LIBERTY ALL STAR GROWTH FUND INC.

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## **UNITED STATES**

## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## FORM N-Q

## QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS OF REGISTERED

#### MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY

Investment Company Act file number: 811-04537

## LIBERTY ALL-STAR GROWTH FUND, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

## 1290 Broadway, Suite 1100, Denver, Colorado 80203

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

Tané T. Tyler

ALPS Fund Services, Inc.

1290 Broadway, Suite 1100

#### Denver, Colorado 80203

(Name and address of agent for service)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (303) 623-2577

Date of fiscal year end: <u>December 31</u>

Date of reporting period: <u>January 1 March 31, 201</u>2

Item 1 Schedule of Investments.

Liberty All-Star® Growth Fund	Sch	Schedule of Investments	
	SHARES	MARKET VALUE	
COMMON STOCKS (97.31%)			
CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY (13.62%)			
Auto Components (0.71%)			
BorgWarner, Inc.(a)	12,200	\$ 1,028,948	
10 (0.25%)			
Automobiles (0.37%)	46.740	500 545	
Thor Industries, Inc.	16,748	528,567	
Distributors (1.22%)			
LKQ Corp.(a)	56,577	1,763,505	
Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure (1.66%)	45 200	910 477	
Arcos Dorados Holdings, Inc., Class A	45,300 15,429	819,477 776,850	
BJ s Restaurants, Iné <sup>a)</sup> Ctrip.com International Ltd. <sup>(a)(b)</sup>	36,466	776,830 789,125	
Curp.com incinational Ed.	30,400	707,123	
		2,385,452	
Household Durables (0.58%)			
Harman International Industries, Inc.	17,967	841,035	
Internet & Catalog Retail (3.06%)	( ) (5	1 200 227	
Amazon.com, Inc. <sup>(a)</sup> priceline.com, Inc. <sup>(a)</sup>	6,465 2,575	1,309,227 1,847,562	
Shutterfly, Inc. (a)	17,023	533,331	
TripAdvisor, Inc.(a)	20,200	720,534	
		4,410,654	
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Specialty Retail (3.94%) CarMax, Inc. <sup>(a)</sup>	31,300	1,084,545	
Dick s Sporting Goods, Inc.	19,900	956,792	
Francesca s Holdings Corp <sup>(2)</sup>	19,154	605,458	
Monro Muffler Brake, Inc.	19,116	793,123	
Rue21, Inc. <sup>(a)</sup>	55,375	1,624,702	
Teavana Holdings, Inc. (a)	30,554	602,525	
		5,667,145	
The Class Associated Street Control (C. 2007)			
Textiles, Apparel & Luxury Goods (2.08%)	9.200	1,000,000	
Fossil, Inc. <sup>(a)</sup> Gildan Activewear, Inc.	8,200 30,400	1,082,236 837,520	
Michael Kors Holdings Ltd.(a)	2,000	93,180	
Under Armour, Inc., Class A <sup>(a)</sup>	10,416	979,104	
		2,992,040	
		2,772,040	
CONSUMER STAPLES (2.68%) Food & Staples Retailing (1.12%)			
Costco Wholesale Corp.	11,750	1,066,900	
The Fresh Market, Inc. (a)	7,577	363,317	
Pricesmart, Inc.	2,404	175,036	
		1,605,253	
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Food Products (1.56%)		
Green Mountain Coffee Roasters, Inc.(a)	15,400	721,336
Mead Johnson Nutrition Co.	18,500	1,525,880
		2,247,216
ENERGY (9.05%) Energy Equipment & Services (7.83%)		
Core Laboratories N.V.	19,371	2,548,642
Dril-Quip, Inc. <sup>(a)</sup>	9,805	637,521
FMC Technologies, Inc. <sup>(a)</sup>	49,300	2,485,706
Lufkin Industries, Inc.	15,932	1,284,916
Oceaneering International, Inc.	50,650	2,729,529

