## STATEMENT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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# **GoodHaven Fund**

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This Statement of Additional Information ("SAI") relates to the GoodHaven Fund (the "Fund"), a series of The GoodHaven Funds Trust (the "Trust"). This SAI is not a prospectus and it should be read in conjunction with the Prospectus for the Fund dated March 30, 2025, as may be amended or supplemented from time to time. The Prospectus is hereby incorporated by reference, which means it is legally part of this document. GoodHaven Capital Management, LLC (the "Advisor") is the investment advisor to the Fund.

The financial statements of the Fund included in the Fund's most recent <u>Form N-CSR filing</u>, including the notes thereto and the report of the independent registered public accounting firm thereon, are incorporated by reference into this SAI. Copies of the Fund's Prospectus, financial statements, and annual or semiannual reports, may be obtained without charge by visiting the Fund's website (www.goodhavenfunds.com) or by calling or writing the Fund as shown above.

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#### THE TRUST

The Trust is a Delaware Statutory trust organized on December 18, 2015, and is registered with the SEC as an open-end management investment company. The Trust's Agreement and Declaration of Trust (the "Declaration of Trust") permits the Trust's Board of Trustees (the "Board") to issue an unlimited number of full and fractional shares of beneficial interest, with a par value of \$0.001, which may be issued in any number of series. The Board may from time-to-time issue other series, the assets and liabilities of which will be separate and distinct from any other series.

The Declaration of Trust further provides that the Trust shall indemnify and hold each shareholder harmless from and against any claim or liability to which such shareholder may become subject solely by reason of its being or having been a shareholder and not because of such shareholder's acts or omissions or for some other reason, and shall reimburse such shareholder for all legal and other expenses reasonably incurred by it in connection with any such claim or liability (upon proper and timely request by the shareholder); provided, however, that no shareholder shall be entitled to indemnification by any series of the Trust unless such shareholder is a shareholder of such series.

As a Delaware statutory trust, the Trust is subject to Delaware law, including the Delaware Statutory Trust Act. The Delaware Statutory Trust Act provides that a shareholder of a Delaware statutory trust shall be entitled to the same limitation of personal liability extended to shareholders of Delaware corporations, and the Declaration of Trust further provides that no shareholder of the Trust shall be personally liable for the obligations of the Trust or of any series or class thereof except by reason of his or her own acts or conduct.

The Fund commenced operations on March 30, 2016 as the successor in interest to the GoodHaven Fund having the same name, investment objective, strategies and risks that was included as a series of another investment company, Professionally Managed Portfolios (the "PMP Trust") and that was also advised by the Fund's investment adviser, GoodHaven Capital Management, LLC (the "Predecessor Fund"). On March 28, 2016, the shareholders of the Predecessor Fund approved the reorganization of the Predecessor Fund with and into its corresponding series of the Trust, the Fund, and effective as of the close of business on March 30, 2016, the assets and liabilities of the Predecessor Fund were transferred to the Trust in exchange for shares of the Fund. The Predecessor Fund commenced operations on April 8, 2011. References in this SAI of the Fund's activities prior to March 30, 2016, are in fact those of the Predecessor Fund's activities.

The Fund's Prospectus and this SAI are a part of the Trust's Registration Statement filed with the SEC. Copies of the Trust's complete Registration Statement may be obtained from the SEC upon payment of the prescribed fee or may be accessed free of charge at the SEC's website at www.sec.gov.

# **INVESTMENT POLICIES AND RISKS**

The Fund is non-diversified, which means that there is no restriction under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act") on how much the Fund may invest in the securities of one issuer. However, to qualify for tax treatment as a regulated investment company under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), the Fund is required to comply, as of the end of each taxable quarter, with certain diversification requirements imposed by the Code. Pursuant to these requirements, at the end of each taxable quarter, the Fund, among other things, will not have investments in the securities of any one issuer (other than U.S. government securities and securities of other regulated investment companies) of more than 25% of the value of the Fund's total assets at the time of purchase. In addition, the Fund, with respect to 50% of its total assets, will not have investments in the securities of any issuer equal to 5% of its total assets, and will not purchase more than 10% of the outstanding voting securities of

any one issuer. As a non-diversified investment company, the Fund may be subject to greater risks than diversified companies because of the larger impact of fluctuation in the values of securities of fewer issues.

The following information supplements the discussion of the Fund's investment objective and policies as set forth in its Prospectus. The Fund may invest in the following types of investments, each of which is subject to certain risks, as discussed below.

## **Risks Associated With Economic Events or Regulatory Action**

Historically, equity and other securities markets have experienced periods of significant volatility. In response to the exceptional volatility that accompanied the financial crisis beginning in 2008, there were material changes to regulation over financial markets including a number of changes that affected mutual funds generally. Some of these changes may have reduced volatility in the short-term. However, in 2020 equity markets experienced the highest volatility in many years over a short period of time. Generally, we believe that regulatory changes tend to dampen volatility in areas that were previously of concern, while potentially ignoring other sources of potential volatility that are not well recognized. We do not believe it is possible to determine whether or not volatility will be subdued or significant and while regulatory controls over certain activities in financial markets may help to reduce volatility, there is no guarantee that they will prevent a sharp decline in market prices affecting the Fund's portfolio resulting from unexpected economic events or financial imbalances that have not been widely recognized or addressed.

Periods of high volatility in debt, equity, or commodity markets may negatively affect the prices of securities owned by the Fund, perhaps significantly. After a long stretch of ultra-low interest rates, a period of higher interest rates may serve to increase volatility, especially if it causes public corporations difficulty in refinancing obligations or leads to lower liquidity in debt markets, and these factors could also negatively affect securities owned by the Fund. Neither the management of the Fund nor its portfolio manager can predict the timing, duration, or severity of any such future events.

Regulatory changes have served in the past to raise the cost of operating mutual funds generally and may do so in the future even as the current U.S. administration is seeking to reduce regulatory burdens on industrial and financial companies. There is no guarantee that the Fund will be able to absorb higher costs created by additional regulatory obligations.

#### **Asset-Backed Securities**

The Fund may invest in asset-backed securities. Asset-backed securities are securities issued by trusts and special purpose entities that are backed by pools of assets, such as automobile and credit-card receivables and home equity loans, which pass through the payments on the underlying obligations to the security holders (less servicing fees paid to the originator or fees for any credit enhancement). Typically, the originator of the loan or accounts receivable paper transfers it to a specially created trust, which repackages it as securities with a minimum denomination and a specific term. The securities are then privately placed or publicly offered. For example, the Fund may invest in collateralized debt obligations ("CDOs"), which include collateralized bond obligations ("CBOs"), collateralized loan obligations ("CLOs"), and other similarly structured entities. CBOs and CLOs are types of asset-backed securities. A CBO is a trust, which is backed by a diversified pool of high-risk, below investment grade fixed-income securities. A CLO is a trust typically collateralized by a pool of loans, which may include, among others, domestic and foreign senior secured loans, senior unsecured loans, and subordinate corporate loans, including loans that may be rated below investment grade or equivalent unrated loans.

The value of an asset-backed security is affected by, among other things, changes in the market's perception of the asset backing the security, the creditworthiness of the servicing agent for the loan pool,

the originator of the loans and the financial institution providing any credit enhancement. Payments of principal and interest passed through to holders of asset-backed securities are frequently supported by some form of credit enhancement, such as a letter of credit, surety bond, limited guarantee by another entity or by having a priority to certain of the borrower's other assets. The degree of credit enhancement varies, and generally applies to only a portion of the asset-backed security's par value. Value is also affected if any credit enhancement has been exhausted.

#### **Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Although the Fund will normally hold a focused portfolio comprised primarily of equity (and fixedincome securities from time to time), the Fund is not required to be fully invested and may maintain a significant portion of its total assets in cash and securities generally considered to be cash equivalents, including, but not limited to, short-term U.S. and non-U.S. Government securities, money-market funds, commercial paper repurchase agreements, bank deposits, and other high quality money market instruments. From time to time, cash and cash reserves may also include foreign securities, including but not limited to, short-term obligations of foreign governments or other high quality foreign money-market instruments. The Fund and the Advisor believe that a certain amount of liquidity in the Fund's portfolio is desirable both to meet operating requirements and to take advantage of new investment opportunities. Under conditions when the Fund is unable to find sufficient investments meeting its criteria, cash and cash reserves will comprise a large percentage of the Fund's total assets. When the Fund holds a significant portion of assets in cash and cash reserves, it may not meet its investment objective and the Fund's performance may significantly lag that of market indexes which, by definition, are composed of groups of securities without a cash component. To the extent the Fund uses a money market mutual fund for its cash position, there will be some duplication of expenses because the Fund would bear its pro rata portion of such money market fund's management fees and operational expenses.

# **Credit Default Swap Agreements**

The "buyer" in a credit default swap contract is obligated to pay the "seller" a periodic stream of payments over the term of the contract in return for a contingent payment upon the occurrence of a credit event with respect to an underlying reference obligation. Generally, a credit event means bankruptcy, failure to pay, obligation acceleration or modified restructuring. The Fund may be either the buyer or the seller in the transaction. As a seller, the Fund receives a fixed rate of income throughout the term of the contract, which typically is between one month and five years, provided that no credit event occurs. If a credit event occurs, the Fund typically must pay the contingent payment to the buyer, which is typically the "par value" (full notional value) of the reference obligation. The contingent payment may be a cash settlement or by physical delivery of the reference obligation in return for payment of the face amount of the obligation. The value of the reference obligation received by the Fund as a seller if a credit event occurs, coupled with the periodic payments previously received, may be less than the full notional value it pays to the buyer, resulting in a loss of value to the Fund. If the reference obligation is a defaulted security, physical delivery of the security will cause the Fund to hold a defaulted security. If the Fund is a buyer and no credit event occurs, the Fund will lose its periodic stream of payments over the term of the contract. However, if a credit event occurs, the buyer typically receives full notional value for a reference obligation that may have little or no value. If the Fund writes/sells credit default swaps, it will segregate the full notional amount of the swaps. To date, the Fund has not utilized credit default swaps but believes having the ability to do so may benefit shareholders at a future date. The Fund intends to limit such activity to less than 10% of its assets.

# **Debt Securities**

The Fund may invest in debt securities, including, but not limited to, corporate and U.S. Government debt securities, and exchange-traded notes ("ETNs"). Corporate debt securities include, but are not limited to, debt obligations offered by public or private corporations either registered or unregistered. The market value of such securities may fluctuate in response to interest rates and the creditworthiness of the issuer.

ETNs are typically issued by a government or corporate entity where the value of the note may fluctuate based on factors other than interest rates or creditworthiness as a result of embedded or linked derivative contracts. ETNs may have a greater risk of loss than other debt securities under certain circumstances. The Fund may invest in debt securities that are non-investment grade or are in default.

U.S. Government debt securities include direct obligations of the U.S. Government and obligations issued by U.S. Government agencies and instrumentalities. Although certain securities issued by the U.S. Government, its agencies or instrumentalities are backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government, others are supported only by the credit of that agency or instrumentality. There is no guarantee that the U.S. Government will provide support to such agencies or instrumentalities and such securities may involve risk of loss of principal and interest. In addition, a security backed by the U.S. Treasury or the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government is guaranteed only as to the timely payment of interest and principal when held to maturity. The current market prices for such securities are not guaranteed and will fluctuate. Certain U.S. Government agency securities or securities of U.S. Government-sponsored entities are backed by the right of the issuer to borrow from the U.S. Treasury, or are supported only by the credit of the issuer or instrumentality. While the U.S. Government provides financial support to those U.S. Government-sponsored agencies or instrumentalities, no assurance can be given that it will always do so and those securities are neither guaranteed nor issued by the U.S. Government. In the case of securities backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government, shareholders are primarily exposed to interest rate risk. The ratings for debt securities are described in Appendix A.

# **Municipal Securities**

The Fund may invest in municipal securities. Municipal securities are issued by the states, territories and possessions of the United States, their political subdivisions (such as cities, counties and towns) and various authorities (such as public housing or redevelopment authorities), instrumentalities, public corporations and special districts (such as water, sewer or sanitary districts) of the states, territories, and possessions of the United States or their political subdivisions. In addition, municipal securities include securities issued by or on behalf of public authorities to finance various privately operated facilities, such as industrial development bonds, that are backed only by the assets and revenues of the non-governmental user (such as hospitals and airports).

Municipal securities are issued to obtain funds for a variety of public purposes, including general financing for state and local governments, or financing for specific projects or public facilities. Municipal securities are classified as general obligation or revenue bonds or notes. General obligation securities are secured by the issuer's pledge of its full faith, credit and taxing power for the payment of principal and interest. Revenue securities are payable from revenue derived from a particular facility, class of facilities, or the proceeds of a special excise tax or other specific revenue source, but not from the issuer's general taxing power. The Fund will not invest more than 25% of its total assets in a single type of revenue bond. Private activity bonds and industrial revenue bonds do not carry the pledge of the credit of the issuing municipality, but generally are guaranteed by the corporate entity on whose behalf they are issued.

Municipal leases are entered into by state and local governments and authorities to acquire equipment and facilities such as fire and sanitation vehicles, telecommunications equipment, and other assets. Municipal leases (which normally provide for title to the leased assets to pass eventually to the government issuer) have evolved as a means for governmental issuers to acquire property and equipment without meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements for the issuance of debt. The debt-issuance limitations of many state constitutions and statutes are deemed to be inapplicable because of the inclusion in many leases or contracts of "non-appropriation" clauses that provide that the governmental issuer has no obligation to make future payments under the lease or contract unless money is appropriated for such purpose by the appropriate legislative body on a yearly or other periodic basis.

# Derivatives

The Fund may, but is not required to, use derivatives for risk management purposes or as part of its investment strategies. Derivatives are financial contracts whose values depend on, or are derived from, the value of an underlying asset, reference rate or index. The Fund may use derivatives to earn income and enhance returns, to hedge or adjust the risk profile of its portfolio, to replace more traditional direct investments and to obtain exposure to otherwise inaccessible markets.

There are three types of derivatives in which the Fund may invest: futures, options and swaps. Derivatives may be (1) standardized, exchange-traded contracts or (2) customized, privately negotiated contracts. Exchange-traded derivatives tend to be more liquid and subject to less credit risk than those that are privately negotiated.

The Fund's use of derivatives may involve risks that are different from, or possibly greater than, the risks associated with investing directly in securities or other more traditional instruments. These risks include the risk that the value of a derivative instrument may not correlate perfectly, or at all, with the value of the assets, reference rates, or indexes that they are designed to track. Other risks include: an illiquid secondary market for a particular instrument and possible exchange-imposed price fluctuation limits, either of which may make it difficult or impossible to close out a position when desired; the risk that adverse price movements in an instrument can result in a loss substantially greater than the Fund's initial investment in that instrument (in some cases, the potential loss is unlimited); and the risk that a counterparty will not perform its obligations. In the aggregate, the Fund intends to limit derivative positions to not more than 10% of assets.

The Fund may use the following types of derivatives.

# Futures Contracts and Options on Futures Contracts

A futures contract is an agreement that obligates the buyer to buy and the seller to sell a specified quantity of an underlying asset (or settle for cash the value of a contract based on an underlying asset, rate or index) at a specific price on the contract maturity date. Options on futures contracts are options that call for the delivery of futures contracts upon exercise. The Fund may purchase or sell futures contracts and options thereon to hedge against changes in interest rates, securities (through index futures or options) or currencies. The Fund may also purchase or sell futures contracts for foreign currencies or options thereon for non-hedging purposes as a means of making direct investments in foreign currencies.

# **Options**

An option is an agreement that, for a premium payment or fee, gives the option holder (the buyer) the right but not the obligation to buy (a "call option") or sell (a "put option") the underlying asset (or settle for cash an amount based on an underlying asset, rate or index) at a specified price (the exercise price) during a period of time or on a specified date. Investments in options are considered speculative. The Fund may lose the premium paid for them if the price of the underlying security or other asset decreased or remained the same (in the case of a call option) or increased or remained the same (in the case of a put option). If a put or call option purchased by the Fund were permitted to expire without being sold or exercised, its premium would represent a loss to the Fund. The Fund's investments in options include the following:

Options on Foreign Currencies. The Fund may purchase or sell call or put options on foreign currencies that are privately negotiated or traded on U.S. or foreign exchanges for hedging purposes to protect against declines in the U.S. Dollar value of foreign currency denominated securities held by the Fund and against increases in the U.S. Dollar cost of securities to be acquired. The purchase of an option on a foreign currency may constitute an effective hedge against fluctuations in exchange rates, although if rates move adversely, the Fund may forfeit the entire amount of the premium plus related

transaction costs. The Fund may also purchase or sell options on foreign currencies for non-hedging purposes as a means of making direct investments in foreign currencies.

