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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 11-K**

x **ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012**

**OR**

.. **TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 [NO FEE REQUIRED]**

**For the transition period \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_**

**Commission file number: 000-11399**

A. Full title of the plan and address of the plan, if different from that of the issuer named below:  
**Cintas Partners Plan**

B. Name of issuer of the securities held pursuant to the plan and the address of its principal executive office:

**Cintas Corporation**

**6800 Cintas Boulevard**

**P.O. Box 625737**

**Cincinnati, Ohio 45262-5737**

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the trustees (or other persons who administer the employee benefit plan) have duly caused this annual report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

CINTAS PARTNERS PLAN

Date: June 28, 2013

By: /s/ Thomas E. Frooman  
Thomas E. Frooman, Vice President & Secretary-General Counsel

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December 31, 2012 and 2011 and

Year Ended December 31, 2012

With Report of Independent Registered Public

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Cintas Corporation Partners Plan

Financial Statements and Supplemental Schedule

December 31, 2012 and 2011 and Year Ended December 31, 2012

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Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

Board of Directors of Cintas Corporation

We have audited the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits of the Cintas Corporation Partners' Plan as of December 31, 2012 and 2011, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2012. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Cintas Corporation Partners' Plan's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. We were not engaged to perform an audit of the Cintas Corporation Partners' Plan's internal control over financial reporting. Our audits included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Cintas Corporation Partners' Plan's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the Cintas Corporation Partners' Plan at December 31, 2012 and 2011, and the changes in its net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2012, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements taken as a whole. The accompanying supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2012, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audits of the financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

/s/ Ernst & Young

June 28, 2013

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## Cintas Corporation Partners Plan

## Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

	December 31	
	2012	2011
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash	\$ 467,791	\$
Investments, at fair value:		
Interest-bearing cash	15,393,467	10,992,693
Cintas Corporation Common Stock Fund	109,800,099	95,502,349
Shares of common/collective trust	36,484,178	
Shares of registered investment companies	468,668,693	417,528,933
Cintas Stable Value Fund (contract value of \$134,912,204 and \$138,376,952, respectively)	137,815,141	140,175,519
<b>Total investments, at fair value</b>	<b>768,161,578</b>	664,199,494
Receivables:		
Notes receivable from participants	27,271,855	25,263,444
Participant contributions		982,703
Interest income and dividends	5,704,227	3,919,806
	<b>32,976,082</b>	30,165,953
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>801,605,451</b>	694,365,447
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Other payable		2,493,880
Net assets reflecting investments at fair value	801,605,451	691,871,567
Adjustment from fair value to contract value for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts	(2,902,937)	(1,798,567)
<b>Net assets available for benefits</b>	<b>\$ 798,702,514</b>	<b>\$ 690,073,000</b>

*See accompanying notes.*

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Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

Year Ended December 31, 2012

**Additions**

Investment income:	
Interest and dividends	\$ 16,579,085
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	64,622,954
	81,202,039
Interest income on notes receivable from participants	1,038,499
<b>Contributions:</b>	
Employer	26,029,000
Participants	57,291,818
Rollovers	1,492,687
<b>Total contributions</b>	<b>84,813,505</b>
Total additions	167,054,043
<b>Deductions</b>	
Benefit payments	57,832,522
Administrative expenses	592,007
Total deductions	58,424,529
Net increase	108,629,514
Net assets available for benefits at the beginning of the year	690,073,000
Net assets available for benefits at end of year	\$ 798,702,514

*See accompanying notes.*

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Cintas Corporation Partners Plan

Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2012

**1. Description of the Plan**

The following description of the Cintas Corporation Partners Plan (the Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the *Summary Plan Description* for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

**General**

Cintas Corporation (the Company) established the Plan on June 1, 1991, upon the merger of the Cintas Corporation Profit Sharing Plan and the Cintas Corporation Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP). Effective June 1993, the Plan was amended to enable United States employees of the Company (the Participants) to make voluntary pre-tax contributions.

The Plan is a defined-contribution plan designed to comply with the appropriate regulations of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code) as amended, and is subject to the applicable provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) as amended. The Company administers the Plan, and Fifth Third Bank serves as the Plan trustee.

