

# CENTRAL SECURITIES CORPORATION



## SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT

JUNE 30, 2026

# CENTRAL SECURITIES CORPORATION

(Organized on October 1, 1929 as an investment company, registered as such with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the provisions of the Investment Company Act of 1940)

## 25-YEAR HISTORICAL DATA

|                                      |                     | Per Share of Common Stock |                                          |                             |                                            |                                                                  |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Year Ended<br>December 31,           | Total<br>net assets | Net<br>asset<br>value     | Source of dividends<br>and distributions |                             | Total<br>dividends<br>and<br>distributions | Unrealized<br>appreciation<br>of investments<br>at end of period |
|                                      |                     |                           | Ordinary<br>income*                      | Long-term<br>capital gains* |                                            |                                                                  |
| 2001                                 | \$ 539,839,060      | \$28.54                   | \$ .22                                   | \$ 1.58**                   | \$ 1.80**                                  | \$304,887,640                                                    |
| 2002                                 | 361,942,568         | 18.72                     | .14                                      | 1.11                        | 1.25                                       | 119,501,484                                                      |
| 2003                                 | 478,959,218         | 24.32                     | .11                                      | 1.29                        | 1.40                                       | 229,388,141                                                      |
| 2004                                 | 529,468,675         | 26.44                     | .11                                      | 1.21                        | 1.32                                       | 271,710,179                                                      |
| 2005                                 | 573,979,905         | 27.65                     | .28                                      | 1.72                        | 2.00                                       | 302,381,671                                                      |
| 2006                                 | 617,167,026         | 30.05                     | .58                                      | 1.64                        | 2.22                                       | 351,924,627                                                      |
| 2007                                 | 644,822,724         | 30.15                     | .52                                      | 1.88                        | 2.40                                       | 356,551,394                                                      |
| 2008                                 | 397,353,061         | 17.79                     | .36                                      | 2.10                        | 2.46                                       | 94,752,477                                                       |
| 2009                                 | 504,029,743         | 22.32                     | .33                                      | .32                         | .65                                        | 197,256,447                                                      |
| 2010                                 | 593,524,167         | 26.06                     | .46                                      | .44                         | .90                                        | 281,081,168                                                      |
| 2011                                 | 574,187,941         | 24.96                     | .43                                      | .57                         | 1.00                                       | 255,654,966                                                      |
| 2012                                 | 569,465,087         | 24.53                     | .51                                      | .43                         | .94                                        | 247,684,116                                                      |
| 2013                                 | 648,261,868         | 26.78                     | .12                                      | 3.58                        | 3.70                                       | 305,978,151                                                      |
| 2014                                 | 649,760,644         | 26.18                     | .16                                      | 1.59                        | 1.75                                       | 293,810,819                                                      |
| 2015                                 | 582,870,527         | 23.53                     | .12                                      | 1.86                        | 1.98                                       | 229,473,007                                                      |
| 2016                                 | 674,683,352         | 27.12                     | .30                                      | .68                         | .98                                        | 318,524,775                                                      |
| 2017                                 | 826,331,789         | 32.86                     | .28                                      | .72                         | 1.00                                       | 460,088,116                                                      |
| 2018                                 | 765,342,588         | 30.02                     | .56                                      | .89                         | 1.45                                       | 392,947,674                                                      |
| 2019                                 | 994,595,051         | 38.42                     | .57                                      | .78                         | 1.35                                       | 607,489,748                                                      |
| 2020                                 | 1,036,336,494       | 39.49                     | .75                                      | .95                         | 1.70                                       | 638,120,894                                                      |
| 2021                                 | 1,332,590,581       | 48.87                     | .92                                      | 2.83                        | 3.75                                       | 894,323,472                                                      |
| 2022                                 | 1,132,835,676       | 40.48                     | .55                                      | 1.90                        | 2.45                                       | 668,155,780                                                      |
| 2023                                 | 1,319,864,836       | 46.49                     | .50                                      | 1.35                        | 1.85                                       | 841,232,972                                                      |
| 2024                                 | 1,569,940,654       | 54.26                     | .61                                      | 1.64                        | 2.25                                       | 1,063,703,666                                                    |
| 2025                                 | 1,787,876,237       | 60.50                     | .85                                      | 1.85                        | 2.70                                       | 1,249,557,200                                                    |
| Six mos. to<br>June 30, 2026***      | 1,835,257,298       | 62.11                     | .06                                      | .25                         | .31                                        | 1,232,640,987                                                    |
| Total dividends and distributions*** |                     |                           | \$ 10.40                                 | \$ 35.16                    | \$ 45.56                                   |                                                                  |

\* Computed on the basis of the Corporation's status as a "regulated investment company" for Federal income tax purposes. Dividends from ordinary income include short-term capital gains.

\*\* Includes non-taxable return of capital of \$.55.

\*\*\* Unaudited.

The Common Stock is listed on the NYSE American under the symbol CET. On June 30, 2026, the closing market price was \$52.45 per share.

*To the Stockholders of*

CENTRAL SECURITIES CORPORATION:

Financial statements for the six months ended June 30, 2026 reviewed by our independent registered public accounting firm and other pertinent information are submitted herewith.