- Options on Securities. The Fund may purchase or sell call or put options on securities. The Fund will
  only exercise an option it purchased if the price of the security was less (in the case of a put option) or
  more (in the case of a call option) than the exercise price. If the Fund does not exercise an option, the
  premium it paid for the option will be lost. Normally, the Fund will sell only "covered" options,
  which means writing an option for securities the Fund owns, but may write an uncovered call option
  for cross-hedging purposes.
- Options on Securities Indices. An option on a securities index is similar to an option on a security except that, rather than taking or making delivery of a security at a specified price, an option on a securities index gives the holder the right to receive, upon exercise of the option, an amount of cash if the closing level of the chosen index is greater than (in the case of a call) or less than (in the case of a put) the exercise price of the option.

#### <u>Swaps</u>

A swap, which may be a customized and privately negotiated agreement or a standardized and exchange-traded contract, obligates two parties to exchange a series of cash flows at specified intervals (payment dates) based upon, or calculated by, reference to changes in specified prices or rates for a specified amount of an underlying asset (the "notional" principal amount). Swaps are entered into on a net basis (*i.e.*, the two payment streams are netted out, with a fund receiving or paying, as the case may be, only the net amount of the two payments). Examples of such swaps may include, but are not limited to, currency swaps, interest rate swaps, total return swaps, and credit default swaps. Payments received by the Fund from swap agreements will result in taxable income, either as ordinary income or capital gains. Except for currency swaps, the notional principal amount is used solely to calculate the payment streams but is not exchanged. With respect to currency swaps, actual principal amounts of currencies may be exchanged by the counterparties at the initiation, and again upon the termination, of the transaction. The swap market has grown substantially in recent years, with a large number of banks and investment banking firms acting both as principals and as agents utilizing standardized swap documentation. As a result, the swap market has become well established and relatively liquid.

# **Exclusion from Definition of Commodity Pool Operator**

Pursuant to amendments by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission to Rule 4.5 under the Commodity Exchange Act ("CEA"), the Advisor will take all necessary regulatory action, including filing a notice of exemption from registration as a "commodity pool operator" with respect to the Fund, prior to the execution of any such transactions. Upon filing, the Fund and the Advisor would therefore not be subject to registration or regulation as a pool operator under the CEA. In order to claim the Rule 4.5 exemption, the Fund is significantly limited in its ability to invest in commodity futures, options and swaps (including securities futures, broad-based stock index futures and financial futures contracts). As a result, the Advisor is more limited in its ability to use these instruments on behalf of the Fund and these limitations may negatively impact the Fund's performance.

# **Equity Securities**

The Fund may invest in equity securities consistent with its investment objective and strategies. Common stocks, preferred stocks and convertible securities are examples of equity securities.

All investments in equity securities are subject to market risks that may cause their prices to fluctuate over time. Historically, the equity markets have moved in cycles and the value of the securities in the Fund's portfolio may fluctuate substantially from day to day. Moreover, many equity securities do not

pay dividends or other distributions and an issuer of an equity security that does pay dividends may elect to discontinue such dividends at any time.

To the extent the Fund invests in the equity securities of small or medium-size companies, it will be exposed to the risks of small and medium-sized companies. Such companies often have limited product lines or offer fewer services, have narrower markets for their goods and/or services, and more limited managerial and financial resources than larger, more established companies. In addition, there is frequently less publicly available information when compared to larger companies due to limited press coverage, limited investment analyst coverage, and limited institutional ownership. Adverse publicity and investor perceptions, whether or not based on fundamental analysis, can decrease the price and liquidity of securities held by the Fund. As smaller companies typically have less access to resources than larger companies, their share prices can be more volatile and they face greater risk of business failure, which could increase the risk of the Fund's portfolio.

# Common Stock

A common stock represents a proportional share of the ownership of a company and its value is based on the success and prospects of the company's business, the cash a company generates, and the value of a company's assets. However, over short periods of time, the price of any company, whether successful or not, may increase or decrease by a meaningful percentage. In addition to the general risks set forth above, investments in common stocks are subject to the risk that a company in which the Fund invests is liquidated and the liquidation proceeds are insufficient to provide value to all security holders. To the extent the Fund holds common stock or other junior securities in a liquidating company, the creditors or other senior security holders of the company will be paid first, raising the possibility that assets will be exhausted before any payments are made to the Fund.

# Preferred Stock

Preferred stocks are equity securities that often pay dividends at a specific rate and have a preference over common stocks in dividend payments and liquidation of assets. A preferred stock has a blend of the characteristics of a bond and common stock. It can offer the higher yield of a bond and has priority over common stock in equity ownership, but does not have the seniority of a bond and, unlike common stock, its participation in the issuer's growth may be limited. Although the dividend is set at a fixed annual rate, in some circumstances it can be changed or omitted by the issuer.

#### **Convertible Securities**

The Fund may invest in convertible securities. Convertible securities (such as debt securities or preferred stock) may be converted into or exchanged for a prescribed amount of common stock of the same or different issuer within a particular period of time at a specified price or formula. A convertible security entitles the holder to receive interest paid or accrued on debt or dividends paid on preferred stock until the convertible stock matures or is redeemed, converted or exchanged. While no securities investment is without risk, investments in convertible securities are generally less risky than the issuer's common stock. However, the extent to which such risk is reduced depends in large measure upon the degree to which the convertible securities also a fixed-income security. In addition to the general risk associated with equity securities discussed above, the market value of convertible securities is also affected by prevailing interest rates, the credit quality of the issuer, and any call provisions. While convertible securities generally offer lower interest or dividend yields than nonconvertible debt securities of similar quality, they do enable the investor to benefit from increases in the market price of the underlying common stock.

# **Rights and Warrants**

The Fund may invest in rights or warrants. Rights and warrants entitle the holder to buy equity securities at a specific price for a specific period of time. Rights and warrants may be considered more speculative

than certain other types of investments in that they do not entitle a holder to dividends or voting rights with respect to the underlying securities that may be purchased nor do they represent any rights in the assets of the issuing company. Also, the value of a right or warrant does not necessarily change with the value of the underlying securities and a right or warrant ceases to have value if it is not exercised prior to the expiration date.

## **Foreign Securities**

The Fund may invest in American Depositary Receipts ("ADRs"), Global Depositary Receipts ("GDRs") and shares listed on foreign exchanges, and may invest up to 100% of its total assets in foreign equity securities, including but not limited to, corporate debt securities and short-term debt obligations of foreign governments and other foreign money-market instruments. In determining whether a company is foreign, the Advisor will consider various factors including where the company is headquartered, where the company's principal operations are located, where the company's revenues are derived, where the principal trading market is located and the country in which the company is legally organized. The weight given to each of these factors will vary depending upon the circumstances. Investments in foreign securities may involve a greater degree of risk than those in domestic securities and may have additional risks related to fluctuating currency values.

ADRs in registered form are dollar-denominated securities designed for use in the U.S. securities markets. ADRs are sponsored and issued by domestic banks, and they represent and may be converted into underlying foreign securities deposited with the domestic bank or a correspondent bank. ADRs do not eliminate the risks inherent in investing in the securities of foreign issuers. By investing in ADRs rather than directly in the foreign security, however, the Fund may avoid currency risks during the settlement period for either purchases or sales. There is a large, liquid market in the United States for most ADRs. GDRs are receipts representing an arrangement with a major foreign bank similar to that for ADRs. GDRs are not necessarily denominated in the currency of the underlying security.

Short-term debt obligations of foreign governments acquired by the Fund will generally have a maturity of one year or less and a credit rating of "A" or better by Standard & Poor's ("S&P") or a similar rating by another nationally recognized statistical rating organization ("NRSRO"). Other debt securities of foreign companies may be purchased by the Fund without regard to NRSRO ratings.

Securities of foreign issuers may be subject to greater fluctuations in price than domestic securities. The price of foreign securities is affected by changes in currency exchange rates. To the extent that the Fund invests in securities of foreign issuers, political or economic instability of the country of the issuer, especially in emerging or developing countries, could cause rapid and extreme changes in the value of the Fund's assets. Foreign countries have different accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards, and foreign issuers may be subject to less governmental regulation and oversight than U.S. issuers. Also, many countries where the Fund may invest are not as politically or economically developed as the United States. To the extent that the Fund owns foreign securities, acts of foreign governments interfering in capital markets, such as capital or currency controls, nationalization of companies or industries, expropriation of assets, or imposition of punitive taxes could adversely affect the Fund. In addition, costs may be incurred in connection with the Fund's foreign investments. Foreign brokerage commissions are generally higher than those in the United States. Expenses may also be incurred on currency conversions when the Fund moves investments from one country to another. Administrative difficulties may also be experienced in connection with maintaining assets in foreign jurisdictions.

The Fund's investments in non-U.S. securities are most likely to occur in developed countries, although it may also invest up to 50% of its total assets in foreign companies located in developing or emerging market securities. The considerations noted above regarding the risk of investing in foreign securities are generally more significant for investments in emerging or developing countries, such as countries in

Eastern Europe, Latin America, South America or Southeast Asia. These countries may have relatively unstable governments and securities markets in which only a small number of securities trade. Markets of developing or emerging countries may generally be more volatile than markets of developed countries. Investment in these markets may involve significantly greater risks, as well as the potential for greater gains.

# Illiquid and Restricted Securities

As a non-principal strategy, the Fund may hold up to 15% of its net assets in securities that are illiquid. The Advisor will determine a security to be illiquid if it cannot be sold or disposed of in the ordinary course of business within seven days at approximately the value at which the Fund has valued the security. Securities that are deemed illiquid may have limited trading volumes and the Fund may not be able to easily sell or value such holdings at the time or price desired, especially at times of overall market stress.

There are generally no restrictions on the Fund's ability to invest in restricted securities (that is, securities that are not registered pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "1933 Act")), except to the extent such securities may be considered illiquid. Securities issued pursuant to Rule 144A of the Securities Act ("Rule 144A securities") will be considered liquid if determined to be so under procedures adopted by the Board of Trustees. The Advisor is responsible for making the determination as to the liquidity of restricted securities (pursuant to the procedures adopted by the Board of Trustees).

Factors considered in determining whether a security is illiquid may include, but are not limited to: the frequency of trades and quotes for the security; the number of dealers willing to purchase and sell the security and the number of potential purchasers; the number of dealers who undertake to make a market in the security; the nature of the security, including whether it is registered or unregistered, and the market place; whether the security has been rated by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization ("NRSRO"); the period of time remaining until the maturity of a debt instrument or until the principal amount of a demand instrument can be recovered through demand; the nature of any restrictions on resale; and with respect to municipal lease obligations and certificates of participation, there is reasonable assurance that the obligation will remain liquid throughout the time the obligation is held and, if unrated, an analysis similar to that which would be performed by an NRSRO is performed. If a restricted security is determined to be liquid, it will not be included within the category of illiquid securities. Investing in Rule 144A securities could have the effect of increasing the level of a Fund's illiquidity to the extent that the Fund, at a particular point in time may be unable to find qualified institutional buyers interested in purchasing the securities. The Fund is permitted to sell restricted securities to qualified institutional buyers.

# Loan Participations and Assignments (Bank Debt)

The Fund may invest in bank debt, which includes interests in loans to companies or their affiliates undertaken to finance a capital restructuring or in connection with recapitalizations, acquisitions, leveraged buyouts, refinancings or other financially leveraged transactions and may include loans which are designed to provide temporary or bridge financing to a borrower pending the sale of identified assets, the arrangement of longer-term loans or the issuance and sale of debt obligations. These loans, which may bear fixed or floating rates, have generally been arranged through private negotiations between a corporate borrower and one or more financial institutions ("Lenders"), including banks. The Fund's investment may be in the form of participations in loans ("Participations") or of assignments of all or a portion of loans from third parties ("Assignments").

The Fund has the right to receive payments of principal, interest and any fees to which it is entitled only from the Lender selling a Participation and only upon receipt by the Lender of the payments from the borrower. In connection with purchasing Participations, the Fund generally will have no right to enforce

compliance by the borrower with the terms of the loan agreement relating to the loan, nor any rights of set-off against the borrower, and the Fund may not benefit directly from any collateral supporting the loan in which it has purchased the Participation. Thus, the Fund assumes the credit risk of both the borrower and the Lender that is selling the Participation. In addition, in connection with purchasing Participations, the Fund generally will have no role in terms of negotiating or effecting amendments, waivers and consents with respect to the loans underlying the Participations. In the event of the insolvency of the Lender, the Fund may be treated as a general creditor of the Lender and may not benefit from any set-off between the Lender and the borrower.

In certain cases, the rights and obligations acquired by the Fund through the purchase of an Assignment may differ from, and be more limited than, those held by the assigning selling institution. Assignments are sold strictly without recourse to the selling institutions, and the selling institutions will generally make no representations or warranties to the Fund about the underlying loan, the borrowers, the documentation of the loans or any collateral securing the loans.

Investments in Participations and Assignments involve additional risks, including the risk of nonpayment of principal and interest by the borrower, the risk that any loan collateral may become impaired and that the Fund may obtain less than the full value for the loan interests sold because they may be illiquid. Purchasers of loans depend primarily upon the creditworthiness of the borrower for payment of interest and repayment of principal. If scheduled interest or principal payments are not made, the value of the instrument may be adversely affected.

Investments in loans through direct assignment of a financial institution's interests with respect to a loan may involve additional risks. For example, if a loan is foreclosed, the Fund could become part owner of any collateral, and would bear the costs and liabilities associated with owning and disposing of the collateral.

A loan is often administered by a bank or other financial institution that acts as agent for all holders. The agent administers the terms of the loan, as specified in the loan agreement. Unless, under the terms of the loan or other indebtedness, the Fund has direct recourse against the borrower, the Fund may have to rely on the agent to apply appropriate credit remedies against a borrower. If assets held by the agent for the benefit of the Fund were determined to be subject to the claims of the agent's general creditors, the Fund might incur certain costs and delays in realizing payment on the loan or loan participation and could suffer a loss of principal or interest.

Interests in loans are also subject to additional liquidity risks. Loans are generally subject to legal or contractual restrictions on resale. Loans are not currently listed on any securities exchange or automatic quotation system, but are traded by banks and other institutional investors engaged in loan syndication. As a result, no active market may exist for some loans, and to the extent a secondary market exists for other loans, such market may be subject to irregular trading activity, wide bid/ask spreads and extended trade settlement periods. Consequently, the Fund may have difficulty disposing of Assignments or Participations in response to a specific economic event such as deterioration in the creditworthiness of the borrower, which can result in a loss. In such market situations, it may be more difficult for the Fund to assign a value to Assignments or Participations when valuing the Fund's securities and calculating its net asset value ("NAV").

# **Margin Purchases**

The Fund may not purchase securities on margin, except (1) as otherwise permitted under rules adopted by the SEC under the 1940 Act or by guidance regarding the 1940 Act, or interpretations thereof, and (2) that the Fund may obtain such short-term credits as are necessary for the clearance of portfolio transactions, and the Fund may make margin payments in connection with futures contracts, options, forward contracts, swaps and other financial instruments.

#### **Other Investment Companies**

The Fund may invest its assets in the securities of other registered investment companies, including money market funds, subject to the limitations set forth in the 1940 Act. Investments in the securities of other investment companies will likely result in the duplication of advisory fees and certain other expenses. By investing in another investment company, the Fund becomes a shareholder of that investment company. As a result, Fund shareholders indirectly will bear the Fund's proportionate share of the fees and expenses paid by shareholders of the other investment company, in addition to the fees and expenses Fund shareholders directly bear in connection with the Fund's own operations.

Section 12(d)(1) of the 1940 Act restricts investments by registered investment companies in securities of other registered investment companies. Section 12(d)(1)(A) of the 1940 Act generally prohibits a fund from purchasing (1) more than 3% of the total outstanding voting stock of another fund; (2) securities of another fund having an aggregate value in excess of 5% of the value of the acquiring fund; and (3) securities of the other fund and all other funds having an aggregate value in excess of 10% of the value of the total assets of the acquiring fund. There are some exceptions, however, to these limitations pursuant to various rules promulgated by the SEC.

The SEC recently adopted new Rule 12d1-4 which, subject to certain conditions, permits a fund to acquire the securities of another fund in excess of the limits imposed by Section 12(d)(1) of the 1940 Act without obtaining an exemptive order.

In accordance with Section 12(d)(1)(F) and Rule 12d1-3 of the 1940 Act, the provisions of Section 12(d)(1) shall not apply to securities purchased or otherwise acquired by the Fund if (i) immediately after such purchase or acquisition not more than 3% of the total outstanding stock of such registered investment company is owned by the Fund and all affiliated persons of the Fund; and (ii) the Fund is not proposing to offer or sell any security issued by it through a principal underwriter or otherwise at a public or offering price including a sales load or service fee that exceeds the limits set forth in Rule 2341 of the Conduct Rules of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA") applicable to a fund of funds (*e.g.*, 8.5%).