**Eligibility and Participation**

The Participants are generally eligible to participate in the tax-deferred contribution portion of the Plan after three months of service. The Participants are eligible to participate in all other portions of the Plan after reaching 1,000 hours of service and will receive an allocation of the Company's contributions made as of the end of the fiscal year (May 31) provided they work at least 1,000 hours during the preceding Plan year and are employed by the Company on the last day of the Company's fiscal year.

**Contributions**

A Participant is permitted to make voluntary pre-tax contributions to the Plan in any whole percent of the Participant's annual compensation from 1% to 75%. At its discretion, the Board of Directors of the Company may authorize a matching contribution of the Participants' pre-tax contributions.

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Cintas Corporation Partners Plan

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

**1. Description of the Plan (continued)**

A Participant may rollover proceeds of a lump-sum distribution from another qualified plan or transfer proceeds of a distribution from certain individual retirement accounts into the Participant's account. The Company's profit-sharing and ESOP contributions are allocated to the profit-sharing contributions account and the ESOP contributions account, respectively, and are made at the discretion of the Company's Board of Directors. All contributions are subject to certain limitations of the Code.

**Participant Accounts**

Each Participant's account is credited with the Participant's voluntary pre-tax contribution and an allocation of (i) the Company's profit-sharing contribution, (ii) the Company's ESOP contribution, (iii) the Company's matching contribution, (iv) forfeitures from the profit sharing, 401(k) matching, ESOP accounts, and (v) Plan earnings. Allocations for (i) and (ii) are based upon a point system, which takes into account compensation and years of service. The allocation for (iii) is equal to the eligible Participant's pre-tax contributions multiplied by the matching contribution percentage, if any, determined by the Board of Directors each year. The allocation for the profit-sharing and ESOP portions of (iv) is based upon the ratio of each Participant's eligible compensation to the total eligible compensation, provided that the Participant is eligible to receive a profit-sharing or ESOP allocation. The allocation for the 401(k) matching portion of (iv) is based upon the ratio of a Participant's 401(k) contributions to the total 401(k) contributions, provided that the Participant is eligible to receive a matching contribution. The allocation for (v) is based upon the ratio of each Participant's account value to the total value within the respective fund as of the valuation date.

**Forfeitures**

Forfeitures totaled \$1,470,510 and \$1,157,118 for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively, within the Plan. These funds may be used at the discretion of the Company; first, to restore forfeitures of Participants who are re-employed and next, to make administrative corrections and offset the cost of administration of the Plan. Thereafter, any remaining forfeitures may be allocated as described above in (iv). There were no re-allocations of forfeitures for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011.

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

**1. Description of the Plan (continued)**

**Investment Elections**

The ESOP's only investment option is the Company's common stock. The Company's Board of Directors determines the contribution made to the ESOP. The Plan allows Participants to direct their ESOP investments into one or more of the investment options described below once they have vested in their ESOP contributions. The Plan allows the Participants to direct their 401(k) pre-tax, after-tax, matching, rollover, and profit-sharing contributions into one or more of the following investment options.

The *Cintas Stable Value Fund* is a separately managed account that seeks to provide a stable rate of return while preserving principal. The Cintas Stable Value Fund invests in stable value funds, interest-bearing cash, guaranteed investment contracts (GICs) issued by insurance companies and other financial institutions, and other investment products (i.e., synthetic GICs) with similar characteristics.

The *PIMCO Total Return Fund* is a registered investment company (mutual fund) that seeks to provide total return consistent with preservation of capital strategies. The fund normally invests at least 65% of its assets in equity securities with the remaining 35% in fixed-income securities, including U.S. government securities, corporate bonds, and mortgage-related securities.

The *PIMCO Investment Grade Corporate Bond Fund* is a registered investment company (mutual fund) that seeks to maximize return and minimize risks consistent with preservation of capital strategies by investing in high-quality corporate bonds. The fund normally invests at least 80% of assets in a diversified portfolio of investment-grade corporate fixed-income securities of varying maturities.

