## **LoCorr Hedged Core Fund**

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a series of LoCorr Investment Trust

#### STATEMENT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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This Statement of Additional Information ("SAI") is not a prospectus and should be read in conjunction with the Prospectus dated July 10, 2024 for the LoCorr Hedged Core Fund (the "Fund"), a series of LoCorr Investment Trust. The Fund's Prospectus is hereby incorporated by reference, which means it is legally part of this SAI. You can obtain copies of the Prospectus and Annual Report without charge by contacting the Fund's transfer agent or by calling toll-free 1-855-523-8637. You may also obtain a Prospectus and Annual Report by visiting <a href="https://www.LoCorrFunds.com">www.LoCorrFunds.com</a>.

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## THE FUND

The LoCorr Hedged Core Fund is a diversified series of LoCorr Investment Trust, an Ohio business trust organized on November 15, 2010 (the "Trust"). The Trust is registered as an open-end management investment company. The Trust is governed by its Board of Trustees (the "Board" or "Trustees").

The Fund may issue an unlimited number of shares of beneficial interest. All shares of the Fund have equal rights and privileges, except as to class-specific rights and privileges described below. Each share of the Fund is entitled to one vote on all matters as to which shares are entitled to vote. In addition, each share of the Fund, on a per-class basis, is entitled to participate equally with other shares (i) in dividends and distributions declared by the Fund and (ii) on liquidation to its proportionate share of the assets remaining after satisfaction of outstanding liabilities. Shares of the Fund are fully paid, non-assessable and fully transferable when issued and have no pre-emptive, conversion or exchange rights. Fractional shares have proportionately the same rights, including voting rights, as are provided for a full share.

The Fund currently offers two classes of shares, Class A and Class I shares. The Board of Trustees may classify and reclassify the shares of the Fund into additional classes of shares at a future date. Each share class will represent an interest in the same assets of the Fund, have the same rights and is identical in all material respects except that (i) each class of shares may be subject to different (or no) sales loads, (ii) each class of shares may bear different distribution fees; (iii) certain other class specific expenses will be borne solely by the class to which such expenses are attributable, including transfer agent fees attributable to a specific class of shares, printing and postage expenses related to preparing and distributing materials to current shareholders of a specific class, registration fees incurred by a specific class of shares, the expenses of administrative personnel and services required to support the shareholders of a specific class, litigation or other legal expenses relating to a class of shares, Trustees' fees or expenses incurred as a result of issues relating to a specific class of shares and accounting fees and expenses relating to a specific class of shares and (iv) each class will have exclusive voting rights with respect to matters relating to its own distribution arrangements.

LoCorr Fund Management, LLC (the "Adviser") is the Fund's investment adviser.

The following serve as sub-advisers (each a "Sub-Adviser" and together, the "Sub-Advisers") to the Fund:

#### Sub-Adviser

- Graham Capital Management, L.P.
- Millburn Ridgefield Corporation
- Nuveen Asset Management, LLC
- Revolution Capital Management, LLC
- · R.G. Niederhoffer Capital Management, Inc.

The Fund's investment objective, restrictions and policies are more fully described here and in its Prospectus. The Board may start other series and offer shares of a new fund under the Trust at any time.

Under the Trust's Agreement and Declaration of Trust, each Trustee will continue in office until the termination of the Trust or his/her earlier death, incapacity, resignation or removal. Shareholders can remove a Trustee to the extent provided by the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act") and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder. Vacancies may be filled by a majority of the remaining Trustees, except insofar as the 1940 Act may require the election by shareholders. As a result, normally no annual or regular meetings of shareholders will be held unless matters arise requiring a vote of shareholders under the Agreement and Declaration of Trust or the 1940 Act.

## TYPES OF INVESTMENTS

The investment objective of the Fund and a description of its principal investment strategies are set forth in the Prospectus. The Fund's investment objective is not "fundamental" and may be changed without the approval of a majority of its outstanding voting securities; however, shareholders will be given at least 60 days' notice of such a change.

The following information applies to the Fund, except as noted, and describes securities and instruments in which the Fund or its Subsidiary (as defined herein) as applicable may invest and their related risks.

#### **Equity Securities**

Equity securities in which the Fund invests include common stocks, preferred stocks and securities convertible into common stocks, such as convertible bonds, warrants, rights and options. The value of equity securities varies in response to many factors, including the activities and financial condition of individual companies, the business market in which individual companies compete and general market and economic conditions. Equity securities fluctuate in value, often based on factors unrelated to the value of the issuer of the securities, and such fluctuations can be significant.

#### Common Stock

Common stock represents an equity (ownership) interest in a company, and usually possesses voting rights and earns dividends. Dividends on common stock are not fixed but are declared at the discretion of the issuer. Common stock generally represents the riskiest investment in a company. In addition, common stock generally has the greatest appreciation and depreciation potential because increases and decreases in earnings are usually reflected in a company's stock price.

#### Preferred Stock

Preferred stocks are securities that have characteristics of both common stocks and corporate bonds. Preferred stocks may receive dividends but payment is not guaranteed as with a bond. These securities may be undervalued because of a lack of analyst coverage resulting in a high dividend yield or yield to maturity. The risks of preferred stocks include a lack of voting rights and the Fund's Adviser may incorrectly analyze the security, resulting in a loss to the Fund. Furthermore, preferred stock dividends are not guaranteed and management can elect to forego the preferred dividend, resulting in a loss to the Fund. Preferred stock may also be convertible in the common stock of the issuer. Convertible securities may be exchanged or converted into a predetermined number of shares of the issuer's underlying common stock at the option of the holder during a specified period. Convertible securities are senior to common stocks in an issuer's capital structure, but are usually subordinated to similar non-convertible securities. A convertible security also gives an investor the opportunity, through its conversion feature, to participate in the capital appreciation of the issuing company depending upon a market price advance in the convertible security's underlying common stock. In general, preferred stocks generally pay a dividend at a specified rate and have preference over common stock in the payment of dividends and in liquidation. The Fund may invest in preferred stock with any or no credit rating. Preferred stock is a class of stock having a preference over common stock as to the payment of dividends and the recovery of investment should a company be liquidated, although preferred stock is usually junior to the debt securities of the issuer. Preferred stock market value may change based on changes in interest rates.

## Convertible Securities

The Fund may invest in convertible securities with no minimum credit rating. Convertible securities include fixed income securities that may be exchanged or converted into a predetermined number of shares of the issuer's underlying common stock at the option of the holder during a specified period. Convertible securities may take the form of convertible preferred stock, convertible bonds or debentures, units consisting of "usable" bonds and warrants or a combination of the features of several of these securities. Convertible securities are senior to common stocks in an issuer's capital structure, but are usually subordinated to similar non-convertible securities. While providing a fixed-income stream (generally higher in yield than the income derivable from common stock but lower than that afforded by a similar nonconvertible security), a convertible security also gives an investor the opportunity, through its

conversion feature, to participate in the capital appreciation of the issuing company depending upon a market price advance in the convertible security's underlying common stock.

#### Warrants

The Fund may invest in warrants. Warrants are options to purchase common stock at a specific price (usually at a premium above the market value of the optioned common stock at issuance) valid for a specific period of time. Warrants may have a life ranging from less than one year to twenty years, or they may be perpetual. However, most warrants have expiration dates after which they are worthless. In addition, a warrant is worthless if the market price of the common stock does not exceed the warrant's exercise price during the life of the warrant. Warrants have no voting rights, pay no dividends, and have no rights with respect to the assets of the corporation issuing them. The percentage increase or decrease in the market price of the warrant may tend to be greater than the percentage increase or decrease in the market price of the optioned common stock.

#### Business Development Companies

The Fund may invest in business development companies ("BDCs"), each of which may pay performance-based fees to their managers. A BDC is a form of investment company that is required to invest at least 70% of its total assets in securities (typically debt) of private companies, thinly traded U.S. public companies, or short-term, high-quality debt securities. BDCs usually trade at a discount to their net asset value because they invest in unlisted securities and have limited access to capital markets. Fund shareholders may bear two layers of fees and expenses: asset-based fees and expenses at the Fund level, and asset-based fees, performance-based incentive allocations or fees and expenses at the BDC level. BDCs are subject to high failure rates among the companies in which they invest and federal securities laws impose restraints upon the organization and operations of BDCs that can limit or negatively impact the performance of a BDC. Also, BDCs may engage in certain principal and joint transactions that a mutual fund may not without an exemptive order from the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"). Also, the Fund may purchase in the aggregate only up to 3% of the total outstanding voting stock of any other investment company, such as a BDC, unless the other investment company has an exemptive order from the SEC.

#### Depositary Receipts

The Fund may invest in sponsored and unsponsored American Depositary Receipts ("ADRs"), which are receipts issued by an American bank or trust company evidencing ownership of underlying securities issued by a foreign issuer. ADRs, in registered form, are designed for use in U.S. securities markets. Unsponsored ADRs may be created without the participation of the foreign issuer. Holders of unsponsored ADRs generally bear all the costs of the ADR facility, whereas foreign issuers typically bear certain costs in a sponsored ADR. The bank or trust company depositary of an unsponsored ADR may be under no obligation to distribute shareholder communications received from the foreign issuer or to pass through voting rights. Many of the risks described below regarding foreign securities apply to investments in ADRs.

#### **Investment Companies**

The Fund may invest in investment companies such as open-end funds (mutual funds), closed-end funds, and exchange traded funds (collectively, "Investment Companies"). The 1940 Act provides that the mutual funds may not: (1) purchase more than 3% of an investment company's outstanding shares; (2) invest more than 5% of its assets in any single such investment company (the "5% Limit"), and (3) invest more than 10% of its assets in Investment Companies overall (the "10% Limit"), unless: (i) the underlying investment company and/or the Fund has received an order for exemptive relief from such limitations from the SEC; and (ii) the underlying investment company and the Fund take appropriate steps to comply with any conditions in such order.

In addition, Section 12(d)(1)(F) of the 1940 Act provides that the provisions of paragraph 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 has not, and is not proposing to offer or sell any security issued by it through a principal underwriter or otherwise at a public or offering

price which includes a sales load of more than 1.50%. An investment company that issues shares to the Fund pursuant to paragraph 12(d)(1)(F) shall not be required to redeem its shares in an amount exceeding 1% of such investment company's total outstanding shares in any period of less than thirty days. The Fund (or the Adviser acting on behalf of the Fund) must comply with the following voting restrictions: when the Fund exercises voting rights, by proxy or otherwise, with respect to Investment Companies owned by the Fund, the Fund will either seek instruction from the Fund's shareholders with regard to the voting of all proxies and vote in accordance with such instructions, or vote the shares held by the Fund in the same proportion as the vote of all other holders of such security.

Further, the Fund may rely on Rule 12d1-3, which allows unaffiliated mutual funds to exceed the 5% Limitation and the 10% Limitation, provided the aggregate sales loads any investor pays (i.e., the combined distribution expenses of both the acquiring fund and the acquired funds) does not exceed the limits on sales loads established by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA") for funds of funds.

The Fund may exceed these statutory limits when permitted by SEC order or other applicable law or regulatory guidance, such as is the case with many ETFs. The SEC recently adopted certain regulatory changes and took other actions related to the ability of an investment company to invest in the securities of another investment company. These changes include, among other things, the rescission of certain SEC exemptive orders permitting investments in excess of the statutory limits and the withdrawal of certain related SEC staff no-action letters, and the adoption of Rule 12d1-4 under the 1940 Act. Rule 12d1-4 permits the Fund to invest in other investment companies beyond the statutory limits, subject to certain conditions. The rescission of the applicable exemptive orders and the withdrawal of the applicable no-action letters is effective on January 19, 2022. After such time, an investment company will no longer be able to rely on the aforementioned exemptive orders and no-action letters, and will be subject instead to Rule 12d1-4 and other applicable rules under Section 12(d)(1).

Under certain circumstances an Underlying Fund may determine to make payment of a redemption by the Fund wholly or partly by a distribution in kind of securities from its portfolio, in lieu of cash, in conformity with the rules of the SEC. In such cases, the Fund may hold securities distributed by an Investment Company until the Adviser determines that it is appropriate to dispose of such securities.

Investment decisions by the investment advisors of the Investment Companies are made independently of the Fund and its Adviser. Therefore, the investment advisor of one Underlying Fund may be purchasing shares of the same issuer whose shares are being sold by the investment advisor of another such fund. The result would be an indirect expense to the Fund without accomplishing any investment purpose. Because other Investment Companies employ an investment adviser, such investments by the Fund may cause shareholders to bear duplicate fees.

Closed-End Investment Companies. The Fund may invest its assets in "closed-end" investment companies (or "closed-end funds"), subject to the investment restrictions set forth above. Shares of closed-end funds are typically offered to the public in a one-time initial public offering by a group of underwriters who retain a spread or underwriting commission of between 4% or 6% of the initial public offering price. Such securities are then listed for trading on the New York Stock Exchange, the National Association of Securities Dealers Automated Quotation System (commonly known as "NASDAQ") and, in some cases, may be traded in other over-the-counter markets. Because the shares of closed-end funds cannot be redeemed upon demand to the issuer like the shares of an open-end investment company (such as the Fund), investors seek to buy and sell shares of closed-end funds in the secondary market.

The Fund generally will purchase shares of closed-end funds only in the secondary market. The Fund will incur normal brokerage costs on such purchases similar to the expenses the Fund would incur for the purchase of securities of any other type of issuer in the secondary market. The Fund may, however, also purchase securities of a closed-end fund in an initial public offering when, in the opinion of the Adviser, based on a consideration of the nature of the closed-end fund's proposed investments, the prevailing market conditions and the level of demand for such securities, they represent an attractive opportunity for

growth of capital. The initial offering price typically will include a dealer spread, which may be higher than the applicable brokerage cost if the Fund purchased such securities in the secondary market.

The shares of many closed-end funds, after their initial public offering, frequently trade at a price per share that is less than the net asset value per share, the difference representing the "market discount" of such shares. This market discount may be due in part to the investment objective of long-term appreciation, which is sought by many closed-end funds, as well as to the fact that the shares of closed-end funds are not redeemable by the holder upon demand to the issuer at the next determined net asset value but rather are subject to the principles of supply and demand in the secondary market. A relative lack of secondary market purchasers of closed-end fund shares also may contribute to such shares trading at a discount to their net asset value.

The Fund may invest in shares of closed-end funds that are trading at a discount to net asset value or at a premium to net asset value. There can be no assurance that the market discount on shares of any closed-end fund purchased by the Fund will ever decrease. In fact, it is possible that this market discount may increase and the Fund may suffer realized or unrealized capital losses due to further decline in the market price of the securities of such closed-end funds, thereby adversely affecting the net asset value of the Fund's shares. Similarly, there can be no assurance that any shares of a closed-end fund purchased by the Fund at a premium will continue to trade at a premium or that the premium will not decrease subsequent to a purchase of such shares by the Fund.

Closed-end funds may issue senior securities (including preferred stock and debt obligations) for the purpose of leveraging the closed-end fund's common shares in an attempt to enhance the current return to such closed-end fund's common shareholders. The Fund's investment in the common shares of closed-end funds that are financially leveraged may create an opportunity for greater total return on its investment, but at the same time may be expected to exhibit more volatility in market price and net asset value than an investment in shares of investment companies without a leveraged capital structure.

**Exchange Traded Funds.** ETFs are passive funds that track their related index and have the flexibility of trading like a security. They are managed by professionals and provide the investor with diversification, cost and tax efficiency, liquidity, marginability, are useful for hedging, have the ability to go long and short, and some provide quarterly dividends. Additionally, some ETFs are unit investment trusts (UITs), which are unmanaged portfolios overseen by trustees. ETFs generally have two markets. The primary market is where institutions swap "creation units" in block-multiples of shares, typically 25,000 or 50,000 for in-kind securities and cash in the form of dividends. The secondary market is where individual investors can trade as little as a single share during trading hours on the exchange. This is different from open-ended mutual funds that are traded after hours once the net asset value (NAV) is calculated. ETFs share many similar risks with open-end and closed-end funds.

There is a risk that an ETF in which the Fund invests may terminate due to extraordinary events that may cause any of the service providers to the ETF, such as the trustee or sponsor, to close or otherwise fail to perform their obligations to the ETF. Also, because the ETFs in which the Fund intends to principally invest may be granted licenses by agreement to use the indices as a basis for determining their compositions and/or otherwise to use certain trade names, the ETFs may terminate if such license agreements are terminated. In addition, an ETF may terminate if its entire net asset value falls below a certain amount. Although the Fund believes that, in the event of the termination of an underlying ETF, it will be able to invest instead in shares of an alternate ETF tracking the same market index or another market index with the same general market, there is no guarantee that shares of an alternate ETF would be available for investment at that time. To the extent the Fund invests in a sector product, the Fund is subject to the risks associated with that sector.

#### Real Estate Investment Trusts

The Fund may invest in securities of real estate investment trusts ("REITs"). REITs are publicly traded corporations or trusts that specialize in acquiring, holding and managing residential, commercial or industrial real estate. A REIT is not taxed at the entity level on income distributed to its shareholders or unitholders if it distributes to shareholders or unitholders at least 95% of its taxable income for each

taxable year and complies with regulatory requirements relating to its organization, ownership, assets and income.

REITs generally can be classified as "Equity REITs", "Mortgage REITs" and "Hybrid REITs." An Equity REIT invests the majority of its assets directly in real property and derives its income primarily from rents and from capital gains on real estate appreciation, which are realized through property sales. A Mortgage REIT invests the majority of its assets in real estate mortgage loans and services its income primarily from interest payments. A Hybrid REIT combines the characteristics of an Equity REIT and a Mortgage REIT. Although the Fund can invest in all three kinds of REITs, its emphasis is expected to be on investments in Equity REITs.

Investments in the real estate industry involve particular risks. The real estate industry has been subject to substantial fluctuations and declines on a local, regional and national basis in the past and may continue to be in the future. Real property values and income from real property continue to be in the future. Real property values and income from real property may decline due to general and local economic conditions, overbuilding and increased competition, increases in property taxes and operating expenses, changes in zoning laws, casualty or condemnation losses, regulatory limitations on rents, changes in neighborhoods and in demographics, increases in market interest rates, or other factors. Factors such as these may adversely affect companies that own and operate real estate directly, companies that lend to such companies, and companies that service the real estate industry.

Investments in REITs also involve risks. Equity REITs will be affected by changes in the values of and income from the properties they own, while Mortgage REITs may be affected by the credit quality of the mortgage loans they hold. In addition, REITs are dependent on specialized management skills and on their ability to generate cash flow for operating purposes and to make distributions to shareholders or unitholders REITs may have limited diversification and are subject to risks associated with obtaining financing for real property, as well as to the risk of self-liquidation. REITs also can be adversely affected by their failure to qualify for tax-free pass-through treatment of their income under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or their failure to maintain an exemption from registration under the 1940 Act. By investing in REITs indirectly through a Fund, a shareholder bears not only a proportionate share of the expenses of the Fund, but also may indirectly bear similar expenses of some of the REITs in which it invests.

#### Master Limited Partnerships

The Fund may invest in master limited partnership ("MLP") interests. MLPs are limited partnerships, the interests in which (known as "units") are traded on public exchanges, just like corporate stock. MLPs are limited partnerships that provide an investor with a direct interest in a group of assets (generally, oil and gas properties). MLP units typically trade publicly, like stock, and thus may provide the investor more liquidity than ordinary limited partnerships. MLPs are also called publicly traded partnerships and public limited partnerships. A limited partnership has one or more general partners (they may be individuals, corporations, partnerships or another entity) which manage the partnership, and limited partners, which provide capital to the partnership but have no role in its management. When an investor buys units in an MLP, he or she becomes a limited partner. MLPs are formed in several ways. A non-traded partnership may decide to go public. Several non-traded partnerships may "roll up" into a single MLP. A corporation may spin off a group of assets or part of its business into an MLP of which it is the general partner, either to realize what it believes to be the assets' full value or as an alternative to issuing debt. A corporation may fully convert to an MLP, although since 1986 the tax consequences have made this an unappealing; or, a newly formed company may operate as an MLP from its inception.

There are different types of risks to investing in MLPs, including regulatory risks and interest rate risks. Currently most partnerships enjoy pass through taxation of their income to partners, which avoids double taxation of earnings. If the government were to change MLP business tax structure, unitholders would not be able to enjoy the relatively high yields in the sector for long. In addition, MLPs that charge government-regulated fees for transportation of oil and gas products through their pipelines are subject to unfavorable changes in government-approved rates and fees, which would affect an MLP's revenue

stream negatively. MLPs also carry some interest rate risks. During increases in interest rates, MLPs may not produce desirable returns to shareholders.

#### Special Purpose Acquisition Corporations (SPACs)

The Fund may invest in SPACs and companies that have completed an IPO. SPACs are companies that may be unseasoned and lack a trading or operational history, a track record of reporting to investors, and widely available research coverage. The Fund may purchase SPACs through an IPO. IPOs are thus often subject to extreme price volatility and speculative trading. These stocks may have above-average price appreciation in connection with the IPO. In addition, IPOs may share similar illiquidity risks of private equity and venture capital. The free float shares held by the public in an IPO are typically a small percentage of the market capitalization. The ownership of many IPOs often includes large holdings by venture capital and private equity investors who seek to sell their shares in the public market in the months following an IPO when shares restricted by lock-up are released, causing greater volatility and possible downward pressure during the time that locked-up shares are released. Public stockholders of SPACs may not be afforded a meaningful opportunity to vote on a proposed initial business combination because certain stockholders, including stockholders affiliated with the management of the SPAC, may have sufficient voting power, and a financial incentive, to approve such a transaction without support from public stockholders. As a result, a SPAC may complete a business combination even though a majority of its public stockholders do not support such a combination.

#### **Derivatives**

The Fund may invest in derivatives in order to hedge against market movements while liquidating certain positions and buying other securities or as substitutes for securities. The information below contains general additional information about derivatives.

Rule 18f-4 under the 1940 Act (the "Derivatives Rule") provides a comprehensive framework for the Fund's use of derivatives. The Derivatives Rule requires registered investment companies that enter into derivatives transactions and certain other transactions that create future payment or delivery obligations to, among other things, (i) comply with a value-at-risk ("VaR") leverage limit, and (ii) adopt and implement a comprehensive written derivatives risk management program. These and other requirements apply unless a fund qualifies as a "limited derivatives user," which the Derivatives Rule defines as a fund that limits its derivatives exposure to 10% of its net assets. The Fund has adopted and implemented a derivatives risk management program approved by the Board, which is administered by the Adviser as the Fund's derivatives risk manager. Complying with the Derivatives Rule may increase the cost of the Fund's investments and cost of doing business, which could adversely affect investors. The Derivatives Rule may not be effective to limit the Fund's risk of loss. In particular, measurements of VaR rely on historical data and may not accurately measure the degree of risk reflected in the Fund's derivatives or other investments. Other potentially adverse regulatory obligations can develop suddenly and without notice.

**Futures Contracts.** A futures contract provides for the future sale by one party and purchase by another party of a specified amount of a specific financial instrument (e.g., units of a stock index) for a specified price, date, time and place designated at the time the contract is made. Brokerage fees are incurred when a futures contract is bought or sold and margin deposits must be maintained. Entering into a contract to buy is commonly referred to as buying or purchasing a contract or holding a long position. Entering into a contract to sell is commonly referred to as selling a contract or holding a short position.

Unlike when the Fund purchases or sells a security, no price would be paid or received by the Fund upon the purchase or sale of a futures contract. Upon entering into a futures contract, and to maintain the Fund's open positions in futures contracts, the Fund would be required to deposit with its custodian or futures broker in a segregated account in the name of the futures broker an amount of cash, U.S. government securities, suitable money market instruments, or other liquid securities, known as "initial margin." The margin required for a particular futures contract is set by the exchange on which the contract is traded, and may be significantly modified from time to time by the exchange during the term of the contract. Futures contracts are customarily purchased and sold on margins that may range upward from less than 5% of the value of the contract being traded.

If the price of an open futures contract changes (by increase in underlying instrument or index in the case of a sale or by decrease in the case of a purchase) so that the loss on the futures contract reaches a point at which the margin on deposit does not satisfy margin requirements, the broker will require an increase in the margin. However, if the value of a position increases because of favorable price changes in the futures contract so that the margin deposit exceeds the required margin, the broker will pay the excess to the Fund.

These subsequent payments, called "variation margin," to and from the futures broker, are made on a daily basis as the price of the underlying assets fluctuate making the long and short positions in the futures contract more or less valuable, a process known as "marking to the market." The Fund expects to earn interest income on any margin deposits.

Although certain futures contracts, by their terms, require actual future delivery of and payment for the underlying instruments, in practice most futures contracts are usually closed out before the delivery date. Closing out an open futures contract purchase or sale is effected by entering into an offsetting futures contract sale or purchase, respectively, for the same aggregate amount of the identical underlying instrument or index and the same delivery date. If the offsetting purchase price is less than the original sale price, the Fund realizes a gain; if it is more, the Fund realizes a loss. Conversely, if the offsetting sale price is more than the original purchase price, the Fund realizes a gain; if it is less, the Fund realizes a loss. The transaction costs must also be included in these calculations. There can be no assurance, however, that the Fund will be able to enter into an offsetting transaction with respect to a particular futures contract at a particular time. If the Fund is not able to enter into an offsetting transaction, the Fund will continue to be required to maintain the margin deposits on the futures contract.

For example, one contract in the Financial Times Stock Exchange 100 Index future is a contract to buy 25 pounds sterling multiplied by the level of the UK Financial Times 100 Share Index on a given future date. Settlement of a stock index futures contract may or may not be in the underlying instrument or index. If not in the underlying instrument or index, then settlement will be made in cash, equivalent over time to the difference between the contract price and the actual price of the underlying asset at the time the stock index futures contract expires.

Cryptocurrency Futures. The market for Bitcoin and Ether futures may be less developed, and potentially less liquid and more volatile, than more established futures markets. While the Bitcoin futures market has grown substantially since Bitcoin and Ether futures commenced trading, there can be no assurance that this growth will continue. The price for Bitcoin and Ether futures contracts is based on a number of factors, including the supply of and the demand for Bitcoin futures contracts. Market conditions and expectations, position limits, collateral requirements, and other factors each can impact the supply of and demand for Bitcoin and Ether futures contracts. Recently increased demand paired with supply constraints and other factors have caused bitcoin futures to trade at a significant premium to the "spot" price of Bitcoin and Ether. Additional demand, including demand resulting from the purchase, or anticipated purchase, of Bitcoin and Ether futures contracts by the Fund or other entities may increase that premium, perhaps significantly. It is not possible to predict whether or for how long such conditions will continue. To the extent the Fund purchases futures contracts at a premium and the premium declines, the value of an investment in the Fund also should be expected to decline. The performance of Bitcoin and Ether futures contracts and Bitcoin and Ether, respectively, may differ and may not be correlated with each other, over short or long periods of time.

Historically, the spot price movements of ether and bitcoin generally have been correlated. The spot prices of ether historically have generally been more volatile than the spot prices bitcoin (i.e. rising more than the spot prices of bitcoin on days that the spot prices of bitcoin rises and falling more than bitcoin on days that the spot prices of bitcoin falls. There is no guarantee that this correlation will continue or that the prices of ether or bitcoin will be dependent upon, or otherwise related to, each other or that the relative volatility of spot bitcoin and spot ether will continue.

Rolling of the Crypto Futures. Futures contracts expire on a designated date, referred to as the "expiration date." The Fund generally seeks to invest in "front-month" CME bitcoin futures

contracts and CME ether futures contracts but may invest in back-month, cash-settled bitcoin futures contracts and ether futures contracts. "Front- month" contracts are the monthly contracts with the nearest expiration date. Back-month contracts are those with longer times to maturity. CME bitcoin futures and CME ether futures are cash-settled on their expiration date unless they are "rolled" prior to expiration. The Fund intends to "roll" its CME bitcoin futures and CME Ether Futures prior to expiration. Typically, the Fund will roll to the next "nearby" CME bitcoin futures and CME ether futures. The "nearby" contracts are those contracts with the next closest expiration date.

Unlike the exchanges for more traditional assets, such as equity securities and futures contracts, digital asset trading venues are largely unregulated and highly fragmented. As a result of the lack of regulation, individuals or groups may engage in fraud or market manipulation (including using social media to promote bitcoin in a way that artificially increases the price of bitcoin or ether). Investors may be more exposed to the risk of theft, fraud and market manipulation than when investing in more traditional asset classes. Over the past several years, a number of digital asset trading venues have been closed due to fraud, failure or security breaches. Investors in bitcoin and ether may have little or no recourse should such theft, fraud or manipulation occur and could suffer significant losses.

Events impacting the price of bitcoin or ether across all digital asset trading venues should be expected to impact the price and market for bitcoin or ether futures, and therefore the performance of the Fund. Such trading venues may serve as a pricing source for the calculation of the CME CF Bitcoin Reference Rate or CME CF Ether Reference Rate which provides reference prices for final settlement of CME bitcoin and ether futures, respectively. These trading venues are or may become subject to regulatory actions that may have a material adverse impact on the Fund and its investments.

Investments linked to bitcoin and ether present unique and substantial risks. Such investments can be highly volatile compared to investments in traditional securities and the Fund may experience sudden and large losses. The markets for bitcoin, ether and bitcoin and ether futures may become illiquid. These markets may fluctuate widely based on a variety of factors including changes in overall market movements, political and economic events, wars, acts of terrorism, natural disasters (including disease, epidemics and pandemics) and changes in interest rates or inflation rates. An investor should be prepared to lose the full principal value of their investment suddenly and without warning. Trading and investing in assets linked to bitcoin and ether are generally not based in fundamental investment analysis.

Bitcoin is the native token on the Bitcoin network. As with other cryptocurrencies, bitcoin and the Bitcoin blockchain have been designed to support a number of applications and use cases. For bitcoin, these include serving as a medium of exchange (e.g., digital cash) and as a durable store of value (e.g., digital gold). The Bitcoin network's uses and capabilities are narrower when compared to the Ethereum network, which facilitates smart contracts and the issuance of other non- native tokens.