# Exchange-Traded Funds

The Fund may also invest in shares of ETFs. An ETF is similar to a traditional mutual fund, but trades at different prices during the day on a security exchange like a stock. Similar to investments in other investment companies discussed above, the Fund's investments in ETFs will involve duplication of advisory fees and other expenses since the Fund will be investing in another investment company. In addition, the Fund's investment in ETFs is also subject to its limitations on investments in investment companies discussed above. To the extent the Fund invests in ETFs which focus on a particular market segment or industry, the Fund will also be subject to the risks associated with investing in those sectors or industries. The shares of the ETFs in which the Fund will invest will be listed on a national securities exchange and the Fund will purchase or sell these shares on the secondary market at their current market price, which may be more or less than their NAV.

As a purchaser of ETF shares on the secondary market, the Fund will be subject to the market risk associated with owning any security whose value is based on market price. ETF shares historically have tended to trade at or near their NAV, but there is no guarantee that they will continue to do so. Unlike traditional mutual funds, shares of an ETF may be purchased and redeemed directly from the ETFs only in large blocks (typically 50,000 shares or more) and only through participating organizations that have entered into contractual agreements with the ETF. The Fund does not expect to enter into such

agreements and therefore will not be able to purchase and redeem its ETF shares directly from the ETF. In addition to and pursuant to its previously described limited ability to invest in derivatives, the Fund may invest in derivatives that are based on ETF shares.

## **Real Estate Investment Trusts**

The Fund may invest in real estate investment trusts ("REITs"). Equity REITs invest directly in real property while mortgage REITs invest in mortgages on real property. REITs may be subject to certain risks associated with the direct ownership of real estate, including declines in the value of real estate, risks related to general and local economic conditions, overbuilding and increased competition, increases in property taxes and operating expenses and variations in rental income. REITs pay dividends to their shareholders based upon available funds from operations. It is quite common for these dividends to exceed a REIT's taxable earnings and profits, resulting in the excess portion of such dividends being designated as a return of capital. The Fund intends to include the gross dividends from such REITs in its distribution to its shareholders and, accordingly, a portion of the Fund's distributions may also be designated as a return of capital.

REITs also can be adversely affected by their failure to qualify for tax-free pass-through treatment of their income under the Code, or their failure to maintain an exemption from registration under the 1940 Act. In the event an investment fails to qualify as a REIT, the REIT will be subject to tax as a C corporation at U.S. federal income tax rates (currently, at a flat rate of 21%) and may be subject to state and local taxes. The resulting corporate taxes could reduce the Fund's net assets, the amount of income available for distribution and the amount of our distributions.

# **Master Limited Partnerships**

The Fund may invest in master limited partnerships ("MLPs"). MLPs may trade infrequently and in limited volume and they may be subject to more abrupt or erratic price movements than securities of larger or more broadly-based companies. MLPs are subject to "commodity risks" as well as the risks associated with the specific industry or industries in which the partnership invests. In addition, the managing general partner of an MLP may receive an incentive allocation based on increases in the amount and growth of cash distributions to investors in the MLP. This method of compensation may create an incentive for the managing general partner to make investments that are riskier or more speculative than would be the case in the absence of such compensation arrangements. Certain MLPs may operate in, or have exposure to, the energy sector. The energy sector can be significantly affected by changes in the prices and supplies of oil and other energy fuels, energy conservation, the success of exploration projects, and tax and other government regulations, policies of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and relationships among OPEC members and between OPEC and oil importing nations.

An MLP that is taxable as a partnership for federal income tax purposes generally does not pay income taxes, but investors holding interests in MLPs are generally subject to tax on their shares of the MLP's income and gains. To qualify as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes, an MLP must receive at least 90% of its income from qualifying sources such as interest, dividends, real estate rents, gain from the sale or disposition of real property, income and gain from certain mineral or natural resources activities, income and gain from the transportation or storage of certain fuels, and, in certain circumstances, income and gain from commodities or futures, forwards and options with respect to commodities, and gain from the sale or other disposition of a capital asset held for the production of such income. A change in current tax law or a change in the underlying business mix of a given MLP could result in an MLP being treated as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes, which would result in the MLP being required to pay U.S. federal income tax (currently, at a flat rate of 21%) on its taxable income. The classification of an MLP as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes would have the effect of reducing the amount of cash available for distribution by the MLP. If any MLP in which the

Fund invests were treated as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes, it could result in a reduction of the value of the Fund's investment in the MLP and lower income to the Fund. To the extent a distribution received by the Fund from an MLP taxable as a corporation is treated as a return of capital, the Fund's adjusted tax basis in the interests of the MLP will be reduced, which may increase the Fund's taxable income upon the sale of the interests in the MLP or upon subsequent distributions in respect of such interests.

# **Repurchase Agreements**

The Fund may invest in repurchase agreements. The Fund will invest no more than 10% of the Fund's assets in such agreements. Pursuant to such agreements, the Fund acquires securities from financial institutions such as banks and broker-dealers as are deemed to be creditworthy by the Advisor, subject to the seller's agreement to repurchase and the Fund's agreement to resell such securities at a mutually agreed upon date and price. The repurchase price generally equals the price paid by the Fund plus interest negotiated on the basis of current short-term rates (which may be more or less than the rate on the underlying portfolio security). The seller under a repurchase agreement will be required to maintain the value of the underlying securities at not less than 102% of the repurchase price under the agreement. If the seller defaults on its repurchase obligation, the Fund will suffer a loss to the extent that the proceeds from a sale of the underlying securities are less than the repurchase price under the agreement. Bankruptcy or insolvency of such a defaulting seller may cause the Fund's rights with respect to such securities to be delayed or limited. Repurchase agreements are considered to be loans under the 1940 Act. Should the Fund's intent to invest in repurchase agreements change, the Fund may enter into repurchase agreements of short durations, from overnight to one week, although the underlying securities would generally have longer maturities. The Fund may not enter into a repurchase agreement with more than seven days to maturity if, as a result, more than 15% of the value of its net assets would be invested in illiquid securities including such repurchase agreements.

# **Reverse Repurchase Agreements**

The Fund may borrow funds for temporary purposes by entering into reverse repurchase agreements in accordance with the Fund's investment restrictions. Pursuant to such agreements, the Fund would sell portfolio securities to financial institutions such as banks and broker-dealers, and agree to repurchase the securities at the mutually agreed-upon date and price. The Fund would enter into reverse repurchase agreements only to avoid otherwise selling securities during unfavorable market conditions to meet redemptions. When the Fund enters into a reverse repurchase agreement, it will place assets that are consistent with the Fund's investment restrictions by having a value equal to the repurchase price (including accrued interest) in a segregated custodial account, and will subsequently monitor the account to ensure that such equivalent value is maintained. Such assets will include U.S. Government securities or other liquid, high-grade debt securities.

The use of reverse repurchase agreements by the Fund creates leverage which increases the Fund's investment risk. If the income and gains on securities purchased with the proceeds of reverse repurchase agreements exceed the cost of the agreements, the Fund's earnings or NAV will increase faster than otherwise would be the case. Conversely, if the income and gains fail to exceed the costs, earnings or NAV would decline faster than otherwise would be the case. The Fund will seek to enter reverse repurchase agreements only when the interest income to be earned from the investment of the proceeds of the transaction is greater than the interest expense of the transaction. Reverse repurchase agreements involve the risk that the market value of the securities sold by the Fund may decline below the price at which the Fund is obligated to repurchase the securities. Reverse repurchase agreements are considered to be borrowing by under the 1940 Act.

## Borrowing

The Fund may borrow money in amounts of up to one-third of its total assets (including the amount borrowed). In addition, the Fund is authorized to borrow money from time to time for temporary, extraordinary, or emergency purposes or for clearance of transactions. The use of borrowing by the Fund involves special risk considerations that may not be associated with other funds having similar objectives and policies. Since substantially all of the Fund's assets fluctuate in value, while the interest obligation resulting from a borrowing will be fixed by the terms of the Fund's agreement with its lender, the NAV per share of the Fund will tend to increase more when its portfolio securities increase in value and to decrease more when its portfolio assets decrease in value than would otherwise be the case if the Fund did not borrow funds. In addition, interest costs on borrowings may fluctuate with changing market rates of interest and may partially offset or exceed the return earned on borrowed funds. Under adverse market conditions, the Fund might have to sell portfolio securities to meet interest or principal payments at a time when fundamental investment considerations would not favor such sales.

The 1940 Act permits a portfolio to borrow money in amounts of up to one-third of a Fund's total assets from banks for any purpose, and to borrow up to 5% of a Fund's total assets from banks or other lenders for temporary purposes. To limit the risks attendant to borrowing, the 1940 Act requires the Fund to maintain, at all times, "asset coverage" of at least 300% of the amount of its borrowings. Asset coverage means the ratio that the value of a Fund's total assets, minus liabilities other than borrowings, bears to the aggregate amount of all borrowings. Borrowing money to increase a Fund's investment portfolio is known as "leveraging." Borrowing, especially when used for leverage, may cause the value of a Fund's shares to be more volatile than if a Fund did not borrow. Borrowed money thus creates an opportunity for greater gains, but also greater losses. To repay borrowings, a Fund may have to sell securities at a time and at a price that is unfavorable to the Fund. There also are costs associated with borrowing money, and these costs would offset and could eliminate a Fund's net investment income in any given period. Reverse repurchase agreements may be considered to be a type of borrowing. Short-term credits necessary for the settlement of securities transactions and arrangements with respect to securities lending will not be considered to be borrowings under the policy. Practices and investments that may involve leverage but are not considered to be borrowings are not subject to the policy. Such trading practices may include futures, options on futures, forward contracts and other derivative investments.

The 1940 Act prohibits the Fund from issuing senior securities except that the Fund may borrow money in amounts of up to one-third of the Fund's total assets for any purpose. The Fund also may borrow up to 5% of the Fund's total assets from banks or other lenders for temporary purposes, and these borrowings are not considered senior securities. The issuance of senior securities by the Fund can increase the speculative character of the Fund's outstanding shares through leveraging. Leveraging of the Fund's portfolio through the issuance of senior securities magnifies the potential for gain or loss, because even though the Fund's net assets remain the same, the total risk to investors is increased. Certain widely used investment practices that involve a commitment by the Fund to deliver money or securities in the future are not considered by the SEC to be senior securities, provided that the Fund segregates cash or liquid securities in an amount necessary to pay the obligation or the fund holds an offsetting commitment from another party. These investment practices include repurchase and reverse repurchase agreements, swaps, dollar rolls, options, futures and forward contracts. The Fund's policy on borrowing will be interpreted not to prevent collateral arrangements with respect to swaps, options, forward or futures contracts or other derivatives, or the posting of initial or variation margin.

#### **Securities Lending**

The Fund reserves the right, pending receipt of Board approval, to lend securities from its portfolio to brokers, dealers and financial institutions (but not individuals) in order to increase the return on its portfolio. The SEC currently requires that the following conditions must be met whenever the Fund's portfolio securities are loaned: (1) the Fund must receive at least 100% cash collateral from the borrower;

(2) the borrower must increase such collateral whenever the market value of the securities rises above the level of such collateral; (3) the Fund must be able to terminate the loan at any time; (4) the Fund must receive reasonable interest on the loan, as well as any dividends, interest or other distributions on the loaned securities, and any increase in market value; (5) the Fund may pay only reasonable custodian fees approved by the Board in connection with the loan; (6) while voting rights on the loaned securities may pass to the borrower, the Board must terminate the loan and regain the right to vote the securities if a material event adversely affecting the investment occurs, and (7) the Fund may not loan its portfolio securities so that the value of the loaned securities is more than one-third of its total asset value, including collateral received from such loans. These conditions may be subject to future modification. Such loans will be terminable at any time upon specified notice. The Fund might experience the risk of loss if the institution with which it has engaged in a portfolio loan transaction breaches its agreement with the Fund. In addition, the Fund will not enter into any portfolio security lending arrangement having a duration of longer than one year. The principal risk of portfolio lending is potential default or insolvency of the borrower. In either of these cases, the Fund could experience delays in recovering securities or collateral or could lose all or part of the value of the loaned securities. As part of participating in a lending program, the Fund may be required to invest in collateralized debt or other securities that bear the risk of loss of principal. In addition, all investments made with the collateral received are subject to the risks associated with such investments. If such investments lose value, the Fund will have to cover the loss when repaying the collateral.

Any loans of portfolio securities are fully collateralized based on values that are marked-to-market daily. Any securities that the Fund may receive as collateral will not become part of the Fund's investment portfolio at the time of the loan and, in the event of a default by the borrower, the Fund will, if permitted by law, dispose of such collateral except for such part thereof that is a security in which the Fund is permitted to invest. During the time securities are on loan, the borrower will pay the Fund any accrued income on those securities, and the Fund may invest the cash collateral and earn income or receive an agreed-upon fee from a borrower that has delivered cash-equivalent collateral.

# **Short Sales**

The Fund may make short sales as a part of overall portfolio management or to offset a potential decline in the value of a security. A short sale involves the sale of a security that the Fund does not own, or if the Fund owns the security, is not to be delivered upon consummation of the sale. When the Fund makes a short sale of a security that it does not own, it must borrow from a broker-dealer the security sold short and deliver the security to the broker-dealer upon conclusion of the short sale.

If the price of the security sold short increases between the time of the short sale and the time the Fund replaces the borrowed security, the Fund will incur a loss; conversely, if the price declines, the Fund will realize a short-term capital gain. Although the Fund's gain is limited to the price at which it sold the security short, its potential loss is theoretically unlimited. For example, a lender may request that the borrowed securities be returned on short notice; if that occurs at a time when other short sellers of the subject security are receiving similar requests, a "short squeeze" can occur. This means that the Fund might be compelled, at the most disadvantageous time, to replace borrowed securities previously sold short, with purchases on the open market at prices significantly greater than those at which the securities were sold short.

Typically, the Fund will segregate liquid assets, which are marked-to-market daily, equal to the difference between (a) the market value of the securities sold short at the time they were sold short and (b) the value of the collateral deposited with the broker in connection with the short sale (not including the proceeds from the short sale). While the short position is open, the Fund must maintain segregated assets at such a level that the amount segregated plus the amount deposited with the broker as collateral equal the current market value of the securities sold short. When a short position is closed out, it may result in a short term capital gain or loss for federal income tax purposes. To the extent that in a generally rising market a Fund maintains short positions in securities rising with the market, the NAV of the Fund would be expected to increase to a lesser extent than the NAV of an investment company that does not engage in short sales.

The dollar amount of short sales at any one time (not including short sales against the box) may not exceed 25% of the net assets of the Fund, and it is expected that normally the dollar amount of such sales will not exceed 10% of the net assets of the Fund.

## **Short-Term Investments**

The Fund may invest in any of the following securities and instruments:

# Certificates of Deposit, Bankers' Acceptances and Time Deposits

The Fund may hold certificates of deposit, bankers' acceptances and time deposits. Certificates of deposit are negotiable certificates issued against funds deposited in a commercial bank for a definite period of time and earning a specified return. Bankers' acceptances are negotiable drafts or bills of exchange, normally drawn by an importer or exporter to pay for specific merchandise, which are "accepted" by a bank, meaning in effect that the bank unconditionally agrees to pay the face value of the instrument on maturity. Certificates of deposit and bankers' acceptances acquired by the Fund will be dollar-denominated obligations of domestic banks, savings and loan associations or financial institutions which, at the time of purchase, have capital, surplus and undivided profits in excess of \$100 million (including assets of both domestic and foreign branches), based on latest published reports, or less than \$100 million if the principal amount of such bank obligations are fully insured by the U.S. government.

In addition to buying certificates of deposit and bankers' acceptances, the Fund also may make interest-bearing time or other interest-bearing deposits in commercial or savings banks. Time deposits are non-negotiable deposits maintained at a banking institution for a specified period of time at a specified interest rate.

# Commercial Paper and Short-Term Notes

The Fund may invest a portion of its assets in commercial paper and short-term notes. Commercial paper consists of unsecured promissory notes issued by corporations. Commercial paper and short-term notes will normally have maturities of less than nine months and fixed rates of return, although such instruments may have maturities of up to one year.

Commercial paper and short-term notes will consist of issues rated at the time of purchase A- or higher by S&P<sup>®</sup>, "Prime-1" or "Prime-2" by Moody's, or similarly rated by another nationally recognized statistical rating organization or, if unrated, will be determined by the Advisor to be of comparable quality. These rating symbols are described in Appendix A to this SAI.

