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(the "Fund")

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**STATEMENT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**February 28, 2025**

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This Statement of Additional Information (“SAI”) provides general information about the Hardman Johnston International Growth Fund (the “Fund”), a series of Manager Directed Portfolios (the “Trust”). This SAI is not a prospectus and should be read in conjunction with the Fund’s current prospectus dated February 28, 2025 (the “Prospectus”), as supplemented and amended from time to time. You may obtain a copy of the Prospectus and/or the annual and semi-annual reports to shareholders, at no charge, by contacting the Fund at the address or toll-free telephone number below, or by visiting the Fund’s website at [www.hardmanjohnstonfunds.com](http://www.hardmanjohnstonfunds.com).

The financial statements of the Fund for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2024 included in the [Annual Report](#) to shareholders and the report dated December 27, 2024 of Cohen & Company, Ltd., the independent registered public accounting firm for the Fund, related thereto are incorporated into this SAI by reference. No other parts of the Annual Report (File No. 811-21897) are incorporated herein by reference.

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

The Fund is a mutual fund that is a non-diversified, separate series of Manager Directed Portfolios (the “Trust”). The Trust is registered as an open-end management investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “1940 Act”). The Trust was organized as a Delaware statutory trust on April 4, 2006. The Declaration of Trust permits the Board of Trustees of the Trust (the “Board”) to establish series of shares, each of which constitutes a series separate and distinct from the shares of the other series. The Fund has established Institutional Shares and Retail Shares.

Dakota Investments LLC (the “Advisor”) serves as the investment adviser to the Fund. Hardman Johnston Global Advisors LLC (the “Sub-Advisor” or “Hardman Johnston”) serves as the Fund’s sub-advisor. Redwood Investments, LLC (“Redwood”) served as the Fund’s sub-advisor from the Fund’s inception (February 14, 2018) to December 31, 2019. Effective January 1, 2020, Hardman Johnston replaced Redwood as the Fund’s sub-advisor.

## INVESTMENT POLICIES, STRATEGIES AND ASSOCIATED RISKS

The following information supplements the information concerning the Fund’s investment objective, policies and limitations found in the Prospectus.

**Investment Objective.** The Fund seeks long term capital appreciation. The Fund’s investment objective may be changed without the approval of the Fund’s shareholders upon approval by the Board and 60 days’ prior written notice to shareholders.

**Non-Diversification Status.** The Fund is non-diversified. With respect to 50% of the Fund’s total assets, the Fund will not purchase the securities of any one issuer if, immediately after and as a result of such purchase (a) the value of the Fund’s holdings in the securities of such issuer exceeds 5% of the Fund’s total assets, or (b) the Fund owns more than 10% of the outstanding voting securities of the issuer.

**Market and Regulatory Risk; General Market Risks.** U.S. and international markets have experienced significant volatility in recent months and years. Events in the financial markets and economy may cause volatility and uncertainty and affect performance. Such adverse effects on performance could include a decline in the value and liquidity of securities held by the Fund, unusually high and unanticipated levels of redemptions, an increase in portfolio turnover, a decrease in net asset value (“NAV”), and an increase in Fund expenses. It may also be unusually difficult to identify both investment risks and opportunities, in which case investment objectives may not be met. Market events may affect a single issuer, industry, sector, or the market as a whole. Traditionally liquid investments may experience periods of diminished liquidity. During a general downturn in the financial markets, multiple asset classes may decline in value and the Fund may lose value, regardless of the individual results of the securities and other instruments in which the Fund invests. It is impossible to predict whether or for how long such market events will continue, particularly if they are unprecedented, unforeseen or widespread events or conditions. Therefore, it is important to understand that the value of your investment may fall, sometimes sharply and for extended periods, and you could lose money.

Governmental and regulatory actions, including tax law changes, may also impair portfolio management and have unexpected or adverse consequences on particular markets, strategies, or investments. Policy and legislative changes in the U.S. and in other countries are affecting many aspects of financial regulation and may in some instances contribute to decreased liquidity and increased volatility in the financial markets. The impact of these changes on the markets, and the practical implications for market participants, may not be fully known for some time. In addition, economies and financial markets throughout the world are becoming increasingly interconnected. As a result, whether or not the Fund invests in securities of issuers located in or with significant exposure to countries experiencing economic and financial difficulties, the value and liquidity of the Fund’s investments may be negatively affected.

## **Investment Strategies and Associated Risks**

**Equity Securities.** Equity securities represent ownership interests, or the rights to acquire ownership interests, in an issuer and include common stocks, preferred stocks, convertible securities, rights and warrants, with different types of equity securities providing different voting and dividend rights and priority if the issuer becomes bankrupt. 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 Stocks.* Common stock represents a proportionate share of the ownership of a company and its value is based on the success of the company's business, any income paid to stockholders, the value of its assets, and general market conditions. In addition to the general risks set forth above, investments in common stocks are subject to the risk that in the event a company in which the Fund invests is liquidated, the holders of preferred stock and creditors of that company will be paid in full before any payments are made to the Fund as a holder of common stock. It is possible that all assets of that company will be exhausted before any payments are made to the Fund.

*Large-Capitalization Companies.* Larger, more established companies may be unable to respond quickly to new competitive challenges such as changes in consumer tastes or innovative smaller competitors. Also, large-capitalization companies are sometimes unable to attain the high growth rates of successful, smaller companies, especially during extended periods of economic expansion.

*Small- and Mid-Capitalization Companies.* Investing in small- and mid-capitalization companies may involve special risks because those companies may have narrower product lines, more limited financial resources, fewer experienced managers, dependence on a few key employees, and a more limited trading market for their stocks, as compared with larger companies. In addition, securities of these companies are subject to the risk that, during certain periods, the liquidity of particular issuers or industries will shrink or disappear with little forewarning as a result of adverse economic or market conditions, or adverse investor perceptions, whether or not accurate. Securities of small- and mid-capitalization issuers may therefore be subject to greater price volatility and may decline more significantly in market downturns than securities of larger companies. Small- and mid-capitalization issuers may also require substantial additional capital to support their operations, to finance expansion or to maintain their competitive position, and may have substantial borrowings or may otherwise have a weak financial condition, and may be susceptible to bankruptcy. Transaction costs for these investments are often higher than those of large-capitalization companies. There is typically less publicly available information about small- and mid-capitalization companies.

**Initial Public Offerings.** The Fund may purchase shares in initial public offerings ("IPOs"). Because IPO shares frequently are volatile in price, the Fund may hold IPO shares for a very short period of time. This may increase the turnover of the Fund's portfolio and may lead to increased expenses to the Fund, such as brokerage commissions and transaction costs. By selling shares, the Fund may realize taxable short-term capital gains that, to the extent not offset by losses, will be distributed to the shareholders and taxable to them at ordinary income rates. Investing in IPOs increases risk because IPO shares are frequently volatile in price. As a result, their performance can be more volatile and they face greater risk of business failure, which could increase the volatility of the Fund's portfolio.

**Foreign Investments and Currencies.** The Fund may make investments in securities of non-U.S. issuers ("foreign securities"), including U.S. dollar-denominated securities, foreign securities and securities of companies incorporated outside the U.S.

Investments in foreign securities involve certain inherent risks, including the following:

*Political and Economic Factors.* Individual foreign economies of certain countries may differ favorably or unfavorably from the U.S. economy in such respects as growth of gross national product, rate of inflation, capital reinvestment, resource self-sufficiency, diversification and balance of payments position. Governments in certain foreign countries also continue to participate to a significant degree, through ownership interest or regulation, in their respective economies. Action by these governments could include restrictions on foreign investment, nationalization, expropriation of goods or imposition of taxes, and could have a significant effect on market prices of securities and payment of interest. The economies of many foreign countries are heavily dependent upon international trade and are accordingly affected by the trade policies and economic conditions of their trading

partners. Enactment by these trading partners of protectionist trade legislation could have a significant adverse effect upon the securities markets of such countries.

Geopolitical events may cause market disruptions. For example, acts of war or terrorism, such as the ongoing wars in Europe and in the Middle East, may disrupt securities markets, result in sanctions by the U.S. and other countries and negatively affect the Fund's investments.

*Investing in China.* The Fund may invest in Chinese issuers. The Fund is therefore subject to additional risks associated with investing in China. Such risks include, among others: (a) greater social, economic and political uncertainty (including the risk of war and social unrest associated with demands for improved political, economic and social conditions); (b) reliance on exports and the heightened necessity of international trade; (c) the increasing competition from Asia's other low-cost emerging economies; (d) the suspension or modification of the various economic reform programs that the Chinese government has implemented; (e) the lack of or differences in the legal, accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards in China which may result in less availability of material information about issuers; and (f) the uncertainty of the continuing support of the Chinese government of the Chinese and Hong Kong markets and economy as such support may change, which may adversely impact such markets, economies, industries and companies.

*Currency Fluctuations.* The Fund may invest in securities denominated in foreign currencies. Accordingly, a change in the value of any such currency against the U.S. dollar will result in a corresponding change in the U.S. dollar value of the Fund's assets denominated in that currency. Such changes will also affect the Fund's income. The value of the Fund's assets may also be affected significantly by currency restrictions and exchange control regulations enacted from time to time.

*Market Characteristics.* Foreign securities in which the Fund invests will be purchased in over-the-counter markets or on exchanges located in the countries in which the principal offices of the issuers of the various securities are located, if that is the best available market. Foreign exchanges and markets may be more volatile than those in the U.S. While growing in volume, they usually have substantially less volume than U.S. markets, and the Fund's foreign securities may be less liquid and more volatile than U.S. securities. Moreover, settlement practices for transactions in foreign markets may differ from those in U.S. markets, and may include delays beyond periods customary in the U.S. Foreign security trading practices, including those involving securities settlement where Fund assets may be released prior to receipt of payment or securities, may expose the Fund to increased risk in the event of a failed trade or the insolvency of a foreign broker-dealer.

*Legal and Regulatory Matters.* Certain foreign countries may have less supervision of securities markets, brokers and issuers of securities, and less financial information available from issuers, than is available in the U.S.

*Taxes.* The interest and dividends payable on certain of the Fund's foreign portfolio securities may be subject to foreign withholding taxes, thus reducing the net amount of income available for distribution to Fund shareholders.

*Costs.* To the extent that the Fund invests in foreign securities, its expense ratio is likely to be higher than those of investment companies investing only in domestic securities, because the cost of maintaining the custody of foreign securities is higher.

*Public Health Threats.* Various countries throughout the world are vulnerable economically to the impact of a public health crisis, which could depress consumer demand, reduce economic output, and potentially lead to market closures, travel restrictions, and quarantines, all of which would negatively impact the country's economy and could affect the economies of its trading partners.

*Emerging and Frontier Markets.* The Fund may invest in securities that may be located in developing or emerging and frontier markets, and therefore entail additional risks, including less social, political and economic stability; smaller securities markets and lower trading volume, which may result in less liquidity and greater price volatility; national policies that may restrict the Fund's investment opportunities, including restrictions on investments in issuers or industries, or expropriation or confiscation of assets or property; and less developed legal structures governing private or foreign investment.

*Depository Receipts.* The Fund may invest in foreign securities by purchasing depository receipts, including American Depositary Receipts ("ADRs"), Global Depositary Receipts ("GDRs"), European Depositary Receipts ("EDRs"), International Depositary Receipts ("IDRs") or other securities convertible into securities of issuers

domiciled in foreign countries. ADRs include American depositary shares. These securities may not necessarily be denominated in the same currency as the securities into which they may be converted. Generally, ADRs in registered form are denominated in U.S. dollars and are designed for use in the U.S. securities markets, while GDRs, EDRs and IDRs, in bearer form, may be denominated in other currencies and are designed for use in non-U.S. securities markets. ADRs are receipts typically issued by a U.S. bank or trust company evidencing ownership of the underlying securities. GDRs, EDRs and IDRs are receipts with a non-U.S. bank evidencing a similar arrangement. For purposes of the Fund's investment policies, ADRs, GDRs, EDRs and IDRs are deemed to have the same classification as the underlying securities they represent. Thus, an ADR, GDR, EDR or IDR representing ownership of common stock will be treated as common stock.