Ether is the native token on the Ethereum network, but users may create additional tokens, the ownership of which is recorded on the Ethereum network. As with other cryptocurrencies, ether and the Ethereum blockchain have been designed to support a number of applications and use cases. For ether, these include: serving as a medium or exchange and a durable store of value, facilitating the use of smart contracts and decentralized products and platforms, permitting the issuance and exchange of non-native tokens (including non-fungible tokens and asset-backed tokens), and supporting various "layer 2" projects. Compared to the Bitcoin network, which is solely intended to record the ownership of bitcoin, the intended uses of the Ethereum network are far more broad.

The Ethereum Foundation (EF) is a non-profit organization that is dedicated to supporting Ethereum and related technologies. The EF, alongside other organizations, supports Ethereum Protocol development through funding and advocacy. The EF finances its activities through its initial allocation of ether at the launch of the Ether Network in 2015. Although the EF does not control Ethereum and is one of many organizations within the Ethereum ecosystem, it is the most significant driving force for Ethereum Protocol development and support of Ethereum generally.

It is possible that Ether may be determined to be a security for the purposes of federal or state securities laws. If ether is determined or is expected to be determined to be a security under the federal securities laws, that could materially and adversely affect the trading of ether futures contracts held by the Fund. If ether is determined or alleged to be a security, it is possible that trading in ether futures contracts held by the Fund could be halted or otherwise disrupted, become illiquid and/or lose significant value and the Fund may have difficulty unwinding or closing out its ether futures contracts. In that event, value of an investment in the Fund – could decline significantly and without warning, including to zero. There is no guarantee that security futures contracts on ether would be begin trading on any particular timeframe or at all or that the Fund would be able to invest in such instruments.

If the price of Ether falls below that which is required for validators to turn a profit, some validators may temporarily discontinue their operations. If validators reduce or cease their operations, it would reduce the aggregate stake on the Ethereum Network, which would adversely affect the confirmation process for transactions (i.e., temporarily decreasing the speed at which blocks are added to the blockchain) and make the Ethereum Network more vulnerable to a malicious actor or actors. If one or more validators obtain control of greater than thirty-three percent of the aggregate stake on the Ethereum Network, those validators may attempt to reshuffle or reorder blocks in the Ethereum blockchain, potentially excluding valid transactions or permitted "double spending" of ether. Malicious actors controlling greater than thirty-three percent of the aggregate stake could also potentially resolve two forks of the Ethereum blockchain simultaneously, which would cause confusion and likely result in reduced confidence in the Ethereum blockchain, both of which would have a material adverse impact on the value of ether and ether futures, and as a result, an investment in the Fund. However, any such attack would likely result in the malicious validators forfeiting their staked ether.

If the price of Bitcoin falls below that which is required for mining operators to turn a profit, some mining operators may temporarily discontinue mining bitcoin by either halting operations or switching their mining operations to mine other cryptocurrencies. If miners reduce or cease their mining operations it would reduce the aggregate hash rate on the Bitcoin Network, which would adversely affect the confirmation process for transactions (i.e., temporarily decreasing the speed at which blocks are added to the blockchain until the next scheduled adjustment in difficulty for block solutions) and make the Bitcoin Network more vulnerable to a malicious actor obtaining control in excess of fifty percent of the aggregate hash rate on the Bitcoin Network. Periodically, the Bitcoin Network is designed to adjust the difficulty for block solutions so that solution speeds remain in the vicinity of the expected ten-minute confirmation time currently targeted by the Bitcoin Network protocol, but significant reductions in aggregate hash rate on the Bitcoin Network could result in material delays in transaction confirmation time. Any reduction in confidence in the confirmation process or aggregate hash rate of the Bitcoin Network may adversely affect the utility and price of bitcoin, which may have a negative impact on bitcoin futures.

The open-source nature of the Ethereum Protocol and the Bitcoin Protocol permits any developer to review the underlying code and suggest changes. If some users, validators or miners adopt a change while others do not and that change is not compatible with the existing software, a fork occurs. Several forks have already occurred in the Bitcoin Network and the Ethereum Network resulting in the creation of new, separate digital assets. The determination of which fork will be considered bitcoin for purposes of the Bitcoin Reference Rate and which fork will be considered ether for purposes of the CME CF Ether Reference Rate is determined by CF Benchmarks' Hard Fork Policy. Forks and similar events could adversely affect the price and liquidity of ether and bitcoin and the value of an investment in the Fund.

As a digital asset, crypto is subject to the risk that malicious actors will exploit flaws in its code or structure, or that of digital asset trading venues, that will allow them to, among other things, steal crypto held by others, control the blockchain, steal personally identifying information, or issue significant amounts of crypto in contravention of the relevant protocol. The occurrence of any of these events is likely to have a significant adverse impact on the price and liquidity of crypto and crypto futures contracts.

In April 2016, a decentralized autonomous organization, known as "The DAO" launched on the Ethereum Network. Decentralized autonomous organizations operate on smart contracts which form a foundational framework that dictates how the organization will operate. In exchange for ether, The DAO created DAO

Tokens (proportional to the amount of ether paid) that were then assigned to the Ethereum blockchain address of the person or entity remitting the ether. A DAO Token granted the DAO Token holder certain voting and ownership rights in The DAO. In June 2016, The DAO smart contract code was hacked, resulting in approximately one-third of the total ether raised in The DAO's offering being diverted to an Ethereum blockchain address controlled by the attacker, an unknown individual or group. In response to the attack, and upon a vote of Ethereum community members, a "hard fork" was implemented which had the effect of transferring all of the funds raised (including those held by the attacker) from The DAO to a recovery address, where DAO Token holders could exchange their DAO Tokens for ether. Any DAO Token holders who adopted the hard fork could exchange their DAO Tokens for ether and avoid any loss. The permanent hard fork resulted in two different versions of the Ethereum blockchain: Ethereum and Ethereum Classic.

As a result of lack of regulation, individuals, or groups may engage in insider trading, fraud or market manipulation with respect to crypto assets. Such manipulation could cause investors in crypto assets to lose money, possibly the entire value of their investments. Over the past several years, a number of digital asset trading venues have been closed due to fraud, failure or security breaches. The nature of the assets held at digital asset trading venues make them appealing targets for hackers and a number of digital asset trading venues have been victims of cybercrimes and other fraudulent activity. These activities have caused significant, in some cases total, losses for crypto investors. Investors in crypto may have little or no recourse should such theft, fraud or manipulation occur.

It is possible that other blockchains will emerge that are similarly designed to support the development, deployment, and operation of smart contracts. These alternative blockchains have in the past and may in the future seek to compete with Bitcoin and the Ethereum Network by offering faster transaction processing and/or lower fees. The market demand for these alternative blockchains may reduce the market demand for ether which would adversely impact the price of Bitcoin and ether, and as a result, an investment in the Fund.

The Ethereum blockchain has at times experienced material network congestion, high transaction fees and other scalability challenges. Although the Ethereum Foundation has proposed various updates to the Ethereum blockchains protocol to address these challenges, to date they have been primarily addressed by sol-called "layer 2" solutions. Layer 2 networks generally require users to "lock" ether into the layer 2 network in order to benefit from their efficiencies, thereby making the locked ether unavailable to transfer on the underlying blockchain or within other layer 2 networks. While these solutions have, in the past, reduced fees and increased transaction times, they result in the actions of development teams whose interests may not be aligned with that of the greater Ethereum community. Further, there is no guarantee that these layer 2 solutions will continue to be effective or that users or and investors in public blockchains will not determine that blockchains without scalability issues or a reliance on layer 2 solutions are preferable. There is a risk that multiple layer 2 solutions will not be compatible with each other or the underlying blockchain network or that a layer 2 solutions, if not implemented correctly, would compromise the security or decentralization of the underlying blockchain network.

It is possible that other blockchains will emerge that are similarly designed to serve as an alternative payment system, such as those focused on privacy through the use of zero-knowledge cryptography. These alternative blockchains have in the past and may in the future seek to compete with the Bitcoin Network by offering networks that improve the speed of transaction processing, address issues in the finality and variability of transaction fees in the Bitcoin Networks, and with lesser volatility in the digital asset's price than bitcoin. The market demand for these alternative blockchains may reduce the market demand for bitcoin which would adversely impact the price of bitcoin, and as a result, an investment in the Fund.

Bitcoin's use as an alternative payment system currently is, and is expected to continue to be, reliant on layer 2 networks that reduce transaction times and transaction fees otherwise applicable to transfers of bitcoin. There is no guarantee that these solutions will continue to be available or that they will adequately reduce transaction times and fees to a degree comparable to other public blockchains that serve as alternative payment systems. There is a risk that multiple layer 2 solutions will not be compatible with

each other or the underlying blockchain network or that a layer 2 solutions if not implemented correctly would compromise the security or decentralization of the underlying blockchain network.

Transactions in Bitcoin that are executed "off the chain" (that is, transactions that are fully executed on the Bitcoin blockchain) may offer less transparency than transactions fully executed on the Bitcoin blockchain and may be more vulnerable to fraud.

Regulation as a Commodity Pool Operator. The Fund and the Subsidiary are "commodity pools" under the U.S. Commodity Exchange Act ("CEA"), and the Adviser is registered as a "commodity pool operator" with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC") and is a member of the National Futures Association ("NFA"). As a registered commodity pool operator with respect to the Fund and the Fund's Subsidiary, the Adviser must comply with various regulatory requirements under the CEA, and the rules and regulations of the CFTC and the NFA, including investor protection requirements, antifraud prohibitions, disclosure requirements, and reporting and recordkeeping requirements. The Adviser is also subject to periodic inspections and audits by the CFTC and NFA.

Options on Futures Contracts. The Fund may purchase and sell options on the same types of futures in which it may invest. Options on futures are similar to options on underlying instruments except that options on futures give the purchaser the right, in return for the premium paid, to assume a position in a futures contract (a long position if the option is a call and a short position if the option is a put), rather than to purchase or sell the futures contract, at a specified exercise price at any time during the period of the option. Upon exercise of the option, the delivery of the futures position by the writer of the option to the holder of the option will be accompanied by the delivery of the accumulated balance in the writer's futures margin account which represents the amount by which the market price of the futures contract, at exercise, exceeds (in the case of a call) or is less than (in the case of a put) the exercise price of the option on the futures contract. Purchasers of options who fail to exercise their options prior to the exercise date suffer a loss of the premium paid.

**Options on Securities.** The Fund may purchase and write (*i.e.*, sell) put and call options. Such options may relate to particular securities or stock indices, and may or may not be listed on a domestic or foreign securities exchange and may or may not be issued by the Options Clearing Corporation. Options trading is a highly specialized activity that entails greater than ordinary investment risk. Options may be more volatile than the underlying instruments, and therefore, on a percentage basis, an investment in options may be subject to greater fluctuation than an investment in the underlying instruments themselves.

A call option for a particular security gives the purchaser of the option the right to buy, and the writer (seller) the obligation to sell, the underlying security at the stated exercise price at any time prior to the expiration of the option, regardless of the market price of the security. The premium paid to the writer is in consideration for undertaking the obligation under the option contract. A put option for a particular security gives the purchaser the right to sell and the writer (seller) the obligation to buy the security at the stated exercise price at any time prior to the expiration date of the option, regardless of the market price of the security.

Stock index options are put options and call options on various stock indices. In most respects, they are identical to listed options on common stocks. The primary difference between stock options and index options occurs when index options are exercised. In the case of stock options, the underlying security, common stock, is delivered. However, upon the exercise of an index option, settlement does not occur by delivery of the securities comprising the index. The option holder who exercises the index option receives an amount of cash if the closing level of the stock index upon which the option is based is greater than, in the case of a call, or less than, in the case of a put, the exercise price of the option. This amount of cash is equal to the difference between the closing price of the stock index and the exercise price of the option expressed in dollars times a specified multiple. A stock index fluctuates with changes in the market value of the stocks included in the index. For example, some stock index options are based on a broad market index, such as the Standard & Poor's 500® Index or the Value Line Composite Index or a narrower market index, such as the Standard & Poor's 100®. Indices may also be based on an industry or market segment, such as the NYSE Arca Oil and Gas Index or the Computer and Business Equipment Index.

Options on stock indices are currently traded on the Chicago Board Options Exchange, the New York Stock Exchange, and the NASDAQ PHLX.

The Fund's obligation to sell an instrument subject to a call option written by it, or to purchase an instrument subject to a put option written by it, may be terminated prior to the expiration date of the option by the Fund's execution of a closing purchase transaction, which is effected by purchasing on an exchange an option of the same series (*i.e.*, same underlying instrument, exercise price and expiration date) as the option previously written. A closing purchase transaction will ordinarily be effected to realize a profit on an outstanding option, to prevent an underlying instrument from being called, to permit the sale of the underlying instrument or to permit the writing of a new option containing different terms on such underlying instrument. The cost of such a liquidation purchase plus transactions costs may be greater than the premium received upon the original option, in which event the Fund will have incurred a loss in the transaction. There is no assurance that a liquid secondary market will exist for any particular option. An option writer unable to effect a closing purchase transaction will not be able to sell the underlying instrument or liquidate the assets held in a segregated account, as described below, until the option expires or the optioned instrument is delivered upon exercise. In such circumstances, the writer will be subject to the risk of market decline or appreciation in the instrument during such period.

If an option purchased by the Fund expires unexercised, the Fund realizes a loss equal to the premium paid. If the Fund enters into a closing sale transaction on an option purchased by it, the Fund will realize a gain if the premium received by the Fund on the closing transaction is more than the premium paid to purchase the option or a loss if it is less. If an option written by the Fund expires on the stipulated expiration date or if the Fund enters into a closing purchase transaction, it will realize a gain (or loss if the cost of a closing purchase transaction exceeds the net premium received when the option is sold). If an option written by the Fund is exercised, the proceeds of the sale will be increased by the net premium originally received and the Fund will realize a gain or loss.

Certain Risks Regarding Options. There are several risks associated with transactions in options. For example, there are significant differences between the securities and options markets that could result in an imperfect correlation between these markets, causing a given transaction not to achieve its objectives. In addition, a liquid secondary market for particular options, whether traded over-the-counter or on an exchange, may be absent for reasons which include the following: there may be insufficient trading interest in certain options; restrictions may be imposed by an exchange on opening transactions or closing transactions or both; trading halts, suspensions or other restrictions may be imposed with respect to particular classes or series of options or underlying securities or currencies; unusual or unforeseen circumstances may interrupt normal operations on an exchange; the facilities of an exchange or the Options Clearing Corporation may not at all times be adequate to handle current trading value; or one or more exchanges could, for economic or other reasons, decide or be compelled at some future date to discontinue the trading of options (or a particular class or series of options), in which event the secondary market on that exchange (or in that class or series of options) would cease to exist, although outstanding options that had been issued by the Options Clearing Corporation as a result of trades on that exchange would continue to be exercisable in accordance with their terms.

Successful use by the Fund of options on stock indices will be subject to the ability of the Adviser to correctly predict movements in the directions of the stock market. This requires different skills and techniques than predicting changes in the prices of individual securities. In addition, the Fund's ability to effectively hedge all or a portion of the securities in its portfolio, in anticipation of or during a market decline, through transactions in put options on stock indices, depends on the degree to which price movements in the underlying index correlate with the price movements of the securities held by the Fund. Inasmuch as the Fund's securities will not duplicate the components of an index, the correlation will not be perfect. Consequently, the Fund bears the risk that the prices of its securities being hedged will not move in the same amount as the prices of its put options on the stock indices. It is also possible that there may be a negative correlation between the index and the Fund's securities that would result in a loss on both such securities and the options on stock indices acquired by the Fund.

The hours of trading for options may not conform to the hours during which the underlying securities are traded. To the extent that the options markets close before the markets for the underlying securities, significant price and rate movements can take place in the underlying markets that cannot be reflected in the options markets. The purchase of options is a highly specialized activity that involves investment techniques and risks different from those associated with ordinary portfolio securities transactions. The purchase of stock index options involves the risk that the premium and transaction costs paid by the Fund in purchasing an option will be lost as a result of unanticipated movements in prices of the securities comprising the stock index on which the option is based.

There is no assurance that a liquid secondary market on an options exchange will exist for any particular option, or at any particular time, and for some options no secondary market on an exchange or elsewhere may exist. If the Fund is unable to close out a call option on securities that it has written before the option is exercised, the Fund may be required to purchase the optioned securities in order to satisfy its obligation under the option to deliver such securities. If the Fund was unable to effect a closing sale transaction with respect to options on securities that it has purchased, it would have to exercise the option in order to realize any profit and would incur transaction costs upon the purchase and sale of the underlying securities.

**Dealer Options.** The Fund may engage in transactions involving dealer options as well as exchange-traded options. Certain additional risks are specific to dealer options. While the Fund might look to a clearing corporation to exercise exchange-traded options, if the Fund were to purchase a dealer option it would need to rely on the dealer from which it purchased the option to perform if the option were exercised. Failure by the dealer to do so would result in the loss of the premium paid by the Fund as well as loss of the expected benefit of the transaction.

Exchange-traded options generally have a continuous liquid market while dealer options may not. Consequently, the Fund may generally be able to realize the value of a dealer option it has purchased only by exercising or reselling the option to the dealer who issued it. Similarly, when the Fund writes a dealer option, the Fund may generally be able to close out the option prior to its expiration only by entering into a closing purchase transaction with the dealer to whom the Fund originally wrote the option. While the Fund will seek to enter into dealer options only with dealers who will agree to and which are expected to be capable of entering into closing transactions with the Fund, there can be no assurance that the Fund will at any time be able to liquidate a dealer option at a favorable price at any time prior to expiration. Unless the Fund, as a covered dealer call option writer, is able to effect a closing purchase transaction, it will not be able to liquidate securities (or other assets) used as cover until the option expires or is exercised. In the event of insolvency of the other party, the Fund may be unable to liquidate a dealer option. With respect to options written by the Fund, the inability to enter into a closing transaction may result in material losses to the Fund. For example, because the Fund must maintain a secured position with respect to any call option on a security it writes, the Fund may not sell the assets that it has segregated to secure the position while it is obligated under the option. This requirement may impair the Fund's ability to sell portfolio securities at a time when such sale might be advantageous.

The Staff of the SEC has taken the position that purchased dealer options are illiquid securities. The Fund may treat the cover used for written dealer options as liquid if the dealer agrees that the Fund may repurchase the dealer option it has written for a maximum price to be calculated by a predetermined formula. In such cases, the dealer option would be considered illiquid only to the extent the maximum purchase price under the formula exceeds the intrinsic value of the option. Accordingly, the Fund will treat dealer options as subject to the Fund's limitation on illiquid securities. If the SEC changes its position on the liquidity of dealer options, a Fund will change its treatment of such instruments accordingly.

**Spread Transactions**. The Fund may purchase covered spread options from securities dealers. These covered spread options are not presently exchange-listed or exchange-traded. The purchase of a spread option gives the Fund the right to put securities that it owns at a fixed dollar spread or fixed yield spread in relationship to another security that the Fund does not own, but which is used as a benchmark. The risk to the Fund, in addition to the risks of dealer options described above, is the cost of the premium paid as well as any transaction costs. The purchase of spread options will be used to protect the Fund against

adverse changes in prevailing credit quality spreads, *i.e.*, the yield spread between high quality and lower quality securities. This protection is provided only during the life of the spread options.

Swap Agreements. The Fund may enter into interest rate, index and currency exchange rate swap agreements in an attempt to obtain a particular desired return at a lower cost to the Fund than if it had invested directly in an instrument that yielded that desired return. Swap agreements are two-party contracts entered into primarily by institutional investors for periods ranging from a few weeks to more than one year. In a standard "swap" transaction, two parties agree to exchange the returns (or differentials in rates of returns) earned or realized on particular predetermined investments or instruments. The gross returns to be exchanged or "swapped" between the parties are calculated with respect to a "notional amount," i.e., the return on or increase in value of a particular dollar amount invested at a particular interest rate, in a particular foreign currency, or in a "basket" of securities representing a particular index. The "notional amount" of the swap agreement is only a fictive basis on which to calculate the obligations the parties to a swap agreement have agreed to exchange. The Fund's obligations (or rights) under a swap agreement will generally be equal only to the amount to be paid or received under the agreement based on the relative values of the positions held by each party to the agreement (the "net amount"). The Fund's obligations under a swap agreement will be accrued daily (offset against any amounts owing to the Fund) and any accrued but unpaid net amounts owed to a swap counterparty will be covered by the maintenance of a segregated account consisting of cash, U.S. government securities, or other liquid securities, to avoid leveraging of the Fund's portfolio.

Whether the Fund's use of swap agreements enhance the Fund's total return will depend on the Adviser's ability correctly to predict whether certain types of investments are likely to produce greater returns than other investments. Because they are two-party contracts and may have terms of greater than seven days, swap agreements may be considered to be illiquid. Moreover, the Fund bears the risk of loss of the amount expected to be received under a swap agreement in the event of the default or bankruptcy of a swap agreement counterparty. The Fund's Adviser will cause the Fund to enter into swap agreements only with counterparties that would be eligible for consideration as repurchase agreement counterparties under the Fund's repurchase agreement guidelines. The swap market is a relatively new market and is largely unregulated. It is possible that developments in the swaps market, including potential government regulation, could adversely affect the Fund's ability to terminate existing swap agreements or to realize amounts to be received under such agreements.

Certain swap agreements are exempt from most provisions of the CEA and, therefore, are not regulated as futures or commodity option transactions under the CEA, pursuant to regulations of the CFTC. To qualify for this exemption, a swap agreement must be entered into by "eligible participants," which include the following, provided the participants' total assets exceed established levels: a bank or trust company, savings association or credit union, insurance company, investment company subject to regulation under the 1940 Act, commodity pool, corporation, partnership, proprietorship, organization, trust or other entity, employee benefit plan, governmental entity, broker-dealer, futures commission merchant, natural person, or regulated foreign person. To be eligible, natural persons and most other entities must have total assets exceeding \$10 million; commodity pools and employees benefit plans must have assets exceeding \$5 million. In addition, an eligible swap transaction must meet three conditions. First, the swap agreement may not be part of a fungible class of agreements that are standardized as to their material economic terms. Second, the creditworthiness of parties with actual or potential obligations under the swap agreement must be a material consideration in entering into or determining the terms of the swap agreement, including pricing, cost or credit enhancement terms. Third, swap agreements may not be entered into and traded on or through a multilateral transaction execution facility.

Certain Investment Techniques and Derivatives Risks. When the Fund uses investment techniques such as margin, leverage and short sales, and forms of financial derivatives, such as options and futures, an investment in the Fund may be more volatile than investments in other mutual funds. Although the intention is to use such investment techniques and derivatives to minimize risk to the Fund, there is the possibility that improper implementation of such techniques and derivative strategies or unusual market conditions could result in significant losses to the Fund. Derivatives are used to limit risk in the Fund or to enhance investment return and have a return tied to a formula based upon an interest rate, index, price of

a security, or other measurement. Derivatives involve special risks, including: (1) the risk that interest rates, securities prices and currency markets will not move in the direction that a portfolio manager anticipates; (2) imperfect correlation between the price of derivative instruments and movements in the prices of the securities, interest rates or currencies being hedged; (3) the fact that skills needed to use these strategies are different than those needed to select portfolio securities; (4) the possible absence of a liquid secondary market for any 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; (5) 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 in unlimited); (6) particularly in the case of privately-negotiated instruments, the risk that the counterparty will not perform its obligations, or that penalties could be incurred for positions held less than the required minimum holding period, which could leave the Fund worse off than if it had not entered into the position; and (7) the inability to close out certain hedged positions to avoid adverse tax consequences. In addition, the use of derivatives for non-hedging purposes (that is, to seek to increase total return) is considered a speculative practice and may present an even greater risk of loss than when used for hedging purposes.

#### Fixed Income/Debt/Bond Securities

Yields on fixed income securities, which the Fund defines to include preferred stock, are dependent on a variety of factors, including the general conditions of the money market and other fixed income securities markets, the size of a particular offering, the maturity of the obligation and the rating of the issue. An investment in the Fund will be subjected to risk even if all fixed income securities in the Fund's portfolio are paid in full at maturity. All fixed income securities, including U.S. Government securities, can change in value when there is a change in interest rates or the issuer's actual or perceived creditworthiness or ability to meet its obligations.

There is normally an inverse relationship between the market value of securities sensitive to prevailing interest rates and actual changes in interest rates. In other words, an increase in interest rates produces a decrease in market value. The longer the remaining maturity (and duration) of a security, the greater will be the effect of interest rate changes on the market value of that security. Changes in the ability of an issuer to make payments of interest and principal and in the markets' perception of an issuer's creditworthiness will also affect the market value of the debt securities of that issuer. Obligations of issuers of fixed income securities (including municipal securities) are subject to the provisions of bankruptcy, insolvency, and other laws affecting the rights and remedies of creditors, such as the Federal Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1978. In addition, the obligations of municipal issuers may become subject to laws enacted in the future by Congress, state legislatures, or referenda extending the time for payment of principal and/or interest, or imposing other constraints upon enforcement of such obligations or upon the ability of municipalities to levy taxes. Changes in the ability of an issuer to make payments of interest and principal and in the market's perception of an issuer's creditworthiness will also affect the market value of the debt securities of that issuer. The possibility exists, therefore, that, the ability of any issuer to pay, when due, the principal of and interest on its debt securities may become impaired.

The corporate debt securities in which the Fund may invest include corporate bonds and notes and short-term investments such as commercial paper and variable rate demand notes. Commercial paper (short-term promissory notes) is issued by companies to finance their or their affiliate's current obligations and is frequently unsecured. Variable and floating rate demand notes are unsecured obligations redeemable upon not more than 30 days' notice. These obligations include master demand notes that permit investment of fluctuating amounts at varying rates of interest pursuant to a direct arrangement with the issuer of the instrument. The issuer of these obligations often has the right, after a given period, to prepay the outstanding principal amount of the obligations upon a specified number of days' notice. These obligations generally are not traded, nor generally is there an established secondary market for these obligations. To the extent a demand note does not have a 7-day or shorter demand feature and there is no readily available market for the obligation, it is treated as an illiquid security.

The Fund may invest in debt securities, including non-investment grade debt securities. The following describes some of the risks associated with fixed income debt securities:

Interest Rate Risk. Debt securities have varying levels of sensitivity to changes in interest rates. In general, the price of a debt security can fall when interest rates rise and can rise when interest rates fall. Securities with longer maturities and mortgage securities can be more sensitive to interest rate changes although they usually offer higher yields to compensate investors for the greater risks. The longer the maturity of the security, the greater the impact a change in interest rates could have on the security's price. In addition, short-term and long-term interest rates do not necessarily move in the same amount or the same direction. Short-term securities tend to react to changes in short-term interest rates and long-term securities tend to react to changes in long-term interest rates.

**Credit Risk.** Fixed income securities of issuers with lower credit quality have speculative characteristics and changes in economic conditions or other circumstances are more likely to lead to a weakened capacity of those issuers to make principal or interest payments, as compared to issuers of more highly rated securities of issuers with higher credit quality.

**Extension Risk.** The Fund is subject to the risk that an issuer will exercise its right to pay principal on an obligation held by the Fund (such as mortgage-backed securities) later than expected. This may happen when there is a rise in interest rates. These events may lengthen the duration (i.e. interest rate sensitivity) and potentially reduce the value of these securities.

**Prepayment Risk.** Certain types of debt securities, such as mortgage-backed securities, have yield and maturity characteristics corresponding to underlying assets. Unlike traditional debt securities, which may pay a fixed rate of interest until maturity when the entire principal amount comes due, payments on certain mortgage-backed securities may include both interest and a partial payment of principal. Besides the scheduled repayment of principal, payments of principal may result from the voluntary prepayment, refinancing, or foreclosure of the underlying mortgage loans.

Securities subject to prepayment are less effective than other types of securities as a means of "locking in" attractive long-term interest rates. One reason is the need to reinvest prepayments of principal; another is the possibility of significant unscheduled prepayments resulting from declines in interest rates. These prepayments would have to be reinvested at lower rates. As a result, these securities may have less potential for capital appreciation during periods of declining interest rates than other securities of comparable maturities, although they may have a similar risk of decline in market value during periods of rising interest rates. Prepayments may also significantly shorten the effective maturities of these securities, especially during periods of declining interest rates. Conversely, during periods of rising interest rates, a reduction in prepayments may increase the effective maturities of these securities, subjecting them to a greater risk of decline in market value in response to rising interest rates than traditional debt securities, and, therefore, potentially increasing the volatility of the Fund.

At times, some of the mortgage-backed securities in which the Fund may invest will have higher than market interest rates and therefore will be purchased at a premium above their par value. Prepayments may cause losses in securities purchased at a premium, as unscheduled prepayments, which are made at par, will cause the Fund to experience a loss equal to any unamortized premium.

#### Certificates of Deposit and Bankers' Acceptances

The Fund may invest in certificates of deposit and bankers' acceptances, which are considered to be short-term money market instruments.

Certificates of deposit are receipts issued by a depository institution in exchange for the deposit of funds. The issuer agrees to pay the amount deposited plus interest to the bearer of the receipt on the date specified on the certificate. The certificate usually can be traded in the secondary market prior to maturity. Bankers' acceptances typically arise from short-term credit arrangements designed to enable businesses to obtain funds to finance commercial transactions. Generally, an acceptance is a time draft drawn on a bank by an exporter or an importer to obtain a stated amount of funds to pay for specific merchandise. The draft is then "accepted" by a bank that, in effect, unconditionally guarantees to pay the face value of the instrument on its maturity date. The acceptance may then be held by the accepting bank as an earning asset or it may be sold in the secondary market at the going rate of discount for a specific

maturity. Although maturities for acceptances can be as long as 270 days, most acceptances have maturities of six months or less.

#### Commercial Paper

The Fund may purchase commercial paper. Commercial paper consists of short-term (usually from 1 to 270 days) unsecured promissory notes issued by corporations in order to finance their current operations. It may be secured by letters of credit, a surety bond or other forms of collateral. Commercial paper is usually repaid at maturity by the issuer from the proceeds of the issuance of new commercial paper. As a result, investment in commercial paper is subject to the risk the issuer cannot issue enough new commercial paper to satisfy its outstanding commercial paper, also known as rollover risk. Commercial paper may become illiquid or may suffer from reduced liquidity in certain circumstances. Like all fixed income securities, commercial paper prices are susceptible to fluctuations in interest rates. If interest rates rise, commercial paper prices will decline. The short-term nature of a commercial paper investment makes it less susceptible to interest rate risk than many other fixed income securities because interest rate risk typically increases as maturity lengths increase. Commercial paper tends to yield smaller returns than longer-term corporate debt because securities with shorter maturities typically have lower effective yields than those with longer maturities. As with all fixed income securities, there is a chance that the issuer will default on its commercial paper obligation.