The *PIMCO Real Return Fund* is a registered investment company (mutual fund) that seeks to provide a return in excess of inflation by investing in U.S. Treasury inflation protection securities, which are government bonds that provide a return linked to the rate of U.S. inflation as measured by the Consumer Price Index.

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Cintas Corporation Partners Plan

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

**1. Description of the Plan (continued)**

The *BlackRock LifePath Family of Funds* (*BlackRock Lifepath Retirement Fund, BlackRock Lifepath 2020 Fund, BlackRock Lifepath 2030 Fund, BlackRock Lifepath 2040 Fund, and BlackRock Lifepath 2050 Fund*) are registered investment companies (mutual funds) that seek long-term capital appreciation by investing in a portfolio that gradually shifts from a greater concentration of higher-risk investments (primarily equity securities) to a greater concentration of lower-risk investments (generally fixed-income securities and cash instruments) as retirement age approaches.

The *American Mutual Fund* is a registered investment company (mutual fund) that seeks to provide current income and growth of capital while preserving principal. The fund invests primarily in common stocks, securities convertible into common stocks, non-convertible preferred stocks, U.S. government securities, investment-grade corporate (BBB and above) bonds and cash.

The *T. Rowe Price Growth Stock Fund* is a registered investment company (mutual fund) that seeks to provide long-term capital growth and, secondarily, increase dividend income through investments in the common stocks of well-established growth companies. The Fund will normally invest at least 80% of its net assets in the common stocks of a diversified group of growth companies. The fund seeks investments in companies that have the ability to pay increasing dividends through strong cash flow and generally looks for companies with an above-average rate of earnings growth and a lucrative niche in the economy that gives them the ability to sustain earnings momentum even during times of slow economic growth.

The *Fifth Third Equity Index Fund* is a bank-sponsored collective investment fund that seeks long-term capital appreciation through replicating the holdings within the Standard & Poor's (S&P) 500 Index. Management of the fund attempts to mirror the transactions within the S&P 500 while buying and selling at the best available market prices.

The *Artisan Mid Cap Fund* is a registered investment company (mutual fund) that seeks long-term capital growth. The fund primarily invests in equity securities of mid-sized companies. The fund also seeks companies that have or are developing franchise characteristics, and that it believes to be undervalued.

The *American Europacific Growth Fund* is a registered investment company (mutual fund) that seeks long-term capital appreciation by investing in equity securities outside of the United States, including Europe and Asia. This large blend fund invests in a variety of large international equity securities and money market securities.

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## Cintas Corporation Partners Plan

## Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

**1. Description of the Plan (continued)**

The *T. Rowe Price Small-Cap Stock Fund* is a registered investment company (mutual fund) that invests in small-cap equity securities within the U.S. Companies considered as small-cap equity securities are those with a total market value below \$2 billion. Typically, the portfolio consists of small-cap companies that offer superior growth in earnings coupled with an attractive market price.

The *Vanguard Federal Money Market Fund* is a money market account that seeks to provide current income while maintaining liquidity and a stable share price of \$1. The fund invests primarily in short-term, fixed-income securities issued by U.S. government agencies.

The *Cintas Corporation Common Stock Fund* is a separately managed account that invests in common stock of the Company. Fifth Third Bank makes purchases of the Company's common stock for this fund either on the open market or directly from the Company. Fifth Third Bank determines when to purchase the Company's common stock for the fund. Until purchases are made, contributions are held in cash. The Participants, through a proxy, direct Fifth Third Bank how to vote on this common stock.

**Benefits and Vesting**

The benefits to which the Participants are entitled cannot exceed the value of the Plan's net assets. Employee pre-tax contributions, rollover contributions, and Plan earnings thereon vest immediately. Participants' vesting for their balances in the ESOP contributions account and profit-sharing contributions account are 100% vested after three years of service with no partial vesting. A Participant is vested in his or her Company matching contribution account with the following schedule:

<b>Years of Vesting Service</b>	<b>Percent Vested</b>
Fewer than 2 years	0%
2 years but fewer than 3 years	20%
3 years but fewer than 4 years	40%
4 years but fewer than 5 years	60%
5 years or more	100%

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Cintas Corporation Partners Plan

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

**1. Description of the Plan (continued)**

**Participant Loans**

The Participants may borrow, from their 401(k) funds, a minimum of \$500 up to a maximum of the lesser of 50% of the fair market value of the Participant's pre-tax contributions account, rollover contributions account, and vested transfer contributions account or \$50,000, less the Participant's highest outstanding loan balance during the 12-month period immediately preceding the date of the loan. Loans bear interest at a rate of 1% over the *Wall Street Journal* prime rate, and loan terms are not be less than six months or greater than five years. The balance in the Participant's account secures the loan.

