AIP Multi-Strategy Fund A Form N-Q November 25, 2014

# **UNITED STATES**

# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

FORM N-Q

# QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS

# OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY

Investment Company Act file number: 811-22192

AIP Multi-Strategy Fund A

(Exact Name of Registrant as specified in Charter)

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(Address of principal executive offices)

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Morgan Stanley Investment Management Inc.

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(Name and address of agent for service)

Registrant s Telephone Number, including Area Code: (212) 296-6970

Date of fiscal year end: December 31

Date of reporting period: September 30, 2014

## Item 1. Schedule of Investments.

The Registrant s schedule of investments as of the close of the reporting period prepared pursuant to Rule 12-12 of Regulation S-X is as follows:

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### AIP Multi-Strategy Fund A

## Schedule of Investments (Unaudited)

### September 30, 2014

	First Acquisition		Fair	Percent of Net
Description	Date	Cost	Value	Assets
Investment Funds				
Commodity Trading Advisors - Managed Futures				
Two Sigma Absolute Return Macro Cayman Fund, Ltd.	7/1/2014	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,011,704	3.06%
Total Commodity Trading Advisors - Managed Futures		2,000,000	2,011,704	3.06
Distressed				
Monarch Debt Recovery Fund Ltd	3/1/2011	1,650,000	2,094,350	3.18
York Credit Opportunities Unit Trust	5/1/2010	1,900,000	2,628,170	4.00
Total Distressed		3,550,000	4,722,520	7.18
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Equity Long/Short - High Hedge				
Citadel Tactical Trading Ltd.	7/1/2010	585,060	1,214,346	1.84
Millennium International, Ltd.	5/1/2010	2,225,534	3,017,869	4.59
Visium Balanced Offshore Fund, Ltd.	3/1/2011	1,100,000	1,538,425	2.34
Total Equity Long/Short - High Hedge		3,910,594	5,770,640	8.77
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Equity Long/Short - Opportunistic				
Anchor Bolt Offshore Fund, Ltd.	1/1/2014	2,500,000	2,937,169	4.47
Broadway Gate Offshore Fund, Ltd.	5/1/2010	1,275,000	1,748,407	2.66
Bronson Point Offshore Fund Ltd.	7/1/2013	2,300,000	2,447,295	3.72
Destrier Capital Partners, Ltd.	9/1/2013	2,400,000	2,672,570	4.06
Doonbeg Fund, Ltd.	6/1/2013	2,300,000	2,375,334	3.61
East Side Capital Offshore, Ltd.	5/1/2010	1,500,000	2,188,367	3.33
Lansdowne Global Financials Fund Limited	5/1/2010	2,389,030	2,324,621	3.53
Quentec Fund, Ltd.	11/1/2012	1,550,000	2,081,883	3.16
Total Equity Long/Short - Opportunistic		16,214,030	18,775,646	28.54

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## Schedule of Investments (Unaudited) (continued)

### September 30, 2014

	First Acquisition		Fair	Percent of Net
Description	Date	Cost	Value	Assets
Investment Funds (continued)				
Event Driven Equity				
Ionic Event Driven Fund Ltd.	8/1/2013	\$ 2,550,000	\$ 2,652,209	4.03%
Total Event Driven Equity		2,550,000	2,652,209	4.03
Macro				
Brevan Howard Fund Limited	6/1/2010	1,801,727	1,987,228	3.02
D.E. Shaw Oculus International Fund	5/1/2010	1,550,000	2,264,986	3.44
Discovery Global Opportunity Fund, Ltd.	5/1/2010	1,250,000	1,772,942	2.70
Fortress Asia Macro Fund Ltd	8/1/2011	2,200,000	2,564,583	3.90
Stone Milliner Macro Fund Inc.	12/1/2013	2,550,000	2,751,447	4.18
Trient Global Macro Fund	10/1/2013	2,000,000	2,045,480	3.11
Total Macro		11,351,727	13,386,666	20.35
Merger/Risk Arbitrage				
Magnetar Global Event Driven Fund Ltd	7/1/2011	2,625,000	3,126,822	4.76
Total Merger/Risk Arbitrage		2,625,000	3,126,822	4.76
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Mortgage Arbitrage				
Cerberus RMBS Opportunities Feeder Fund, Ltd.	1/1/2012	1,999,622	2,749,445	4.18
Midway Market Neutral International Fund, Ltd.	4/1/2013	2,700,000	3,111,014	4.73
SPM Core Offshore Fund, Ltd.	12/1/2010	1,723,819	2,619,072	3.98
Tilden Park Offshore Investment Fund Ltd.	3/1/2012	2,100,000	3,441,258	5.23
Total Mortgage Arbitrage		8,523,441	11,920,789	18.12
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## Schedule of Investments (Unaudited) (continued)

