

## **Madison Covered Call & Equity Strategy Fund Announces Appointment of XA Investments as Investment Adviser and Madison Asset Management as Sub-Adviser; Fund to Rebrand as XAI Madison Equity Premium Income Fund**

CHICAGO--(December 2, 2024)— Madison Covered Call & Equity Strategy Fund (NYSE: MCN) (“MCN” or the “Fund”) announced three significant changes today. The Fund appointed XA Investments LLC (“XAI”) as its investment adviser, and it also retained Madison Asset Management, LLC (“Madison”) as its sub-adviser. Additionally, the Fund announced that it would change its corporate name to XAI Madison Equity Premium Income Fund. The Fund expects to trade under its new name on or around December 9, 2024, and it will retain its current New York Stock Exchange ticker MCN.

The appointment of XAI and Madison as MCN’s investment adviser and sub-adviser, respectively, follows the receipt of approval from the Fund’s shareholders at a special meeting on October 15, 2024. The special shareholder meeting voting results were reported in the Fund’s Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) on October 16, 2024.

The Fund joins the XAI Funds platform and expands the number of closed-end funds currently on the XAI Funds platform to three: the Fund, the XAI Octagon Floating Rate & Alternative Income Trust (NYSE: XFLT), and the Octagon XAI CLO Income Fund (OCTIX). XAI continues to seek additional opportunities consistent with its mission of providing better products with better portfolio outcomes for investors.

Kimberly Flynn, President of XAI, said “We are excited for our partnership with Madison Investments and the MCN management team. Combining their 20 years of covered call expertise with our deep experience in closed-end fund product management, will allow us to serve the shareholders and implement industry best practices for the Fund.”

Portfolio manager Ray Di Bernardo said, “We saw a great opportunity to partner with XAI, which we believe will be important and meaningful to both the Fund and firm. We’re looking forward to benefiting from XAI’s deep expertise managing closed-end funds.”

“Adding MCN and its shareholders to the XAI Funds platform is an exciting evolution for XAI,” said Kimberly Flynn, President of XAI. “The Fund presents a complementary investment strategy for our other alternative oriented funds. With MCN, we plan to focus on improving the secondary market trading of the Fund and creating scale efficiencies by growing the Fund’s assets.”

### **About Madison Covered Call & Equity Strategy Fund**

Madison Covered Call & Equity Strategy Fund (NYSE: MCN) is an actively-managed closed-end fund that invests in a diversified portfolio of U.S. equity securities and is augmented by a covered call strategy that seeks to reduce volatility and generate attractive cash flows for shareholders. The Fund trades under ticker symbol MCN and celebrated 20 years of being listed on the New York Stock Exchange in July 2024.

## About XA Investments

XA Investments LLC is a Chicago-based investment advisory firm founded by XMS Capital Partners in 2016. XAI serves as the investment adviser for two listed closed-end funds and an interval closed-end fund. The listed closed-end funds, the XAI Octagon Floating Rate & Alternative Income Trust (NYSE: XFLT) and Madison Covered Call & Equity Strategy Fund (NYSE: MCN) both trade on the New York Stock Exchange. The interval closed-end fund, Octagon XAI CLO Income Fund (OCTIX), is newly launched and has been made widely available to investors.

In addition to investment advisory services, the firm also provides investment fund structuring and consulting services focused on registered closed-end funds to meet institutional client needs. XAI offers custom product build and consulting services, including product development and market research, sales, marketing and fund management.

XAI believes that the investing public can benefit from new vehicles to access a broad range of alternative investment strategies and managers. XAI provides individual investors with access to institutional-caliber alternative managers. For more information, please visit [www.xainvestments.com](http://www.xainvestments.com).

## About Madison Investments

Madison Investments is an independent investment management firm based in Madison, WI. The firm was founded in 1974, has approximately \$28 billion in assets under management as of September 30, 2024, and is recognized as one of the nation's top investment firms. Madison offers domestic fixed income, U.S. and international equity, covered call, multi-asset, insurance and credit union investment management strategies. For more information, please visit [www.madisoninvestments.com](http://www.madisoninvestments.com).

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***Investors should consider the investment objectives and policies, risk considerations, charges and expenses of the Fund carefully before investing. For more information on the Fund, including shareholder reports, proxy and information statements and other information, please visit the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).***

An investment in the Fund is subject to risk and there can be no assurance the Fund will achieve its investment objective. The risks associated with an investment in the Fund can increase during times of

significant market volatility. The principal risks of investing in the Fund include option risk, tax risk, derivatives risk, concentration risk, equity risk, mid cap risk, and market risk.

As a writer of a covered call option, the Fund foregoes, during the option's life, the opportunity to profit from increases in the market value of the security covering the call option above the sum of the premium and the strike price of the call, but has retained the risk of loss should the price of the underlying security decline. In addition to its covered call strategy, the Fund may pursue an option strategy that includes the writing of both put options and call options on certain of the common stocks in the Fund's portfolio.

This press release shall not constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation to buy, 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.

This press release contains certain statements that may include "forward-looking statements." Forward-looking statements can be identified by the words "may," "will," "intend," "expect," "estimate," "continue," "plan," "anticipate," and similar terms and the negatives of such terms. By their nature, all forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties, and actual results could differ materially from those contemplated by the forward-looking statements. Many factors that could materially affect the Fund's actual results are the performance of the portfolio of securities held by the Fund, the conditions in the U.S. and international financial and other markets, the price at which the Fund's shares trade in the public markets and other factors discussed in the Fund's annual and semi-annual reports filed with the SEC.

Although the Fund believes that the expectations expressed in such forward-looking statements are reasonable, actual results could differ materially from those expressed or implied in such forward-looking statements. The Fund's future financial condition and results of operations, as well as any forward-looking statements, are subject to change and are subject to inherent risks and uncertainties. You are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which are made as of the date of this press release. Except for the Fund's ongoing obligations under the federal securities laws, the Fund does not intend, and the Fund undertakes no obligation, to update any forward-looking statement.

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