Comparative net assets are as follows:

|                                            | June 30,<br>2026<br>(Unaudited) | December 31,<br>2025 |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| Net assets .....                           | \$1,835,257,298                 | \$1,787,876,237      |
| Net assets per share of Common Stock ..... | 62.11                           | 60.50                |
| Shares of Common Stock outstanding .....   | 29,549,265                      | 29,549,265           |

Comparative operating results are as follows:

|                                                                         | Six months ended June 30,<br>2026<br>(Unaudited) | 2025<br>(Unaudited) |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Net investment income .....                                             | \$ 24,600,953                                    | \$ 13,254,931       |
| Per average share of Common Stock outstanding .....                     | .83                                              | .46                 |
| Net realized gain from investment transactions .....                    | 48,856,593                                       | 31,804,989          |
| Increase (decrease) in net unrealized appreciation of investments ..... | (16,916,213)                                     | 59,422,817          |
| Increase in net assets resulting from operations .....                  | 56,541,333                                       | 104,482,737         |

A distribution of \$.31 per share was paid on June 26, 2026 to stockholders of record as of June 12, 2026. Stockholders will be sent a notice concerning the taxability of all 2026 distributions in early 2027.

During the first six months of 2026, the Corporation (“Central”) did not purchase any shares of its Common Stock. The Corporation may from time to time purchase its Common Stock in such amounts and at such prices as the Board of Directors deems advisable in the best interests of stockholders. Purchases may be made in the open market or in private transactions directly with stockholders.

Stockholder inquiries are welcome.

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July 22, 2026

## TEN LARGEST INVESTMENTS

(excluding short-term investments)

June 30, 2026

(Unaudited)

|                                                   | Cost       | Value    | Percent of<br>Net Assets | Year First<br>Acquired |
|---------------------------------------------------|------------|----------|--------------------------|------------------------|
|                                                   | (millions) |          |                          |                        |
| The Plymouth Rock Company, Inc. Class A . . . . . | \$ 0.7     | \$ 407.4 | 22.2%                    | 1982                   |
| Alphabet Inc. Class A . . . . .                   | 17.8       | 142.9    | 7.8                      | 2015                   |
| Analog Devices, Inc. . . . .                      | 1.5        | 139.0    | 7.6                      | 1987                   |
| Progressive Corporation . . . . .                 | 22.7       | 87.4     | 4.8                      | 2015                   |
| Capital One Financial Corporation . . . . .       | 27.1       | 70.2     | 3.8                      | 2013                   |
| Keysight Technologies, Inc. . . . .               | 2.3        | 70.0     | 3.8                      | 2005                   |
| The Charles Schwab Corporation . . . . .          | 25.7       | 64.6     | 3.5                      | 2016                   |
| Amazon.com, Inc. . . . .                          | 10.1       | 62.0     | 3.4                      | 2014                   |
| Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. . . . .                 | 57.0       | 58.5     | 3.2                      | 2024                   |
| Motorola Solutions, Inc. . . . .                  | 5.5        | 58.1     | 3.2                      | 2000                   |

## PRINCIPAL PORTFOLIO CHANGES

April 1 to June 30, 2026

(Common Stock unless specified otherwise)

(Unaudited)

|                                         | Number of Shares |            |                          |
|-----------------------------------------|------------------|------------|--------------------------|
|                                         | Additions        | Reductions | Held<br>June 30,<br>2026 |
| Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. . . . .       | 120,000          | —          | 255,000                  |
| AON plc Class A . . . . .               | —                | 80,000     | —                        |
| Cellebrite DI Ltd. . . . .              | 1,300,000        | —          | 1,300,000                |
| Equifax Inc. . . . .                    | 45,000           | —          | 145,000                  |
| Mercadolibre, Inc. . . . .              | 2,500            | —          | 18,000                   |
| Sunbelt Rentals Holdings, Inc. . . . .  | —                | 100,000    | 500,000                  |
| WillScot Holdings Corporation . . . . . | —                | 225,000    | —                        |

# DIVERSIFICATION OF INVESTMENTS

June 30, 2026

(Unaudited)

|                                           | Issues | Cost          | Value          | Percent of Net Assets |                      |
|-------------------------------------------|--------|---------------|----------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
|                                           |        |               |                | June 30,<br>2026      | December 31,<br>2025 |
| <b>Common Stocks:</b>                     |        |               |                |                       |                      |
| Insurance Underwriters . . . . .          | 2      | \$ 23,394,394 | \$ 494,781,192 | 27.0%                 | 29.9%                |
| Banks and Diversified Financial . . . . . | 5      | 88,145,250    | 253,718,950    | 13.8                  | 15.9                 |
| Communication Services . . . . .          | 2      | 44,957,762    | 193,644,100    | 10.5                  | 10.7                 |
| Semiconductor . . . . .                   | 2      | 20,694,586    | 177,215,100    | 9.7                   | 6.8                  |
| Technology Hardware and Equipment . . .   | 3      | 36,128,849    | 174,837,600    | 9.5                   | 8.8                  |
| Consumer Discretionary . . . . .          | 3      | 70,744,577    | 113,046,420    | 6.2                   | 6.6                  |
| Diversified Industrial . . . . .          | 3      | 61,128,281    | 78,733,400     | 4.3                   | 3.5                  |
| Insurance Brokers . . . . .               | 2      | 70,669,047    | 70,565,350     | 3.8                   | 4.3                  |
| Software and Services . . . . .           | 3      | 22,352,561    | 65,741,100     | 3.6                   | 3.4                  |
| Health Care . . . . .                     | 3      | 31,433,022    | 56,610,400     | 3.1                   | 3.1                  |
| Energy . . . . .                          | 1      | 10,069,910    | 42,476,000     | 2.3                   | 2.2                  |
| Real Estate . . . . .                     | 1      | 35,825,953    | 26,815,567     | 1.5                   | 1.5                  |
| <b>Short-Term Investments</b> . . . . .   | 3      | 86,976,390    | 86,976,390     | 4.7                   | 3.2                  |

# STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS

June 30, 2026

(Unaudited)

| <i>Shares</i>                                |                                             | <i>Value</i>       |
|----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>COMMON STOCKS 95.3%</b>                   |                                             |                    |
| <b>Banks and Diversified Financial 13.8%</b> |                                             |                    |
| 140,000                                      | American Express Company . . . . .          | \$ 47,355,000      |
| 350,000                                      | Capital One Financial Corporation . . . . . | 70,217,000         |
| 140,000                                      | JPMorgan Chase & Co. . . . .                | 45,826,200         |
| 700,000                                      | The Charles Schwab Corporation . . . . .    | 64,589,000         |
| 75,000                                       | Visa Inc. Class A . . . . .                 | 25,731,750         |
|                                              |                                             | <u>253,718,950</u> |
| <b>Communications Services 10.5%</b>         |                                             |                    |
| 400,000                                      | Alphabet Inc. Class A . . . . .             | 142,948,000        |
| 90,000                                       | Meta Platforms, Inc. Class A . . . . .      | 50,696,100         |
|                                              |                                             | <u>193,644,100</u> |
| <b>Consumer Discretionary 6.2%</b>           |                                             |                    |
| 260,000                                      | Amazon.com, Inc. (a) . . . . .              | 61,968,400         |
| 18,000                                       | Mercadolibre, Inc. (a) . . . . .            | 30,553,020         |
| 500,000                                      | Nike, Inc. Class B . . . . .                | 20,525,000         |
|                                              |                                             | <u>113,046,420</u> |
| <b>Diversified Industrial 4.3%</b>           |                                             |                    |
| 200,000                                      | Brady Corporation Class A . . . . .         | 18,314,000         |
| 145,000                                      | Equifax Inc. . . . .                        | 23,014,400         |
| 500,000                                      | Sunbelt Rentals Holdings, Inc. . . . .      | 37,405,000         |
|                                              |                                             | <u>78,733,400</u>  |
| <b>Energy 2.3%</b>                           |                                             |                    |
| 256,250                                      | Chevron Corporation . . . . .               | 42,476,000         |
| <b>Health Care 3.1%</b>                      |                                             |                    |
| 70,000                                       | Johnson & Johnson . . . . .                 | 17,777,900         |
| 250,000                                      | Medtronic plc . . . . .                     | 19,557,500         |
| 150,000                                      | Merck & Co., Inc. . . . .                   | 19,275,000         |
|                                              |                                             | <u>56,610,400</u>  |
| <b>Insurance Brokers 3.8%</b>                |                                             |                    |
| 255,000                                      | Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. . . . .           | 58,540,350         |
| 500,000                                      | TWFG, Inc. (a) . . . . .                    | 12,025,000         |
|                                              |                                             | <u>70,565,350</u>  |

| <i>Shares</i>                                 |                                                                                                  | <i>Value</i>                  |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Insurance Underwriters 27.0%</b>           |                                                                                                  |                               |
| 28,424                                        | The Plymouth Rock Company Class A (b)(c) . . . . .                                               | \$ 407,401,192                |
| 400,000                                       | Progressive Corporation . . . . .                                                                | 87,380,000                    |
|                                               |                                                                                                  | <u>494,781,192</u>            |
| <b>Real Estate 1.5%</b>                       |                                                                                                  |                               |
| 1,260,130                                     | Rayonier Inc. . . . .                                                                            | <u>26,815,567</u>             |
| <b>Semiconductor 9.7%</b>                     |                                                                                                  |                               |
| 350,000                                       | Analog Devices, Inc. . . . .                                                                     | 139,009,500                   |
| 80,000                                        | Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company Limited ADR . . . . .                                 | 38,205,600                    |
|                                               |                                                                                                  | <u>177,215,100</u>            |
| <b>Software and Services 3.6%</b>             |                                                                                                  |                               |
| 1,300,000                                     | Cellebrite DI Ltd. (a) . . . . .                                                                 | 18,980,000                    |
| 80,000                                        | Microsoft Corporation . . . . .                                                                  | 29,841,600                    |
| 50,000                                        | Roper Technologies, Inc. . . . .                                                                 | 16,919,500                    |
|                                               |                                                                                                  | <u>65,741,100</u>             |
| <b>Technology Hardware and Equipment 9.5%</b> |                                                                                                  |                               |
| 200,000                                       | Keysight Technologies, Inc. (a) . . . . .                                                        | 70,014,000                    |
| 140,000                                       | Motorola Solutions, Inc. . . . .                                                                 | 58,140,600                    |
| 70,000                                        | Teledyne Technologies Incorporated (a) . . . . .                                                 | 46,683,000                    |
|                                               |                                                                                                  | <u>174,837,600</u>            |
|                                               | Total Common Stocks (cost \$515,544,192) . . . . .                                               | <u>1,748,185,179</u>          |
| <b>SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS 4.7%</b>            |                                                                                                  |                               |
| <b>Money Market Fund 1.5%</b>                 |                                                                                                  |                               |
| 27,073,861                                    | JPMorgan 100% U.S. Treasury Securities Money Market Fund<br>Institutional Class, 3.50% . . . . . | 27,073,861                    |
| <b>U.S. Treasury Bills 3.2%</b>               |                                                                                                  |                               |
| 60,000,000                                    | U.S. Treasury Bills 3.590% - 3.624%, due 7/14/26 - 7/21/26 (d) . . . . .                         | <u>59,902,529</u>             |
|                                               | Total Short-Term Investments (cost \$86,976,390) . . . . .                                       | <u>86,976,390</u>             |
|                                               | Total Investments (cost \$602,520,582) (100.0%) . . . . .                                        | 1,835,161,569                 |
|                                               | Cash, receivables and other assets less liabilities (0.0%)(e) . . . . .                          | <u>95,729</u>                 |
|                                               | Net Assets (100%) . . . . .                                                                      | <u><u>\$1,835,257,298</u></u> |

(a) Non-dividend paying.

