

**FPA Paramount Fund, Inc. (FPRAX)**

**Supplement dated June 22, 2017 to the  
Statement of Additional Information dated January 31, 2017**

This Supplement updates certain information contained in the Statement of Additional Information (the “SAI”) for FPA Paramount Fund, Inc. (the “Fund”) dated January 31, 2017. You should retain this Supplement and the SAI for future reference. Additional copies of the SAI may be obtained free of charge by visiting our web site at [www.fpafunds.com](http://www.fpafunds.com) or calling us at (800) 638-3060.

*Effective June 26, 2017, the Board of Directors of the Fund approved the removal of the 2% redemption fee. As a result, the following sections of the SAI are hereby amended.*

*The section titled “Purchase, Redemption and Pricing of Shares-Redemption Fee” in the Table of Contents on page 3 and on pages 56 to 57 of the SAI are hereby deleted in their entirety.*

*The section titled “Purchase, Redemption and Pricing of Shares-Excessive Trading and Market Timing” on pages 57 to 58 of the SAI is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:*

**Excessive Trading and Market Timing.** The Fund is not intended as a vehicle for frequent trading and/or market timing in an attempt to profit from short-term fluctuations in the securities markets and does not accommodate frequent trading. The Board has adopted policies and procedures designed to deter or prevent frequent purchases and redemptions. Such trading could interfere with the efficient management of the Fund’s portfolio, increase brokerage and administrative costs and dilute the value of Fund shares held by long-term investors. Exchanges between this Fund and the other FPA Funds are limited to no more than four exchanges during any calendar year (see the section titled “How to Exchange Your Shares” in the Prospectus). Irrespective of the exchange limits, the Fund reserves the right to reject any purchase request (including in connection with an exchange) if management determines in its discretion that the request may be part of a pattern of excessive trading that could adversely affect the Fund. Notifications will be made in writing by the Fund within five days. Further, the Fund fair values its holdings, when applicable, as described under “Investing with the Fund” in the Prospectus. There can be no assurance that the Fund will successfully detect or prevent market timing.

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**STATEMENT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

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**January 31, 2017**

This Statement of Additional Information (“SAI”) supplements the current Prospectus of FPA Paramount Fund, Inc. (“Fund”) dated January 31, 2017, as it may be amended from time to time. This SAI should be read in conjunction with the Fund’s Prospectus. Although this SAI is not itself a prospectus, it is, in its entirety, incorporated by reference into the Fund’s Prospectus. The Fund’s Prospectus can be obtained by contacting your securities dealer or the Fund’s principal underwriter, UMB Distribution Services, LLC (“Distributor”), at 235 West Galena Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53212, telephone (310) 473-0225 or (800) 982-4372 (except from Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico and U. S. Virgin Islands); web site [www.fpafunds.com](http://www.fpafunds.com). Capitalized terms used herein and not defined have the same meanings as those used in the Prospectus.

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## FUND HISTORY

The Fund was organized as a Maryland Corporation and is an open-end, non-diversified investment management company that commenced operations in 1958.

## DESCRIPTION OF PERMITTED INVESTMENTS

Additional information concerning the characteristics of certain of the Fund's investments, strategies and risks is set forth below. The Fund may employ new strategies without prior notification to shareholders, unless it expects such strategies to become principal strategies. You can find more information concerning the limits on the ability of the Fund to use these investments in "Investment Restrictions." First Pacific Advisors, LLC (the "Adviser" or "FPA") serves as the investment adviser to the Fund.

**Equity Securities.** Equity securities represent ownership interests in a company or corporation, and include common stock, preferred stock, warrants and other rights to acquire such instruments. Holders of equity securities are not creditors of the issuer and, in the event the issuer is liquidated, would be entitled to their pro rata share of the issuer's assets, if any, after creditors (including the holders of fixed income securities and senior equity securities) are paid.

Common Stocks. Common stocks represent units of ownership in a company. Common stocks usually carry voting rights and earn dividends. Unlike preferred stocks, which are described below, dividends on common stocks are not fixed but are declared at the discretion of the company's board.

Preferred Stocks. Preferred stocks are also units of ownership in a company. Preferred stocks normally have preference over common stock in the payment of dividends and the liquidation of the company. However, in all other respects, preferred stocks are subordinated to the liabilities of the issuer. Unlike common stocks, preferred stocks are generally not entitled to vote on corporate matters. Types of preferred stocks include adjustable-rate preferred stock, fixed dividend preferred stock, perpetual preferred stock, and sinking fund preferred stock. Generally, the market values of preferred stock with a fixed dividend rate and no conversion element vary inversely with interest rates and perceived credit risk.

Convertible Securities. Convertible securities are securities that may be exchanged for, converted into, or exercised to acquire a predetermined number of shares of the issuer's common stock at the holder's option during a specified time period (such as convertible preferred stocks, convertible debentures and warrants). A convertible security is generally a fixed income security that is senior to common stock in an issuer's capital structure, but is usually subordinated to similar non-convertible securities. In exchange for the conversion feature, many corporations will pay a lower rate of interest on convertible securities than debt securities of the same corporation. In general, the market value of a convertible security is at least the higher of its "investment value" (i.e., its value as a fixed income security) or its "conversion value" (i.e., its value upon conversion into its underlying common stock).

Convertible securities are subject to the same risks as similar securities without the convertible feature. The price of a convertible security is more volatile during times of steady interest rates than other types of debt securities. The price of a convertible security tends to increase as the market value of the underlying stock rises, whereas it tends to decrease as the market value of the underlying common stock declines.

A synthetic convertible security is a combination investment in which the Fund purchases both (i) high-grade cash equivalents or a high grade debt obligation of an issuer or U.S. Government securities and (ii) call options or warrants on the common stock of the same or different issuer with some or all of the anticipated interest income from the associated debt obligation that is earned over the holding period of the option or warrant.

While providing a fixed income stream (generally higher in yield than the income derivable from common stock but lower than that afforded by a similar non-convertible security), a convertible security also affords an investor the opportunity, through its conversion feature, to participate in the capital appreciation attendant upon a market price advance in the convertible security's underlying common stock. A synthetic convertible position has similar investment characteristics, but may differ with respect to credit quality, time to maturity, trading characteristics, and other factors. Because the option component of a convertible security or synthetic convertible position is a wasting asset (in the sense of losing "time value" as maturity approaches), a synthetic convertible position may lose such value more rapidly than a convertible security of longer maturity; however, the gain in option value due to appreciation of the underlying stock may exceed such time value loss, the market price of the option component generally reflects these differences in maturities, and the portfolio managers take such differences into account when evaluating such positions. When a synthetic convertible position "matures" because of the expiration of the associated option, the Fund may extend the maturity by investing in a new option with longer maturity on the common stock of the same or different issuer. If the Fund does not so extend the maturity of a position, it may continue to hold the associated fixed income security.

Rights and Warrants. A right is a privilege granted to existing shareholders of a corporation to subscribe to shares of a new issue of common stock before it is issued. Rights normally have a short life, usually two to four weeks, are freely transferable and entitle the holder to buy the new common stock at a lower price than the public offering price. Warrants are securities that are usually issued together with a debt security or preferred stock and that give the holder the right to buy proportionate amount of common stock at a specified price. Warrants are freely transferable and are traded on major exchanges. Unlike rights, warrants normally have a life that is measured in years and entitles the holder to buy common stock of a company at a price that is usually higher than the market price at the time the warrant is issued. Corporations often issue warrants to make the accompanying debt security more attractive.

An investment in warrants and rights may entail greater risks than certain other types of investments. Generally, rights and warrants do not carry the right to receive dividends or exercise voting rights with respect to the underlying securities, and they do not represent any rights in the assets of the issuer. In addition, their value does not necessarily change with the value of the underlying securities, and they cease to have value if they are not exercised on or before their expiration date. Investing in rights and warrants increases the potential profit or loss to be realized from the investment as compared with investing the same amount in the underlying securities.

Risks of Investing in Equity Securities. While investing in stocks allows investors to participate in the benefits of owning a company, investors must accept the risks of ownership. Unlike bondholders, who have preferential rights to a company's earnings and cash flow, preferred stockholders, followed by common stockholders in order of priority, are entitled only to the residual amount after a company meets its other obligations. For this reason, the value of a company's stock will usually react more strongly to actual or perceived changes in the company's financial condition or prospects than its debt obligations. Stockholders of a company that fares poorly can lose money.

Stock markets tend to move in cycles with short or extended periods of rising and falling stock prices. The value of a company's stock may fall because of:

- Factors that directly relate to that company, such as decisions made by its management or lower demand for the company's products or services;
- Factors affecting an entire industry, such as increases in production costs; and

- Changes in financial market conditions that are relatively unrelated to the company or its industry, such as changes in interest rates, currency exchange rates or inflation rates.

Because preferred stock is generally junior to debt securities and other obligations of the issuer, deterioration in the credit quality of the issuer will cause greater changes in the value of a preferred stock than in a more senior debt security with similar stated yield characteristics.

*Small and Medium-Sized Company Risk.* Investors in small and medium-sized companies typically take on greater risk and price volatility than they would by investing in larger, more established companies. This increased risk may be due to the greater business risks of their small or medium-sized limited markets and financial resources, narrow product lines, shorter operating histories, and frequent lack of management depth. The securities of small and medium-sized companies are often traded in the over-the-counter market and might not be traded in volumes typical of securities traded on a national securities exchange. Thus, the securities of small and medium capitalization companies are likely to be less liquid, and subject to more abrupt or erratic market movements, than securities of larger, more established companies.

**Initial Public Offerings (“IPOs”).** The Fund may invest a portion of its assets in securities of companies offering shares in IPOs. IPOs may have a magnified performance impact on the Fund if it has a small asset base. The impact of IPOs on the Fund’s performance likely will decrease as the Fund’s asset size increases, which could reduce the Fund’s total returns. IPOs may not be consistently available to the Fund for investing, particularly as the Fund’s asset base grows. 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 for the Fund, such as commissions and transaction costs. By selling shares, the Fund may realize taxable gains it will subsequently distribute to shareholders. In addition, the market for IPO shares can be speculative and/or inactive for extended periods of time. The limited number of shares available for trading in some IPOs may make it more difficult for the Fund to buy or sell significant amounts of shares without an unfavorable impact on prevailing prices. Shareholders in IPO shares can be affected by substantial dilution in the value of their shares, by sales of additional shares and by concentration of control in existing management and principal shareholders.

The Fund’s investment in IPO shares may include the securities of unseasoned companies (companies with less than three years of continuous operations), which presents risks considerably greater than common stocks of more established companies. These companies may have limited operating histories and their prospects for profitability may be uncertain. These companies may be involved in new and evolving businesses and may be vulnerable to competition and changes in technology, markets and economic conditions. They may be more dependent on key managers and third parties and may have limited product lines.

**Securities of Non-U.S. Companies.** Non-U.S. securities are debt and equity securities that are traded in markets outside of the United States. The countries in which these markets are located can be developed or emerging. Investors can invest in non-U.S. securities in a number of ways:

- directly in non-U.S. securities denominated in a foreign currency;
- through investments in American Depositary Receipts, European Depositary Receipts, Global Depositary Receipts, Global Depositary Notes and other similar global instruments; and
- through investments in investment funds.

Depository Receipts. The Fund may invest in securities of non-U.S. issuers traded in the United States in the form of American Depository Receipts, Global Depository Receipts, European Depository Receipts and Global Depository Notes (collectively, depository receipts). Depository receipts are certificates evidencing ownership of securities of a non-U.S. issuer. These certificates are issued by depository banks, and the underlying shares are held in trust by a custodian bank or similar financial institution in the issuer's home country. Depository receipts may be purchased and sold in OTC markets or on securities exchanges. The Fund may make arrangements through a broker/dealer to purchase a non-U.S. security on the issuer's primary securities exchange and convert the security to a U.S. dollar-denominated depository receipt. Depository receipts are subject to currency risk if the underlying securities are denominated in a foreign currency and to other risks to which the underlying securities are exposed.

Depository receipts may be sponsored by the non-U.S. issuer or may be unsponsored. Unsponsored depository receipts are organized independently and without the cooperation of the non-U.S. issuer of the underlying securities. As a result, available information regarding the issuer may not be as current as for sponsored depository receipts, and the prices of unsponsored depository receipts may be more volatile than if they were sponsored by the issuers of the underlying securities. In addition, in a sponsored depository receipt arrangement the non-U.S. issuer assumes the obligation to pay some or all of the depository's transaction fees, whereas under an unsponsored arrangement the depository's transaction fees are paid by the depository receipt holders.

Eurodollar and Yankee Obligations. Eurodollar bank obligations are dollar-denominated certificates of deposit and time deposits issued outside the U.S. capital markets by non-U.S. branches of U.S. banks and by non-U.S. banks. Yankee bank obligations are dollar-denominated obligations issued in the U.S. capital markets by non-U.S. banks. Eurodollar and Yankee bank obligations are subject to the same risks that pertain to domestic issues, notably credit risk, market risk, and liquidity risk. Additionally, Eurodollar (and to a limited extent, Yankee) bank obligations are subject to certain sovereign risks and other risks associated with non-U.S. investments. One such risk is the possibility that a sovereign country might prevent capital, in the form of dollars, from flowing across their borders. Other risks include: adverse political and economic developments; the extent and quality of government regulation of financial markets and institutions; the imposition of non-U.S. withholding taxes, and the expropriation or nationalization of non-U.S. issues.

Emerging Markets. An "emerging country" is generally a country that the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (World Bank) and the International Finance Corporation would consider to be an emerging or developing country. Typically, emerging markets are in countries that are in the process of industrialization, with lower gross national products (GNP) than more developed countries. The economies of most emerging market countries are in the early stage of capital market development and may be dependent on relatively fewer industries. As a result, their economic systems are still evolving. Their legal and political systems may also be less stable than those in developed economies. Securities markets in these countries can also be smaller, and there may be increased settlement risks. There are currently over 130 countries that the international financial community generally considers to be emerging or developing countries, approximately 40 of which currently have stock markets. These countries generally include every nation in the world except the United States, Canada, Japan, Australia, New Zealand and most nations located in Western Europe.

Investment Funds. Some emerging countries currently prohibit direct foreign investment in the securities of their companies. Certain emerging countries, however, permit indirect foreign investment in the securities of companies listed and traded on their stock exchanges through investment funds that they have specifically authorized. Investments in these investment funds are subject to the provisions of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"). If the Fund were to invest these types of securities, shareholders would bear not only their proportionate share of the Fund's expenses (including



operating expenses and the fees of the Adviser), but would also indirectly bear similar expenses of the underlying investment funds. In addition, these investment funds may trade at a premium over their net asset value.

Risks of Non-U.S. Securities.

Non-U.S. Market Risks. Non-U.S. security investment involves additional risks not present in U.S. investments that can increase the chances that the Fund will lose money. These additional risks are higher for emerging markets investments, which can be subject to greater social, economic, regulatory and political uncertainties, and may have significantly less liquidity, than developed markets.

Stock Exchange and Market Risk. The portfolio managers anticipate that in most cases an exchange or over-the-counter (“OTC”) market located outside of the United States will be the best available market for non-U.S. securities. Non-U.S. stock markets, while growing in volume and sophistication, are generally not as developed as the markets in the United States. Non-U.S. stock markets tend to differ from those in the United States in a number of ways. As compared to U.S. stock markets, non-U.S. stock markets: are generally more volatile, and not as well developed or efficient; have substantially less volume; trade securities that tend to be less liquid and experience rapid and erratic price movements; have generally higher commissions and are subject to set minimum rates, as opposed to negotiated rates; employ trading, settlement and custodial practices that are less developed; and may have different settlement practices, which may cause delays and increase the potential for failed settlements.

