

**Report of Organizational Actions
Affecting Basis of Securities**

▶ See separate instructions.

Part I Reporting Issuer

1 Issuer's name THE CUSHING MLP TOTAL RETURN FUND		2 Issuer's employer identification number (EIN) 35-2303963	
3 Name of contact for additional information ANGELA A. TER MAAT		4 Telephone No. of contact 414-287-3013	5 Email address of contact angela.termaat@usbank.com
6 Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) of contact 777 EAST WISCONSIN AVENUE 5TH FLOOR		7 City, town, or post office, state, and Zip code of contact MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN 53202	
8 Date of action See Attached Schedule		9 Classification and description NONTAXABLE RETURN OF CAPITAL DISTRIBUTION	
10 CUSIP number 231631201	11 Serial number(s)	12 Ticker symbol SRV	13 Account number(s)

Part II Organizational Action Attach additional statements if needed. See back of form for additional questions.

14 Describe the organizational action and, if applicable, the date of the action or the date against which shareholders' ownership is measured for the action ▶ THE CUSHING MLP TOTAL RETURN FUND PAID NONTAXABLE RETURN OF CAPITAL DISTRIBUTIONS TO SHAREHOLDERS. PLEASE REFER TO ATTACHED SCHEDULE.

15 Describe the quantitative effect of the organizational action on the basis of the security in the hands of a U.S. taxpayer as an adjustment per share or as a percentage of old basis ▶ FOR THE TOTAL NONTAXABLE RETURN OF CAPITAL PORTION OF THE DIVIDENDS PAID TO SHAREHOLDERS PLEASE REFER TO ATTACHED SCHEDULE.

16 Describe the calculation of the change in basis and the data that supports the calculation, such as the market values of securities and the valuation dates ▶ THE TAX BASIS IS LOWERED BY THE PER SHARE AMOUNT OF NON-TAXABLE RETURN OF CAPITAL. PLEASE REFER TO ATTACHED SCHEDULE. THE RATE WAS DETERMINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH IRC §301 and IRC §316.

Part II Organizational Action (continued)

17 List the applicable Internal Revenue Code section(s) and subsection(s) upon which the tax treatment is based ▶ IRC §301, §316

18 Can any resulting loss be recognized? ▶ NO LOSS CAN BE RECOGNIZED ON THE DISTRIBUTIONS PAID TO THE SHAREHOLDERS. POTENTIAL GAIN MAY RESULT IF SHAREHOLDER HAS A ZERO BASIS.

19 Provide any other information necessary to implement the adjustment, such as the reportable tax year ▶ THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE WILL BE PROVIDED ON THE SHAREHOLDERS' 2017 AND 2018 1099 DIV STATEMENT BOX 3.

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here
Signature ▶ _____ Date ▶ _____

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	Print/Type preparer's name		Date	Firm's EIN ▶	
	Firm's name ▶			Phone no.	
	Firm's address ▶				

FORM 8937 Report of Organizational Actions Affecting Basis of Securities

The Cushing MLP Total Return Fund

EIN : 35-2303963

<u>Part I</u>	<u>Box 10 Cusip Number</u>	<u>Box 12 Ticker Symbol</u>
	231631201	SRV

Part II, #15, Organizational action on the basis of the security in the hands of a U.S. taxpayer:

<u>Record Date</u>	<u>Ex-Dividend Date</u>	<u>Payable Date</u>	<u>Total Distribution Per Share</u>	<u>Total ROC Per Share</u>
12/18/2017	12/15/2017	12/29/2017	\$0.090300	\$0.090300
1/19/2018	1/18/2018	1/31/2018	\$0.090300	\$0.090300