### September 30, 2014

	First			Fair	Percent
Description	Acquisition Date	Cost		Value	of Net Assets
Investment Funds (continued)					
Multi-Strategy					
Citadel Kensington Global Strategies Fund Ltd.	11/1/2011	\$ 2,300,000	\$	3,552,144	5.40%
Farallon Capital Offshore Investors, Inc.	5/1/2010	2,200,000		2,571,444	3.91
HBK Multi-Strategy Offshore Fund Ltd.	5/1/2010	2,000,000		2,557,563	3.89
QVT Offshore Ltd.	1/1/2014	2,400,000		2,397,625	3.64
Total Multi-Strategy		8,900,000		11,078,776	16.84
Statistical Arbitrage					
GSA International Fund Limited	2/1/2011	1,648,826		2,255,756	3.43
Two Sigma Eclipse Cayman Fund, Ltd.	4/1/2011	643,446		963,861	1.46
Two Sigma Spectrum Cayman Fund, Ltd.	5/1/2010	1,752,858		2,417,766	3.68
Total Statistical Arbitrage		4,045,130		5,637,383	8.57
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Total Investments in Investment Funds		\$ 63,669,922		79,083,155	120.22
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Liabilities in excess of Other Assets				(13,301,991)	(20.22)
				(13,301,771)	(20.22)
Total Net Assets			\$	65.781.164	100.00%
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### Schedule of Investments (Unaudited) (continued)

September 30, 2014

	Percent of Net
Strategy Allocation	Assets
Equity Long/Short - Opportunistic	28.54%
Macro	20.35
Mortgage Arbitrage	18.12
Multi-Strategy	16.84
Equity Long/Short - High Hedge	8.77
Statistical Arbitrage	8.57
Distressed	7.18
Merger/Risk Arbitrage	4.76
Event Driven Equity	4.03
Commodity Trading Advisors - Managed Futures	3.06
Total Investments in Investment Funds	120.22%

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#### Notes to Schedule of Investments

#### **Portfolio Valuation**

The Board of Trustees (the Board ) of AIP Multi-Strategy Fund A (the Fund ) has approved procedures pursuant to which the Fund values its investments in Investment Funds at fair value, which ordinarily will be the amount equal to the Fund s pro rata interest in the net assets of each such Investment Fund, as such value is supplied by, or on behalf of, the Investment Fund s investment manager from time to time, usually monthly. Values received from, or on behalf of, the Investment Funds respective investment managers are typically estimates only, subject to subsequent revision by such investment managers. Such values are generally net of management fees and performance incentive fees or allocations payable to the Investment Funds managers or general partners pursuant to the Investment Funds operating agreements. The Investment Funds value their underlying investments in accordance with policies established by each Investment Fund, as described in each of their financial statements or offering memoranda. The Fund s investments in Investment Funds are subject to the terms and conditions of the respective operating agreements and offering memoranda, as appropriate.

The Fund s investment adviser (the Adviser ) has designed ongoing due diligence processes with respect to Investment Funds and their investment managers, which assist the Adviser in assessing the quality of information provided by, or on behalf of, each Investment Fund and in determining whether such information continues to be reliable or whether further investigation is necessary. Such investigation, as applicable, may or may not require the Adviser to forego its normal reliance on the value supplied by, or on behalf of, such Investment Fund and to determine independently the fair value of the Fund s interest in such Investment Fund, consistent with the Fund s fair valuation procedures.

Where no value is readily available from an Investment Fund or where a value supplied by an Investment Fund is deemed by the Adviser not to be indicative of its fair value, the Adviser will determine the fair value of the Investment Fund. In order to determine the fair value of these Investment Funds, the Adviser has established the Fund of Hedge Funds Valuation Committee (the Valuation Committee). The Valuation Committee is responsible for determining and implementing the Fund's valuation policies and procedures, which have been adopted by the Board, and are subject to Board supervision. The Valuation Committee consists of voting members from Morgan Stanley's accounting, financial reporting and risk management groups, and non-voting members from portfolio management, legal and compliance groups. A member of the portfolio management team may attend each Valuation Committee meeting to provide knowledge, insight, and recommendations on valuation techniques such as a market, income, or cost approach. In applying these valuation techniques, the portfolio management team uses their knowledge of the Investment Fund, industry expertise, information obtained through communication with the Investment Fund's investment manager, and available relevant information as it considers material. After consideration of the portfolio management team s recommendation, the Valuation Committee will determine, in good faith, the fair value of the Investment Fund. Because of the inherent uncertainty of valuation, the fair values of the Fund's investments may differ significantly from the values that would have been used had a ready market for these Investment Funds held by the Fund been available.

#### **Fair Value of Financial Instruments**

The fair value of the Fund s assets and liabilities that qualify as financial instruments approximates the carrying amounts presented in the Schedule of Investments. Fair value is defined as the price that the Fund would receive to sell an investment or pay to transfer a liability in a timely transaction with an independent buyer in the principal market, or in the absence of a principal market the most advantageous

market for the investment or liability. The Fund uses a three-tier hierarchy to distinguish between (a) inputs that reflect the assumptions market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability developed based on market data obtained from sources independent of the reporting entity (observable inputs) and (b) inputs that reflect the reporting entity s own assumptions about the assumptions market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability developed based on the best information available in the circumstances (unobservable inputs) and to establish classification of fair value measurements for disclosure purposes. Various inputs are used in determining the fair value of the Fund s investments. The inputs are summarized in the three broad levels listed below:

Level 1 quoted prices in active markets for identical investments

Level 2 other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar investments), fair value of investments for which the Fund has the ability to fully redeem tranches at net asset value as of the measurement date or within the near term or short-term investments that are valued at amortized cost

Level 3 significant unobservable inputs (including the Fund s own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments) or fair value of investments for which the Fund does not have the ability to fully redeem tranches at net asset value as of the measurement date or within the near term

The inputs or methodology used for valuing investments are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those investments.