Non-U.S. markets may offer less protection to shareholders than U.S. markets because, among other reasons: non-U.S. accounting, auditing, and financial reporting requirements may render a non-U.S. corporate balance sheet more difficult to understand and interpret than one subject to U.S. law and standards; adequate public information on non-U.S. issuers may not be available, and it may be difficult to secure dividends and information regarding corporate actions on a timely basis; in general, there is less overall governmental supervision and regulation of securities exchanges, brokers, and listed companies than in the United States; OTC markets tend to be less regulated than stock exchange markets and, in certain countries, may be totally unregulated; economic or political concerns may influence regulatory enforcement and may make it difficult for shareholders to enforce their legal rights; and restrictions on transferring securities within the United States or to U.S. persons may make a particular security less liquid than non-U.S. securities of the same class that are not subject to such restrictions. Some of these risks are explained further below.

Non-U.S. Economy Risk. The economies of certain non-U.S. markets often do not compare favorably with that of the U.S. with respect to such issues as growth of gross domestic product, reinvestment of capital, resources, and balance of payments positions. Certain non-U.S. economies may rely heavily on particular industries or non-U.S. capital and are more vulnerable to diplomatic developments, the imposition of economic sanctions against a particular country or countries, changes in international trading patterns, trade barriers, and other protectionist or retaliatory measures.

Investments in non-U.S. markets may also be adversely affected by governmental actions such as the imposition of capital controls, nationalization of companies or industries, expropriation of assets, or the imposition of punitive taxes. In addition, the governments of certain countries may prohibit or impose substantial restrictions on foreign investing in their capital markets or in certain industries. Any of these actions could severely affect security prices, impair the Fund’s ability to purchase or sell non-U.S. securities or transfer the Fund’s assets back into the U.S., or otherwise adversely affect the Fund’s operations. Other non-U.S. market risks include foreign exchange controls, difficulties in pricing securities, defaults on non-U.S. government securities, difficulties in enforcing favorable legal judgments in non-U.S. courts, and political and social instability. Legal remedies available to investors in certain

non-U.S. countries may be less extensive than those available to investors in the U.S. or other countries. Non-U.S. corporate governance may not be as robust as in the U.S. As a result, protections for minority investors may not be strong, which could affect security prices.

*Currency Risk and Exchange Risk.* While the Fund denominates its net asset value in U.S. dollars, the securities of non-U.S. companies are frequently denominated in foreign currencies. Thus, a change in the value of a foreign currency against the U.S. dollar will result in a corresponding change in value of securities denominated in that currency. Some of the factors that may impair the investments denominated in a foreign currency are: it may be expensive to convert foreign currencies into U.S. dollars and vice versa; complex political and economic factors may significantly affect the values of various currencies, including U.S. dollars, and their exchange rates; there may be no systematic reporting of last sale information for foreign currencies or regulatory requirement that quotations available through dealers or other market sources be firm or revised on a timely basis; available quotation information is generally representative of very large round-lot transactions in the inter-bank market and thus may not reflect exchange rates for smaller odd-lot transactions (less than \$1 million) where rates may be less favorable; and the inter-bank market in foreign currencies is a global, around-the-clock market. To the extent that a market is closed while the markets for the underlying currencies remain open, certain markets may not always reflect significant price and rate movements.

*Governmental Supervision and Regulation/Accounting Standards Risk.* Many governments supervise and regulate stock exchanges, brokers and the sale of securities to a lesser extent than the U.S. Government. Some countries may not have laws to protect investors the way that the U.S. securities laws do. Accounting standards in other countries are not necessarily the same as in the U.S. If the accounting standards in another country do not require as much disclosure or detail as U.S. accounting standards, it may be harder for the Fund's portfolio managers to completely and accurately determine a company's financial condition.

*Euro Risk.* Many European countries have adopted a single European currency, the euro. Upon the adoption of the euro, the exchange rates of participating European countries were irrevocably fixed between the member countries. The euro has presented unique uncertainties for participating nations, including the fluctuation of the euro relative to non-euro currencies; whether the interest rate, tax and labor regimes of European countries participating in the euro will converge over time; and whether the conversion of the currencies of other countries that now are or may in the future become members of the European Union, may have an impact on the euro. Also, it is possible that the euro could be abandoned in the future by some or all the countries that have already adopted its use. Recent political and economic issues have created uncertainty concerning the future of the euro and the impact if one or more countries leave the eurozone. These or other events, including political and economic developments, could cause market disruptions and could adversely affect the value of securities held by the Fund. Because of the number of countries using this single currency, a significant portion of the non-U.S. assets held by the Fund may be denominated in euros.

*Emerging Markets Risk.* Investing in emerging markets may magnify the risks of foreign investing. Security prices in emerging markets can be significantly more volatile than those in more developed markets, reflecting the greater uncertainties of investing in less established markets and economies. In particular, countries with emerging markets may:

- Have relatively unstable governments;
- Present greater risks of nationalization of businesses, restrictions on foreign ownership and prohibitions on the repatriation of assets;
- Have government exchange controls, currencies with no recognizable market value relative to the established currencies of western market economies, little or no experience in trading in

securities, no financial reporting standards, or a lack of a banking and securities infrastructure to handle such trading;

- Offer less protection of property rights than more developed countries; and
- Have economies that are based on only a few industries, may be highly vulnerable to changes in local or global trade conditions, and may suffer from extreme and volatile debt burdens or inflation rates.

Local securities markets may trade a small number of securities and may be unable to respond effectively to increases in trading volume, potentially making prompt liquidation of holdings difficult or impossible at times.

*Non-U.S. Ownership Reporting.* Non-U.S. companies may require disclosure of substantial holdings of the company's securities at lower thresholds than a domestic issuer would impose, and may require issuer consent for holdings over prescribed thresholds. These requirements could result in the Fund's position in a non-U.S. issuer being disclosed to the issuer and potentially to market participants.

*Certain Risks of Holding Fund Assets Outside the U. S.* Non-U.S. securities in which the Fund invests are generally held outside the U.S. in non-U.S. banks and securities depositories. The Fund's custodian is its "foreign custody manager." The "foreign custody manager" is responsible for determining that the Fund's directly-held non-U.S. assets will be subject to reasonable care, based on standards applicable to custodians in relevant non-U.S. markets. However, certain non-U.S. banks and securities depositories may be recently organized or new to the foreign custody business. They may also have operations subject to limited or no regulatory oversight. Also, the laws of certain countries may put limits on the Fund's ability to recover its assets if a non-U.S. bank or depository or issuer of a security or an agent of any of the foregoing goes bankrupt. In addition, it likely will be more expensive for the Fund to buy, sell and hold securities, or increase or decrease exposures thereto, in certain non-U.S. markets than it is in the U.S. market due to higher brokerage, transaction, custody and/or other costs. The increased expense of investing in non-U.S. markets reduces the amount the Fund can earn on its investments. Settlement and clearance procedures in certain non-U.S. markets differ significantly from those in the U.S. Non-U.S. settlement and clearance procedures and trade regulations also may involve certain risks (such as delays in payment for or delivery of securities) not typically involved with the settlement of U.S. investments. Communications between the U.S. and emerging market countries may be unreliable, increasing the risk of delayed settlements or losses of security certificates. Settlements in certain non-U.S. countries at times have not kept pace with the number of securities transactions. The problems may make it difficult for the Fund to carry out transactions. If the Fund cannot settle or is delayed in settling a purchase of securities, the Fund may miss attractive investment opportunities, and certain of its assets may be uninvested with no return earned thereon for some period. If the Fund cannot settle or is delayed in settling a sale of securities, directly or indirectly, it may lose money if the value of the security then declines, or if it has contracted to sell the security to another party, the Fund could be liable to that party for any losses incurred.

**Foreign Currency Transactions.** The Fund, in purchasing or selling securities in non-U.S. markets, will incur costs in connection with conversions between various currencies. The Fund's foreign currency exchange transactions may be conducted on a spot basis (that is, cash basis) at the spot rate for purchasing or selling currency prevailing in the foreign currency exchange market at a given time or the Fund may enter into forward foreign currency exchange contracts.

*Forward Foreign Currency Exchange Contracts.* A forward foreign currency contract involves an obligation to purchase or sell a specific amount of currency at a future date or date range at a specific price. In the case of a cancelable forward contract, the holder has the unilateral right to cancel the

contract at maturity by paying a specified fee. Forward foreign currency exchange contracts differ from foreign currency futures contracts in certain respects. Unlike futures contracts, forward contracts:

- Do not have standard maturity dates or amounts (i.e., the parties to the contract may fix the maturity date and the amount).
- Are traded in the inter-bank markets conducted directly between currency traders (usually large commercial banks) and their customers, as opposed to futures contracts which are traded only on exchanges regulated by the CFTC.
- Do not require an initial margin deposit.
- May be closed by entering into a closing transaction with the currency trader who is a party to the original forward contract, as opposed to a commodities exchange.

*Foreign Currency Hedging Strategies.* A “settlement hedge” or “transaction hedge” is designed to protect the Fund against an adverse change in foreign currency values between the date a security is purchased or sold and the date on which payment is made or received. Entering into a forward contract for the purchase or sale of the amount of foreign currency involved in an underlying security transaction for a fixed amount of U.S. dollars “locks in” the U.S. dollar price of the security. The Fund may also use forward contracts to purchase or sell a foreign currency when it anticipates purchasing or selling securities denominated in foreign currency, even if it has not yet selected the specific investments. The Fund may use forward contracts to hedge against a decline in the value of existing investments denominated in foreign currency. Such a hedge, sometimes referred to as a “position hedge,” would tend to offset both positive and negative currency fluctuations, but would not offset changes in security values caused by other factors. The Fund could also hedge the position by selling another currency expected to perform similarly to the currency in which the Fund’s investment is denominated. This type of hedge, sometimes referred to as a “proxy hedge,” could offer advantages in terms of cost, yield, or efficiency, but generally would not hedge currency exposure as effectively as a direct hedge into U.S. dollars. Proxy hedges may result in losses if the currency used to hedge does not perform similarly to the currency in which the hedged securities are denominated. Transaction and position hedging do not eliminate fluctuations in the underlying prices of the securities that the Fund owns or intends to purchase or sell. They simply establish a rate of exchange that one can achieve at some future point in time. Additionally, these techniques tend to minimize the risk of loss due to a decline in the value of the hedged currency and to limit any potential gain that might result from the increase in value of such currency.

The Fund may enter into forward contracts to shift its investment exposure from one currency into another. Such transactions may call for the delivery of one foreign currency in exchange for another foreign currency, including currencies in which its securities are not then denominated. This may include shifting exposure from U.S. dollars to a foreign currency, or from one foreign currency to another foreign currency. This type of strategy, sometimes known as a “cross-hedge,” will tend to reduce or eliminate exposure to the currency that is sold, and increase exposure to the currency that is purchased. Cross-hedges protect against losses resulting from a decline in the hedged currency, but will cause the Fund to assume the risk of fluctuations in the value of the currency it purchases. Cross hedging transactions also involve the risk of imperfect correlation between changes in the values of the currencies involved. It is difficult to forecast with precision the market value of portfolio securities at the expiration or maturity of a forward or futures contract. Accordingly, the Fund may have to purchase additional foreign currency on the spot market if the market value of a security it is hedging is less than the amount of foreign currency it is obligated to deliver. Conversely, the Fund may have to sell on the spot market some of the foreign currency it received upon the sale of a security if the market value of such security exceeds the amount of foreign currency it is obligated to deliver.

Currency Transaction Risks. Currency hedging involves many of the same risks as other derivative transactions. Currency transactions can result in losses to the Fund if the currency being hedged fluctuates in value to a degree or in a direction that is not anticipated. Further, the perceived linkage or correlation between various currencies may not be present or may not be present during the particular time that the Fund engages in these transactions. There can be no assurance that a liquid market will exist at the time when the Fund seeks to close out a currency futures position. Currency derivative transactions are also subject to risks different from those of other derivative transactions. Because currency control is of great importance to the issuing governments and influences economic planning and policy, purchases and sales of currency and related instruments can be adversely affected by government exchange controls, limitations or restrictions on repatriation of currency, and manipulations or exchange restrictions imposed by governments. Governmental actions can result in losses to the Fund if it is unable to deliver or receive currency or monies in settlement of obligations and could also cause hedges it has entered into to be rendered useless, resulting in full currency exposure as well as incurring transaction costs. Buyers and sellers of currency futures contracts are subject to the same risks that generally apply to futures contracts. Further, settlement of a currency futures contract for the purchase of most currencies must occur at a bank based in the issuing nation. Currency exchange rates may also fluctuate based on broader factors extrinsic to any particular country's economy. In addition, unlike other types of swaps, currency and cross-currency swaps typically involve the delivery of the entire principal (notional) amounts of the two designated currencies. As a result, the entire principal value of a cross currency swap is subject to the risk that the swap counterparty will default on its contractual delivery obligations. There can be no assurance that currency transactions or currency hedging techniques will be successful.

**Debt Securities.** The Fund can invest in fixed-income securities. Corporations and governments use debt securities to borrow money from investors. Most debt securities promise a variable or fixed rate of return and repayment of the amount borrowed at maturity. Some debt securities, such as zero-coupon bonds, do not pay current interest and are purchased at a discount from their face value. Investments in fixed-income securities with longer maturities generally produce higher yields but are subject to greater market fluctuation.

U.S. Government Securities. The Fund may invest in securities issued or guaranteed by the United States Government, its agencies or instrumentalities. U.S. Treasury obligations include bonds, notes and bills which are backed by the full faith and credit of the United States. Some Government agencies and instrumentalities ("Federal Agencies") such as the Government National Mortgage Association ("GNMA") issue debt securities which are supported by the full faith and credit of the United States; others, such as those of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, are supported to the extent such entities have the right to borrow from the Treasury; others, such as those of the Federal National Mortgage Association ("FNMA"), are supported by the discretionary authority of the U.S. Government to purchase the agency's obligations; still others, such as those of the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation ("FHLMC"), are supported only by the credit of the instrumentality. The guaranteed mortgage pass-through securities in which the Fund may invest include those issued or guaranteed by GNMA, FNMA and FHLMC. FNMA and FHLMC are federally chartered, privately owned corporations which are instrumentalities of the United States. No assurance can be given that the U.S. Government would provide financial support to U.S. Government-sponsored instrumentalities if it is not obligated to do so by law.

Corporate Bonds. The Fund may invest in corporate bonds, bank debt, notes and commercial paper of varying maturities and may invest in domestic bonds, bank debt and notes and those issued by non-U.S. corporations and governments. Issuers of these securities have a contractual obligation to pay interest at a specified rate on specified date and to repay principal on a specified maturity date, and may have provisions that allow the issuer to redeem or "call" the security before its maturity.

Senior Loans. The Fund may invest in participations in senior loans made by banks and other financial institutions to corporate and other borrowers. Such loans are generally arranged through private negotiations between a borrower and one or more financial institutions and may be secured by collateral. Participations in senior loans generally are not listed on any securities exchange or automated quotation system, and no active trading market generally exists for these participations. Such senior loan participations are thus relatively illiquid, which may impair the ability of the Fund to sell them in a timely manner.

Mortgage-Backed Securities. The Fund may invest in mortgage-backed securities, which include (a) obligations issued or guaranteed by Federal Agencies, such as GNMA, FNMA and FHLMC; (b) collateralized mortgage obligations (“CMOs”), including real estate mortgage investment conduits, issued by domestic or foreign private issuers that represent an interest in or are collateralized by mortgage-backed securities issued or guaranteed by Federal Agencies; and (c) obligations issued by domestic or foreign private issuers that represent an interest in or are collateralized by whole mortgage loans or mortgage-backed securities without a government guarantee but usually having some form of private credit enhancement.

The average maturity of pass-through pools of mortgage-backed securities varies with the maturities of the underlying mortgage instruments. In addition, a pool’s stated maturity may be shortened by unscheduled payments on the underlying mortgages. Factors affecting mortgage prepayments include the level of interest rates, general economic and social conditions, the location of the mortgaged property and the age of the mortgage. Because prepayment rates of individual mortgage pools vary widely, it is not possible to accurately predict the average life of a particular pool. Common industry practice, for example, is to assume that prepayments will result in a 7- to 9-year average life for pools of fixed-rate 30-year mortgages. Pools of mortgages with different characteristics will have varying average life assumptions.