#### Time Deposits and Variable Rate Notes

The Fund may invest in fixed time deposits, whether or not subject to withdrawal penalties.

The commercial paper obligations, which the Fund may buy are unsecured and may include variable rate notes. The nature and terms of a variable rate note (i.e., a "Master Note") permit the Fund to invest fluctuating amounts at varying rates of interest pursuant to a direct arrangement between the Fund as Lender, and the issuer, as borrower. It permits daily changes in the amounts borrowed. The Fund has the right at any time to increase, up to the full amount stated in the note agreement, or to decrease the amount outstanding under the note. The issuer may prepay at any time and without penalty any part of or the full amount of the note. The note may or may not be backed by one or more bank letters of credit. Because these notes are direct lending arrangements between the Fund and the issuer, it is not generally contemplated that they will be traded; moreover, there is currently no secondary market for them. Except as specifically provided in the Prospectus, there is no limitation on the type of issuer from whom these notes may be purchased; however, in connection with such purchase and on an ongoing basis, the Fund's Adviser will consider the earning power, cash flow and other liquidity ratios of the issuer, and its ability to pay principal and interest on demand, including a situation in which all holders of such notes made demand simultaneously. Variable rate notes are subject to the Fund's investment restriction on illiquid securities unless such notes can be put back to the issuer on demand within seven days.

#### Insured Bank Obligations

The Fund may invest in insured bank obligations. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") insures the deposits of federally insured banks and savings and loan associations (collectively referred to as "banks") up to \$250,000. The Fund may purchase bank obligations that are fully insured as to principal by the FDIC. Currently, to remain fully insured as to principal, these investments must be limited to \$250,000 per bank; if the principal amount and accrued interest together exceed \$250,000, the excess principal and accrued interest will not be insured. Insured bank obligations may have limited marketability.

#### **High Yield Securities**

The Fund may invest in high yield securities. High yield, high risk bonds are securities that are generally rated below investment grade by the primary rating agencies (BB+ or lower by S&P and Ba1 or lower by Moody's). Other terms used to describe such securities include "lower rated bonds," "non-investment grade bonds," "below investment grade bonds," and "junk bonds." These securities are considered to be high-risk investments. The risks include the following:

**Greater Risk of Loss.** These securities are regarded as predominately speculative. There is a greater risk that issuers of lower rated securities will default than issuers of higher rated securities. Issuers of lower rated securities generally are less creditworthy and may be highly indebted, financially distressed,

or bankrupt. These issuers are more vulnerable to real or perceived economic changes, political changes or adverse industry developments. In addition, high yield securities are frequently subordinated to the prior payment of senior indebtedness. If an issuer fails to pay principal or interest, the Fund would experience a decrease in income and a decline in the market value of its investments.

Sensitivity to Interest Rate and Economic Changes. The income and market value of lower-rated securities may fluctuate more than higher rated securities. Although non-investment grade securities tend to be less sensitive to interest rate changes than investment grade securities, non-investment grade securities are more sensitive to short-term corporate, economic and market developments. During periods of economic uncertainty and change, the market price of the investments in lower-rated securities may be volatile. The default rate for high yield bonds tends to be cyclical, with defaults rising in periods of economic downturn.

Valuation Difficulties. It is often more difficult to value lower rated securities than higher rated securities. If an issuer's financial condition deteriorates, accurate financial and business information may be limited or unavailable. In addition, the lower rated investments may be thinly traded and there may be no established secondary market. Because of the lack of market pricing and current information for investments in lower rated securities, valuation of such investments is much more dependent on judgment than is the case with higher rated securities.

Liquidity. There may be no established secondary or public market for investments in lower rated securities. Such securities are frequently traded in markets that may be relatively less liquid than the market for higher rated securities. In addition, relatively few institutional purchasers may hold a major portion of an issue of lower-rated securities at times. As a result, the Fund may be required to sell investments at substantial losses or retain them indefinitely when an issuer's financial condition is deteriorating.

**Credit Quality.** Credit quality of non-investment grade securities can change suddenly and unexpectedly, and even recently-issued credit ratings may not fully reflect the actual risks posed by a particular high-yield security.

**New Legislation.** Future legislation may have a possible negative impact on the market for high yield, high risk investments. As an example, in the late 1980's, legislation required federally-insured savings and loan associations to divest their investments in high yield, high risk bonds. New legislation, if enacted, could have a material negative effect on the Fund's investments in lower rated securities. High yield, high risk investments may include the following:

**Straight fixed-income debt securities.** These include bonds and other debt obligations that bear a fixed or variable rate of interest payable at regular intervals and have a fixed or resettable maturity date. The particular terms of such securities vary and may include features such as call provisions and sinking funds.

**Zero-coupon debt securities.** These bear no interest obligation but are issued at a discount from their value at maturity. When held to maturity, their entire return equals the difference between their issue price and their maturity value.

**Zero-fixed-coupon debt securities**. These are zero-coupon debt securities that convert on a specified date to interest-bearing debt securities.

**Pay-in-kind bonds.** These are bonds which allow the issuer, at its option, to make current interest payments on the bonds either in cash or in additional bonds. These bonds are typically sold without registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended ("1933 Act"), usually to a relatively small number of institutional investors.

Convertible Securities. These are bonds or preferred stock that may be converted to common stock.

**Preferred Stock.** These are stocks that generally pay a dividend at a specified rate and have preference over common stock in the payment of dividends and in liquidation.

**Loan Participations and Assignments.** These are participations in, or assignments of all or a portion of loans to corporations or to governments, including governments of less-developed countries.

Securities issued in connection with Reorganizations and Corporate Restructurings. In connection with reorganizing or restructuring of an issuer, an issuer may issue common stock or other securities to holders of its debt securities. The Fund may hold such common stock and other securities even if it does not invest in such securities.

#### **Municipal Government Obligations**

In general, municipal obligations are debt obligations issued by or on behalf of states, territories and possessions of the United States (including the District of Columbia) and their political subdivisions, agencies and instrumentalities. Municipal obligations generally include debt obligations issued to obtain funds for various public purposes. Certain types of municipal obligations are issued in whole or in part to obtain funding for privately operated facilities or projects. Municipal obligations include general obligation bonds, revenue bonds, industrial development bonds, notes and municipal lease obligations. Municipal obligations also include additional obligations, the interest on which is exempt from federal income tax that may become available in the future as long as the Board of the Fund determines that an investment in any such type of obligation is consistent with the Fund's investment objectives. Municipal obligations may be fully or partially backed by local government, the credit of a private issuer, current or anticipated revenues from a specific project or specific assets or domestic or foreign entities providing credit support such as letters of credit, guarantees or insurance.

**Bonds and Notes.** General obligation bonds are secured by the issuer's pledge of its full faith, credit and taxing power for the payment of interest and principal. Revenue bonds are payable only from the revenues derived from a project or facility or from the proceeds of a specified revenue source. Industrial development bonds are generally revenue bonds secured by payments from and the credit of private users. Municipal notes are issued to meet the short-term funding requirements of state, regional and local governments. Municipal notes include tax anticipation notes, bond anticipation notes, revenue anticipation notes, tax and revenue anticipation notes, construction loan notes, short-term discount notes, tax-exempt commercial paper, demand notes and similar instruments.

Municipal Lease Obligations. Municipal lease obligations may take the form of a lease, an installment purchase or a conditional sales contract. They are issued by state and local governments and authorities to acquire land, equipment and facilities, such as vehicles, telecommunications and computer equipment and other capital assets. The Fund may invest in Investment Companies that purchase these lease obligations directly, or it may purchase participation interests in such lease obligations. States have different requirements for issuing municipal debt and issuing municipal leases. Municipal leases are generally subject to greater risks than general obligation or revenue bonds because they usually contain a "non-appropriation" clause, which provides that the issuer is not obligated to make payments on the obligation in future years unless funds have been appropriated for this purpose each year. Such non-appropriation clauses are required to avoid the municipal lease obligations from being treated as debt for state debt restriction purposes. Accordingly, such obligations are subject to "non-appropriation" risk. Municipal leases may be secured by the underlying capital asset and it may be difficult to dispose of any such asset in the event of non-appropriation or other default.

#### **United States Government Obligations**

These consist of various types of marketable securities issued by the United States Treasury, i.e., bills, notes and bonds. Such securities are direct obligations of the United States government and differ mainly in the length of their maturity. Treasury bills, the most frequently issued marketable government security, have a maturity of up to one year and are issued on a discount basis. The Fund may also invest in Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities ("TIPS"). TIPS are special types of treasury bonds that were created in order to offer bond investors protection from inflation. The values of the TIPS are automatically adjusted to the inflation rate as measured by the Consumer Price Index ("CPI"). If the CPI goes up by

half a percent, the value of the bond (the TIPS) would also go up by half a percent. If the CPI falls, the value of the bond does not fall because the government guarantees that the original investment will stay the same. TIPS decline in value when real interest rates rise. However, in certain interest rate environments, such as when real interest rates are rising faster than nominal interest rates, TIPS may experience greater losses than other fixed income securities with similar duration.

#### United States Government Agency Issues

These consist of debt securities issued by agencies and instrumentalities of the United States government, including the various types of instruments currently outstanding or which may be offered in the future. Agencies include, among others, the Federal Housing Administration, Government National Mortgage Association ("GNMA"), Farmer's Home Administration, Export-Import Bank of the United States, Maritime Administration, and General Services Administration. Instrumentalities include, for example, each of the Federal Home Loan Banks, the National Bank for Cooperatives, the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation ("FHLMC"), the Farm Credit Banks, the Federal National Mortgage Association ("FNMA"), and the United States Postal Service. These securities are either: (i) backed by the full faith and credit of the United States government (e.g., United States Treasury Bills); (ii) guaranteed by the United States Treasury (e.g., GNMA mortgage-backed securities); (iii) supported by the issuing agency's or instrumentality's right to borrow from the United States Treasury (e.g., FNMA Discount Notes); or (iv) supported only by the issuing agency's or instrumentality's own credit (e.g., Tennessee Valley Association). On September 7, 2008, the U.S. Treasury Department and the Federal Housing Finance Authority (the "FHFA") announced that FNMA and FHLMC had been placed into conservatorship, a statutory process designed to stabilize a troubled institution with the objective of returning the entity to normal business operations. The U.S. Treasury Department and the FHFA at the same time established a secured lending facility and a Secured Stock Purchase Agreement with both FNMA and FHLMC to ensure that each entity had the ability to fulfill its financial obligations. The FHFA announced that it does not anticipate any disruption in pattern of payments or ongoing business operations of FNMA and FHLMC.

Government-related guarantors (i.e. not backed by the full faith and credit of the United States Government) include FNMA and FHLMC. FNMA is a government-sponsored corporation owned entirely by private stockholders. It is subject to general regulation by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development. FNMA purchases conventional (i.e., not insured or guaranteed by any government agency) residential mortgages from a list of approved seller/servicers which include state and federally chartered savings and loan associations, mutual savings banks, commercial banks and credit unions and mortgage bankers. Pass-through securities issued by FNMA are guaranteed as to timely payment of principal and interest by FNMA but are not backed by the full faith and credit of the United States Government.

FHLMC was created by Congress in 1970 for the purpose of increasing the availability of mortgage credit for residential housing. It is a government-sponsored corporation formerly owned by the twelve Federal Home Loan Banks and now owned entirely by private stockholders. FHLMC issues Participation Certificates ("PCs"), which represent interests in conventional mortgages from FHLMC's national portfolio. FHLMC guarantees the timely payment of interest and ultimate collection of principal, but PCs are not backed by the full faith and credit of the United States Government. Commercial banks, savings and loan institutions, private mortgage insurance companies, mortgage bankers and other secondary market issuers also create pass-through pools of conventional residential mortgage loans. Such issuers may, in addition, be the originators and/or servicers of the underlying mortgage loans as well as the guarantors of the mortgage-related securities. Pools created by such nongovernmental issuers generally offer a higher rate of interest than government and government-related pools because there are no direct or indirect government or agency guarantees of payments in the former pools. However, timely payment of interest and principal of these pools may be supported by various forms of insurance or guarantees, including individual loan, title, pool and hazard insurance and letters of credit. The insurance and guarantees are issued by governmental entities, private insurers and the mortgage poolers.

#### Mortgage Pass-Through Securities

Interests in pools of mortgage pass-through securities differ from other forms of debt securities (which normally provide periodic payments of interest in fixed amounts and the payment of principal in a lump sum at maturity or on specified call dates). Instead, mortgage pass-through securities provide monthly

payments consisting of both interest and principal payments. In effect, these payments are a "pass-through" of the monthly payments made by the individual borrowers on the underlying residential mortgage loans, net of any fees paid to the issuer or guarantor of such securities. Unscheduled payments of principal may be made if the underlying mortgage loans are repaid or refinanced or the underlying properties are foreclosed, thereby shortening the securities' weighted average life. Some mortgage pass-through securities (such as securities guaranteed by GNMA) are described as "modified pass-through securities." These securities entitle the holder to receive all interest and principal payments owed on the mortgage pool, net of certain fees, on the scheduled payment dates regardless of whether the mortgagor actually makes the payment.

The principal governmental guarantor of mortgage pass-through securities is GNMA. GNMA is authorized to guarantee, with the full faith and credit of the U.S. Treasury, the timely payment of principal and interest on securities issued by lending institutions approved by GNMA (such as savings and loan institutions, commercial banks and mortgage bankers) and backed by pools of mortgage loans. These mortgage loans are either insured by the Federal Housing Administration or guaranteed by the Veterans Administration. A "pool" or group of such mortgage loans is assembled and after being approved by GNMA, is offered to investors through securities dealers.

Government-related guarantors of mortgage pass-through securities (i.e., not backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Treasury) include FNMA and FHLMC. FNMA is a government-sponsored corporation owned entirely by private stockholders. It is subject to general regulation by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development. FNMA purchases conventional (i.e., not insured or guaranteed by any government agency) residential mortgages from a list of approved sellers/servicers which include state and federally chartered savings and loan associations, mutual savings banks, commercial banks and credit unions and mortgage bankers. Mortgage pass-through securities issued by FNMA are guaranteed as to timely payment of principal and interest by FNMA but are not backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Treasury.

Commercial banks, savings and loan institutions, private mortgage insurance companies, mortgage bankers and other secondary market issuers also create pass-through pools of conventional residential mortgage loans. Such issuers may, in addition, be the originators and/or servicers of the underlying mortgage loans as well as the guarantors of the mortgage pass-through securities. The Fund does not purchase interests in pools created by such non-governmental issuers.

Resets. The interest rates paid on the Adjustable Rate Mortgage Securities ("ARMs") in which the Fund may invest generally are readjusted or reset at intervals of one year or less to an increment over some predetermined interest rate index. There are two main categories of indices: those based on U.S. Treasury securities and those derived from a calculated measure, such as a cost of funds index or a moving average of mortgage rates. Commonly utilized indices include the one-year and five-year constant maturity Treasury Note rates, the three-month Treasury Bill rate, the 180-day Treasury Bill rate, rates on longer-term Treasury securities, the National Median Cost of Funds, the one-month or three-month London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR), the prime rate of a specific bank, or commercial paper rates. Some indices, such as the one-year constant maturity Treasury Note rate, closely mirror changes in market interest rate levels. Others tend to lag changes in market rate levels and tend to be somewhat less volatile.

Caps and Floors. The underlying mortgages which collateralize the ARMs in which the Fund invests will frequently have caps and floors which limit the maximum amount by which the loan rate to the residential borrower may change up or down: (1) per reset or adjustment interval, and (2) over the life of the loan. Some residential mortgage loans restrict periodic adjustments by limiting changes in the borrower's monthly principal and interest payments rather than limiting interest rate changes. These payment caps may result in negative amortization. The value of mortgage securities in which the Fund invests may be affected if market interest rates rise or fall faster and farther than the allowable caps or floors on the underlying residential mortgage loans. Additionally, even though the interest rates on the underlying residential mortgages are adjustable, amortization and prepayments may occur, thereby causing the

effective maturities of the mortgage securities in which the Fund invests to be shorter than the maturities stated in the underlying mortgages.

#### Foreign Securities

The Fund may invest in securities of foreign issuers and ETFs and other investment companies that hold a portfolio of foreign securities. Investing in securities of foreign companies and countries involves certain considerations and risks that are not typically associated with investing in U.S. government securities and securities of domestic companies. There may be less publicly available information about a foreign issuer than a domestic one, and foreign companies are not generally subject to uniform accounting, auditing and financial standards and requirements comparable to those applicable to U.S. companies. There may also be less government supervision and regulation of foreign securities exchanges, brokers and listed companies than exists in the United States. Interest and dividends paid by foreign issuers may be subject to withholding and other foreign taxes, which may decrease the net return on such investments as compared to dividends and interest paid to the Fund by domestic companies or the U.S. government. There may be the possibility of expropriations, seizure or nationalization of foreign deposits, confiscatory taxation, political, economic or social instability or diplomatic developments that could affect assets of the Fund held in foreign countries. Finally, the establishment of exchange controls or other foreign governmental laws or restrictions could adversely affect the payment of obligations.

To the extent the Fund's currency exchange transactions do not fully protect the Fund against adverse changes in currency exchange rates, decreases in the value of currencies of the foreign countries in which the Fund will invest relative to the U.S. dollar will result in a corresponding decrease in the U.S. dollar value of the Fund's assets denominated in those currencies (and possibly a corresponding increase in the amount of securities required to be liquidated to meet distribution requirements). Conversely, increases in the value of currencies of the foreign countries in which the Fund invests relative to the U.S. dollar will result in a corresponding increase in the U.S. dollar value of the Fund's assets (and possibly a corresponding decrease in the amount of securities to be liquidated).

Emerging Markets Securities. The Fund may purchase securities of emerging market issuers and ETFs and other closed end funds that invest in emerging market securities. Investing in emerging market securities imposes risks different from, or greater than, risks of investing in foreign developed countries. These risks include: smaller market capitalization of securities markets, which may suffer periods of relative illiquidity; significant price volatility; restrictions on foreign investment; possible repatriation of investment income and capital. In addition, foreign investors may be required to register the proceeds of sales; future economic or political crises could lead to price controls, forced mergers, expropriation or confiscatory taxation, seizure, nationalization, or creation of government monopolies. The currencies of emerging market countries may experience significant declines against the U.S. dollar, and devaluation may occur subsequent to investments in these currencies by the Fund. Inflation and rapid fluctuations in inflation rates have had, and may continue to have, negative effects on the economies and securities markets of certain emerging market countries.

Additional risks of emerging markets securities may include: greater social, economic and political uncertainty and instability; more substantial governmental involvement in the economy; less governmental supervision and regulation; unavailability of currency hedging techniques; companies that are newly organized and small; differences in auditing and financial reporting standards, which may result in unavailability of material information about issuers; and less developed legal systems. In addition, emerging securities markets may have different clearance and settlement procedures, which may be unable to keep pace with the volume of securities transactions or otherwise make it difficult to engage in such transactions. Settlement problems may cause a Fund to miss attractive investment opportunities, hold a portion of its assets in cash pending investment, or be delayed in disposing of a portfolio security. Such a delay could result in possible liability to a purchaser of the security.

#### Illiquid and Restricted Securities

The Fund may invest up to 15% of its net assets in illiquid securities. Illiquid securities include securities subject to contractual or legal restrictions on resale (e.g., because they have not been registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act")) and securities that are otherwise not readily

marketable (e.g., because trading in the security is suspended or because market makers do not exist or will not entertain bids or offers). Securities that have not been registered under the Securities Act are referred to as private placements or restricted securities and are purchased directly from the issuer or in the secondary market. Foreign securities that are freely tradable in their principal markets are not considered to be illiquid.

Restricted and other illiquid securities may be subject to the potential for delays on resale and uncertainty in valuation. The Fund might be unable to dispose of illiquid securities promptly or at reasonable prices and might thereby experience difficulty in satisfying redemption requests from shareholders. The Underlying Fund might have to register restricted securities in order to dispose of them, resulting in additional expense and delay. Adverse market conditions could impede such a public offering of securities.

A large institutional market exists for certain securities that are not registered under the Securities Act, including foreign securities. The fact that there are contractual or legal restrictions on resale to the general public or to certain institutions may not be indicative of the liquidity of such investments. Rule 144A under the Securities Act allows such a broader institutional trading market for securities otherwise subject to restrictions on resale to the general public. Rule 144A establishes a "safe harbor" from the registration requirements of the Securities Act for resale of certain securities to qualified institutional buyers. Rule 144A has produced enhanced liquidity for many restricted securities, and market liquidity for such securities may continue to expand as a result of this regulation and the consequent existence of the PORTAL system, which is an automated system for the trading, clearance and settlement of unregistered securities of domestic and foreign issuers sponsored by NASDAQ.

Under guidelines adopted by the Board, the Adviser of the Fund may determine that particular Rule 144A securities, and commercial paper issued in reliance on the private placement exemption from registration afforded by Section 4(a)(2) of the Securities Act, are liquid even though they are not registered. A determination of whether such a security is liquid or not is a question of fact. In making this determination, the Adviser will consider, as it deems appropriate under the circumstances and among other factors: (1) the frequency of trades and quotes for the security; (2) the number of dealers willing to purchase or sell the security; (3) the number of other potential purchasers of the security; (4) dealer undertakings to make a market in the security; (5) the nature of the security (e.g., debt or equity, date of maturity, terms of dividend or interest payments, and other material terms) and the nature of the marketplace trades (e.g., the time needed to dispose of the security, the method of soliciting offers, and the mechanics of transfer); and (6) the rating of the security and the financial condition and prospects of the issuer. In the case of commercial paper, the Adviser will also determine that the paper (1) is not traded flat or in default as to principal and interest, and (2) is rated in one of the two highest rating categories by at least two Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organization ("NRSRO") or, if only one NRSRO rates the security, by that NRSRO, or, if the security is unrated, the Adviser determines that it is of equivalent quality.

Rule 144A securities and Section 4(a)(2) commercial paper that have been deemed liquid as described above will continue to be monitored by the Fund's Adviser to determine if the security is no longer liquid as the result of changed conditions. Investing in Rule 144A securities or Section 4(a)(2) commercial paper could have the effect of increasing the amount of the Fund's assets invested in illiquid securities if institutional buyers are unwilling to purchase such securities.

#### Repurchase Agreements

The Fund may enter into repurchase agreements. In a repurchase agreement, an investor (such as the Fund) purchases a security (known as the "underlying security") from a securities dealer or bank. Any such dealer or bank must be deemed creditworthy by the Adviser. At that time, the bank or securities dealer agrees to repurchase the underlying security at a mutually agreed upon price on a designated future date. The repurchase price may be higher than the purchase price, the difference being income to the Fund, or the purchase and repurchase prices may be the same, with interest at an agreed upon rate due to the Fund on repurchase. In either case, the income to the Fund generally will be unrelated to the interest rate on the underlying securities. Repurchase agreements must be "fully collateralized," in that the market value of the underlying securities (including accrued interest) must at all times be equal to or

greater than the repurchase price. Therefore, a repurchase agreement can be considered a loan collateralized by the underlying securities.

Repurchase agreements are generally for a short period of time, often less than a week, and will generally be used by the Fund to invest excess cash or as part of a temporary defensive strategy. Repurchase agreements that do not provide for payment within seven days will be treated as illiquid securities. In the event of a bankruptcy or other default by the seller of a repurchase agreement, the Fund could experience both delays in liquidating the underlying security and losses. These losses could result from: (a) possible decline in the value of the underlying security while the Fund is seeking to enforce its rights under the repurchase agreement; (b) possible reduced levels of income or lack of access to income during this period; and (c) expenses of enforcing its rights.

#### When-Issued, Forward Commitments and Delayed Settlements

The Fund may purchase and sell securities on a when-issued, forward commitment or delayed settlement basis. In this event, the Custodian (as defined under the section entitled "Custodian") will segregate liquid assets equal to the amount of the commitment in a separate account. Normally, the Custodian will set aside portfolio securities to satisfy a purchase commitment. In such a case, the Fund may be required subsequently to segregate additional assets in order to assure that the value of the account remains equal to the amount of the Fund's commitment. It may be expected that the Fund's net assets will fluctuate to a greater degree when it sets aside portfolio securities to cover such purchase commitments than when it sets aside cash.

The Fund does not intend to engage in these transactions for speculative purposes but only in furtherance of its investment objectives. Because the Fund will segregate liquid assets to satisfy its purchase commitments in the manner described, the Fund's liquidity and the ability of the Fund's Adviser to manage them may be affected in the event the Fund's forward commitments, commitments to purchase when-issued securities and delayed settlements ever exceeded 15% of the value of its net assets.

The Fund will purchase securities on a when-issued, forward commitment or delayed settlement basis only with the intention of completing the transaction. If deemed advisable as a matter of investment strategy, however, the Fund may dispose of or renegotiate a commitment after it is entered into, and may sell securities it has committed to purchase before those securities are delivered to the Fund on the settlement date. In these cases, the Fund may realize a taxable capital gain or loss. When the Fund engages in when-issued, forward commitment and delayed settlement transactions, it relies on the other party to consummate the trade. Failure of such party to do so may result in the Fund incurring a loss or missing an opportunity to obtain a price credited to be advantageous.

The market value of the securities underlying a when-issued purchase, forward commitment to purchase securities, or a delayed settlement and any subsequent fluctuations in their market value is taken into account when determining the market value of the Fund starting on the day the Fund agrees to purchase the securities. The Fund does not earn interest on the securities it has committed to purchase until it has paid for and delivered on the settlement date.

#### Lending Portfolio Securities

For the purpose of achieving income, the Fund may lend its portfolio securities, provided (1) the loan is secured continuously by collateral consisting of U.S. Government securities or cash or cash equivalents (cash, U.S. Government securities, negotiable certificates of deposit, bankers' acceptances or letters of credit) maintained on a daily mark-to-market basis in an amount at least equal to the current market value of the securities loaned, (2) the Fund may at any time call the loan and obtain the return of securities loaned, (3) the Fund will receive any interest or dividends received on the loaned securities, and (4) the aggregate value of the securities loaned will not at any time exceed one-third of the total assets of the Fund, measured after the borrowing occurs.

#### Short Sales

The Fund may sell securities short. A short sale is a transaction in which the Fund sells a security it does not own or have the right to acquire (or that it owns but does not wish to deliver) in anticipation that the market price of that security will decline.

When the Fund makes a short sale, the broker-dealer through which the short sale is made must borrow the security sold short and deliver it to the party purchasing the security. The Fund is required to make a margin deposit in connection with such short sales; the Fund may have to pay a fee to borrow particular securities and will often be obligated to pay over any dividends and accrued interest on borrowed securities.

If the price of the security sold short increases between the time of the short sale and the time the Fund covers its short position, the Fund will incur a loss; conversely, if the price declines, the Fund will realize a gain. Any gain will be decreased, and any loss increased, by the transaction costs described above. The successful use of short selling may be adversely affected by imperfect correlation between movements in the price of the security sold short and the securities being hedged.

To the extent the Fund sells securities short, it will provide collateral to the broker-dealer and (except in the case of short sales "against the box") will maintain additional asset coverage in the form of cash, U.S. government securities or other liquid securities with its custodian in a segregated account in an amount at least equal to the difference between the current market value of the securities sold short and any amounts required to be deposited as collateral with the selling broker (not including the proceeds of the short sale). A short sale is "against the box" to the extent the Fund contemporaneously owns, or has the right to obtain at no added cost, securities identical to those sold short.

#### Wholly-Owned Subsidiary

The Fund may invest up to 25% of its total assets in a wholly-owned and controlled Cayman Islands subsidiary (the "Subsidiary"), which is expected to invest through underlying commodity pools, swap contracts, structured notes, commodity and financial futures and option contracts, as well as equity and fixed income securities and other investments intended to serve as margin or collateral for the Subsidiary's derivatives positions. As a result, the Fund may be considered to be investing indirectly in these investments through the Subsidiary. For that reason, and for the sake of convenience, references in this SAI to the Fund may also include the Subsidiary.

The Subsidiary will not be registered under the 1940 Act but, will be subject to certain of the investor protections of that Act, as noted in this SAI. The Fund, as the sole shareholder of the relevant Subsidiary, will not have all of the protections offered to investors in registered investment companies. However, since the Fund wholly owns and controls the Subsidiary, and the Fund and Subsidiary are both managed by the Adviser, it is unlikely that the Subsidiary will take action contrary to the interests of the Fund or its shareholders. The Fund's Board has oversight responsibility for the investment activities of the Fund, including its investment in the Subsidiary, and the Fund's role as the sole shareholder of the Subsidiary. Also, in managing the Subsidiary's portfolio, the Adviser will be subject to the same investment restrictions and operational guidelines that apply to the management of the Fund, including any collateral or segregation requirements in connection with various investment strategies.

Changes in the laws of the United States and/or the Cayman Islands, under which the Fund and the Subsidiary, respectively, are organized, could result in the inability of the Fund and/or the Subsidiary to operate as described in this SAI and could negatively affect the Fund and its shareholders. For example, the Cayman Islands does not currently impose any income, corporate or capital gains tax, estate duty, inheritance tax, gift tax or withholding tax on the Subsidiary. If Cayman Islands law changes such that the Subsidiary must pay Cayman Islands taxes, Fund shareholders would likely suffer decreased investment returns.