Schlumberger Ltd.	22,645	1,583,56
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		11,269,879
Dil, Gas & Consumable Fuels (1.22%)		
Occidental Petroleum Corp.	18,500	1,761,75
TINANCIALS (9.61%)		
Capital Markets (3.63%)	12 (07	1.521.46
Affiliated Managers Group, Inc. <sup>(a)</sup> The Charles Schwab Corp.	13,697 62,900	1,531,46 903,87
Financial Engines, Inc. <sup>(a)</sup>	13,624	304,63
EXCM, Inc., Class A	40,647	528,00
F. Rowe Price Group, Inc.	16,300	1,064,39
/irtus Investment Partners, Inc.(a)	10,412	893,14
		5,225,50
Commercial Banks (1.25%) Signature Bank <sup>(a)</sup>	28,484	1,795,63
againer Duine	20,404	1,775,05
Consumer Finance (0.57%)		
Green Dot Corp., Class A <sup>(a)</sup>	31,000	822,12
Diversified Financial Services (1.04%)		
MSCI, Inc., Class A <sup>(a)</sup>	20,886	768,81
Portfolio Recovery Associates, Inc.(a)	10,189	730,75
		1,499,569
Ingurones (2.47 <i>f</i> /)		
Insurance (2.47%) ACE Ltd.	36,900	2,701,08
Greenlight Capital Re Ltd., Class A <sup>(a)</sup>	34,606	852,34
Steelingin Capital Re Eta., Class A	54,000	032,34
		3,553,42
Real Estate Management & Development (0.65%)		
FirstService Corp.(a)	30,824	944,44
HEALTH CARE (11.93%)		
Biotechnology (2.58%) BioMarin Pharmaceutical, Inc. <sup>(a)</sup>	50.075	¢ 1.702.50
Dendreon Corp.(a)	52,075 39,000	\$ 1,783,56 415,54
Human Genome Sciences, Inc.(a)	100,008	824,06
ronwood Pharmaceuticals, Inc.(a)	18,800	250,22
Vertex Pharmaceuticals, Inc.(a)	10,900	447,00
		3,720,41
		-,. 20,71
Health Care Equipment & Supplies (3.55%) Accuray, Inc. <sup>(a)</sup>	53,346	376,62
ntuitive Surgical, Inc. <sup>(a)</sup>	4,550	2,464,96
Masimo Corp. (a)	27,733	648,39
Neogen Corp. (a)	5,308	207,38
Varian Medical Systems, Inc.(a)	12,900	889,58
Volcano Corp.(a)	18,561	526,20
		5,113,15
		3,113,13

Health Care Providers & Services (0.80%)		
PSS World Medical, Inc. <sup>(a)</sup>	28,031	710,306
VCA Antech, Inc.(a)	19,274	447,349
		1,157,655
Health Care Technology (2.10%)		
athenahealth, Inc.(a)	15,283	1,132,776
Cerner Corp.(a)	24,800	1,888,768
		3.021.544

Life Sciences Tools & Services (0.97%)		
Life Technologies Corp.(a)	28,650	1,398,693
Pharmaceuticals (1.93%)		
Allergan, Inc.	18,250	1,741,597
Mylan, Inc. (a)	44,100	1,034,145
		2,775,742
INDUCTDIALS (14 510%)		
INDUSTRIALS (14.51%) Aerospace & Defense (2.59%)		
Aerovironment, Inc.(a)	14.317	383,839
HEICO Corp.	16,039	827,452
Precision Castparts Corp.	8,700	1,504,230
TransDigm Group, Inc.(a)	8,807	1,019,498
		3,735,019
Air Freight & Logistics (3.05%) C.H. Robinson Worldwide, Inc.	25.750	2,341,268
Expeditors International of Washington, Inc.	35,750 44,200	2,341,268
Expeditors international of Washington, inc.	44,200	2,033,742
		4,397,010
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Commercial Services & Supplies (1.06%)	60.205	¢ 224.505
American Reprographics Co. <sup>(a)</sup> InnerWorkings, Inc. <sup>(a)</sup>	60,205 28,567	\$ 324,505 332,806
Waste Connections, Inc.	26,678	867,835
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		1,525,146
Electrical Equipment (1.48%)	20.520	674.400
II-VI, Inc.(a) Rockwell Automation, Inc.	28,520 18,200	674,498 1,450,540
Rockwell Automation, nic.	10,200	1,430,340
		2,125,038
Machinery (1.10%)	16,677	884,882
Graco, Inc. Middleby Corp. <sup>(a)</sup>	6,846	692,678
	0,010	0,2,070
		1,577,560
D 4 1 10 1 (200)		
Professional Services (3.69%)	10 127	(00.05)
Huron Consulting Group, Inc. <sup>(a)</sup> IHS, Inc., Class A <sup>(a)</sup>	18,127 25,886	680,850 2,424,224
Resources Connection, Inc.	30,679	431,040
Robert Half International, Inc.	36,700	1,112,010
Stantec, Inc.	20,904	665,583
		5 212 703
		5,313,707
Road & Rail (0.73%)		
Landstar System, Inc.	18,149	1,047,560
Trading Companies & Distributors (0.81%)		
Fastenal Co.	21,614	1,169,317

## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (30.25%)

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Communications Equipment (4.31%)		
Aruba Networks, Inc. <sup>(a)</sup>	34,500	768,660
F5 Networks, Inc. <sup>(a)</sup>	7,200	971,712
InterDigital, Inc.	13,640	475,491
Polycom, Inc. <sup>(a)</sup>	51,139	975,221
QUALCOMM, Inc.	44,265	3,010,905
		6,201,989
Computers & Peripherals (3.73%)		
Apple, Inc.(a)	7,160	4,292,205
Fusion-io, Inc. <sup>(a)</sup>	38,120	1,082,989
		5,375,194

Electronic Equipment & Instruments (1.92%)		
FARO Technologies, Inc.(a)	21,052	1,227,963
FLIR Systems, Inc.	8,956	226,676
PG Photonics Corp.(a)	7,782	405,053
M/A-COM Technology Solutions Holdings, Inc.(a)	1,100	22,814
National Instruments Corp.	23,640	674,21
Universal Display Corp.(a)	5,800	211,874
		2,768,593
Internet Software & Services (5.68%)		
Baidu, Inc. <sup>(a)(b)</sup>	14,225	2,073,57
ExactTarget, Inc.(a)	300	7,80
Google, Inc., Class A <sup>(a)</sup>	3,060	1,962,19
LinkedIn Corp., Class A <sup>(a)</sup>	6,100	622,139
Liquidity Services, Inc.(a)	32,397	1,451,38
NIC, Inc.	18,842	228,55
SINA Corp.(a)	6,800	442,000
VistaPrint Ltd.(a)	18,433	712,430
Youku, Inc. <sup>(a)(b)</sup>	31,264	687,493
		8,187,582
T Services (3.60%)		
Cognizant Technology Solutions Corp., Class A <sup>(a)</sup>	19,150	1,473,593
FleetCor Technologies, Inc.(a)	9,990	387,31
ServiceSource International, Inc.(a)	35,475	549,153
VeriFone Systems, Inc. (a)	27,474	1,425,070
Visa, Inc., Class A	11,415	1,346,970
		5,182,104
Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment (2.83%)		
ARM Holdings PLC <sup>(b)</sup>	74,117	2,096,770
Avago Technologies Ltd.	13,400	522,198
Cavium, Inc. <sup>(a)</sup>	28,788	890,701
Hittite Microwave Corp.(a)	10,318	560,370
		4,070,039
Software (8.18%)		
ANSYS, Inc.(a)	17,081	1,110,60
Concur Technologies, Inc.(a)	16,500	946,770
QLIK Technologies, Inc.(a)	35,977	1,151,264
RealPage, Inc.(a)	29,823	571,70
Salesforce.com, Inc. <sup>(a)</sup>	22,000	3,399,220
Solera Holdings, Inc.	26,077	1,196,67
Ultimate Software Group, Inc.(a)	13,246	970,66
VMware, Inc., Class A <sup>(a)</sup>	21,700	2,438,429
		11,785,33
MATERIALS (3.51%)		
Chemicals (1.70%)		
CF Industries Holdings, Inc.	4,600	840,190
Praxair, Inc.	13,975	1,602,094
		2,442,284
Metals & Mining (1.81%)		
Allegheny Technologies, Inc.	22,200	\$ 913,97
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Cliffs Natural Resources, Inc.	11,100	768,786
Silver Wheaton Corp.	27,950	927,940
		2,610,700
TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES (1.61%)		
Wireless Telecommunication Services (1.61%)		
American Tower Corp., Class A	36,900	2,325,438

