

LIBERTY ALL STAR EQUITY FUND
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UNITED STATES
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Definitive Proxy Statement

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LIBERTY ALL-STAR EQUITY FUND
(name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

ALPS FUND SERVICES, INC.

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(Name of Person(s) Filing Proxy Statement, if other than the Registrant)

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Notice

DST Systems, Inc. (DST) has informed Liberty All-Star Growth Fund, Inc. and Liberty All-Star Equity Fund (the Funds) that, in connection with its proposed acquisition (the Transaction) of ALPS Holdings, Inc., the parent of ALPS Advisors, Inc., the Funds investment adviser, DST has entered into agreements (the Standstill Agreements) with each of Karpus Management, Inc. (d/b/a Karpus Investment Management) and Brinker Capital, Inc., for and on behalf of themselves and entities and accounts that either controls, or with respect to which either exercises voting discretion (the Sellers), to purchase shares of the Funds within thirty (30) days after the closing of the Transaction. The number of shares to be purchased will be based on a total aggregate purchase price of \$15 million, allocated approximately 80% to Liberty All-Star Growth Fund, Inc. and 20% to Liberty All-Star Equity Fund or as the parties to such Standstill Agreements may otherwise agree in writing, and at a price per share equal to 98% of the net asset value, or NAV, per share of each Fund determined on the second business day preceding the date of purchase. The shares purchased by DST shall be held by West Side Investment Management, Inc., a Nevada corporation and a wholly owned subsidiary of DST. As part of the Standstill Agreements, the Sellers have agreed to vote or cause to be voted all shares of the Funds that the Sellers directly or indirectly have the power to vote or direct the vote of to be voted in favor of the new advisory agreements described in the Funds Proxy Statement filed with the Commission on August 19, 2011, to refrain from taking certain actions with respect to shares of the Funds or with respect to the management of the Funds for a period of five years, and, in the case of Karpus Management, Inc., to withdraw a previously-filed preliminary proxy statement opposing the new advisory agreements. Copies of the Standstill Agreements have been filed as exhibits to the Schedule 13D filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission by DST on September 29, 2011.