ADR facilities may be established as either "unsponsored" or "sponsored." While ADRs issued under these two types of facilities are in some respects similar, there are distinctions between them relating to the rights and obligations of ADR holders and the practices of market participants. A depositary may establish an unsponsored facility without participation by (or even necessarily the acquiescence of) the issuer of the deposited securities, although typically the depositary requests a letter of non-objection from such issuer prior to the establishment of the facility. Holders of unsponsored ADRs generally bear all the costs of such facilities. The depositary usually charges fees upon the deposit and withdrawal of the deposited securities, the conversion of dividends into U.S. dollars, the disposition of non-cash distributions, and the performance of other services. The depositary of an unsponsored facility frequently is under no obligation to distribute shareholder communications received from the issuer of the deposited securities or to pass through voting rights to ADR holders in respect of the deposited securities. Sponsored ADR facilities are created in generally the same manner as unsponsored facilities, except that the issuer of the deposited securities enters into a deposit agreement with the depositary. The deposit agreement sets out the rights and responsibilities of the issuer, the depositary and the ADR holders. With sponsored facilities, the issuer of the deposited securities generally will bear some of the costs relating to the facility (such as dividend payment fees of the depositary), although ADR holders continue to bear certain other costs (such as deposit and withdrawal fees). Under the terms of most sponsored arrangements, depositaries agree to distribute notices of shareholder meetings and voting instructions, and to provide shareholder communications and other information to the ADR holders at the request of the issuer of the deposited securities.

**Illiquid Investments.** The Fund may not knowingly invest more than 15% of its net assets in illiquid investments. An illiquid investment is an investment which the Fund reasonably expects cannot be sold or disposed of in current market conditions in seven calendar days or less without the sale or disposition significantly changing the market value of the investment. The Advisor and Sub-Advisor make the day-to-day determinations of liquidity pursuant to the Fund's liquidity risk management program, monitor the liquidity of investments held by the Fund and report periodically on the Fund's liquidity to the Board. If the limitations on illiquid investments are exceeded, other than by a change in market values, the condition will be reported by the Advisor to the Board. Illiquid investments include investments issued by private companies and restricted securities (investments where the disposition of which is restricted under the federal securities laws), which are discussed below. Rule 144A securities may be treated as liquid securities if they meet the criteria in the Fund's liquidity risk management program. External market conditions may impact the liquidity of portfolio investments and may cause the Fund to sell or divest certain illiquid investments in order to comply with its limitation on holding illiquid investments, which may result in realized losses to the Fund.

**Restricted Securities.** Restricted securities may be sold only in privately negotiated transactions or in a public offering with respect to which a registration statement is in effect under the Securities Act. Where registration is required, the Fund may be obligated to pay all or part of the registration expenses and a considerable period may elapse between the time of the decision to sell a security and the time the Fund may be permitted to sell a security under an effective registration statement. If, during such a period, adverse market conditions were to develop, the Fund might obtain a less favorable price than that which prevailed when it decided to sell. Restricted securities will be priced at fair value as determined in good faith by the Advisor as the Board's Valuation Designee (defined below). If, through the appreciation of restricted securities or the depreciation of unrestricted securities, the Fund should be in a position where more than 15% of the value of its net assets are invested in illiquid investments, including restricted securities which are not readily marketable, the Fund will take such steps as is deemed advisable, if any, to protect liquidity.

**Real Estate Investment Trusts (“REITs”).** The Fund may invest in REITs as a non-principal investment strategy. Equity REITs invest primarily in real property and earn rental income from leasing those properties. They also may realize gains or losses from the sale of properties. Equity REITs generally exercise some degree of control over the operational aspects of their real estate investments, lease terms and property maintenance and repair. Mortgage REITs invest primarily in mortgages and similar real estate interests and receive interest payments from the owners of the mortgaged properties. Hybrid REITs invest both in real property and in mortgages.

A REIT generally is not taxed on income distributed to its shareholders if it complies with certain federal income tax requirements relating primarily to its organization, ownership, assets and income and, further, if it distributes at least 90 percent of its taxable income to shareholders each year. Consequently, REITs tend to focus on income-producing real estate investments.

The Fund’s investments in REITs may be adversely affected by deteriorations of the real estate rental market, in the case of REITs that primarily own real estate, or by deteriorations in the creditworthiness of property owners and changes in interest rates in the case of REITs that primarily hold mortgages. Equity and mortgage REITs also are dependent upon specialized management skills, may not be diversified in their holdings and are subject to the risks of financing projects. REITs also may be subject to heavy cash flow dependency, defaults by borrowers and self-liquidation. Under certain circumstances, a REIT may fail to qualify for pass-through tax treatment, which would subject the REIT to federal income taxes and adversely affect the Fund’s return on its investment in the REIT. In general, qualified REIT dividends that an investor receives directly from a REIT are automatically eligible for the 20% qualified business income deduction. Additionally, in general, a dividend paid by a regulated investment company and reported as a “section 199A dividend” may be treated by the recipient as a qualified REIT dividend for purposes of the 20% qualified business income deduction, if certain holding period and other requirements have been satisfied by the recipient with respect to its Fund shares.

**Investment Companies and Exchange-Traded Funds.** The Fund may invest in investment company securities, including exchange-traded funds (“ETFs”), to the extent permitted by the 1940 Act and the rules thereunder. Generally, the Fund may not purchase shares of an investment company if (a) such a purchase would cause the Fund to own in the aggregate more than 3% of the total outstanding voting stock of the investment company, (b) such a purchase would cause the Fund to have more than 5% of its total assets invested in the investment company, or (c) more than 10% of the Fund’s total assets would be invested in investment companies. As a shareholder in an investment company, the Fund would bear its pro rata portion of the investment company’s expenses, including advisory fees, in addition to its own expenses. Although the 1940 Act restricts investments by registered investment companies in the securities of other investment companies, including ETFs, registered investment companies are permitted to invest in other investment companies and ETFs beyond the limits set forth in Section 12(d)(1) as permitted by the 1940 Act and the “fund of funds” rules promulgated thereunder.

The Fund may rely on Rule 12d1-4 of the 1940 Act, which allows the Fund to invest in other registered investment companies, including ETFs, in excess of the limits set forth in Section 12(d)(1) if the Fund satisfies certain conditions specified in the rule, including, among other conditions, that the Fund and its advisory group will not control (individually or in the aggregate) an acquired fund (*e.g.*, hold more than 25% of the outstanding voting securities of an acquired fund that is a registered open-end management investment company).

*Exchange-Traded Funds.* ETFs are open-end investment companies whose shares are listed on a national securities exchange. An ETF is similar to a traditional mutual fund, but trades at its market price during the day on a security exchange like a stock. The Fund’s investments in ETFs will involve duplication of advisory fees and other expenses since the Fund will be investing in another investment company. In addition, the Fund’s investment in ETFs is also subject to its limitations on investments in investment companies discussed above. To the extent the Fund invests in ETFs which focus on a particular market segment or industry, the Fund will also be subject to the risks associated with investing in those sectors or industries. To the extent the Fund invests in inverse ETFs, such investments are subject to the risk that their performance will decline as the value of their benchmark indices rises. The shares of the ETFs in which the Fund will invest will be listed on a national securities exchange and the Fund will purchase or sell these shares on the secondary market at its current market price, which may be more or less than its NAV per share.

As a purchaser of ETF shares on the secondary market, the Fund will be subject to the market risk associated with owning any security whose value is based on market price. ETF shares historically have tended to trade at or near their NAV, but there is no guarantee that they will continue to do so. Unlike traditional mutual funds, shares of an



ETF may be purchased and redeemed directly from the ETFs only in large blocks and only through participating organizations that have entered into contractual agreements with the ETF. The Fund does not expect to enter into such agreements and therefore will not be able to purchase and redeem its ETF shares directly from the ETF.

**Securities Lending.** The Fund may lend securities from its portfolios to brokers, dealers and financial institutions (but not individuals) in order to increase the return on its portfolio. The value of the loaned securities may not exceed one-third of the Fund's total net assets and loans of portfolio securities are fully collateralized based on values that are marked-to-market daily. The Fund will not enter into any portfolio security lending arrangement having a duration of longer than one year. The principal risk of portfolio lending is potential default or insolvency of the borrower. In either of these cases, the Fund could experience delays in recovering securities or collateral or could lose all or part of the value of the loaned securities. The Fund may pay reasonable administrative and custodial fees in connection with loans of portfolio securities and may pay a portion of the interest or fee earned thereon to the borrower or a placing broker.

In determining whether or not to lend a security to a particular broker, dealer or financial institution, the Fund's advisor or sub-advisor, if applicable, considers all relevant facts and circumstances, including the size, creditworthiness and reputation of the broker, dealer or financial institution. Any loans of portfolio securities are fully collateralized based on values that are marked-to-market daily. Any securities that the Fund may receive as collateral will not become part of the Fund's investment portfolio at the time of the loan and, in the event of a default by the borrower, the Fund will, if permitted by law, dispose of such collateral except for such part thereof that is a security in which the Fund is permitted to invest. During the time securities are on loan, the borrower will pay the Fund any accrued income on those securities. Such payments of accrued income will not constitute qualified dividend income and will be taxable as ordinary income. For loaned securities, the Fund may invest the cash collateral and earn income or receive an agreed-upon fee from a borrower that has delivered cash-equivalent collateral. The Fund will be responsible for the risks associated with the investment of the cash collateral, including the risk that the Fund may lose money on the investment or may fail to earn sufficient income to meet its obligations to the borrower. While the Fund does not have the right to vote securities on loan, it would terminate the loan and regain the right to vote if that were considered important with respect to the investment.

**Borrowing.** The Fund may borrow from a line of credit to meet redemption requests or for other temporary purposes. The Fund will limit its borrowing to temporary purposes and in an amount not to exceed one-third of its total assets. Such borrowings may be on a secured or unsecured basis at fixed or variable rates of interest. The 1940 Act requires the Fund to maintain continuous asset coverage of not less than 300% with respect to all borrowings. This allows the Fund to borrow an amount equal to as much as 50% of the value of its net assets (not including such borrowings). If such asset coverage should decline to less than 300% due to market fluctuations or other reasons, the Fund is required to reduce the Fund's debt and restore the 300% asset coverage within three business days, and may be required to dispose of some of its portfolio holdings, even though it may be disadvantageous from an investment standpoint to dispose of assets at that time.

The Fund may also be deemed to be borrowing when entering into certain financing transactions such as reverse repurchase agreements. This type of borrowing is generally referred to as economic leverage.

The use of borrowing by the Fund involves special risk considerations. Since substantially all of the Fund's assets fluctuate in value, whereas the interest obligation resulting from a borrowing will be fixed by the terms of the Fund's agreement with its lender, the asset value per share of the Fund will tend to increase more when its portfolio securities increase in value and decrease more when its portfolio securities decrease in value than would otherwise be the case if the Fund did not borrow funds. In addition, interest costs on borrowings may fluctuate with changing market rates of interest. Under adverse market conditions, the Fund might have to sell portfolio securities to meet interest or principal payments at a time when fundamental investment considerations would not favor such sales. The interest which the Fund must pay on borrowed money, together with any additional fees to maintain a line of credit or any minimum average balances required to be maintained, are additional costs to the Fund.

**Temporary, Cash and Similar Investments.** The Fund may, without limit, invest in commercial paper and other money market instruments rated in one of the two highest rating categories by a nationally recognized statistical ratings organization ("NRSRO"), in response to adverse market conditions, as a temporary defensive position. The result of this action may be that the Fund will be unable to achieve its investment objective. In addition, the Fund may invest in any of the following securities and instruments as a non-principal investment strategy:

*Bank Certificates of Deposit, Bankers' Acceptances and Time Deposits.* The Fund may acquire certificates of deposit, bankers' acceptances and time deposits. Certificates of deposit are negotiable certificates issued against funds deposited in a commercial bank for a definite period of time and earning a specified return. Bankers' acceptances are negotiable drafts or bills of exchange, normally drawn by an importer or exporter to pay for specific merchandise, which are "accepted" by a bank, meaning in effect that the bank unconditionally agrees to pay the face value of the instrument on maturity. Certificates of deposit and bankers' acceptances acquired by the Fund will be dollar denominated obligations of domestic or foreign banks or financial institutions which at the time of purchase have capital, surplus and undivided profits in excess of \$100 million (including assets of both domestic and foreign branches), based on latest published reports, or less than \$100 million if the principal amount of such bank obligations are fully insured by the U.S. Government. If the Fund holds instruments of foreign banks or financial institutions, it may be subject to additional investment risks that are different in some respects from those incurred by a fund that invests only in debt obligations of U.S. domestic issuers. See "Foreign Investments and Currencies" above. Such risks include future political and economic developments, the possible imposition of withholding taxes by the particular country in which the issuer is located on interest income payable on the securities, the possible seizure or nationalization of foreign deposits, the possible establishment of exchange controls or the adoption of other foreign governmental restrictions which might adversely affect the payment of principal and interest on these securities.