The units of account that are valued by the Fund are its interests in the Investment Funds or other financial instruments and not the underlying holdings of such Investment Funds or other financial instruments. Thus, the inputs used by the Fund to value its investments in each of the Investment Funds or other financial instruments may differ from the inputs used to value the underlying holdings of such Investment Funds or other financial instruments.

The Fund s policy is to recognize transfers between Levels 1, 2, or 3 and transfers due to strategy reclassification, if any, as if they occurred as of the beginning of the reporting period. For the period from January 1, 2014 to September 30, 2014, the Fund did not have any transfers between Levels 1 and 2.

The following is a summary of the inputs used for investment tranches as of September 30, 2014 in valuing the Fund s investments carried at fair value:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Investment Funds				
Commodity Trading Advisors - Managed Futures	\$	\$ 2,011,704	\$	\$ 2,011,704
Distressed		328,615	4,393,905	4,722,520
Equity Long/Short - High Hedge		2,752,771	3,017,869	5,770,640
Equity Long/Short - Opportunistic		16,103,077	2,672,569	18,775,646
Event Driven Equity		2,083,238	568,971	2,652,209
Macro		13,386,666		13,386,666
Merger/Risk Arbitrage			3,126,822	3,126,822
Mortgage Arbitrage		5,730,085	6,190,704	11,920,789
Multi-Strategy		6,123,588	4,955,188	11,078,776
Statistical Arbitrage		5,637,383		5,637,383

**Total Investment Funds** 

\$

\$ 54.157.127

\$ 24,926,028

\$79.083.155

The following is a reconciliation of Level 3 investment tranches for the period from January 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014:

							Net change	
							in	
	Balance as of						unrealized	Balance as of
	December 31,	Transfers	Transfers		N	ot roalize	edappreciation/	September 30,
		into	out of		1	gain	<i>cu</i>	_
Investment Funds	2013	Level 3*	Level 3*	Purchases	Sales	(loss)	depreciation	2014
Distressed	\$ 2,578,633	\$ 1,499,048	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 316,224	\$ 4,393,905
Equity Long/Short - High Hedge	2,807,289						210,580	3,017,869
Equity Long/Short - Opportunistic	2,790,625		(547,395)	250,000			179,339	2,672,569
Event Driven Equity	251,800			300,000			17,171	568,971
Merger/Risk Arbitrage	2,470,753			500,000			156,069	3,126,822
Mortgage Arbitrage	5,608,756						581,948	6,190,704
Multi-Strategy	3,995,781		(1,789,058)	2,650,000			98,465	4,955,188
<b>Total Investment Funds</b>	\$ 20,503,637	\$ 1,499,048	\$ (2,336,453)	\$ 3,700,000	\$	\$	\$ 1,559,796	\$ 24,926,028

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Investment Funds		
Distressed	\$	316,224
Equity Long/Short - High Hedge		210,580
Equity Long/Short - Opportunistic		179,339
Event Driven Equity		17,171
Merger/Risk Arbitrage		156,069
Mortgage Arbitrage		581,948
Multi-Strategy		98,465
Total Investment Funds	\$	1,559,796

\* Transfers into Level 3 of \$1,499,048 and out of Level 3 of \$2,336,453 are due to changes in the Fund s ability to fully redeem investment tranches, based on changes to the available redemption date for each applicable investment tranche.

As of September 30, 2014, all of the Level 3 investment tranches were fair valued based on non-quantitative unobservable valuation inputs.

## **Item 2. Controls and Procedures**

- (a) The Registrant s principal executive officer and principal financial officer have concluded that the Registrant s disclosure controls and procedures are sufficient to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Registrant in the form N-Q was recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission s rules and forms, based upon such officers evaluation of these controls and procedures as of a date within 90 days of the filing date of the report.
- (b) There were no changes or corrective actions during the Registrant s third fiscal quarter with regard to significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in the Registrant s internal controls over financial reporting or in other factors that could materially affect the Registrant s internal controls over financial reporting.
  Item 3. Exhibits
- (a) Certifications of Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer attached to the report as part of EX-99. CERT.

# SIGNATURES

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

(Registrant) AIP Multi-Strategy Fund A

By:/s/ John H. GernonName:John H. GernonTitle:Principal Executive OfficerDate:November 25, 2014Pursuant to the requirement of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, thisreport has been signed by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the datesindicated.

By:/s/ John H. GernonName:John H. GernonTitle:Principal Executive OfficerDate:November 25, 2014

By:	/s/ Noel Langlois
Name:	Noel Langlois
Title:	Principal Financial Officer
Date:	November 25, 2014