# Value Investing Style

A "value investing" style or philosophy seeks out investments where fundamental research suggests that the "intrinsic value" of a security exceeds its market value. We define intrinsic value generally as the value that may be ascribed to a company's securities by a well-informed third party seeking to acquire the business or, alternatively, the value that would be realized upon liquidation of the corporation's net assets and distribution of the proceeds to security holders. Value investing is dependent on fundamental research and the Advisor's assessment of business values both today and in the future. To the extent that the Advisor's appraisals of business or asset values are both incorrect and turn out to be below market values, an investment may become impaired and the Fund's net asset value could suffer losses.

#### **Special Situations**

From time to time, the Fund intends to invest in special situations, which may involve purchases of securities, including but not limited to, equity securities, fixed-income securities (which may include high yield debt securities or "junk bonds") and securities of companies that are in default. A special situation arises when, in the opinion of the Advisor, the securities of a company will, within a reasonably estimated time, appreciate in value due to company specific developments that are independent of general business or market conditions. Such developments and situations include, but are not limited to, liquidations, reorganizations, recapitalizations, mergers, material litigation, technological breakthroughs, and new management or management policies. Although large and well-known companies may be involved, special situations often involve greater risk than is found in the normal course of investing.

### When-Issued Securities

The Fund may from time to time purchase or sell securities on a "when-issued" basis. The price of such securities, which may be expressed in yield terms, is fixed at the time the commitment to purchase or sell is made, but delivery and payment for them take place at a later date. Normally, the settlement date occurs within one month of the purchase; during the period between purchase or sale and settlement, no payment is made or received by the Fund to the issuer and no interest accrues to the Fund. To the extent that assets of the Fund are held in cash pending the settlement of a purchase of securities, the Fund would earn no income nor would it pay interest on any proceeds. While purchased when-issued securities may be sold prior to the settlement date or sold when-issued securities may be purchased prior to the settlement date, the Fund intends to proceed with the transaction unless a contra-transaction appears desirable for investment reasons. At the time the Fund makes the commitment to purchase or sell a security on a whenissued basis, it will record the transaction and reflect the value of the security or the anticipated proceeds in determining its NAV. The market value of the when-issued securities may be more or less than the purchase or sale price. The Fund does not believe that its NAV or income will be adversely affected by its purchase or sale of securities on a when-issued basis. The Fund's custodian will segregate liquid assets equal in value to commitments for when-issued securities. Such segregated assets either will mature or, if necessary, be sold on or before the settlement date. Finally, it is further noted that when-issued transactions may be subject to cancellation under certain conditions and such cancellation may affect the Fund's NAV either positively or negatively as a result.

#### **Control and Other Substantial Positions**

Although it has not done so since inception, the Fund may make investments in the securities of a company for the purpose of affecting the management or control of the company, subject to applicable legal restrictions with respect to the investment.

These investments impose additional risks for the Fund other than a possible decline in the value of the investments. The Fund, individually or together with other accounts managed by the Advisor, may obtain a controlling or other substantial position in a public or private company (each, a "Portfolio Company"). Should the Fund and other accounts managed by the Advisor obtain such a position, the Advisor may be required to make filings with the SEC concerning holdings in the Portfolio Company. The application of statutory and regulatory requirements to the Fund or to the Advisor and its affiliates could restrict activities contemplated by the Fund or the Advisor and its affiliates with respect to a Portfolio Company or limit the time and the manner in which the Fund is able to dispose of its holdings or hedge such holdings. The Fund or the Advisor and its affiliates may be required to obtain relief from the SEC or its staff prior to engaging in certain activities with respect to a Portfolio Company that could be deemed a joint arrangement under the 1940 Act.

The Fund may incur substantial expenses when taking control or other substantial positions in a company, and there is no guarantee that such expenses can be recouped. In addition, the Fund's investments could be frozen in minority positions and the Fund could incur substantial losses.

The Fund could be exposed to various legal claims by a Portfolio Company, its security holders and its creditors arising from, among other things, the Fund's status as an insider or control person of a Portfolio Company or from the Advisor's designation of directors to serve on the boards of directors of a Portfolio Company. Such legal claims include claims that the Fund or the Advisor (as a controlling person) is liable for securities laws violations by the Portfolio Company or environmental damage or product defects caused by the Portfolio Company or failure to supervise the Portfolio Company. Such legal claims also include claims that the Fund, as a control person or significant shareholder of the Portfolio Company, has a fiduciary responsibility to other shareholders in connection with the Fund's voting or investment decisions with respect to its holdings of the Portfolio Company's shares. Notwithstanding the foregoing, neither the Fund nor the Advisor intend to have unilateral control of any Portfolio Company and, accordingly, may be unable to control the timing or occurrence of an exit strategy for any Portfolio Company.

# Special Risks Related to Cyber Security

As the Fund uses unaffiliated third-party service providers for many of its core functions (such as Transfer Agency, Fund Accounting, Custodial Services, and others) the Fund and its unaffiliated thirdparty service providers are susceptible to cyber security risks that include, among other things, theft, unauthorized monitoring, release, misuse, loss, destruction or corruption of confidential and highly restricted data; denial of service attacks; unauthorized access to relevant systems, compromises to networks or devices that the Fund and its service providers use to service the Fund's operations; or operational disruption or failures in the physical infrastructure or operating systems that support the Fund and its service providers. Cyber attacks against or security breakdowns of the Fund or its service providers may adversely impact the Fund and its shareholders, potentially resulting in, among other things, financial losses; the inability of Fund shareholders to transact business and the Fund to process transactions; inability to calculate the Fund's NAV; violations of applicable privacy and other laws; regulatory fines, penalties, reputational damage, reimbursement or other compensation costs; and/or additional compliance costs. The Fund may incur additional costs for cyber security risk management and remediation purposes. In addition, cyber security risks may also impact issuers of securities in which the Fund invests, which may cause the Fund's investment in such issuers to lose value. There can be no assurance that the Fund or its service providers will not suffer losses relating to cyber attacks or other information security breaches in the future.

**Market Disruption Risk:** Significant market disruptions, such as those caused by the COVID-19 (commonly referred to as "coronavirus") pandemic, political events, acts of terror, war (e.g. Russia's invasion of Ukraine, Israeli-Palestinian conflict), or other events, can adversely affect local and global markets and normal market operations. The COVID-19 pandemic caused significant economic disruption in recent years as countries worked to limit the negative health impacts of the virus. While the virus appears to be entering an endemic stage, significant outbreaks or new variants present a continued risk to the global economy. The ultimate economic fallout from these disruptions and the long-term impact on economies, markets, industries, and individual issuers, are not known. Continuing market volatility as a result of these or other events may have adverse effects on the Fund's investments and lead to losses.

# **INVESTMENT RESTRICTIONS**

The Trust (on behalf of the Fund) has adopted the following restrictions as fundamental policies, which may not be changed without the affirmative vote of the holders of a "majority" of the outstanding voting securities of the Fund. Under the 1940 Act, the "vote of the holders of a majority of the outstanding voting securities" means the vote of the holders of the lesser of (1) 67% of the shares of the Fund represented at a meeting at which the holders of more than 50% of the Fund's outstanding shares are

represented or (2) more than 50% of the outstanding shares of the Fund. The Fund may not do any of the following:

- 1. Borrow money or issue senior securities, except through reverse repurchase agreements or otherwise as permitted under the 1940 Act, as interpreted, modified or otherwise permitted by regulatory authority. Generally, issuing senior securities is prohibited under the 1940 Act; however, certain exceptions apply such as in the case of reverse repurchase agreements, borrowing, and certain other leveraging transactions.
- 2. Act as underwriter (except to the extent the Fund may be deemed to be an underwriter in connection with the sale of securities in its investment portfolio).
- 3. Invest 25% or more of its net assets, calculated at the time of purchase and taken at market value, in securities of issuers in any one industry or group of industries (other than U.S. government securities).
- 4. Purchase or sell real estate, unless acquired as a result of ownership of securities (although the Fund may purchase and sell securities that are secured by real estate and securities of companies that invest or deal in real estate).
- 5. Purchase or sell physical commodities, unless acquired as a result of ownership of securities or other instruments. This limitation shall not prevent the Fund from purchasing, selling, or entering into futures contracts, or acquiring securities or other instruments and options thereon backed by, or related to, physical commodities.
- 6. Make loans (except purchases of debt securities consistent with the investment policies of the Fund). For purposes of this limitation, entering into repurchase agreements, lending securities and acquiring any debt security are not deemed to be the making of loans.

Except with respect to borrowing, if a percentage or rating restriction on investment or use of assets set forth herein or in the Prospectus is adhered to at the time a transaction is effected, later changes in the percentage or rating resulting from any cause other than actions by the Fund will not be considered a violation of the Fund's investment restrictions. If the value of the Fund's holdings of illiquid securities at any time exceeds the percentage limitation applicable due to subsequent fluctuations in value or other reasons, the Board will consider what actions, if any, are appropriate to maintain adequate liquidity.

The following is a non-fundamental investment restriction applicable to the Fund. Restrictions can be changed by the Board, but the change will only be effective after notice is given to shareholders of the Fund. The Fund may not:

1. Mortgage, pledge or hypothecate any of its assets except in connection with any such borrowings and only with respect to 33-1/3% of its assets.

# **PORTFOLIO TURNOVER**

Although the Fund generally does not invest for short-term trading purposes, certain investment strategies may result in short holdings periods and portfolio securities may be sold without regard to the length of time they have been held when, in the opinion of the Advisor, investment considerations warrant such action. Portfolio turnover rate is calculated by dividing (1) the lesser of purchases or sales of portfolio securities for the fiscal year by (2) the monthly average of the value of portfolio securities owned during the fiscal year. A 100% turnover rate would occur if all the securities in the Fund's portfolio, with the exception of securities whose maturities at the time of acquisition were one year or less, were sold and

either repurchased or replaced within one year. A high rate of portfolio turnover (100% or more) generally leads to higher transaction costs and may result in a greater number of taxable transactions. See "Execution of Portfolio Transactions" for more information.

Following is the Fund's and Predecessor Fund's portfolio turnover rate for the past two fiscal years:

Portfolio Turnover Rate	
Year Ended November 30, 2024	6%
Year Ended November 30, 2023	14%

# PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS INFORMATION

The Trust, on behalf of the Fund, has adopted portfolio holdings disclosure policies that govern the timing and circumstances of disclosure of portfolio holdings of the Fund. The Advisor has also adopted a policy with respect to disclosure of portfolio holdings of the Fund (the "Advisor's Policy"). Information about the Fund's portfolio holdings will not be distributed to any third party except in accordance with the Trust's portfolio holdings policies and the Advisor's Policy (the "Disclosure Policies"). The Advisor and the Board considered the circumstances under which the Fund's portfolio holdings may be disclosed under the Disclosure Policies and the actual and potential material conflicts that could arise in such circumstances between the interests of the Fund's shareholders and the interests of the Advisor, distributor or any other affiliated person of the Fund. After due consideration, the Advisor and the Board determined that the Fund has a legitimate business purpose for disclosing portfolio holdings to persons described in the Disclosure Policies, including mutual fund rating or statistical agencies, or persons performing similar functions, and internal parties involved in the investment process, administration or custody of the Fund. Pursuant to the Trust's Portfolio Holdings Disclosure Policies, the Chief Compliance Officer ("CCO") of the Trust, is authorized to consider and authorize dissemination of portfolio holdings information to additional third parties, after considering the best interests of the shareholders and potential conflicts of interest in making such disclosures.

The Board exercises continuing oversight of the disclosure of the Fund's portfolio holdings by (1) overseeing the implementation and enforcement of the Disclosure Policies, Codes of Ethics and other relevant policies of the Fund and its service providers by the Trust's CCO, (2) by considering reports and recommendations by the Trust's CCO concerning any material compliance matters (as defined in Rule 38a-1 under the 1940 Act), and (3) by considering to approve any amendment to these Disclosure Policies. The Board reserves the right to amend the Disclosure Policies at any time without prior notice in their sole discretion.

Disclosure of the Fund's complete holdings is required to be made quarterly within 60 days of the end of each period covered by the Annual Report and Semi-Annual Report to Fund shareholders and in the Fund's filings on Form N-PORT. These reports are available, free of charge, on the EDGAR database on the SEC's website at www.sec.gov. Portfolio holdings information may be separately provided to any person, including rating and ranking organizations such as Lipper and Morningstar, at the same time that it is filed with the SEC. The Advisor maintains a portfolio disclosure policy and it is the general policy of the Advisor not to release portfolio holdings of any portfolio it manages prior to required regulatory disclosure. However, the Advisor may, under certain circumstances, disclose holdings at such other times as the policy permits.

In the event of a conflict between the interests of the Fund and the interests of the Advisor or an affiliated person of the Advisor, the CCO of the Advisor, shall make a determination in the best interests of the Fund and shall report such determination to the Board at the end of the quarter in which such

determination was made. Any employee of the Advisor who suspects a breach of this obligation must report the matter immediately to the CCO or to his or her supervisor.

In addition, material non-public holdings information may be provided without lag as part of the normal investment activities of the Fund to each of the following entities which, by explicit agreement or by virtue of their respective duties to the Fund, are required to maintain the confidentiality of the information disclosed: fund administrator, fund accountant, custodian, transfer agent, auditors, counsel to the Advisor, Fund or the Board, broker-dealers (in connection with the purchase or sale of securities or requests for price quotations or bids on one or more securities) and regulatory authorities. Portfolio holdings information not publicly available with the SEC or through the Fund's website may only be provided to additional third parties, including mutual fund ratings or statistical agencies, in accordance with the Trust's Portfolio Holdings Disclosure Policies, when the Fund has a legitimate business purpose, and the third party recipient is subject to a confidentiality agreement that includes a duty not to trade on non-public information.

In no event shall the Advisor, its affiliates or employees, or the Fund receive any direct or indirect compensation in connection with the disclosure of information about the Fund's portfolio holdings.

There can be no assurance that the Disclosure Policies and these procedures will protect the Fund from potential misuse of that information by individuals or entities to which it is disclosed.

## TRUSTEES AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

The Board is responsible for the overall management of the Trust, including general supervision and review of the investment activities of the Fund. The Board, in turn, elects the officers of the Trust, who are responsible for administering the day-to-day operations of the Trust and its separate series. The current trustees and officers of the Trust, their year of birth, positions with the Trust, terms of office with the Trust and length of time served, their principal occupations for the past five years and other directorships are set forth in the table below.

Name, Address And Year of Birth	Position with the Trust	Term of Office and Length of Time Served	Principal Occupation During Past Five Years	Number of Portfolios in Fund Complex Overseen by Trustees	Other Directorships Held During the Past 5 Years
		Independent Truste	es of the Trust		
Richard A. Conn, Jr. c/o GoodHaven Capital Management LLC 374 Millburn Avenue Suite 306 Millburn, NJ 07041 Born: 1957	Trustee Chairman of the Nominating Committee	Indefinite term; Since January 2016	Managing Partner, Innovate Partners LLC (private investment company) (2009 to present)	1	None
Bruce A. Eatroff c/o GoodHaven Capital Management LLC 374 Millburn Avenue Suite 306 Millburn, NJ 07041 Born: 1963	Trustee Chairman of the Audit Committee	Indefinite term; Since January 2016	Founding Partner, Halyard Capital (private equity firm) (2006 to present). Managing Director, Investment Committee member, Star Mountain Capital (2020 to present.)	1	None

Name, Address And Year of Birth	Position with the Trust	Term of Office and Length of Time Served	Principal Occupation During Past Five Years	Number of Portfolios in Fund Complex Overseen by Trustees	Other Directorships Held During the Past 5 Years
Allison L. Nagelberg c/o GoodHaven Capital Management LLC 374 Millburn Avenue Suite 306 Millburn, NJ 07041 Born: 1964	Trustee Chairperson of the Valuation Committee	Indefinite term; Since July 2023	Northeast Director of Planned Giving, Jewish National Fund USA (charitable organization) (July 2022-present); Director, Global Connections, Jewish Federation of Greater MetroWest NJ (charitable organization) (May 2021- June 2022); General Counsel, Monmouth Real Estate Investment Corp. (public REIT) (2000- 2019).	1	None
	Ι	nterested Trustee and O	Officers of the Trust		
Larry Pitkowsky c/o GoodHaven Capital Management LLC 374 Millburn Avenue Suite 306 Millburn, NJ 07041 Born: 1964	Trustee, Chairman and President	Indefinite Term; Since January 2016	Managing Partner, GoodHaven Capital Management, LLC (Advisor); Portfolio Manager of GoodHaven Fund (2010 to present)	1	None
Lynn Iacona c/o GoodHaven Capital Management LLC 374 Millburn Avenue Suite 306 Millburn, NJ 07041 Born: 1972	Secretary and Treasurer	Indefinite Term; Since December 2019	Director of Operations, GoodHaven Capital Management LLC (Advisor)	N/A	N/A
Bernadette Murphy c/o GoodHaven Capital Management LLC 374 Millburn Avenue Suite 306 Millburn, NJ 07041 Born: 1964	Chief Compliance Officer	Indefinite Term; Since December 2019	Director, Vigilant Compliance, LLC from July 2018 to present; Director of Compliance and Operations, B. Riley Dialectic Capital Management, LLC from April 2017 to July 2018; Chief Compliance Officer, Dialectic Capital Management, LP from October 2015 to April 2017.	N/A	N/A

# **Additional Information Concerning the Board of Trustees**

#### The Role of the Board

The Board oversees the management and operations of the Trust. Like all mutual funds, the day-to-day management and operation of the Trust is the responsibility of the various service providers to the Trust, such as the Advisor, the distributor, the administrator, the custodian, and the transfer agent, each of whom are discussed in greater detail in this Statement of Additional Information. In addition, the Advisor provides regular reports on the investment strategy and performance of the Fund. The Board has appointed a Chief Compliance Officer who administers the Trust's compliance program and regularly reports to the Board as to compliance matters. These reports are provided as part of formal Board meetings, which are typically held quarterly, in person, and involve the Board's review of recent operations. In addition, various members of the Board also meet with management in less formal settings, between formal Board Meetings, to discuss various topics. In all cases, however, the role of the Board and

of any individual Trustee is one of oversight and not of management of the day-to-day affairs of the Trust and its oversight role does not make the Board a guarantor of the Trust's investments, operations or activities.