Domestic banks and foreign banks are subject to different governmental regulations with respect to the amount and types of loans which may be made and interest rates which may be charged. In addition, the profitability of the banking industry depends largely upon the availability and cost of funds for the purpose of financing lending operations under prevailing money market conditions. General economic conditions as well as exposure to credit losses arising from possible financial difficulties of borrowers play an important part in the operations of the banking industry.

As a result of federal and state laws and regulations, domestic banks are, among other things, required to maintain specified levels of reserves, limited in the amount which they can loan to a single borrower, and subject to other regulations designed to promote financial soundness. However, such laws and regulations do not necessarily apply to foreign bank obligations that the Fund may acquire.

In addition to purchasing certificates of deposit and bankers' acceptances, to the extent permitted under its investment objectives and policies stated above and in the Prospectus, the Fund may make interest bearing time or other interest bearing deposits in commercial or savings banks. Time deposits are non-negotiable deposits maintained at a banking institution for a specified period of time at a specified interest rate.

*Savings Association Obligations.* The Fund may invest in certificates of deposit (interest bearing time deposits) issued by savings banks or savings and loan associations that have capital, surplus and undivided profits in excess of \$100 million, based on latest published reports, or less than \$100 million if the principal amount of such obligations is fully insured by the U.S. Government.

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

Commercial paper and short term notes will consist of issues rated at the time of purchase "A-2" or higher by S&P, "Prime-1" by Moody's, or similarly rated by another NRSRO or, if unrated, will be determined by the Sub-Advisor to be of comparable quality.

**Portfolio Turnover.** The portfolio turnover rate is calculated by dividing the lesser of purchases or sales of portfolio securities by the average monthly value of the Fund's portfolio securities. For purposes of this calculation, portfolio securities exclude all securities having a maturity when purchased of one year or less. High portfolio turnover may result in increased brokerage costs to the Fund and also adverse tax consequences to the Fund's shareholders. For the fiscal years ended October 31, 2023 and October 31, 2024, the Fund's portfolio turnover rate was 59% and 50%, respectively.

## DISCLOSURE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS

The Trust has policies and procedures in place that govern the timing and circumstances of disclosure of portfolio holdings of the Fund. These policies and procedures are designed to ensure that disclosure of information regarding the Fund's portfolio holdings is in the best interest of Fund shareholders, considering actual and potential material conflicts of interest that could arise between the interests of the Fund's shareholders and the interests of the Advisor or Sub-Advisor, Distributor (as defined below), or any other affiliated person of the Fund.

Disclosure of the Fund's complete holdings is required to be made quarterly within 60 days of the end of each fiscal quarter, on the Fund's website, [www.hardmanjohnstonfunds.com](http://www.hardmanjohnstonfunds.com), and on Form N-PORT and Form N-CSR, as applicable. These regulatory filings are available, free of charge, on the EDGAR database on the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).

Information about the Fund's portfolio holdings will not be distributed to any third party except as described below:

- The disclosure is required to respond to a regulatory request, court order or other legal proceedings;
- The disclosure is to a mutual fund rating or evaluation services organization (such as FactSet, Morningstar and Lipper), or statistical agency or person performing similar functions, or due diligence department of a broker-dealer or wirehouse, who has, if necessary, signed a confidentiality agreement with the Fund, or is bound by applicable duties of confidentiality imposed by law;
- The disclosure is made to the Fund's service providers who generally need access to such information in the performance of their contractual duties and responsibilities, and who are subject to duties of confidentiality imposed by law and/or contract, such as the Advisor or Sub-Advisor, the Board, independent registered public accountants, counsel to the Fund or the Trustees, proxy voting service providers, financial printers involved in the reporting process, other service providers assisting with regulatory requirements (*e.g.*, liquidity classifications and regulatory filing data), fund administration, fund accounting, transfer agency, or custody of the Fund, including, but not limited to U.S. Bancorp Fund Services, LLC, doing business as U.S. Bank Global Fund Services ("Fund Services");
- The disclosure is made by the Advisor or Sub-Advisor, as applicable, to broker-dealers in connection with the purchase or sale of securities or requests for price quotations or bids on one or more securities; the Advisor or Sub-Advisor may periodically distribute a holdings list (consisting of names only) to broker-dealers so that such brokers can provide the Advisor or Sub-Advisor with natural order flow;
- The disclosure is made to institutional consultants evaluating the Fund on behalf of potential investors;
- The disclosure is (a) in connection with a quarterly, semi-annual or annual report that is available to the public or (b) relates to information that is otherwise available to the public (*e.g.*, portfolio information that is available on the Fund's website at least one day prior to the disclosure); or
- The disclosure is made pursuant to prior written approval of the Trust's Chief Compliance Officer, or other person so authorized, is for a legitimate business purpose and is in the best interests of the Fund's shareholders.

The Fund's policies and procedures prohibit any direct or indirect compensation or consideration of any kind being paid to, or received by, any party in connection with the disclosure of information about the Fund's portfolio holdings.

The Trust's Chief Compliance Officer may designate the Advisor's chief compliance officer as the party responsible for ensuring that all confidentiality agreements involving the non-public disclosure of portfolio holdings adhere to the Fund's policies and require that the Advisor's chief compliance officer disclose and report all confidentiality agreements to the Trust's Chief Compliance Officer.

The Trust's Chief Compliance Officer must document any decisions regarding non-public disclosure of portfolio holdings and the rationale therefore, other than the ongoing arrangements described above, which have

been approved by the Board. In connection with the oversight responsibilities by the Board, any documentation regarding decisions involving the non-public disclosure of portfolio holdings of the Fund to third parties must be provided to the Board.

### **INVESTMENT LIMITATIONS**

The Fund has adopted the investment limitations set forth below. Limitations which are designated as fundamental policies may not be changed without the affirmative vote of the lesser of: (i) 67% or more of the shares of the Fund present at a shareholders meeting if holders of more than 50% of the outstanding shares of the Fund are present in person or by proxy; or (ii) more than 50% of the outstanding shares of the Fund. Except with respect to the asset coverage requirement under Section 18(f)(1) of the 1940 Act with respect to borrowing, if any percentage restriction on investment or utilization of assets is adhered to at the time an investment is made, a later change in percentage resulting from a change in the market values of the Fund or its assets or redemptions of shares will not be considered a violation of the limitation. The asset coverage requirement under Section 18(f)(1) of the 1940 Act with respect to borrowings is an ongoing requirement.

As a matter of fundamental policy, the Fund will not:

1. invest 25% or more of its net assets, calculated at the time of purchase and taken at market value, in securities of issuers in any one industry (other than securities issued by the U.S. Government or its agencies, or securities of other investment companies);
2. borrow money, provided that the Fund may borrow money for temporary purposes in amounts not exceeding one-third of its total assets (including the amount borrowed);
3. make loans to other persons, except by: (1) purchasing debt securities in accordance with its investment objective, policies and limitations; (2) entering into repurchase agreements; or (3) engaging in securities loan transactions;
4. underwrite any issue of securities, except to the extent that the Fund may be considered to be acting as underwriter in connection with the disposition of any portfolio security;
5. purchase or sell real estate, provided that the Fund may invest in obligations secured by real estate or interests therein or obligations issued by companies that invest in real estate or interests therein, including real estate investment trusts;
6. purchase or sell physical commodities, provided that the Fund may invest in, purchase, sell or enter into financial options and futures, forward and spot currency contracts, swap transactions and other derivative financial instruments; or
7. issue senior securities, except to the extent permitted by the 1940 Act.
8. With respect to 50% of its total assets, purchase the securities of any one issuer if, immediately after and as a result of such purchase (a) the value of the Fund's holdings in the securities of such issuer exceeds 5% of the Fund's total assets, or (b) the Fund owns more than 10% of the outstanding voting securities of the issuer (this restriction does not apply to investments in the securities of the U.S. Government, or its agencies or instrumentalities, or other investment companies).

With regard to the statement that the restriction set forth in item (1) above does not apply to securities issued by other investment companies, the SEC staff has maintained that a fund should consider the underlying investments of investment companies in which the fund is invested when determining concentration of the fund. The Fund will look through to the underlying holdings of investment companies in which the Fund is invested when determining the concentration of the Fund and its compliance with the restriction provided in item (1).

With regard to the restriction set forth in item (7) above, derivatives transactions, short sales and other obligations that create future payment obligations involve the issuance of "senior securities" for purposes of Section 18 of the 1940 Act. A fund may engage in derivatives transactions in accordance with Rule 18f-4 under the 1940 Act. In addition, borrowings are considered senior securities under the 1940 Act, except for bank and temporary borrowings.

### **MANAGEMENT OF THE FUND**

## Trustees and Officers

The business and affairs of the Trust are managed under the oversight of the Board, subject to the laws of the State of Delaware and the Trust's Agreement and Declaration of Trust. The Board is currently comprised of four trustees who are not interested persons of the Trust within the meaning of the 1940 Act (the "Independent Trustees"). The Trustees are responsible for deciding matters of overall policy and overseeing the actions of the Trust's service providers. The officers of the Trust conduct and supervise the Trust's daily business operations. The mailing address of each Trustee and officer of the Trust is c/o U.S. Bank Global Fund Services, 615 East Michigan Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202.

Name and Year of Birth	Position(s) Held with the Trust and Length of Time Served <sup>(1)</sup>	Principal Occupation(s) During the Past Five Years	Number of Portfolios in the Trust Overseen by Trustee <sup>(2)</sup>	Other Directorships Held by Trustee During the Past Five Years
<b>INDEPENDENT TRUSTEES</b>				
Gaylord B. Lyman (Born 1962)	Trustee and Audit Committee Chairman, since April 2015	Chief Investment Officer and Senior Portfolio Manager, Mill Street Financial, LLC, since April 2023; Senior Portfolio Manager, Affinity Investment Advisors, LLC, (2017 – 2023).	13	None
Scott Craven Jones (Born 1962)	Trustee since July 2016 and Lead Independent Trustee since May 2017	Managing Director, Carne Global Financial Services (US) LLC (a provider of independent governance and distribution support for the asset management industry), since 2013; Managing Director, Park Agency, Inc., since 2020.	13	Trustee, Madison Funds, since 2019 (15 portfolios); Trustee, XAI Octagon Floating Rate & Alternative Income Trust, since 2017; Trustee, Octagon XAI CLO Income Fund, since 2017; Trustee, XAI Madison Equity Premium Income Fund, since 2024
Lawrence T. Greenberg (Born 1963)	Trustee since July 2016	Senior Vice President and Chief Legal Officer, The Motley Fool Holdings, Inc., since 1996; Venture Partner and General Counsel, Motley Fool Ventures LP, since 2018; Adjunct Professor, Washington College of Law, American University, since 2006; General Counsel, Motley Fool Asset Management, LLC (2008 – 2018); Manager, Motley Fool Wealth Management, LLC (2013 – 2018).	13	None
James R. Schoenike (Born 1959)	Trustee since July 2016	Retired. Distribution Consultant (2018 – 2021); President and CEO, Board of Managers, Quasar Distributors, LLC (2013 – 2018).	13	None

<sup>(1)</sup> Each Trustee serves an indefinite term; however, under the terms of the Board's retirement policy, a Trustee shall retire during the year in which a Trustee reaches the age of 75.

(2) The Trust is currently comprised of multiple active portfolios managed by unaffiliated investment advisers.

As of the date of this SAI, no Independent Trustee nor any of his immediate family members (i.e., spouse or dependent children) serves as an officer or director or is an employee of the Advisor, Sub-Advisor or Distributor, or any of their respective affiliates, nor is such person an officer, director or employee of any company controlled by or under common control with such entities.

<b>Name and Year of Birth</b>	<b>Position(s) Held with the Trust and Length of Time Served <sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Principal Occupation(s) During the Past Five Years</b>
<b>OFFICERS</b>		
Scott M. Ostrowski (Born 1980)	President and Principal Executive Officer, since August 10, 2021	Senior Vice President, U.S. Bancorp Fund Services, LLC, since 2006
Amber C. Kopp (Born 1983)	Secretary, since September 15, 2023	Assistant Vice President, U.S. Bancorp Fund Services, LLC, since 2023; Assistant General Counsel, Corebridge Financial Inc. (previously AIG), 2019–2020
Jill S. Silver (Born 1976)	Chief Compliance Officer and Anti-Money Laundering Compliance Officer, since January 1, 2023	Senior Vice President, U.S. Bancorp Fund Services, LLC, since December 2022; Compliance Director, Corebridge Financial Inc. (previously AIG), 2019–2022; Compliance Manager, Corebridge Financial Inc., 2018–2019
Ryan S. Frank (Born 1985)	Vice President, Treasurer and Principal Financial Officer, since August 17, 2022	Vice President, U.S. Bancorp Fund Services, LLC, since 2008
Colton W. Scarmardo (Born 1997)	Assistant Treasurer, since August 17, 2022	Fund Administrator, U.S. Bancorp Fund Services, LLC, since 2019
Ryan J. Pasowicz (Born 1991)	Assistant Treasurer, since March 15, 2024; previously Assistant Treasurer from February 22, 2023 - October 17, 2023	Fund Administrator, U.S. Bancorp Fund Services, LLC, since 2016

<sup>(1)</sup> Each officer is elected annually and serves until his or her successor has been duly elected and qualified.

