate percentage of Shares reported owned by each Reporting Person is based upon 5,798,291 Shares outstanding, which is the total number of Shares outstanding as of June 30, 2017, as reported in the Issuer's Certified Shareholder Report of Registered Management Investment Companies on Form N-CSR, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on September 1, 2017.

### A.. Karpus Investment Management

(a) As of September 28, 2017, Karpus Investment Management beneficially owned 1,395,676 Shares held in the Accounts.

Percentage: 24.1%

- (b) 1. Sole power to vote or direct vote: 1,395,676
  - 2. Shared power to vote or direct vote: -
  - 3. Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: 1,395,676
    - 4. Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: -
- (c) The transactions in the Shares by Karpus during the past 60 days are set forth in Schedule B and are incorporated herein by reference.

#### B.. George W. Karpus

(a) As of September 28, 2017, George W. Karpus may be deemed to beneficially own the 16,450 Shares held in the Karpus Entities.

Percentage: Less than 1%

- (b) 1. Sole power to vote or direct vote: -
  - 2. Shared power to vote or direct vote: 16,450
  - 3. Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: -
  - 4. Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 16,450
- (c) Mr. Karpus did not have any transactions in the Shares during the past 60 days.

C .. Karpus Fund

(a) As of September 28, 2017, Karpus Fund beneficially owned 13,300 Shares.

Percentage: Less than 1%

(b) 1. Sole power to vote or direct vote: -

2. Shared power to vote or direct vote: 13,300

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- 3. Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: -
- 4. Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 13,300
- (c) Karpus Fund did not have any transactions in the Shares during the past 60 days.

D.. Mr. Regan

(a) As of September 28, 2017, Mr. Regan did not own any Shares.

Percentage: 0%

- (b) 1. Sole power to vote or direct vote: 0
  - 2. Shared power to vote or direct vote: 0
  - 3. Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: 0
  - 4. Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 0
- (c) Mr. Regan has not entered into any transactions in the Shares.

E.. Dr. Robeson

(a) As of September 28, 2017, Dr. Robeson did not own any Shares.

Percentage: 0%

- (b) 1. Sole power to vote or direct vote: 0
  - 2. Shared power to vote or direct vote: 0
  - 3. Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: 0
  - 4. Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 0
- (c) Dr. Robeson has not entered into any transactions in the Shares.

The filing of this Schedule 13D shall not be construed as an admission that the Reporting Persons are, for purposes of Section 13(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the beneficial owners of any of the Shares reported herein. Each Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of such Shares except to the extent of his or its pecuniary interest therein.

Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships With respect to the Issuer. Item 6 is hereby amended to add the following:

On September 28, 2017, the Reporting Persons terminated the Joint Filing and Solicitation Agreement.

On September 28, 2017, the remaining Reporting Persons entered into a Joint Filing Agreement in which the Reporting Persons agreed to the joint filing on behalf of each of them of statements on Schedule 13D with respect to the securities of the Issuer to the extent required by applicable law. The Joint Filing Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 7.

Material to be Filed as Exhibits.

Item 7 is hereby amended to add the following exhibits:

99.1 Joint Filing Agreement by and between Karpus Management, Inc. and George W. Karpus, dated as of September 28, 2017.

#### **SIGNATURES**

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of his knowledge and belief, the undersigned certifies that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: September 29, 2017

#### KARPUS MANAGEMENT, INC.

By: /s/ Daniel Lippincott

Name: Daniel Lippincott, CFA

Title: Director of Investment Personnel

 $\quad \text{and} \quad$ 

Sr. Tax-Sensitive Portfolio

Manager

/s/ George W. Karpus GEORGE W. KARPUS

KARPUS INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT PROFIT SHARING PLAN FUND C - GROWTH COMMON STOCK FUND

By: /s/ Kathleen F. Crane

Name: Kathleen F. Crane

Title: Chief Financial Officer & Chief

Compliance

Officer of Karpus Investment

Management

/s/ Arthur Charles Regan ARTHUR CHARLES REGAN

/s/ Daniel C. Robeson

DR. DANIEL C. ROBESON

SCHEDULE A

Executive Officers & Directors of Karpus Management, Inc., d/b/a Karpus Investment Management

Name	Position & Present Principal Occupation	Business Address	Shares Owned
George W. Karpus	President, CEO, and Chairman of the Board	183 Sully's Trail, Pittsford, New York 14534	See Above
Kathleen Finnerty Crane	Chief Financial Officer and Chief Compliance Officer	183 Sully's Trail, Pittsford, New York 14534	0 Shares
Dana R. Consler	Executive Vice President	183 Sully's Trail, Pittsford, New York 14534	700 Shares
Thomas M. Duffy	Vice President	183 Sully's Trail, Pittsford, New York 14534	0 Shares
Sharon L. Thornton	Senior Director of Investments	183 Sully's Trail, Pittsford, New York 14534	0 Shares
Daniel L. Lippincott	Sr. Tax-Sensitive Manager and Director of Investment Personnel	183 Sully's Trail, Pittsford, New York 14534	0 Shares

## SCHEDULE B

Transactions in the Shares during the past 60 days.

Securities Price Per Date of
Nature of the Transaction Purchased/(Sold) Share(\$) Purchase / Sale

KARPUS MANAGEMENT, INC., D/B/A/ KARPUS INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT (THROUGH THE ACCOUNTS)

Sale of Common Stock (885) \$11.52 9/19/2017

#### EXHIBIT 99.1

## Joint Filing Agreement

In accordance with Rule 13d-1(k)(1)(iii) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the persons named below agree to the joint filing on behalf of each of them of a Statement on Schedule 13D (including additional amendments thereto), dated the date hereof, with respect to the shares of Common Stock of the Madison Strategic Sector Premium Fund. This Joint Filing Agreement shall be filed as an Exhibit to such statement. September 28, 2017

#### KARPUS MANAGEMENT, INC.

By: /s/ Daniel Lippincott

Name: Daniel Lippincott

Title: Director of Investment Personnel

and

Sr. Tax-Sensitive Portfolio

Manager

/s/ George W. Karpus GEORGE W. KARPUS