

CALAMOS STRATEGIC TOTAL RETURN FUND  
Form 8-A12B  
June 28, 2012

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

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 8-A**

**FOR REGISTRATION OF CERTAIN CLASSES OF SECURITIES**

**PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OR 12(g) OF THE**

**SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**CALAMOS STRATEGIC TOTAL RETURN FUND**

*(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)*

**Delaware**  
*(State of Incorporation*

*or Organization)*

**04-3785941**  
*(I.R.S. Employer*

*Identification No.)*

**2020 Calamos Court**

**Naperville, Illinois 60563**

*(Address of Principal Executive Offices)*

If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A.(c), check the following box.

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Securities Act registration statement file number to which this form relates: **333-146943**

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title Of Each Class  
To Be So Registered

Name Of Each Exchange On Which

Each Class Is To Be Registered

**Common Shares of beneficial interest**

**The NASDAQ Global Select Market**

**without par value**

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

**None**

*(Title of Class)*

**Item 1. Description of Registrant's Securities to be Registered.**

The shares (the "Shares") to be registered hereunder are common shares of beneficial interest, without par value, of Calamos Strategic Total Return Fund (the "Registrant"). A description of the Shares is contained under the heading "Description of Securities" in the prospectus included in the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form 497 filed under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, on September 3, 2008 (Registration Nos. 333-146943 and 811-21484, respectively), which description is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 2. Exhibits.**

Pursuant to the Instructions as to Exhibits, no exhibits are filed herewith or incorporated herein by reference.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereto duly authorized.

Dated: June 28th, 2012

**CALAMOS STRATEGIC TOTAL RETURN FUND**

By: /s/ J. Christopher Jackson  
J. Christopher Jackson

Secretary