The Fund may invest in both fixed rate and adjustable rate mortgage securities (“ARMs”), which are pass-through mortgage securities collateralized by mortgages with adjustable rather than fixed rates. ARMs eligible for inclusion in a mortgage pool generally provide for a fixed initial mortgage interest rate for either the first three, six, twelve or thirteen, twenty-four, thirty-six or longer scheduled monthly payments. Thereafter, the interest rates are subject to periodic adjustment based on changes to a designated benchmark. ARMs will reset off of a variety of short-term indices including, but not limited to, LIBOR (London Interbank Offered Rate), 90-day United States Treasury Bills and the 11th District Cost of Funds Index (“COFI”). Fixed rate investments may be of varying maturities.

The mortgage-backed securities in which the Fund may invest may include those backed by the full faith and credit of the United States. GNMA, the principal U.S. guarantor of such securities, is a wholly owned U.S. Government corporation within the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Fund may also invest in government-related mortgage-backed securities that are not backed by the full faith and credit of the United States, such as those issued by FNMA and FHLMC. Pass-through securities issued by FNMA are guaranteed as to timely payment of principal and interest by FNMA. Participation certificates representing interests in mortgages from FHLMC’s national portfolio are guaranteed as to the timely payment of interest and ultimate collection of principal by FHLMC. The Fund may also invest in mortgage-backed securities issued by private non-governmental corporations, such as financial institutions.

Historically, FNMA and FHLMC were agencies sponsored by the U.S. government that were supported only by the credit of the issuing agencies and not backed by the full faith and credit of the United States. In 2008, however, due to the declining value of FNMA and FHLMC securities and concerns that the firms did not have sufficient capital to offset losses resulting from the mortgage crisis, the Federal

Housing Finance Agency (“FHFA”) placed FNMA and FHLMC into conservatorship. As the conservator, FHFA succeeded to all rights, titles, powers and privileges of FNMA and FHLMC and of any stockholder, officer or director of FNMA and FHLMC with respect to FNMA and FHLMC and the assets of FNMA and FHLMC.

FNMA and FHLMC are continuing to operate as going concerns while in conservatorship and each remain liable for all of its obligations, including its guaranty obligations, associated with its mortgage-backed securities. The FHFA has indicated that the conservatorship of each enterprise will end when the director of FHFA determines that FHFA’s plan to restore the enterprise to a safe and solvent condition has been completed.

Under the Federal Housing Finance Regulatory Reform Act of 2008 (the “Reform Act”), which was included as part of the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008, FHFA, as conservator or receiver, has the power to repudiate any contract entered into by FNMA or FHLMC prior to FHFA’s appointment as conservator or receiver, as applicable, if FHFA determines, in its sole discretion, that performance of the contract is burdensome and that repudiation of the contract promotes the orderly administration of FNMA’s or FHLMC’s affairs. The Reform Act requires FHFA to exercise its right to repudiate any contract within a reasonable period of time after its appointment as conservator or receiver.

FHFA, in its capacity as conservator, has indicated that it has no intention to repudiate the guaranty obligations of FNMA or FHLMC because FHFA views repudiation as incompatible with the goals of the conservatorship. However, in the event that FHFA, as conservator or if it is later appointed as receiver for FNMA or FHLMC, were to repudiate any such guaranty obligation, the conservatorship or receivership estate, as applicable, would be liable for actual direct compensatory damages in accordance with the provisions of the Reform Act. Any such liability could be satisfied only to the extent of FNMA’s or FHLMC’s assets available therefor.

In the event of repudiation, the payments of interest to holders of FNMA or FHLMC mortgage-backed securities would be reduced if payments on the mortgage loans represented in the mortgage loan groups related to such mortgage-backed securities are not made by the borrowers or advanced by the servicer. Any actual direct compensatory damages for repudiating these guaranty obligations may not be sufficient to offset any shortfalls experienced by such mortgage-backed security holders.

Further, in its capacity as conservator or receiver, FHFA has the right to transfer or sell any asset or liability of FNMA or FHLMC without any approval, assignment or consent. Although FHFA has stated that it has no present intention to do so, if FHFA, as conservator or receiver, were to transfer any such guaranty obligation to another party, holders of FNMA or FHLMC mortgage-backed securities would have to rely on that party for satisfaction of the guaranty obligation and would be exposed to the credit risk of that party.

In addition, in a February 2011 report to Congress from the Treasury Department and the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Obama administration provided a plan to reform America’s housing finance market. The plan would reduce the role of and eventually eliminate FNMA and FHLMC. Notably, the plan does not propose similar significant changes to GNMA, which guarantees payments on mortgage-related securities backed by federally insured or guaranteed loans such as those issued by the Federal Housing Association or guaranteed by the Department of Veterans Affairs. The report also identified three proposals for Congress and the administration to consider for the long-term structure of the housing finance markets after the elimination of FNMA and FHLMC, including implementing: (i) a privatized system of housing finance that limits government insurance to very limited groups of creditworthy low- and moderate-income borrowers; (ii) a privatized system with a government backstop mechanism that would allow the government to insure a larger share of the housing finance market during

a future housing crisis; and (iii) a privatized system where the government would offer reinsurance to holders of certain highly-rated mortgage-related securities insured by private insurers and would pay out under the reinsurance arrangements only if the private mortgage insurers were insolvent.

Guaranteed Mortgage Pass-Through Securities. The Fund may invest in mortgage pass-through securities representing participation interests in pools of residential mortgage loans originated by United States governmental or private lenders and guaranteed, to the extent provided in such securities, by a Federal Agency. Such securities, which are ownership interests in the underlying mortgage loans, differ from conventional debt securities, which provide for periodic payment of interest in fixed amounts (usually semiannually) and principal payments at maturity or on specified dates. Mortgage pass-through securities provide for monthly payments (not necessarily in fixed amounts) that are a “pass-through” of the monthly interest and principal payments (including any prepayments) made by the individual borrowers on the pooled mortgage loans, net of any fees paid to the guarantor of such securities and the servicer of the underlying mortgage loans.

Collateralized Mortgage Obligations, Multiclass Pass-Through Securities and Accrual Certificates (Z-Bonds). The Fund may invest in CMOs, which are debt obligations collateralized by mortgage loans or mortgage pass-through securities. Typically, CMOs are collateralized by GNMA, FNMA or FHLMC certificates but also may be collateralized by whole loans or private mortgage pass-through securities (collectively, “Mortgage Assets”). Multiclass pass-through securities are equity interests in a trust composed of Mortgage Assets. Payments of principal of and interest on the Mortgage Assets, and any reinvestment income thereon, provide the funds to pay debt service on the CMOs or make scheduled distributions on the multiclass pass-through securities. CMOs may be issued by Federal Agencies, or by private originators of, or investors in, mortgage loans, including savings and loan associations, mortgage banks, commercial banks, investment banks and special purpose subsidiaries of the foregoing. The issuer of a series of CMOs may elect to be treated as a Real Estate Mortgage Investment Conduit (“REMIC”). REMICs include governmental and/or private entities that issue a fixed pool of mortgages secured by an interest in real property. REMICs are similar to CMOs in that they issue multiple classes of securities, but unlike CMOs, which are required to be structured as debt securities, REMICs may be structured as indirect ownership interests in the underlying assets of the REMICs themselves. However, the Fund’s investment in a CMO is not effected by the issuer’s election to be treated as a REMIC, and all future references to CMOs shall also be deemed to include REMICs.

In CMOs, a series of bonds or certificates is issued in multiple classes. Each class of CMOs, often referred to as a “tranche,” is issued at a specific fixed or floating coupon rate and has a stated maturity or final distribution date. Principal prepayments on the Mortgage Assets may cause the CMOs to be retired substantially earlier than their stated maturities or final distribution dates. Interest is paid or accrued on all classes of the CMOs on a monthly, quarterly or semiannual basis. The market prices of CMOs structured as accrual certificates (also known as “Z-Bonds”) are affected to a greater extent by interest rate changes and therefore tend to be more volatile than securities which pay current interest in cash. See also “Federal Tax Aspects.” Accrual bonds have characteristics similar in some respects to those of zero coupon U.S. Government securities and can be subject to greater volatility. Certain CMOs may have variable or floating interest rates and others may be stripped mortgage securities.

Private Mortgage Pass-Through Securities. Private mortgage pass-through securities are structured similarly to the GNMA, FNMA and FHLMC mortgage pass-through securities and are issued by domestic and foreign private issuers such as originators of and investors in Mortgage Assets, including savings and loan associations, mortgage banks, commercial banks, investment banks and special purpose subsidiaries of the foregoing. These securities usually are backed by a pool of conventional fixed rate or adjustable rate Mortgage Assets. Since private mortgage pass-through securities typically are not guaranteed by an entity having the credit status of GNMA, FNMA and FHLMC, such securities generally



are structured with one or more types of credit enhancement. The degree of credit support provided for each issue is generally based on historical information respecting the level of credit risk associated with the underlying assets. Delinquencies or losses in excess of those anticipated could adversely affect the return on an investment in these securities.

Stripped Mortgage Securities. The Fund may invest in stripped mortgage securities, which may be issued by Federal Agencies, or by private originators of, or investors in, Mortgage Assets. Stripped mortgage securities usually are structured with two classes that receive different proportions of the interest, principal or other distribution on a pool of Mortgage Assets. A common type of stripped mortgage security will have one class receiving some of the interest and most of the principal from the Mortgage Assets, while the other class will receive most of the interest and the remainder of the principal. In the most extreme case, one class will receive all of the interest (the interest-only or “IO” class), while the other class will receive all of the principal (the principal-only or “PO” class). PO classes generate income through the accretion of the deep discount at which such securities are purchased, and, while PO classes do not receive periodic payments of interest, they receive monthly payments associated with scheduled amortization and principal prepayment from the Mortgage Assets underlying the PO class. The yield to maturity on an IO class is extremely sensitive to the rate of principal payments (including prepayments) on the related underlying Mortgage Assets, and a rapid rate of principal payments may have a material adverse effect on such security’s yield to maturity. If the underlying Mortgage Assets experience greater than anticipated prepayments of principal, the Fund may fail to fully recoup its initial investment in these securities.

Inverse Floaters. Inverse floaters constitute a class of CMOs with a coupon rate that moves inversely to a designated index, such as LIBOR or COFI. Inverse floaters have coupon rates that typically change at a multiple of the changes of the relevant index rate. Any rise in the index rate (as a consequence of an increase in interest rates) causes a drop in the coupon rate on an inverse floater, while any drop in the index rate causes an increase in the coupon rate of an inverse floater. In some circumstances, the coupon on an inverse floater could decrease to zero. In addition, like most other fixed-income securities, the value of inverse floaters will decrease as interest rates increase. Inverse floaters exhibit greater price volatility than the majority of mortgage-backed securities. In addition, some inverse floaters display extreme sensitivity to changes in prepayments. As a result, the yield to maturity of an inverse floater is sensitive not only to changes in interest rates but also to changes in prepayment rates on the related underlying Mortgage Assets. Inverse floaters may be used alone or in tandem with interest-only stripped mortgage securities. See “Risks of Stripped Mortgage Securities and Inverse Floaters” below.

#### *Risks of Mortgage-Backed Securities.*

*Credit and Market Risks.* Investments in fixed rate and floating rate mortgage-backed securities entail normal credit risks (i.e., the risk of non-payment of interest and principal) and market risks (i.e., the risk that interest rates and other factors will cause the value of the instrument to decline). Many issuers or servicers of mortgage-backed securities guarantee timely payment of interest and principal on the securities, whether or not payments are made when due on the underlying mortgages. This kind of guarantee generally increases the quality of a security, but does not mean that the security’s market value and yield will not change. Like bond investments, the value of fixed rate mortgage-backed securities will tend to rise when interest rates fall, and fall when rates rise. The value of all mortgage-backed securities may also change because of changes in the market’s perception of the creditworthiness of the organization that issued or guarantees them. In addition, the mortgage-backed securities market in general may be adversely affected by changes in governmental legislation or regulation. Fluctuations in the market value of mortgage-backed securities after their acquisition usually do not affect cash income from such securities but are reflected in the Fund’s net asset value. The liquidity of mortgage-backed securities varies by type of security; at certain times the Fund may encounter difficulty in disposing of investments.

Other factors that could affect the value of a mortgage-backed security include, among other factors, the types and amounts of insurance which a mortgagor carries, the amount of time the mortgage loan has been outstanding, the loan-to-value ratio of each mortgage and the amount of overcollateralization of a mortgage pool.

If the Fund purchases mortgage-backed securities that are “subordinated” to other interests in the same mortgage pool, the Fund as a holder of those securities may only receive payments after the pool’s obligations to other investors have been satisfied. An unexpectedly high rate of defaults on the mortgages held by a mortgage pool may limit substantially the pool’s ability to make payments of principal or interest to the Fund as a holder of such subordinated securities, reducing the values of those securities or in some cases rendering them worthless; the risk of such defaults is generally higher in the case of mortgage pools that include so-called “subprime” mortgages. An unexpectedly high or low rate of prepayments on a pool’s underlying mortgages may have similar effects on subordinated securities. A mortgage pool may issue securities subject to various levels of subordination; the risk of non-payment affects securities at each level, although the risk is greater in the case of more highly subordinated securities.

In general, mortgage loan repayments may be adversely affected by matters such as a general economic turndown, high unemployment, a general slowdown in the real estate market, a drop in the market prices of real estate, or an increase in interest rates resulting in high mortgage payments by holders of adjustable rate mortgages. Factors that adversely impact mortgage loan repayments also generally negatively impact mortgage-related securities. For example, the value of mortgage-related securities may be adversely affected by, among other things, disruptions in the credit markets, increases in the default rate on residential mortgages, and/or a decrease in residential home prices. It is possible that values of mortgage-related securities may be adversely affected for extended periods of time, due to the factors discussed above or other factors.

*Prepayment and Redemption Risk.* Mortgage-backed securities reflect an interest in monthly payments made by the borrowers who receive the underlying mortgage loans. Although the underlying mortgage loans are for specified periods of time, such as 20 or 30 years, the borrowers can, and typically do, pay them off sooner. In such an event, the mortgage-backed security which represents an interest in such underlying mortgage loan will be prepaid. A borrower is more likely to prepay a mortgage which bears a relatively high rate of interest. The increased likelihood of prepayment when interest rates decline also limits market price appreciation of mortgage-backed securities. In addition, a mortgage-backed security may be subject to redemption at the option of the issuer.

*Risks of Stripped Mortgage Securities and Inverse Floaters.* Both interest-only stripped mortgage securities and inverse floaters are highly sensitive to changes in interest and prepayment rates. As a result, each individually is highly volatile. The portfolio managers believe that interest-only stripped mortgage securities and inverse floaters may at times produce higher yields than more traditional securities such as U.S. Treasuries or mortgage-backed securities. Changes in the value of inverse floaters tend to be inversely proportional to the direction of interest rates as is the case with traditional fixed-income securities, while the value of interest-only stripped mortgage-backed securities often is directly proportional to the direction of interest rates, so that used in combination, inverse floaters and interest-only stripped mortgage securities can serve as a hedging device for the Fund. However, effective use of this hedging technique depends on the portfolio managers’ ability to correctly hedge the securities by forecasting interest rate volatility and corresponding prepayment rates. If these assumptions are erroneous, the Fund’s yield and total return may be reduced.