UTILITIES (0.54%)		
Electric Utilities (0.54%)		
ITC Holdings Corp.	10,016	770,631
TOTAL COMMON STOCKS		
(COST OF \$106,859,573)		140,139,599

#### PAR VALUE

## SHORT TERM INVESTMENT (2.75%) REPURCHASE AGREEMENT (2.75%) Repurchase agreement with State Street Bank & Trust Co., dated 03/31/12, due 04/02/12 at 0.01%, collateralized by Fannie Mae 3.07% 01/01/42, market value of \$4,038,933 (Repurchase proceeds of \$3,957,003) (COST OF \$3,957,000) 3,957,000 3,957,000 TOTAL INVESTMENTS (100.06%) (COST OF \$110,816,573)(c) 144,096,599 LIABILITIES IN EXCESS OF OTHER ASSETS (-0.06%) (83,451)**NET ASSETS (100.00%)** \$ 144,013,148 NET ASSET VALUE PER SHARE (30,080,350 SHARES OUTSTANDING) 4.79

- (a) Non-income producing security.
- (b) American Depositary Receipt.
- (c) Cost of investments for federal income tax purposes is \$111,038,585.

Gross unrealized appreciation and depreciation at March 31, 2012 based on cost of investments for federal income tax purposes is as follows:

Gross unrealized appreciation	\$ 39,497,565
Gross unrealized depreciation	(6,439,551)
Net unrealized appreciation	\$ 33,058,014

## **Security Valuation**

Equity securities including common stocks and exchange traded funds are valued at the last sale price at the close of the principal exchange on which they trade, except for securities listed on the National Association of Securities Dealers Automated Quotations ( NASDAQ ) exchange, which are valued at the NASDAQ official closing price. Unlisted securities or listed securities for which there were no sales during the day are valued at the closing bid price on such exchanges or over-the-counter markets.

Short-term debt obligations maturing in more than 60 days for which market quotations are readily available are valued at current market value. Short-term debt obligations maturing within 60 days are valued at amortized cost, which approximates market value.

Investments for which market quotations are not readily available are valued at fair value as determined in good faith under consistently applied procedures approved by and under the general supervision of the Fund s Board of Directors.

#### **Foreign Securities**

The Fund may directly purchase securities of foreign issuers. Investing in securities of foreign issuers involves special risks not typically associated with investing in securities of U.S. issuers. The risks include possible reevaluation of currencies, the inability to repatriate foreign currency, less complete financial

information about companies and possible future adverse political and economic developments. Moreover, securities of many foreign issuers and their markets may be less liquid and their prices more volatile than those of securities of com parable U.S. issuers. For the period ended March 31, 2012, the Fund only held American Depository Receipts and did not hold any securities denominated in foreign currencies.

#### **Security Transactions**

Security transactions are recorded on trade date. Cost is determined and gains/losses) are based upon the specific identification method for both financial statement and federal income tax purposes.

### **Repurchase Agreements**

The Fund engages in repurchase agreement transactions with institutions that the Fund s investment advisor has determined are creditworthy. The Fund, through its custodian, receives delivery of underlying securities collateralizing a repurchase agreement. Collateral is at least equal, at all times, to the value of the repurchase obligation including interest. A repurchase agreement transaction involves certain risks in the event of default or insolvency of the counterparty. These risks include possible delays or restrictions upon a Fund s ability to dispose of the underlying securities and a possible decline in the value of the underlying securities during the period while the Fund seeks to assert its rights.

#### **Income Recognition**

Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Corporate actions and dividend income are recorded on the ex-date.

#### **Fair Value Measurements**

The Fund discloses the classification of its fair value measurements following a three-tier hierarchy based on the inputs used to measure fair value. Inputs refer broadly to the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability, including assumptions about risk. Inputs may be observable or unobservable. Observable inputs reflect the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability that are developed based on market data obtained from sources independent of the reporting entity. Unobservable inputs reflect the reporting entity s own assumptions about the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability that are developed based on the best information available.