### **Leadership Structure and Responsibilities of the Board and the Committee**

The Board has selected Scott Craven Jones to serve as Lead Independent Trustee. The position of Chairman of the Board is vacant and, as Lead Independent Trustee, Mr. Jones acts as Chairman. Mr. Jones' duties include presiding at meetings of the Board and serving as Chairman during executive sessions of the Independent Trustees; interfacing with management to address significant issues that may arise between regularly scheduled Board and Committee meetings; acting as a liaison with the Trust's service providers, officers, legal counsel, and other Trustees between meetings; helping to set Board meeting agendas; and performing other functions as requested by the Board from time to time.

The Board meets as often as necessary to discharge its responsibilities. Currently, the Board conducts regular quarterly meetings and may hold special meetings as necessary to address specific issues that require attention prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting. The Board also relies on professionals, such as the Trust's independent registered public accounting firm and legal counsel, to assist the Trustees in performing their oversight responsibilities.

The Board has established one standing committee – the Audit Committee. The Board may establish other committees or nominate one or more Trustees to examine particular issues related to the Board's oversight responsibilities, from time to time. The Audit Committee meets regularly to perform its delegated oversight functions and reports its findings and recommendations to the Board. For more information on the Committee, see the section "Audit Committee," below. Currently, the Board does not have a nominating committee. The Independent Trustees are responsible for identifying, evaluating and recommending nominees to the Board as needed. The Board will also consider properly qualified candidates submitted by shareholders. Any shareholder

wishing to recommend a candidate for election may do so by sending a written notice to the Secretary of the Trust with the name, address and appropriate biographical information about the candidate.

The Board has determined that the Trust's leadership structure is appropriate because it allows the Board to effectively perform its oversight responsibilities.

### **Audit Committee**

The Audit Committee is comprised of all of the Independent Trustees. Mr. Lyman serves as the chairman of the Committee. Pursuant to its charter, the Audit Committee has the responsibility, among others, to (1) select the Trust's independent auditors; (2) review and pre-approve the audit and non-audit services provided by the independent auditors; (3) review the scope of the audit and the results of the audit of the Fund's financial statements; and (4) review with such independent auditors the adequacy of the Trust's internal accounting and financial controls. Mr. Lyman and Mr. Jones serve as the Audit Committee's "audit committee financial experts." The Audit Committee met two times with respect to the Fund during the Fund's fiscal year ended October 31, 2024.

### **Trustee Experience, Qualifications, Attributes and/or Skills**

The following is a brief discussion of the experience, qualifications, attributes and/or skills that led to the Board's conclusion that each individual identified below is qualified to serve as a Trustee of the Trust. In determining that a particular Trustee was qualified to serve as a Trustee, the Board has considered a variety of criteria, none of which was controlling. The Board believes that the Trustees' ability to review critically, evaluate, question and discuss information provided to them, to interact effectively with the advisers to the Trust, other service providers, counsel and independent auditors, and to exercise effective business judgment in the performance of their duties, support the conclusion that each Trustee is qualified to serve as a Trustee of the Trust. Many Trustee attributes involve intangible elements, such as intelligence, work ethic, the ability to work together, the ability to communicate effectively and the ability to exercise judgment, ask incisive questions, manage people and develop solutions to problems.

Mr. Schoenike has been a trustee of the Trust since July 2016 and serves on the Audit Committee. He was employed by various subsidiaries of U.S. Bancorp from 1990 to 2018 and has decades of experience in the securities industry. In 2000, Mr. Schoenike founded Quasar and established Quasar as a FINRA member broker-dealer dedicated to underwriting and distributing mutual funds, of which he served as President and Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Schoenike previously participated in the FINRA securities arbitration program as an industry arbitrator. Mr. Schoenike previously served as Chairman of the Board from July 2016 to December 2020.

Mr. Lyman has been a trustee of the Trust since April 2015, serves as Chairman of the Audit Committee and has been designated as an audit committee financial expert for the Trust. Mr. Lyman has 25 years of experience in the investment management industry. Since April 2023, Mr. Lyman serves as Chief Investment Officer and Senior Portfolio Manager of Mill Street Financial, LLC, part of the Ashton Thomas Private Wealth, LLC network, an investment adviser. Prior to joining Mill Street, Mr. Lyman served as Senior Portfolio Manager of Affinity Investment Advisors, LLC, an investment adviser, from 2017 to 2023; and from 2011 to 2016, he served as the Managing Director and portfolio manager of Kohala Capital Partners, an investment adviser. He also previously served as a vice president and portfolio manager of Becker Capital Management, Inc., an investment adviser. Mr. Lyman has an MBA from the Anderson School of Management at UCLA and holds the Chartered Financial Analyst designation.

Mr. Jones has been a trustee of the Trust since July 2016, has served as Lead Independent Trustee since May 2017, serves on the Audit Committee, and has been designated as an audit committee financial expert for the Trust. He has over 25 years of experience in the asset management industry as an independent director, attorney and executive, holding various roles including Chief Operating Officer, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Administrative Officer, with asset class experience ranging from municipal bonds to hedge funds. Mr. Jones currently is a trustee of two other registered investment companies and is a Managing Director of Carne Global Financial Services (US) LLC where his work includes director and risk oversight positions with investment advisers and serving as an independent director of private funds. Mr. Jones also currently serves as Managing Director of Park Agency Inc., a family office. Prior to that, he was an advisor to Wanzenburg Partners and served as Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer to Aurora Investment Management. He has a Juris Doctorate degree from Northwestern University School of Law and holds the Chartered Financial Analyst designation.

Mr. Greenberg has been a trustee of the Trust since July 2016 and serves on the Audit Committee. Mr. Greenberg has over 25 years of experience in the securities industry. He has been Chief Legal Officer and Senior Vice President of The Motley Fool Holdings, Inc. since 1996. He also served as General Counsel to Motley Fool Asset Management, LLC from 2008 to 2018 and as Manager of Motley Fool Wealth Management, LLC from 2013 to 2018. He has been a Venture Partner of and General Counsel to Motley Fool Ventures LP since 2018. Mr. Greenberg is a Director of The Motley Fool Holdings, Inc.'s wholly-owned subsidiaries in the United Kingdom, Australia, and Canada. Mr. Greenberg also has directorship experience through his service on private company boards. He has a Master's degree and a Juris Doctorate degree from Stanford University.

### **Risk Oversight**

The Board performs its risk oversight function for the Trust through a combination of (1) direct oversight by the Board as a whole and the Board committee, and (2) indirect oversight through the investment advisers and other service providers, Trust officers and the Trust's Chief Compliance Officer. The Trust is subject to a number of risks, including but not limited to investment risk, compliance risk, operational risk and reputational risk. Day-to-day risk management with respect to the series of the Trust, including the Fund, is the responsibility of the investment advisers or other service providers (depending on the nature of the risk) that carry out the Trust's investment management and business affairs. Each of the investment advisers and the other service providers have their own independent interest in risk management and their policies and methods of risk management will depend on their functions and business models and may differ from the Trust's and each other's in the setting of priorities, the resources available or the effectiveness of relevant controls.

The Board provides risk oversight by receiving and reviewing on a regular basis reports from the investment advisers and other service providers, receiving and approving compliance policies and procedures, periodic meetings with the Fund's portfolio manager to review investment policies, strategies and risks, and meeting regularly with the Trust's Chief Compliance Officer to discuss compliance reports, findings and issues. The Board also relies on the investment advisers and other service providers, with respect to the day-to-day activities of the Trust, to create and maintain procedures and controls to minimize risk and the likelihood of adverse effects on the Trust's business and reputation.

Board oversight of risk management is also provided by the Board's Audit Committee. The Audit Committee meets with the Fund's independent registered public accounting firm to ensure that the Fund's audit scope includes risk-based considerations as to the Fund's financial position and operations.

The Board may, at any time and in its discretion, change the manner in which it conducts risk oversight. The Board's oversight role does not make the Board a guarantor of the Fund's investments or activities.

**Security and Other Interests.** As of December 31, 2024, no Trustees of the Trust beneficially owned shares of the Fund. As of December 31, 2024, neither the Independent Trustees nor members of their immediate families, owned securities beneficially or of record in the Advisor, the Sub-Advisor, the Distributor (as defined below), or an affiliate of the Advisor, the Sub-Advisor, or Distributor. Accordingly, neither the Independent Trustees nor members of their immediate families, have a direct or indirect interest, the value of which exceeds \$120,000, in the Advisor, the Sub-Advisor, the Distributor or any of their affiliates. In addition, during the two most recently completed calendar years, neither the Independent Trustees nor members of their immediate families had a direct or indirect interest, the value of which exceeds \$120,000 in (i) the Advisor, the Sub-Advisor, the Distributor or any of their affiliates; (ii) any transaction or relationship in which such entity, the Fund, the Trust, any officer of the Trust, the Advisor, the Sub-Advisor, the Distributor, or any of their affiliates was a party; or (iii) any other relationship related to payments for property or services to the Fund, the Trust, any officer of the Trust, the Advisor, the Sub-Advisor, the Distributor, or any of their affiliates.

### **Compensation**

For their services as Independent Trustees, the Independent Trustees receive compensation from the Trust and reimbursement for reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with attendance at Board or committee meetings. The Lead Independent Trustee and the Audit Committee Chair each receive additional compensation. The Trust has no pension or retirement plan.



For the Fund’s fiscal year ended October 31, 2024, the Independent Trustees received the following compensation:

<b>Independent Trustee</b>	<b>Aggregate Compensation from the Fund</b>	<b>Pension or Retirement Benefits Accrued as Part of Trust Expenses</b>	<b>Estimated Annual Benefits Upon Retirement</b>	<b>Total Compensation from the Fund and the Trust<sup>(1)</sup> Paid to Trustees:</b>
Gaylord B. Lyman <sup>(2)</sup>	\$8,073	None	None	\$75,000
Lawrence T. Greenberg	\$6,979	None	None	\$65,000
Scott Craven Jones <sup>(3)</sup>	\$8,342	None	None	\$77,500
James R. Schoenike	\$7,535	None	None	\$70,000

<sup>(1)</sup> The Trust is currently comprised of multiple active portfolios managed by unaffiliated investment advisers.

<sup>(2)</sup> Audit Committee Chair

<sup>(3)</sup> Lead Independent Trustee

### **CODES OF ETHICS**

The Trust, the Advisor, the Sub-Advisor and the Distributor have each adopted codes of ethics pursuant to Rule 17j-1 of the 1940 Act. These codes of ethics are designed to prevent affiliated persons of the Trust, the Advisor, the Sub-Advisor and the Distributor from engaging in deceptive, manipulative or fraudulent activities in connection with securities held or to be acquired by the Fund (which may also be held by persons subject to the codes of ethics). Each code of ethics permits personnel subject to that code of ethics to invest in securities for their personal investment accounts, subject to certain limitations, including limitations related to securities that may be purchased or held by the Fund.

The Trust’s, the Advisor’s, the Sub-Advisor’s and the Distributor’s codes of ethics may be found on the SEC’s website at <http://www.sec.gov> in the exhibits to the Fund’s registration statement on Form N-1A.

### **PROXY VOTING**

The Board has adopted proxy voting procedures, and thereunder delegated the responsibility for exercising the voting rights associated with the securities purchased and/or held by the Fund to the Advisor, subject to the Board’s oversight. With respect to the Fund, the Advisor has delegated the authority to vote proxies for the portfolio securities held by the Fund to Hardman Johnston in accordance with the Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures (the “Voting Policies”) adopted by Hardman Johnston.

#### **Proxy Voting**

Hardman Johnston, the sub-advisor to the Fund, has engaged Glass Lewis & Co. to assist with proxy voting. Glass Lewis provides research and recommendations for voting proxies. Hardman Johnston reviews their recommendations and makes the final voting decisions. In accordance with its fiduciary duty, Hardman Johnston will then provide its voting instructions to Glass Lewis, who then coordinates the Fund’s proxy votes.

