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The Cushing® MLP Total Return Fund Announces Public Offering of  
Common Shares  
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Dallas, TX: The Cushing® MLP Total Return Fund (the “Fund”) (NYSE: SRV) today announced that it has commenced a public offering of 3,000,000 common shares pursuant to the Fund’s effective shelf registration statement filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”). The Fund has granted the underwriters an option to purchase up to 450,000 additional common shares at the public offering price, less the underwriting discount, within 45 days of the offering to cover over-allotments, if any. Net proceeds of the offering will be used to make additional portfolio investments in accordance with the Fund’s investment objective and policies.

RBC Capital Markets, LLC and Ladenburg Thalmann & Co. Inc., a subsidiary of Ladenburg Thalmann Financial Services Inc. (NYSE Amex:LTS) are acting as the representatives of the underwriters and the joint book-running managers of the offering. The offering of the Fund’s common shares will be made only by means of a prospectus. A copy of the preliminary prospectus supplement and prospectus supplement relating to the offering may be obtained from the following addresses:

RBC Capital Markets, LLC  
Attn: Equity Syndicate  
Three World Financial Center  
200 Vesey Street, 8th Floor  
New York, New York 10281-8098  
Telephone: 212-428-6670

Ladenburg Thalmann & Co. Inc.  
Attn: Syndicate Department  
58 South Service Road, Suite 160  
Melville, New York 11747  
Telephone: 631-270-1600  
Fax: 631-270-1998

Investors may also obtain these documents free of charge from the Securities and Exchange Commission’s website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). An investor should read the Fund’s preliminary prospectus supplement and prospectus supplement carefully before investing. The preliminary prospectus supplement and prospectus supplement contain important information about the Fund and its investment objective and policies, risks, charges and expenses. This press release does not constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation to buy the securities described herein, 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. A registration statement relating to these securities was filed with, and has been declared effective by, the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The Cushing® MLP Total Return Fund is a non-diversified, closed-end management investment company. The Fund’s investment objective is to obtain a high after-tax total return from a combination of capital appreciation and current income. The Fund seeks to achieve its investment objective by investing, under normal market conditions, at least 80% of its net assets, plus any borrowings for investment purposes, in master limited partnership (“MLP”) investments. There can be no assurance that the Fund’s investment objective will be achieved.

The Fund is traded on the NYSE under the symbol "SRV." The Fund is managed by Cushing® MLP Asset Management, LP, an SEC-registered investment adviser headquartered in Dallas, Texas.

#### ABOUT CUSHING® MLP ASSET MANAGEMENT, LP

Cushing® MLP Asset Management, LP ("Cushing"), is an SEC-registered investment adviser headquartered in Dallas, Texas. Cushing serves as investment adviser to affiliated funds, which invest primarily in securities of MLPs and other natural resource companies. Cushing continues to expand its platform of MLP-related investment products, leveraging extensive industry contacts and unparalleled research depth to drive both passive and actively managed investment opportunities for individual and institutional investors. Cushing is also the sponsor of The Cushing® 30 MLP Index and the Cushing® MLP High Income Index. The Cushing® 30 MLP index is a fundamentally based index comprised of 30 equally weighted publicly traded energy infrastructure MLPs. The Cushing® 30 MLP Index is calculated by Standard & Poor's and reported under the Bloomberg ticker "MLPX" and FactSet ticker "LPX-CME". The Cushing® MLP High Income Index tracks the performance of 30 publicly traded MLPs with an emphasis on current yield. The Cushing® 30 MLP High Income Index is calculated by Standard & Poor's and reported on a real-time basis under the Bloomberg ticker "MLPY" and FactSet ticker "MLPH-CME". Cushing seeks to identify and exploit investment niches it believes are generally less understood and less followed by the broader investor community.

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