*Risks of Adjustable Rate Mortgages.* ARMs contain maximum and minimum rates beyond which the mortgage interest rate may not vary over the lifetime of the security. In addition, certain ARMs provide

for additional limitations on the maximum amount by which the mortgage interest rate may adjust for any single adjustment period. Alternatively, certain ARMs contain limitations on changes in the required monthly payment. In the event that a monthly payment is not sufficient to pay the interest accruing on an ARM, any such excess interest is added to the principal balance of the mortgage loan, which is repaid through future monthly payments. The adjustable interest rate feature of the mortgages underlying ARMs generally acts as a buffer to reduce sharp changes in the market value of ARMs in response to normal interest rate fluctuations. As the interest rate on the mortgages underlying ARMs are reset periodically, yields of the securities will gradually align themselves to reflect changes in market rates. During periods of rising interest rates, however, changes in the coupon rate lag behind changes in the market rate. During periods of extreme fluctuations in interest rates, the resulting fluctuation of ARM rates could affect the ARM's market value. Most ARMs generally have annual reset limits or "caps", for example of 100 to 200 basis points. Fluctuation in interest rates above these levels could cause such mortgage-backed securities to "cap out" and to behave more like long-term, fixed-rate debt securities. During periods of declining interest rates, of course, the coupon rates may readjust downward and result in lower yields. Because of this feature, the value of ARMs will likely not rise during periods of declining interest rates to the same extent as fixed-rate instruments.

Other Asset-Backed Securities. The Fund may invest in asset-backed securities that have structural characteristics similar to mortgage-backed securities but have underlying assets that are not mortgage loans or interests in mortgage loans. Various types of assets, primarily automobile and credit card receivables, are securitized in pass-through structures similar to mortgage pass-through structures. As with mortgage-related securities, asset-backed securities are often backed by a pool of assets representing the obligations of a number of different parties and use similar credit enhancement techniques. The cash flow generated by the underlying assets is applied to make required payments on the securities and to pay related administrative expenses. The amount of residual cash flow resulting from a particular issue of asset-backed securities depends on, among other factors, the characteristics of the underlying assets, the coupon rates on the securities, prevailing interest rates, the amount of administrative expenses and the actual prepayment experience on the underlying assets. Certain asset-backed securities do not have the benefit of the same security interest in the related collateral as do mortgage-backed securities. Credit card receivables are generally unsecured, and the debtors are entitled to the protection of a number of state and federal consumer credit laws, many of which give such debtors the right to set off certain amounts owned on the credit cards, thereby reducing the balance due. In addition, some issuers of automobile receivables permit the servicers to retain possession of the underlying obligations. If the servicer were to sell these obligations to another party, there is a risk that the purchaser would acquire an interest superior to that of the holders of the related automobile receivables.

*Risks of Asset-Backed Securities.* Some asset-backed securities, particularly home equity loan transactions, are subject to interest-rate risk and prepayment risk. A change in interest rates can affect the pace of payments on the underlying loans, which in turn, affects total return on the securities. Asset-backed securities also carry credit or default risk. If many borrowers on the underlying loans default, losses could exceed the credit enhancement level and result in losses to investors in an asset-backed security transaction. Additionally, the value of asset-backed securities are subject to risks associated with the servicers' performance. In some circumstances, a servicer's or originator's mishandling of documentation related to the underlying collateral (e.g., failure to properly document a security interest in the underlying collateral) may affect the rights of the security holders in and to the underlying collateral. Finally, asset-backed securities have structure risk due to a unique characteristic known as early amortization, or early payout, risk. Built into the structure of most asset-backed securities are triggers for early payout, designed to protect investors from losses. These triggers are unique to each transaction and can include: a big rise in defaults on the underlying loans, a sharp drop in the credit enhancement level, or even the bankruptcy of the originator. Once early amortization begins, all incoming loan payments (after

expenses are paid) are used to pay investors as quickly as possible based upon a predetermined priority of payment.

Inflation-Indexed Bonds. The Fund can invest in inflation-indexed bonds, which are fixed-income securities whose principal value is periodically adjusted to reflect the rate of inflation. Such bonds generally are issued at an interest rate lower than comparable non-indexed bonds, but are expected to retain their principal value over time. The interest rate on these bonds is fixed at issuance, but over the life of the bond this interest may be paid on an increasing principal value, which has been adjusted for inflation. Inflation-indexed bonds issued by the U.S. Treasury have maturities of five, ten, and thirty years, although it is anticipated that securities with other maturities will be issued in the future. If the periodic adjustment rate measuring inflation falls, the principal value of inflation-indexed bonds will be adjusted downward, and consequently the interest payable on these securities (calculated with respect to a smaller principal amount) will be reduced. Repayment of the original bond principal upon maturity (as adjusted for inflation) is guaranteed in the case of U.S. Treasury inflation-indexed bonds, even during a period of deflation. However, the current market value of the bonds is not guaranteed and will fluctuate. Any increase in the principal amount of an inflation-indexed bond is considered taxable ordinary income, even though investors do not receive their principal until maturity. See also “Dividends, Other Distributions and Taxes” in the Prospectus.

Inflation-indexed bonds issued by the U.S. Treasury pay interest on a semi-annual basis, equal to a fixed percentage of the inflation-adjusted principal amount. For example, if the Fund purchased an inflation-indexed bond with a par value of \$1,000 and a 3% real rate of return coupon (payable 1.5% semi-annually), and inflation over the first six months were 1%, the mid-year par value of the bond would be \$1,010, and the first semi-annual interest payment would be \$15.15 (\$1,010 times 1.5%). If inflation continued during the second half of the year and reached 3% by year end, the end-of-year par value of the bond would be \$1,030, and the second semi-annual interest payment would be \$15.45 (\$1,030 times 1.5%).

The value of inflation-indexed bonds is expected to change in response to changes in real interest rates. Real interest rates in turn are tied to the relationship between nominal interest rates and the rate of inflation. Therefore, if inflation were to rise at a faster rate than nominal interest rates, real interest rates might decline, leading to an increase in the value of inflation-indexed bonds. In contrast, if nominal interest rates increased at a faster rate than inflation, real interest rates might rise, leading to a decrease in the value of inflation-indexed bonds.

While these securities are expected to be protected from long-term inflationary trends, short-term increases in inflation may lead to a decline in value. If interest rates rise due to reasons other than inflation (for example, due to changes in currency exchange rates), investors in these securities may not be protected to the extent that the increase is not reflected in the bond’s inflation measure.

The periodic adjustment of U.S. inflation-indexed bonds is tied to the Consumer Price Index for Urban Consumers (“CPI-U”), which is calculated monthly by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. The CPI-U is a measurement of changes in the cost of living, made up of components such as housing, food, transportation and energy. There can be no assurance that the CPI-U will accurately measure the real rate of inflation in the prices of goods and services.

Short-Term Investments. To earn a return on uninvested assets, meet anticipated redemptions, or for temporary defensive purposes, the Fund may invest a portion of its assets in the short-term securities listed below, U.S. government securities and investment-grade corporate debt securities. Unless otherwise specified, a short-term debt security has a maturity of one year or less.

Time Deposits. Time deposits are non-negotiable deposits, such as savings accounts or certificates of deposit, held by a financial institution for a fixed term with the understanding that the depositor can withdraw its money only by giving notice to the institution. However, there may be early withdrawal penalties depending upon market conditions and the remaining maturity of the obligation.

Certificates of Deposit. Certificates of deposit are negotiable certificates issued against funds deposited in a commercial bank or savings and loan association for a definite period of time and earning a specified return.

Bankers' Acceptance. A bankers' acceptance is a time draft drawn on a commercial bank by a borrower, usually in connection with an international commercial transaction (to finance the import, export, transfer or storage of goods).

Commercial Paper. Commercial paper is a short-term obligation with a maturity ranging from 1 to 270 days issued by banks, corporations and other borrowers. Such investments are unsecured and usually discounted. The Fund may invest in commercial paper rated A-1 or A-2 by Standard & Poor's Ratings Services ("S&P") or Prime-1 or Prime-2 by Moody's Investors Service ("Moody's"), or, if not rated, issued by a corporation having an outstanding unsecured debt issue rated A or better by Moody's or by S&P. Stripped Mortgage-Backed Securities

Zero Coupon Securities. The Fund may invest in zero coupon U.S. Government securities, which do not entitle the holder to any periodic payments of interest prior to maturity. Accordingly, such securities usually trade at a deep discount from their face or par value and are subject to greater fluctuations of market value in response to changing interest rates than debt obligations of comparable maturities that make periodic distributions of interest. On the other hand, because there are no periodic interest payments to be reinvested prior to maturity, zero coupon securities eliminate the reinvestment risk and lock in a rate of return to maturity. Current federal tax law requires that a holder (such as the Fund) of a zero coupon security accrue a portion of the discount at which the security was purchased as income each year even though the Fund received no interest payment in cash on the security during the year.

### *Terms to Understand*

**Maturity.** Every debt security has a stated maturity date when the issuer must repay the amount it borrowed (principal) from investors. Some debt securities, however, are callable, meaning the issuer can repay the principal earlier, on or after specified dates ("call dates"). Debt securities are most likely to be called when interest rates are falling because the issuer can refinance at a lower rate, similar to a homeowner refinancing a mortgage. The effective maturity of a debt security is usually its nearest call date.

Mutual funds that invest in debt securities have no real maturity. Instead, they calculate their weighted average maturity. This number is an average of the effective or anticipated maturity of each debt security held by the mutual fund, with the maturity of each security weighted by the percentage of the assets of the mutual fund it represents.

**Duration.** Duration is a calculation that seeks to measure the price sensitivity of a debt security, or of a mutual fund that invests in debt securities, to changes in interest rates. It measures sensitivity more accurately than maturity because it takes into account the time value of cash flows generated over the life of a debt security. Future interest payments and principal payments are discounted to reflect their present value and then are multiplied by the number of years they will be received to produce a value expressed in years — the duration. Effective duration takes

into account call features and sinking fund prepayments that may shorten the life of a debt security.

An effective duration of 4 years, for example, would suggest that for each 1% reduction in interest rates at all maturity levels, the price of a security is estimated to increase by 4%. An increase in rates by the same magnitude is estimated to reduce the price of the security by 4%. By knowing the yield and the effective duration of a debt security, one can estimate total return based on an expectation of how much interest rates, in general, will change. While serving as a good estimator of prospective returns, effective duration is an imperfect measure.

**Derivatives.** Derivatives are financial instruments whose value is based on an underlying asset, such as a stock or a bond, or an underlying economic factor, such as an interest rate or a market benchmark. Unless otherwise stated in the Fund’s prospectus, the Fund may use derivatives to gain exposure to various markets in a cost efficient manner, to reduce transaction costs or to remain fully invested. The Fund may also invest in derivatives to protect it from broad fluctuations in market prices, interest rates or foreign currency exchange rates (a practice known as “hedging”). When hedging is successful, the Fund will have offset any depreciation in the value of its portfolio securities by the appreciation in the value of the derivative position. Although techniques other than the sale and purchase of derivatives could be used to control the exposure of the Fund to market fluctuations, the use of derivatives may be a more effective means of hedging this exposure. The Fund intends to limit its investments in certain derivatives, such as futures, commodity options and swaps, if any, to de minimis thresholds necessary to meet the exclusion from commodity pool registration under the Commodity Exchange Act afforded by Rule 4.5 promulgated by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (“CFTC”). These limits may prevent the Fund from seeking attractive investment opportunities if the Fund is otherwise investing in instruments subject to CFTC regulation. For certain types of derivatives, the Fund will cover its obligations under such instruments in accordance with applicable guidance from the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”). Changes in regulation relating to a mutual fund’s use of derivatives and related instruments could potentially limit or impact the Fund’s ability to invest in certain derivative instruments, limit the Fund’s ability to employ certain strategies that use derivatives and adversely affect the value or performance of derivatives and the Fund. For instance, in December 2015, the SEC proposed new regulations applicable to a mutual fund’s use of derivatives and related instruments. If adopted as proposed, these regulations could significantly limit or impact the Fund’s ability to invest in derivatives and other instruments, limit the ability to employ certain strategies that use derivatives and adversely affect the Fund’s performance, efficiency in implementing its strategy, liquidity and ability to pursue its investment objective.

**Futures.** A futures contract is an agreement between two parties whereby one party sells and the other party agrees to buy a specified amount of a financial instrument at an agreed upon price and time. The financial instrument underlying the contract may be a stock, stock index, bond, bond index, interest rate, foreign exchange rate or other similar instrument. Agreeing to buy the underlying financial information is called buying a futures contract or taking a long position in the contract. Likewise, agreeing to sell the underlying financial instrument is called selling a futures contract or taking a short position in the contract.

Futures contracts are traded in the United States on commodity exchanges or boards of trade — known as “contract markets” — approved for such trading and regulated by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, a federal agency. These contract markets standardize the terms, including the maturity date and underlying financial instrument, of all futures contracts.

Unlike other securities, the parties to a futures contract do not have to pay for or deliver the underlying financial instrument until some future date (the delivery date). Contract markets require both the

purchaser and seller to deposit “initial margin” with a futures broker, known as a futures commission merchant, or custodian bank when they enter into the contract. Initial margin deposits are typically equal to a percentage of the contract’s value. After they open a futures contract, the parties to the transaction must compare the purchase price of the contract to its daily market value. If the value of the futures contract changes in such a way that a party’s position declines, that party must make additional “variation margin” payments so that the margin payment is adequate. On the other hand, the value of the contract may change in such a way that there is excess margin on deposit, possibly entitling the party that has a gain to receive all or a portion of this amount. This process is known as “marking to the market.”

Although the actual terms of a futures contract calls for the actual delivery of and payment for the underlying security, in many cases the parties may close the contract early by taking an opposite position in an identical contract. If the sale price upon closing out the contract is less than the original purchase price, the person closing out the contract will realize a loss. If the sale price upon closing out the contract is more than the original purchase price, the person closing out the contract will realize a gain. If the purchase price upon closing out the contract is more than the original sale price, the person closing out the contract will realize a loss. If the purchase price upon closing out the contract is less than the original sale price, the person closing out the contract will realize a gain.

The Fund may incur commission expenses when it opens or closes a futures position.

Options. An option is a contract between two parties for the purchase and sale of a financial instrument for a specified price (known as the “strike price” or “exercise price”) at any time during the option period. Unlike a futures contract, an option grants a right (not an obligation) to buy or sell a financial instrument. Generally, a seller of an option can grant a buyer two kinds of rights: a “call” (the right to buy the security) or a “put” (the right to sell the security). Options have various types of underlying instruments, including specific securities, indices of securities prices, foreign currencies, interest rates and futures contracts. Options may be traded on an exchange (exchange-traded-options) or may be customized agreements between the parties (over-the-counter or “OTC options”). Like futures, a financial intermediary, known as a clearing corporation, financially backs exchange-traded options. However, OTC options have no such intermediary and are subject to the risk that the counter-party will not fulfill its obligations under the contract.

Purchasing Put and Call Options. When the Fund purchases a put option, it buys the right to sell the instrument underlying the option at a fixed strike price. In return for this right, the Fund pays the current market price for the option (known as the “option premium”). The Fund may purchase put options to offset or hedge against a decline in the market value of its securities (“protective puts”) or to benefit from a decline in the price of securities that it does not own. The Fund would ordinarily realize a gain if, during the option period, the value of the underlying securities decreased below the exercise price sufficiently to cover the premium and transaction costs. However, if the price of the underlying instrument does not fall enough to offset the cost of purchasing the option, a put buyer would lose the premium and related transaction costs.

Call options are similar to put options, except that the Fund obtains the right to purchase, rather than sell, the underlying instrument at the option’s strike price. The Fund would normally purchase call options in anticipation of an increase in the market value of securities it owns or wants to buy. The Fund would ordinarily realize a gain if, during the option period, the value of the underlying instrument exceeded the exercise price plus the premium paid and related transaction costs. Otherwise, the Fund would realize either no gain or a loss on the purchase of the call option.

The purchaser of an option may terminate its position by:

- Allowing it to expire and losing its entire premium;
- Exercising the option and either selling (in the case of a put option) or buying (in the case of a call option) the underlying instrument at the strike price; or
- Closing it out in the secondary market at its current price.