## Cybersecurity and Operational Risk

With the increased use of technologies such as the Internet to conduct business, the Fund and its service providers are susceptible to operational, information security and related risks. In general, cyber incidents

can result from deliberate attacks or unintentional events. Cyber attacks include, but are not limited to, gaining unauthorized access to digital systems (e.g., through "hacking" or malicious software coding) for purposes of misappropriating assets or sensitive information, corrupting data, or causing operational disruption. Cyber attacks may also be carried out in a manner that does not require gaining unauthorized access, such as causing denial-of-service attacks on websites (i.e., efforts to make network services unavailable to intended users). Cyber incidents affecting the Fund or its service providers may cause disruptions and impact business operations, potentially resulting in financial losses, interference with a Fund's ability to calculate its NAV, impediments to trading, the inability of fund shareholders to transact business, violations of applicable privacy and other laws, regulatory fines, penalties, reputational damage, reimbursement or other compensation costs, or additional compliance costs. Similar adverse consequences could result from cyber incidents affecting issuers of securities in which a fund invests, counterparties with which a Fund engages in transactions, governmental and other regulatory authorities, exchange and other financial market operators, banks, brokers, dealers, insurance companies and other financial institutions (including financial intermediaries and service providers for fund shareholders) and other parties. In addition, substantial costs may be incurred in order to prevent any cyber incidents in the future. While the Fund's service providers have established business continuity plans in the event of, and risk management systems to prevent, such cyber incidents, there are inherent limitations in such plans and systems including the possibility that certain risks have not been identified. Furthermore, the Fund cannot control the cyber security plans and systems put in place by its service providers or any other third parties whose operations may affect the Fund or its shareholders. The Fund and its shareholders could be negatively impacted as a result.

## INVESTMENT RESTRICTIONS

The Fund has adopted the following investment restrictions that may not be changed without approval by a "majority of the outstanding shares" of the Fund which, as used in this SAI, means the vote of the lesser of (a) 67% or more of the shares of the Fund represented at a meeting, if the holders of more than 50% of the outstanding shares of the Fund are present or represented by proxy, or (b) more than 50% of the outstanding shares of the Fund.

- 1. <u>Borrowing Money</u>. The Fund will not borrow money, except: (a) from a bank, provided that immediately after such borrowing there is an asset coverage of 300% for all borrowings of the Fund; or (b) from a bank or other persons for temporary purposes only, provided that such temporary borrowings are in an amount not exceeding 5% of the Fund's total assets at the time when the borrowing is made.
- 2. <u>Senior Securities</u>. The Fund will not issue senior securities. This limitation is not applicable to activities that may be deemed to involve the issuance or sale of a senior security by a Fund, provided that the Fund's engagement in such activities is consistent with or permitted by the 1940 Act, the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder or interpretations of the SEC or its staff.
- 3. <u>Underwriting</u>. The Fund will not act as underwriter of securities issued by other persons. This limitation is not applicable to the extent that, in connection with the disposition of portfolio securities (including restricted securities), a Fund may be deemed an underwriter under certain federal securities laws.
- 4. <u>Real Estate</u>. The Fund will not purchase or sell real estate. This limitation is not applicable to investments in marketable securities that are secured by or represent interests in real estate. This limitation does not preclude a Fund from investing in mortgage-related securities or investing in companies engaged in the real estate business or that have a significant portion of their assets in real estate (including real estate investment trusts).
- 5. <u>Commodities</u>. The Fund will not purchase or sell commodities unless acquired as a result of ownership of securities or other investments. This limitation does not preclude a Fund from purchasing or selling options or futures contracts, from investing in securities or other instruments backed by commodities or from investing in companies which are engaged in a commodities business or have a significant portion of their assets in commodities.
- 6. <u>Loans</u>. The Fund will not make loans to other persons, except: (a) by loaning portfolio securities; (b) by engaging in repurchase agreements; or (c) by purchasing non-publicly offered debt securities. For purposes of this limitation, the term "loans" shall not include the purchase of a portion of an issue of publicly distributed bonds, debentures or other securities.
- 7. <u>Concentration</u>. The Fund will not invest 25% or more of its total assets in a particular industry or group of industries. This limitation is not applicable to investments in obligations issued or guaranteed by the U.S. government, its agencies and instrumentalities or repurchase agreements with respect thereto.

# THE FOLLOWING ARE ADDITIONAL INVESTMENT LIMITATIONS OF THE FUND. THE FOLLOWING RESTRICTIONS ARE DESIGNATED AS NON-FUNDAMENTAL AND MAY BE CHANGED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF SHAREHOLDERS.

1. <u>Pledging</u>. The Fund will not mortgage, pledge, hypothecate or in any manner transfer, as security for indebtedness, any Fund assets except as may be necessary in connection with borrowings described in limitation (1) above. Margin deposits, security interests, liens and collateral arrangements with respect to transactions involving options, futures contracts and other permitted investments and techniques are not deemed to be a mortgage, pledge or hypothecation of assets for purposes of this limitation. The Fund will not pledge more than one-third of its assets at any one time.

- 2. <u>Margin Purchases</u>. The Fund will not purchase securities or evidences of interest thereon on "margin." This limitation is not applicable to short-term credit obtained by a Fund for the clearance of purchases and sales or redemption of securities, or to arrangements with respect to transactions involving options, futures contracts and other permitted investment techniques.
- 3. <u>Illiquid Investments</u>. The Fund will not hold 15% or more of their respective net assets in securities for which there are legal or contractual restrictions on resale and other illiquid securities.

If a restriction on a Fund's investments is adhered to at the time an investment is made, a subsequent change in the percentage of Fund assets invested in certain securities or other instruments, or change in average duration of the Fund's investment portfolio, resulting from changes in the value of the Fund's total assets, will not be considered a violation of the restriction; provided, however, that the asset coverage requirement applicable to borrowings, if any, shall be maintained in the manner contemplated by applicable law.

## DISCLOSURE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS

The Fund is required to include a schedule of portfolio holdings in their annual and semi-annual reports to shareholders, which are sent to shareholders within 60 days of the end of the second and fourth fiscal quarters and which are filed with the SEC on Form N-CSR within 70 days of the end of the second and fourth fiscal quarters. The Fund also is required to file a schedule of portfolio holdings with the SEC on Form N-PORT within 60 days of the end of the first and third fiscal quarters. The Fund must provide a copy of its complete schedule of portfolio holdings as filed with the SEC to any shareholder of the Fund, upon request, free of charge. This policy is applied uniformly to all shareholders of the Fund without regard to the type of requesting shareholder (i.e., regardless of whether the shareholder is an individual or institutional investor). The Fund has an ongoing arrangement to release portfolio holdings to various rating agencies that regularly analyze the portfolio holdings of mutual funds and investment advisers in order to monitor and report on various attributes. Such ratings agencies include Lipper, Morningstar, Standard & Poors, Thomson Reuters, Bloomberg and Vickers. Portfolio holdings will be supplied to these agencies no more frequently than quarterly and approximately 15 days after the end of each quarter.

Pursuant to policies and procedures adopted by the Board of Trustees, the Fund has ongoing arrangements to release portfolio holdings information on a daily basis to the Adviser, Sub-Advisers, the Administrator and the Custodian and on an as needed basis to other third parties providing services to the Fund. The Adviser, Sub-Advisers, the Administrator and Custodian receive portfolio holdings information daily in order to carry out the essential operations of the Fund. The Fund discloses portfolio holdings to its auditors, legal counsel, proxy voting services (if applicable), pricing services, printers, parties to merger and reorganization agreements and their agents, and prospective or newly hired investment advisers or sub-advisers as needed to provide services to the Fund. The Fund also discloses its portfolio holdings to Morningstar for the purposes of portfolio analytical reports. The lag between the date of the information and the date on which the information is disclosed to these third parties will vary based on the identity of the party to whom the information is disclosed. For instance, the information may be provided to auditors within days of the end of an annual period, while the information may be given to legal counsel at any time.

The Fund's Adviser will publish a schedule of the Fund's 10 largest portfolio holdings on a quarterly basis approximately 10 days after the end of each quarter. The Fund's fiscal quarters end on the last day of March, June, September and December. The schedule shall be published on the Adviser's website at www.LoCorrFunds.com. This information will remain on the website until new information for the next quarter is posted. This information is also available by calling toll-free 1-855-523-8637.

The Fund, the Adviser, the Sub-Advisers, the Administrator and the Custodian are prohibited from entering into any special or ad hoc arrangements with any persons to make available information about the Fund's portfolio holdings without the specific approval of the Board. Any party wishing to release portfolio holdings information on an ad hoc or special basis must submit any proposed arrangement to the Board, which will review such arrangement to determine whether it is (i) in the best interests of Fund shareholders, (ii) whether the information will be kept confidential (based on the factors discussed below) (iii) whether sufficient protections are in place to guard against personal trading based on the information and (iv) whether the disclosure presents a conflict of interest between the interests of Fund shareholders and those of the Adviser, Sub-Advisers, or any affiliated person of the Fund or the Adviser or Sub-Advisers. Additionally, the Adviser and Sub-Advisers, and any affiliated persons of the Adviser or Sub-Advisers, are prohibited from receiving compensation or other consideration, for themselves or on behalf of the Fund, as a result of disclosing the Fund's portfolio holdings.

Information privately disclosed to third parties, whether on an ongoing or ad hoc basis, is disclosed under conditions of confidentiality. "Conditions of confidentiality" include (i) confidentiality clauses in written agreements, (ii) confidentiality implied by the nature of the relationship (e.g., attorney-client relationship), (iii) confidentiality required by fiduciary or regulatory principles (e.g., custody relationships) or (iv) understandings or expectations between the parties that the information will be kept confidential. The agreements with the Fund's Adviser, Sub-Advisers, Administrator and Custodian contain confidentiality

clauses, which the Board and these parties have determined extend to the disclosure of non-public information about the Fund's portfolio holding and the duty not to trade on the non-public information.

## MANAGEMENT

The business of the Trust is managed under the direction of the Board in accordance with the Agreement and Declaration of Trust and the Trust's By-laws, which have been filed with the SEC and are available upon request. The Board consists of five individuals, three of whom are not "interested persons" (as defined under the 1940 Act) of the Trust and the Adviser ("Independent Trustees"). Pursuant to the governing documents of the Trust, the Board shall elect officers including a President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Principal Executive Officer and a Principal Accounting Officer. The Board retains the power to conduct, operate and carry on the business of the Trust and has the power to incur and pay any expenses, which, in the opinion of the Board, are necessary or incidental to carry out any of the Trust's purposes. The Trustees, officers, employees and agents of the Trust, when acting in such capacities, shall not be subject to any personal liability except for his or her own bad faith, willful misfeasance, gross negligence or reckless disregard of his or her duties.

#### **Board Leadership Structure**

The Trust is led by Kevin M. Kinzie, who has served as the Chairman of the Board and President since the Trust was organized in 2011. Mr. Kinzie is an "interested person" as defined in the 1940 Act by virtue of his indirect controlling interest in and his status as an officer of LoCorr Fund Management, LLC (the Trust's investment adviser). The Board of Trustees is comprised of Mr. Kinzie and four other Trustees, three of whom are not an interested person ("Independent Trustees"). The Independent Trustees have not selected a Lead Independent Trustee. Additionally, under certain 1940 Act governance guidelines that apply to the Trust, the Independent Trustees will meet in executive session, at least quarterly. Under the Trust's Declaration of Trust, By-Laws and governance guidelines, the Chairman of the Board is generally responsible for (a) chairing board meetings, (b) setting the agendas for these meetings and (c) providing information to board members in advance of each board meeting and between board meetings. The Trust does not have a Nominating Committee, but the Audit Committee performs the duties of a nominating committee when and if necessary. The Audit Committee will not consider nominees recommended by shareholders, except as required under the 1940 Act and rules thereunder. Generally, the Trust believes it best to have a single leader who is seen by shareholders, business partners and other stakeholders as providing strong leadership. The Trust believes that its Chairman/President together with the Audit Committee (with an independent chairman), and, as an entity, the full Board of Trustees, provide effective leadership that is in the best interests of the Trust, its Funds and each shareholder because of the Board's collective business acumen and strong understanding of the regulatory framework under which investment companies must operate.

#### **Board Risk Oversight**

The Board is responsible for overseeing risk management, and the full Board regularly engages in discussions of risk management and receives compliance reports that inform its oversight of risk management from Brian Hull, the Trust's Chief Compliance Officer. The Chief Compliance Officer reports at quarterly Board meetings and on an ad hoc basis, when and if necessary. The Audit Committee, which has an independent chairman, considers financial and reporting the risk within its area of responsibilities. Generally, the Board believes that its oversight of material risks is adequately maintained through the compliance-reporting chain where the Chief Compliance Officer is the primary recipient and communicator of such risk-related information.

#### **Trustee Qualifications**

Generally, the Trust believes that each Trustee is competent to serve because of their individual overall merits including (i) experience, (ii) qualifications, (iii) attributes and (iv) skills.

Mr. Kevin M. Kinzie has more than 25 years of experience in the financial services field, including experience as President and Chief Executive Officer of a FINRA-registered broker/dealer, President and Chief Executive Officer of a financial services marketing firm and as founder of a loan sourcing network

serving a group of bank lenders. Mr. Kinzie also holds a Bachelor of Science degree in business and marketing from the University of Colorado. Mr. Kinzie's background in financial services management and his leadership skills as a financial executive bring practical knowledge to Board discussions regarding the operations of the Fund and the Trust.

Mr. Jon C. Essen has more than 25 years of experience in the financial services field, including experience as Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of a FINRA-registered broker/dealer, Chief Operating Officer of a commercial finance enterprise, Chief Financial Officer of an investment adviser and Treasurer of two mutual fund complexes. Mr. Essen holds a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration from Mankato State University and holds the Certified Public Accountant (inactive) designation. Mr. Essen's background in investment management and accounting, his leadership skills as a chief financial officer, and his experience with other mutual funds bring context and insight to Board discussions and decision-making regarding the Trust's operations and dialogue with the Fund's auditors.

Mr. Mark A. Thompson has more than 30 years of experience in investment management, including co-founding Riverbridge Partners, LLC ("Riverbridge"), an investment management firm. At Riverbridge, Mr. Thompson chairs the Executive Committee, which is responsible for the strategic decision making and overall management of the firm. Mr. Thompson also serves as Chief Investment Officer of Riverbridge, and he is responsible for coordinating the efforts of the firm's investment team and overall portfolio compliance. Mr. Thompson holds a Bachelor's degree in finance from the University Of Minnesota Carlson School Of Management and is a member of the CFA Institute and the CFA Society of Minnesota.

Mr. Ronald A. Tschetter has more than 30 years of experience in the financial services field, including experience as President of a FINRA-registered broker/dealer and has several years of experience in financial matters based on his service to non-profit organizations. Mr. Tschetter holds a Bachelor's degree in psychology and social studies from Bethel University. Additionally, Mr. Tschetter served as the Director of the U.S. Peace Corps.

Mr. Dan T. O'Lear has more than 26 years of experience in investment management, including experience serving in several roles at Franklin Templeton Investments and Franklin Templeton Distributors, Inc. At Franklin Templeton Investments, Mr. O'Lear was responsible for investment solutions for retail investors throughout the United States. His role included maintaining relationships with senior management executives at all major clients to negotiate selling agreements between Franklin Templeton Investments and the broker dealer community, as well as liaising with internal leadership of product development, marketing, investment management, legal and compliance, operations and transfer agency. For over ten years, he presented to three independent Franklin Templeton fund boards on share class trends, mutual fund/asset class flows, revenue sharing, distribution strategies, and regulatory issues/proposals on a quarterly basis. Mr. O'Lear currently holds FINRA Series 7 and 24 licenses.

Mr. Jeff E. Place has over 39 years of experience in the financial services field, including experience as Senior Vice President and Head of Sales for Ivy Funds, Managing Director of U.S. Retail Sales for AllianceBernstein, and Senior Vice President and Head of Sales & National Accounts for WM Funds. As a Senior Distribution Executive, Mr. Place worked very closely with all facets of the broader asset management business including: finance, legal compliance, operations/technology, marketing, fund boards, sub-advisors, offshore funds and closed-end funds. In his role as a former senior executive Mr. Place held FINRA Series 7, 24 and 51 licenses.

Ms. Catie B. Tobin has over 40 years in the financial services field, including banking, credit cards, investments, retail brokerage, wealth management as well as clearing and custody services with RBC Wealth Management, Wells Fargo Advisors and Citicorp. Ms. Tobin was previously active in the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association (SIFMA), served as a member of the industry's Public Trust and Confidence Committee, Chaired the Investor Education Committee and represented her firm on many industry-related committees and task forces. Ms. Tobin has a strong understanding of broker dealer and registered investment advisor operations, including all stages of the product development process from launch, marketing, profitability, IT, compliance oversight and risk management. Ms. Tobin has solid

knowledge of the industry's different distribution strategies and how to successfully introduce products and services through advisor led business channels. Ms. Tobin previously held FINRA Series 7, 8, 24, 31 and 53 licenses.

The Trust does not believe any one factor is determinative in assessing a Trustee's qualifications, but that the collective experience of each Trustee makes the Board highly effective.

Following is a list of the Trustees and executive officers of the Trust and their principal occupation over the last five years. Unless otherwise noted, the address of each Trustee and Officer is c/o LoCorr Fund Management, LLC, 687 Excelsior Boulevard, Excelsior, MN 55331.

## **Independent Trustees**

Name and Year of Birth	Position/ Term of Office	Principal Occupation During the Past 5 Years	Number of Portfolios in Fund Complex <sup>**</sup> Overseen by Trustee	Other Directorships held by Trustee During the Past 5 Years
Mark A. Thompson Year of Birth: 1959	Trustee/ December 2011 to present	Chairman and Chief Manager, Riverbridge Partners, LLC (investment management), 1987 to present.	5	None
Ronald A. Tschetter Year of Birth: 1941	Trustee/January 2011 to present	Mr. Tschetter is presently retired from his principal occupation; Director of the U.S. Peace Corps, September 2006 to January 2009.	5	None
Dan T. O'Lear Year of Birth: 1961	Trustee/January 2023 to present	Mr. O'Lear is presently retired (since 2021); President, Franklin Templeton Distributors, 2018-2021; Head of Retail Distribution, Franklin Templeton Distributors, 2014-2018.	5	None
Jeff E. Place Year of Birth: 1953	Trustee/January 2023 to present	Mr. Place is presently retired (since 2016) from his principal occupation as a distribution fund executive.	5	None
Catie B. Tobin Year of Birth: 1958	Trustee/January 2023 to present	Ms. Tobin is presently retired (since 2021); Senior Vice President, Director, Field Development & Effectiveness, Wells Fargo Advisors, 2017-2021.	5	None

<sup>\*</sup> The term of office for each Trustee listed above will continue indefinitely.

<sup>\*\*</sup> The term "Fund Complex" refers to the LoCorr Investment Trust.

## **Interested Trustees and Officers**

Name and Year of Birth	Position/ Term of Office <sup>*</sup>	Principal Occupation During the Past 5 Years	Number of Portfolios in Fund Complex <sup></sup> Overseen by Trustee	Other Directorships held by Trustee During the Past 5 Years
Jon C. Essen <sup>1</sup> Year of Birth: 1963	Treasurer, Secretary, Chief Financial Officer/ January 2011 to present; Trustee/ November, 2010 to present	LoCorr Fund Management, LLC: Chief Operating Officer (2010-2016), Chief Compliance Officer (2010-2017); LoCorr Distributors, LLC (broker/dealer): Principal, Chief Financial Officer, and Registered Representative (2008 to present), Chief Compliance Officer (2008-2017). Chief Financial Officer and Principal of Steben & Company, LLC, 2020 to present.	5	None
Kevin M. Kinzie <sup>2</sup> Year of Birth: 1956	President, Trustee/ January 2011 to present	Chief Executive Officer of LoCorr Fund Management, LLC, November 2010 to present; President and Chief Executive Officer of LoCorr Distributors, LLC (broker/ dealer), March 2002 to present. President and CEO of Steben & Company, LLC, 2019 to present.	5	None
Brian Hull <sup>3</sup> Year of Birth: 1968	Chief Compliance Officer, November 2019 to present	Steben & Company, Inc. (broker/dealer): Chief Compliance Officer 2002-2007 and 2012 to Present; Financial & Operations Principal (FINOP) 2002-Present; Registered Representative 2002-Present.	5	None

<sup>\*</sup>The term of office for each Trustee listed above will continue indefinitely.

#### **Board Committees**

Audit Committee. The Board has an Audit Committee that consists of all the Trustees who are not "interested persons" of the Trust within the meaning of the 1940 Act. The Audit Committee's responsibilities include: (i) recommending to the Board the selection, retention or termination of the Trust's independent auditors; (ii) reviewing with the independent auditors the scope, performance and anticipated cost of their audit; (iii) discussing with the independent auditors certain matters relating to the Trust's financial statements, including any adjustment to such financial statements recommended by such independent auditors, or any other results of any audit; (iv) reviewing on a periodic basis a formal written statement from the independent auditors with respect to their independence, discussing with the independent auditors any relationships or services disclosed in the statement that may impact the objectivity and independence of the Trust's independent auditors and recommending that the Board take appropriate action in response thereto to satisfy itself of the auditor's independence; and (v) considering the comments of the independent auditors and management's responses thereto with respect to the quality and adequacy of the Trust's accounting and financial reporting policies and practices and internal controls. The Audit Committee operates pursuant to an Audit Committee Charter. During the Trust's most recent fiscal year, the Audit Committee met two times.

<sup>\*\*</sup>The term "Fund Complex" refers to the LoCorr Investment Trust.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Mr. Essen is an interested Trustee because he is an officer of the Fund's Adviser.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Mr. Kinzie is an interested Trustee because he is an officer and indirect controlling interest holder of the Fund's Adviser.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Mr. Hull is an interested Officer because he is an officer of the Fund's Adviser.

## Compensation

Each Trustee who is not affiliated with the Trust or Adviser receives an annual fee of \$80,000, as well as reimbursement for any reasonable expenses incurred attending the meetings. Prior to January 1, 2023, each Trustee received an annual fee of \$60,000 as well as reimbursement for any reasonable expenses incurred attending the meetings. The "interested persons" who serve as Trustees of the Trust receive no compensation for their services as Trustees. None of the executive officers receive compensation from the Trust.

The table below details the amount of compensation the Trustees received from the Trust for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023. The Trust does not have a bonus, profit sharing, pension or retirement plan.

Name of Trustee		Total Compensation From Trust and				
	Macro Strategies Fund	Commodities Strategy Fund	Dynamic Opportunity Fund	Spectrum Income Fund	Market Trend Fund	Fund Complex <sup>2</sup> Paid to Trustees
Jon C. Essen (Interested Trustee)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Kevin M. Kinzie (Interested Trustee)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Mark A. Thompson (Independent Trustee)	\$41,092	\$25,436	\$1,592	\$2,090	\$9,790	\$80,000
Ronald A. Tschetter (Independent Trustee)	\$41,092	\$25,436	\$1,592	\$2,090	\$9,790	\$80,000
Dan T. O'Lear (Independent Trustee) <sup>3</sup>	\$41,092	\$25,436	\$1,592	\$2,090	\$9,790	\$80,000
Jeff E. Place (Independent Trustee) <sup>3</sup>	\$41,092	\$25,436	\$1,592	\$2,090	\$9,790	\$80,000
Catie B. Tobin (Independent Trustee) <sup>3</sup>	\$41,092	\$25,436	\$1,592	\$2,090	\$9,790	\$80,000

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Compensation is the amount received for services as a trustee, and would include retainers, salaries, bonuses, fees for meeting attendance and fees for service as a committee chair.

## Trustee Ownership

The following table indicates the dollar range of equity securities that each Trustee beneficially owned in each Fund of the Trust as of December 31, 2023.

Amount Invested Key:

- A. \$0
- B. \$1-\$10,000
- C. \$10,001-\$50,000
- D. \$50,001-\$100,000
- E. Over \$100,000

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Fund Complex refers to the LoCorr Investment Trust, which consists of five other Funds in addition to the Fund.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Mr. O'Lear, Mr. Place and Ms. Tobin began serving as Independent Trustees of the Trust effective January 20, 2023.

Name of Trustee	Dollar Range of Equity Securities in the Funds					Aggregate Dollar Range of Equity Securities in All Registered Investment	
	Macro Strategies Fund	Commodities Strategy Fund	Dynamic Opportunity Fund	Spectrum Income Fund	Market Trend Fund	Companies Overseen by Trustee in Family of Investment Companies	
Jon C. Essen	E.	C.	C.	D.	C.	E.	
Kevin M. Kinzie	E.	D.	D.	E.	E.	E.	
Mark A. Thompson	E.	E.	E.	A.	A.	E.	
Ronald A. Tschetter	E.	A.	A.	A.	A.	E.	
Dan T. O'Lear <sup>1</sup>	A.	A.	A.	A.	A.	A.	
Jeff E. Place <sup>1</sup>	A.	A.	A.	A.	A.	A.	
Catie B. Tobin <sup>1</sup>	A.	A.	A.	A.	A.	A.	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Mr. O'Lear, Mr. Place and Ms. Tobin began serving as Independent Trustees of the Trust effective January 20, 2023.

As of December 31, 2023, the Trustees and officers, as a group, owned less than 1% of the outstanding shares of any class of any of the Funds in the Trust.

## CONTROL PERSONS AND PRINCIPAL HOLDERS

A control person is one who owns beneficially or through controlled companies more than 25% of the voting securities of a company or acknowledged the existence of control. Kevin M. Kinzie may be deemed to control the Fund indirectly because of his controlling interest in the parent company of the Adviser. Shareholders with a controlling interest could affect the outcome of voting or the direction of management of the Fund. A principal shareholder is any person who owns of record or beneficially 5% or more of the outstanding shares of the Fund. As of the date of this SAI, no shareholder owned more than 5% of any class of shares of the Fund.

## **INVESTMENT ADVISER AND SUB-ADVISERS**

#### Investment Adviser

LoCorr Fund Management, LLC, 687 Excelsior Boulevard, Excelsior, MN 55331, serves as investment adviser to the Fund. The Adviser was established in 2010 for the purpose of advising the Funds within the Trust and has no other clients. Kevin M. Kinzie is deemed to indirectly control the Adviser by virtue of his ownership of more than 25% of the Adviser's parent company's membership interests. Jon C. Essen is an affiliated person of the Trust because he is a Trustee and officer. Mr. Essen is also an affiliated person of the Adviser because he is an officer of the Adviser. Kevin M. Kinzie is an affiliated person of the Trust because he is a Trustee and officer and because he indirectly controls the Funds through his control of the Adviser, which in turn controls the Funds. Mr. Kinzie is also an affiliated person of the Adviser because he is an officer of the Adviser and indirectly controls the Adviser. Subject to the supervision and direction of the Trustees, the Adviser manages the Fund's securities and investments in accordance with the Fund's stated investment objectives and policies, makes investment decisions and places orders to purchase and sell securities on behalf of the Fund. The fee paid to the Adviser is governed by an investment management agreement ("Management Agreement") between the Trust, on behalf of the Funds and the Adviser.

Under the Management Agreement, the Adviser, under the supervision of the Board, agrees to invest the assets of the Fund, including through sub-advisers, in accordance with applicable law and the investment

objective, policies and restrictions set forth in the Fund's current Prospectus and this SAI, and subject to such further limitations as the Trust may from time to time impose by written notice to the Adviser. The Adviser shall act as the investment adviser to the Fund and, as such shall (i) obtain and evaluate such information relating to the economy, industries, business, securities markets and securities as it may deem necessary or useful in discharging its responsibilities here under, (ii) formulate a continuing program for the investment of the assets of the Fund in a manner consistent with its investment objective, policies and restrictions, and (iii) determine from time to time securities to be purchased, sold, retained or lent by the Fund, and implement those decisions, including the selection of entities with or through which such purchases, sales or loans are to be effected; provided, that the Adviser will place orders pursuant to its investment determinations either directly with the issuer or with a broker or dealer, and if with a broker or dealer, (a) will attempt to obtain the best price and execution of its orders, and (b) may nevertheless in its discretion purchase and sell portfolio securities from and to brokers who provide the Adviser with research, analysis, advice and similar services and pay such brokers in return a higher commission or spread than may be charged by other brokers. The Adviser also provides the Fund with all necessary office facilities and personnel for servicing the Fund's investments, compensates all officers, Trustees and employees of the Trust who are officers, directors or employees of the Adviser, and all personnel of the Fund or the Adviser performing services relating to research, statistical and investment activities. The Management Agreement was approved by the Board of the Trust, including by a majority of the Independent Trustees.

The Trust has a Management Agreement with the Adviser to furnish investment advisory services to the Fund. Pursuant to the Management Agreement, the Adviser is entitled to receive, on a monthly basis, an annual advisory fee as follows:

Fund	Annual Advisory Fee as a Percentage of the Average Daily Net Assets of the Fund
Hedged Core Fund	1.45%

The Adviser has agreed contractually to waive its management fee and to reimburse expenses, exclusive of any Rule 12b-1 distribution and/or servicing fees, taxes, interest, brokerage commissions, expenses incurred in connection with any merger or reorganization, dividend expenses on short sales, swap fees, indirect expenses, expenses of other investment companies in which the Fund may invest, or extraordinary expenses such as litigation and inclusive of offering and organizational costs incurred prior to the commencement of operations, at least until April 30, 2026, such that net annual fund operating expenses of the Fund do not exceed 1.83% of the daily average net assets attributable to the Hedged Core Fund. Waiver/reimbursement is subject to possible recoupment from a Fund within the three years following the date on which the expenses occurred, if the Fund is able to make the repayment without exceeding its current limitations and the repayment is approved by the Board of Trustees. No reimbursement amount will be paid to the Adviser in any quarter unless the Trust's Board of Trustees has determined in advance that a reimbursement is in the best interest of a Fund and its shareholders. Fee waiver and reimbursement arrangements can decrease the Fund's expenses and increase their performance.

Expenses not expressly assumed by the Adviser under the Management Agreement are paid by the Fund. Under the terms of the Management Agreement, the Fund is responsible for the payment of the following expenses among others: (a) the fees payable to the Adviser, (b) the fees and expenses of Trustees who are not affiliated persons of the Adviser (c) the fees and certain expenses of the Custodian and Transfer and Dividend Disbursing Agent (as defined under the section entitled "Transfer Agent"), including the cost of maintaining certain required records of the Fund and of pricing the Fund's shares, (d) the charges and expenses of legal counsel and independent accountants for the Fund, (e) brokerage commissions and any issue or transfer taxes chargeable to the Fund in connection with its securities transactions, (f) all taxes and corporate fees payable by the Fund to governmental agencies, (g) the fees of any trade association of which the Fund may be a member, (h) the cost of share certificates

representing shares of the Fund, (i) the cost of fidelity and liability insurance, (j) the fees and expenses involved in registering and maintaining registration of the Fund and of its shares with the SEC, qualifying its shares under state securities laws, including the preparation and printing of the Fund's registration statements and prospectuses for such purposes, (k) all expenses of shareholders and Trustees' meetings (including travel expenses of Trustees and officers of the Fund who are directors, officers or employees of the Adviser) and of preparing, printing and mailing reports, proxy statements and prospectuses to shareholders in the amount necessary for distribution to the shareholders and (l) litigation and indemnification expenses and other extraordinary expenses not incurred in the ordinary course of the Fund's business.