(b) Affiliate as defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940 and restricted. See Note 5 and Note 6.

(c) Valued based on Level 3 inputs. See Note 2.

(d) Valued based on Level 2 inputs. See Note 2.

(e) Less than 0.1%.

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

# STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

June 30, 2026

(Unaudited)

## ASSETS:

### Investments:

|                                                                            |                   |                  |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Securities of unaffiliated companies (cost \$514,833,592) (Note 2) . . . . | \$1,340,783,987   |                  |
| Securities of affiliated companies (cost \$710,600) (Notes 2, 5 and 6) . . | 407,401,192       |                  |
| Short-term investments (cost \$86,976,390) (Note 2) . . . . .              | <u>86,976,390</u> | \$ 1,835,161,569 |

### Cash, receivables and other assets:

|                                                                |                |                      |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| Cash . . . . .                                                 | 17,676         |                      |
| Dividends and interest receivable . . . . .                    | 814,406        |                      |
| Leasehold improvements, furniture and equipment, net . . . . . | 947,466        |                      |
| Operating lease right-of-use asset . . . . .                   | 2,000,690      |                      |
| Other assets . . . . .                                         | <u>210,896</u> | 3,991,134            |
| Total Assets . . . . .                                         |                | <u>1,839,152,703</u> |

## LIABILITIES:

|                                                  |                  |           |
|--------------------------------------------------|------------------|-----------|
| Accrued expenses and other liabilities . . . . . | 1,308,910        |           |
| Operating lease liability . . . . .              | <u>2,586,495</u> |           |
| Total Liabilities . . . . .                      |                  | 3,895,405 |

|                      |  |                         |
|----------------------|--|-------------------------|
| NET ASSETS . . . . . |  | <u>\$ 1,835,257,298</u> |
|----------------------|--|-------------------------|

## NET ASSETS are represented by:

|                                                                                                          |                      |                         |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Common Stock \$1 par value; authorized 40,000,000 shares; issued<br>29,549,265 shares (Note 3) . . . . . |                      | \$ 29,549,265           |
| Surplus:                                                                                                 |                      |                         |
| Paid-in . . . . .                                                                                        | \$ 500,060,889       |                         |
| Total distributable earnings, including net unrealized appreciation<br>of investments . . . . .          | <u>1,305,647,144</u> | 1,805,708,033           |
| NET ASSETS . . . . .                                                                                     |                      | <u>\$ 1,835,257,298</u> |

|                                                                          |  |                 |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|-----------------|
| NET ASSET VALUE PER COMMON SHARE (29,549,265 shares outstanding) . . . . |  | <u>\$ 62.11</u> |
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See accompanying notes to financial statements.

**STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS**  
For the six months ended June 30, 2026  
(Unaudited)

INVESTMENT INCOME

Income:

|                                                                                                   |                  |               |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|---------------|
| Dividends from affiliated companies (Note 5) . . . . .                                            | \$ 14,219,674    |               |
| Dividends from unaffiliated companies (net of foreign withholding<br>taxes of \$31,789) . . . . . | 12,615,157       |               |
| Interest . . . . .                                                                                | <u>1,526,564</u> | \$ 28,361,395 |

Expenses:

|                                                    |               |                   |
|----------------------------------------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Investment research . . . . .                      | 1,209,478     |                   |
| Administration and operations . . . . .            | 1,269,366     |                   |
| Occupancy and office operating expenses . . . . .  | 310,668       |                   |
| Information services . . . . .                     | 211,874       |                   |
| Legal, auditing and tax preparation fees . . . . . | 198,219       |                   |
| Directors' fees . . . . .                          | 191,074       |                   |
| Fund accounting fees . . . . .                     | 122,783       |                   |
| Custody fees . . . . .                             | 73,973        |                   |
| Franchise and miscellaneous taxes . . . . .        | 65,500        |                   |
| Transfer agent fees . . . . .                      | 27,598        |                   |
| Stockholder communications and meetings . . . . .  | 8,311         |                   |
| Miscellaneous . . . . .                            | <u>71,598</u> | <u>3,760,442</u>  |
| Net investment income . . . . .                    |               | <u>24,600,953</u> |

NET REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS) ON INVESTMENTS

|                                                                                                      |                     |                   |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Net realized gain from unaffiliated companies . . . . .                                              | 48,856,593          |                   |
| Increase in net unrealized appreciation of investments in<br>unaffiliated companies . . . . .        | 19,153,843          |                   |
| Decrease in net unrealized appreciation of investments in affiliated<br>companies (Note 5) . . . . . | <u>(36,070,056)</u> |                   |
| Net gain on investments . . . . .                                                                    |                     | <u>31,940,380</u> |

|                                                            |  |                      |
|------------------------------------------------------------|--|----------------------|
| INCREASE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS . . . . . |  | <u>\$ 56,541,333</u> |
|------------------------------------------------------------|--|----------------------|