Selling (Writing) Put and Call Options. When the Fund writes a call option it assumes an obligation to sell specified securities to the holder of the option at a specified price if the option is exercised at any time before the expiration date. Similarly, when the Fund writes a put option it assumes an obligation to purchase specified securities from the option holder at a specified price if the option is exercised at any time before the expiration date. The Fund may terminate its position in an exchange-traded put option before exercise by buying an option identical to the one it has written. Similarly, it may cancel an over-the-counter option by entering into an offsetting transaction with the counter-party to the option.

The Fund could try to hedge against an increase in the value of securities it would like to acquire by writing a put option on those securities. If security prices rise, the Fund would expect the put option to expire and the premium it received to offset the increase in the security's value. If security prices remain the same over time, the Fund would hope to profit by closing out the put option at a lower price. If security prices fall, the Fund may lose an amount of money equal to the difference between the value of the security and the premium it received. Writing covered put options may deprive the Fund of the opportunity to profit from a decrease in the market price of the securities it would like to acquire.

The characteristics of writing call options are similar to those of writing put options, except that call writers expect to profit if prices remain the same or fall. The Fund could try to hedge against a decline in the value of securities it already owns by writing a call option. If the price of that security falls as expected, the Fund would expect the option to expire and the premium it received to offset the decline of the security's value. However, the Fund must be prepared to deliver the underlying instrument in return for the strike price, which may deprive it of the opportunity to profit from an increase in the market price of the securities it holds.

The Fund is permitted only to write options that are covered: pursuant to applicable SEC rules and staff guidance.

Options on Securities Indices. Options on securities indices are similar to options on securities, except that the exercise of securities index options requires cash settlement payments and does not involve the actual purchase or sale of securities. In addition, securities index options are designed to reflect price fluctuations in a group of securities or segment of the securities market rather than price fluctuations in a single security.

Options on Futures. An option on a futures contract provides the holder with the right to buy a futures contract (in the case of a call option) or sell a futures contract (in the case of a put option) at a fixed time and price. Upon exercise of the option by the holder, the contract market clearing house establishes a corresponding short position for the writer of the option (in the case of a call option) or a corresponding long position (in the case of a put option). If the option is exercised, the parties will be subject to the futures contracts. In addition, the writer of an option on a futures contract is subject to initial and variation margin requirements on the option position. Options on futures contracts are traded on the same contract market as the underlying futures contract.

The buyer or seller of an option on a futures contract may terminate the option early by purchasing or selling an option of the same series (i.e., the same exercise price and expiration date) as the option



previously purchased or sold. The difference between the premiums paid and received represents the trader's profit or loss on the transaction.

The Fund may purchase put and call options on futures contracts instead of selling or buying futures contracts. The Fund may buy a put option on a futures contract for the same reasons it would sell a futures contract. It also may purchase such put options in order to hedge a long position in the underlying futures contract. The Fund may buy call options on futures contracts for the same purpose as the actual purchase of the futures contracts, such as in anticipation of favorable market conditions.

The Fund may write a call option on a futures contract to hedge against a decline in the prices of the instrument underlying the futures contracts. If the price of the futures contract at expiration were below the exercise price, the Fund would retain the option premium, which would offset, in part, any decline in the value of its portfolio securities.

The writing of a put option on a futures contract is similar to the purchase of the futures contracts, except that, if the market price declines, the Fund would pay more than the market price for the underlying instrument. The premium received on the sale of the put option, less any transaction costs, would reduce the net cost to the Fund.

Combined Positions. The Fund may purchase and write options in combination with each other, or in combination with futures or forward contracts, to adjust the risk and return characteristics of the overall position. For example, the Fund could construct a combined position whose risk and return characteristics are similar to selling a futures contract by purchasing a put option and writing a call option on the same underlying instrument. Alternatively, the Fund could write a call option at one strike price and buy a call option at a lower price to reduce the risk of the written call option in the event of a substantial price increase. Because combined options positions involve multiple trades, they result in higher transaction costs and may be more difficult to open and close out.

Swap Agreements. A swap is a financial instrument that typically involves the exchange of cash flows between two parties on specified dates (settlement dates), where the cash flows are based on agreed-upon prices, rates, indices, etc. The nominal amount on which the cash flows are calculated is called the notional amount. Swaps are individually negotiated and structured to include exposure to a variety of different types of investments or market factors, such as interest rates, foreign currency rates, mortgage securities, corporate borrowing rates, security prices or inflation rates.

Swap agreements may increase or decrease the overall volatility of the investments of the Fund and its share price. The performance of swap agreements may be affected by a change in the specific interest rate, currency, or other factors that determine the amounts of payments due to and from the Fund. If a swap agreement calls for payments by the Fund, the Fund must be prepared to make such payments when due. In addition, if the counter-party's creditworthiness declined, the value of a swap agreement would be likely to decline, potentially resulting in losses.

Generally, swap agreements have a fixed maturity date that will be agreed upon by the parties. The agreement can be terminated before the maturity date only under limited circumstances, such as default by one of the parties or insolvency, among others, and can be transferred by a party only with the prior written consent of the other party. The Fund may be able to eliminate its exposure under a swap agreement either by assignment or by other disposition, or by entering into an offsetting swap agreement with the same party or a similarly creditworthy party. If the counter-party is unable to meet its obligations under the contract, declares bankruptcy, defaults or becomes insolvent, the Fund may not be able to recover the money it expected to receive under the contract.

A swap agreement can be a form of leverage, which can magnify the Fund's gains or losses. In order to reduce the risk associated with leveraging, the Fund may cover its current obligations under swap agreements according to guidelines established by the SEC. If the Fund enters into a swap agreement on a net basis, it will segregate assets with a daily value at least equal to the excess, if any, of the Fund's accrued obligations under the swap agreement over the accrued amount the Fund is entitled to receive under the agreement. If the Fund enters into a swap agreement on other than a net basis, it will segregate assets with a value equal to the full amount of the Fund's accrued obligations under the agreement.

**EQUITY SWAPS** — In a typical equity swap, one party agrees to pay another party the return on a stock, stock index or basket of stocks in return for a specified interest rate. By entering into an equity index swap, for example, the index receiver can gain exposure to stocks making up the index of securities without actually purchasing those stocks. Equity index swaps involve not only the risk associated with investment in the securities represented in the index, but also the risk that the performance of such securities, including dividends, will not exceed the return on the interest rate that the Fund will be committed to pay.

**INTEREST RATE SWAPS** — Interest rate swaps are financial instruments that involve the exchange of one type of interest rate for another type of interest rate cash flow on specified dates in the future. Some of the different types of interest rate swaps are "fixed-for floating rate swaps," "termed basis swaps" and "index amortizing swaps." Fixed-for floating rate swaps involve the exchange of fixed interest rate cash flows for floating rate cash flows. Termed basis swaps entail cash flows to both parties based on floating interest rates, where the interest rate indices are different. Index amortizing swaps are typically fixed-for floating swaps where the notional amount changes if certain conditions are met.

Like a traditional investment in a debt security, the Fund could lose money by investing in an interest rate swap if interest rates change adversely. For example, if the Fund enters into a swap where it agrees to exchange a floating rate of interest for a fixed rate of interest, the Fund may have to pay more money than it receives. Similarly, if the Fund enters into a swap where it agrees to exchange a fixed rate of interest for a floating rate of interest, the Fund may receive less money than it has agreed to pay.

**CURRENCY SWAPS** — A currency swap is an agreement between two parties in which one party agrees to make interest rate payments in one currency and the other promises to make interest rate payments in another currency. The Fund may enter into a currency swap when it has one currency and desires a different currency. Typically the interest rates that determine the currency swap payments are fixed, although occasionally one or both parties may pay a floating rate of interest. Unlike an interest rate swap, however, the principal amounts are exchanged at the beginning of the contract and returned at the end of the contract. Changes in foreign exchange rates and changes in interest rates, as described above may negatively affect currency swaps.

**Caps, Collars and Floors.** Caps and floors have an effect similar to buying or writing options. In a typical cap or floor agreement, one party agrees to make payments only under specified circumstances, usually in return for payment of a fee by the other party. For example, the buyer of an interest rate cap obtains the right to receive payments to the extent that a specified interest rate exceeds an agreed-upon level. The seller of an interest rate floor is obligated to make payments to the extent that a specified interest rate falls below an agreed-upon level. An interest rate collar combines elements of buying a cap and selling a floor.

*Risks of Derivatives.* While transactions in derivatives may reduce certain risks, they entail certain other risks. For example, unanticipated changes in interest rates, securities prices or currency exchange rates may result in a poorer overall performance of the Fund than if it had not entered into any derivatives

transactions. Derivatives may magnify the Fund's gains or losses, causing it to make or lose substantially more than it invested.

When used for hedging purposes, increases in the value of the securities the Fund holds or intends to acquire should offset any losses incurred with a derivative. Purchasing derivatives for purposes other than hedging could expose the Fund to greater risks.

Correlation of Prices. The Fund's ability to hedge its securities through derivatives depends on the degree to which price movements in the underlying index or instrument correlate with price movements in the relevant securities. In the case of poor correlation, the price of the securities the Fund is hedging may not move in the same amount, or even in the same direction as the hedging instrument. The portfolio managers will try to minimize this risk by investing only in those contracts whose behavior it expects to resemble the portfolio securities it is trying to hedge. However, if the Fund's prediction of interest and currency rates, market value, volatility or other economic factors is incorrect, the Fund may lose money, or may not make as much money as it expected.

Derivative prices can diverge from the prices of their underlying instruments, even if the characteristics of the underlying instruments are very similar to the derivative. Listed below are some of the factors that may cause such a divergence:

- current and anticipated short-term interest rates, changes in volatility of the underlying instrument, and the time remaining until expiration of the contract;
- a difference between the derivatives and securities markets, including different levels of demand, how the instruments are traded, the imposition of daily price fluctuation limits or trading of an instrument stops; and
- differences between the derivatives, such as different margin requirements, different liquidity of such markets and the participation of speculators in such markets.

Derivatives based upon a narrower index of securities, such as those of a particular industry group, may present greater risk than derivatives based on a broad market index. Since narrower indices are made up of a smaller number of securities, they are more susceptible to rapid and extreme price fluctuations because of changes in the value of those securities.

While currency futures and options values are expected to correlate with exchange rates, they may not reflect other factors that affect the value of the investments of the Fund. A currency hedge, for example, should protect a yen-denominated security from a decline in the yen, but will not protect the Fund against a price decline resulting from deterioration in the issuer's creditworthiness. Because the value of the Fund's foreign-denominated investments changes in response to many factors other than exchange rates, it may not be possible to match the amount of currency options and futures to the value of the Fund's investments precisely over time.

Lack of Liquidity. Before a futures contract or option is exercised or expires, the Fund can terminate it only by entering into a closing purchase or sale transaction. Moreover, the Fund may close out a futures contract only on the exchange the contract was initially traded. Although the Fund intends to purchase options and futures only where there appears to be an active market, there is no guarantee that such a liquid market will exist. If there is no secondary market for the contract, or the market is illiquid, the Fund may not be able to close out its position.

In an illiquid market, the Fund may:

- have to sell securities to meet its daily margin requirements at a time when it is disadvantageous to do so;
- have to purchase or sell the instrument underlying the contract;
- not be able to hedge its investments; and
- not be able to realize profits or limit its losses.

Derivatives may become illiquid (i.e., difficult to sell at a desired time and price) under a variety of market conditions. For example:

- an exchange may suspend or limit trading in a particular derivative instrument, an entire category of derivatives or all derivatives, which sometimes occurs because of increased market volatility;
- unusual or unforeseen circumstances may interrupt normal operations of an exchange;
- the facilities of the exchange may not be adequate to handle current trading volume;
- equipment failures, government intervention, insolvency of a brokerage firm or clearing house or other occurrences may disrupt normal trading activity; or
- investors may lose interest in a particular derivative or category of derivatives.

Management Risk. If the portfolio managers incorrectly predict stock market and interest rate trends, the Fund may lose money by investing in derivatives. For example, if the Fund were to write a call option based on the portfolio managers' expectation that the price of the underlying security would fall, but the price were to rise instead, the Fund could be required to sell the security upon exercise at a price below the current market price. Similarly, if the Fund were to write a put option based on the portfolio managers' expectation that the price of the underlying security would rise, but the price were to fall instead, the Fund could be required to purchase the security upon exercise at a price higher than the current market price.

Margin. Because of the low margin deposits required upon the opening of a derivative position, such transactions involve an extremely high degree of leverage. Consequently, a relatively small price movement in a derivative may result in an immediate and substantial loss (as well as gain) to the Fund and it may lose more than it originally invested in the derivative.

If the price of a futures contract changes adversely, the Fund may have to sell securities at a time when it is disadvantageous to do so to meet its minimum daily margin requirement. The Fund may lose its margin deposits if a broker with whom it has an open futures contract or related option becomes insolvent or declares bankruptcy.

Volatility and Leverage. The prices of derivatives are volatile (i.e., they may change rapidly, substantially and unpredictably) and are influenced by a variety of factors, including:

- actual and anticipated changes in interest rates;
- fiscal and monetary policies; and
- national and international political events.

Most exchanges limit the amount by which the price of a derivative can change during a single trading day. Daily trading limits establish the maximum amount that the price of a derivative may vary from the settlement price of that derivative at the end of trading on the previous day. Once the price of a derivative reaches this value, the Fund may not trade that derivative at a price beyond that limit. The daily limit governs only price movements during a given day and does not limit potential gains or losses. Derivative prices have occasionally moved to the daily limit for several consecutive trading days, preventing prompt liquidation of the derivative.

**Counterparty Risk.** Some derivatives are obligations entered into with a particular counterparty. If the counterparty defaults or refuses to honor its obligations, the Fund may lose amounts due it from the obligations, or may be delayed in receiving such amounts.

**Risk of Potential Government Regulation of Derivatives.** It is possible that additional government regulation of various types of derivative instruments may limit or prevent the Fund from using such instruments as a part of its investment strategy, and could ultimately prevent the Fund from being able to achieve its investment objective. It is impossible to fully predict the effects of past, present or future legislation and regulation in this area, but the effects could be substantial and adverse. It is possible that legislative and regulatory activity could limit or restrict the ability of the Fund to use certain instruments as a part of its investment strategy. Limits or restrictions applicable to counterparties with which the Fund engages in derivative transactions could also prevent the Fund from using certain instruments.

**Investment Companies.** The Fund may buy and sell shares of other investment companies, including exchange traded funds, as permitted by the 1940 Act and rules adopted thereunder and SEC exemptive relief. Underlying investment companies typically incur fees that are separate from those fees incurred directly by the Fund. The Fund's purchase of such investment company securities results in Fund shareholders indirectly bearing a proportionate share of the operating expenses of such investment companies, including advisory fees, in addition to paying Fund expenses.

Under certain circumstances an open-end investment company in which the Fund invests may determine to make payment of a redemption by the Fund wholly or in part by a distribution in kind of securities from its portfolio, instead of in cash. As a result, the Fund may hold such securities until the portfolio managers determine it is appropriate to dispose of them. Such disposition would impose additional costs on the Fund.

**Repurchase Agreements.** In a repurchase agreement, an investor agrees to buy a security (underlying security) from a securities dealer or bank that is a member of the Federal Reserve System (counter-party). At the time, the counter-party agrees to repurchase the underlying security for the same price, plus interest. Repurchase agreements are generally for a relatively short period (usually not more than seven days). The Fund normally uses repurchase agreements to earn income on assets that are not invested.

When the Fund enters into a repurchase agreement it will:

- Pay for the underlying securities only upon physically receiving them or upon evidence of their receipt in book-entry form; and
- Require the counter party to add to the collateral whenever the price of the repurchase agreement rises above the value of the underlying security (i.e., it will require the borrower to "mark to the market" on a daily basis).

If the seller of the security declares bankruptcy or otherwise becomes financially unable to buy back the security, the Fund's right to sell the security may be restricted. In addition, the value of the security might decline before the Fund can sell it and the Fund might incur expenses in enforcing its rights. In addition, changes in regulatory requirements concerning margin for certain types of financing transactions, including repurchase agreements, could impact a Fund's ability to utilize these investment strategies and techniques.