The Management Agreement will continue in effect with respect to the Fund for two (2) years initially and thereafter shall continue from year to year provided such continuance is approved at least annually by (a) a vote of the majority of the Independent Trustees, cast in person at a meeting specifically called for the purpose of voting on such approval and by (b) the majority vote of either all of the Trustees or the vote of a majority of the outstanding shares of the Fund. The Management Agreement may be terminated without penalty on 60 days' written notice by a vote of a majority of the Trustees or by the Adviser, or by holders of a majority of that Trust's outstanding shares. The Management Agreement shall terminate automatically in the event of its assignment.

#### **Investment Sub-Advisers**

The Adviser has engaged Graham Capital Management, L.P., ("GCM") located at 40 Highland Avenue, Rowayton, CT 06853, to serve as a sub-adviser to the Fund. GCM is majority owned by KGT Investment Partners, L.P., which is ultimately owned by Kenneth Tropin and members of his immediate family. KGT, Inc., which serves as the general partner of GCM, holds a minority interest. As of December 31, 2023, GCM had approximately \$17.8 billion in assets under management. GCM is responsible for selecting tactical trend futures investments and assuring that such investments are made according to the Fund's investment objectives, policies and restrictions; in so doing, GCM is relying upon the Fund's interpretations of regulatory requirements. The general partner of GCM is KGT, Inc., a Delaware corporation of which Kenneth G. Tropin (the firm's Chairman and Founder) is the President and ultimate sole shareholder. The limited partner of GCM is KGT Investment Partners L.P., a Delaware limited partnership of which KGT, Inc. is also a general partner and in which Mr. Tropin and members of his immediate family are significant beneficial owners. Dyal Capital, formerly a Neuberger Berman company and, as of 2021, a division of Blue Owl Capital Inc., owns an indirect minority interest in the firm.

The Adviser has engaged Millburn Ridgefield LLC, ("Millburn") located at 411 West Putnam Avenue, Suite 305, Greenwich, CT 06830, to serve as a sub-adviser to the Fund. As of December 31, 2023, Millburn had about \$9.5 billion in assets under management.

The Adviser has engaged Nuveen Asset Management, LLC, ("Nuveen") located at 333 West Wacker Drive, Chicago, IL 60606, to serve as a Fund. Nuveen is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Nuveen Fund Advisors, Inc. ("NFA"), which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Nuveen Investments, Inc. ("Nuveen Investments"). In 2014, Nuveen Investments was acquired by TiAA-CREF. Nuveen has adopted policies and procedures that address arrangements involving Nuveen and Bank of America Corporation (including Merrill Lynch) that may give rise to certain conflicts of interest. Nuveen had approximately \$255 billion of assets under management as of December 31, 2023. Nuveen is responsible for selecting fixed income investments and assuring that such investments are made according to the Fund's investment objectives, policies and restrictions. Nuveen is a subsidiary and the investment manager of Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association of America (TIAA), a leading financial services provider serving over 5 million individual participants and 15,000 institutions worldwide as of March 31, 2023.

The Adviser has engaged Revolution Capital Management LLC, ("Revolution") located at 1900 Wazee Street, Suite 200, Denver, CO 80202, to serve as a sub-adviser to the Fund. As of December 31, 2023, Revolution had approximately \$967 million in assets under management.

The Adviser has engaged R.G. Niederhoffer Capital Management, Inc. ("Niederhoffer") located at 1700 Broadway, 39th Floor, New York, New York 10019, to serve as a sub-adviser to the Fund. Subject to the authority of the Board of Trustees and oversight by the Adviser, this sub-adviser is responsible for management of a portion of the Fund's investment portfolio according to the Fund's investment objective, policies and restrictions. Niederhoffer was established in 1993 and is a quantitative trading advisor that employs a short-term, primarily contrarian strategy to trade the world's largest and most liquid markets. As of December 31, 2023, Niederhoffer had approximately \$817 million in assets under management.

Each Sub-Advisory Agreement provides that the Sub-Adviser will formulate and implement a continuous investment program for the respective Fund, in accordance with that Fund's objective, policies and limitations and any investment guidelines established by the Adviser. The Sub-Adviser will, subject to the supervision and control of the Adviser, determine in its discretion which issuers and securities will be purchased, held, sold or exchanged by a Fund, and will place orders with and give instruction to brokers and dealers to cause the execution of such transactions. The Sub-Adviser is required to furnish, at its own expense, all investment facilities necessary to perform its obligations under the Sub-Advisory Agreement. The Adviser, not the Fund, will pay each Sub-Adviser, on a monthly basis, an annual sub-advisory fee on the fixed income portion of the Fund's average daily net assets or on the portion thereof managed by the sub-adviser.

The Sub-Advisory Agreements continue in effect for two (2) years initially and then from year to year, provided they are approved at least annually by a vote of the majority of the Trustees, who are not parties to the agreements or interested persons of any such party, cast in person at a meeting specifically called for the purpose of voting on such approval. The Sub-Advisory Agreements may be terminated without penalty at any time by the Adviser or the Sub-Adviser on 60 days' written notice, and will automatically terminate in the event of an "assignment" (as that term is defined in the 1940 Act).

## Codes of Ethics

The Trust, the Adviser, the Sub-Advisers and the Distributor have adopted respective codes of ethics under Rule 17j-1 under the 1940 Act that govern the personal securities transactions of their board members, officers and employees who may have access to current trading information of the Trust. Under these codes of ethics, the Trustees are permitted to invest in securities that may also be purchased by the Fund.

In addition, the Trust has adopted a separate code of ethics that applies only to the Trust's executive officers to ensure that these officers promote professional conduct in the practice of corporate governance and management. The purpose behind these guidelines is to promote i) honest and ethical conduct, including the ethical handling of actual or apparent conflicts of interest between personal and professional relationships; ii) full, fair, accurate, timely and understandable disclosure in reports and documents that a registrant files with, or submits to, the SEC and in other public communications made by the Fund; iii) compliance with applicable governmental laws, rules and regulations; iv) the prompt internal reporting of violations of this Code to an appropriate person or persons identified in the Code; and v) accountability for adherence to the Code.

## **Proxy Voting Policies**

The Board has adopted Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures ("Policies") on behalf of the Trust, which delegate the responsibility for voting proxies of securities held by the Fund to the Adviser or its designee, subject to the Board's continuing oversight. The Policies require that the Adviser or its designee vote proxies received in a manner consistent with the best interests of the Fund and its shareholders. The Policies also require the Adviser or its designee to present to the Board, at least annually, the Adviser's Proxy Policies and a record of each proxy voted by the Adviser or its designee on behalf of the Fund, including a report on the resolution of all proxies identified by the Adviser as involving a conflict of interest. A copy of the Adviser's and each Sub-Adviser's Proxy Voting Policies are attached hereto as Appendix A.

**More information.** Information regarding how the Fund voted proxies relating to portfolio securities held by the Fund during the most recent 12-month period ending June 30 will be available (1) without charge,

upon request, by calling the Fund at 1-855-523-8637; and (2) on the SEC's website at http://www.sec.gov. In addition, a copy of the Fund's proxy voting policies and procedures are also available by calling 1-855-523-8637 and will be sent within 3 business days of receipt of a request.

## DISTRIBUTION OF SHARES

Quasar Distributors, LLC, Three Canal Plaza, Suite 100, Portland, Maine 04101, is the principal underwriter/distributor (the "Distributor") for the shares of the Fund pursuant to a written agreement with the Trust (the "Underwriting Agreement"). The Distributor is registered as a broker-dealer under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and each state's securities laws and is a member of FINRA. The offering of the Fund's shares is continuous. The Underwriting Agreement provides that the Distributor, as agent in connection with the distribution of Fund shares, will use its best efforts to distribute the Fund's shares.

The Underwriting Agreement shall continue from year to year, subject to annual approval by (a) the Board or a vote of a majority of the outstanding shares, and (b) by a majority of the Trustees who are not interested persons of the Trust or of the Distributor by vote cast in person at a meeting called for the purpose of voting on such approval.

The Underwriting Agreement may be terminated by the Fund at any time, without the payment of any penalty, by vote of a majority of the entire Board of the Trust or by vote of a majority of the outstanding shares of the Fund on 60 days' written notice to the Distributor, or by the Distributor at any time, without the payment of any penalty, on 60 days' written notice to the Fund. The Underwriting Agreement will automatically terminate in the event of its assignment.

The Distributor may enter into selling agreements with broker-dealers that solicit orders for the sale of shares of the Fund and may allow concessions to dealers that sell shares of the Fund. The Distributor receives the portion of the sales charge on all direct initial investments in the Fund and on all investments in accounts with no designated dealer of record. The Distributor retains the contingent deferred sales charge on redemptions of shares of the Fund that are subject to a contingent deferred sales charge and passes the contingent deferred sales charge to the Adviser.

## Rule 12b-1 Plan

The Trust has adopted a Plan of Distribution Pursuant to Rule 12b-1 under the 1940 Act (the "Rule 12b-1 Plan") on behalf of the Class A shares of the Fund. Under the Rule 12b-1 Plan, the Fund pays a fee to the Distributor for distribution and shareholder services for Class A shares at an annual rate of 0.25% of the Fund's average daily net assets. The Rule 12b-1 distribution fee and shareholder servicing fees are discussed in greater detail below. The Rule 12b-1 Plan provides that Distributor may use all or any portion of such Distribution Fee to finance any activity that is principally intended to result in the sale of Fund shares, subject to the terms of the Rule 12b-1 Plan, or to provide certain shareholder services. Class I shares do not participate in the Rule 12b-1 Plan. The Fund may pay distribution and shareholder servicing fees to the Distributor at a lesser rate, as agreed upon by the Board of Trustees of the Trust and the Distributor. The Distributor or other entities also receive the contingent deferred sales charges imposed on certain redemptions of shares, which are separate and apart from payments made pursuant to the Rule 12b-1 Plan.

The Distributor is required to provide a written report, at least quarterly to the Board of Trustees of the Trust, specifying in reasonable detail the amounts expended pursuant to the Rule 12b-1 Plan and the purposes for which such expenditures were made. Further, the Distributor will inform the Board of any Rule 12b-1 fees to be paid by the Distributor to Recipients.

The Rule 12b-1 Plan may not be amended to increase materially the amount of the Distributor's compensation to be paid by the Fund, unless such amendment is approved by the vote of a majority of the outstanding voting securities of the affected class of a Fund (as defined in the 1940 Act). All material amendments must be approved by a majority of the Board of Trustees of the Trust and a majority of the non-interested Trustees by votes cast in person at a meeting called for the purpose of voting on a Rule 12b-1 Plan. During the term of the Rule 12b-1 Plan, the selection and nomination of non-interested Trustees of the Trust will be committed to the discretion of current non-interested Trustees. The Distributor will preserve copies of the Rule 12b-1 Plan, any related agreements, and all reports, for a period of not

less than six years from the date of such document and for at least the first two years in an easily accessible place.

Any agreement related to the Rule 12b-1 Plan will be in writing and provide that: (a) it may be terminated by the Trust or the applicable Fund at any time upon sixty days' written notice, without the payment of any penalty, by vote of a majority of the respective non-interested Trustees, or by vote of a majority of the outstanding voting securities of the Trust or the Fund; (b) it will automatically terminate in the event of its assignment (as defined in the 1940 Act); and (c) it will continue in effect for a period of more than one year from the date of its execution or adoption only so long as such continuance is specifically approved at least annually by a majority of the Board and a majority of the non-interested Trustees by votes cast in person at a meeting called for the purpose of voting on such agreement.

As noted above, the Rule 12b-1 Plan provides for the ability to use assets attributable to Class A shares of the Fund to pay financial intermediaries (including those that sponsor mutual fund supermarkets), plan administrators and other service providers to finance any activity that is principally intended to result in the sale of Fund shares (distribution services). The payments made by a Fund to these financial intermediaries are based primarily on the dollar amount of assets invested in the Fund through the financial intermediaries. These financial intermediaries may pay a portion of the payments that they receive from a Fund to their investment professionals. In addition to the ongoing asset-based fees paid to these financial intermediaries under the Rule 12b-1 Plan, a Fund may, from time to time, make payments under the Rule 12b-1 Plan, a Fund may, from time to time, make payments training and educational meetings about various aspects of the Fund for their employees. In addition, a Fund may make payments under the Rule 12b-1 Plan for exhibition space and otherwise help defray the expenses these financial intermediaries incur in hosting client seminars where the Fund is discussed.

To the extent these asset-based fees and other payments made under the Rule 12b-1 Plan to these financial intermediaries for the distribution services they provide to the Fund's shareholders exceed the Distribution Fees available, these payments are made by the Adviser from its own resources, which may include its profits from the advisory fee it receives from the Fund. In addition, a Fund may participate in various "fund supermarkets" in which a mutual fund supermarket sponsor (usually a broker-dealer) offers many mutual funds to the sponsor's customers without charging the customers a sales charge. In connection with its participation in such platforms, the Adviser may use all or a portion of the Rule 12b-1 distribution fee to pay one or more supermarket sponsors a negotiated fee for distributing a Fund's shares. In addition, in its discretion, the Adviser may pay additional fees to such intermediaries from its own assets.

## Rule 12b-1 Fees

#### Distribution Fee

The Distributor may use the Rule 12b-1 distribution fee to pay for services covered by the Distribution Plan including, but not limited to, advertising, compensating underwriters, dealers and selling personnel engaged in the distribution of Class A Fund shares, the printing and mailing of prospectuses, statements of additional information and reports to other than current Class A Fund shareholders, the printing and mailing of sales literature pertaining to the Class A shares of the Fund, and obtaining whatever information, analyses and reports with respect to marketing and promotional activities that the Fund may, from time to time, deem advisable.

## **PORTFOLIO MANAGERS**

The following table lists the number and types of accounts managed by the Portfolio Managers in addition to those of the Fund and assets under management in those accounts as of December 31, 2022:

## **Total Other Accounts Managed**

Portfolio Manager	Registered Investment Company Accounts	Assets Managed	Pooled Investment Vehicle Accounts	Assets Managed	Other Accounts	Assets Managed		
		LoCorr Fund	d Manageme	nt, LLC		_		
Jon Essen	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0		
		LoCorr Fund	d Manageme	nt, LLC				
Sean Katof	0	\$0	1	\$151.7 million	0	\$0		
		Graham Capi	tal Managem	ent, L.P.				
Kenneth G. Tropin	7	\$2,753 million	18	\$1,902 million	25	\$6,197 million		
Pablo Calderini	7	\$2,753 million	18	\$1,902 million	25	\$6,197 million		
Millburn Ridge	field LLC							
Harvey Beker	3	\$6,128 million	23	\$1,589 million	40	\$1,717 million		
Barry Goodman	3	\$6,128 million	20	\$1,482 million	40	\$1,717 million		
Grant Smith	3	\$6,128 million	20	\$1,482 million	40	\$1,717 million		
		Nuveen Ass	et Manageme	ent, LLC				
Tony Rodriguez	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0		
Peter Agrimson	2	\$1,967 million	0	\$0	3	\$13.0 million		
Revolution Capital Management LLC								
Michael Mundt	3	\$594.2 million	6	\$245.7 million	11	\$304 million		
Theodore Olson	3	\$594.2 million	6	\$245.7 million	11	\$304 million		
R.G. Niederhoffer Capital Management, Inc.								
Roy Niederhoffer	1	\$164 million	4	\$63 million	4	\$447 million		

## Portion of Total Other Accounts Managed Subject to Performance Fees

	Registered		Pooled					
	Investment Company	Assets	Investment Vehicle	Assets	Other	Assets		
Portfolio Manager	Accounts	Managed	Accounts	Managed	Accounts	Managed		
			d Manageme					
Jon Essen	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0		
		LoCorr Fun	d Manageme	nt, LLC				
Sean Katof	0	\$0	1	\$316,742	0	\$0		
		Graham Cap	ital Managem	nent, L.P.		_		
Kenneth G. Tropin	0	\$0	4	\$565 million	13	\$2,103 million		
Pablo Calderini	0	\$0	4	\$565 million	13	\$2,103 million		
		Millbur	n Ridgefield I	LC.				
Harvey Beker	0	\$0	17	\$1,386 million	36	\$1,377 million		
Barry Goodman	0	\$0	16	\$1,279 million	36	\$1,377 million		
Grant Smith	0	\$0	16	\$1,279 million	36	\$1,377 million		
		Nuveen Ass	et Manageme	ent, LLC				
Tony Rodriguez	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0		
Peter Agrimson	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0		
Revolution Capital Management LLC								
Michael Mundt	0	\$0	6	\$245.7 million	9	\$290.1 million		
Theodore Olson	0	\$0	6	\$245.7 million	9	\$290.1 million		
	R.G. Niederhoffer Capital Management, Inc.							
Roy Niederhoffer	0	\$0	3	\$63 million	4	\$447 million		

## **Conflicts of Interest**

As indicated in the table above, the portfolio managers may manage numerous accounts for multiple clients. These accounts may include registered investment companies, other types of pooled accounts (e.g., collective investment funds), and separate accounts (i.e., accounts managed on behalf of individuals or public or private institutions). The portfolio managers make investment decisions for each account based on the investment objectives and policies and other relevant investment considerations applicable to that portfolio.

When the portfolio managers have responsibility for managing more than one account, potential conflicts of interest may arise. Those conflicts could include preferential treatment of one account over others in terms of allocation of resources or of investment opportunities. For instance, the Adviser or Sub-Advisers may receive fees from certain accounts that are higher than the fee received from the Fund, or any of them may receive a performance-based fee on certain accounts. In those instances, the portfolio managers may have an incentive to favor the higher and/or performance-based fee accounts over the Fund. The Adviser and Sub-Advisers have adopted policies and procedures designed to address these potential material conflicts. For instance, the Adviser and Sub-Advisers utilize a system for allocating investment opportunities among portfolios that is designed to provide a fair and equitable allocation.

#### **Compensation of the Portfolio Managers**

As compensation, the Adviser portfolio managers receive a salary and discretionary bonus.

Each GCM portfolio manager receives a salary and discretionary bonus. The portfolio managers' compensation is not dependent on the performance of a Fund.

Each Millburn portfolio manager receives a salary and discretionary annual bonus. The portfolio managers' compensation is not dependent on the performance of a Fund.

Each Nuveen portfolio manager receives a salary and discretionary bonus. In addition, the portfolio managers may qualify for long term incentive/retention plans that may provide additional compensation.

Each Revolution portfolio manager receives a salary and discretionary bonus. The portfolio managers' compensation is not dependent on the performance of a Fund.

Each Niederhoffer portfolio manager receives a salary and discretionary bonus. The portfolio managers' compensation is not dependent on the performance of a Fund.

#### **Ownership**

As of March 31, 2024, none of the portfolio managers owned shares of the Fund.

# ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT OF WHOLLY-OWNED SUBSIDIARIES

The Subsidiary of the Fund is LCHC Fund, Limited, c/o Maples Corporate Services, Limited, PO Box 309, Ugland House, South Church Street, George Town, Grand Cayman KY1-1104, Cayman Islands. The Subsidiary's affairs are overseen by a board of directors composed of the three Independent Trustees from the Board of Trustees of the Trust.

The Subsidiary has entered into separate contracts with the Adviser for the management of the Subsidiary's portfolio. Each Subsidiary has also entered into arrangements with U.S. Bank, N.A. to serve as the Subsidiaries' custodian. The Subsidiaries have adopted compliance policies and procedures that are substantially similar to the policies and procedures adopted by the Fund. The Fund's Chief Compliance Officer oversees implementation of the Subsidiaries' policies and procedures, and makes periodic reports to the Fund's Board regarding the Subsidiaries' compliance with its policies and procedures.

The Fund pays the Adviser a fee for its services. The Adviser has contractually agreed to waive the management fee it receives from the Fund's Subsidiary, so long as the Subsidiary is wholly-owned by the Fund. This undertaking will continue in effect for so long as the Fund invests in the Subsidiaries, and may not be terminated by the Adviser unless the Adviser first obtains the prior approval of the Fund's Board of Trustees for such termination. The Adviser pays GCM, Millburn, and Revolution a fee for its services on a consolidated basis for services to the Fund and its Subsidiaries. Each Subsidiary will bear the fees and expenses incurred in connection with the custody services that it receives. The Fund expects that the expenses borne by the respective Subsidiary will not be material in relation to the value of the Fund's assets. It is also anticipated that the Fund's own expenses will be reduced to some extent as a result of the payment of such expenses at the Subsidiary level. It is therefore expected that the Fund's investment in the Subsidiaries will not result in the Fund paying duplicative fees for similar services provided to the Fund and Subsidiaries.

Please refer to the section in this SAI titled "Tax Status – Wholly-Owned Subsidiary" for information about certain tax aspects of the Fund's investment in the Subsidiaries.

## ALLOCATION OF PORTFOLIO BROKERAGE

Specific decisions to purchase or sell securities for the Fund are made by the portfolio managers, who are employees of the Adviser or Sub-Advisers. The Adviser and Sub-Advisers are authorized by the Trustees to allocate the orders placed on behalf of the Fund to brokers or dealers who may, but need not, provide research or statistical material or other services to the Fund or the Adviser or Sub-Advisers for the Fund's

use. Such allocation is to be in such amounts and proportions as the Adviser or Sub-Advisers may determine.

In selecting a broker or dealer to execute each particular transaction, the Adviser and Sub-Advisers will take into consideration execution capability and available liquidity; timing and size of particular orders; commission rates; responsiveness; trading experience; reputation, and integrity and fairness in resolving disputes. "Best execution" means the best overall qualitative execution, not necessarily the lowest possible commission cost. The Adviser and Sub-Advisers will obtain information as to the general level of commission rates being charged by the brokerage community from time to time and will periodically evaluate the overall reasonableness of brokerage commissions paid on client transactions by reference to such data. The Adviser and Sub-Advisers periodically review the past performance of the exchange members, brokers or dealers with whom they have been placing orders to execute Fund transactions in light of the factors discussed above.

Brokers or dealers executing a portfolio transaction on behalf of the Fund may receive a commission in excess of the amount of commission another broker or dealer would have charged for executing the transaction if the Adviser or Sub-Advisers determines in good faith that such commission is reasonable in relation to the value of brokerage, research and other services provided to the Fund. In allocating portfolio brokerage, the Adviser or Sub-Advisers may select brokers or dealers who also provide brokerage, research and other services to other accounts over which the Adviser or Sub-Advisers exercise investment discretion. Some of the services received as the result of Fund transactions may primarily benefit accounts other than the Fund, while services received as the result of portfolio transactions effected on behalf of those other accounts may primarily benefit the Fund.

## **PORTFOLIO TURNOVER**

The Fund's portfolio turnover rates are calculated by dividing the lesser of purchases or sales of portfolio securities for the fiscal year by the monthly average of the value of the portfolio securities owned by the Fund during the fiscal year. The calculation excludes from both the numerator and the denominator securities with maturities at the time of acquisition of one year or less. High portfolio turnover involves correspondingly greater brokerage commissions and other transaction costs, which will be borne directly by the Fund. A 100% turnover rate would occur if all of the Fund's portfolio securities were replaced once within a one-year period.

## **OTHER SERVICE PROVIDERS**

## Fund Administration, Fund Accounting and Transfer Agent

The Fund Administrator, Fund Accountant and Transfer Agent for the Fund is U.S. Bancorp Fund Services, LLC, doing business as U.S. Bank Global Fund Services ("Fund Services"), which has its principal office at 615 East Michigan Street, Milwaukee, WI 53202, and is primarily in the business of providing administrative, fund accounting and transfer agent services to retail and institutional mutual funds.

Pursuant to a Fund Administration Servicing Agreement, Fund Accounting Servicing Agreement and a Transfer Agent Servicing Agreement (each an "Agreement" and together the "Agreements") with the Fund, Fund Services provides administrative, accounting and transfer agent services to the Fund, subject to the supervision of the Board.

Each Agreement was initially approved by the Board with respect to the Fund. Each Agreement shall remain in effect for 3 years from the date of its initial approval, and is subject to renewal thereafter. Each Agreement is terminable by the Board or Fund Services on 90 days' written notice and may be assigned provided the non-assigning party provides prior written consent. The Agreements provide that Fund Services shall not be liable to the Trust except for liabilities resulting from its refusal or failure to comply

with the terms of the Agreements, or its bad faith, negligence or willful misconduct in the performance of its duties under the Agreements.

Administration. Fund Services provides general Fund administrative management such as: acting as liaison among Fund service providers, coordinating the Trustee's communications, meeting agendas and resolutions, preparing appropriate schedules and assisting independent auditors, monitoring compliance with the Investment Company Act requirements, preparing and filing with the appropriate state securities authorities any and all required compliance filings relating to the qualification of the securities of the Fund, assisting Fund counsel in the annual update of the Prospectus and SAI and in preparation of proxy statements as needed, monitoring the Trust's status as a regulated investment company under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, providing financial data required by the Prospectus and SAI, and preparing and filing on a timely basis appropriate federal and state tax returns.

**Fund Accounting**. Fund Services provides general Fund accounting services, including: portfolio valuation and trade reporting, expense accrual and payment, computation of net asset value, maintenance of ledgers and books and records, financial and tax reporting, as required by the 1940 Act, maintaining certain books and records described in Rule 31a-1 under the 1940 Act, and reconciling account information and balances among the Fund's custodian or Adviser and reconciling sales and redemptions of shares of the Fund.

For the fund accounting services rendered to the Fund by Fund Services, the Fund pays a fund accounting fee based upon the number and type of Fund transactions and accounting-related out-of-pocket expenses.

**Transfer Agent.** U.S. Bancorp Fund Services, LLC, which has its principal office at 615 East Michigan Street, Milwaukee, WI 53202, serves as transfer, dividend disbursing, and shareholder servicing agent for the Fund.

**Custodian.** U.S. Bank, N.A., (the "Custodian") which has its principal office at 1555 N. RiverCenter Dr., Suite 302, Milwaukee, WI 53212, serves as the custodian of the Fund's assets pursuant to a Custody Agreement by and between the Custodian and the Trust on behalf of the Fund. The Custodian's responsibilities include safeguarding and controlling the Fund's cash and securities, handling the receipt and delivery of securities, and collecting interest and dividends on the Fund's investments. Pursuant to the Custody Agreement, the Custodian also maintains original entry documents and books of record and general ledgers; posts cash receipts and disbursements; and records purchases and sales based upon communications from the Adviser and Sub-Adviser. The Fund may employ foreign sub-custodians that are approved by the Board to hold foreign assets.

## **DESCRIPTION OF SHARES**

Each share of beneficial interest of the Trust has one vote in the election of Trustees. Cumulative voting is not authorized for the Trust. This means that the holders of more than 50% of the shares voting for the election of Trustees can elect 100% of the Trustees if they choose to do so, and, in that event, the holders of the remaining shares will be unable to elect any Trustees.

Shareholders of the Trust and any other future series of the Trust will vote in the aggregate and not by series except as otherwise required by law or when the Board determines that the matter to be voted upon affects only the interest of the shareholders of a particular series. Matters such as ratification of the independent public accountants and election of Trustees are not subject to separate voting requirements and may be acted upon by shareholders of the Trust voting without regard to series.

The Trust is authorized to issue an unlimited number of shares of beneficial interest. Each share has equal dividend, distribution and liquidation rights. There are no conversion or preemptive rights applicable to any shares of the Fund. All shares issued are fully paid and non-assessable.

## ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING PROGRAM

The Trust has established an Anti-Money Laundering Compliance Program (the "Program") as required by the Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act of 2001 ("USA PATRIOT Act"). To ensure compliance with this law, the Trust's Program provides for the development of internal practices, procedures and controls, designation of anti-money laundering compliance officers, an ongoing training program and an independent audit function to determine the effectiveness of the Program.

Procedures to implement the Program include, but are not limited to, determining that the Fund's Distributor and the Administrator have established proper anti-money laundering procedures, reported suspicious and/or fraudulent activity and a complete and thorough review of all new opening account applications. The Trust will not transact business with any person or legal entity whose identity and beneficial owners, if applicable, cannot be adequately verified under the provisions of the USA PATRIOT Act.

As a result of the Program, the Trust may be required to "freeze" the account of a shareholder if the shareholder appears to be involved in suspicious activity or if certain account information matches information on government lists of known terrorists or other suspicious persons, or the Trust may be required to transfer the account or proceeds of the account to a governmental agency.

## PURCHASE, REDEMPTION AND PRICING OF SHARES

## **Pricing of Shares**

The net asset value ("NAV") of the shares of the Fund is determined at the close of trading (normally 4:00 p.m., Eastern Time) on each day the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") is open for business. For a description of the methods used to determine the NAV, see "How Shares Are Priced" in the Prospectus.

Equity securities generally are valued by using market quotations, but may be valued on the basis of prices furnished by a pricing service when the Adviser believes such prices accurately reflect the fair market value of such securities. Securities that are traded on any stock exchange or on the NASDAQ over-the-counter market are generally valued by the pricing service at the last quoted sale price. Lacking a last sale price, an equity security is generally valued by the pricing service at its last bid price. When market quotations are not readily available, when the Adviser determines that the market quotation or the price provided by the pricing service does not accurately reflect the current market value, or when restricted or illiquid securities are being valued, such securities are valued as determined in good faith by the Adviser, in conformity with guidelines adopted by and subject to the overall oversight of the Board.

The Trust expects that the holidays upon which the Exchange will be closed are as follows: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Washington's Birthday, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Juneteenth National Independence Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.

#### **Purchase of Shares**

Investors may only purchase Fund shares after receipt of a current Prospectus and by filling out and submitting an application supplied by the Fund. Orders for shares received by a Fund in good order prior to the close of business on the NYSE on each day during such periods that the NYSE is open for trading are priced at net asset value per share or offering price (net asset value plus a sales charge, if applicable) computed as of the close of the regular session of trading on the NYSE. Orders received in good order after the close of the NYSE, or on a day it is not open for trading, are priced at the close of such NYSE on the next day on which it is open for trading at the next determined net asset value or offering price per share.