In the absence of specific voting guidelines from the client, Hardman Johnston will vote proxies in the best interest of its clients. Each proposal will be evaluated separately but the following guidelines will generally be followed:

- Hardman Johnston opposes anti-takeover proposals and supports the elimination of anti-takeover policies;
- Compensation plans and levels should be in line with industry norms and should incentivize managers to act in the best interests of shareholders;
- Mergers, acquisitions and capital structure changes that are subject to a shareholder vote should be strategically sound and avoid excessive dilution; and
- Directors nominated must have demonstrated, relevant experience.

All proxies will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis in light of management performance, company performance and prospects, industry comparables, the outlook for the industry and the economy generally and other relevant factors. However, historically, Hardman Johnston has voted with management in most cases. This is never a blind decision, but reviewed for each company in the portfolio and for each item on the proxy. An important part of Hardman Johnston's investment research process is to review the company's leadership team and management, their experience and track record. If Hardman Johnston were not confident in the competence and integrity of management, it would not invest in the company. As such, Hardman Johnston generally agrees with management's proposals, and expects them to have the best information to make these decisions and to act in the best interest of their shareholders. From time to time, Hardman Johnston will vote against management after considering a particular issue and coming to a different conclusion.

Proxy voting in certain countries may require share blocking. Share blocking is intended to facilitate the voting process; however, it also imposes constraints. Shareholders wishing to vote the proxies must deposit their shares before the date of the meeting with a designated depository which results in the shares being unavailable to sell. Accordingly, if share blocking is required, we will generally choose not to vote those shares.

If a potential or actual conflict exists, Hardman Johnston will determine whether voting in accordance with the voting guidelines and factors described above is in the best interests of the client, including clients that are subject to ERISA. If Hardman Johnston determines that a material conflict exists and that voting in accordance with the voting guidelines and factors described above is not in the best interests of the clients Hardman Johnston will make the appropriate disclosures to clients and either request that the client vote the proxy(s) or abstain from voting. The Fund's proxy voting record for the twelve-month period ended June 30 of each year is available by August 31 of the same year (i) without charge, upon request, by calling 1-833-627-6668, (ii) on the Fund's website at [www.hardmanjohnstonfunds.com](http://www.hardmanjohnstonfunds.com), or (iii) on the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).

## CONTROL PERSONS AND PRINCIPAL HOLDERS OF SECURITIES

A principal shareholder is any person who owns of record or beneficially 5% or more of the outstanding shares of the Fund. A control person is one who owns beneficially or through controlled companies more than 25% of the voting securities of the Fund or acknowledges the existence of control. A controlling person possesses the ability to control the outcome of matters submitted for shareholder vote by the Fund. As of the date of this SAI, the Trustees and officers as a group owned beneficially (as the term is defined in Section 13(d) under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended) less than 1% of the outstanding shares of the Fund. As of January 31, 2025, each of the following shareholders is considered to be either a control person or principal shareholder of the Fund.

### *Institutional Shares*

<b>Name and Address</b>	<b>Parent Company</b>	<b>Jurisdiction</b>	<b>% Ownership</b>	<b>Type of Ownership</b>
National Financial Services, LLC 499 Washington Boulevard, 4th Floor New Jersey, NJ 07310-2010	Fidelity Global Brokerage Group, Inc.	DE	50.72%	Record
Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. Special Custody A/C FBO Customers ATTN: Mutual Funds 211 Main Street San Francisco, CA 94105-1901	The Charles Schwab Corporation	DE	46.90%	Record

### *Retail Shares*

<b>Name and Address</b>	<b>Parent Company</b>	<b>Jurisdiction</b>	<b>% Ownership</b>	<b>Type of Ownership</b>
National Financial Services, LLC 499 Washington Boulevard, 4th Floor New Jersey, NJ 07310-2010	Fidelity Global Brokerage Group, Inc.	DE	91.19%	Record
The Timothy A. Gaar Living Trust U/A 09/21/2005 Indio, CA 92201-8846	The Charles Schwab Corporation	DE	7.16%	Record

## INVESTMENT ADVISORY AND OTHER SERVICES

### Investment Adviser

Dakota Investments LLC, located at 925 W. Lancaster Ave, Suite 220, Bryn Mawr, PA 19010, is a Pennsylvania limited liability company. The Advisor is an SEC-registered investment adviser. William (“Gui”) G. Costin IV is considered a control person of the Advisor due to his ownership of the firm. As of December 31, 2024, the Advisor had approximately \$58.18 million in total assets under management.

Pursuant to an investment advisory agreement between the Trust, on behalf of the Fund, and the Advisor (the “Advisory Agreement”), the Advisor manages the Fund. The Advisory Agreement continues in effect from year to year if such continuance is specifically approved at least annually by the Board, including a majority of the Independent Trustees or by vote of a majority of the outstanding voting securities of the Fund. The Advisory Agreement may be terminated on 60 days’ written notice without penalty: (i) by vote of the Board; (ii) by the vote of a majority of the outstanding voting securities of the Fund; or (iii) by the Advisor. The Advisory Agreement will also terminate automatically in the event of its assignment as defined in the 1940 Act.

Under the terms of the Advisory Agreement, the Advisor, with respect to the Fund, agrees to: (a) direct the investments of the Fund, subject to and in accordance with the Fund’s investment objective, policies and limitations set forth in the Prospectus and this SAI; (b) purchase and sell for the Fund securities and other investments consistent with the Fund’s objective and policies; (c) furnish office space and office facilities, equipment and personnel necessary for servicing the investments of the Fund; (d) pay the salaries of all personnel of the Advisor performing services relating to research, statistical and investment activities on behalf of the Fund; (e) make available and provide such information as the Trust and/or its administrator may reasonably request for use in the preparation of the Fund’s registration statement, reports and other documents required by any applicable federal, foreign or state statutes or regulations; and (f) make its officers and employees available to the Board and officers of the Trust for consultation and discussion regarding the management of the Fund and its investment activities. Additionally, the Advisor agrees to maintain all books and records required to be maintained by the Fund (other than those records being maintained by the Trust’s administrator, custodian or transfer agent) and preserve such records for the periods prescribed thereof. The Trust and/or the Advisor may at any time or times, upon approval by the Board and the shareholders of the Fund, enter into one or more sub-advisory agreements with a sub-advisor pursuant to which the Advisor delegates any or all of its duties as listed.

The Advisory Agreement provides that the Advisor shall not be liable for any act or omission in the course of, or connected with, rendering services under the Advisory Agreement or for any losses that may be sustained in the purchase, holding or sale of any security or the making of any investment for or on behalf of the Fund, except to the extent of a loss resulting from willful misfeasance, bad faith, negligence, or reckless disregard on its part in the performance of its obligations and duties under the Advisory Agreement.

For the below fiscal years, the Advisor reduced its fees and absorbed Fund expenses under the expense limitation agreement described below:

	<b>Gross Advisory Fees Earned</b>	<b>Advisory Fees Waived and Fund Expenses Reimbursed</b>
Fiscal Year Ended October 31, 2024	\$547,843	\$(415,460)
Fiscal Year Ended October 31, 2023	\$476,876	\$(386,043)
Fiscal Year Ended October 31, 2022	\$527,192	\$(387,648)

Pursuant to the Advisory Agreement, the Advisor is entitled to receive an annual investment advisory fee, paid monthly, comprising 1.00% of the average daily net assets of the Fund. Pursuant to a contractual operating expense limitation agreement, the Advisor has agreed to waive a portion of its advisory fee and/or reimburse expenses to ensure the total amount of the Fund’s operating expenses (excluding any front-end or contingent deferred loads, Rule 12b-1 plan fees, shareholder servicing plan fees, taxes, leverage (*i.e.*, any expenses incurred in connection with borrowings made by the Fund), interest (including interest incurred in connection with bank and custody overdrafts), brokerage commissions and other transactional expenses, expenses incurred in connection with any merger or reorganization, dividends or interest on short positions, acquired fund fees and expenses or extraordinary expenses such as litigation (collectively, “Excludable Expenses”)) does not exceed 1.00% of the Fund’s average annual net

assets. To the extent the Fund incurs Excludable Expenses, Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses After Fee Waiver and/or Expense Reimbursement may exceed 1.00%. The Advisor may request recoupment of previously waived fees and paid expenses from the Fund for up to three years from the date such fees and expenses were waived or paid, subject to the operating expense limitation agreement, if such reimbursement will not cause the Fund to exceed the lesser of: (1) the expense limitation in place at the time of the waiver and/or expense payment; or (2) the expense limitation in place at the time of the recoupment. The Fund must pay its current ordinary operating expenses before the Advisor is entitled to any recoupment of management fees and/or expenses. This operating expense limitation agreement is in effect through at least February 28, 2026, and may be terminated only by, or with the consent of, the Board of Trustees.

### **Sub-Advisor for the Fund**

Hardman Johnston Global Advisors LLC, located at 300 Atlantic Street, Suite 601, Stamford, Connecticut 06901, is a Connecticut limited liability company. The Sub-Advisor is an SEC-registered investment adviser. Cassandra A. Hardman, lead portfolio manager of the Fund, is deemed to be a control person of the Sub-Advisor due to her ownership of the firm. As of December 31, 2024, the Sub-Advisor had approximately \$6.66 billion in total assets under management.

Pursuant to a sub-advisory agreement between the Advisor and the Sub-Advisor (the “Sub-Advisory Agreement”), the Sub-Advisor, subject to supervision by the Advisor and the Board, has responsibility for trading and day-to-day management of the Fund’s investment portfolio in accordance with the Fund’s investment objective, policies and limitations, as stated in the Prospectus and this SAI. The Sub-Advisor’s management of the Fund is subject to the terms and conditions indicated in the Sub-Advisory Agreement. The Sub-Advisor has served as the Fund’s sub-advisor since January 1, 2020, following the termination of the Fund’s previous sub-advisory agreement with Redwood Investments, LLC.

The Sub-Advisory Agreement will continue in effect if such continuance is approved at least annually by the Board, including a majority of the Independent Trustees. The Sub-Advisory Agreement may be terminated at any time, upon 60 days’ notice to the Sub-Advisor, without penalty, with respect to the Fund: (i) by the Board (ii) by the vote of a majority of the outstanding voting securities of the Fund; (iii) by the Advisor or (iv) by the Sub-Advisor upon 60 days’ written notice to the Advisor. The Sub-Advisory Agreement will also terminate automatically in the event of its assignment as defined in the 1940 Act.

For its services as sub-advisor to the Fund, the Sub-Advisor is paid a monthly fee, payable in arrears, equal to sixty percent (60%) of the net fee revenue received by the Advisor for such month. For the fiscal year ended October 31, 2024, the Advisor paid sub-advisory fees in the amount of \$79,430 to the Sub-Advisor.

The Sub-Advisory Agreement provides that neither the Sub-Advisor nor its officers, directors, members, employees or agents shall be liable to the Advisor or the Fund for any act or omission in the course of, or connected with, rendering services under the Sub-Advisory Agreement in the absence of willful misfeasance, bad faith or negligence on the part of the Sub-Advisor, or reckless disregard of its obligations and duties thereunder.

## **SERVICE PROVIDERS**

### **Fund Administrator, Transfer Agent and Fund Accountant**

Fund Services, located at 615 East Michigan Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202, acts as the Fund’s administrator pursuant to an administration agreement between Fund Services and the Trust, on behalf of the Fund. Fund Services provides certain administrative services to the Fund, including, among other responsibilities, coordinating the negotiation of contracts and fees with, and the monitoring of performance and billing of, the Fund’s independent contractors and agents; preparing for signature by an officer of the Trust all of the documents required to be filed for compliance by the Trust and the Fund with applicable laws and regulations excluding those of the securities laws of various states; arranging for the computation of performance data, including NAV and yield; responding to shareholder inquiries; and arranging for the maintenance of books and records of the Fund, and providing, at its own expense, office facilities, equipment and personnel necessary to carry out its duties. In this capacity, Fund Services does not have any responsibility or authority for the management of the Fund, the determination of investment policy, or for any matter pertaining to the distribution of Fund shares. As compensation for its services, Fund Services receives from the Fund a combined fee for fund administration and fund accounting services based on the

Fund's current average daily net assets. Fund Services is also entitled to be reimbursed for certain out-of-pocket expenses. Fund Services also acts as fund accountant ("Fund Accountant"), transfer agent ("Transfer Agent") and dividend disbursing agent under separate agreements with the Trust. For the following fiscal years, the Fund paid the following administrative and accounting fees to Fund Services for its services as the Fund's administrator and Fund accountant:

<b>Fiscal Year Ended October 31,</b>		
<b>2024</b> \$141,607	<b>2023</b> \$135,306	<b>2022</b> \$130,157

#### **Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

Cohen & Company, Ltd., located at 1835 Market Street, Suite 310, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103, serves as the independent registered public accounting firm to the Fund providing services which include: (1) auditing the annual financial statements for the Fund; and (2) the review of the annual federal income tax returns filed on behalf of the Fund.