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

# STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

For the six months ended June 30, 2026  
and the year ended December 31, 2025

|                                                                             | Six months<br>ended<br>June 30, 2026<br>(Unaudited) | Year ended<br>December 31,<br>2025 |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| FROM OPERATIONS:                                                            |                                                     |                                    |
| Net investment income . . . . .                                             | \$ 24,600,953                                       | \$ 24,298,756                      |
| Net realized gain from investment transactions . . . . .                    | 48,856,593                                          | 55,062,427                         |
| Increase (decrease) in net unrealized appreciation of investments . . . . . | (16,916,213)                                        | 185,853,534                        |
| Increase in net assets from operations . . . . .                            | <u>56,541,333</u>                                   | <u>265,214,717</u>                 |
| DISTRIBUTIONS TO STOCKHOLDERS:                                              |                                                     |                                    |
| From distributable earnings . . . . .                                       | <u>(9,160,272)</u>                                  | <u>(78,066,879)</u>                |
| FROM CAPITAL SHARE TRANSACTIONS: (Note 3)                                   |                                                     |                                    |
| Distribution to stockholders reinvested in Common Stock . . . . .           | —                                                   | 31,723,095                         |
| Cost of treasury stock purchased . . . . .                                  | —                                                   | (935,350)                          |
| Increase in net assets from capital share transactions . . . . .            | <u>—</u>                                            | <u>30,787,745</u>                  |
| Total increase in net assets . . . . .                                      | <u>47,381,061</u>                                   | <u>217,935,583</u>                 |
| NET ASSETS:                                                                 |                                                     |                                    |
| Beginning of period . . . . .                                               | 1,787,876,237                                       | 1,569,940,654                      |
| End of period . . . . .                                                     | <u>\$1,835,257,298</u>                              | <u>\$1,787,876,237</u>             |

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
For the six months ended June 30, 2026  
(Unaudited)

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:

|                                                                  |                |                     |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| Increase in net assets from operations . . . . .                 |                | \$ 56,541,333       |
| Adjustments to increase in net assets from operations:           |                |                     |
| Proceeds from securities sold . . . . .                          | \$ 111,158,495 |                     |
| Purchases of securities . . . . .                                | (97,759,688)   |                     |
| Net increase in short-term investments . . . . .                 | (29,810,321)   |                     |
| Net realized gain on investments . . . . .                       | (48,856,593)   |                     |
| Decrease in net unrealized appreciation of investments . . . . . | 16,916,213     |                     |
| Corporate action restructuring fee . . . . .                     | (30,000)       |                     |
| Non-cash operating lease expense . . . . .                       | (29,909)       |                     |
| Depreciation and amortization . . . . .                          | 85,712         |                     |
| Changes in assets and liabilities:                               |                |                     |
| Decrease in dividends receivable . . . . .                       | 21,802         |                     |
| Increase in other assets . . . . .                               | (11,276)       |                     |
| Increase in accrued expenses and other liabilities . . . . .     | 902,040        |                     |
| Total adjustments . . . . .                                      |                | <u>(47,413,525)</u> |
| Net cash provided by operating activities . . . . .              |                | 9,127,808           |

CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:

|                                                                           |            |     |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-----|
| Cash flows from investing activities retirement of fixed assets . . . . . | <u>230</u> |     |
| Cash provided by investing activities . . . . .                           |            | 230 |

CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:

|                                             |                    |                         |
|---------------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Dividends and distributions paid . . . . .  | <u>(9,160,272)</u> |                         |
| Cash used in financing activities . . . . . |                    | <u>(9,160,272)</u>      |
| Net decrease in cash . . . . .              |                    | (32,234)                |
| Cash at beginning of period . . . . .       |                    | 49,910                  |
| Cash at end of period . . . . .             |                    | <u><u>\$ 17,676</u></u> |

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS — (Unaudited)

1. *Significant Accounting Policies*—Central Securities Corporation (the “Corporation”) is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, as a non-diversified, closed-end management investment company. The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies consistently followed by the Corporation in the preparation of its financial statements. These policies are in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles applicable to U.S. investment companies.

*Security Valuation*—Marketable common stocks are valued at the official closing price or, if unavailable, the last traded price. If no official close or last traded price is available, they are valued at the mean between the closing bid and ask prices at the valuation date. Investments in money market funds are valued at net asset value per share. Other short-term investments are valued at amortized cost, which approximates fair value. Securities for which no ready market exists are valued at estimated fair value pursuant to procedures adopted by the Board of Directors. The determination of fair value involves subjective judgments. As a result, using fair value to price a security may result in a price materially different from the price used by other investors or the price that may be realized upon the actual sale of the security.

*Federal Income Taxes*—It is the Corporation’s policy to meet the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code applicable to regulated investment companies and to distribute all of its taxable income and net capital gains to its stockholders. Management has analyzed positions taken on the Corporation’s tax returns and has determined that no provision for income taxes is required in the accompanying financial statements.