Various inputs are used in determining the value of the Fund s investments as of the end of the reporting period. When inputs used fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy, the level in the hierarchy within which the fair value measurement falls is determined based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. The designated input levels are not necessarily an indication of the risk or liquidity associated with these investments. These inputs are categorized in the following hierarchy under applicable financial accounting standards:

- Level 1 Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical investments, unrestricted assets or liabilities that a Fund has the ability to access at the measurement date;
- Level 2 Quoted prices which are not active, quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets or inputs other than quoted prices that are observable (either directly or indirectly) for substantially the full term of the asset or liability; and
- Level 3 Significant unobservable prices or inputs (including the Fund s own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments) where there is little or no market activity for the asset or liability at the measurement date.

The following is a summary of the inputs used to value the Fund s investments as of March 31, 2012. The Fund recognizes transfers between the levels as of the beginning of the annual period in which the transfer occurred.

#### **Valuation Inputs**

#### Investments in

#### Securities at

Value*	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Common Stocks	\$ 140,139,599	\$	\$	\$ 140,139,599
Short Term Investment		3,957,000		3,957,000
Total	\$ 140,139,599	\$ 3,957,000	\$	\$ 144,096,599

<sup>\*</sup>See Schedule of Investments for industry classifications

For the period ended March 31, 2012, the Fund did not have any significant transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 securities. The Fund did not have any securities which used significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) in determining fair value.

#### Indemnification

In the normal course of business, the Fund enters into contracts that contain a variety of representations and warranties and which provide general indemnities. The Fund s maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown, as this would involve future claims against the Fund. Also, under the Fund s organizational documents and by contract, the Directors and Officers of the Fund are indemnified against certain liabilities that may arise out of their duties to the Fund. However, based on experience, the Fund expects the risk of loss due to these warranties and indemnities to be minimal.

#### **Maryland Statutes**

By resolution of the Board of Directors, the Fund has opted into the Maryland Control Share Acquisition Act and the Maryland Business Combination Act. In general, the Maryland Control Share Acquisition Act provides that control shares of a Maryland corporation acquired in a control share acquisition may not be voted except to the extent approved by shareholders at a meeting by a vote of two-thirds of the votes entitled to be cast on the matter (excluding shares owned by the acquiror and by officers or directors who are employees of the corporation).

Control shares are voting shares of stock which, if aggregated with all other shares of stock owned by the acquiror or in respect of which the acquiror is able to exercise or direct the exercise of voting power (except solely by virtue of a revocable proxy), would entitle the acquiror to exercise voting power in electing directors within certain statutorily defined ranges (one-tenth but less than one-third, one-third but less than a majority, and more than a majority of the voting power). In general, the Maryland Business Combination Act prohibits an interested shareholder (a shareholder that holds 10% or more of the voting power of the outstanding stock of the corporation) of a Maryland corporation from engaging in a business combination (generally defined to include a merger, consolidation, share exchange, sale of a substantial amount of assets, a transfer of the corporation is securities and similar transactions to or with the interested shareholder or an entity affiliated with the interested shareholder) with the corporation for a period of five years after the most recent date on which the interested shareholder became an interested shareholder. At the time of adoption, March 19, 2009, the Board and the Fund were not aware of any shareholder that held control shares or that was an interested shareholder under the statutes.

#### Item 2 - Controls and Procedures.

- (a) The registrant s Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer have evaluated the registrant s disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 30a-3(c) under the Investment Company Act of 1940) within 90 days of this filing and have concluded that the registrant s disclosure controls and procedures were effective, as of that date.
- (b) There was no change in the registrant s internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the Investment Company Act of 1940) during registrant s last fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant s internal control over financial reporting.

## Item 3 Exhibits.

Separate certifications for the registrant s Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer, as required by Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and Rule 30a-2(a) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, are attached as Ex99.CERT.

## **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

LIBERTY ALL-STAR GROWTH FUND, INC.

By: /s/ William Parmentier
William Parmentier
President (principal executive officer)

Date: May 29, 2012

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

By: /s/ William Parmentier
William Parmentier
President (principal executive officer)

Date: May 29, 2012

By: /s/ Jeremy O. May Jeremy O. May

Treasurer (principal financial officer)

Date: May 29, 2012