# **Board Structure, Leadership**

The Board has structured itself in a manner that it believes allows it to perform its oversight function effectively. It has established three standing committees, a Nominating Committee, a Valuation Committee and an Audit Committee. A majority of the Board is comprised of Trustees who are Independent Trustees, which are Trustees that are not affiliated with the Advisor, the principal underwriter, or their affiliates. The Chairman of the Board is an Interested Trustee. The Board reviews its structure and the structure of its committees annually. The Board has determined that the structure of the Interested Chairman, the composition of the Board, and the function and composition of its various committees are appropriate means to address any potential conflicts of interest that may arise.

As a principal of the Advisor, the Chairman of the Board is one of the largest individual shareholders of the Fund with a strong vested interest in the success of the Fund. He is an analyst and money-manager with more than 30 years of experience and has held prior executive positions with another registered investment company including serving as a Vice President, Portfolio Manager, and Analyst. He has also held senior executive positions for more than twenty years.

The Board does not currently have a "lead independent trustee," however, the Audit, Valuation, and Nominating Committees are all chaired by and comprised solely of Independent Trustees. One of the Independent Trustees has served on multiple public company boards of directors, is a qualified financial expert, and has more than thirty-years of experience in related fields. Another Independent Trustee currently sits on the Board of three private companies and has experience in financial matters. The third Independent Trustee has significant and relevant business experience and a strong legal and governance background relevant to the oversight of the Fund.

# **Board Oversight of Risk Management**

As part of its oversight function, the Board is responsible for reviewing the Advisor's risk management policies and procedures. Because risk management is a broad concept comprised of many elements (*e.g.*, investment risk, issuer and counterparty risk, compliance risk, operational risks, business continuity risks, etc.), the oversight of different types of risks is handled in different ways. For example, the Audit Committee meets with the Treasurer and the Trust's independent registered public accounting firm to discuss, among other things, the internal control structure of the Trust's financial reporting function. The Board meets with the Chief Compliance Officer to discuss compliance and operational risks and how they are managed. The Board will also review, as appropriate, reports regarding risk management activities of service providers. In addition to these reports, from time to time the Board receives reports from the administrator and the Advisor as to enterprise risk management.

# Information about Each Trustee's Qualification, Experience, Attributes or Skills

The Board believes that each of the Trustees has the qualifications, experience, attributes and skills ("Trustee Attributes") appropriate to their continued service as Trustees of the Trust in light of the Trust's business and structure. The Trustees have substantial investment and business experience and in some cases have served previously on public company boards of directors. They have substantial board experience and, in their service to the Trust, have gained substantial insight as to the operation of the Trust. The Board annually conducts a "self-assessment" wherein the effectiveness of the Board and individual Trustees is reviewed.

In addition to the information provided in the chart, below is certain additional information concerning each particular Trustee and his/her Trustee Attributes. The information is not all-inclusive. Many Trustee Attributes involve intangible elements, such as intelligence, integrity, work ethic, the ability to work together, the ability to communicate effectively, the ability to exercise judgment, to ask incisive questions, and commitment to shareholder interests.

Mr. Conn's Trustee Attributes include his current role as the Managing Partner of Innovate Partners LLC, an emerging company private equity firm, and of Eurasia Advisors LLC, an international advisory firm focusing on Russia and the Ukraine and has been in these positions since 2009. He practiced international corporate law and litigation as an equity partner with Latham & Watkins, founding that firm's Moscow office in 1992, and served as President of the Moscow based Foreign Bar Association from 1992-1995 and from 2003-2007. He advised the Yeltsin government on legal restructuring and is a co-author of Collier Labor Law and the Bankruptcy Code. He has lectured at Columbia University, consulted with the U.S. government regarding CIS matters, and delivered a keynote address at the United Nations. Mr. Conn has a Bachelor of Arts degree from Dartmouth College and a JD degree focused on international business law from the Fordham University School of Law.

Mr. Eatroff's Trustee Attributes include his role as an experienced private equity investor and a Managing Partner of Halyard Capital, private equity firm and Managing Director of Star Mountain Capital. He has been the lead Director on eleven portfolio companies, currently sits on the Boards of three private companies, is a permanent member of Halyard's Investment Committee and has overseen more than forty acquisitions for portfolio companies. From 2000-2006, Mr. Eatroff was an Executive Managing Director of BMO Capital Markets and the Head of U.S. Media and Communications Investment and Corporate Banking where he was responsible for a multi-billion dollar balance sheet and an advisory business with twenty professionals focused on Media and Communications. Previously, he served from 1998 to 2000 as a Managing Director as CIBC World Markets, from 1995-1998 as a Managing Director at UBS Securities, and from 1989-1995 as a Vice President at Goldman Sachs & Co. Mr. Eatroff has a Bachelor of Arts degree from Lafayette College and a Masters in Business Administration from the Wharton School.

Mr. Pitkowsky's Trustee Attributes includes more than 25 years of experience in securities research and portfolio management across a wide range of companies and industries. He co-founded GoodHaven Capital Management in late 2010 and currently serves as the Managing Partner and Portfolio Manager. GoodHaven is a registered investment advisor that provides investment management services to separate accounts and the firm's affiliated GoodHaven Fund. Prior to forming GoodHaven, Mr. Pitkowsky was a consultant to Fairholme Capital Management for approximately two years and from 1999 through 2008, he held a variety of roles at Fairholme and its affiliates, including Analyst and Portfolio Manager. In addition, for most of the period from 2002 through 2007, he was a named Portfolio Manager of FCM's affiliated Fairholme Fund. In addition, Mr. Pitkowsky was also Vice-President of Fairholme Funds, Inc., the parent company of the Fairholme Fund, from March 2008 through January 2009. Mr. Pitkowsky has a Bachelors of Science degree from Rutgers University.

Ms. Nagelberg's Trustee Attributes include her prior roles, over a nineteen year period, as General Counsel of three public REIT's: Monmouth Real Estate Investment Corporation, Monmouth Capital Corporation and UMH Properties Inc. Through these roles, Ms. Nagelberg gained significant experience advising the boards of public companies and identifying and managing risks facing public companies. She was responsible for legal oversight of financial, capital markets and property transactions, ESG, SEC and NYSE compliance, legislative and regulatory policy analysis, human resources, investor relations and risk management. Most recently Ms. Nagelberg has been involved in developing and executing financial and estate planning strategies for donors connected to the Jewish National Fund USA. Ms. Nagelberg has a

Bachelor of Arts degree from Tufts University, a JD degree from New York University School of Law and a Masters in Business Administration from Rutgers University.

# **Trust Committees**

The Trust has three standing committees: the Nominating Committee, the Valuation Committee and the Audit Committee, which also serves as the Qualified Legal Compliance Committee ("QLCC") and performs the role of certain legal and compliance activities.

The Nominating Committee is comprised entirely of all of the Independent Trustees and its Chairman is Mr. Conn. The Nominating Committee is responsible for seeking and reviewing candidates for consideration as nominees for Trustees and meets only as necessary. The Nominating Committee will consider nominees nominated by shareholders. Recommendations by shareholders for consideration by the Nominating Committee should be sent to the President of the Trust in writing together with the appropriate biographical information concerning each such proposed Nominee, and such recommendation must comply with the notice provisions set forth in the Trust By-Laws. In general, to comply with such procedures, such nominations, together with all required biographical information, must be delivered to, and received by, the President of the Trust at the principal executive offices of the Trust no later than 120 days and no more than 150 days prior to the shareholder meeting at which any such nominee would be voted on. The Nominating Committee met two times during the last fiscal year.

The Audit Committee is comprised entirely of all of the Independent Trustees. Mr. Eatroff, an Independent Trustee, serves as the Audit Committee Chairman. The Audit Committee generally meets regularly but at least two times per year and may meet more frequently. The function of the Audit Committee, with respect to each series of the Trust, is to review the scope and results of the audit and any matters bearing on the audit or the Fund's financial statements and to ensure the integrity of the Fund's pricing and financial reporting. In addition, the Audit Committee also serves as the Qualified Legal Compliance Committee. The Audit Committee met three times during the last fiscal year.

The Valuation Committee is comprised entirely of all of the Independent Trustees and is overseen by the Board. Mr. Eatroff, an Independent Trustee, serves as the Valuation Committee Chairman. The Valuation Committee oversees valuations determined by the Advisor, who pursuant to Rule 2a-5 under the 1940 Act, has been designated by the Board as the Fund's "valuation designee" to perform the fair valuation determination for securities held by the Fund for which current and reliable market quotations are not readily available. The Advisor makes these fair valuation determinations in accordance with pricing and valuation policies and procedures established by the Advisor and approved by the Board. The Valuation Committee meets as needed. The Valuation Committee met two times during the last fiscal year.

# Trustee Ownership of Fund Shares and Other Interests

The following table shows the amount of shares in the Fund and other portfolios of the Trust owned by the Trustees as of December 31, 2024.

Name	Dollar Range of GoodHaven Fund Shares	Aggregate Dollar Range of Fund Shares in the Trust
Richard Conn, Jr.	Over \$100,000	Over \$100,000
Bruce Eatroff	Over \$100,000	Over \$100,000
Larry Pitkowsky	Over \$100,000	Over \$100,000
Allison Nagelberg	\$1-\$10,000	\$1-\$10,000

Furthermore, neither the Independent Trustees nor members of their immediate family, own securities beneficially or of record in the Advisor, the Fund's principal underwriter, or any of their affiliates. Accordingly, neither the Independent Trustees nor members of their immediate family have had a direct or indirect interest the value of which exceeds \$120,000, in the Advisor, the Fund's principal underwriter or any of its affiliates.

# Compensation

Effective April 2024, the Fund pays: (i) each of the Independent Trustees of the Board an annual retainer of \$11,000 and (ii) the Audit Committee Chairperson an additional annual retainer of \$1,650. Prior to that, the Fund paid (i) each of the Independent Trustees of the Board an annual retainer of \$10,000 and (ii) the Audit Committee Chairperson an additional annual retainer of \$1,500. Independent Trustees are reimbursed by the Fund for expenses in connection with each Board meeting attended. The Trust has no pension or retirement plan. The following table sets forth the aggregate compensation paid to each of the Trustees by the Fund and the total compensation paid to each of the Trustees by the Fund Complex (which is comprised only of the Fund) for the fiscal year ended November 30, 2024.

Name of Person/Position	Aggregate Compensation from the Fund	Retirement Benefits Accrued as Part of Fund Expenses	Estimated Annual Benefits Upon Retirement	Total Compensation from the Fund Complex <sup>(1)</sup> Paid to Trustees
Bruce A. Eatroff	\$12,363	None	None	\$12,363
Richard A. Conn, Jr.	\$10,750	None	None	\$10,750
Allison Nagelberg	\$10,750	None	None	\$10,750

<sup>(1)</sup> Listed compensation is paid by the Fund Complex, pursuant to the Support Services Agreement.

# **Code of Ethics**

The Trust and the Advisor have each adopted separate Codes of Ethics pursuant to Rule 17j-1 under the 1940 Act. These Codes permit, subject to certain conditions, access persons of the Advisor to invest in securities that may be purchased or held by the Fund. The Distributor, as defined below, relies on the principal underwriter's exception in Rule 17j-1(c)(3) under the 1940 Act, specifically where the Distributor is not affiliated with the Trust or the Advisor, and no officer, director or general partner of the Distributor serves as an officer, director or general partner of the Trust or the Advisor.

# **PROXY VOTING POLICY**

The Board has adopted Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures (the "Policies") on behalf of the Trust which delegate the responsibility for voting proxies to the Advisor, subject to the Board's continuing oversight. The Policies require that the Advisor vote proxies received in a manner consistent with the best interests of the Fund and its shareholders. The Policies also require the Advisor to present to the Board, at least annually, the Advisor's Proxy Policies (as defined below) and a record of each proxy voted by the Advisor on behalf of the Fund, including a report on the resolution of all proxies identified by the Advisor as involving a conflict of interest. The Advisor has also adopted the following Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures ("Advisor's Proxy Policies").

The Advisor has adopted Proxy Policies that underscore the Advisor's concern that all proxies voting decisions be made in the best interest of each Fund's shareholders. The Advisor considers each proxy proposal individually and makes decisions on a case-by-case basis. At all times, however, the Advisor will act in a prudent and diligent manner intended to enhance the economic value of the assets of a Fund. The Advisor believes that market conditions and other economic considerations will influence how

decisions are made on proxy proposals. Where a proxy proposal raises a material conflict between the Advisor's interests and a Fund's interests, the Advisor will disclose the conflict to the Board and obtain the Board's consent to vote or direct the matter to an independent third party, selected by the Board, for a vote determination. If the Board's consent or the independent third party's determination is not received in a timely manner, the Advisor will abstain from voting the proxy.

The Trust will file a Form N-PX, with the Fund's complete proxy voting record for the 12 months ended June 30, no later than August 31st of each year. Form N-PX for the Fund will be available without charge, upon request, by calling toll-free 1-855-654-6639 and on the SEC's website at www.sec.gov.

# CONTROL PERSONS, PRINCIPAL SHAREHOLDERS AND MANAGEMENT OWNERSHIP

A principal shareholder is any person who owns of record or beneficially owns 5% or more of the outstanding shares of the Fund. A control person is any person who owns beneficially or through controlled companies more than 25% of the voting securities of the Fund or acknowledges the existence of control. Shareholders with a controlling interest could affect the outcome of voting or the direction of management of the Fund.

As of February 28, 2025, the following shareholders were considered to be principal shareholders of the Fund:

Name and Address	% Ownership	Type of Ownership
National Financial Services, LLC 499 Washington Boulevard Jersey City, NJ 07310-1995	43.43%	Record
Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. 211 Main Street San Francisco, CA 94105-1905	35.54%	Record
Mac & Co. 500 Grant Street, Rm 151-1010 Pittsburgh, PA 15219-2502	7.28%	Record

*Board Ownership Information*. As of February 28, 2025, the Trustees and officers of the Trust, as a group, beneficially owned 2.34% of the outstanding shares of the Fund.

# THE FUND'S INVESTMENT ADVISOR

As stated in the Prospectus, investment advisory services are provided to the Fund by GoodHaven Capital Management, LLC, the Advisor, pursuant to an investment advisory agreement (the "Advisory Agreement") with the Trust. Mr. Larry Pitkowsky, portfolio manager of the Fund, is a control person of the Advisor. The Advisor's address is 374 Millburn Avenue, Suite 306, Millburn, NJ 07041.

The Advisory Agreement has an initial two-year term and, after such initial term, continues in effect from year to year only if such continuance is specifically approved at least annually by the Board or by vote of a majority of the Fund's outstanding voting securities and by a majority of the Independent Trustees, who are not parties to the Advisory Agreement or interested persons of any such party, in each case cast in person at a meeting called for the purpose of voting on the Advisory Agreement. The Advisory Agreement is terminable without penalty by the Trust on behalf of the Fund on not more than 60 days', nor less than 30 days', written notice to the Advisor when authorized either by a majority vote of the

Fund's shareholders or by a vote of a majority of the Trustees, or by the Advisor on not more than 60 days', nor less than 30 days', written notice to the Trust, and will automatically terminate in the event of its "assignment" (as defined in the 1940 Act). The Advisory Agreement provides that the Advisor shall not be liable under such agreement for any error of judgment or mistake of law or for any loss arising out of any investment or for any act or omission in the execution of portfolio transactions for the Fund, except for willful misfeasance, bad faith or gross negligence in the performance of its duties, or by reason of reckless disregard of its obligations and duties thereunder.