*Use of Estimates*—The preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

*Leases*—The Corporation recognizes operating leases on its statement of assets and liabilities at the lease commencement date as (1) a liability representing its obligation to make lease payments over the lease term and (2) a corresponding right-of-use (“ROU”) asset for its right to use the underlying asset over the lease term. The lease liability is measured at the inception of the lease at the present value of the unpaid fixed and certain variable lease payments using the rate of interest the Corporation would have paid on a collateralized basis to borrow an amount equal to the lease payments under similar terms. Lease expense for fixed lease payments is recognized on a straight-line basis over the lease term and is included in Occupancy and office operating expenses in the Statement of Operations. Variable payments for utilities and for increases in building operating expenses and real estate taxes are expensed as incurred and also are included in Occupancy and office operating expenses. See Note 8.

*Other*—Security transactions are accounted for as of the trade date, and cost of securities sold is determined by specific identification. Dividend income and distributions to stockholders are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Interest income is accrued daily.

*Operating Segments*—An operating segment is a component of a public entity that engages in business activities from which it may recognize revenues and incur expenses, has operating results that are regularly reviewed by the public entity’s chief operating decision maker (“CODM”) to make decisions about resources to be allocated to the segment and assess its performance, and has discrete financial information available. The Chief Executive Officer acts as the Corporation’s CODM. The Corporation has a single operating segment of which the CODM monitors the operating results of the Corporation as a whole. Its long-term asset allocation process is based on a defined investment strategy which is executed by the Corporation’s portfolio managers. Financial information in the form of portfolio composition, total returns, expense ratios and changes in net assets which are used by the CODM to assess the segment’s performance versus comparative benchmarks and to make resource allocation decisions for the Corporation’s single segment, is consistent with that presented within the financial statements. Segment assets are reflected on the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities as “net assets” and significant segment expenses are listed on the accompanying statement of operations.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS — continued (Unaudited)

2. *Fair Value Measurements*—The Corporation’s investments are categorized below in three broad hierarchical levels based on market price observability as follows:

- Level 1—Quoted prices in active markets for identical investments;
- Level 2—Other significant observable inputs obtained from independent sources, for example, quoted prices in active markets for similar investments;
- Level 3—Significant unobservable inputs including the Corporation’s own assumptions based upon the best information available. The Corporation’s only Level 3 investment is The Plymouth Rock Company Incorporated Class A Common Stock (“Plymouth Rock”).

The designated Level for a security is not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in that security.

The Corporation’s investments as of June 30, 2026 are classified as follows:

|                                  | Level 1                | Level 2             | Level 3              | Total Value            |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Common stocks . . . . .          | \$1,340,783,987        | \$ —                | \$407,401,192        | \$1,748,185,179        |
| Short-term investments . . . . . | 27,073,861             | 59,902,529          | —                    | 86,976,390             |
| Total . . . . .                  | <u>\$1,367,857,848</u> | <u>\$59,902,529</u> | <u>\$407,401,192</u> | <u>\$1,835,161,569</u> |

The following is a reconciliation of the change in the value of Level 3 investments:

|                                                                                                                                                       |                      |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Balance as of December 31, 2025 . . . . .                                                                                                             | \$443,471,248        |
| Change in unrealized appreciation of investments<br>in affiliated companies included in increase in net<br>assets resulting from operations . . . . . | (36,070,056)         |
| Balance as of June 30, 2026 . . . . .                                                                                                                 | <u>\$407,401,192</u> |

Unrealized appreciation of Level 3 investments still held as of June 30, 2026 decreased during the six months ended June 30, 2026 by \$36,070,056, which is included in the above table.

Management assists the Board of Directors in the determination of the fair value of Plymouth Rock. In valuing the Plymouth Rock Level 3 investment as of June 30, 2026, management considered Plymouth Rock’s financial condition and results of operations, the insurance industry outlook, and any transactions in Plymouth Rock’s shares. Management used significant unobservable inputs to develop a range of values for the investment. It used a comparable company approach that utilized the following valuation multiples from selected publicly traded companies: price-to-book value (range: 0.9–2.2; average: 1.6); price-to-historical earnings (range: 11.9–21.1; average: 16.9); and price-to-forward earnings estimates (range: 8.8–17.0; average: 12.8). Management also used a discounted cash flow model based on a forecasted return on equity of approximately 13% and a cost of capital of approximately 10%. The average of these values was then discounted for lack of marketability and control of the Plymouth Rock shares. Management considered a discount range of 25% to 35%, a range management believes market participants would apply. Independent valuations of Plymouth Rock’s shares were also considered. Management presented and discussed the above information with the Corporation’s directors, who approved the value for the investment.

Increases (decreases) in the price-to-book value multiple, price-to-historical earnings multiple, price-to-forward earnings estimate multiple, return on equity rate and book value in isolation would result in a higher (lower) range of fair values. Increases (decreases) in the discount for lack of marketability and control or cost of capital in isolation would result in a lower (higher) range of fair values.

3. *Common Stock*—During the six months ended June 30, 2026, the Corporation did not purchase any shares of its Common Stock. The Corporation may from time to time purchase its Common Stock in such amounts and at such prices as the Board of Directors may deem advisable in the best interests of the stockholders. Purchases

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS — continued (Unaudited)

will only be made at prices less than net asset value per share, thereby increasing the net asset value of shares held by the remaining stockholders. Shares so acquired may be held as treasury stock available for stock distributions, or may be retired.

4. *Investment Transactions*—The aggregate cost of securities purchased and the aggregate proceeds of securities sold during the six months ended June 30, 2026, excluding short-term investments, were \$97,759,688 and \$111,158,495, respectively.

As of June 30, 2026, the tax cost of investments was \$602,520,582. Net unrealized appreciation was \$1,232,640,987 consisting of gross unrealized appreciation and gross unrealized depreciation of \$1,261,264,159 and \$28,623,172, respectively.