Principal and interest are paid ratably through periodic payroll deductions. Outstanding loans become immediately due and payable if a Participant terminates employment.

**Payment of Benefits**

On termination of employment, a Participant may receive a lump-sum amount of his or her 401(k) contributions, including the Participant's pre-tax, rollover, after-tax, and transfer contributions, as soon as administratively practicable after the Participant has separated from the Company.

A Participant may receive a lump-sum amount of the vested portions of his or her ESOP contribution account, profit-sharing contribution account, and Company matching contribution account as soon as administratively practical after he or she has been separated from the Company if one of the following applies: (i) the Participant is age 55 or older; (ii) the Participant has 15 or more years of credited service; or (iii) the Participant's total vested Company contributions and earnings are \$5,000 or less. If none of the above applies, the Participant is eligible to receive his or her ESOP contributions account, profit-sharing contribution account, and Company matching contribution account after the Participant has been separated from the Company for a period of one year, or after the Participant reaches age 55, whichever is earlier.

The normal form of payment is a lump sum in cash; however, a Participant shall have the right to receive his or her vested account (i) in monthly, quarterly, semi-annual, or annual installment payments over a period of less than 10 years or (ii) by a rollover distribution paid directly to an eligible retirement plan. In addition, a Participant may request to receive his or her ESOP contributions account in full shares of the Company's common stock.

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

**1. Description of the Plan (continued)**

Benefit payments requested prior to December 31, 2012 and 2011, but that were not paid out until after year end, totaled \$757,010 and \$203,770, respectively, and are attributable to the standard processing time of distributing benefit payments. As such, this is a reconciling item between the financial statements and the Form 5500, as detailed in Note 6.

**Administrative Expenses**

The Plan's administrative expenses are paid by either the Plan or the Company, as provided by the Plan's provisions. Administrative expenses paid by the Plan include record-keeping and trustee fees. Expenses relating to purchases, sales, or transfers of the Plan's investments are charged to the particular investment fund to which the expenses relate. All other administrative expenses of the Plan are paid by the Company.

**2. Significant Accounting Policies**

**Basis of Presentation**

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

In May 2011, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2011-04, *Amendments to Achieve Common Fair Value Measurements and Disclosure Requirements in U.S. GAAP and IFRSs* (ASU 2011-04). ASU 2011-04 amended Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) No. 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures* (ASC 820), to converge the fair value measurement guidance in U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs). Some of the amendments clarify the application of existing fair value measurement requirements, while other amendments change a particular principle in ASC 820. In addition, ASU 2011-04 requires additional fair value disclosures. The amendments are to be applied prospectively and are effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2011. The Plan adopted ASU 2011-04 on January 1, 2012. Adoption of ASU 2011-04 did not have an effect on the Plan's net assets available for benefits or its changes in net assets available for benefits.

**Payment of Benefits**

Benefits are recorded when paid.

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

**2. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

**Notes Receivable from Participants**

Notes receivable from participants represent participant loans that are recorded at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income on notes receivable from participants is recorded when it is earned. Related fees are recorded as administrative expenses and are expensed when they are incurred. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2012 or 2011. If a Participant ceases to make loan repayments and the Plan administrator deems the participant loan to be a distribution, the participant loan balance is reduced and a benefit payment is recorded.

**Use of Estimates**

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes and supplemental schedule. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**Investment Valuation and Income Recognition**

Investments held by the Plan are stated at fair value. Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date (an exit price) as described above. See Note 4 for further discussion and disclosures related to the fair value of investments. Net realized and unrealized appreciation related to investments is recorded in the accompanying statement of changes in net assets available for benefits as net appreciation in fair value of investments. Purchase and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest and dividends are recorded as earned.