**Restricted Securities.** The Fund may purchase restricted securities that are not registered for sale to the general public. The Fund may also purchase shares that are not registered for sale to the general public

but which are eligible for resale to qualified institutional investors under Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933 (the "1933 Act").

Rule 144A was adopted under the 1933 Act to allow a broader institutional trading market for securities subject to restriction on resale to the general public. The Rule provides a "safe harbor" for the resale of certain restricted securities among qualified institutional investors without registration under the 1933 Act. Under the oversight of the Board of Directors (the "Board"), the portfolio managers determine the liquidity of such investments by considering relevant factors. Other securities subject to legal or contractual restrictions on resale generally may be resold only in a privately negotiated transaction with a limited number of purchasers or in a public offering registered under the 1933 Act. Considerable delay could be encountered in either event. These difficulties and delays could result in the Fund's inability to realize a favorable price upon disposition of restricted securities and in some cases may make disposition of such restricted securities at the time desired by the Fund impossible. The price realized from the sales of these securities could be more or less than those originally paid by the Fund or less than what may be considered the fair value of such securities.

**Securities Lending.** The Fund may lend a portion, up to 33%, of its total assets to broker-dealers or other financial institutions. It may then reinvest the collateral it receives in short-term securities and money market instruments. If the Fund lends its securities, it will follow the following guidelines:

- The borrower must provide collateral at least equal to the market value of the securities loaned;
- The collateral must consist of cash, an irrevocable letter of credit issued by a domestic U.S. bank or securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government;
- The borrower must add to the collateral whenever the price of the securities loaned rises (i.e., the borrower "marks to the market" on a daily basis);
- It must be able to terminate the loan at any time;
- It must receive reasonable interest on the loan (which may include the Fund investing any cash collateral in interest bearing short-term investments); and
- It must determine that the borrower is an acceptable credit risk.

The risks of the Fund lending its securities are similar to the risks involved with repurchase agreements. When the Fund lends securities, any losses on the collateral received from the borrower will be borne by the Fund. Moreover, there is a risk that the borrower will become financially unable to honor its contractual obligations. If this happens, the Fund could:

- Lose its rights in the collateral and not be able to retrieve the securities it lent to the borrower; and
- Experience delays in recovering its securities.

Any costs associated with securities lending would not appear as expenses in the Fund's fee table in the Prospectus. When securities are lent, the Fund will not be able to vote proxies for these securities unless they are recalled by the Fund. However, the Board or the Fund may have obligations to recall lent securities in time to vote proxies if it has knowledge that a vote concerning a material event regarding the securities will occur.

**Short Sales.** Selling a security short is when an investor sells a security it does not own. To sell a security short an investor must borrow the security from someone else to deliver to the buyer. The investor then replaces the security it borrowed by purchasing it at the market price at or before the time of replacement. Until it replaces the security, the investor repays the person that lent it the security for any interest or dividends that may have accrued during the period of the loan.

Investors typically sell securities short to:

- Take advantage of an anticipated decline in prices.
- Protect a profit in a security it already owns.

The Fund can lose money if the price of the security it sold short increases between the date of the short sale and the date on which the Fund replaces the borrowed security. This risk is theoretically unlimited. The Fund would profit if the price of the security declines between those dates.

To borrow the security, the Fund also may be required to pay a premium, which would increase the cost of the security sold. The Fund will incur transaction costs in effecting short sales. The Fund's gains and losses will be decreased or increased, as the case may be, by the amount of the premium, dividends, interest, or expenses the Fund may be required to pay in connection with a short sale.

The broker will retain the net proceeds of the short sale, to the extent necessary to meet margin requirements, until the short position is closed out.

Short Sales Against the Box. In addition, the Fund may engage in short sales "against the box". In a short sale against the box, the Fund agrees to sell at a future date a security that it either currently owns or has the right to acquire at no extra cost. The Fund will incur transaction costs to open, maintain and close short sales against the box.

Restrictions on Short Sales. The Fund will not short sell a security if:

- After giving effect to such short sale, the total market value of all securities sold short would exceed 25% of the value of the Fund net assets.
- The market value of the securities of any single issuer that have been sold short by the Fund would exceed five percent (5%) of the value of the Fund's net assets.
- Such securities would constitute more than five percent (5%) of any class of the issuer's securities.

Whenever the Fund sells a security short, its custodian segregates an amount of cash or liquid securities equal to the difference between (a) the market value of the securities sold short at the time they were sold short and (b) any cash or U.S. Government securities the Fund is required to deposit with the broker in connection with the short sale (not including the proceeds from the short sale). The segregated assets are marked to market daily in an attempt to ensure that the amount deposited in the segregated account plus the amount deposited with the broker is at least equal to the market value of the securities at the time they were sold short.

**When-Issued, Delayed-Delivery and Forward Transactions.** A when-issued security is one whose terms are available and for which a market exists, but which have not been issued. In a forward delivery transaction, the Fund contracts to purchase securities for a fixed price at a future date beyond customary settlement time. "Delayed delivery" refers to securities transactions on the secondary market where settlement occurs in the future. In each of these transactions, the parties fix the payment obligation and the interest rate that they will receive on the securities at the time the parties enter the commitment; however, they do not pay money or deliver securities until a later date. Typically, no income accrues on securities the Fund has committed to purchase before the securities are delivered, although the Fund may earn income on securities it has in a segregated account.

The Fund uses when-issued, delayed-delivery and forward delivery transactions to secure what it considers an advantageous price and yield at the time of purchase. When the Fund engages in when-issued, delayed-delivery and forward delivery transactions, it relies on the other party to consummate the sale. If the other party fails to complete the sale, the Fund may miss the opportunity to obtain the security at a favorable price or yield.

When purchasing a security on a when-issued, delayed delivery, or forward delivery basis, the Fund assumes the rights and risks of ownership of the security, including the risk of price and yield changes. At the time of settlement, the market value of the security may be more or less than the purchase price. The yield available in the market when the delivery takes place also may be higher than those obtained in the transaction itself. Because the Fund does not pay for the security until the delivery date, these risks are in addition to the risks associated with its other investments.

The Fund will segregate cash and liquid securities equal in value to commitments for the when-issued, delayed-delivery or forward delivery transactions. The Fund will segregate additional liquid assets daily so that the value of such assets is equal to the amount of the commitments.

**Government Intervention in Financial Markets.** Instability in the financial markets during and after the 2008-2009 financial downturn has led the U.S. Government and governments across the world to take a number of unprecedented actions designed to support certain financial institutions and segments of the financial markets that have experienced extreme volatility, and in some cases a lack of liquidity. Most significantly, the U.S. Government has enacted a broad-reaching regulatory framework over the financial services industry and consumer credit markets, the potential impact of which on the value of securities held by the Fund is unknown. Federal, state, and other governments, their regulatory agencies, or self-regulatory organizations may take actions that affect the regulation of the instruments in which the Fund invests, or the issuers of such instruments, in ways that are unforeseeable. Legislation or regulation may also change the way in which the Fund itself is regulated. Such legislation or regulation could limit or preclude the Fund's ability to achieve its investment objective.

Governments or their agencies may also acquire distressed assets from financial institutions and acquire ownership interests in those institutions. The implications of government ownership and disposition of these assets are unclear, and such a program may have positive or negative effects on the liquidity, valuation and performance of the Fund's portfolio holdings. Furthermore, volatile financial markets can expose the Fund to greater market and liquidity risk and potential difficulty in valuing portfolio instruments held by the Fund. The Fund has established procedures to assess the liquidity of portfolio holdings and to value instruments for which market prices may not be readily available. The portfolio managers will monitor developments and seek to manage the Fund in a manner consistent with achieving the Fund's investment objective, but there can be no assurance that it will be successful in doing so.

The value of the Fund's holdings is also generally subject to the risk of future local, national, or global economic disturbances based on unknown weaknesses in the markets in which the Fund invests. In the event of such a disturbance, issuers of securities held by the Fund may experience significant declines in the value of their assets and even cease operations, or may receive government assistance accompanied by increased restrictions on their business operations or other government intervention. In addition, it is not certain that the U.S. Government will intervene in response to a future market disturbance and the effect of any such future intervention cannot be predicted. It is difficult for issuers to prepare for the impact of future financial downturns, although companies can seek to identify and manage future uncertainties through risk management programs.

**Increasing Government Debt.** The total public debt of the United States as a percentage of gross domestic product has grown rapidly since the beginning of the 2008-2009 financial downturn.



Governmental agencies project that the United States will continue to maintain high debt levels for the foreseeable future. Although high debt levels do not necessarily indicate or cause economic problems, they may create certain systemic risks if sound debt management practices are not implemented.

A high national debt level may increase market pressures to meet government funding needs, which may drive debt costs higher and cause the U.S. Treasury to sell additional debt with shorter maturity periods, thereby increasing refinancing risk. A high national debt also raises concerns that the U.S. Government will not be able to make principal or interest payments when they are due. In the worst case, unsustainable debt levels can cause declines in the valuation of currencies, and can prevent the U.S. Government from implementing effective counter-cyclical fiscal policy in economic downturns.

In August 2011, S&P lowered its long-term sovereign credit rating on the U.S. In explaining the downgrade, S&P cited, among other reasons, controversy over raising the statutory debt ceiling and growth in public spending. The ultimate impact of the downgrade is uncertain, but it may lead to increased interest rates and volatility, particularly if other rating agencies similarly lower their ratings on the U.S. The market prices and yields of securities supported by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government may be adversely affected by a sovereign credit rating downgrade. Moreover, additional credit rating downgrades of U.S. sovereign debt or of U.S. Government-sponsored enterprises may result in financial market declines, increased volatility and significant disruption across various financial markets and asset classes. This could adversely affect the value of the Fund's investments.

**Inflation and Deflation.** The Fund may be subject to inflation and deflation risk. Inflation risk is the risk that the present value of assets or income of the Fund will be worth less in the future as inflation decreases the present value of money. The Fund's dividend rates or borrowing costs, where applicable, may also increase during periods of inflation. This may further reduce the Fund's performance. Deflation risk is the risk that prices throughout the economy decline over time creating an economic recession, which could make issuer default more likely and may result in a decline in the value of the Fund's assets. Generally, securities issued in emerging markets are subject to a greater risk of inflationary or deflationary forces, and more developed markets are better able to use monetary policy to normalize markets.

**Regulatory Risk.** Financial entities, such as investment companies and investment advisers, are generally subject to extensive government regulation and intervention. Government regulation and/or intervention may change the way the Fund is regulated, affect the expenses incurred directly by the Fund and the value of its investments, and limit and/or preclude the Fund's ability to achieve its investment objective. Government regulation may change frequently and may have significant adverse consequences. Moreover, government regulation may have unpredictable and unintended effects. Many of the changes required by the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act ("Dodd-Frank Act") could materially impact the profitability of the Fund and the value of assets it holds, expose the Fund to additional costs, require changes to investment practices, and adversely affect the Fund's ability to pay dividends. While there continues to be uncertainty about the full impact of these and other regulatory changes, it is the case that the Fund will be subject to a more complex regulatory framework, and may incur additional costs to comply with new requirements as well as to monitor for compliance in the future.

**Fund Operational Risk.** An investment in the Fund, like any fund, can involve operational risks arising from factors such as processing errors, human errors, inadequate or failed internal or external processes, failures in systems and technology, changes in personnel and errors caused by third-party service providers. The occurrence of any of these failures, errors or breaches could result in a loss of information, regulatory scrutiny, reputational damage or other events, any of which could have a material adverse effect on the Fund. While the Fund seeks to minimize such events through controls and oversight, there may still be failures that could cause losses to the Fund.

**Cyber Security Risk.** Like other business enterprises, the use of the Internet and other electronic media and technology exposes the Fund and its service providers, and their respective operations, to potential risks from cyber-security incidents, including cyber-attacks. Cyber-attacks include, among other behaviors, stealing or corrupting data maintained online or digitally, denial of service attacks on websites, the unauthorized release of confidential information or various other forms of cyber security breaches. Cyber-attacks affecting the Fund or the Adviser, Custodian, Transfer Agent, intermediaries and other third-party service providers may adversely impact the Fund. For instance, cyber-attacks may interfere with the processing of shareholder transactions, impact the Fund's ability to calculate its net asset value, cause the release of private shareholder information or confidential (including proprietary) company information, impede trading, subject the Fund to regulatory fines or financial losses, and cause reputational damage. The Fund may also incur additional costs for cyber security risk management purposes. Similar types of cyber security risks are also present for issuers of securities in which the Fund invests, which could result in material adverse consequences for such issuers, and may cause the Fund's investment in such portfolio companies to lose value. The Adviser has established risk management systems reasonably designed to seek to reduce the risks associated with cyber-attacks, but there is no guarantee the Adviser's efforts will succeed either entirely or partially. Among other reasons, the nature of malicious cyber-attacks is becoming increasingly sophisticated, and the Adviser cannot control the cyber-security systems of issuers or third-party service providers.

**Temporary Defensive Position.** When adverse market or economic conditions indicate to the Adviser that a temporary defensive strategy is appropriate, the Fund may invest up to 100% of its assets in short-term investment grade debt obligations of the U.S. Government, its agencies and instrumentalities, bank certificates of deposit, bankers' acceptances, high quality commercial paper, demand notes, cash and/or repurchase agreements. Under such circumstances, the Fund may not achieve its investment objective.

## **INVESTMENT RESTRICTIONS**

The Fund is an open-end, non-diversified investment management company and has adopted the investment restrictions stated below. They apply at the time securities are purchased or other relevant action is taken. These restrictions cannot be changed without approval of the holders of a majority of outstanding Fund shares. The 1940 Act defines this majority as the lesser of (a) 67% or more of the voting securities present in person or represented by proxy at a meeting, if the holders of more than 50% of the outstanding voting securities are present or represented by proxy; or (b) more than 50% of the outstanding voting securities. These restrictions provide that the Fund shall not:

- (1) Borrow money, except to the extent permitted by applicable law, as amended and interpreted or modified from time to time by any regulatory authority having jurisdiction and the guidelines set forth in the Fund's Prospectus and this Statement of Additional Information as they may be amended from time to time.
- (2) Issue senior securities, except to the extent permitted by applicable law, as amended and interpreted or modified from time to time by any regulatory authority having jurisdiction.
- (3) Underwrite securities of other issuers, except insofar as the Fund may be deemed to be an underwriter under the Securities Act of 1933 in connection with the purchase or sale of its portfolio securities.
- (4) Concentrate its investments in the securities of one or more issuers conducting their principal business activities in the same industry (other than securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. government or its agencies or instrumentalities).

- (5) Purchase or sell real estate, except (1) to the extent permitted by applicable law, as amended and interpreted or modified from time to time by any regulatory authority having jurisdiction, (2) that the Fund may invest in securities of issuers that deal or invest in real estate and (3) that the Fund may purchase securities secured by real estate or interests therein.
- (6) Purchase or sell commodities or contracts on commodities except that the Fund may engage in financial futures contracts and related options and currency contracts and related options and may otherwise do so in accordance with applicable law and without registering as a commodity pool operator under the Commodity Exchange Act.
- (7) Make loans to other persons, except that the Fund may lend its portfolio securities in accordance with applicable law, as amended and interpreted or modified from time to time by any regulatory authority having jurisdiction and the guidelines set forth in the Fund's Prospectus and this Statement of Additional Information as they may be amended from time to time. The acquisition of investment securities or other investment instruments shall not be deemed to be the making of a loan.