5. *Affiliated Companies*—Plymouth Rock is an affiliated company as defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940 due to the Corporation's ownership of 5% or more of the company's outstanding voting securities. During the six months ended June 30, 2026, unrealized appreciation from the Corporation's investment in Plymouth Rock decreased by \$36,070,056 and the Corporation received dividends of \$14,219,674 from Plymouth Rock. The Chairman of the Corporation is a director of Plymouth Rock. The Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation is a director of certain subsidiaries of Plymouth Rock.

6. *Restricted Securities*—The Corporation may from time to time invest in securities the resale of which is restricted. On June 30, 2026, the Corporation's only restricted security consisted of 28,424 shares of Plymouth Rock Class A stock that were acquired on December 15, 1982 at a cost of \$710,600. This security had a value of \$407,401,192 at June 30, 2026, which was equal to 22.2% of the Corporation's net assets. The Corporation does not have the right to demand registration of this security.

7. *Compensation and Benefit Plans*—The aggregate compensation expense for all officers during the six months ended June 30, 2026 was \$1,870,000, of which \$587,765 was paid during the period.

Officers and other employees participate in a 401(k) profit sharing plan. The Corporation has agreed to contribute 3% of each participant's qualifying compensation to the plan, which is immediately vested. Contributions in excess of 3% may be made at the discretion of the Board of Directors and vest after three years of service. During the six months ended June 30, 2026, the Corporation accrued \$140,994 related to the plan.

8. *Operating Lease*—The Corporation leases office space under a lease that was amended effective April 27, 2022 to extend the lease term until June 30, 2033. The lease includes fixed payments for occupancy and variable payments for certain utilities and for the Corporation's share of increases in building operating expenses and real estate taxes.

The lease extension was accounted for as a lease modification as of the effective date. The Corporation determined that the lease was an operating lease. As of the effective date of the lease extension, the Corporation measured its lease liability and corresponding ROU asset at approximately \$2.9 million, which was the present value of the fixed payments less estimated incentive payments to be received under the lease using a discount rate of 4.89%.

Total lease expense for the six months ended June 30, 2026 was \$206,737 substantially all of which was operating lease cost.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS — continued (Unaudited)

Fixed amounts due under the lease as of June 30, 2026 are as follows:

|                                         |                            |
|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 2026 .....                              | \$ 206,737                 |
| 2027 .....                              | 413,475                    |
| 2028 .....                              | 430,014                    |
| 2029 .....                              | 446,553                    |
| 2030 .....                              | 446,553                    |
| 2031 .....                              | 446,553                    |
| 2032-2033 .....                         | <u>669,830</u>             |
| Total undiscounted lease payments ..... | 3,059,715                  |
| Less imputed interest .....             | <u>(473,220)</u>           |
| Total lease liability .....             | <u><u>\$ 2,586,495</u></u> |

## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The following table shows per share operating performance data, total returns, ratios and supplemental data for the six months ended June 30, 2026 and each year in the five-year period ended December 31, 2025. This information has been derived from information contained in the financial statements and market price data for the Corporation's shares.

The Corporation's total returns reflect changes in market price or net asset value, as applicable, and assume reinvestment of all distributions. Distributions that are payable only in cash are assumed to be reinvested at the market price or net asset value, as applicable, on the payable date of the distribution. Distributions that may be taken in shares are assumed to be reinvested at the price designated by the Corporation.

|                                                              | Six months<br>ended<br>June 30,<br>2026<br>(Unaudited) | 2025         | 2024         | 2023         | 2022         | 2021         |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>Per Share Operating Performance:</b>                      |                                                        |              |              |              |              |              |
| Net asset value, beginning of period                         | \$ 60.50                                               | \$ 54.26     | \$ 46.49     | \$ 40.48     | \$ 48.87     | \$ 39.49     |
| Net investment income (a)                                    | .83                                                    | .84          | .54          | .51          | .54          | .83          |
| Net realized and unrealized gain<br>(loss) on securities (a) | 1.09                                                   | 8.31         | 9.61         | 7.50         | (6.35)       | 12.64        |
| Total from investment<br>operations                          | 1.92                                                   | 9.15         | 10.15        | 8.01         | (5.81)       | 13.47        |
| Less:                                                        |                                                        |              |              |              |              |              |
| Dividends from net investment<br>income                      | .06                                                    | .85          | .61          | .50          | .55          | .86          |
| Distributions from capital gains                             | .25                                                    | 1.85         | 1.64         | 1.35         | 1.90         | 2.89         |
| Total distributions                                          | .31                                                    | 2.70         | 2.25         | 1.85         | 2.45         | 3.75         |
| Net change from capital share<br>transactions                | .00                                                    | (.21)        | (.13)        | (.15)        | (.13)        | (.34)        |
| Net asset value, end of period                               | \$ 62.11                                               | \$ 60.50     | \$ 54.26     | \$ 46.49     | \$ 40.48     | \$ 48.87     |
| Per share market value, end of period                        | \$ 52.45                                               | \$ 50.71     | \$ 45.69     | \$ 37.77     | \$ 33.39     | \$ 44.58     |
| <b>Total return based on market (%)</b>                      | 4.05(c)                                                | 17.04        | 26.78        | 18.85        | (19.89)      | 49.39        |
| <b>Total return based on NAV (%)</b>                         | 3.18(c)                                                | 17.48        | 22.22        | 20.54        | (11.47)      | 35.26        |
| <b>Ratios/Supplemental Data:</b>                             |                                                        |              |              |              |              |              |
| Net assets, end of period (000)                              | \$ 1,835,257                                           | \$ 1,787,876 | \$ 1,569,941 | \$ 1,319,865 | \$ 1,132,836 | \$ 1,332,591 |
| Ratio of expenses to average net<br>assets (%)               | .41(b)                                                 | .46          | .55          | .56          | .50          | .54          |
| Ratio of net investment income to<br>average net assets (%)  | 1.92(b)                                                | 1.46         | 1.04         | 1.19         | 1.22         | 1.75         |
| Portfolio turnover rate (%)                                  | 5.63(c)                                                | 4.64         | 8.62         | 4.10         | .37          | 9.12         |