The availability of certain sales charge waivers and discounts will depend on whether you purchase your shares directly from the Fund or through a financial intermediary. Intermediaries may have different policies and procedures regarding the availability of front-end sales load waivers or contingent deferred (back-end) sales load ("CDSC") waivers. In all instances, it is the purchaser's responsibility to notify the Fund or the purchaser's financial intermediary at the time of purchase of any relationship or other facts qualifying the purchaser for sales charge waivers or discounts. For waivers and discounts not available through a particular intermediary, shareholders will have to purchase Fund shares directly from the Fund or through another intermediary to receive these waivers or discounts. Please see "Intermediary-Defined Sales Charge Waiver Policies" in Appendix A of the Fund's Prospectus for more information.

#### Redemption of Shares

The Fund will redeem all or any portion of a shareholder's shares in the Fund when requested in accordance with the procedures set forth in the "Redemptions" section of the Prospectus. Under the 1940 Act, a shareholder's right to redeem shares and to receive payment therefore may be suspended at times:

- (a) when the NYSE is closed, other than customary weekend and holiday closings;
- (b) when trading on that exchange is restricted for any reason;
- (c) when an emergency exists as a result of which disposal by the Fund of securities owned by it is not reasonably practicable or it is not reasonably practicable for the Fund to fairly determine the value of its net assets, provided that applicable rules and regulations of the SEC (or any succeeding governmental authority) will govern as to whether the conditions prescribed in (b) or (c) exist; or
- (d) when the SEC by order permits a suspension of the right to redemption or a postponement of the date of payment on redemption.

In case of suspension of the right of redemption, payment of a redemption request will be made based on the net asset value next determined after the termination of the suspension. The redemption price is the net asset value next determined after notice is received by a Fund for redemption of shares, minus the amount of any applicable redemption fee and/or deferred sales charge. The proceeds received by the shareholder may be more or less than his/her cost of such shares, depending upon the net asset at the time of redemption and the difference should be treated by the shareholder as a capital gain or loss for federal and state income tax purposes.

The Fund may purchase shares of Investment Companies that charge a redemption fee to shareholders (such as the Fund) that redeem shares of the Underlying Fund within a certain period of time (such as one year). The fee is payable to the Underlying Fund. Accordingly, if a Fund were to invest in an Underlying Fund and incur a redemption fee as a result of redeeming shares in such Underlying Fund, the Fund would bear such redemption fee. The Fund will not, however, invest in shares of an Underlying Fund that is sold with a contingent deferred sales load.

Supporting documents in addition to those listed under "Redemptions" in the Prospectus will be required from executors, administrators, Trustees, or if redemption is requested by someone other than the shareholder of record. Such documents include, but are not restricted to, stock powers, Trust instruments, certificates of death, appointments as executor, certificates of corporate authority and waiver of tax required in some states when settling estates.

## Redemption Fee/Market Timing

The Fund discourages and does not accommodate market timing. Market timing is an investment strategy using frequent purchases and redemptions and/or exchanges in an attempt to profit from short-term market movements. Market timing may result in dilution of the value of Fund shares held by long-term shareholders, disrupt portfolio management, and increase Fund expenses for all shareholders. The Board of Trustees has adopted a policy requiring the Fund's transfer agent to monitor shareholder activity for purchases and redemptions and/or exchanges that reasonably indicate market timing activity. The transfer agent does not employ an objective standard and may not be able to identify all market timing activity or may misidentify certain trading activity as market timing activity. The Board of Trustees also has adopted a redemption policy to discourage short-term traders and/or market timers from investing in

certain Funds. A 2% fee will be assessed against investment proceeds withdrawn within 60 days of investment. Shares held longest will be treated as being redeemed first and shares held shortest as being redeemed last. The redemption fee is intended to offset the costs associated with short-term shareholder trading and is retained by the Fund. The redemption fee is applied uniformly in all cases.

While the Fund attempts to deter market timing, there is no assurance that they will be able to identify and eliminate all market timers. For example, certain accounts called "omnibus accounts" include multiple shareholders. Omnibus accounts typically provide the Fund with a net purchase or redemption request on any given day where purchasers of Fund shares and redeemers of Fund shares are netted against one another and the identity of individual purchasers and redeemers whose orders are aggregated is not known by the Fund. The netting effect often makes it more difficult to apply redemption fees, and there can be no assurance that the Fund will be able to apply the fee to such accounts in an effective manner. Brokers maintaining omnibus accounts with the Fund has agreed to provide shareholder transaction information, to the extent known to the broker, to the Fund upon request. If the Fund becomes aware of market timing in an omnibus account, it will work with the broker maintaining the omnibus account to identify the shareholder engaging in the market timing activity. In addition to the redemption fee, the Fund reserves the right to reject any purchase order for any reason, including purchase orders that it does not think are in the best interest of the Fund or its shareholders or if the Fund thinks that trading is abusive.

Waivers of Redemption Fees: The Fund has elected not to impose the redemption fee for:

- redemptions and exchanges of Fund shares acquired through the reinvestment of dividends and distributions;
- certain types of redemptions and exchanges of Fund shares owned through participantdirected retirement plans;
- redemptions or exchanges in discretionary asset allocation, fee based or wrap programs ("wrap programs") that are initiated by the sponsor/financial advisor as part of a periodic rebalancing;
- redemptions or exchanges in a fee based or wrap program that are made as a result of a full withdrawal from the wrap program or as part of a systematic withdrawal plan including the Fund's systematic withdrawal plan;
- involuntary redemptions, such as those resulting from a shareholder's failure to maintain a minimum investment in the Fund; or
- other types of redemptions as the Adviser or the Trust may determine in special situations and approved by the Fund's or the Adviser's Chief Compliance Officer.

## TAX STATUS

Under provisions of Sub-Chapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as amended, the Fund, by paying out substantially all of its investment income and realized capital gains, intends to be relieved of federal income tax on the amounts distributed to shareholders. In order to qualify as a "regulated investment company" under Subchapter M, at least 90% of the Fund's income must be derived from dividends, interest and gains from securities transactions, and no more than 50% of the Fund's total assets may be in two or more securities that exceed 5% of the total assets of the Fund at the time of each security's purchase. Not qualifying under Sub-Chapter M of the Internal Revenue Code would cause a Fund to be considered a personal holding company subject to normal corporate income taxes. This would reduce the value of shareholder holdings by the amount of taxes paid. Any subsequent dividend distribution of the Fund's earnings after taxes would still be taxable as received by shareholders. The Fund may invest in companies that pay "qualifying dividends." Investors in the Fund may benefit from the tax bill and its lower tax rate on taxable quarterly dividend payments, attributable to corporate dividends, distributed by the Fund.

Net investment income is made up of dividends and interest less expenses. Net capital gain for a fiscal year is computed by taking into account any capital loss carryforward of the Fund. Capital losses incurred in tax years beginning after December 22, 2010 may now be carried forward indefinitely and retain the

character of the original loss. Under previously enacted laws, capital losses could be carried forward to offset any capital gains for only eight years, and carried forward as short-term capital losses, irrespective of the character of the original loss. Capital loss carryforwards are available to offset future realized capital gains. To the extent that these carryforwards are used to offset future capital gains it is probable that the amount offset will not be distributed to shareholders.

For taxable years beginning after December 31, 2012, certain U.S. shareholders, including individuals and estates and trusts, will be subject to an additional 3.8% Medicare tax on all or a portion of their "net investment income," which should include dividends from the Fund and net gains from the disposition of shares of the Fund. U.S. shareholders are urged to consult their own tax advisors regarding the implications of the additional Medicare tax resulting from an investment in the Fund.

## Options, Futures, Forward Contracts and Swap Agreements

To the extent such investments are permissible for the Fund, the Fund's transactions in options, futures contracts, hedging transactions, forward contracts, straddles and foreign currencies will be subject to special tax rules (including mark-to-market, constructive sale, straddle, wash sale and short sale rules), the effect of which may be to accelerate income to the Fund, defer losses to the Fund, cause adjustments in the holding periods of the Fund's securities, convert long-term capital gains into short-term capital gains and convert short-term capital losses into long-term capital losses. These rules could therefore affect the amount, timing and character of distributions to shareholders.

To the extent such investments are permissible, certain of the Fund's hedging activities (including its transactions, if any, in foreign currencies or foreign currency-denominated instruments) are likely to produce a difference between its book income and its taxable income. If the Fund's book income exceeds its taxable income, the distribution (if any) of such excess book income will be treated as (i) a dividend to the extent of the Fund's remaining earnings and profits (including earnings and profits arising from tax-exempt income), (ii) thereafter, as a return of capital to the extent of the recipient's basis in the shares, and (iii) thereafter, as gain from the sale or exchange of a capital asset. If the Fund's book income is less than taxable income, the Funs could be required to make distributions exceeding book income to qualify as a regular investment company that is accorded special tax treatment.

## Foreign Taxation

Income received by the Fund from sources within foreign countries may be subject to withholding and other taxes imposed by such countries. Tax treaties and conventions between certain countries and the U.S. may reduce or eliminate such taxes. If more than 50% of the value of the Fund's total assets at the close of its taxable year consists of securities of foreign corporations, the Fund may be able to elect to "pass through" to its shareholders the amount of eligible foreign income and similar taxes paid by the Fund. If this election is made, a shareholder generally subject to tax will be required to include in gross income (in addition to taxable dividends actually received) his or her pro rata share of the foreign taxes paid by the Fund, and may be entitled either to deduct (as an itemized deduction) his or her pro rata share of foreign taxes in computing his or her taxable income or to use it as a foreign tax credit against his or her U.S. federal income tax liability, subject to certain limitations. In particular, a shareholder must hold his or her shares (without protection from risk of loss) on the ex-dividend date and for at least 15 more days during the 30-day period surrounding the ex-dividend date to be eligible to claim a foreign tax credit with respect to a gain dividend. No deduction for foreign taxes may be claimed by a shareholder who does not itemize deductions. Each shareholder will be notified within 60 days after the close of the Fund's taxable year whether the foreign taxes paid by the Fund will "pass through" for that year.

Generally, a credit for foreign taxes is subject to the limitation that it may not exceed the shareholder's U.S. tax attributable to his or her total foreign source taxable income. For this purpose, if the pass-through election is made, the source of the Fund's income will flow through to shareholders of the Fund. With respect to the Fund, gains from the sale of securities will be treated as derived from U.S. sources and certain currency fluctuation gains, including fluctuation gains from foreign currency-denominated debt securities, receivables and payables will be treated as ordinary income derived from U.S. sources. The limitation on the foreign tax credit is applied separately to foreign source passive income, and to certain

other types of income. A shareholder may be unable to claim a credit for the full amount of his or her proportionate share of the foreign taxes paid by the Fund. The foreign tax credit can be used to offset only 90% of the revised alternative minimum tax imposed on corporations and individuals and foreign taxes generally are not deductible in computing alternative minimum taxable income.

## Passive Foreign Investment Companies

Investment by the Fund in certain "passive foreign investment companies" ("PFICs") could subject the Fund to a U.S. federal income tax (including interest charges) on distributions received from the company or on proceeds received from the disposition of shares in the company, which tax cannot be eliminated by making distributions to Fund shareholders. However, the Fund may elect to treat a PFIC as a "qualified electing fund" ("QEF election"), in which case a Fund will be required to include its share of the company's income and net capital gains annually, regardless of whether it receives any distribution from the company.

The Fund also may make an election to mark the gains (and to a limited extent losses) in such holdings "to the market" as though it had sold and repurchased its holdings in those PFICs on the last day of the Fund's taxable year. Such gains and losses are treated as ordinary income and loss. The QEF and mark-to-market elections may accelerate the recognition of income (without the receipt of cash) and increase the amount required to be distributed for the Fund to avoid taxation. Making either of these elections therefore may require the Fund to liquidate other investments (including when it is not advantageous to do so) to meet its distribution requirement, which also may accelerate the recognition of gain and affect the Fund's total return.

## Foreign Currency Transactions

The Fund's transactions in foreign currencies, foreign currency-denominated debt securities and certain foreign currency options, futures contracts and forward contracts (and similar instruments) may give rise to ordinary income or loss to the extent such income or loss results from fluctuations in the value of the foreign currency concerned.

## Original Issue Discount and Pay-In-Kind Securities

Current federal tax law requires the holder of a U.S. Treasury or other fixed income zero coupon security to accrue as income each year a portion of the discount at which the security was purchased, even though the holder receives no interest payment in cash on the security during the year. In addition, pay-in-kind securities will give rise to income which is required to be distributed and is taxable even though the Fund holding the security receives no interest payment in cash on the security during the year.

Some of the debt securities (with a fixed maturity date of more than one year from the date of issuance) that may be acquired by the Fund may be treated as debt securities that are issued originally at a discount. Generally, the amount of the original issue discount ("OID") is treated as interest income and is included in income over the term of the debt security, even though payment of that amount is not received until a later time, usually when the debt security matures. A portion of the OID includable in income with respect to certain high-yield corporate debt securities (including certain pay-in-kind securities) may be treated as a dividend for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

Some of the debt securities (with a fixed maturity date of more than one year from the date of issuance) that may be acquired by the Fund in the secondary market may be treated as having market discount. Generally, any gain recognized on the disposition of, and any partial payment of principal on, a debt security having market discount is treated as ordinary income to the extent the gain, or principal payment, does not exceed the "accrued market discount" on such debt security. Market discount generally accrues in equal daily installments. The Fund may make one or more of the elections applicable to debt securities having market discount, which could affect the character and timing of recognition of income.

Some debt securities (with a fixed maturity date of one year or less from the date of issuance) that may be acquired by the Fund may be treated as having acquisition discount, or OID in the case of certain types of debt securities. Generally, the Fund will be required to include the acquisition discount, or OID, in income over the term of the debt security, even though payment of that amount is not received until a later time, usually when the debt security matures. The Fund may make one or more of the elections applicable to debt securities having acquisition discount, or OID, which could affect the character and timing of recognition of income.

A fund that holds the foregoing kinds of securities may be required to pay out as an income distribution each year an amount, which is greater than the total amount of cash interest the Fund actually received. Such distributions may be made from the cash assets of the Fund or by liquidation of portfolio securities, if necessary (including when it is not advantageous to do so). The Fund may realize gains or losses from such liquidations. In the event the Fund realizes net capital gains from such transactions, its shareholders may receive a larger capital gain distribution, if any, than they would in the absence of such transactions.

Tax Distribution: The Fund's distributions (capital gains & dividend income), whether received by shareholders in cash or reinvested in additional shares of the Fund, may be subject to federal income tax payable by shareholders. All income realized by the Fund including short-term capital gains, will be taxable to the shareholder as ordinary income. Dividends from net income will be made annually or more frequently at the discretion of the Fund's Board of Trustees. Dividends received shortly after purchase of Fund shares by an investor will have the effect of reducing the per share net asset value of his/her shares by the amount of such dividends or distributions. You should consult a tax adviser regarding the effect of federal, state, local, and foreign taxes on an investment in the Fund.

Federal Withholding: The Fund is required by federal law to withhold at a rate set under Section 3406 of the Code for U.S. residents of reportable payments (which may include dividends, capital gains, distributions and redemptions) paid to shareholders who have not complied with IRS regulations. In order to avoid this withholding requirement, you must certify on a W-9 tax form supplied by the Fund that your Social Security or Taxpayer Identification Number provided is correct and that you are not currently subject to back-up withholding, or that you are exempt from back-up withholding. Payments to a shareholder that is either a foreign financial institution ("FFI") or a non-financial foreign entity ("NFFE") within the meaning of the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act ("FATCA") may be subject to a generally nonrefundable 30% withholding tax on: (a) income dividends paid by a Fund after June 30, 2014 and (b) certain capital gain distributions and the proceeds arising from the sale of Fund shares paid by the Fund after December 31, 2016. FATCA withholding tax generally can be avoided: (a) by an FFI, subject to any applicable intergovernmental agreement or other exemption, if it enters into a valid agreement with the IRS to, among other requirements, report required information about certain direct and indirect ownership of foreign financial accounts held by U.S. persons with the FFI and (b) by an NFFE, if it: (i) certifies that it has no substantial U.S. persons as owners or (ii) if it does have such owners, reports information relating to them. A Fund may disclose the information that it receives from its shareholders to the IRS, non-U.S. taxing authorities or other parties as necessary to comply with FATCA. Withholding also may be required if a foreign entity that is a shareholder of a Fund fails to provide the Fund with appropriate certifications or other documentation concerning its status under FATCA.

Shareholders of the Fund may be subject to state and local taxes on distributions received from the Fund and on redemptions of the Fund's shares.

A brief explanation of the form and character of the distribution accompany each distribution. In January of each year the Fund issues to each shareholder a statement of the federal income tax status of all distributions.

Shareholders should consult their tax advisors about the application of federal, state and local and foreign tax law in light of their particular situation.

## Wholly-Owned Subsidiary

The Fund intends to invest a portion of its assets in a Subsidiary, which will be classified as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes. A foreign corporation, such as the Subsidiary, will generally not be subject to U.S. federal income taxation unless it is deemed to be engaged in a U.S. trade or business. It is expected that each Subsidiary will conduct its activities in a manner so as to meet the requirements of a safe harbor under Section 864(b)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code (the "Safe Harbor") pursuant to which the Subsidiary, provided it is not a dealer in stocks, securities or commodities, may engage in the following activities without being deemed to be engaged in a U.S. trade or business: (1) trading in stocks or securities (including contracts or options to buy or sell securities) for its own account; and (2) trading, for its own account, in commodities that are "of a kind customarily dealt in on an organized commodity exchange" if the transaction is of a kind customarily consummated at such place. Thus, the Subsidiary's securities and commodities trading activities should not constitute a U.S. trade or business. However, if certain of a Subsidiary's activities were determined not to be of the type described in the Safe Harbor or if the Subsidiary's gains are attributable to investments in securities that constitute U.S. real property interests (which is not expected), then the activities of the Subsidiary may constitute a U.S. trade or business, or be taxed as such.

In general, a foreign corporation that does not conduct a U.S. trade or business is nonetheless subject to tax at a flat rate of 30 percent (or lower tax treaty rate), generally payable through withholding, on the gross amount of certain U.S.-source income that is not effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business. There is presently no tax treaty in force between the U.S. and the Cayman Islands that would reduce this rate of withholding tax. Income subject to such a flat tax includes dividends and certain interest income. The 30 percent tax does not apply to U.S.-source capital gains (whether long-term or short-term) or to interest paid to a foreign corporation on its deposits with U.S. banks. The 30 percent tax also does not apply to interest which qualifies as "portfolio interest." The term "portfolio interest" generally includes interest (including original issue discount) on an obligation in registered form which has been issued after July 18, 1984 and with respect to which the person, who would otherwise be required to deduct and withhold the 30 percent tax, received the required statement that the beneficial owner of the obligation is not a U.S. person within the meaning of the Internal Revenue Code. Under certain circumstances, interest on bearer obligations may also be considered portfolio interest.

The Subsidiary will be wholly-owned by the Fund. A U.S. person who owns (directly, indirectly or constructively) 10 percent or more of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock of a foreign corporation is a "U.S. Shareholder" for purposes of the controlled foreign corporation ("CFC") provisions of the Internal Revenue Code. A foreign corporation is a CFC if, on any day of its taxable year, more than 50 percent of the voting power or value of its stock is owned (directly, indirectly or constructively) by "U.S. Shareholders." Because the Fund is a U.S. person that will own all of the stock of a Subsidiary, the Fund will be a "U.S. Shareholder" and each Subsidiary will be a CFC. As a "U.S. Shareholder," the Fund will be required to include in gross income for United States federal income tax purposes all of the respective Subsidiary's "subpart F income" (defined, in part, below), whether or not such income is distributed by the Subsidiary. It is expected that all of each Subsidiary's income will be "subpart F income." "Subpart F income" generally includes interest, original issue discount, dividends, net gains from the disposition of stocks or securities, receipts with respect to securities loans and net payments received with respect to equity swaps and similar derivatives. "Subpart F income" also includes the excess of gains over losses from transactions (including futures, forward and similar transactions) in any commodities. The Fund's recognition of its Subsidiary's "subpart F income" will increase the Fund's tax basis in the Subsidiary. Distributions by the Subsidiary to the Fund will be tax-free, to the extent of its previously undistributed "subpart F income," and will correspondingly reduce the Fund's tax basis in the Subsidiary. "Subpart F income" is generally treated as ordinary income, regardless of the character of the Subsidiary's underlying income. A registered investment company, such as the Fund, is not subject to entity level taxation so long as it meets the "qualifying income" test under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. In the event that the Internal Revenue Service were to take issue with the dividend issued by the Subsidiary to the Fund being counted as "qualifying income" for the Fund, the Fund may fail the "qualifying income" test and be subject not only to entity level taxation on gains, but also to additional fines or penalties.

In general, each "U.S. Shareholder" is required to file IRS Form 5471 with its U.S. federal income tax (or information) returns providing information about its ownership of the CFC and the CFC. In addition, a "U.S. Shareholder" may in certain circumstances be required to report a disposition of shares in a Subsidiary by attaching IRS Form 5471 to its U.S. federal income tax (or information) return that it would normally file for the taxable year in which the disposition occurs. In general, these filing requirements will apply to investors of the Fund if the investor is a U.S. person who owns directly, indirectly or constructively (within the meaning of Sections 958(a) and (b) of the Internal Revenue Code) 10 percent or more of the total combined voting power of all classes of voting stock of a foreign corporation that is a CFC for an uninterrupted period of 30 days or more during any tax year of the foreign corporation, and who owned that stock on the last day of that year.

## INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

Cohen & Company, Ltd., located at 342 N. Water Street, Suite 830, Milwaukee, WI 53202, serves as the Fund's independent registered public accounting firm providing services including the audit of annual financial statements.

## LEGAL COUNSEL

Thompson Hine LLP, 41 South High Street, Suite 1700, Columbus, OH 43215, serves as the Trust's legal counsel.

## CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Fund has not yet commenced operations and, therefore, has not produced financial statements. Once produced, you can obtain a copy of the Fund's future Semi-Annual Reports and Annual Reports without charge by calling the Fund at 1-855-523-8637 or by visiting www.LoCorrFunds.com.

## **APPENDIX A**

## PROXY VOTING GUIDELINES FOR

## LoCorr Fund Management, LLC Proxy Voting Policy and Procedures

The Adviser will vote proxies on behalf of its individual clients. In order to fulfill its responsibilities under the Advisers Act, the Adviser has adopted the following policies and procedures for proxy voting with regard to companies in the investment portfolio of the Fund(s).

## Voting Proxies

- 1. All proxies sent to clients that are actually received by the Adviser (to vote on behalf of the client) will be provided to the Operations Unit.
- 2. The Operations Unit will generally adhere to the following procedures (subject to limited exception):
  - (a) A written record of each proxy received by the Adviser (on behalf of its clients) will be kept in the Adviser's files;
  - (b) The Operations Unit will determine which of the Adviser holds the security to which the proxy relates:
  - (c) Prior to voting any proxies, the Operations Unit will determine if there are any conflicts of interest related to the proxy in question in accordance with the general guidelines set forth below. If a conflict is identified, the Operations Unit will then make a determination (which may be in consultation with outside legal counsel) as to whether the conflict is material.
  - (d) If no material conflict is identified pursuant to these procedures, the Operations Unit will vote the proxy in accordance with the guidelines set forth below. The Operations Unit will deliver the proxy in accordance with instructions related to such proxy in a timely and appropriate manner.

#### Conflicts of Interest

- 1. As stated above, in evaluating how to vote a proxy, the Operations Unit will first determine whether there is a conflict of interest related to the proxy in question between the Adviser and its Advisory Clients. This examination will include (but will not be limited to) an evaluation of whether the Adviser (or any affiliate of the Adviser) has any relationship with the company (or an affiliate of the company) to which the proxy relates outside of an investment in such company by a client of the Adviser.
- 2. If a conflict is identified and deemed "material" by the Operations Unit, the Adviser will determine whether voting in accordance with the proxy voting guidelines outlined below is in the best interests of the client (which may include utilizing an independent third party to vote such proxies).
- 3. With respect to material conflicts, the Adviser will determine whether it is appropriate to disclose the conflict to affected clients and give such clients the opportunity to vote the proxies in question themselves. However, with respect to ERISA clients whose advisory contract reserves the right to vote proxies when the Adviser has determined that a material conflict exists that affects its best judgment as a fiduciary to the ERISA client, the Adviser will:
  - (a) Give the ERISA client the opportunity to vote the proxies in question themselves; or
  - (b) Follow designated special proxy voting procedures related to voting proxies pursuant to the terms of the investment management agreement with such ERISA clients (if any).

In order to fulfill its responsibilities under the Act, LoCorr Fund Management, LLC (hereinafter "we" or "our") has adopted the following policies and procedures for proxy voting with regard to companies in investment portfolios of our clients.

## **KEY OBJECTIVES**

The key objectives of these policies and procedures recognize that a company's management is entrusted with the day-to-day operations and longer term strategic planning of the company, subject to the oversight of the company's board of directors. While "ordinary business matters" are primarily the responsibility of management and should be approved solely by the corporation's board of directors, these objectives also recognize that the company's shareholders must have final say over how management and directors are performing, and how shareholders' rights and ownership interests are handled, especially when matters could have substantial economic implications to the shareholders.

Therefore, we will pay particular attention to the following matters in exercising our proxy voting responsibilities as a fiduciary for our clients:

Accountability. Each company should have effective means in place to hold those entrusted with running a company's business accountable for their actions. Management of a company should be accountable to its board of directors and the board should be accountable to shareholders.

Alignment of Management and Shareholder Interests. Each company should endeavor to align the interests of management and the board of directors with the interests of the company's shareholders. For example, we generally believe that compensation should be designed to reward management for doing a good job of creating value for the shareholders of the company.

*Transparency.* Promotion of timely disclosure of important information about a company's business operations and financial performance enables investors to evaluate the performance of a company and to make informed decisions about the purchase and sale of a company's securities.

## **DECISION METHODS**

We generally believe that the individual portfolio managers that invest in and track particular companies are the most knowledgeable and best suited to make decisions with regard to proxy votes. Therefore, we rely on those individuals to make the final decisions on how to cast proxy votes.

No set of proxy voting guidelines can anticipate all situations that may arise. In special cases, we may seek insight from our managers and analysts on how a particular proxy proposal will impact the financial prospects of a company, and vote accordingly.

In some instances, a proxy vote may present a conflict between the interests of a client, on the one hand, and our interests or the interests of a person affiliated with us, on the other. In such a case, we will abstain from making a voting decision and will forward all of the necessary proxy voting materials to the client to enable the client to cast the votes.

## SUMMARY OF PROXY VOTING GUIDELINES

## **Election of the Board of Directors**

We believe that good corporate governance generally starts with a board composed primarily of independent directors, unfettered by significant ties to management, all of whose members are elected annually. We also believe that turnover in board composition promotes independent board action, fresh approaches to governance, and generally has a positive impact on shareholder value. We will generally vote in favor of non-incumbent independent directors.

The election of a company's board of directors is one of the most fundamental rights held by shareholders. Because a classified board structure prevents shareholders from electing a full slate of directors

annually, we will generally support efforts to declassify boards or other measures that permit shareholders to remove a majority of directors at any time, and will generally oppose efforts to adopt classified board structures.

## **Approval of Independent Auditors**

We believe that the relationship between a company and its auditors should be limited primarily to the audit engagement, although it may include certain closely related activities that do not raise an appearance of impaired independence.

We will evaluate on a case-by-case basis instances in which the audit firm has a substantial non-audit relationship with a company to determine whether we believe independence has been, or could be, compromised.

## **Equity-based compensation plans**

We believe that appropriately designed equity-based compensation plans, approved by shareholders, can be an effective way to align the interests of shareholders and the interests of directors, management, and employees by providing incentives to increase shareholder value. Conversely, we are opposed to plans that substantially dilute ownership interests in the company, provide participants with excessive awards, or have inherently objectionable structural features.

We will generally support measures intended to increase stock ownership by executives and the use of employee stock purchase plans to increase company stock ownership by employees. These may include:

- 1. Requiring senior executives to hold stock in a company.
- 2. Requiring stock acquired through option exercise to be held for a certain period of time.

These are guidelines, and we consider other factors, such as the nature of the industry and size of the company, when assessing a plan's impact on ownership interests.

## **Corporate Structure**

We view the exercise of shareholders' rights, including the rights to act by written consent, to call special meetings and to remove directors, to be fundamental to good corporate governance. Because classes of common stock with unequal voting rights limit the rights of certain shareholders, we generally believe that shareholders should have voting power equal to their equity interest in the company and should be able to approve or reject changes to a company's By-Laws by a simple majority vote.

We will generally support the ability of shareholders to cumulate their votes for the election of directors.

## **Shareholder Rights Plans**

While we recognize that there are arguments both in favor of and against shareholder rights plans, also known as poison pills, such measures may tend to entrench current management, which we generally consider to have a negative impact on shareholder value. Therefore, while we will evaluate such plans on a case by case basis, we will generally oppose such plans.

#### Disclosure of Procedures

A summary of above these proxy voting procedures will be included in Part II of the Adviser's Form ADV and will be updated whenever these policies and procedures are updated. Clients will be provided with contact information as to how they can obtain information about: (a) the Adviser's proxy voting procedures (i.e., a copy of these procedures); and (b) how the Adviser voted proxies that are relevant to the affected client.

## Record-keeping Requirements

The Operations Unit will be responsible for maintaining files relating to the Adviser's proxy voting procedures. Records will be maintained and preserved for five years from the end of the fiscal year during which the last entry was made on a record, with records for the first two years kept in the offices of the Adviser. Records of the following will be included in the files:

- 1. Copies of these proxy voting policies and procedures, and any amendments thereto;
- 2. A copy of each proxy statement that the Adviser actually received; provided, however, that the Adviser may rely on obtaining a copy of proxy statements from the SEC's EDGAR system for those proxy statements that are so available:

- 3. A record of each vote that the Adviser casts;
- 4. A copy of any document that the Adviser created that was material to making a decision how to vote the proxies, or memorializes that decision (if any); and
- 5. A copy of each written request for information on how the Adviser voted such client's proxies and a copy of any written response to any request for information on how the Adviser voted proxies on behalf of clients.