Certain of these restrictions are expanded upon in the non-fundamental policies described below. For purposes of restriction (1), the Fund may borrow money to the extent permitted by non-fundamental policy (1). Any borrowing by the Fund that exceeds that threshold must be reduced within 48 hours (excluding Sundays and holidays) to meet such limitations. For purposes of restriction (2), a senior security does not include any promissory note or evidence of indebtedness if such loan is for temporary purposes only and in an amount not exceeding 5% of the value of the total assets of the Fund at the time the loan is made; a loan is presumed to be for temporary purposes if it is repaid within 60 days and is not extended or renewed. Further, to the extent the Fund covers its commitments under certain types of agreements and transactions, including reverse repurchase agreements, mortgage-dollar-roll transactions, sale-buybacks, when-issued, delayed-delivery, or forward commitment transactions, and other similar trading practices, by segregating or earmarking liquid assets equal in value to the amount of the Fund's commitment, such agreement or transaction will not be considered a senior security by the Fund. For purposes of restriction (4), the Fund may not invest 25% or more of its total assets in the securities of issuers in a particular industry. Percentage limitations are calculated and applied at the time of investment, except with respect to restriction number (2) above. Thus, if securities of a given industry come to constitute more than 25%, of the value of the Fund's assets by reason of changes in value of either the given securities or other assets, the excess need not be sold.

Non-Fundamental Policies. The following policies are non-fundamental, which means the Fund may change them without shareholder approval.

- (1) The Fund may not borrow money, except that (1) the Fund may borrow from banks (as defined in the 1940 Act) or enter into reverse repurchase agreements, in amounts up to 33 1/3% of its total assets (including the amount borrowed), (2) the Fund may borrow up to an additional 5% of its total assets for temporary purposes, (3) the Fund may obtain such short-term credit as may be necessary for the clearance of purchases and sales of portfolio securities, and (4) the Fund may purchase securities on margin and engage in short sales to the extent permitted by applicable law. Notwithstanding the investment restrictions above, the Fund may not borrow amounts in excess of 33 1/3% of its total assets, taken at market value, and then only from banks as a temporary measure for extraordinary or emergency purposes such as the redemption of Fund shares. The Fund will not purchase securities while borrowings are outstanding except to exercise prior commitments and to exercise subscription rights.

- (2) The Fund may purchase and sell currencies or securities on a when-issued, delayed delivery or forward-commitment basis.
- (3) The Fund may purchase and sell foreign currency, purchase options on foreign currency and foreign currency exchange contracts.
- (4) The Fund may purchase shares of other investment companies to the extent permitted by applicable law. The Fund may, notwithstanding any fundamental policy or other limitation, invest all of its investable assets in securities of a single open-end management investment company with substantially the same investment objectives, policies and limitations.
- (5) The Fund may invest in illiquid and restricted securities to the extent permitted by applicable law. The Fund intends to follow the policies of the SEC as they are adopted from time to time with respect to illiquid securities, including (1) treating as illiquid, securities that may not be disposed of in the ordinary course of business within seven days at approximately the value at which the Fund has valued the investment on its books; and (2) limiting its holdings of such securities to 15% of net assets.
- (6) The Fund may write covered call options and may buy and sell put and call options.
- (7) The Fund may enter into repurchase agreements.
- (8) The Fund may lend portfolio securities to registered broker-dealers or other institutional investors. These loans may not exceed 33 1/3% of the Fund's total assets taken at market value. In addition, the Fund must receive at least 100% collateral.
- (9) The Fund may sell securities short and engage in short sales "against the box."
- (10) The Fund may enter into swap transactions.

### **PORTFOLIO TURNOVER**

The portfolio turnover rate is calculated by dividing the lesser of purchases or sales of portfolio securities for a fiscal year by the average monthly value of the portfolio securities during such fiscal year. Securities maturing in one year or less at the time of acquisition are not included in this computation. The turnover rate for prior periods is shown in the Prospectus under the caption "Financial Highlights." This rate may vary greatly from year to year as well as within a year. For example, as disclosed in the Financial Highlights, the Fund's portfolio turnover rate was 52% for 2016 and 38% for 2015, compared to 113% for 2014, 19% for 2013 and 6% for 2012. The Fund's portfolio turnover rate was higher in 2014 due to the Fund's transition to the current portfolio managers.

### **PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS DISCLOSURE**

The Fund provides a complete list of its holdings four times in each fiscal year, as of the end of each quarter. The lists also appear in the Fund's Semi-Annual and Annual Reports to shareholders. The Fund files the list with the SEC on Form N-CSR (second and fourth quarters) and Form N-Q (first and third quarters). Shareholders may view the Fund's Forms N-CSR and N-Q on the SEC's website at [sec.gov](http://sec.gov). A list of the Fund's quarter-end holdings is also available at [fpafunds.com](http://fpafunds.com) and upon request on or about 15 days following each quarter end and remains available on the website until the list is updated in the subsequent quarter.

Occasionally, certain third parties—including the Fund’s service providers, independent rating and ranking organizations, intermediaries that distribute the Fund’s shares, institutional investors and others—request information about the Fund’s portfolio holdings. The Board has approved policies and procedures relating to disclosure of the Fund’s portfolio holdings, which include measures for the protection of non-public portfolio holdings information, and which are designed to protect the interests of shareholders and to address potential conflicts of interest that could arise between the interests of a Fund’s shareholders, on the one hand, and those of FPA, on the other. The Fund’s general policy is to disclose portfolio holdings to third party service providers or other third parties only: (1) if legally required to do so; or (2) when the Fund believes there is a legitimate business purpose for the Fund to disclose the information and the recipient is subject to a duty of confidentiality, including a duty not to use the information to engage in any trading of the Funds’ holdings or Fund shares on the basis of nonpublic information. This duty of confidentiality may exist under law or may be imposed by contract. Confidentiality agreements must be consistent with the policies adopted by the Board and in form and substance acceptable to FPA’s Legal and Compliance Department and the Fund’s Chief Compliance Officer. In situations where the Fund’s policies and procedures require a confidentiality agreement, persons and entities unwilling to execute an acceptable confidentiality agreement may only receive portfolio holdings information that has otherwise been publicly disclosed.

The Fund may provide, at any time, portfolio holdings information to its service providers, such as the Fund’s investment adviser, transfer agent, custodian/fund accounting agent, administrator, financial printer, pricing services, auditors, counsel, and proxy voting services, as well as to state, federal, and foreign regulators and government agencies, and as otherwise required by law or judicial process. Government entities and Fund service providers are generally subject to duties of confidentiality, including a duty not to trade on non-public information, imposed by law and/or contract.

From time to time portfolio holdings information may be provided to broker-dealers, prime brokers, futures commission merchants or derivatives clearing merchants, in connection with the Fund’s portfolio trading activities; these counterparties may not be subject to a duty of confidentiality. In providing this information, reasonable precautions, including limitations on the scope of the portfolio holdings information disclosed, are taken to avoid potential misuse of the disclosed information.

FPA provides investment advice to clients other than the Fund that have investment objectives that may be substantially similar to those of the Fund. These clients also may have portfolios consisting of holdings substantially similar to those of the Fund and generally have access to current portfolio holding information for their accounts. These clients do not owe FPA or the Fund a duty of confidentiality with respect to disclosure of their portfolio holdings.

FPA’s portfolio holdings policy requires any violations of the policy that affects the Fund be reported to the Fund’s Chief Compliance Officer. If the Fund’s Chief Compliance Officer, in the exercise of her duties, deems that a violation constitutes a “Material Compliance Matter” within the meaning of Rule 38a-1 under the 1940 Act, she is required to report the violation to the Fund’s Board.

## MANAGEMENT OF THE FUND

Although the Board has delegated day-to-day management to the Adviser, all Fund operations are overseen by the Fund’s Board, which meets periodically and performs duties required by applicable state and federal laws.

**Board of Directors.** All Directors and officers of the Fund are also Directors and/or officers of one or more of six other investment companies advised by the Adviser. These investment companies are FPA Capital Fund, Inc., FPA Funds Trust’s FPA Crescent Fund, FPA Funds Trust’s FPA International Value

Fund, FPA New Income, Inc., FPA U.S. Value Fund, Inc., and Source Capital, Inc. (collectively, the “FPA Funds”).

Directors serve until the next meeting of shareholders or until their successors are duly elected. Since shareholder meetings are not held each year, a Director’s term is indefinite in length. If a Director dies or resigns, a successor generally can be elected by the remaining Directors. Information regarding Directors and officers of the Fund are set forth in the following tables. All officers of the Fund, except for the Secretary of the Fund, are also officers of the Adviser.

Sandra Brown, Mark L. Lipson, Alfred E. Osborne, Jr., A. Robert Pisano, Patrick B. Purcell and Allan M. Rudnick are all Directors of the Fund who are not “Interested Persons” of the Fund, as that term is defined in the 1940 Act (collectively, the “Independent Directors”).

| <b>Name, Address<sup>(1)</sup><br/>and Year of Birth</b> | <b>Positions<br/>Held with<br/>the Fund</b> | <b>Year<br/>First<br/>Elected<br/>as<br/>Director<br/>of the<br/>Fund</b> | <b>Principal Occupation(s)<br/>During the<br/>Past Five Years</b>  | <b>Number of<br/>FPA Funds<br/>Overseen<br/>by Director</b> | <b>Other<br/>Directorships<br/>Held by Director<br/>During the Past<br/>Five Years</b>  |
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| <i>Independent Directors</i>                             |   |   |  |   |   |
| Sandra Brown,<br>1955                                    | Director                                    | 2016  | Consultant (since 2009).<br>Director/Trustee of FPA Capital,<br>Inc., FPA Funds Trust, FPA U.S.<br>Value Fund, Inc., Source Capital,<br>Inc., and FPA Paramount Fund, Inc.<br>(since October 2016).  | 7   | InterSecurities,<br>Inc.  |
| Mark L. Lipson,<br>1949                                  | Director                                    | 2015  | Consultant, ML2 Wealth Advisors,<br>LLC (since 2014) Formerly,<br>Managing Director and Western<br>Region Head for Bessemer Trust<br>(2007-2014). Formerly, Chairman<br>and CEO of Northstar Investment<br>Management and the Northstar<br>Funds (1993-2001).<br>Director/Trustee of FPA Capital,<br>Inc., FPA Funds Trust, FPA U.S.<br>Value Fund, Inc., Source Capital,<br>Inc., and FPA Paramount Fund, Inc.<br>(since October 2015). | 7   | None.   |
| Alfred E. Osborne, Jr.,<br>1944                          | Director                                    | 2013  | Senior Associate Dean at the UCLA<br>Anderson Graduate School of<br>Management. Dr. Osborne has been<br>at UCLA since 1972.<br>Director/Trustee of FPA Capital<br>Fund, Inc. and FPA New Income,<br>Inc. (since 1999), of FPA Funds<br>Trust (since 2002), of Source<br>Capital, Inc. and of FPA U.S. Value<br>Fund, Inc. (since November 2013),<br>and of FPA Paramount Fund, Inc.<br>(since August 2013).                              | 7   | Kaiser<br>Aluminum,<br>Wedbush, Inc.<br>and Nuverra<br>Environmental<br>Solutions, Inc. |

| <b>Name, Address<sup>(1)</sup><br/>and Year of Birth</b> | <b>Positions<br/>Held with<br/>the Fund</b> | <b>Year<br/>First<br/>Elected<br/>as<br/>Director<br/>of the<br/>Fund</b> | <b>Principal Occupation(s)<br/>During the<br/>Past Five Years</b>  | <b>Number of<br/>FPA Funds<br/>Overseen<br/>by Director</b> | <b>Other<br/>Directorships<br/>Held by Director<br/>During the Past<br/>Five Years</b> |
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| A. Robert Pisano,<br>1943                                | Director                                    | 2012  | Consultant. Formerly, President and Chief Operating Officer of The Motion Picture Association of America, Inc. (October 2005-2011). Formerly, National Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer of The Screen Actors Guild (2001-April 2005). Director/Trustee of FPA U.S. Value Fund, Inc. (since July 2012), of FPA New Income, Inc. (since 2013) of FPA Funds Trust (since January 2013), of Source Capital, Inc. (since February 2013), and of FPA Capital, Inc. (since March 2013). | 7   | Entertainment Partners and Resources Global Professionals                              |
| Patrick B. Purcell,<br>1943                              | Director                                    | 2012  | Retired. Former Executive Vice President, Chief Financial and Administrative Officer of Paramount Pictures from (1983 to 1998). Director/Trustee of FPA Capital, Inc. and of FPA Funds Trust (since May 2006), of Source Capital, Inc. (since May 2010), of FPA U.S. Value Fund, Inc. and of FPA New Income, Inc. (since 2006).  | 7   | None   |
| Allan M. Rudnick,<br>1940                                | Director &<br>Chairman                      | 2012  | Private investor. Formerly, Co-founder and Chief Investment Officer of Kayne Anderson Rudnick Investment Management (“KAR”) (1989-December 2007). Formerly, President (from 2001) and Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board (from 2005) of KAR. Director/Trustee of FPA Capital, Inc., FPA New Income, Inc. and of FPA Funds Trust (since January 2010), of Source Capital, Inc. (since May 2012), and of FPA U.S. Value Fund, Inc. (since July 2012).                             | 7   | None   |

| Name, Address <sup>(1)</sup><br>and Year of Birth                         | Positions<br>Held with<br>the Fund | Year<br>First<br>Elected<br>as<br>Director<br>of the<br>Fund | Principal Occupation(s)<br>During the<br>Past Five Years  | Number of<br>FPA Funds<br>Overseen<br>by Director | Other<br>Directorships<br>Held by Director<br>During the Past<br>Five Years |
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| <i>“Interested” Director</i> <sup>(2)</sup><br>J. Richard Atwood,<br>1960 | Director                           | 2016   | Managing Partner of FPA (since October 2006). Director/Trustee of each FPA Fund (since May 2016). President of each FPA Fund (since February 2015). Formerly, until February 2015, Treasurer of each FPA Fund for more than the past five years. Formerly, until March 2013, Director, President, Chief Executive Officer, Chief Compliance Officer, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer of FPA Fund Distributors, Inc. | 7   | None  |

- (1) The address for each Director is 11601 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1200, Los Angeles, California 90025.  
(2) “Interested person” within the meaning of the 1940 Act by virtue of their affiliation with the Fund’s Adviser.

**Leadership Structure and Responsibilities of the Board and its Committees.** The Board has general oversight responsibility with respect to the Fund’s business and affairs. Although the Board has delegated day-to-day oversight to the Adviser, all Fund operations are overseen by the Fund’s Board, which meets at least quarterly. The Board is currently composed of seven directors, six of whom are each not an “interested persons” of the Fund, as that term is defined in the 1940 Act (each an “Independent Director”). The Board holds executive sessions (with and without partners and/or employees of the Adviser) in connection with its regularly scheduled Board meetings, and the Independent Directors frequently correspond with each other in between meetings to discuss specific matters that may require attention at or prior to the Board’s next regularly scheduled meeting. The Audit Committee of the Board meets quarterly at regularly scheduled meetings and the Nominating and Governance Committee meets at least twice a year. The Independent Directors have retained “independent legal counsel” as defined in the 1940 Act.

The Board has appointed an Independent Director to serve in the role of Chairman. The Chairman presides at all meetings of the Board and works with the President to set the agenda for meetings. The Chairman does not participate in the preparation of materials for meetings of the Board, but has delegated this responsibility to the President of the Fund, and they have frequent discussions regarding matters related to seeking to ensure that the Board obtains all of the information necessary to perform its functions and take actions. The President of the Fund also acts, with the assistance of staff, as a liaison with service providers, officers, attorneys, and the Independent Directors between meetings. Except for any duties specified herein or pursuant to the Fund’s By-Laws, the duties of the Chairman will not reduce the responsibilities that must be discharged by any other Director.

The Board periodically reviews its leadership structure, including the role of the Chairman, who is an Independent Director. The Board also completes an annual self-assessment during which it reviews its leadership and Committee structure and considers whether its structure remains appropriate in light of the Fund’s current operations. The Board believes that its leadership structure, including the current percentage of the Board who are Independent Directors, is appropriate given its specific characteristics.