(a) Based on the average number of shares outstanding during the period.

(b) Annualized, not necessarily indicative of full year ratio.

(c) Not annualized.

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

## REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

TO THE STOCKHOLDERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
CENTRAL SECURITIES CORPORATION;

### *Results of Review of Interim Financial Information*

We have reviewed the statement of assets and liabilities of Central Securities Corporation (the “Corporation”), including the statement of investments, as of June 30, 2026, the related statements of operations, changes in net assets, and cash flows for the six-month period ended June 30, 2026, and the related notes (collectively, the interim financial information), and the financial highlights for the six-month period ended June 30, 2026. Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the interim financial information and financial highlights for them to be in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

We have previously audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB), the statement of assets and liabilities of the Corporation, including the statement of investments, as of December 31, 2025, the related statements of operations and cash flows for the year then ended, the statements of changes in net assets for each of the years in the two-year period then ended, and the related notes (collectively, the financial statements), and the financial highlights for each of the years in the five-year period then ended (not presented herein); and in our report dated February 11, 2026, we expressed an unqualified opinion on those financial statements and financial highlights. In our opinion, the information set forth in the accompanying statement of changes in net assets for the year ended December 31, 2025 and the financial highlights for each of the years in the five-year period ended December 31, 2025, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the statement of changes in net assets and financial highlights from which it has been derived.

### *Basis for Review Results*

The interim financial information and financial highlights are the responsibility of the Corporation’s management. We are a public accounting firm registered with the PCAOB and are required to be independent with respect to the Corporation in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our review in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. A review of interim financial information and financial highlights consists principally of applying analytical procedures and making inquiries of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters. It is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements and financial highlights taken as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

KPMG LLP

New York, New York  
July 27, 2026

## OTHER INFORMATION

### Direct Registration

The Corporation utilizes direct registration, a system that allows for book-entry ownership and the electronic transfer of the Corporation's shares. Stockholders may find direct registration a convenient way of managing their investment. Stockholders wishing certificates may request them.

A pamphlet which describes the features and benefits of direct registration, including the ability of shareholders to deposit certificates with our transfer agent, can be obtained by calling Computershare Trust Company at 1-800-756-8200, calling the Corporation at 1-866-593-2507 or visiting our website: [www.centalsecurities.com](http://www.centalsecurities.com) under Contact Us.

### Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures

The policies and procedures used by the Corporation to determine how to vote proxies relating to portfolio securities and the Corporation's proxy voting record for the twelve-month period ended June 30, 2026 are available: (1) without charge, upon request, by calling us at our toll-free telephone number (1-866-593-2507), (2) on the Corporation's website at [www.centalsecurities.com](http://www.centalsecurities.com) and (3) on the Securities and Exchange Commission's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).

### Quarterly Portfolio Information

The Corporation files its complete schedule of portfolio holdings with the SEC for the first and the third quarter of each fiscal year on Form N-PORT. The Corporation's Form N-PORT filings are available on the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). Those forms may be reviewed and copied at the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington D.C. Information on the operation of the Public Reference Room may be obtained by calling 1-800-SEC-0330.

### Annual Meeting of Stockholders

The annual meeting of stockholders of the Corporation was held on April 8, 2026. At the meeting, all of the directors of the Corporation were reelected by the following vote of the holders of Common Stock:

|                          | In favor   | Withheld  |
|--------------------------|------------|-----------|
| L. Price Blackford ..... | 23,403,186 | 1,148,642 |
| Simms C. Browning .....  | 23,132,165 | 1,419,663 |
| Donald G. Calder .....   | 23,069,820 | 1,482,008 |
| John C. Hill .....       | 23,473,847 | 1,077,981 |
| Wilmot H. Kidd .....     | 23,441,426 | 1,110,402 |
| Wilmot H. Kidd IV .....  | 23,021,750 | 1,503,078 |
| David M. Poppe .....     | 23,487,656 | 1,064,172 |

A proposal to ratify the selection of KPMG LLP as independent auditors of the Corporation for the year 2026 was approved with 23,342,389 votes for, 1,054,500 votes against and 154,939 shares abstaining.

### Forward-Looking Statements

This report may contain "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. You can identify forward-looking statements by words such as "believe," "expect," "may," "anticipate," and other similar expressions when discussing prospects for particular portfolio holdings and/or markets, generally. By their nature, all forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties, and actual results could differ materially from those contemplated by the forward-looking statements. We cannot assure future results and disclaim any obligation to update or alter any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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L. Price Blackford, Lead Independent Director  
Simms C. Browning  
Donald G. Calder  
John C. Hill  
Wilmot H. Kidd IV  
David M. Poppe

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