## **Nuveen Asset Management, LLC**

# Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures Effective Date: January 1, 2011, as last amended October 24, 2018

## I. General Principles

- **A.** Nuveen Asset Management, LLC ("NAM") is an investment sub-adviser for certain of the Nuveen Funds (the "Funds") and investment adviser for institutional and other separately managed accounts (collectively, with the Funds, "Accounts"). As such, Accounts may confer upon NAM complete discretion to vote proxies.<sup>1</sup>
- **B.** When NAM has proxy voting authority, It is NAM's duty to vote proxies in the best interests of its clients (which may involve affirmatively deciding that voting the proxies may not be in the best interests of certain clients on certain matters). In voting proxies, NAM also seeks to enhance total investment return for its clients.
- **C.** If NAM contracts with another investment adviser to act as a sub-adviser for an Account, NAM may delegate proxy voting responsibility to the sub-adviser. Where NAM has delegated proxy voting responsibility, the sub-adviser will be responsible for developing and adhering to its own proxy voting policies, subject to oversight by NAM.
- **D.** NAM's Proxy Voting Committee ("PVC") provides oversight of NAM's proxy voting policies and procedures, including (1) providing an administrative framework to facilitate and monitor the exercise of such proxy voting and to fulfill the obligations of reporting and recordkeeping under the federal securities laws; and (2) approving the proxy voting policies and procedures.

#### II. Policies

The PVC after reviewing and concluding that such policies are reasonably designed to vote proxies in the best interests of clients, has approved and adopted the proxy voting policies ("Policies") of Institutional Shareholder Services, Inc. ("ISS"), a leading national provider of proxy voting administrative and research services. As a result, such policies set forth NAM's positions on recurring proxy issues and criteria for addressing non-recurring issues. These policies are reviewed periodically by ISS, and therefore are subject to change. Even though it has adopted the Policies as drafted by ISS, NAM maintains the fiduciary responsibility for all proxy voting decisions.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> NAM does not vote proxies where a client withholds proxy voting authority, and in certain nondiscretionary and model programs NAM votes proxies in accordance with its Policies in effect from time to time. Clients may opt to vote proxies themselves, or to have proxies voted by an independent third party or other named fiduciary or agent, at the client's cost. <sup>i</sup> ISS has separate polices for Taft Hartley plans and it is NAM's policy to apply the Taft Hartley polices to accounts that are Taft Hartley plans and have requested the application of such policies.

## III. Procedures

A. Supervision of Proxy Voting. Day-to-day administration of proxy voting may be provided internally or by a third-party service provider, depending on client type, subject to the ultimate oversight of the PVC. The PVC shall supervise the relationships with NAM's proxy voting services, ISS. ISS apprises Nuveen Global Operations ("NGO") of shareholder meeting dates, and casts the actual proxy votes. ISS also provides research on proxy proposals and voting recommendations. ISS serves as NAM's proxy voting record keepers and generate reports on how proxies were voted. NGO periodically reviews communications from ISS to determine whether ISS voted the correct amount of proxies, whether the votes were cast in a timely manner, and whether the vote was in accordance with the Policies or NAM's specific instructions.

#### B. General Avoidance of Conflicts of Interest.

- NAM believes that most conflicts of interest faced by NAM in voting proxies can be avoided by voting in accordance with the Policies. Examples of such conflicts of interest are as follows:<sup>2</sup>
  - a. The issuer or proxy proponent (e.g., a special interest group) is TIAA-CREF, the ultimate principal owner of NAM, or any of its affiliates.
  - b. The issuer is an entity in which an executive officer of NAM or a spouse or domestic partner of any such executive officer is or was (within the past three years of the proxy vote) an executive officer or director.
  - c. The issuer is a registered or unregistered fund or other client for which NAM or another affiliated adviser has a material relationship as investment adviser or subadviser (e.g., Nuveen Funds and TIAA Funds) or an institutional separate account.
  - d. Any other circumstances that NAM is aware of where NAM's duty to serve its clients' interests, typically referred to as its "duty of loyalty," could be materially compromised.
- To further minimize this risk, Compliance will review ISS' conflict avoidance policy at least annually to ensure that it adequately addresses both the actual and perceived conflicts of interest ISS may face.
- 3. In the event that ISS faces a material conflict of interest with respect to a specific vote, the PVC shall direct ISS how to vote. The PVC shall receive voting direction from appropriate investment personnel. Before doing so, the PVC will consult with Legal to confirm that NAM faces no material conflicts of its own with respect to the specific proxy vote.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> A conflict of interest shall not be considered material for the purposes of these Policies and Procedures with respect to a specific vote or circumstance if the matter to be voted on relates to a restructuring of the terms of existing securities or the issuance of new securities or a similar matter arising out of the holding of securities, other than common equity, in the context of a bankruptcy or threatened bankruptcy of the issuer.

- 4. Where ISS is determined to have a conflict of interest, or NAM determines to override the Policies and is determined to have a conflict, the PVC will recommend to NAM's Compliance Committee or designee a course of action designed to address the conflict. Such actions could include, but are not limited to:
  - Obtaining instructions from the affected client(s) on how to vote the proxy;
  - Disclosing the conflict to the affected client(s) and seeking their consent to permit NAM to vote the proxy;
  - c. Voting in proportion to the other shareholders;
  - Recusing the individual with the actual or potential conflict of interest from all discussion or consideration of the matter, if the material conflict is due to such person's actual or potential conflict of interest; or
  - e. Following the recommendation of a different independent third party.
- In addition to all of the above-mentioned and other conflicts, the Head of Equity Research, NGO and any member of the PVC must notify NAM's Chief Compliance Officer ("CCO") of any direct, indirect or perceived improper influence exerted by any employee, officer or director of TIAA or its subsidiaries with regard to how NAM should vote proxies. NAM Compliance will investigate any such allegations and will report the findings to the PVC and, if deemed appropriate, to NAM's Compliance Committee. If it is determined that improper influence was attempted, appropriate action shall be taken. Such appropriate action may include disciplinary action, notification of the appropriate senior managers, or notification of the appropriate regulatory authorities. In all cases, NAM will not consider any improper influence in determining how to vote proxies, and will vote in the best interests of clients.
- C. Proxy Vote Override. From time to time, a portfolio manager of an account (a "Portfolio Manager") may initiate action to override the Policies' recommendation for a particular vote. Any such override by a NAM Portfolio Manager (but not a sub-adviser Portfolio Manager) shall be reviewed by NAM's Legal Department for material conflicts. If the Legal Department determines that no material conflicts exist, the approval of one member of the PVC shall authorize the override. If a material conflict exists, the conflict and, ultimately, the override recommendation will be rejected and will revert to the original Policies recommendation or will be addressed pursuant to the procedures described above under "Conflicts of Interest."

In addition, the PVC may determine from time to time that a particular policy recommendation in the Policies should be overridden based on a determination that the recommendation is inappropriate and not in the best interests of shareholders. Any such determination shall be reflected in the minutes of a meeting of the PVC at which such decision is made.

## D. Securities Lending.

 In order to generate incremental revenue, some clients may participate in a securities lending program. If a client has elected to participate in the lending program then it will not have the right to vote the proxies of any securities that are on loan as of the shareholder meeting record date. A client, or a Portfolio Manager, may place restrictions on loaning securities and/or recall a security on loan at any time. Such actions must be affected prior to the record date for a meeting if the purpose for the restriction or recall is to secure the vote.

- 2. Portfolio Managers and/or analysts who become aware of upcoming proxy issues relating to any securities in portfolios they manage, or issuers they follow, will consider the desirability of recalling the affected securities that are on loan or restricting the affected securities prior to the record date for the matter. If the proxy issue is determined to be material, and the determination is made prior to the shareholder meeting record date the Portfolio Manager(s) will contact the Securities Lending Agent to recall securities on loan or restrict the loaning of any security held in any portfolio they manage, if they determine that it is in the best interest of shareholders to do so.
- E. Proxy Voting Records. As required by Rule 204-2 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, NAM shall make and retain five types of records relating to proxy voting; (1) NAM's Policies; (2) proxy statements received for securities in client accounts; (3) records of proxy votes cast by NAM on behalf of clients accounts; (4) records of written requests from clients about how NAM voted their proxies, and written responses from NAM to either a written or oral request by clients; and (5) any documents prepared by the adviser that were material to making a proxy voting decision or that memorialized the basis for the decision. NAM relies on ISS to make and retain on NAM's behalf certain records pertaining to Rule 204-2.
- **F. Fund of Funds Provision**. In instances where NAM provides investment advice to a fund of funds that acquires shares of affiliated funds or three percent or more of the outstanding voting securities of an unaffiliated fund, the acquiring fund shall vote the shares in the same proportion as the vote of all other shareholders of the acquired fund. If compliance with this procedure results in a vote of any shares in a manner different than the Policies' recommendation, such vote will not require compliance with the Proxy Vote Override procedures set forth above.
- G. Legacy Securities. To the extent that NAM receives proxies for securities that are transferred into an account's portfolio that were not recommended or selected by it and are sold or expected to be sold promptly in an orderly manner ("legacy securities"), NAM will generally refrain from voting such proxies. In such circumstances, since legacy securities are expected to be sold promptly, voting proxies on such securities would not further NAM's interest in maximizing the value of client investments. NAM may agree to an account's special request to vote a legacy security proxy, and would vote such proxy in accordance with the Policies.
- **H. Terminated Accounts.** Proxies received after the termination date of an account generally will not be voted. An exception will be made if the record date is for a period in which an account was under NAM's discretionary management or if a separately managed account ("SMA") custodian failed to remove the account's holdings from its aggregated voting list.
- I. Non-votes. NGO shall be responsible for obtaining reasonable assurance from ISS that it voted proxies on NAM's behalf, and that any special instructions from NAM about a given proxy or proxies are submitted to ISS in a timely manner. It should not be considered a breach of this responsibility if NGO or NAM does not receive a proxy from ISS or a custodian with adequate time to analyze and direct to vote or vote a proxy by the required voting deadline.

NAM may determine not to vote proxies associated with the securities of any issuer if as a result of voting such proxies, subsequent purchases or sales of such securities would be blocked. However, NAM may decide, on an individual security basis that it is in the best interests of its clients to vote the proxy associated

with such a security, taking into account the loss of liquidity. In addition, NAM may determine not to vote proxies where the voting would in NAM's judgment result in some other financial, legal, regulatory disability or burden to the client (such as imputing control with respect to the issuer) or to NAM or its affiliates.

NAM may determine not to vote securities held by SMAs where voting would require the transfer of the security to another custodian designated by the issuer. Such transfer is generally outside the scope of NAM's authority and may result in significant operational limitations on NAM's ability to conduct transactions relating to the securities during the period of transfer. From time to time, situations may arise (operational or otherwise) that prevent NAM from voting proxies after reasonable attempts have been made.

## J. Review and Reports.

- The PVC shall maintain a review schedule. The schedule shall include reviews of the Policies and the policies of any Sub-adviser engaged by NAM, the proxy voting record, account maintenance, and other reviews as deemed appropriate by the PVC. The PVC shall review the schedule at least annually.
- The PVC will report to NAM's Compliance Committee with respect to all identified conflicts and how they were addressed. These reports will include all accounts, including those that are sub-advised. NAM also shall provide the Funds that it subadvises with information necessary for preparing Form N-PX.
- **K. Vote Disclosure to Clients.** NAM's institutional and SMA clients can contact their relationship manager for more information on NAM's policies and the proxy voting record for their account. The information available includes name of issuer, ticker/CUSIP, shareholder meeting date, description of item and NAM's vote.

## IV. Responsible Parties

PVC NGO NAM Compliance Legal Department

## KETTLE HILL CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, LLC

# PROXY VOTING POLICY AND PROCEDURES

#### I. STATEMENT OF POLICY

Proxy voting is an important right of shareholders and reasonable care and diligence must be undertaken to ensure that such rights are properly and timely exercised. When the Adviser has discretion to vote the proxies of its clients, it will vote those proxies in the best interest of its clients and in accordance with these policies and procedures.

#### II. PROXY VOTING PROCEDURES

## A. Private Fund Clients and Separately Managed Accounts

All proxies received by the Adviser will be sent to the Compliance Officer. The Compliance Officer is required to:

- Keep a record of each proxy received;
- Determine which accounts managed by the Adviser hold the security to which the proxy relates;
- Identify all accounts that hold the security, together with the number of votes each
  account controls (reconciling any duplications), and the date by which the Adviser
  must vote the proxy in order to allow enough time for the completed proxy to be
  returned to the issuer prior to the vote taking place.
- Evaluate the effect of a "yes" and a "no" vote on the relevant client and perform an
  initial conflict assessment (see Section IV below) to determine whether a material
  conflict exists between the interests of the Adviser and/or its supervised persons and
  those of its clients.
- If the Compliance Officer determines that no material conflict exists, the Compliance
  Officer is responsible for completing the proxy and mailing the proxy in a timely and
  appropriate manner.
- If the Compliance Officer finds that a material conflict exists, the Adviser may retain a third party to assist it in coordinating and voting proxies with respect to client securities. If so, the Compliance Officer is required to monitor the third party to assure that all proxies are being properly voted and appropriate records are being retained.

## B. Registered Investment Company Clients

Upon receipt of a proxy, the Compliance Officer is responsible for evaluating whether
the proxy relates to any shares of a registered investment company held by the
Adviser on behalf of another registered investment company client (e.g., such as when
in receipt of proxies for ETFs owned by a registered investment company client).

- If so, the Compliance Officer is responsible for either (a) obtaining instructions from the Adviser's registered investment company client as to how to vote the proxy, or (b) echo voting the proxy. The Compliance Officer is responsible for documenting the instructions received as to the manner of voting, or the fact that the proxy is being echo voted.
- If the proxy does not involve the shares of a registered investment company held by the Adviser on behalf of another registered investment company, the Compliance Officer is responsible for (a) evaluating the effect of a "yes" and a "no" vote on the relevant client and (b) performing an initial conflict assessment to determine whether a material conflict exists between the interests of the Adviser and/or its supervised persons and those of its clients. Any conflicts are required to be documented and described.
- If the Compliance Officer determines that no material conflict exists, the Compliance
  Officer is responsible for completing the proxy and mailing or transmitting the proxy in
  a timely and appropriate manner.
- If the Compliance Officer finds that a material conflict exists, the Adviser may retain a third party to assist it in coordinating and voting the proxy. If so, the Compliance Officer is responsible for monitoring the third party to ensure that all proxies are being properly voted and appropriate records are being retained.

## **III. VOTING GUIDELINES**

In the absence of specific voting guidelines from the client or when not otherwise required by law, the Adviser will vote proxies in the best interests of each particular client, which may result in different voting results for proxies for the same issuer. The Adviser believes that voting proxies in accordance with the following guidelines is in the best interests of its clients.

 Generally, the Adviser will vote in favor of routine corporate housekeeping proposals, including election of directors (where no corporate governance issues are implicated), selection of auditors, and increases in or reclassification of common stock.

For other proposals, the Adviser shall determine whether a proposal is in the best interests of its clients and may take into account the following factors, among others:

- whether the proposal was recommended by management and the Adviser's opinion of management;
- whether the proposal acts to entrench existing management; and
- whether the proposal fairly compensates management for past and future performance.

As set forth herein, when in receipt of proxies for any registered investment company client, the Adviser is required to either (a) seek instructions from the registered investment company's (i.e., the acquiring fund) shareholders with regard to the voting of all proxies relating to the acquired fund and to vote only in accordance with such instructions, or (b) vote the shares held by it in the same proportion as the vote of all other holders of the security (i.e., to "echo vote").

## **IV. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

- 1. The Compliance Officer is responsible for identifying any conflicts that exist between the interests of the Adviser and its clients. This examination will include a review of the relationship of the Adviser and its affiliates with the issuer of each security and any of the issuer's affiliates to determine if the issuer is a client of the Adviser or an affiliate of the Adviser or has some other relationship with the Adviser or a client of the Adviser.
- 2. If a material conflict exists, the Adviser is responsible for determining whether voting in accordance with the voting guidelines and factors described above is in the best interests of the client. The Adviser must also determine whether it is appropriate to disclose the conflict to the affected clients and, except in the case of clients that are subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended ("ERISA"), give the clients the opportunity to vote their proxies themselves. In the case of ERISA clients, if the Investment Management Agreement reserves to the ERISA client the authority to vote proxies when the Adviser determines it has a material conflict that affects its best judgment as an ERISA fiduciary, the Adviser is required to give the ERISA client the opportunity to vote the proxies themselves.

#### V. DISCLOSURE

- 1. The Adviser will disclose in its Form ADV Part 2 that clients may contact the Compliance Officer, via e-mail or telephone, in order to obtain information on how the Adviser voted such client's proxies, and to request a copy of these policies and procedures. If a client requests this information, the Compliance Officer will prepare a written response to the client that lists, with respect to each voted proxy about which the client has inquired, (a) the name of the issuer; (b) the proposal voted upon, and (c) how the Adviser voted the client's proxy.
- 2. A concise summary of this Proxy Voting Policy and Procedures will be included in the Adviser's Form ADV Part 2, and will be updated whenever these policies and procedures are updated. The Compliance Officer will arrange for a copy of this summary to be sent to all existing clients either as a separate mailing or along with a periodic account statement or other correspondence sent to clients.

## VI. RECORDKEEPING

The Compliance Officer will maintain files relating to the Adviser's proxy voting procedures in an easily accessible place. Records will be maintained and preserved for five years from the end of the fiscal year during which the last entry was made on a record, with records for the first two years kept in the offices of the Adviser. Records of the following will be included in the files:

- Copies of this proxy voting policy and procedures, and any amendments thereto.
- A copy of each proxy statement that the Adviser receives, provided however that the Adviser may rely on obtaining a copy of proxy statements from the SEC's EDGAR system for those proxy statements that are so available.<sup>1</sup>
- A record of each vote that the Adviser casts.<sup>2</sup>
- A copy of any document the Adviser created that was material to making a decision how to vote proxies, or that memorializes that decision.
- A copy of each written client request for information on how the Adviser voted such client's proxies, and a copy of any written response to any (written or oral) client request for information on how the Adviser voted its proxies.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The Adviser may choose instead to have a third party retain a copy of proxy statements (provided that the third party undertakes to provide a copy of the proxy statements promptly upon request).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>The Adviser may also rely on a third party to retain a copy of the votes cast (provided that the third party undertakes to provide a copy of the record promptly upon request).

# PROXY VOTING POLICY AND PROCEDURES

# Bramshill Investments, LLC

## **POLICY**

It is the Firm's policy, where it has accepted responsibility to vote proxies on behalf of a particular client, to vote such proxies in the best interest of its clients and ensure that the vote is not the product of an actual or potential conflict of interest. For clients that are subject to ERISA, it is the Firm's policy to follow the provisions of any ERISA plan's governing documents in the voting of plan securities, unless it determines that to do so would breach its fiduciary duties under ERISA.

#### RESPONSIBILITY

Where the Firm has accepted responsibility to vote proxies on behalf of a particular client, the Chief Investment Officer is responsible for ensuring that proxies are voted in a manner consistent with the proxy voting guidelines adopted by the Firm (the "Proxy Voting Guidelines") and the Firm's policies and procedures.

## **PROCEDURES**

The Firm may vote client proxies where a client requests and the Firm accepts such responsibility, or in the case of an employee benefit plan, as defined by ERISA, where such responsibility has been properly delegated to, and assumed by, the Firm. In such circumstances the Firm will only cast proxy votes in a manner consistent with the best interest of its clients or, to the extent applicable, their beneficiaries. Absent special circumstances, which are further discussed below, all proxies will be voted consistent with the Proxy Voting Guidelines attached to the Compliance Manual on Exhibit E and the Firm's policies and procedures. The Firm will, in its Form ADV, generally disclose to clients information about these policies and procedures and how clients may obtain information on how the Firm voted their proxies when applicable. At any time, a client may contact the Firm to request information about how it voted proxies for their securities. It is generally the Firm's policy not to disclose its proxy voting records to unaffiliated third parties or special interest groups.

The Firm's Proxy Voting Committee will be responsible for monitoring corporate actions, making proxy voting decisions, and ensuring that proxies are submitted in a timely manner. The Proxy Voting Committee may delegate the responsibility to vote client proxies to one or more persons affiliated with the Firm (such person(s) together with the Proxy Voting Committee are hereafter collectively referred to as "Responsible Voting Parties") consistent with the Proxy Voting Guidelines. Specifically, when the Firm receives proxy proposals where the Proxy Voting Guidelines outline its general position as voting either "for" or "against," the proxy will be voted by one of the Responsible Voting Parties in accordance with the Firm's Proxy Voting Guidelines. When the Firm receives proxy proposals where the Proxy Voting Guidelines do not contemplate the issue or otherwise outline its general position as voting on a case-by-case basis, the proxy will be forwarded to the Proxy Voting Committee, which will review the proposal and either vote the proxy or instruct one of the Responsible Voting Parties on how to vote the proxy.

It is intended that the Proxy Voting Guidelines will be applied with a measure of flexibility. Accordingly, except as otherwise provided in these policies and procedures, the Responsible Voting Parties may vote a proxy contrary to the Proxy Voting Guidelines if, in the sole determination of the Proxy Voting Committee, it is determined that such action is in the best interest of the Firm's clients. In the exercise of such discretion, the Proxy Voting Committee may take into account a wide array of factors relating to the matter under consideration, the nature of the proposal, and the company involved. Similarly, poor past performance, uncertainties about management and future directions, and other factors may lead to a conclusion that particular proposals by an issuer present unacceptable investment risks and should not be supported. In

addition, the proposals should be evaluated in context. For example, a particular proposal may be acceptable standing alone, but objectionable when part of an existing or proposed package, such as where the effect may be to entrench management. Special circumstances or instructions from clients may also justify casting different votes for different clients with respect to the same proxy vote.

The Responsible Voting Parties will document the rationale for all proxy voted contrary to the Proxy Voting Guidelines. Such information will be maintained as part of the Firm's recordkeeping process. In performing its responsibilities, the Proxy Voting Committee may consider information from one or more sources including, but not limited to, management of the company presenting the proposal, shareholder groups, legal counsel, and independent proxy research services. In all cases, however, the ultimate decisions on how to vote proxies are made by the Proxy Voting Committee.

## **ERISA Plans**

Plans managed by the Firm governed by ERISA will be administered consistent with the terms of the governing plan documents and applicable provisions of ERISA. In cases where the Firm has been delegated sole proxy voting discretion, these policies and procedures will be followed subject to the fiduciary responsibility standards of ERISA. These standards generally require fiduciaries to act prudently and to discharge their duties solely in the interest of participants and beneficiaries. The Department of Labor has indicated that voting decisions of ERISA fiduciaries must generally focus on the course that would most likely increase the value of the stock being voted.

The documents governing ERISA individual account plans may set forth various procedures for voting "employer securities" held by the plan. Where authority over the investment of plan assets is granted to plan participants, many individual account plans provide that proxies for employer securities will be voted in accordance with directions received from plan participants as to shares allocated to their plan accounts. In some cases, the governing plan documents may further provide that unallocated shares and/or allocated shares for which no participant directions are received will be voted in accordance with a proportional voting method in which such shares are voted proportionately in the same manner as are allocated shares for which directions from participants have been received.

## Conflicts of Interest

The Firm may occasionally be subject to conflicts of interest in the voting of proxies due to business or personal relationships it maintains with persons having an interest in the outcome of certain votes. For example, the Firm may provide services to accounts owned or controlled by companies whose management is soliciting proxies. The Firm, along with any affiliates and/or employees, may also occasionally have business or personal relationships with other proponents of proxy proposals, participants in proxy contests, corporate directors, or candidates for directorships.

If the Responsible Voting Parties become aware of any potential or actual conflict of interest relating to a particular proxy proposal, they will promptly report such conflict to the Committee. Conflicts of interest will be handled in various ways depending on their type and materiality of the conflict. The Firm will take the following steps to ensure that its proxy voting decisions are made in the best interest of its clients and are not the product of such conflict:

- Where the Proxy Voting Guidelines outline the Firm's voting position, as either "for" or "against" such proxy proposal, voting will be accordance with the its Proxy Voting Guidelines.
- Where the Proxy Voting Guidelines outline the Firm's voting position to be determined on a "casebycase" basis for such proxy proposal, or such proposal is not contemplated in the Proxy Voting

Guidelines, then one of the two following methods will be selected by the Committee depending upon the facts and circumstances of each situation and the requirements of applicable law:

- Voting the proxy in accordance with the voting recommendation of a non-affiliated third party vendor; or
- Provide the client with sufficient information regarding the proxy proposal and obtain the client's consent or direction before voting.

## **Third Party Delegation**

The Firm may delegate to a non-affiliated third party vendor, the responsibility to review proxy proposals and make voting recommendations to the Firm. The Chief Investment Officer will ensure that any third party recommendations followed will be consistent with the Proxy Voting Guidelines. In all cases, however, the ultimate decisions on how to vote proxies are made by the Committee.

## Investment Companies (Closed-End Funds, Mutual Funds, ETFs)

In the event that the Firm acts as investment adviser to a closed-end and/or open-end registered investment company and is responsible for voting their proxies, such proxies will be voted in accordance with any applicable investment restrictions of the fund and, to the extent applicable, any resolutions or other instructions approved by an authorized person of the fund.

## **Special Circumstances**

The Firm may choose not to vote proxies in certain situations or for certain accounts, such as: (i) where a client has informed the Firm that they wish to retain the right to vote the proxy; (ii) where the Firm deems the cost of voting the proxy would exceed any anticipated benefit to the client; (iii) where a proxy is received for a client that has terminated the Firm's services; (iv) where a proxy is received for a security that the Firm no longer manages (i.e., the Firm had previously sold the entire position); and/or (v) where the exercise of voting rights could restrict the ability of an account's portfolio manager to freely trade the security in question (as is the case, for example, in certain foreign jurisdictions known as "blocking markets").

In addition, certain accounts over which the Firm has proxy-voting discretion may participate in securities lending programs administered by the custodian or a third party. Because title to loaned securities passes to the borrower, the Firm will be unable to vote any security that is out on loan to a borrower on a proxy record date. If the Firm has investment discretion, however, the Firm will reserve the right to instruct the lending agent to terminate a loan in situations where the matter to be voted upon is deemed to be material to the investment and the benefits of voting the security are deemed to outweigh the costs of terminating the loan.

## **BOOKS AND RECORDS**

In its books and records, the Firm will maintain a copy of the following documents:

- Proxy statement that the Firm receives regarding client's securities;
- Votes that the Firm casts on behalf of a client;
- Any document the Firm created that was material to making a decision on how to vote proxies on behalf of a client or that memorialize the basis for such decision; and

• Written client request for information on how the Firm voted proxies on behalf of the requesting client and a copy of the Firm's written response to any (written or verbal) client request for information on how the Firm voted proxies on behalf of the requesting client.

The Firm may rely upon the Commission's EDGAR system to maintain certain records referred to above.

# **Proxy Voting Guidelines**

# Graham Capital Management, L.P.

#### PROXY VOTING AND CLASS ACTIONS

#### A. General

Graham has adopted policies and procedures (the "Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures") which have been designed to ensure that Graham complies with the requirements of Rule 206(4)-6 and Rule 204-2(c)(2) under the Advisers Act, and reflect Graham's commitment to vote all client securities for which it exercises voting authority in a manner consistent with the best interest of the client. Employees who have the authority to vote client securities must familiarize themselves with and strictly adhere to Graham's Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures.

Although the Advisers Act does not obligate advisers to adopt policies and procedures in respect of participating in class actions, in its capacity as a fiduciary to its clients Graham has nonetheless adopted such policies and procedures.

## B. Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures

Graham has selected and retained ISS Governance Services to assist in the proxy voting process. The CCO manages Graham's relationship with ISS. The CCO ensures that ISS votes all proxies according to Graham's general guidance, and retains all required documentation associated with proxy voting.

Graham has approved a list of proxy voting guidelines that ISS generally follows when recommending how to vote on particular proxies. The following guidelines reflect ISS' general approach on certain key proxy proposals; however, these guidelines represent only a small number of proposals and the guidelines are much broader in scope and more detailed.

- <u>Auditor Ratification</u>. ISS generally recommends to vote FOR proposals to ratify auditors except where (i) the auditor has a financial interest or association with the company, (ii) there is reason to believe the auditor has rendered an opinion that is neither accurate nor indicative of the company's financial position, (iii) poor accounting practices have been identified that rise to a serious level of concern or (iv) fees for non-audit services are excessive;
- <u>Board of Directors</u>. ISS generally recommends to vote FOR director nominees except where (i) the board lacks accountability coupled with sustained poor performance relative to peers, (ii) the board demonstrates a lack of responsiveness (e.g., in responding to shareholder proposals, takeover offers, issues that resulted in one or more directors receiving more than 50% withhold/against votes, etc.), (iii) there are defects in the composition of the board (e.g., unacceptable attendance at board and committee meetings, directors serve on excessive number of boards of other companies, etc.), and (iv) the board lacks sufficient controls or features to ensure its independence;
- <u>Capital Structure Changes</u>. ISS generally recommends to vote (i) FOR proposals to increase the number of shares where the primary purpose is to issue

shares in connection with a transaction on the same ballot, (ii) AGAINST proposals to increase the number of shares of a class with superior voting rights, (iii) AGAINST proposals to increase the number of shares if a vote for a reverse stock split is on the same ballot, and (iv) AGAINST proposals to create a new class of common stock, except under certain conditions;

• Executive Compensation. ISS Generally recommends to vote (i) AGAINST advisory votes on executive compensation if there is a significant misalignment between CEO pay and company performance, the company maintains problematic pay practices or the board exhibits a significant level of poor communications and responsiveness to shareholders, (ii) AGAINST/WITHHOLD from the members of the compensation committee or full board as applicable where there is no management-say-on pay item on the ballot, and in other instances, and (iii) AGAINST an equity plan if there is a performance misalignment and the CEO's pay is skewed towards non-performance based equity awards.

Portfolio Managers that wish to deviate from ISS's proxy recommendations must provide the CCO with a written explanation of the reason for the deviation, as well as a representation that the employee and Graham are not conflicted in making the chosen voting decision.