In consideration of the services provided by the Advisor pursuant to the Advisory Agreement, the Advisor is entitled to receive an investment advisory fee from the Fund computed daily and paid monthly, at an annual rate of 0.90%. The Advisor, at its sole discretion, may voluntarily agree to waive a portion of its fees payable to it for such a period as the Advisor may determine.

The Advisor has also entered into Support Services Agreements with the Trust. Under this Agreement, the Advisor is responsible for paying the cost and expenses of all service providers to the Fund and all normal day-to-day operating expenses of the Fund, as described in more detail therein, such as administrative, custody, transfer agency, fund accounting, legal, and audit. The support services fee does not cover the following expenses: (a) any charges, costs or expenses associated with the acquisition or disposition of any securities or investments or other portfolio transactions, including but not limited to, brokerage commissions, transaction charges, or other transaction-related expenses (such as stamp taxes), associated with the execution of portfolio transactions, (b) taxes, if any, imposed on the Fund, (c) interest, if any, on any Fund borrowings, or (d) extraordinary Fund expenses incurred outside of the normal operation of the Fund, including but not limited to legal fees, arbitration fees, or related expenses in connection with any actual or threatened arbitration, mediation, or litigation involving the Fund, or (e) any other extraordinary Fund expenses incurred outside of the Fund. Under the Support Services Agreement, the Advisor is entitled to receive a monthly fee calculated daily and payable monthly equal to 0.20% of the Fund's average daily net assets.

The Fund paid the following support services fees to the Advisor for the fiscal years shown:

	Fiscal Year Ended	Fiscal Year Ended	Fiscal Year Ended
	November 30, 2024	November 30, 2023	November 30, 2022
<b>Support Services Fee Paid</b>	\$524,775	\$275,442	\$208,222

The Fund paid the following fees to the Advisor for the fiscal years shown:

	Fiscal Year Ended	Fiscal Year Ended	Fiscal Year Ended
	November 30, 2024	November 30, 2023	November 30, 2022
Advisory Fee Paid	\$2,361,489	\$1,239,490	\$937,001

# **PORTFOLIO MANAGER**

Mr. Larry Pitkowsky serves as the portfolio manager for the Fund and is responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund. The following provides information regarding other accounts managed by Mr. Pitkowsky as of November 30, 2024:

Category of Account	Total Number of Accounts Managed	Total Assets in Accounts Managed	Number of Accounts for which Advisory Fee is Based on Performance	Assets in Accounts for which Advisory Fee is Based on Performance
Other Registered Investment Companies	0	\$0	0	\$0
Other Pooled Investment Vehicles	1	\$12,266,744	1*	\$12,266,744
Other Accounts	68	\$141,921,167	1*	\$18,034,256

\*Advisory fee is comprised of both a base fee and a performance fee.

# Portfolio Manager's Compensation

As of November 30, 2024, the Portfolio Manager is not compensated directly by the Fund. Mr. Pitkowsky, through affiliated entities, is the majority owner of the Advisor. As such, his compensation consists of a fixed base compensation and is largely contingent on the Advisor's overall profitability. To the extent that the Advisor is profitable, the Portfolio Manager shares (through family vehicles) in the overall profits of the Advisor. The Advisor may, from time to time, offer a profits participation or ownership interest in the Advisor to certain senior employees other than the Portfolio Manager without notice to the Fund.

# Portfolio Manager's Ownership Interest in the Fund

The Portfolio Manager owned the following amounts in shares of the Fund as of November 30, 2024:

	Dollar Range of Equity Securities in the Fund (None, \$1-\$10,000, \$10,001-\$50,000, \$50,001-\$100,000,
Portfolio Manager	\$100,001-\$500,000, \$500,001-\$1,000,000, Over \$1,000,000)
Larry Pitkowsky	Over \$1,000,000

# Managing Conflicts of Interest

Actual or apparent material conflicts of interest may arise when the Portfolio Manager has day-to-day management responsibilities with respect to more than one investment account or in other circumstances. The Portfolio Manager of the Fund may be presented with potential conflicts of interest in the allocation of investment opportunities, the allocation of his time and investment ideas and the allocation of aggregated orders among the Fund's accounts and other accounts managed by the Portfolio Manager, including among any affiliated client accounts, any accounts in which the Portfolio Manager may have personal investments.

It is anticipated that in addition to acting as the Advisor to the Fund, the Advisor will serve as the investment advisor for individual, corporate and retirement accounts for U.S. and non-U.S. clients as well as a Private Investment Fund (pooled investment vehicle). The Portfolio Manager of the Advisor expects to make and retain significant personal investments in the Fund that will help to align the interests of the Fund and the Portfolio Manager. Further, the Advisor has adopted policies and procedures governing all of its personnel that will be reasonably designed to ensure that all clients are treated equitably and that the Fund is not disadvantaged by other activities of the Advisor. The Advisor has also adopted Codes of Ethics governing its principals and employees that is designed to detect and equitably manage conflicts of interest when personnel of the Advisor own, buy, or sell securities that may be owned by, or bought or sold for, other clients of the Advisor, including the Fund.

#### **SERVICE PROVIDERS**

#### Administrator, Fund Accountant, Transfer Agent and Dividend Disbursing Agent

Pursuant to an administration agreement (the "Administration Agreement"), U.S. Bank Global Fund Services, ("Fund Services") 615 East Michigan Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202, acts as the administrator to the Fund (the "Administrator"). Fund Services provides certain services to the Fund including, among other responsibilities, coordinating the negotiation of contracts and fees with, and the monitoring of performance and billing of, the Fund's independent contractors and agents; preparation for signature by an officer of the Trust of all documents required to be filed for compliance by the Trust and the Fund with applicable laws and regulations, excluding those of the securities laws of various states; arranging for the computation of performance data, including NAV and yield; responding to shareholder inquiries; and arranging for the maintenance of books and records of the Fund, and providing, at its own expense, office facilities, equipment and personnel necessary to carry out its duties. In this capacity, Fund Services does not have any responsibility or authority for the management of the Fund, the determination of investment policy, or for any matter pertaining to the distribution of the Fund's shares.

Pursuant to the Administration Agreement, as compensation for its services, Fund Services receives from the Fund, a fee based on the Fund's current average daily net assets. Fund Services also is entitled to certain out-of-pocket expenses. Fund Services also acts as fund accountant, transfer agent (the "Transfer Agent") and dividend disbursing agent under separate agreements. The Advisor expects to pay all Fund Services fees that are incurred in normal operations on behalf of the Fund.

For the following fiscal years ended November 30, Fund Services received the following amounts as compensation for its services as Fund Administrator:

Fiscal Year Ended	Administration Fees Paid
Fiscal year ended November 30, 2024	\$187,069
Fiscal year ended November 30, 2023	\$108,386
Fiscal year ended November 30, 2022	\$92,074

# Custodian

U.S. Bank National Association is the custodian of the assets of the Fund (the "Custodian") pursuant to a custody agreement between the Custodian and the Trust, whereby the Custodian provides for fees on a transactional basis plus out-of-pocket expenses. The Custodian's address is 1555 N. River Center Drive, Suite 302, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53212. The Custodian does not participate in decisions relating to the purchase and sale of securities by the Fund. Fund Services, the Custodian, and the Fund's principal underwriter are affiliated entities under the common control of U.S. Bancorp. The Custodian and its affiliates may participate in revenue sharing arrangements with the service providers of mutual funds in which the Fund may invest.

#### Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm and Legal Counsel

Tait, Weller & Baker LLP, Two Liberty Place, 50 South 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 2900, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19102, is the independent registered public accounting firm, providing audit services, tax services and assistance with respect to the preparation of filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission for the Fund.

Blank Rome LLP, 1271 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10020, serves as legal counsel to the Trust.

#### **EXECUTION OF PORTFOLIO TRANSACTIONS**

Pursuant to the Advisory Agreement, the Advisor determines which securities are to be purchased and sold by the Fund and which broker-dealers are eligible to execute the Fund's portfolio transactions. Purchases and sales of securities in the over-the-counter market will generally be executed directly with a "market-maker" unless, in the opinion of the Advisor, a better price and execution can otherwise be obtained by using a broker for the transaction.

Purchases of portfolio securities for the Fund also may be made directly from issuers or from underwriters. Where possible, purchase and sale transactions will be effected through dealers (including banks) that specialize in the types of securities which the Fund will be holding, unless better executions are available elsewhere. Dealers and underwriters usually act as principal for their own accounts. Purchases from underwriters will include a concession paid by the issuer to the underwriter and purchases from dealers will include the spread between the bid and the asked price. If the execution and price offered by more than one dealer or underwriter are comparable, the order may be allocated to a dealer or underwriter that has provided research or other services as discussed below.

In placing portfolio transactions, the Advisor will seek best execution. The full range and quality of services will be considered in making this determination, such as the size of the order, the difficulty of execution, the operational facilities of the firm involved, the firm's risk and experience in positioning a block of securities, and other factors. In those instances where it is reasonably determined that more than one broker-dealer can offer the best execution, the Advisor considers such information, which is in addition to and not in lieu of the services required to be performed by it under the Advisory Agreement with the Fund, to be useful in varying degrees, but of indeterminable value. Portfolio transactions may be placed with broker-dealers who sell shares of the Fund subject to rules adopted by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA") and the SEC.

While it is the Advisor's general policy to seek best execution in selecting a broker-dealer to execute portfolio transactions for the Fund, in accordance with Section 28(e) under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, weight is also given to the ability of a broker-dealer to facilitate a particular trade, or to furnish brokerage and research services to the Fund or to the Advisor, even if the specific services are not directly useful to the Fund and may be useful to the Advisor in advising other clients. In negotiating commissions with a broker or evaluating the spread to be paid to a dealer, the Fund may therefore pay a higher commission or spread than would be the case if no weight were given to the furnishing of these supplemental services, provided that the amount of such commission or spread has been determined in good faith by the Advisor to be reasonable in relation to the value of the brokerage and/or research services provided by such broker-dealer. Additionally, in accordance with procedures adopted by the Trust, the Advisor may direct transactions to a broker-dealer with which it has an affiliation.

Often, identical securities will be acceptable for both the Fund and one or more of the Advisor's client accounts or mutual funds. In such event, the position of the Fund and such client account(s) or mutual funds in the same issuer may vary and the length of time that each may choose to hold its investment in the same issuer may likewise vary. However, to the extent any of these client accounts or mutual funds seeks to acquire the same security as the Fund at the same time, the Fund may not be able to acquire as large a portion of such security as it desires, or it may have to pay a higher price or obtain a lower yield for such security. Similarly, the Fund may not be able to obtain as high a price for, or as large an execution of, an order to sell any particular security at the same time. If one or more of such client accounts or mutual funds simultaneously purchases or sells the same security that the Fund is purchasing or selling, each day's transactions in such security will be allocated between the Fund and all such client accounts or mutual funds in a manner deemed equitable by the Advisor, taking into account the respective

sizes of the accounts and the amount being purchased or sold. It is recognized that in some cases this system could have a detrimental effect on the price or value of the security insofar as the Fund is concerned. In other cases, however, it is believed that the ability of the Fund to participate in volume transactions may produce better executions for the Fund.

The Fund does not effect securities transactions through brokers in accordance with any formula, nor does it effect securities transactions through brokers for selling shares of the Fund. However, as stated above, broker-dealers who execute brokerage transactions may effect purchases of shares of the Fund for their customers.

As of November 30, 2024, the Fund owned shares of Jefferies Financial Group, Inc. in the amount of \$19,192,400 and shares of J.P. Morgan Chase in the amount of \$1,997,760. Both Jefferies Financial Group, Inc. and J.P. Morgan Chase are regular broker-dealers of the Fund. The Fund did not own any shares of any other broker-dealer with which it has transacted (or the parent corporation of such a broker dealer) during the fiscal year ended November 30, 2024.

For the fiscal years shown below, the Fund paid aggregate brokerage commissions in the amount of:

GoodHaven Fund	Aggregate Brokerage Commissions
Fiscal year ended November 30, 2024	\$20,181
Fiscal year ended November 30, 2023	\$31,379
Fiscal year ended November 30, 2022	\$25,507

# **CAPITAL STOCK**

Shares issued by the Fund have no preemptive, conversion or subscription rights. Shareholders have equal and exclusive rights as to dividends and distributions as declared by the Fund and to the net assets of the Fund upon liquidation or dissolution. The Fund, a series of the Trust, votes separately on matters affecting only the Fund (*e.g.*, approval of the Advisory Agreement); all series of the Trust vote as a single class on matters affecting all series jointly or the Trust as a whole (*e.g.*, election or removal of Trustees). Voting rights are not cumulative, so that the holders of more than 50% of the shares voting in any election of Trustees can, if they so choose, elect all of the Trustees. While the Trust is not required and does not intend to hold annual meetings of shareholders, such meetings may be called by the Trustees in their discretion, or upon demand by the holders of 10% or more of the outstanding shares of the Trust, for the purpose of electing or removing Trustees.

# **DETERMINATION OF SHARE PRICE**

The NAV per share of the Fund is determined as of the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange (the "NYSE") (generally, 4:00 p.m., Eastern Time), each day the NYSE is open for trading. The NYSE annually announces the days on which it will not be open for trading. It is expected that the NYSE will not be open for trading on the following holidays: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Presidents' Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Juneteenth National Independence Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

Generally, the Fund's investments are valued at market value or, in the absence of a market value, at fair value as determined per the Trust's Valuation Policies and Procedures. Pursuant to Rule 2a-5 under the 1940 Act, the Board designated the Advisor as the Fund's "Valuation Designee" to perform the fair valuation determination for securities held by the Fund for which current and reliable market quotations are not readily available. The Advisor makes these fair valuation determinations in accordance with

pricing and valuation policies and procedures established by the Advisor and approved by the Board. Pursuant to those procedures, the Advisor considers, among other things: (1) the last sales price on the securities exchange, if any, on which a security is primarily traded; (2) the mean between the bid and asked prices; (3) price quotations from an approved pricing service; and (4) other factors as necessary to determine a fair value under certain circumstances.

Securities primarily traded in the NASDAQ Global Market<sup>®</sup> for which market quotations are readily available shall be valued using the NASDAQ<sup>®</sup> Official Closing Price ("NOCP"). If the NOCP is not available, such securities shall be valued at the last sale price on the day of valuation, or if there has been no sale on such day, at the mean between the bid and asked prices. OTC securities which are not traded in the NASDAQ Global Market<sup>®</sup> shall be valued at the most recent trade price. Securities and assets for which market quotations are not readily available (including restricted securities which are subject to limitations as to their sale) are valued at fair value as determined in good faith by the Advisor as the Fund's "valuation designee" pursuant to procedures approved by the Board.

Short-term debt obligations with remaining maturities in excess of 60 days are valued at current market prices, as discussed above. In order to reflect their fair value, short-term securities with 60 days or less remaining to maturity are, unless conditions indicate otherwise, amortized to maturity based on their cost to the Fund if acquired within 60 days of maturity or, if already held by the Fund on the  $60^{th}$  day, based on the value determined on the  $61^{st}$  day.

The securities in the Fund's portfolio, including ADRs, EDRs and GDRs, which are traded on securities exchanges are valued at the last sale price on the exchange on which such securities are traded, as of the close of business on the day the securities are being valued or, lacking any reported sales, at the mean between the last available bid and asked price. Securities that are traded on more than one exchange are valued on the exchange determined by the Advisor to be the primary market.

The Fund may invest in foreign securities, and as a result, the calculation of the Fund's NAV may not take place contemporaneously with the determination of the prices of certain of the Fund's securities used in the calculation. Occasionally, events which affect the values of such securities and such exchange rates may occur between the times at which they are determined and the close of the NYSE and will therefore not be reflected in the computation of the Fund's NAV. If events materially affecting the value of such securities occur during such period, then these securities may be valued at their fair value as determined in good faith by the Advisor as the Fund's "valuation designee" pursuant to procedures approved by the Board as described above. Portfolio securities that are traded both on an exchange and in the OTC market will be valued according to the broadest and most representative market. All assets and liabilities initially expressed in foreign currency values will be converted into U.S. dollar values at the mean between the bid and offered quotations of the currencies against U.S. dollars as last quoted by any recognized dealer. When portfolio securities are traded, the valuation will be the last reported sale price on the day of valuation.