#### **Legal Counsel**

Godfrey & Kahn, S.C., 833 East Michigan Street, Suite 1800, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202, serves as counsel to the Trust and the Independent Trustees.

#### **Custodian**

U.S. Bank National Association (the "Custodian"), located at 1555 North River Center Drive, Suite 302, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53212, an affiliate of Fund Services, serves as the custodian of the Fund's assets pursuant to a custody agreement between the Custodian and the Trust, on behalf of the Fund. The Custodian charges fees on a transactional basis plus out-of-pocket expenses. The Custodian maintains custody of securities and other assets of the Fund, delivers and receives payments for securities sold, receives and pays for securities purchased, collects income from investments and serves as the Fund's foreign custody manager. The Custodian does not participate in decisions relating to the purchase and sale of securities by the Fund. The Custodian and its affiliates may participate in revenue sharing arrangements with service providers of other investment companies in which the Fund may invest.

#### **Compliance Services**

Fund Services provides compliance services to the Fund pursuant to a service agreement between Fund Services and the Trust, on behalf of the Fund. Under this service agreement, Fund Services also provides an individual to serve as Chief Compliance Officer to the Trust, subject to the approval and oversight of the Board. The Board has approved Ms. Silver as Chief Compliance Officer of the Trust.

### **DISTRIBUTION OF SHARES**

Vigilant Distributors, LLC, (the "Distributor"), located at Gateway Corporate Center, Suite 216, 223 Wilmington West Chester Pike, Chadds Ford, Pennsylvania 19317, acts as the Fund's distributor. Pursuant to an agreement between the Distributor and the Trust (the "Distribution Agreement"), the Distributor serves as the Fund's principal underwriter, provides certain administration services, and promotes and arranges for the sale of the Fund's shares. The offering of the Fund's shares is continuous, and the Distributor distributes the Fund's shares on a best efforts basis. The Distributor is not obligated to sell any certain number of shares of the Fund. The Distributor is a registered broker-dealer and member of FINRA.

The Distribution Agreement continues in effect only if its continuance is specifically approved at least annually by the Board or by vote of a majority of the Fund's outstanding voting securities and, in either case, by a majority of the Independent Trustees. The Distribution Agreement is terminable without penalty by the Trust on behalf of the Fund on 60 days' written notice when authorized either by a majority vote of the outstanding voting securities of the Fund or by vote of a majority of the Independent Trustees. The Distribution Agreement is terminable without penalty by the Distributor upon 60 days' written notice to the Trust. The Distribution Agreement will automatically terminate in the event of its "assignment" (as defined in the 1940 Act).

## **Distribution and Shareholder Servicing (Rule 12b-1) Plan Retail Shares**

The Fund has adopted a distribution and shareholder service plan pursuant to Rule 12b-1 under the 1940 Act (the “Rule 12b-1 Plan”) on behalf of the Retail Shares of the Fund.

Under the Rule 12b-1 Plan, the Fund pays a Rule 12b-1 distribution and/or shareholder servicing fee to the Distributor and other authorized recipients (the “Rule 12b-1 Fee”) for distribution and shareholder services on behalf of the Retail Shares of the Fund. The Rule 12b-1 Fee is an annual fee at the rate of 0.25% of the Fund’s average daily net assets attributable to Retail Shares. The Rule 12b-1 Plan provides that the Distributor may use all or any portion of such Rule 12b-1 Fee to finance any activity that is principally intended to result in the sale of the Fund’s Retail Shares, subject to the terms of the Rule 12b-1 Plan, or to provide certain shareholder services to Retail Shares.

The Rule 12b-1 Fee is payable to the Distributor regardless of the distribution-related expenses actually incurred on behalf of Retail Shares of the Fund. Because the Rule 12b-1 Fee is not directly tied to expenses, the amount of Rule 12b-1 Fees paid by the Retail Shares of the Fund during any year may be more or less than actual expenses incurred pursuant to the Rule 12b-1 Plan. For this reason, this type of distribution fee arrangement is characterized by the staff of the SEC as a “compensation” plan. The Distributor does not retain any Rule 12b-1 Fees for profit. All Rule 12b-1 Fees are held in retention for distribution-related expenses.

The Distributor may use the Rule 12b-1 Fee to pay for services covered by the Rule 12b-1 Plan including, but not limited to, advertising, compensating underwriters, dealers and selling personnel engaged in the distribution of Retail Shares of the Fund, the printing and mailing of prospectuses, statements of additional information and reports to other-than-current Fund shareholders, the printing and mailing of marketing material pertaining to the Fund, and administrative, shareholder services and other support services provided by financial intermediaries.

The Rule 12b-1 Plan provides that it will continue from year to year upon approval by the majority vote of the Board, including a majority of the trustees who are not “interested persons” of the Fund, as defined in the 1940 Act, and who have no direct or indirect financial interest in the operations of the Rule 12b-1 Plan or in any agreement related to such plan (the “Qualified Trustees”), as required by the 1940 Act, cast in person at a meeting called for that purpose. Each member of the Board is currently a Qualified Trustee. The Rule 12b-1 Plan also requires that the Independent Trustees select and nominate all other trustees who are not “interested persons” of the Fund. The Rule 12b-1 Plan may not be amended to materially increase the amounts to be spent for distribution expenses without approval of shareholders holding a majority of the Fund’s Retail Shares outstanding. All material amendments to the Rule 12b-1 Plan must be approved by a vote of a majority of the Board and the Qualified Trustees, cast in person at a meeting called for the purpose of voting on any such amendment.

The Rule 12b-1 Plan requires that the Distributor and/or the Trust’s administrator provide to the Board, at least quarterly, a written report on the amounts and purpose of any payment made under the Rule 12b-1 Plan. The Distributor and administrator are also required to furnish the Board with such other information as may reasonably be requested in order to enable the Board to make an informed determination of whether the Rule 12b-1 Plan should be continued. The Board of Trustees, including a majority of Qualified Trustees, has concluded that there is a reasonable likelihood that the continuation of the Rule 12b-1 Plan will benefit the Retail Shares of the Fund. In particular, the Board of Trustees has determined that it believes that the 12b-1 Plan is reasonably likely to stimulate sales of Retail Shares and assist in increasing the Fund’s asset base. With the exception of the Advisor or the Sub-Advisor in its capacity as investment adviser to the Fund, no “interested person” of the Fund, as defined in the 1940 Act, and no Qualified Trustee of the Fund has or had a direct or indirect financial interest in the Rule 12b-1 Plan or any related agreement.

The Rule 12b-1 Plan provides for the ability to use Retail Shares’ assets 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 Retail Shares (distribution services) or for the provision of certain shareholder services. The payments made by the Fund to these financial intermediaries are based primarily on the dollar amount of assets invested in the Retail Shares of the Fund through the financial intermediaries. These financial intermediaries may pay a portion of the payments that they receive from the Fund to its investment professionals. Under the Rule 12b-1 Plan, the Fund may, from time to time, make payments that help defray the expenses incurred by financial intermediaries for conducting training and educational meetings about various aspects of the Fund for their employees. In addition, the 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 Retail Shares shareholders exceed the Rule 12b-1 Fees available, these payments are made by the Advisor from its own resources, which may include its profits from the advisory fee it receives from the Fund. In addition, the 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 the Fund's participation in such platforms, all or a portion of the Rule 12b-1 Fee may be used to pay one or more supermarket sponsors a negotiated fee for distributing and servicing the Fund's Retail Shares. In addition, in its discretion, the Advisor may pay additional fees to intermediaries from its own assets for the distribution and servicing of shares of the Fund.

The table below shows the amount of distribution fees incurred and the allocation of such fees by the Fund for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2024.

<b>Actual Rule 12b-1 Expenditures Incurred by the Retail Shares of the Fund During the Fiscal Year Ended October 31, 2024</b>	
Advertising/Marketing	\$0
Printing/Postage	\$0
Payment to Distributor	\$0
Payment to Dealers	\$2,334
Compensation to Sales Personnel	\$0
Interest, Carrying or Other Financing Charges	\$0
Other	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,334</b>

#### **PORTFOLIO MANAGER**

**Other Accounts Managed.** In addition to the Fund, Ms. Hardman managed the following other accounts as of October 31, 2024, none of which were subject to a performance-based fee.

<b>Category of Account</b>	<b>Total Number of Accounts Managed</b>	<b>Total Assets in Accounts Managed</b>
Registered Investment Companies	1	\$60,137,522
Other Pooled Investment Vehicles	6	\$3,434,547,947
Other Accounts	118	\$1,963,365,158

**Material Conflicts of Interest.** Material conflicts of interest that may arise in connection with the portfolio manager's management of the Fund's investments and investments of other accounts managed include material conflicts between the investment strategy of the Fund and the investment strategy of the other accounts managed by the portfolio manager, and conflicts associated with the allocation of investment opportunities between the Fund and other accounts managed by the portfolio manager.

**Compensation.** The following is a description of the Sub-Advisor's portfolio manager compensation as of the date of this SAI. The portfolio manager for the Fund is compensated by the Sub-Advisor in the form of a fixed salary. The portfolio manager also receives deferred compensation based on the number of years she has been with the Sub-Advisor. The portfolio manager is also eligible for a bonus, which is based on the overall profitability of the Sub-Advisor and is not based on performance of any accounts. The portfolio manager maintains an equity interest in the Sub-Advisor and may receive additional income proportionate to her equity in the Sub-Advisor. The portfolio manager also participates in the firm's retirement plan, which includes both an elective deferral and the required employer contribution per the plan administrator and trust document.

**Ownership of Securities.** As of October 31, 2024, Ms. Hardman did not own any shares of the Fund.

## BROKERAGE ALLOCATION AND OTHER PRACTICES

The Sub-Advisor places all portfolio transactions on behalf of the Fund, selects broker-dealers for such transactions, allocates brokerage fees in such transactions and, where applicable, negotiates commissions and spreads on transactions. The Sub-Advisor has a fiduciary duty to the Fund to obtain best execution, on an overall basis, for all securities transactions. In selecting brokers and dealers, the Sub-Advisor seeks to obtain the best overall execution, taking into account factors including security price, execution capability, quality of trade execution and clearing commission cost, and research services. The Sub-Advisor selects a number of brokers to provide brokerage services, and considers several factors when selecting brokers, including the following:

1. The broker's knowledge of the underlying company and the trading activity of the specific security, and the broker's ability to execute the proposed transaction at the most favorable price possible to the client.
2. The financial strength of the broker.
3. The efficiency of the broker's administrative operations and its ability to assure efficient transactions among the Sub-Advisor, the brokerage house, the depository institution, if any, the transfer agent and the custodian.
4. The commission or fees to be charged on the transaction, with the understanding that no transaction will be executed if commissions to be charged are not reasonably competitive with prevailing institutional rates.
5. The provision to the Sub-Advisor of "research services."

The Sub-Advisor monitors executions on a daily basis and conducts quarterly trade cost analyses to determine effectiveness of brokers and dealers and identify possible improvement to better achieve best execution for the Fund.

During the fiscal years indicated below, the Fund paid the following brokerage commissions:

Brokerage Commissions Paid		
<u>October 31, 2024</u>	<u>October 31, 2023</u>	<u>October 31, 2022</u>
\$74,576	\$89,943	\$62,571

The Fund may at times invest in securities of its regular broker-dealers or the parent of its regular broker-dealers. The Fund did not hold any securities of its regular broker-dealers as of the fiscal year ended October 31, 2024.

The Sub-Advisor may generate "soft dollars" through the Fund's trading activity in compliance with the "safe harbor" of Section 28(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Under "soft dollar" arrangements, one or more of the brokerage firms provide or pay the costs of certain research services, or other items for the benefit of the Fund. In recognition of research services provided to it, the Fund may pay a higher brokerage commission to a broker than it may have been charged by another brokerage firm in executing the same transaction. Research services received from broker-dealers supplement the Sub-Advisor's own research and may include the following types of information: financial newsletters; trade journals; software providing analysis of securities portfolios; corporate governance research and rating services; attendance at certain seminars and conferences; discussions with research analysts; meetings with corporate executives; translation services; consultants' advice on portfolio strategy; data services (including services providing market data, company financial data and economic data); advice from brokers on order execution and certain proxy services. These soft dollar arrangements may benefit the Sub-Advisor by reducing expenses. Additionally, these research services may be used by the Sub-Advisor in servicing all of its accounts and not all of these research services may be used by the Sub-Advisor in connection with the Fund. Nonetheless, the Sub-Advisor believes that soft dollar arrangements generally enhance the Sub-Advisor's ability to obtain research, optimal execution and other benefits on behalf of the Fund. During the fiscal year ended October 31, 2024, the Fund directed transactions and paid brokerage commissions because of research services provided in the following amounts:

**Commissions Paid**  
\$15,684

**Transactions Directed**  
\$11,176,040



## DESCRIPTION OF SHARES, VOTING RIGHTS AND LIABILITIES

The Fund has two classes of shares – Institutional Shares and Retail Shares. The shares of the Fund, when issued and paid for in accordance with the Prospectus, will be fully paid and non-assessable shares, with equal voting rights and no preferences as to conversion, exchange, dividends, redemption or any other feature.