Because Graham generally will vote proxies based upon the recommendations of ISS, there is little to no risk of a conflict of interest arising. However, in instances that might involve a conflict of interest between Graham and its clients, such as where a portfolio manager wishes to deviate from ISS's recommendation or such other instances as Graham may determine, the CCO, in conjunction with the compliance committee as appropriate, will review the relevant facts and determine whether or not a material conflict of interest may arise due to business, personal or family relationships of Graham, its owners, its employees or its affiliates, with persons having an interest in the outcome of the vote. If a material conflict exists, Graham will take steps to ensure that its voting decision is based on the best interests of the client and is not a product of the conflict. Graham shall keep appropriate records demonstrating how such conflicts were resolved.

ISS will retain, on Graham's behalf, the following information in connection with each proxy vote:

- The Issuer's name;
- The security ticker symbol or CUSIP, as applicable;
- · The shareholder meeting date;
- · The number of shares that Graham voted:
- A brief identification of the matter voted on;
- Whether the matter was proposed by the Issuer or a security holder;
- · Whether Graham cast a vote;
- How Graham cast its vote (for the proposal, against the proposal, or abstain);
   and
- Whether Graham cast its vote with or against management.

With respect to each registered investment company for which Graham provides discretionary subadvisory services, Graham will provide the fund with a copy of Graham's proxy voting policy. In addition, when requested, Graham will provide such funds with information concerning Graham's proxy voting policy and voting results as required to enable such funds to file periodic proxy voting reports.

#### C. Class Actions

As a fiduciary, Graham always seeks to act in the best interest of its clients, with good faith, loyalty, and due care. Accordingly, with respect to class actions involving any Graham Funds, Graham will determine whether the fund will (a) participate in a recovery achieved through a class action, (b) opt out of the class action and separately pursue its own remedy, or (c) opt out of the class action and not pursue its own remedy. Graham's legal department oversees the completion of Proof of Claim forms and any associated documentation the submission of such documents to the claim administrator, and the receipt of any recovered monies. Graham will maintain documentation associated with participation in class actions by any Graham Funds. Consistent with its procedures for selecting and monitoring service providers and its fiduciary obligation to Clients, Graham may utilize third-party service providers to facilitate the processing and administration of class action claims.

Graham, for itself or on behalf of its funds, generally does not serve as the lead plaintiff in class actions because the costs of such participation typically exceed any extra benefits that accrue to lead plaintiffs.

#### D. Disclosures to Investors

Graham includes a description of its policies and procedures regarding proxy voting and class actions in Part 2 of the Form ADV, along with a statement that Investors can contact Graham to obtain a copy of these policies and procedures and information about how Graham voted proxies.

Any request for information about proxy voting or class actions should be promptly forwarded to the CCO, who will respond to any such requests. As a matter of policy, Graham does not disclose how it expects to vote on upcoming proxies. Additionally, Graham does not disclose the way it voted proxies to unaffiliated third parties without a legitimate need to know such information.

# Proxy Voting Policy Revolution Capital Management, LLC

The Investment Advisers Act of 1940 requires an adviser who executes voting authority with respect to client securities to adopt and implement written policies and procedures that are reasonably designed to ensure that the adviser votes client securities in the best interest of clients.

If any client delegates proxy voting authority to a firm acting in a Sub-Adviser capacity, Revolution Capital Management, LLC (the "Sub-Adviser" or "the Firm") will vote the proxies received in a manner consistent with the best interests of its clients and in accordance with its proxy voting policies and procedures.

Sub-Adviser shall include in its brochure, if applicable, a summary of its proxy voting policies and procedures, along with statements that clients may request information regarding how Sub-Adviser voted their proxies and that clients may request a copy of Sub-Adviser's proxy voting policies and procedures.

The Firm, acting as a Sub-Adviser within the LoCorr Investment Trust is not delegated the responsibility of voting proxies for any investment company within the Trust. The adviser is responsible for voting proxies for any funds the Firm serves as Sub-Adviser within the LoCorr Investment Trust. The Firm will deliver any proxies received to the adviser within (1) week of receipt and the proxy voting will be governed by the proxy voting policies of the adviser and the Trust.

# **Proxy Voting Guidelines**

# Millburn Ridgefield Corporation

## I. TYPES OF ACCOUNTS FOR WHICH MILLBURN RIDGEFIELD CORPORATION VOTES PROXIES

Millburn Ridgefield Corporation ("Millburn") in its capacity as general partner or investment adviser of its clients that hold securities directly (*i.e.*, clients other than funds of funds or funds of managed accounts) votes proxies as follows: (i) for each client that has directly or impliedly authorized us to vote proxies in the investment management contract or otherwise; (ii) for each fund for which we act as adviser with the explicit or implied power to vote proxies; and (iii) for each ERISA account, if any, unless the plan document or investment advisory agreement specifically reserves the responsibility to vote proxies to the plan trustees.

#### II. GENERAL GUIDELINES

These policies and procedures are adopted in conformity with Rule 206(4)-6 promulgated under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended (the "Advisers Act"). In voting proxies, Millburn is guided by general fiduciary principles. Millburn's goal is to act prudently, solely in the best interest of the beneficial owners of the accounts for which it is voting, and, in the case of ERISA accounts, for the exclusive purpose of providing economic benefits to such persons. Millburn attempts to consider all factors of its vote that could affect the value of the investment and will vote proxies in the manner that it believes will be consistent with efforts to maximize shareholder values.

## III. HOW MILLBURN VOTES

It is Millburn's general policy, absent a particular reason to the contrary, to vote with management's recommendations on routine matters. For non-recurring extraordinary matters, Millburn votes on a case-by-case basis, generally following the suggestions for such matters detailed below. If there is a non-recurring extraordinary matter for which there is no suggestion detailed below, Millburn votes on a case-by-case basis in accordance with the General Guidelines set forth above in Section II above.

Millburn may deviate from the general policies and procedures outlined herein when it determines that the particular circumstances warrant such deviation and in order to serve the best interests of its clients. No guidelines can provide an exhaustive list of all issues that may arise nor can Millburn anticipate all future situations.

## IV. UNJUSTIFIABLE COSTS

In certain situations, after doing a cost-benefit analysis, Millburn may abstain from voting where the cost of voting the client's proxy would exceed the anticipated benefits to the client of the proxy proposal. Any such abstention and the reasons thereof shall be memorialized.

## V. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

At times, conflicts may arise between the interests of a client or account, on the one hand, and the interests of Millburn or its affiliates, on the other hand. If Millburn determines that it has, or may be perceived to have, a conflict of interest when voting a proxy, Millburn will address matters involving such conflicts of interest as follows:

- (1) if a proposal is addressed by the specific policies herein, Millburn will vote in accordance with such policies. Any decision to vote a proxy other than in accordance with the specific policies herein will be brought to the attention of the Chief Compliance Officer and that proxy will become subject to the requirements of (3) or (4) below, as applicable;
- (2) if Millburn believes it is in the best interest of a client or account to depart from the specific policies provided for herein, Millburn will be subject to the requirements of(3) or (4) below, as applicable;
- (3) if the proxy proposal is (a) not addressed by the specific policies or (b) requires a case-by-case determination by Millburn, Millburn may vote such proxy as it determines to be in the best interest of the client or account, without taking any action described in (4) below, provided that such vote would be against Millburn's own interest in the matter (*i.e.*, against the perceived or actual conflict). Millburn will memorialize the rationale for such vote in writing; and
- (4) if the proxy proposal is (a) not addressed by the specific policies or (b) requires a case-by-case determination by Millburn, and Millburn believes it should vote in a way that may also benefit, or be perceived to benefit, its own interest, then Millburn must take one of the following actions in voting such proxy:
  - (i) seek an independent third party for review and recommendation with respect to such proxy proposal (such third party maybe outside counsel or compliance consultant);
  - (ii) delegate the voting decision to an independent committee of partners, members, directors or other representatives of the client or account, as applicable; or
  - (iii) inform the beneficial owners of the client or account of the conflict of interest and obtain consent to (majority consent in the case of a fund) vote the proxy as recommended by Millburn. The disclosure to the client will include sufficient detail regarding the matter to be voted on and the nature of the conflict that the client would be able to make an informed decision regarding the vote. If a client does not respond to such a conflict disclosure request or denies the request, Millburn may refrain from voting the securities held by that client's account.

## VI. VOTING POLICY

These are policy guidelines that can always be superseded, subject to the duty to act solely in the best interest of the beneficial owners of accounts, by the investment management professionals responsible for the account with respect to which shares are being voted.

#### (1) Election of Directors

# A. Voting on Director Nominees in Uncontested Elections.

We vote **for** director nominees.

#### B. Chairman and CEO is the Same Person.

We vote **against** shareholder proposals that would require the positions of Chairman and CEO to be held by different persons.

## C. Majority of Independent Directors

- 1. We vote **for** shareholder proposals that request that the board be comprised of a majority of independent directors. In determining whether an independent director is truly independent (e.g., when voting on a slate of director candidates), we consider certain factors including, but not necessarily limited to, the following: (i) whether the director or his/her company provided professional services to the company or its affiliates either currently or in the past year; (ii) whether the director has any transactional relationship with the company; (iii) whether the director is a significant customer or supplier of the company; (iv) whether the director is employed by a foundation or university that received grants or endowments from the company or its affiliates; and (v) whether there are interlocking directorships.
- 2. We vote **for** shareholder proposals that request that the board audit, compensation and/or nominating committees include independent directors exclusively.

## D. Stock Ownership Requirements

We vote **against** shareholder proposals requiring directors to own a minimum amount of company stock in order to qualify as a director, or to remain on the board.

#### E. Term of Office

We vote **against** shareholder proposals to limit the tenure of independent directors.

## F. Director and Officer Indemnification and Liability Protection

- (1) Subject to subparagraphs 2, 3, and 4 below, we vote **for** proposals concerning director and officer indemnification and liability protection.
- (2) We vote **for** proposals to limit, and **against** proposals to eliminate entirely, director and officer liability for monetary damages for violating the duty of care.
- (3) We vote **against** indemnification proposals that would expand coverage beyond just legal expenses to acts, such as negligence, that are more serious violations of fiduciary obligations than mere carelessness.
- (4) We vote **for** only those proposals that provide such expanded coverage noted in subparagraph 3 above in cases when a director's or officer's legal defense was unsuccessful if: (i) the director was found to have acted in good faith and in a manner that he reasonably believed was in the best interests of the company, *and* (ii) only the director's legal expenses would be covered.

## G. Charitable Contributions

We vote **against** proposals to eliminate, direct or otherwise restrict charitable contributions.

## H. Mandatory Retirement Ages

We vote on a **case-by-case** basis for proposals to set mandatory retirement ages prior to age 80 for directors. We vote **for** proposals to set a mandatory retirement age of 80 for directors.

## (5) Proxy Contests

## A. Voting for Director Nominees in Contested Elections

We vote on a case-by-case basis in contested elections of directors.

## **B.** Reimburse Proxy Solicitation Expenses

We vote on a **case-by-case** basis against proposals to provide full reimbursement for dissidents waging a proxy contest.

# (6) Auditors

## A. Ratifying Auditors

We vote **for** proposals to ratify auditors, unless an auditor has a financial interest in or association with the company, and is therefore not independent; or there is reason to believe that the independent auditor has rendered an opinion that is neither accurate nor indicative of the company's financial position or there is reason to believe the independent auditor has not followed the highest level of ethical conduct. Specifically, we will vote to ratify auditors if the auditors only provide the company audit and audit-related services and such other non-audit services the provision of which will not cause such auditors to lose their independence under applicable laws, rules and regulations.

## (7) Proxy Contest Defenses

#### A. Board Structure: Staggered vs. Annual Elections

- 1. We vote **against** proposals to classify the board, except in the case of registered, closed-end investment companies.
- 2. We vote **for** proposals to repeal classified boards and to elect all directors annually, except in the case of registered, closed-end investment companies.

#### B. Shareholder Ability to Remove Directors

- 1. We vote **against** proposals that provide that directors may be removed *only* for cause, except in the case of registered, closed-end investment companies.
- **2.** We vote **for** proposals to restore shareholder ability to remove directors with or without cause, except in the case of registered, closed-end investment companies.
- **3.** We vote **against** proposals that provide that only continuing directors may elect replacements to fill board vacancies, except in the case of registered, closed-end investment companies.

**4.** We vote **for** proposals that permit shareholders to elect directors to fill board vacancies, except in the case of registered, closed-end investment companies.

## C. Cumulative Voting

- 1. We vote **against** proposals to eliminate cumulative voting.
- 2. We vote **for** proposals to permit cumulative voting if there is an indication of a gap in the company's corporate governance.

## D. Shareholder Ability to Call Special Meetings

- 1. We vote **against** proposals to restrict or prohibit shareholder ability to call special meetings, except in the case of registered investment companies.
- 2. We vote **for** proposals that remove restrictions on the right of shareholders to act independently of management.

## E. Shareholder Ability to Act by Written Consent

- 1. We vote against proposals to restrict or prohibit shareholder ability to take action by written consent.
- 2. We vote for proposals to allow or make easier shareholder action by written consent.

## F. Shareholder Ability to Alter the Size of the Board

- (1) We vote for proposals that seek to fix the size of the board.
- (2) We vote against proposals that give management the ability to alter the size of the board without shareholder approval.

## (3) <u>Tender Offer Defenses</u>

#### A. Poison Pills

- 1. We vote **for** shareholder proposals that ask a company to submit its poison pill for shareholder ratification.
- 2. We vote on a case-by-case basis for shareholder proposals to redeem a company's poison pill.
- 3. We vote on a case-by-case basis management proposals to ratify a poison pill.

## **B.** Fair Price Provisions

**1.** We vote **for** fair price proposals, as long as the shareholder vote requirement embedded in the provision is no more than a majority of disinterested shares.

2. We vote **for** shareholder proposals to lower the shareholder vote requirement in existing fair price provisions.

#### C. Freeze-Out Provisions

1. We vote **for** proposals to opt out of state freeze-out provisions.

#### D. Greenmail

- 1. We vote **for** proposals to adopt anti-greenmail charter or bylaw amendments or otherwise restrict a company's ability to make greenmail payments.
- 2. We vote on a **case-by-case** basis for anti-greenmail proposals when they are bundled with other charter or bylaw amendments.

## E. Unequal Voting Rights

- 1. We vote against dual class exchange offers.
- 2. We vote against dual class re-capitalization.

# F. Supermajority Shareholder Vote Requirement to Amend the Charter or Bylaws

- 1. We vote **against** management proposals to require a supermajority shareholder vote to approve charter and bylaw amendments, except in the case of registered, closed-end investment companies.
- 2. We vote **for** shareholder proposals to lower supermajority shareholder vote requirements for charter and bylaw amendments.

## G. Supermajority Shareholder Vote Requirement to Approve Mergers

- (1) We vote against management proposals to require a supermajority shareholder vote to approve mergers and other significant business combinations, except in the case of registered, closed-end investment companies.
- (2) We vote **for** shareholder proposals to lower supermajority shareholder vote requirements for mergers and other significant business combinations.

## H. White Squire Placements

We vote **for** shareholder proposals to require approval of blank check preferred stock issues.

#### (3) Miscellaneous Governance Provisions

# A. Confidential Voting

**1.** We vote **for** shareholder proposals that request corporations to adopt confidential voting, use independent tabulators and use independent inspectors of election.

2. We vote for management proposals to adopt confidential voting.

## **B. Equal Access**

Except for registered, closed-end investment companies, we vote **for** shareholder proposals that would allow significant company shareholders equal access to management's proxy material in order to evaluate and propose voting recommendations on proxy proposals and director nominees, and in order to nominate their own candidates to the board.

## C. Bundled Proposals

We vote on a **case-by-case** basis for bundled or "conditioned" proxy proposals. In the case of items that are conditioned upon each other, we examine the benefits and costs of the packaged items. In instances when the joint effect of the conditioned items is not in shareholders' best interests and therefore not in the best interests of the beneficial owners of accounts, we vote against the proposals. If the combined effect is positive, we support such proposals.

## D. Amend Bylaws without Shareholder Consent

(1) Vote against proposal giving the board exclusive authority to amend the bylaws.

(2) Vote for proposals giving the board the ability to amend the bylaws with shareholders consent.

#### E. Shareholder Advisory Committees

We vote on a **case-by-case** basis for proposals to establish a shareholder advisory committee.

## (3) Capital Structure

## A. Common Stock Authorization

 We vote on a case-by-case basis for proposals to increase the number of shares of common stock authorized for issue, except as described below.

2. We vote **for** the approval requesting increases in authorized shares if the company meets certain criteria:

a) Company has already issued a certain percentage (i.e., greater than 50%) of the company's allotment.

**b)** The proposed increase is reasonable (*i.e.*, less than 150% of current inventory) based on an analysis of the company's historical stock management or future growth outlook of the company.

# B. Stock Distributions: Splits and Dividends

We vote on a **case-by-case** basis for management proposals to increase common share authorization for a stock split, provided that the split does not result in an increase of authorized but unissued shares of more than 100% after giving effect to the shares needed for the split.

#### C. Reverse Stock Splits

We vote **for** management proposals to implement a reverse stock split, provided that the reverse split does not result in an increase of authorized but unissued shares of more than 100% after giving effect to the shares needed for the reverse split.

#### D. Blank Check Preferred Stock Authorization

We vote **against** proposals to create, authorize or increase the number of shares with regard to blank check preferred stock with unspecified voting, conversion, dividend distribution and other rights.

## E. Shareholder Proposals Regarding Blank Check Preferred Stock

We vote for proposals requiring a shareholder vote for blank check preferred stock issues.

## F. Adjust Par Value of Common Stock

We vote **for** management proposals to reduce the par value of common stock.

## G. Pre-emptive Rights

- **1.** We vote on a **case-by-case basis** for shareholder proposals seeking to establish them and consider the following factors:
  - a) size of the company.
  - **b)** characteristics of the size of the holding (*i.e.*, holder owning more than 1% of the outstanding shares).
  - **c)** percentage of the rights offering (*i.e.*, rule of thumb is less than 5%).
- **2.** We vote on a **case-by-case** basis for shareholder proposals seeking the elimination of pre-emptive rights.

## H. Debt Restructuring

We vote on a **case-by-case** basis for proposals to increase common and/or preferred shares and to issue shares as part of a debt-restructuring plan. Generally, we approve proposals that facilitate debt restructuring.

# I. Share Repurchase Programs

We vote **for** management proposals to institute open-market share repurchase plans in which all shareholders may participate on equal terms.

## (8) Executive and Director Compensation

In general, we vote **for** executive and director compensation plans, with the view that viable compensation programs reward the creation of stockholder wealth by having high payout sensitivity to increases in shareholder value. Certain factors, however, such as repricing underwater stock options without shareholder approval, would cause us to vote **against** a plan. Additionally, in some cases we would vote **against** a plan deemed unnecessary.

## A. Shareholder Proposals to Limit Executive and Director Pay

- **1.** We vote on a **case-by-case** basis for all shareholder proposals that seek additional disclosure of executive and director pay information.
- **2.** We vote on a **case-by-case** basis for all other shareholder proposals that seek to limit executive and director pay. We have a policy of voting to limit the level of options and other equity-based compensation arrangements available to management to limit shareholder dilution and management overcompensation. We would vote against any proposals or amendments that would cause the available awards to exceed a threshold of 10% of outstanding fully diluted shares (*i.e.*, if the combined total of shares, common share equivalents and options available to be awarded under all current and proposed compensation plans exceeds 10% of fully diluted shares). We also review the annual award as a percentage of fully diluted shares outstanding.

#### B. Golden Parachutes

- 1. We vote for shareholder proposals to have golden parachutes submitted for shareholder ratification.
- 2. We vote on a case-by-case basis all proposals to ratify or cancel golden parachutes.

## C. Employee Stock Ownership Plans (ESOPs)

We vote **for** proposals that request shareholder approval in order to implement an ESOP or to increase authorized shares for existing ESOPs, except in cases when the number of shares allocated to the ESOP is "excessive" (*i.e.*, generally greater than five percent of outstanding shares).

## D. 401(k) Employee Benefit Plans

We vote for proposals to implement a 401(k) savings plan for employees.

## (9) State/Country of Incorporation

# A. Voting on State Takeover Statutes

We vote on a **case-by-case** basis for proposals to opt in or out of state takeover statutes (including control share acquisition statutes, control share cash-out statutes, freeze out provisions, fair price provisions, stakeholder laws, poison pill endorsements, severance pay and labor contract provisions, anti-greenmail provisions, and disgorgement provisions).

# B. Voting on Re-incorporation Proposals

We vote on a **case-by-case** basis for proposals to change a company's state or country of incorporation.

# (10) Mergers and Corporate Restructuring

# A. Mergers and Acquisitions

We vote on a **case-by-case** basis for mergers and acquisitions. In determining our vote on mergers and acquisitions, we also analyze the following factors, among others:

- 1. Valuation whether the value to be received by the target shareholders (or paid by the acquirer) is reasonable.
- 2. Market reaction how the market desponded to the proposed deal.
- 3. Strategic rationale whether the deal makes sense strategically.
- **4.** Negotiations and process whether the terms of the transaction were negotiated at arm's length; whether the process was fair and equitable.

## **B.** Corporate Restructuring

We vote on a **case-by-case** basis for corporate restructuring proposals, including minority squeeze outs, leveraged buyouts, spin-offs, liquidations, and asset sales.

## C. Spin-offs

We vote on a **case-by-case** basis for spin-offs. Considerations include the tax and regulatory advantages, planned use of sale proceeds, market focus, and managerial incentives.

## D. Asset Sales

We vote on a case-by-case basis for asset sales.

# E. Liquidations

We vote on a **case-by-case** basis for liquidations after reviewing management's efforts to pursue other alternatives, appraisal value of assets and the compensation plan for executives managing the liquidation.

# F. Appraisal Rights

We vote **for** proposals to restore, or provide shareholders with, rights of appraisal.

## G. Changing Corporate Name

We vote on a **case-by-case** basis for changing the corporate name.

## (11) Social and Environmental Issues

In general, we vote on a **case-by-case** basis on shareholder social and environmental proposals, on the basis that their impact on share value can rarely be anticipated with any high degree of confidence. In most cases, however, we vote **for** disclosure reports that seek additional information, particularly when it appears companies have not adequately addressed shareholders' social and environmental concerns. In determining our vote on shareholder social and environmental proposals, we also analyze the following factors:

- whether adoption of the proposal would have either a positive or negative impact on the company's short-term or long-term share value;
- 2. the percentage of sales, assets and earnings affected;
- **3.** the degree to which the company's stated position on the issues could affect its reputation or sales, or leave it vulnerable to boycott or selective purchasing;
- 4. whether the issues presented should be dealt with through government or company-specific action;
- 5. whether the company has already responded in some appropriate manner to the request embodied in a proposal;
- 6. whether the company's analysis and voting recommendation to shareholders is persuasive;
- 7. what other companies have done in response to the issue;
- 8. whether the proposal itself is well framed and reasonable;
- 9. whether implementation of the proposal would achieve the objectives sought in the proposal; and
- **10.** whether the subject of the proposal is best left to the discretion of the board.

The voting policy guidelines set forth in this Section V may be changed from time to time by Millburn in its sole discretion.

## VII. RECORDKEEPING AND OVERSIGHT

In accordance with Rule 204-2 under the Advisers Act, Millburn shall maintain the following records relating to proxy voting for the time periods set forth in the rule:

- a copy of these policies and procedures, and all amendments thereto;
- a copy of each proxy form (as voted), unless such proxy is voted electronically;
- a copy of each proxy solicitation (including proxy statements) and related materials with regard to each vote, unless such material is available via EDGAR;
- documentation relating to the identification and resolution of conflicts of interest;
- any documents prepared by Millburn that were material to a making a decision on how to vote or that memorialized the basis for that decision; and

 a copy of each written client request for information on how Millburn voted proxies on behalf of the client, and a copy of any written response by Millburn to any (written or oral) client request for information on how Millburn voted proxies on behalf of the requesting client.

Such records shall be maintained and preserved in an easily accessible place for a period of not less than five years from the end of the fiscal year during which the last entry was made on such record, the first two years in Millburn's offices.

In addition, with respect to proxy voting records of any fund registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, Millburn shall maintain such records as are necessary to allow such fund to comply with its recordkeeping, reporting and disclosure obligations under applicable laws, rules and regulations.

In lieu of keeping copies of proxy statements, Millburn may rely on proxy statements filed on the EDGAR system as well as on third party records of proxy statements and votes cast if the third party provides an undertaking to provide the documents promptly upon request.

Clients may obtain information on how their securities were voted or a copy of Millburn's policies and procedures by written request.

## VIII. PROCEDURES FOR PROXIES

The person designated by the Securities Investment Committee (the "Designated Proxy Voter") will be responsible for determining whether each proxy is specifically addressed by these policies and procedures. All proxies identified as governed by the specific instructions within these policies and procedures will be voted by that person in accordance with these policies.

Any proxies that are not specifically addressed by these policies and procedures will be submitted to the Securities Investment Committee, which will determine how to vote each such proxy by applying these policies. Upon making a decision, the rationale for the decision shall be documented and the proxy will be voted. The Designated Proxy Voter is responsible for the actual voting of all proxies in a timely manner and, in consultation with the Chief Compliance Officer, is responsible for monitoring the effectiveness of these policies. The Designated Proxy Voter and Chief Compliance Officer are also responsible for ensuring that adequate disclosures have been made to clients about procedures and how proxies were voted.

In the event that it is determined that the advice of an independent third party or a committee should be relied upon regarding the voting of a proxy, the Designated Proxy Voter will submit the proxy to such third party or committee for a decision. The Designated Proxy Voter will then have the proxy executed in accordance with such third party's or committee's decision.

These Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures will be reviewed on an annual basis.

#### PROXY VOTING POLICY AND PROCEDURES

Millrace Asset Group, Inc.

## I. STATEMENT OF POLICY

Proxy voting is an important right of shareholders and reasonable care and diligence must be undertaken to ensure that such rights are properly and timely exercised. When the Adviser has discretion to vote the proxies of its clients, it will vote those proxies in the best interest of its clients and in accordance with these policies and procedures.

## II. PROXY VOTING PROCEDURES

All proxies received by the Adviser will be sent to the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer will:

- Keep a record of each proxy received and how voted;
- Determine which accounts managed by the Adviser hold the security to which the proxy relates;
- Absent material conflicts (see Section IV below), determine how the Adviser should vote the proxy and in a timely manner vote the proxy by mail or electronic means.
- The Adviser may retain a third party to assist it in coordinating and voting proxies with respect
  to client securities. If so, the Compliance Officer will monitor the third party to assure that all
  proxies are being properly voted and appropriate records are being retained.

## III. VOTING GUIDELINES

In the absence of specific voting guidelines from the client, the Adviser will vote proxies in the best interests of each particular client, which may result in different voting results for proxies for the same issuer. The Adviser believes that voting proxies in accordance with the following guidelines is in the best interests of its clients.

- Generally, the Adviser will vote in favor of routine corporate housekeeping proposals, including
  election of directors, selection of auditors, and increases in or reclassification of common
  stock. The Adviser will generally vote for stock option plans or plan amendments for corporate
  directors, executive and employees.
- Generally, the Adviser will vote against proposals that make it more difficult to replace members of the issuer's board of directors, including proposals to stagger the board, cause management to be overrepresented on the board, introduce cumulative voting, introduce unequal voting rights, and create supermajority voting.

For other proposals, the Adviser shall determine whether a proposal is in the best interests of its clients and may take into account the following factors, among others:

- whether the proposal was recommended by management and the Adviser's opinion of management;
- whether the proposal acts to entrench existing management; and

 whether the proposal fairly compensates management for past and future performance.

## IV. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

- 1. The Compliance Officer will identify any conflicts that exist between the interests of the Adviser and its clients. Generally, the Adviser's interest and the interest of the Adviser's clients are closely aligned as the Adviser's owners and employees are investors in the Fund managed by the Adviser. This examination will include a review of the relationship of the Adviser and its affiliates with the issuer of each security and any of the issuer's affiliates to determine if the issuer is a client of the Adviser or an affiliate of the Adviser or has some other relationship with the Adviser or a client of the Adviser.
- 2. If a material conflict exists, the Adviser will determine whether voting in accordance with the voting guidelines and factors described above is in the best interests of the client. The Adviser will also determine whether it is appropriate to disclose the conflict to the affected clients and, except in the case of clients that are subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended ("ERISA"), give the clients the opportunity to vote their proxies themselves. In the case of ERISA clients, if the Investment Management Agreement reserves to the ERISA client the authority to vote proxies when the Adviser determines it has a material conflict that affects its best judgment as an ERISA fiduciary, the Adviser will give the ERISA client the opportunity to vote the proxies themselves. Absent the client reserving voting rights, the Adviser will vote the proxies solely in accordance with the policies outlined in Section III. "Voting Guidelines" above.

## V. DISCLOSURE

- 1. The Adviser will disclose in its Form ADV Part 2 that clients may contact the Compliance Officer, via mail, e-mail or telephone, in order to obtain information on how the Adviser voted such client's proxies, and to request a copy of these policies and procedures. If a client requests this information, the Compliance Officer will prepare a written response to the client that lists, with respect to each voted proxy about which the client has inquired, (a) the name of the issuer; (b) the proposal voted upon, and (c) how the Adviser voted the client's proxy.
- 2. A concise summary of this Proxy Voting Policy and Procedures will be included in the Adviser's Form ADV Part 2, and will be updated whenever these policies and procedures are updated. Upon written request, the Compliance Officer will provide a copy of this summary or specific voting history to a client.

## VI. RECORDKEEPING

The Compliance Officer will maintain files relating to the Adviser's proxy voting procedures in an easily accessible place. Records will be maintained and preserved for five years from the end of the fiscal year during which the last entry was made on a record, with records for the first two years kept in the offices of the Adviser. Records of the following will be included in the files:

- Copies of this proxy voting policy and procedures, and any amendments thereto.
- A copy of each proxy statement that the Adviser receives that are not available on the SEC's EDGAR system.
- A record of each vote that the Adviser casts.
- A copy of any document the Adviser created that was material to making a decision how to vote proxies, or that memorializes that decision.