All other assets of the Fund are valued in such manner as the Advisor as the Fund's "valuation designee" in good faith deems appropriate to reflect their fair value.

# ADDITIONAL PURCHASE AND REDEMPTION INFORMATION

The information provided below supplements the information contained in the Fund's Prospectus regarding the purchase and redemption of Fund shares.

#### How to Buy Shares

In addition to purchasing shares directly from the Fund, you may purchase shares of the Fund through certain financial intermediaries and their agents that have made arrangements with the Fund and are authorized to buy and sell shares of the Fund (each a "Financial Intermediary" and collectively, "Financial Intermediaries"). Investors should contact their Financial Intermediary directly for appropriate instructions, as well as information pertaining to accounts and any service or transaction fees that may be charged. If you transmit your order to these Financial Intermediaries before the close of regular trading (generally, 4:00 p.m., Eastern Time) on a day that the NYSE is open for business, your order will be priced at the Fund's NAV next computed after it is received by the Financial Intermediary. Investors should check with their Financial Intermediary to determine if it participates in these arrangements.

The public offering price of Fund shares is its NAV. Shares are purchased at the public offering price next determined after Fund Services receives your order in proper form as discussed in the Fund's Prospectus. In order to receive that day's public offering price, Fund Services must receive your order in proper form before the close of regular trading on the NYSE, normally, 4:00 p.m., Eastern Time.

The Trust reserves the right in its sole discretion (1) to suspend the continued offering of the Fund's shares, (2) to reject purchase orders in whole or in part when in the judgment of the Advisor or the distributor such rejection is in the best interest of the Fund, and (3) to reduce or waive the minimum for initial and subsequent investments for certain fiduciary accounts or under circumstances where when in the judgment of the Advisor certain economies can be achieved in sales of the Fund's shares.

# How to Sell Shares and Delivery of Redemption Proceeds

You can sell your Fund shares any day the NYSE is open for regular trading. Payments to shareholders for shares of the Fund redeemed directly from the Fund will be made as promptly as possible, but no later than seven days after receipt by Fund Services of the written request in proper form, with the appropriate documentation as stated in the Prospectus, except that the Fund may suspend the right of redemption or postpone the date of payment during any period when (a) trading on the NYSE is restricted as determined by the SEC or the NYSE is closed for other than weekends and holidays; (b) an emergency exists as determined by the SEC making disposal of portfolio securities or valuation of net assets of the Fund not reasonably practicable; or (c) for such other period as the SEC may permit for the protection of the Fund's shareholders. Under unusual circumstances, the Fund may suspend redemptions or postpone payment for more than seven days but only as authorized by SEC rules.

The value of shares on redemption or repurchase may be more or less than the investor's cost, depending upon the market value of the Fund's portfolio securities at the time of redemption or repurchase. As with all investments, the purchase of shares in the Fund involves the risk of loss.

#### **Telephone Redemptions**

Shareholders with telephone transactions privileges established on their account may redeem Fund shares by telephone. Upon receipt of any instructions or inquiry by telephone from a person claiming to be the shareholder, the Fund or its authorized agent may carry out the instructions and/or respond to the inquiry, consistent with the shareholder's previously established account service options. For joint accounts, instructions or inquiries from either party will be carried out without prior notice to the other account owners. In acting upon telephone instructions, the Fund and its agents use procedures that are reasonably designed to ensure that such instructions are genuine. These include recording all telephone calls, requiring pertinent information about the account and sending written confirmation of each transaction to the registered owner.

Fund Services will employ these and other reasonable procedures to confirm that instructions communicated by telephone are genuine. If Fund Services fails to employ reasonable procedures, the

Fund and Fund Services may be liable for any losses due to unauthorized or fraudulent instructions. If these procedures are followed, however, to the extent permitted by applicable law, neither the Fund nor its agents will be liable for any loss, liability, cost or expense arising out of any redemption request, including any fraudulent or unauthorized request. For additional information, contact Fund Services.

During periods of unusual market changes and shareholder activity, you may experience delays in contacting Fund Services by telephone. In this event, you may wish to submit a written redemption request, as described in the Prospectus or contact your investment representative. Telephone redemption privileges may be modified or terminated without notice.

# **Redemptions In-Kind**

The Trust has filed an election under SEC Rule 18f-1 committing to pay in cash all redemptions by a shareholder of record up to amounts specified by the rule (in excess of the lesser of (1) \$250,000 or (2) 1% of the Fund's assets). The Fund has reserved the right to pay the redemption price of their shares in excess of the amounts specified by the rule, either totally or partially, by a distribution-in-kind of portfolio securities (instead of cash). The securities so distributed would be valued at the same amount as that assigned to them in calculating the NAV for the shares being sold. If a shareholder receives a distribution in-kind, the shareholder could incur brokerage or other charges in converting the securities to cash and would bear any market risks associated with such securities until they are converted into cash. Distributions in-kind are taxable events for shareholders.

The Fund, like virtually all mutual funds, may from time to time hold a small percentage of securities that are illiquid. In the unlikely event the Fund were to elect to make an in-kind redemption, the Fund could distribute securities pro rata based on its entire portfolio or by some other method in an equitable manner approved by the Trust. If the Fund held illiquid securities, such distribution may contain a portion of such illiquid securities or the Fund may determine, based on a materiality assessment, not to include illiquid securities in the in-kind redemption. If such securities are included in the distribution, shareholders may not be able to liquidate such securities distributed in-kind may be restricted by resale limitations or substantial restrictions on transfer imposed by the issuers of the securities or by law. Shareholders may only be able to liquidate such securities distributed in-kind at a substantial discount from their value, and there may be higher brokerage costs associated with any subsequent disposition of these securities by the recipient.

# Purchases-In-Kind

The Fund may, at the sole discretion of the Advisor, accept securities in exchange for shares of the Fund. Securities which may be accepted in exchange for shares of the Fund must: (1) meet the investment objectives and policies of the Fund; (2) be acquired for investment and not for resale; (3) be liquid securities which are not restricted as to transfer either by law or liquidity of market (determined by reference to liquidity policies established by the Board of Trustees); and (4) have a value which is readily ascertainable as evidenced by, for example, a listing on a recognized stock exchange. If purchasing Fund shares in this manner, a shareholder may realize a capital gain or loss for federal income tax purposes on each security tendered. If transactions are made in compliance with Section 351 of the Code, transferors may be allowed to defer recognition of gain when assets are contributed to a mutual fund in exchange for its shares.

# DISTRIBUTIONS AND TAX INFORMATION

# Distributions

Dividends from net investment income of the Fund and distributions from net profits from the sale of securities are generally made annually. Also, the Fund expects to distribute any undistributed net

investment income on or about December 31 of each year. Any net capital gains realized through the twelve months ended November 30 of each year will also be distributed by December 31 of each year. The Fund reserves the right to make interim profit distributions as approved by its Board of Trustees.

In January of each year, the Fund will issue to each shareholder a statement of the federal income tax status of all distributions made during the previous year. The form and character of each distribution will be specified by the Fund in a notice to shareholders.

# **Tax Information**

Each series of the Trust is treated as a separate entity for federal income tax purposes. The Fund has elected and intends to continue to qualify to be treated as a "regulated investment company" under Subchapter M of the Code, provided that it complies with all applicable requirements regarding the source of its income, diversification of its assets and timing and amount of distributions. It is the Fund's policy to distribute to its shareholders all of its investment company taxable income and any net realized capital gains for each fiscal year in a manner that complies with the distribution requirements of the Code, so that generally the Fund will not be subject to any federal income tax or excise taxes based on net income. However, the Fund can give no assurance that its distributions will be sufficient to eliminate all taxes. To avoid a 4% nondeductible excise tax, the Fund must also distribute (or be deemed to have distributed) by December 31 of each calendar year (1) at least 98% of its ordinary income for such year, (2) at least 98.2% of the excess of its realized capital gains over its realized capital losses for the one-year period ending on November 30 during such year and (3) any amounts from the prior calendar year that were not distributed and on which the Fund paid no federal income tax. If the Fund does not qualify as a regulated investment company, it will be taxed as a regular corporation (currently, at a flat rate of 21%) and will not be entitled to deduct the dividends paid to shareholders.

In order to qualify as a regulated investment company, the Fund must, among other items, derive at least 90% of its gross income each year from dividends, interest, payments with respect to loans of stock and securities, gains from the sale or other disposition of stock or securities or foreign currency gains related to investments in stock or securities, or other income (generally including gains from options, futures or forward contracts) derived with respect to the business of investing in stock, securities or currency, and net income derived from an interest in a qualified publicly traded partnership. The Fund must also satisfy the following two asset diversification tests. At the end of each quarter of each taxable year, (i) at least 50% of the value of the Fund's total assets must be represented by cash and cash items (including receivables), U.S. Government securities, the securities of other regulated investment companies, and other securities, with such other securities being limited in respect of any one issuer to an amount not greater than 5% of the value of the Fund's total assets and not more than 10% of the outstanding voting securities of such issuer, and (ii) not more than 25% of the value of the Fund's total assets may be invested in the securities of any one issuer (other than U.S. Government securities or the securities of other regulated investment companies), the securities of any two or more issuers (other than the securities of other regulated investment companies) that the Fund controls (by owning 20% or more of their outstanding voting stock) and that are determined to be engaged in the same or similar trades or businesses or related trades or businesses, or the securities of one or more qualified publicly traded partnerships. The Fund must also distribute each taxable year sufficient dividends to its shareholders to claim a dividends paid deduction equal to at least the sum of 90% of the Fund's investment company taxable income (which generally includes dividends, interest, and the excess of net short-term capital gain over net long-term capital loss) and 90% of the Fund's net tax-exempt interest, if any.

The Fund's ordinary income generally consists of interest and dividend income, less expenses. Net realized capital gains for a fiscal period are computed by taking into account any capital loss carryforward of the Fund. The Code imposes certain limitations on the ability of taxpayers to utilize capital losses. As of November 30, 2024, the Fund did not have any capital loss carryovers.

Distributions of net investment income and net short-term capital gains are taxable to shareholders as ordinary income. For individual shareholders, a portion of the distributions paid by the Fund may be qualified dividends eligible under current law for taxation at long-term capital gain rates to the extent the Fund reports the amount distributed as a qualifying dividend and holding period requirements are met. Dividends received by the Fund from REITs generally are not expected to qualify for treatment as qualified dividend income upon distribution to shareholders. However, to the extent the Fund invests in REITs, the Fund may designate dividends it pays to its shareholders as "Section 199A dividends" so that individual and non-corporate shareholders may be eligible for a 20% deduction with respect to such dividends, provided such shareholders have satisfied the holding period requirement for the Fund's shares and certain other conditions. The amount of Section 199A dividends that the Fund may pay and report to its shareholders is limited to the excess of the ordinary REIT dividends, other than capital gain dividends and portions of REIT dividends designated as qualified dividend income that the Fund receives from REITs for a taxable year over the Fund's expenses allocable to such dividends. An additional Medicare contribution tax of 3.8% applies to net investment income, which generally includes dividends and capital gains from the Fund, for individual taxpayers whose modified adjusted gross income exceeds \$200,000 for single filers and \$250,000 for married joint filers or for taxpayers that are trusts or estates with adjusted gross income in excess of certain threshold amounts. In the case of corporate shareholders, a portion of the distributions may qualify for the intercorporate dividends-received deduction to the extent the Fund reports the amount distributed as a qualifying dividend. The aggregate amount so reported to either individual or corporate shareholders cannot, however, exceed the aggregate amount of qualifying dividends received by the Fund for its taxable year. In view of the Fund's investment policies, it is expected that dividends from domestic corporations will be part of the Fund's gross income and that, accordingly, part of the distributions by the Fund may be eligible for treatment as qualified income for individual shareholders and for the dividends-received deduction for corporate shareholders. However, the portion of the Fund's gross income attributable to qualifying dividends is largely dependent on the Fund's investment activities for a particular year and therefore cannot be predicted with any certainty. The deduction, if any, may be reduced or eliminated if Fund shares held by an individual investor are held less than 61 days, or if Fund shares held by a corporate investor are treated as debt-financed or are held for fewer than 46 days.

Any long-term capital gain distributions are taxable to shareholders as long term capital gains regardless of the length of time they have held their shares. Capital gains distributions are not eligible for the dividends received deduction referred to in the previous paragraph. Distributions of any ordinary income and net realized capital gains will be taxable as described above, whether received in shares or in cash. Shareholders who choose to receive distributions in the form of additional shares will have a cost basis for federal income tax purposes in each share so received equal to the NAV of a share on the reinvestment date. Distributions are generally taxable when received. However, distributions declared in October, November or December to shareholders of record on a specified date in such a month and paid the following January are taxable as if received on December 31. Distributions are includable in alternative minimum taxable income in computing an individual shareholder's liability for the alternative minimum tax. Shareholders should note that the Fund may make taxable distributions of income and capital gains even when share values have declined. A dividend or distribution paid shortly after a purchase of shares by a shareholder would represent, in substance, a partial return of capital (to the extent it is paid on the shares so purchased), even though it would be subject to income taxes.

The Fund may be subject to foreign withholding taxes on dividends and interest earned with respect to securities of foreign corporations.

Under the Code, the Fund will be required to report to the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") all distributions of ordinary income and capital gains as well as gross proceeds from the redemption or exchange of portfolio shares, except in the case of exempt shareholders, which includes most

corporations. Pursuant to the backup withholding provisions of the Code, distributions of any taxable income and capital gains and proceeds from the redemption of portfolio shares may be subject to withholding of federal income tax at the current rate of 24% in the case of non-exempt shareholders who fail to furnish the Fund with their correct taxpayer identification numbers and with required certifications regarding their status under the federal income tax law or if the IRS notifies the Fund that such backup withholding is required. If the withholding provisions are applicable, any such distributions and proceeds, whether taken in cash or reinvested in additional shares, will be reduced by the amounts required to be withheld. Corporate and other exempt shareholders should provide the Fund with their taxpayer identification numbers or certify their exempt status in order to avoid possible erroneous application of backup withholding. Backup withholding is not an additional tax and any amounts withheld may be credited against a shareholder's ultimate federal income tax liability if proper documentation is provided. The Fund reserves the right to refuse to open an account for any person failing to provide a certified taxpayer identification number.

The Fund is required to report to the IRS and furnish to shareholders the cost basis information for sale transactions of shares purchased on or after January 1, 2012. Shareholders may elect to have one of several cost basis methods applied to their account when calculating the cost basis of shares sold, including average cost, FIFO or some other specific identification method. Unless you instruct otherwise, the Fund will use high cost as its default cost basis method. If high cost is used for the first sale of shares covered by these rules, the shareholder may only use an alternative cost basis method for shares purchased prospectively. Shareholders should consult with their tax advisors to determine the best cost basis method for their tax situation. Shareholders that hold their shares through a financial intermediary should contact such financial intermediary with respect to reporting of cost basis and available elections for their accounts.

If more than 50% in value of the Fund's total assets at the end of its fiscal year is invested in stock or securities of foreign corporations, the Fund may elect to pass through to its shareholders the pro rata share of all foreign income taxes paid by the Fund, subject to certain exceptions for fund of funds structures. If this election is made, shareholders will be (1) required to include in their gross income their pro rata share of the Fund's foreign source income (including any foreign income taxes paid by the Fund), and (2) entitled either to deduct their share of such foreign taxes in computing their taxable income or to claim a credit for such taxes against their U.S. income tax, subject to certain limitations under the Code, including certain holding period requirements. In this case, shareholders will be informed in writing by the Fund at the end of each calendar year regarding the availability of any credits on and the amount of foreign source income (including or excluding foreign income taxes paid by the Fund) to be included in their income tax returns. If 50% or less in value of the Fund's total assets at the end of its fiscal year is invested in stock or securities of foreign corporations, the Fund will not be entitled under the Code to pass through to its shareholders their pro rata share of the foreign taxes paid by the Fund. In this case, these taxes will be taken as a deduction by the Fund.

The use of hedging strategies, such as entering into forward contracts, involves complex rules that will determine the character and timing of recognition of the income received in connection therewith by the Fund. Income from foreign currencies (except certain gains therefrom that may be excluded by future regulations) and income from transactions in forward contracts derived by the Fund with respect to its business of investing in securities or foreign currencies will generally qualify as permissible income under Subchapter M of the Code.