Shares of the Fund entitle holders to one vote per share and fractional votes for fractional shares held. Shares have non-cumulative voting rights with respect to election of Trustees, do not have preemptive or subscription rights and are transferable. Each class takes separate votes on matters affecting only that class. For example, a change in the 12b-1 fee for a class would be voted upon only by shareholders of that class.

The Fund does not hold annual meetings of shareholders. A meeting of shareholders for the purpose of voting upon the question of removal of any Trustee may be called upon the demand of shareholders owning not less than 10% of the Trust's outstanding shares. Except when a larger quorum is required by the applicable provisions of the 1940 Act, forty percent (40%) of the shares entitled to vote on a matter constitutes a quorum at a meeting of shareholders. Generally, subject to the 1940 Act and the specific provisions of the Amended and Restated Agreement and Declaration of Trust, as amended (the "Declaration of Trust"), when a quorum is present at any meeting, a majority of the shares voted will decide any questions, except only a plurality vote is necessary to elect Trustees.

The Fund may involuntarily redeem a shareholder's shares if the shareholder owns shares of the Fund having an aggregate NAV of less than a minimum value determined from time to time by the Trustees. In addition, the Trust may call for the redemption of shares of any shareholder or may refuse to transfer or issue shares to any person to the extent that the same is necessary to comply with applicable law or advisable to further the purpose for which the Trust was established, including circumstances involving frequent or excessive trading in shares of the Fund. The Declaration of Trust also provides that if an officer or agent of the Trust has determined that a shareholder has engaged in frequent and excessive trading in shares of the Fund, the Trust may require the shareholder to redeem his or her shares.

The Trust may cause, to the extent consistent with applicable law: (a) the Trust or one or more of its series to be merged into or consolidated with another trust, series of another trust or other person; (b) the shares of the Trust or any of its series to be converted into beneficial interests in another trust or series thereof; (c) the shares to be exchanged for assets or property under or pursuant to any state or federal statute to the extent permitted by law; or (d) a sale of assets of the Trust or one or more of its series. Such merger or consolidation, share conversion, share exchange or sale of assets must be authorized by a majority of the shares voted when a quorum is present, provided that in all respects not governed by statute or applicable law, the Trustees have power to prescribe the procedure necessary or appropriate to accomplish a merger or consolidation, share conversion, share exchange, or sale of assets, including the power to create one or more separate trusts to which all or any part of the assets, liabilities, profits or losses of the Trust may be transferred and to provide for the conversion of shares of the Trust or any of its series into beneficial interests in such separate business trust or trusts or series thereof.

Notwithstanding the foregoing paragraph, the Declaration of Trust provides that the Trustees may, without the vote or consent of shareholders, cause to be organized or assist in organizing a corporation or corporations under the laws of any jurisdiction, or any trust, partnership, limited liability company, association or other organization, or any series or class of any thereof (including any series, or class of any series, of the Trust), to acquire all or a portion of the Trust property (or all or a portion of the Trust property held with respect to the Fund or allocable to a particular class) or to carry on any business in which the Trust directly or indirectly has any interest (any of the foregoing, a "Successor Entity"), and to sell, convey and transfer Trust property to any such Successor Entity in exchange for the shares or securities thereof or otherwise, and to lend money to, subscribe for the shares or securities of, and enter into any contracts with any such Successor Entity in which the Trust holds or is about to acquire shares or any other interest. The Trustees may also, without the vote or consent of shareholders, cause a merger or consolidation between the Trust and any Successor Entity if and to the extent permitted by law. However, the Declaration of Trust provides that the Trustees shall provide written notice to affected shareholders of each such transaction. Such transactions may be effected through share-for-share exchanges, transfers or sales of assets, in-kind redemptions and purchases, exchange offers, or any other method approved by the Trustees.

The Declaration of Trust provides that no shareholder shall have the right to bring or maintain any court action, proceeding or claim in the right of the Trust or the Fund or a class thereof to recover a judgment in its favor unless

(a) shareholders holding at least ten percent (10%) of the outstanding shares of the Trust, the Fund or class, as applicable, join in the bringing of such court action, proceeding or claim; and (b) the bringing or maintenance of such court action, proceeding or claim is otherwise in accordance with Section 3816 of the Delaware Statutory Trust Act, subject to certain additional requirements.

The Declaration of Trust provides that by virtue of becoming a shareholder of the Fund, each shareholder will be held to have expressly assented and agreed to the terms of the Declaration of Trust, the By-Laws of the Trust and the resolutions of the Board.

The Declaration of Trust provides that the Trust will indemnify and hold harmless each Trustee and officer of the Trust and each former Trustee and officer of the Trust (each hereinafter referred to as a “Covered Person”) from and against any and all claims, demands, costs, losses, expenses, and damages whatsoever arising out of or related to such Covered Person’s performance of his or her duties as a Trustee or officer of the Trust or otherwise relating to any act, omission, or obligation of the Trust, if, as to liability to the Trust or its investors, it is finally adjudicated that the Covered Person was not liable by reason of willful misfeasance, bad faith, gross negligence or reckless disregard of the duties involved in the Covered Person’s offices. In the case of settlement, such indemnification will be provided if it has been determined by a court or other body approving the settlement or other disposition, or by a reasonable determination, based upon a review of readily available facts (as opposed to a full trial type inquiry), by vote of a majority of Independent Trustees of the Trust, or in a written opinion of independent counsel, that such officers or Trustees have not engaged in willful misfeasance, bad faith, gross negligence or reckless disregard of their duties. Rights to indemnification or insurance cannot be limited retroactively.

The Declaration of Trust further provides that: (i) the appointment, designation or identification of a Trustee as chairperson of the Board or a member or chairperson of a committee of the Trustees, an expert on any topic or in any area (including an audit committee financial expert), or the lead Independent Trustee, or any other special appointment, designation or identification of a Trustee, shall not impose on that individual any duty, obligation or liability that is greater than the duties, obligations and liability imposed on that person as a Trustee in the absence of the appointment, designation or identification (except with respect to duties expressly imposed pursuant to the By-Laws of the Trust, a committee charter or a Trust policy statement); (ii) no Trustee who has special skills or expertise, or is appointed, designated or identified shall be held to a higher standard of care by virtue thereof; and (iii) no appointment, designation or identification of a Trustee shall affect in any way that Trustee’s rights or entitlement to indemnification.

Under the Declaration of Trust, the Trustees have the power to liquidate the Fund without shareholder approval. While the Trustees have no present intention of exercising this power, they may do so for such reasons as may be determined by the Board.

## **PURCHASE, REDEMPTION AND PRICING OF SHARES**

**Purchase of Shares.** Information regarding the purchase of shares is discussed in the “Purchase of Shares” section of the Prospectus.

There may be special distribution requirements for a retirement account, such as required distributions or mandatory federal income tax withholding. For more information, call 1-833-627-6668. You may be charged a \$15 annual account maintenance fee for each retirement account, up to a maximum of \$30 annually, and a \$25 fee for transferring assets to another custodian or for closing a retirement account.

**Redemption of Shares.** Information regarding how to redeem shares of the Fund is discussed in the “Redemption of Shares” section of the Prospectus.

You may sell (redeem) your shares on each day that the NYSE is open for business (each, a “Business Day”). Redemptions are effected at the NAV next determined after the Transfer Agent has received your redemption request. It is the responsibility of the financial intermediary to transmit redemption orders and credit their customers’ accounts with redemption proceeds on a timely basis. The Fund’s name, your account number, the number of shares or dollar amount you would like redeemed and the signatures by all of the shareholders whose names appear on the account registration should accompany any redemption requests. The Transfer Agent will normally mail or send your redemption proceeds to the bank you indicated on the next Business Day following receipt by the Transfer Agent of redemption instructions, but never later than 7 days following such receipt. Wires are subject to a \$15 fee

paid by you, but you do not incur any charge when proceeds are sent via the ACH system. If you purchased your shares through a financial intermediary you should contact the financial intermediary for information relating to redemptions.

If shares to be redeemed represent a recent investment made by check or ACH transfer, the Fund reserves the right not to make the redemption proceeds available until they have reasonable grounds to believe that the check or ACH transfer has been collected (which could take up to 10 days). Shareholders can avoid this delay by utilizing the wire purchase option. To ensure proper authorization before redeeming Fund shares, the Transfer Agent may require additional documents such as, but not restricted to, stock powers, trust instruments, death certificates, appointments as fiduciary, certificates of corporate authority and waivers of tax required in some states when settling estates.

When shares are held in the name of a corporation, other organization, trust, fiduciary or other institutional investor, the Transfer Agent requires, in addition to the stock power, certified evidence of authority to sign the necessary instruments of transfer. These procedures are for the protection of shareholders and should be followed to ensure prompt payment. Redemption requests must not be conditional as to date or price of the redemption. Proceeds of the redemption will be sent within seven days of acceptance of shares tendered for redemption. Delay may result if the purchase check or electronic funds transfer has not yet cleared, but the delay will be no longer than required to verify that the purchase amount has cleared, and the Fund will act as quickly as possible to minimize delay.

The value of shares redeemed may be more or less than the shareholder's cost, depending on the NAV at the time of redemption. Redemption of shares may result in tax consequences (gain or loss) to the shareholder, and the proceeds of a redemption may be subject to backup withholding.

A shareholder's right to redeem shares and to receive payment therefore may be suspended when: (a) the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") is closed other than customary weekend and holiday closings; (b) trading on the NYSE is restricted; (c) an emergency exists as a result of which it is not reasonably practicable to dispose of the Fund's securities or to determine the value of the Fund's net assets; or (d) ordered by a governmental body having jurisdiction over the Fund for the protection of the Fund's shareholders, provided that applicable rules and regulations of the SEC (or any succeeding governmental authority) shall govern as to whether a condition described in (b), (c) or (d) exists. In case of such suspension, shareholders may withdraw their requests for redemption or may receive payment based on the NAV of the Fund next determined after the suspension is lifted.

The Fund reserves the right, if conditions exist which make cash payments undesirable, to honor any request for redemption by making payment in whole or in part with readily marketable securities (redemption "in-kind") chosen by the Fund and valued in the same way as they would be valued for purposes of computing the NAV of the Fund. If payment is made in securities, a shareholder may incur transaction expenses in converting these securities into cash. The Fund has elected, however, to be governed by Rule 18f-1 under the 1940 Act, as a result of which the Fund is obligated to redeem shares solely in cash up to the lesser of \$250,000 or 1% of the net assets of the Fund for any one shareholder during any 90-day period. This election is irrevocable unless the SEC permits its withdrawal.

**Pricing of Shares.** The price of the Fund's shares is based on its NAV. The Transfer Agent determines the NAV per share of the Fund as of the close of regular trading on the NYSE (generally 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time) on each Business Day. The NAV is calculated by adding the value of all securities and other assets in the Fund, deducting its liabilities, and dividing the balance by the number of outstanding shares in the Fund. The price at which a purchase or redemption is effected is based on the next calculation of NAV after the order is received by an authorized financial institution or the Transfer Agent and under no circumstances will any order be accepted for purchase or redemption after the NAV calculation. Shares will only be priced on Business Days. In addition, foreign securities held by the Fund may trade on weekends or other days when the Fund does not calculate NAV. As a result, the market value of these investments may change on days when shares of the Fund cannot be bought or sold.

The Fund values its assets based on current market values when such values are available. These prices normally are supplied by an independent pricing service. Equity securities held by the Fund which are listed on a national securities exchange, except those traded on the NASDAQ Stock Market, Inc. ("NASDAQ"), and for which market quotations are available, are valued at the last quoted sale price of the day, or, if there is no such reported sale, securities are valued at the mean between the most recent quoted bid and ask prices. Securities traded on NASDAQ are valued in accordance with the NASDAQ Official Closing Price, which may not be the last sale price.

Debt securities, including short-term debt instruments having a maturity of less than 60 days, are valued at the evaluated mean price supplied by an approved pricing service. Pricing services may use various valuation methodologies including matrix pricing and other analytical pricing models as well as market transactions and dealer quotations.

