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## SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT

# THE FAIRHOLME FUND

A No-Load Capital Appreciation Fund

For the Six Months Ended: May 31, 2002

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# THE FAIRHOLME FUND SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT 2002

July 12, 2002

Dear Fellow Shareholder,

Below is a comparison of the Fund's performance and that of the Standard & Poor's 500 Index (with dividends reinvested) for the six-month period ended May 31, 2002.

	6 Months Ended May 31, 2002	Since Inception
The Fairholme Fund	+8.9%	+66.4%
S&P 500 Index	-5.7%	-25.2%

The Fund experienced good absolute and relative performance. Positive trends continue in the property-casualty insurance industry. Improvements in policy rates and terms are just beginning to translate into higher earnings. Meanwhile, the excesses of the last few years continue to weigh on market indexes. Despite the large price declines of many of yesterday's favorites, investors may be surprised to find that an eventually improving economy may not help companies whose market values still exceed intrinsic values. However, continued distress in some of today's troubled industries may allow us to eventually uncover a few companies that meet the Fund's investment criteria.

We have placed great emphasis on finding good businesses run by decent, honest, and talented managers – which has helped us avoid much of the inevitable hangover caused by foolish behavior in recent years. Markel Corporation, a specialty insurer, has many of the characteristics we seek. The company's accounting is conservative and management has a record of generating excellent returns for owners. Compensation to employees is fair and management spends significant time discussing past mistakes and future risks when communicating to shareholders (and all businesses have risks, despite what you hear at many meetings and read in most company reports).

In recent weeks, investors have relearned a basic truth about markets – prices go down as well as up. While emotionally taxing, down markets give us what we need to earn above-average returns – low prices for excellent businesses. With investments in Markel and other sensible companies engineered to take advantage of difficult times, your adviser looks forward to the future. The seeds of future gains are sowed in tough markets.

On an administrative note, The Fairholme Fund's new transfer agent is Citco-Quaker Fund Services, Inc. Their details are on the back cover of this report. Please call Citco if you need assistance with your account or with new purchases.

To learn more about The Fairholme Fund and its adviser, Fairholme Capital Management, please visit <a href="https://www.fairholmefunds.com">www.fairholmefunds.com</a>. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Bruce R. Berkowitz

Lawrence S. Pitkowsky

Keith D. Trauner

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SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS May 31, 2002 (Unaudited)

Shares		Market Value
	COMMON STOCKS - 69.11%	
180,000	COMPUTERS - 2.37% Gateway, Inc.*	\$ 964,800
7,324	DIVERSIFIED HOLDING COMPANY - 32.00% Alleghany Corp.*	1,361,165
3,970 54,500	Berkshire Hathaway, Inc.* Leucadia National Corp.	9,813,840 1,871,530
30,000	FINANCIAL SERVICES - 3.13% American Express Co.	13,046,535
9,000	GOLD ORES - 0.48%	196,200
	Barrick Gold Corp.  HOME FURNISHINGS - 1.68%	
18,000	Ethan Allen Interiors, Inc.  HOSPITAL/MEDICAL SERVICES - 2.37%	684,900
20,000	Oxford Health Plans*	964,000
7,300 100	NEWSPAPERS: PUBLISHING AND PRINTING - 0.64% Daily Journal Corp.* Washington Post Co.	197,100 61,740
	PERSONAL CREDIT INSTITUTIONS - 7.95%	258,840
57,600 3,200	Household International, Inc. Student Loan Corp.	2,946,240 295,936 3,242,176
	PROPERTY & CASUALTY INSURANCE - 14.11%	
9,821 17,000 8,100	Markel Corp.* Mercury General Corp. White Mountains Insurance Group Ltd.	2,054,160 820,250 2,875,500
0,100	RACING, INCLUDING TRACK OPERATIONS - 2.08%	5,749,910
20,784	International Speedway Corp.	848,611
570,500	REAL ESTATE OPERATIONS - 1.23% Homefed Corp.*	502,040
	The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.	

SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (Continued) May 31, 2002 (Unaudited)

<b>Shares</b>	RETAIL APPAREL - 0.72%	Market Value
14,000	TJX Cos., Inc.	\$ 295,260
5,000	SAVINGS & LOANS - 0.35%  New York Community Bancorp, Inc.	142,050
TOTAL CO	MMON STOCKS (COST \$22,477,040)	28,170,622
	CLOSED-END MUTUAL FUNDS - 2.94%	
35,000	Boulder Total Return Fund	641,200
30,003	Gladstone Capital Corp.	558,056
TOTAL CL	OSED-END MUTUAL FUNDS (COST \$970,599)	1,199,256
	FOREIGN INVESTMENTS - 2.76%	
350,000	JZ Equity Partners PLC**	800,559
24,600	Onex Corp.***	325,876
TOTAL FO	REIGN INVESTMENTS (COST \$1,119,524)	1,126,435
	U.S. TREASURY OBLIGATIONS - 17.29%	
2,000,000	Treasury Bill 06/06/2002	1,999,451
2,000,000	Treasury Note 3.00%, 11/30/2003	2,000,420
3,000,000	Treasury Note 4.00%, 04/30/2003	3,048,173
TOTAL U.S	TREASURY OBLIGATIONS (COST \$7,048,469)	7,048,044
	CASH EQUIVALENTS - 8.95%	
	MONEY MARKET FUNDS	
3,649,661	UMB Money Market	3,649,661
TOTAL CA	SH EQUIVALENTS (COST \$3,649,661)	3,649,661
	TOTAL INVESTMENTS (COST \$35,265,293) - 101.05%	41,194,018
	LIABILITIES IN EXCESS OF OTHER ASSETS - (1.05)%	(428,584)
NET ASSE	rs - 100.00%	\$40,765,434
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