Any security or other position entered into or held by the Fund that substantially diminishes the Fund's risk of loss from any other position held by the Fund may constitute a "straddle" for federal income tax purposes. In general, straddles are subject to certain rules that may affect the amount, character and timing of the Fund's gains and losses with respect to straddle positions by requiring, among other things,

that the loss realized on disposition of one position of a straddle be deferred until gain is realized on disposition of the offsetting position; that the Fund's holding period in certain straddle positions not begin until the straddle is terminated (possibly resulting in the gain being treated as short-term capital gain rather than long-term capital gain); and that losses recognized with respect to certain straddle positions, which would otherwise constitute short-term capital losses, be treated as long-term capital losses. Different elections are available to the Fund that may mitigate the effects of the straddle rules.

Certain forward contracts that are subject to Section 1256 of the Code ("Section 1256 Contracts") and that are held by the Fund at the end of its taxable year generally will be required to be "marked-to-market" for federal income tax purposes, that is, deemed to have been sold at market value. Sixty percent of any net gain or loss recognized on these deemed sales and 60% of any net gain or loss realized from any actual sales of Section 1256 Contracts will be treated as long-term capital gain or loss, and the balance will be treated as short-term capital gain or loss.

Section 988 of the Code contains special tax rules applicable to certain foreign currency transactions that may affect the amount, timing and character of income, gain or loss recognized by the Fund. Under these rules, foreign exchange gain or loss realized with respect to foreign currency forward contracts is treated as ordinary income or loss. Some part of the Fund's gain or loss on the sale or other disposition of shares of a foreign corporation may, because of changes in foreign currency exchange rates, be treated as ordinary income or loss under Section 988 of the Code rather than as capital gain or loss.

Distributions and the transactions referred to in the preceding paragraphs may be subject to state and local income taxes, and the tax treatment thereof may differ from the federal income tax treatment.

The foregoing discussion of U.S. federal income tax law relates solely to the application of that law to U.S. citizens or residents and U.S. domestic corporations, trusts and estates. If an entity or arrangement treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes holds shares of the Fund, the U.S. federal income tax treatment of a partner in such partnership generally will depend upon the status of the partner and activities of the partnership. All shareholders (and partners in a partnership that is a shareholder) should consult a qualified tax adviser regarding their investment in the Fund. Each shareholder who is not a U.S. person should consider the U.S. and foreign tax consequences of ownership of shares of the Fund, including the possibility that such a shareholder may be subject to a U.S. withholding tax at a rate of 30 percent (or at a lower rate under an applicable income tax treaty) on the Fund's distributions.

A portion of the Fund's distributions received by a shareholder who is not a U.S. person may, however, be exempt from U.S. withholding tax to the extent properly reported by the Fund as attributable to U.S. source interest income and short-term capital gains. If a shareholder who is not a U.S. person is eligible for a reduced rate of withholding tax under an applicable tax treaty, such shareholder will be required to provide an applicable IRS Form W-8 certifying its entitlement to benefits under the treaty in order to obtain a reduced rate of withholding tax. However, if the distributions are effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business of the shareholder who is not a U.S. person (or, if an income tax treaty applies, attributable to U.S. federal income tax at the rates applicable to U.S. persons, plus, in certain cases where such non-U.S. shareholder is a corporation, a branch profits tax at a 30% rate (or lower rate provided in an applicable treaty). If a shareholder who is not a U.S. person is subject to such U.S. income tax on a distribution, then the Fund is not required to withhold U.S. federal tax if such shareholder complies with applicable certification and disclosure requirements.

**The Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act ("FATCA").** A 30% withholding tax on the Fund's distributions, including capital gains distributions, generally applies if paid to a foreign entity unless: (i) if the foreign entity is a "foreign financial institution," it undertakes certain due diligence, reporting,

withholding and certification obligations, (ii) if the foreign entity is not a "foreign financial institution," it identifies certain of its U.S. investors, or (iii) the foreign entity is otherwise excepted under FATCA. While withholding under FATCA would have applied also to payments of gross proceeds from the sale or other disposition of shares on or after January 1, 2019, proposed Treasury regulations eliminate such withholding on payments of gross proceeds entirely. Taxpayers generally may rely on these proposed Treasury regulations until final Treasury regulations are issued. If withholding is required under FATCA on a payment related to your shares, investors that otherwise would not be subject to withholding (or that otherwise would be entitled to a reduced rate of withholding) on such payment generally will be required to seek a refund or credit from the IRS to obtain the benefits of such exemption or reduction. The Fund will not pay any additional amounts in respect to amounts withheld under FATCA. You should consult your tax advisor regarding the effect of FATCA based on your individual circumstances.

In addition, the foregoing discussion of tax law is based on existing provisions of the Code, existing and proposed regulations thereunder, and current administrative rulings and court decisions, all of which are subject to change. Any such changes could affect the validity of this discussion. The discussion also represents only a general summary of tax law and practice currently applicable to the Fund and certain shareholders therein, and, as such, is subject to change. In particular, the consequences of an investment in shares of the Fund under the laws of any state, local or foreign taxing jurisdictions are not discussed herein. Each prospective investor should consult his or her own tax advisor to determine the application of the tax law and practice to his or her own particular circumstances. The Fund will not receive an opinion from counsel or a ruling from the IRS with respect to the tax issues discussed herein.

The advice herein was prepared for the Fund. Any person reviewing this discussion should seek advice based on such person's particular circumstances from an independent tax advisor.

# PRINCIPAL UNDERWRITER AND DISTRIBUTOR

Quasar Distributors, LLC, Three Canal Plaza, Suite 100, Portland, Maine 04101 ("Quasar"), serves as principal underwriter and distributor for shares of the Fund in a continuous public offering of the Fund's shares. Pursuant to a distribution agreement between the Fund and Quasar, Quasar provides certain administration services and promotes and arranges for the sale of the Fund's shares. Quasar is registered as a broker-dealer under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and is a member of FINRA.

The distribution agreement continues in effect for periods not exceeding one year if approved at least annually by (1) the Board or the vote of a majority of the outstanding shares of the Fund (as defined in the 1940 Act) and (2) a majority of the Trustees who are not interested persons of any such party, in each case cast in person at a meeting called for the purpose of voting on such approval. The agreement may be terminated without penalty by the parties thereto upon a 60-day written notice, and is automatically terminated in the event of its assignment as defined in the 1940 Act.

# PAYMENTS TO FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

The Advisor, out of its own resources and without additional cost to the Fund or its shareholders, may provide additional cash payments or other compensation to certain financial intermediaries who sell shares of the Fund. Such payments may be divided into categories as follows:

# **Support Payments**

Payments may be made by the Advisor to certain Financial Intermediaries in connection with the eligibility of the Fund to be offered on certain brokerage platforms or in certain programs which generally include a variety of other funds. The Advisor may make cash payments to Financial Intermediaries for providing shareholder servicing and other support services. Although the Fund does not currently pay any

finder's fees to Financial Intermediaries, it reserves the right to do so and will disclose such activity as required.

The prospect of receiving, or the receipt of additional payments or other compensation as described above by financial intermediaries may provide such intermediaries and/or their salespersons with an incentive to favor sales of shares of the Fund, and other mutual funds whose affiliates make similar compensation available, over sale of shares of mutual funds (or non-mutual fund investments) not making such payments. You may wish to take such payment arrangements into account when considering and evaluating any recommendations relating to the Fund's shares.

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements of the Fund included in the Fund's most recent <u>Form N-CSR filing</u> for the fiscal year ended November 30, 2024, including the notes thereto and reports of the independent registered public accounting firm thereon, are incorporated by reference into this SAI. These financial statements include the Fund's schedule of investments, statement of assets and liabilities, statement of operations, statement of changes in net assets, financial highlights and notes to the financial statements. You may obtain a copy of the Fund's <u>Form N-CSR filing</u> by calling the Fund at 1-855-654-6639.

# **APPENDIX A**

# **Commercial Paper Ratings**

# Standard & Poor's

A Standard & Poor's commercial paper rating is a current assessment of the likelihood of timely payment of debt having an original maturity of no more than 365 days. Ratings are graded into several categories, ranging from 'A' for the highest-quality obligations to 'D' for the lowest. These categories are as follows:

**A-1** - This designation indicates that the degree of safety regarding timely payment is strong. Those issues determined to possess extremely strong safety characteristics are denoted with a plus sign (+) designation.

**A-2** - Capacity for timely payment on issues with this designation is satisfactory. However, the relative degree of safety is not as high as for issues designated 'A-1'.

**A-3** - Issues carrying this designation have an adequate capacity for timely payment. They are, however, more vulnerable to the adverse effects of changes in circumstances than obligations carrying the higher designations.

**B** - Issues rated 'B' are regarded as having only speculative capacity for timely payment.

C - This rating is assigned to short-term debt obligations with a doubtful capacity for payment.

D – Debt rated 'D' is in payment default. The 'D' rating category is used when interest payments of principal payments are not made on the date due, even if the applicable grace period has not expired, unless Standard & Poor's believes such payments will be made during such grace period.

# Moody's

Moody's short-term debt ratings are opinions on the ability of issuers to punctually repay senior debt obligations. These obligations have an original maturity not exceeding one year, unless explicitly noted. Moody's employs the following three designations, all judged to be investment grade to indicate the relative repayment ability of rated issuers:

**Prime-1** - Issuers rated Prime-1 (or supporting institutions) have a superior ability for repayment of senior short-term debt obligations. Prime-1 repayment ability will often be evidenced by many of the following characteristics: leading market positions in well-established industries; high rates of return on funds employed; conservative capitalization structure with moderate reliance on debt and ample asset protection; broad margins in earnings coverage of fixed financial charges and high internal cash generation; and well-established access to a range of financial markets and assured sources of alternate liquidity.

**Prime-2** - Issuers rated Prime-2 (or supporting institutions) have a strong ability for repayment of senior short-term debt obligations. This will normally be evidenced by many of the characteristics cited above but to a lesser degree. Earnings trends and coverage ratios, while sound, may be more subject to variation. Capitalization characteristics, while still appropriate, may be more affected by external conditions. Ample alternate liquidity is maintained.

**Prime-3** - Issuers rated Prime-3 (or supporting institutions) have an acceptable ability for repayment of senior short-term debt obligations. The effect of industry characteristics and market compositions may be more pronounced. Variability in earnings and profitability may result in changes in the level of debt

protection measurements and may require relatively high financial leverage. Adequate alternate liquidity is maintained.

Not Prime - Issuers rated Not Prime do not fall within any of the Prime rating categories.

# Credit Ratings

# Standard & Poor's

Standard & Poor's issue credit ratings based in varying degrees, on the following considerations:

- 1. Likelihood of payment capacity and willingness of the obligor to meet its financial commitment on an obligation in accordance with the terms of the obligation;
- 2. Nature of and provisions of the obligation; and
- 3. Protection afforded by, and relative position of, the obligation in the event of bankruptcy, reorganization, or other arrangement under the laws of bankruptcy and other laws affecting creditors' rights.

The issue ratings definitions are expressed in terms of default risk. As such, they pertain to senior obligations of an entity. Junior obligations are typically rated lower than senior obligations, to reflect the lower priority in bankruptcy, as noted above.

**AAA** - An obligation rated "AAA" has the highest rating assigned by Standard & Poor's. The obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation is extremely strong.

**AA** - An obligation rated "AA" differs from the highest rated obligations only in small degree. The obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation is very strong.

**A** - An obligation rated "A" is somewhat more susceptible to the adverse effects of changes in circumstances and economic conditions than obligations in higher-rated categories. However, the obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation is still strong.

**BBB** - An obligation rated "BBB" exhibits adequate protection parameters. However, adverse economic conditions or changing circumstances are more likely to lead to a weakened capacity of the obligor to meet its financial commitment on the obligation.

**BB, B, CCC, CC, and C** - Obligations rated "BB," "B," "CCC," "CC" and "C" are regarded as having significant speculative characteristics. "BB" indicates the least degree of speculation and "C" the highest. While such obligations will likely have some quality and protective characteristics, these may be outweighed by large uncertainties or major exposures to adverse conditions.

**BB** - An obligation rated "BB" is less vulnerable to nonpayment than other speculative issues. However, it faces major ongoing uncertainties or exposure to adverse business, financial or economic conditions, which could lead to the obligor's inadequate capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation.

 $\mathbf{B}$  - An obligation rated "B" is more vulnerable to nonpayment than obligations rated "BB", but the obligor currently has the capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation. Adverse business, financial or economic conditions will likely impair the obligor's capacity or willingness to meet its financial commitment on the obligation.

**CCC** - An obligation rated "CCC" is currently vulnerable to nonpayment and is dependent upon favorable business, financial and economic conditions for the obligor to meet its financial commitment on the obligation. In the event of adverse business, financial, or economic conditions, the obligor is not likely to have the capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation.

CC - An obligation rated "CC" is currently highly vulnerable to nonpayment.

C - The "C" rating may be used to cover a situation where a bankruptcy petition has been filed or similar action taken, but payments on this obligation are being continued.

**D** - An obligation rated "D" is in payment default. The "D" rating category is used when payments on an obligation are not made on the date due even if the applicable grace period has not expired, unless Standard & Poor's believes that such payments will be made during such grace period. The "D" rating also will be used upon the filing of a bankruptcy petition or the taking of a similar action if payments on an obligation are jeopardized.

# Plus (+) or minus (-)

The ratings from "AA" through "CCC" may be modified by the addition of a plus or minus sign to show relative standing within the major rating categories.

"c" - The 'c' subscript is used to provide additional information to investors that the bank may terminate its obligation to purchase tendered bonds if the long-term credit rating of the issuer is below an investment-grade level and/or the issuer's bonds are deemed taxable.

**"p"** - The letter 'p' indicates that the rating is provisional. A provisional rating assumes the successful completion of the project financed by the debt being rated and indicates that payment of debt service requirements is largely or entirely dependent upon the successful, timely completion of the project. This rating, however, while addressing credit quality subsequent to completion of the project, makes no comment on the likelihood of or the risk of default upon failure of such completion. The investor should exercise his own judgment with respect to such likelihood and risk.

\* - Continuance of the ratings is contingent upon Standard & Poor's receipt of an executed copy of the escrow agreement or closing documentation confirming investments and cash flows.

**"r"-** The 'r' highlights derivative, hybrid, and certain other obligations that Standard & Poor's believes may experience high volatility or high variability in expected returns as a result of noncredit risks. Examples of such obligations are securities with principal or interest return indexed to equities, commodities, or currencies; certain swaps and options; and interest-only and principal-only mortgage securities. The absence of an 'r' symbol should not be taken as an indication that an obligation will exhibit no volatility or variability in total return.

**N.R. - Not Rated** - Debt obligations of issuers outside the United States and its territories are rated on the same basis as domestic corporate and municipal issues. The ratings measure the creditworthiness of the obligor but do not take into account currency exchange and related uncertainties.

# Moody's

Moody's uses the following categories for long-term obligations:

Aaa - Bonds that are rated "Aaa" are to be of the best quality. They carry the smallest degree of investment risk and are generally referred to as "gilt edged." Interest payments are protected by a large or

by an exceptionally stable margin and principal is secure. While the various protective elements are likely to change, such changes as can be visualized are most unlikely to impair the fundamentally strong position of such issues.

**Aa** - Bonds that are rated "Aa" are judged to be of high quality by all standards. Together with the "Aaa" group they comprise what are generally known as high-grade bonds. They are rated lower than the best bonds because margins of protection may not be as large as in "Aaa" securities or fluctuation of protective elements may be of greater amplitude or there may be other elements present which make the long-term risk appear somewhat larger than the "Aaa" securities.

**A** - Bonds that are rated "A" possess many favorable investment attributes and are to be considered as upper-medium-grade obligations. Factors giving security to principal and interest are considered adequate, but elements may be present which suggest a susceptibility to impairment sometime in the future.

**Baa** - Bonds that are rated "Baa" are considered medium-grade obligations, *i.e.* they are neither highly protected nor poorly secured. Interest payments and principal security appear adequate for the present but certain protective elements may be lacking or may be characteristically unreliable over any great length of time. Such bonds lack outstanding investment characteristics and in fact have speculative characteristics as well.

**Ba** - Bonds that are rated "Ba" are judged to have speculative elements; their future cannot be considered as well assured. Often the protection of interest and principal payments may be very moderate, and thereby not well safeguarded during both good and bad times over the future. Uncertainty of position characterizes bonds in this class.

 $\mathbf{B}$  - Bonds that are rated "B" generally lack characteristics of the desirable investment. Assurance of interest and principal payments or maintenance of other terms of the contract over any long period of time may be small.

**Caa** - Bonds that are rated "Caa" are of poor standing. Such issues may be in default or there may be present elements of danger with respect to principal or interest.

**Ca** - Bonds that are rated "Ca" represent obligations that are speculative in a high degree. Such issues are often in default or have other marked shortcomings.

C – Bonds that are rated "C" are the lowest rated class of bonds, and issues so rated can be regarded as having extremely poor prospects of ever attaining any real investment standing.