In the absence of prices from a pricing service or in the event that market quotations are not readily available, fair value will be determined under the Fund's valuation procedures adopted pursuant to Rule 2a-5. Pursuant to those procedures, the Board has appointed the Advisor as the Board's valuation designee (the "Valuation Designee") to perform all fair valuations of the Fund's portfolio investments, subject to the Board's oversight. As the Valuation Designee, the Advisor has established procedures for its fair valuation of the Fund's portfolio investments. These procedures address, among other things, determining when market quotations are not readily available or reliable and the methodologies to be used for determining the fair value of investments, as well as the use and oversight of third-party pricing services for fair valuation.

## **DISTRIBUTIONS**

Distributions, if any, from the Fund's investment company taxable income and net capital gain (the excess of net long-term capital gain over the net short-term capital loss) realized by the Fund, after deducting any available capital loss carryovers, are to be distributed at least annually, as described in the Prospectus.

## **TAXATION OF THE FUND**

**General.** The following summarizes certain additional U.S. federal income tax considerations generally affecting the Fund and its shareholders that are not described in the Prospectus. No attempt is made to present a detailed explanation of the tax treatment of the Fund or its shareholders, and the discussions here and in the Prospectus are not intended as a substitute for careful tax planning. There may be other federal, state, foreign or local tax considerations applicable to a particular investor. Potential investors should consult their tax advisers with specific reference to their own tax situations.

The discussions of the federal tax consequences in the Prospectus and this SAI are based on the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), and the regulations issued under it, and court decisions and administrative interpretations as in effect on the date of this SAI. Future legislative or administrative changes or court decisions may significantly change the taxation of the Fund's investments or the tax consequences to investors as described in the Prospectus and SAI, and any such changes or decisions may be retroactive.

The Fund qualified during its last taxable year, and intends to continue to qualify as a regulated investment company under Section 851 of the Code. As a regulated investment company, the Fund generally is exempt from federal income tax on its investment company taxable income and net capital gain that it distributes to shareholders. To qualify for treatment as a regulated investment company, the Fund must meet three important tests each year.

First, in each taxable year, the Fund must derive at least 90% of its gross income from dividends, interest, certain payments with respect to securities loans, gains from the sale or other disposition of stock or securities or foreign currencies, other income derived with respect to its business of investing in such stock, securities, or currencies, or net income derived from interests in qualified publicly-traded partnerships (the "Qualifying Income Requirement").

Second, generally, at the close of each quarter of the Fund's taxable year, at least 50% of the value of the Fund's assets must consist of cash and cash items, U.S. Government securities, securities of other regulated investment companies and securities of other issuers with such other securities limited, in respect to any one issuer, to an amount not greater in value than 5% of the value of the Fund's total assets and to not more than 10% of the outstanding voting securities of such issuer; and no more than 25% of the value of the Fund's total assets may be invested in the securities of (1) any one issuer (other than U.S. Government securities and securities of other regulated investment companies); (2) two or more issuers that the Fund controls and which are engaged in the same, similar, or related trades or businesses; or (3) one or more qualified publicly-traded partnerships (the "Diversification Requirement").

Third, the Fund must distribute an amount equal to at least the sum of 90% of the Fund's investment company taxable income (net investment income and the excess of net short-term capital gain over net long-term capital loss) and 90% of its net tax-exempt interest income, if any, for the year.

The Fund intends to comply with these requirements. However, there can be no assurance that the Fund will satisfy all requirements to be taxed as a regulated investment company. If the Fund were to fail to make sufficient distributions, it could be liable for corporate income tax and for excise tax in respect of the shortfall or, if the shortfall is large enough, the Fund could be disqualified as a regulated investment company. If for any taxable year the Fund were not to qualify as a regulated investment company, all of its taxable income would be subject to federal income tax at regular corporate rates without any deduction for distributions to shareholders. In that event, shareholders would recognize dividend income on distributions to the extent of the Fund's then-current and accumulated earnings and profits, and certain corporate shareholders could be eligible for the dividends-received deduction.

The Code imposes a nondeductible 4% excise tax on regulated investment companies that fail to distribute each year an amount equal to specified percentages of their ordinary taxable income and capital gain net income (excess of capital gains over capital losses). The Fund intends to make sufficient distributions or deemed distributions each year to avoid liability for this excise tax.

Under the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act ("FATCA"), the Fund may be required to withhold a generally nonrefundable 30% tax on (i) distributions of investment company taxable income and (ii) distributions of net capital gain and the gross proceeds of a sale or redemption of Fund shares paid to (A) certain "foreign financial institutions" unless such foreign financial institution agrees to verify, monitor, and report to the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") the identity of certain of its account holders, among other items (or unless such entity is otherwise deemed compliant under the terms of an intergovernmental agreement between the United States and the entity's country of residence), and (B) certain "non-financial foreign entities" unless such entity certifies to the Fund that it does not have any substantial U.S. owners or provides the name, address, and taxpayer identification number of each substantial U.S. owner, among other items. In December 2018, the IRS and Treasury Department released proposed Treasury Regulations that would eliminate FATCA withholding on Fund distributions of net capital gain and the gross proceeds from a sale or redemption of Fund shares. Although taxpayers are entitled to rely on these proposed Treasury Regulations until final Treasury Regulations are issued, these proposed Treasury Regulations have not been finalized, may not be finalized in their proposed form, and are potentially subject to change. This FATCA withholding tax could also affect the Fund's return on its investments in foreign securities or affect a shareholder's return if the shareholder holds its Fund shares through a foreign intermediary. You are urged to consult your tax adviser regarding the application of this FATCA withholding tax to your investment in the Fund and the potential certification, compliance, due diligence, reporting, and withholding obligations to which you may become subject in order to avoid this withholding tax.

Foreign taxpayers are generally subject to withholding tax at a flat rate of 30% on U.S.-source income that is not effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business in the U.S. This withholding rate may be lower under the terms of a tax convention.

Except in the case of certain exempt shareholders, if a shareholder does not furnish the Fund with the shareholder's correct Social Security Number or other taxpayer identification number and certain certifications or the Fund receives notification from the IRS requiring backup withholding, the Fund is required by federal law to withhold federal income tax from the shareholder's distributions and redemption proceeds at a rate set under Section 3406 of the Code for U.S. residents. Backup withholding generally does not apply to foreign taxpayers subject to the withholding described in the preceding paragraph, as long as the Fund receives certain documentation.

A sale or redemption of Fund shares, whether for cash or in-kind proceeds, may result in recognition of a taxable capital gain or loss. Gain or loss realized upon a sale or redemption of Fund shares will generally be treated as a long-term capital gain or loss if the shares have been held for more than one year, and, if held for one year or less, as a short-term capital gain or loss. However, any loss realized upon a sale or redemption of shares held for six months or less will be treated as a long-term capital loss to the extent of any distributions of net capital gain received or deemed to be received with respect to such shares. In determining the holding period of such shares for this purpose, any period during which the shareholder's risk of loss is offset by means of options, short sales, or similar transactions is not counted. Any loss realized upon a sale or redemption of Fund shares may be disallowed under certain wash sale rules to the extent shares of the Fund are purchased (through reinvestment of distributions or otherwise) within 30 days before or after the sale or redemption. If a shareholder's loss is disallowed under the wash

sale rules, the basis of the new shares will be increased to preserve the loss until a future sale or redemption of the shares.

**Capital Loss Carryforwards.** As of October 31, 2024, the Fund's most recent fiscal year, the Fund had \$4,013,600 in short-term capital loss carryforwards and \$10,237,738 in long-term capital loss carryforwards that do not expire. Capital loss carryforwards can be carried forward indefinitely and will retain their character as short-term or long-term capital losses.

**State and Local Taxes.** Although the Fund expects to qualify as a regulated investment company and to be relieved of all or substantially all federal income taxes, depending upon the extent of its activities in states and localities in which its offices are maintained, in which its agents or independent contractors are located or in which it is otherwise deemed to be conducting business, the Fund may be subject to the tax laws of such states or localities.

**Taxation of Certain Investments.** The tax principles applicable to transactions in certain financial instruments such as futures contracts and options that may be engaged in by the Fund, and investments in passive foreign investment companies ("PFICs"), are complex and, in some cases, uncertain. Such transactions and investments may cause the Fund to recognize taxable income prior to the receipt of cash, thereby requiring the Fund to liquidate other positions, or to borrow money, so as to make sufficient distributions to shareholders to avoid corporate-level tax. Moreover, some or all of the taxable income recognized may be ordinary income or short-term capital gain, so that the distributions may be taxable to shareholders as ordinary income.

In addition, in the case of any shares of a PFIC in which the Fund invests, the Fund may be liable for corporate-level tax on any ultimate gain or distributions on the shares if the Fund fails to make an election to recognize income annually during the period of its ownership of the shares.

Interest and dividends received by the Fund from foreign sources may be subject to income, withholding or other taxes imposed by foreign countries and U.S. possessions that would reduce the yield on Fund securities. However, tax conventions between certain countries and the United States may reduce or eliminate these foreign taxes, and many foreign countries do not impose taxes on capital gains realized on investments held by foreign investors. If more than 50% of the value of the Fund's total assets at the close of its taxable year consists of stock and securities of foreign corporations, it will be eligible to, and may, file an election with the IRS that would, in effect, pass through to the shareholders any foreign and U.S. possessions income taxes paid by the Fund. Pursuant to the election, the Fund would treat those taxes as distributions paid to its shareholders and each shareholder would be required to (i) include in gross income, and treat as paid by the shareholder, his or her proportionate share of those taxes paid by the Fund, (ii) treat his or her share of those taxes and of any distribution paid by the Fund that represents income sourced from foreign countries or U.S. possessions as his own income from those sources, and (iii) either deduct the taxes deemed paid by the shareholder in computing his or her taxable income or, alternatively, use the foregoing information in calculating the foreign tax credit against his or her federal income tax. If the Fund makes this election, it will report to its shareholders shortly after each taxable year their respective share of income from sources within, and taxes paid to, foreign countries and U.S. possessions.

The Fund maintains its accounts and calculates its income in U.S. dollars. In general, gain or loss (i) from the disposition of foreign currencies and forward currency contracts, (ii) from the disposition of foreign-currency-denominated debt securities that are attributable to fluctuations in exchange rates between the date the securities are acquired and their disposition date, and (iii) attributable to fluctuations in exchange rates between the time the Fund accrues interest or other receivables or expenses or other liabilities denominated in a foreign currency and the time the Fund actually collects those receivables or pays those liabilities, will be treated as ordinary income or loss.

The Fund is required to report to certain shareholders and the IRS the cost basis of shares acquired by such shareholders on or after January 1, 2012 ("covered shares") when such shareholders sell or redeem such shares. These requirements do not apply to shares held through a tax-deferred arrangement, such as a 401(k) plan or an IRA, or to shares held by tax-exempt organizations, financial institutions, corporations (other than S corporations), banks, credit unions, and certain other entities and governmental bodies. Shares acquired before January 1, 2012 ("non-covered shares") are treated as if held in a separate account from covered shares. The Fund is not required to determine or report a shareholder's cost basis in non-covered shares and is not responsible for the accuracy or reliability of any information provided for non-covered shares.

The cost basis of a share is generally its purchase price adjusted for distributions, returns of capital, and other corporate actions. Cost basis is used to determine whether the sale or redemption of a share results in a gain or loss. If you sell or redeem covered shares during any year, then the Fund will report the gain/loss, cost basis, and holding period of such shares to the IRS and you on a Form 1099-series information return.

A cost basis method is the method by which the Fund determines which specific covered shares are deemed to be sold or redeemed when a shareholder sells or redeems less than its entire holding of Fund shares and has made multiple purchases of Fund shares on different dates at differing net asset values. If a shareholder does not affirmatively elect a cost basis method, the Fund will use the average cost method, which averages the basis of all Fund shares in an account regardless of holding period, and shares sold or redeemed are deemed to be those with the longest holding period first. Each shareholder may elect in writing (and not over the telephone) any alternate IRS-approved cost basis method to calculate the cost basis in its covered shares. The default cost basis method applied by the Fund or the alternate method elected by a shareholder may not be changed after the settlement date of a sale or redemption of Fund shares.

If you hold Fund shares through a financial intermediary (or another nominee), please contact that broker or nominee with respect to the reporting of cost basis and available elections for your account.

You are encouraged to consult your tax adviser regarding the application of these cost basis reporting rules and, in particular, which cost basis calculation method you should elect.

#### **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The financial statements of the Fund and the Fund's independent registered public accounting firm's report appearing in the Fund's [Annual Report](#) on Form N-CSR for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2024 are hereby incorporated by reference.