<sup>\*</sup> Non-Income Producing Securities

\*\* United Kingdom Security Denominated in U.S. Dollars

\*\*\* Canadian Security Denominated in U.S. Dollars

	STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES May 31, 2002 (Unaudited)
Assets	
Investments, at market value (cost - \$35,265,293)	\$41,194,018
Cash	497
Dividends and Interest Receivable	170,009
Receivable for Capital Shares Purchased	88,900
Total Assets	41,453,424
Liabilities	
Payable for Investments Purchased	501,755
Payable for Capital Shares Redeemed	_
Accrued Management Fees	33,235
Total Liabilities	534,990
Net Assets	
Paid-In Capital	33,979,038
Undistributed Net Investment Income	(25,460)
Net Accumulated Realized Gain/(Loss) on Investments	883,131
Net Unrealized Appreciation/(Depreciation) on Investments	5,928,725
NET ASSETS:	<u>\$40,765,434</u>
Capital Shares of Beneficial Interest Outstanding	2,515,761
Net Asset Value Per Share	\$ 16.20

# STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

	For the Six Months Ended May 31, 2002 (Unaudited)
Investment Income	
Interest and Dividends	\$ 153,033
Total Investment Income	153,033
Expenses	
Management Fees (Note 3)	165,660
Total Expenses	165,660
Net Investment Income	(12,627)
Realized and Unrealized Gain/(Loss) on Investments	
Realized Gain/(Loss) on Investments	883,100
Unrealized Appreciation/(Depreciation) on Investments	1,771,844
Net Realized and Unrealized Gain/(Loss) on Investments	2,654,944
NET INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS FROM OPERATIONS:	\$ 2,642,317

# STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

	For the Six Months Ended May 31, 2002 (Unaudited)	For the Fiscal Year Ended November 30, 2001
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS:		
From Operations:		
Net Investment Income	\$ (12,627)	\$ 56,268
Net Realized Gain/(Loss) on Investments	883,100	165,314
Net Change Unrealized Appreciation/(Depreciation)	1,771,844	1,861,815
Increase/(Decrease) in Net Assets from Operations	2,642,317	2,083,397
From Distributions to Shareholders:		
Net Investment Income	(55,270)	(41,914)
Net Realized Gains from Security Transactions	(165,284)	(266,851)
Net Decrease in Net Assets from Distributions	(220,554)	(308,765)
From Capital Share Transactions:		
Proceeds from Sale of Shares	11,198,443	14,301,172
Shares Issued in Reinvestment of Dividends	219,557	308,371
Cost of Shares Redeemed	(1,827,110)	(1,541,315)
Net Increase in Net Assets from Shareholder Activity	9,590,890	13,068,228
NET ASSETS:		
Increase in Net Assets	12,012,653	14,842,860
Net Assets at Beginning of Period	28,752,781	13,909,921
Net Assets at End of Period (including accumulated undistributed net investment income of \$(25,460) and		
\$42,438 respectively)	<u>\$40,765,434</u>	<u>\$28,752,781</u>
CAPITAL SHARE TRANSACTIONS:		
Issued	702,077	976,437
Reinvested	14,239	20,992
Redeemed	(118,642)	(106,147)
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Shares	597,674	891,292
Shares Outstanding at Beginning of Period	1,918,087	1,026,805
Shares Outstanding at End of Period	2,515,761	1,918,087

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

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	For the Six Months Ended May 31, 2002	For the Fiscal Year Ended November 30, 2001	December 29, 1999* to November 30, 2000
NET ASSET VALUE, BEGINNING OF PERIOD	<u>\$14.99</u>	\$13.55	\$10.00
<b>Investment Operations</b>			
Net Investment Income/(Loss)	(0.01)	0.05	0.05
Net Realized and Unrealized Gain/(Loss)			
on Investments	1.34	1.67	3.50
Total from Investment Operations	1.33	1.72	3.55
Distributions			
From Net Investment Income	(0.03)	(0.04)	0.00
From Realized Capital Gains	(0.09)	(0.24)	0.00
Total Distributions	(0.12)	(0.28)	0.00
NET ASSET VALUE, END OF PERIOD	<u>\$16.20</u>	<u>\$14.99</u>	<u>\$13.55</u>
TOTAL RETURN	8.89%	12.75%	35.50%
Ratios/Supplemental Data			
Net Assets, End of Period (in 000's)	\$40,765	\$28,753	\$13,910
Ratio of Expenses to Average Net Assets** Ratio of Net Investment Income/(Loss) to	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%
Average Net Assets**	(0.08)%	0.24%	0.46%
Portfolio Turnover Rate**	18.48%	29.40%	45.88%