The Cintas Stable Value Fund, which is a fund solely for the benefit of Plan Participants, invests in a fully benefit-responsive guaranteed investment contract (GIC) and synthetic investment contracts (synthetic GICs). These investment contracts are recorded at fair value (see Note 4); however, since these contracts are fully benefit-responsive an adjustment is reflected in the statements of net assets available for benefits to present these investments at contract value. Contract value is the relevant measurement attributable to fully benefit-responsive investment contracts because contract value is the amount participants would receive if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan. The contract value of the fully benefit-responsive investment contracts represents contributions plus earnings, less participant withdrawals and administrative expenses.

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

**2. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

**Fair Value Measurements**

The Plan follows the provisions of FASB ASC 820, which defines fair value as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date and establishes a framework for measuring fair value. ASC 820 defines a three-level hierarchy for fair value measurements based upon the transparency of inputs to the valuation of an asset or liability as of the measurement date.

ASC 820 emphasizes that fair value is a market-based measurement, not an entity-specific measurement. Therefore, a fair value measurement should be determined based on the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability. As a basis for considering market participant assumption in fair value measurements, and as noted above, ASC 820 defines a three-level fair value hierarchy that distinguishes among market participant assumptions based on market data obtained from sources independent of the reporting entity and the reporting entity's own assumptions about market participants.

The fair value hierarchy is based upon the transparency of inputs to the valuation of an asset or liability as of the measurement date. The three levels are defined as follows:

Level 1 Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets that are accessible to the reporting entity at the measurement date for identical assets and liabilities

Level 2 Inputs other than quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and liabilities that are observable either directly or indirectly for substantially the full term of the asset or liability. Level 2 inputs include the following:

quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets

quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active

observable inputs other than quoted prices that are used in the valuation of the asset or liabilities (e.g., interest rate and yield curve quotes at commonly quoted intervals)

inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means

Level 3 Unobservable inputs for the asset or liability (i.e., supported by little or no market activity). Level 3 inputs include Plan management's own assumption about the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability (including assumptions about risk).



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## Cintas Corporation Partners Plan

## Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

**2. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

In instances where the determination of the fair value measurement is based on inputs from different levels of the fair value hierarchy, the level in the fair value hierarchy within which the entire fair value measurement falls is based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. The Plan's assessment of the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement in its entirety requires judgment and considers factors specific to the asset or liability.

**3. Investments**

The fair value of individual investments that represent 5% or more of the Plan's net assets available for benefits as of December 31, were as follows:

	2012	2011
Investments at fair value:		
Cintas Corporation Common Stock Fund	\$ 109,800,099	\$ 95,502,349
Cintas Stable Value Fund	137,815,141	140,175,519
Shares of registered investment companies:		
BlackRock Lifepath 2030 Fund	54,388,179	45,035,365
BlackRock Lifepath 2040 Fund	52,329,967	41,929,012
Artisan Mid Cap Fund	49,787,217	42,655,260
American Mutual Fund	45,897,975	40,842,986
BlackRock Lifepath 2020 Fund	41,237,434	(a)
PIMCO Total Return Fund	40,644,307	38,883,401

(a) Fair value of investment did not equal or exceed 5% of the Plan's net assets available for benefits in the respective Plan year.

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

The Plan's investments (including investments bought, sold, and held during the year ended December 31, 2012) appreciated in value as follows:

Cintas Corporation Common Stock Fund	\$ 16,153,064
Common Collective Trust	4,841,364
Cintas Stable Value Fund	1,202,757
Shares of registered investment companies	42,425,769
	<b>\$ 64,622,954</b>

**4. Fair Value Measurements**

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31:

	2012			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Investments:				
Interest-bearing cash	\$	\$ 15,393,467	\$	\$ 15,393,467
Cintas Corporation common stock	<b>109,800,099</b>			<b>109,800,099</b>
Shares of registered investment companies:				
Life cycle funds	<b>201,878,985</b>			<b>201,878,985</b>
Fixed-income funds	<b>66,277,614</b>			