<sup>\*</sup>Commencement of Operations \*\*Annualized

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS May 31, 2002

## Note 1. Organization

Fairholme Funds Inc. (the "Company"), a Maryland Corporation, is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, as a non-diversified, open-end management Investment Company. The Company's Articles of Incorporation permit the Board to issue 100,000,000 shares of common stock at .0001 par value. The Board of Directors has the power to designate one or more separate and distinct series and/or classes of shares of common stock and to classify or reclassify any shares not issued with the respect to such series. Shares of one series have been authorized, which shares constitute the interests in the The Fairholme Fund (the "Fund"). The Fund's investment objective is to provide long-term capital appreciation. The Fund seeks to achieve its objective by investing in common stocks without restrictions regarding market capitalization. The Fund will invest 75% of total net assets in U.S. common stocks and intends to hold a focused portfolio of no more than 25 stocks.

## Note 2. Significant Accounting Policies

The following is a summary of significant accounting policies followed by the Fund in the preparation of its financial statements.

Security Valuation: Securities, which are traded on any exchange or on the NASDAQ over-the-counter market, are valued at the last quoted sale price. Lacking a last sale price, a security is valued at its last bid price except when, in the Adviser's opinion, the last bid price does not accurately reflect the current value of the security. All other securities for which over-the-counter market quotations are readily available are valued at their last bid price. When market quotations are not readily available, when the Adviser determines the last bid price does not accurately reflect the current value or when restricted securities are being valued, such securities are valued as determined in good faith by the Adviser, in conformity with guidelines adopted by and subject to review of the Directors of the Company.

Fixed income securities generally are valued by using market quotations, but may be valued on the basis of prices furnished by a pricing service when the Adviser believes such prices accurately reflect the fair market value of such securities. A pricing service utilizes electronic data processing techniques based on yield spreads relating to securities with similar characteristics to determine prices for normal institutional-size trading units of debt securities without regard to sale or bid prices. When prices are not readily available from a pricing service, or when restricted or illiquid securities are being valued, securities are valued at fair value as determined in good faith by the Adviser, subject to review of the Directors of the Company. Short term investments in fixed income securities with maturities of less than 60 days when acquired, or which subsequently are within 60 days of maturity, are valued by using the amortized cost method of valuation, which the Adviser has determined will represent fair value.

Federal Income Taxes: The Fund intends to qualify each year as a "Regulated Investment Company" under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. By so qualifying, the Fund will not be subject to federal income taxes to the extent that it distributes substantially all of its net investment income and any realized capital gains.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued) May 31, 2002

*Dividends and Distributions:* The Fund intends to distribute substantially all of its net investment income as dividends to its shareholders on an annual basis. The Fund intends to distribute its net long-term capital gains and its net short-term capital gains at least once a year.

Estimates: The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reported period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Other: The Fund follows industry practice and records security transactions on the trade date plus one. The specific identification method is used for determining gains or losses for financial statements and income tax purposes. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date and interest income is recorded on an accrued basis. Discounts and premiums on securities purchased are amortized over the life of the respective securities.

## Note 3. Related Party Transactions

Fairholme Capital Management, L.L.C (the "Adviser"), serves as investment adviser to the Fund. The Adviser is a Delaware limited liability company and is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission as an investment adviser. The Adviser's principal business and occupation is to provide financial management and advisory services to individuals, corporations, and other institutions throughout the world. The Fund pays the Adviser for its advisory and administrative services, an annualized management fee equal to 1.00% (0.50% of which are investment advisory fees and 0.50% for administrative and other services) of the average net assets of the Fund, such fees to be computed daily based upon the daily average net assets of the Fund. The investment adviser received \$165,660 for their services during the six months. Certain directors and officers of Fairholme Funds, Inc. are also members and officers of Fairholme Capital Management, LLC.

The beneficial ownership, either directly or indirectly, of more than 25% of the voting securities of a fund creates a presumption of control of the fund, under Section 2(a)(9) of the Investment Company Act of 1940. As of May 31, 2002, National Financial Services Corp., for the benefit of its customers, owned over 65% of the Fund.

## Note 4. Investments

For the period ending May 31, 2002 purchases and sales of investment securities, other than short-term investments, aggregated \$15,812,268 and \$5,469,754, respectively. The gross unrealized appreciation for all securities totaled \$6,115,982 and the gross unrealized depreciation for all securities totaled (\$187,257) for a net unrealized appreciation of \$5,928,725. The aggregate cost of securities for federal income tax purposes at May 31, 2002 was \$35,265,076.