The Fund’s Board is comprised of individuals with considerable and varied business experiences, backgrounds, skills, and qualifications who collectively have a strong knowledge of business and



financial matters and are committed to helping the Fund achieve its investment objective while acting in the best interests of the Fund's shareholders. Several members of the Board have had a long and continued service with the Fund. As noted in the table above, the Directors bring a variety of experiences and qualifications through their business backgrounds in the fields of consulting and strategic planning, corporate management, education, entertainment, and investment management. The Board believes that each particular Director's financial and business experience gives him the qualifications and skills to serve as a Director. Notwithstanding the accomplishments noted above, none of the members of the Board is considered an "expert" within the meaning of the federal securities laws with respect to information in the Fund's registration statement.

The Board has delegated day-to-day Fund and risk management to the Adviser, which is responsible for managing all Fund operations and the Fund's risk management processes. The Board oversees the processes implemented by the Adviser or other service providers to manage relevant risks and considers risk management issues as part of its responsibilities throughout the year at regular meetings. The Audit Committee also considers risk management issues affecting the Fund's financial reporting and controls at its regular meetings throughout the year. The Adviser and other service providers prepare regular reports for Board and Audit Committee meetings that address a variety of risk-related matters, and the Board as a whole or the Audit Committee may also receive special written reports or presentations on a variety of risk issues at their request. For example, the portfolio managers of the Fund meet regularly with the Board to discuss portfolio performance, including investment risk, counterparty risk and the impact on the Fund of investments in particular securities. The Adviser also prepares reports for the Board regarding various issues, including valuation and liquidity.

The Board has also appointed a chief compliance officer ("CCO") for the Fund. The CCO reports directly to the Board and participates in the meetings of the Board. The Independent Directors meet quarterly in executive session with the CCO, and the CCO prepares and presents periodic written compliance reports, which update compliance activities to date and results thereon. Additionally, the CCO presents an annual report to the Board evaluating and reporting on the Fund's compliance policies and procedures.

The Board has an Audit Committee and a Nominating and Governance Committee. The responsibilities of each committee are described below.

**Committees of the Board of Directors.** The Fund has an Audit Committee comprised of all of the Independent Directors. The Committee makes recommendations to the Board concerning the selection of the Fund's independent registered public accounting firm and reviews with such firms the results of the annual audit, including the scope of auditing procedures, the adequacy of internal controls, and compliance by the Fund with the accounting, recording and financial reporting requirements of the 1940 Act. The Audit Committee met four times during the last fiscal year.

The Fund has a Nominating and Governance Committee consisting of all of the Independent Directors. The Committee recommends to the full Board nominees for election as Directors of the Fund to fill the vacancies on the Board, when and as they occur. The Committee periodically reviews such issues as the Board's composition and compensation and other relevant issues, and recommends any appropriate changes to the full Board. While the Committee normally is able to identify from its own resources an ample number of qualified candidates, it will consider shareholders' suggestions of persons to be considered as nominees to fill future vacancies on the Board. Such suggestions must be sent in writing to the Nominating and Governance Committee of the Fund, in care of the Fund's Secretary, and must be accompanied by complete biographical and occupational data on the prospective nominee along with a written consent of the prospective nominee for consideration of his or her name by the Committee. The determination of nominees recommended by the Committee is within the full discretion of the Committee,

and a final selection of nominees is within the sole discretion of the Board. Therefore, no assurance can be given that any persons recommended by shareholders will be nominated as Directors. The Nominating and Governance Committee met four times during the last fiscal year.

The Nominating and Governance Committee is responsible for searching for Director candidates that meet the evolving needs of the Board. Director candidates must have the highest personal and professional ethics and integrity. Additional criteria weighed by the Nominating and Governance Committee in the Director identification and selection process include the relevance of a candidate's experience in investment company and/or public company businesses, enterprise or business leadership and managerial experience, broad economic and policy knowledge, the candidate's independence from conflicts of interest or direct economic relationship with the Fund, financial literacy and knowledge, and the candidate's ability and willingness to devote the proper time to prepare for, attend and participate in discussions in meetings. The Committee also takes into account whether a candidate satisfies the criteria for independence under the rules and regulations of the 1940 Act, and if a nominee is sought for service on the Audit Committee, the financial and accounting expertise of a candidate, including whether the candidate would qualify as an Audit Committee financial expert. While the Nominating and Governance Committee does not have a formal policy respecting diversity on the Board, consideration is given to nominating persons with different perspectives and experience to enhance the deliberation and decision-making processes of the Board.

#### **Fund Shares Owned by Directors as of December 31, 2016**

| <b>Name</b>                  | <b>Dollar Range of Fund Shares Owned</b> | <b>Aggregate Dollar Ranges of Shares Owned in all FPA Funds Overseen by the Director</b> |
|------------------------------|--|--|
| <i>Independent Directors</i> |  |  |
| Sandra Brown                 | None                                     | None   |
| Mark L. Lipson               | \$10,001-\$50,000                        | Over \$100,000   |
| Alfred E. Osborne, Jr.       | \$10,001-\$50,000                        | Over \$100,000   |
| A. Robert Pisano             | \$10,001-\$50,000                        | Over \$100,000   |
| Patrick B. Purcell           | Over \$100,000                           | Over \$100,000   |
| Allan M. Rudnick             | \$50,001-\$100,000                       | Over \$100,000   |
| <i>"Interested" Director</i> |  |  |
| J. Richard Atwood            | Over \$100,000                           | Over \$100,000   |

As of December 31, 2016, the officers and Directors of the Fund and their families, as a group, owned beneficially or of record less than 1% of the outstanding shares of the Fund.

**Director Compensation.** No compensation is paid by the Fund to any officer or Director who is a Director, officer or employee of the Adviser or its affiliates. The following information relates to compensation paid to the Directors. The Fund typically pays an annual retainer, as well as fees for attending the Board and its Committees. Board and Committee chairs receive additional fees for their services. No pension or retirement benefits are accrued as part of Fund expenses. Each such Independent Director is also reimbursed for out-of-pocket expenses incurred as a Director.

| Name                             | Aggregate<br>Compensation<br>from the Fund <sup>(1)</sup> | Total<br>Compensation<br>from All FPA<br>Funds <sup>(1,2)</sup> |
|----------------------------------|---|---|
| <i>Independent Directors</i>     |   |   |
| Sandra Brown <sup>(3)</sup>      | \$0   | \$0   |
| Mark L. Lipson                   | \$16,690  | \$203,327   |
| Alfred E. Osborne, Jr.           | \$17,136  | \$209,455   |
| A. Robert Pisano                 | \$16,874  | \$211,121   |
| Patrick B. Purcell               | \$19,935  | \$231,545   |
| Allan M. Rudnick                 | \$20,940  | \$239,578   |
| <br><i>“Interested” Director</i> |   |   |
| J. Richard Atwood                | \$0   | \$0   |

(1) No pension or retirement benefits are provided to directors by the Fund or the FPA Funds.

(2) Includes compensation from the Fund, FPA Capital Fund, Inc., FPA New Income, Inc., FPA Funds Trust, on behalf of its series FPA Crescent Fund and FPA International Value Fund, FPA U.S. Value Fund, Inc. and Source Capital, Inc.

(3) Ms. Brown became a Director of the Fund effective October 1, 2016.

**Officers of the Fund.** Officers of the Fund are elected annually by the Board.

| Name, Address <sup>(1)</sup> and<br>Year of Birth | Position with<br>Fund                         | Year First<br>Elected as<br>Officer of the<br>Fund | Principal Occupation(s)<br>During the Past Five Years  |
|---|---|--|--|
| Gregory A. Herr,<br>1972                          | Vice President<br>and Portfolio<br>Manager    | 2015   | Managing Director of First Pacific Advisors, LLC (since August 2013), Vice President of the Fund (since February 2015) and Co-Portfolio Manager of the Fund (since 2011). Vice President and Portfolio Manager of FPA Perennial Fund, Inc. from August 2013 to August 2015 and of Source Capital, Inc. from August 2013 to August 2015. Vice President of First Pacific Advisors, LLC from April 2007 to August 2013.  |
| Pierre O. Py,<br>1976                             | Vice<br>President and<br>Portfolio<br>Manager | 2015   | Managing Director of First Pacific Advisors, LLC (since January 2013), Vice President of the Fund (since February 2015) and Co-Portfolio Manager of the Fund (since 2011). Portfolio Manager (since December 2011) of FPA International Value Fund. President and Chief Investment Officer from November 2013 to February 2015 of FPA International Value Fund. Vice President of First Pacific Advisors, LLC from September 2011 to December 2012; senior international investment analyst at Harris Associates from October 2005 to December 2010. |

| <b>Name, Address<sup>(1)</sup> and Year of Birth</b> | <b>Position with Fund</b> | <b>Year First Elected as Officer of the Fund</b> | <b>Principal Occupation(s) During the Past Five Years</b>   |
|--|---------------------------|--|---|
| J. Richard Atwood,<br>1960                           | President                 | 1997   | Managing Partner of FPA (since October 2006). Director/Trustee of each FPA Fund (since May 2016). President of each FPA Fund (since February 2015). Formerly, until February 2015, Treasurer of each FPA Fund for more than the past five years. Formerly, until March 2013, Director, President, Chief Executive Officer, Chief Compliance Officer, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer of FPA Fund Distributors, Inc. |
| Leora R. Weiner,<br>1970                             | Chief Compliance Officer  | 2014   | Managing Director and General Counsel of FPA (since June 2014); and Chief Compliance Officer of each FPA Fund (since June 2014). Formerly, Chief Compliance Officer of FPA (June 2014-January 2016); and Managing Director (March 2013-June 2014), General Counsel (September 2012-June 2014) and Chief Compliance Officer (August 2010-June 2014) of Tradewinds Global Investors, LLC, a Nuveen Investments Company.     |
| E. Lake Setzler III,<br>1967                         | Treasurer                 | 2006   | Senior Vice President (since January 2013) and Controller for more than the past five years of FPA; and Treasurer of each FPA Fund (since February 2015). Formerly, until February 2015, Assistant Treasurer of each FPA Fund for more than the past five years, and Vice President of FPA (December 2005- December 2012.)  |
| Francine S. Hayes,<br>1967                           | Secretary                 | 2015   | Vice President and Senior Counsel, State Street Bank and Trust Company (various positions since 2005).  |

(1) The address for each Officer (except Ms. Hayes) is 11601 Wilshire Blvd, Ste. 1200, Los Angeles, California 90025. Ms. Hayes' address is State Street Bank and Trust Company, One Lincoln Street, Boston, MA 02111.

**Code of Ethics.** The Fund and the Adviser have adopted a Code of Ethics (“Code”) designed to prevent officers and employees who may have access to nonpublic information about the trading activities of the Fund (access persons) from profiting from that information. The Code permits access persons to invest in securities for their own accounts, but place substantive and procedural restrictions on their trading activities. The Code outlines policies and procedures designed to detect and prevent conflicts of interest relating to personal trading by all employees and to ensure that FPA effects transactions for clients in a manner consistent with its fiduciary duty and in accordance with applicable laws. The Code prohibits FPA employees from purchasing securities (with certain limited exceptions) that are held in any client account or are under active consideration for purchase or sale by any client account. Included in this prohibition are all equivalent and/or related securities, based on the issuer. In addition, all employees are prohibited from trading, either personally or on behalf of others, on material nonpublic information or communicating material nonpublic information to others in violation of the law. Various procedures have been adopted under the Code including the requirement to pre-clear all applicable transactions. Additional restrictions relating to short-term trading and purchases of initial public offerings are also defined in the Code and applicable to all employees. This requirement does not apply to 401(k) investments and month-end direct

payroll deductions into the mutual funds managed by the Adviser, nor does it apply to money market funds, bankers' acceptances, bank certificates of deposit, or commercial paper.

**Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures.** The Fund has delegated the responsibility for voting proxies to FPA, subject to the Board's continuing oversight. FPA's Proxy Voting Policy and Procedures seek to ensure that Fund proxies are voted consistently and solely in the best economic interests of the Fund. Below is a summary of FPA's core proxy voting guidelines:

- FPA generally votes for uncontested director nominees recommended by management;
- FPA generally votes against issues related to Board entrenchment and anti-takeover measures, including:
  - Proposals to adopt poison pill provisions;
  - Proposals to require super majority votes;
  - Proposals requesting excessive increases in authorized common or preferred shares where management does not provide an explanation for the need of additional shares; and
  - Proposals to eliminate or limit shareholders' rights to call a special meeting.
- FPA generally votes against cumulative voting rights.

Although many proxy proposals can be voted in accordance with the above guidelines, some proposals require special consideration, and FPA will make a voting decision on a case-by-case basis in these situations.

Where a proxy proposal raises a material conflict between FPA's interests and the Fund's interests, FPA will resolve the conflict as follows:

- To the extent the matter is specifically covered by FPA's proxy voting guidelines, the proxy generally will be voted in accordance with the guidelines.
- To the extent FPA is making a case-by-case determination under its proxy voting guidelines, FPA will disclose the conflict to the Board and obtain instructions or consent from the Board on voting the proxy or consent to direct the matter to an independent third party for a recommendation regarding the voting of the proxy to be followed by FPA. If the Board's consent or the independent third party's recommendation is not received in a timely manner, FPA will abstain from voting the proxy.

In certain instances, FPA may elect not to vote a proxy or otherwise be unable to vote a proxy on the Fund's behalf. Such instances may include but are not limited to a de minimis number of shares held, potential adverse impact on the Fund's portfolio of voting such proxy (e.g., share blocking or short-term prohibitions on selling the issuer's shares after the vote), or logistical or other considerations related to non-U.S. issuers (e.g., where an investment company's legal structure may not be recognized in the relevant jurisdiction). In addition, FPA generally will not seek to recall securities that are out on loan for the purpose of voting the securities unless it is in the Fund's best interests to do so.

The Fund has filed Form N-PX with the Fund's complete proxy voting record for the 12 months ended June 30, 2016. Form N-PX is available without charge, upon request, by calling toll-free (800) 982-4372 and on the SEC's web site at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).

## CONTROL PERSONS AND PRINCIPAL SHAREHOLDERS

A principal shareholder is any person who owns (either of record or beneficially) 5% or more of the outstanding shares of any class of the Fund. A control person is one who owns, either directly or indirectly, more than 25% of the voting securities of the Fund or acknowledges the existence of such control. A control person can have a significant impact on the outcome of a shareholder vote. As of December 31, 2016, the following shareholders are known by the Fund to own of record or to beneficially own 5% or more of the outstanding shares of the Fund:

| Name and Address   | Percentage of Total Shares Outstanding | Type of Ownership |
|--|--|-------------------|
| Southern Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company<br>1401 Livingston Lane<br>Jackson, Mississippi 39213-8098 | 2,580,861.63 shares<br>30.41%          | Record            |
| Charles Schwab and Co Inc.<br>101 Montgomery Street<br>San Francisco, CA 94104                         | 642,889.94 shares<br>7.58%             | Record            |

## INVESTMENT ADVISORY AND OTHER SERVICES

**Investment Adviser.** First Pacific Advisors, LLC, together with its predecessor organizations, has been in the investment advisory business since 1954 and has served as the Fund's investment adviser since July 1, 1978. Presently, the Adviser manages assets of approximately \$30 billion and serves as the investment adviser for seven investment companies, including one closed-end investment company, and more than 40 institutional and sub-advised accounts. Currently, the personnel of First Pacific Advisors, LLC consists of 31 persons engaged full time in portfolio management or investment research in addition to 55 persons engaged full time in trading, administrative, financial or clerical activities.

The Fund has entered into an Investment Advisory Agreement dated November 15, 2013 ("Advisory Agreement"), with the Adviser pursuant to which the Adviser provides continuing supervision of the Fund's investment portfolio. The Adviser is authorized, subject to the control of the Fund's Board, to determine which securities are to be bought or sold and in what amounts. In addition to providing investment advisory and management services, the Adviser furnishes office space, facilities and equipment, and maintains the Fund's books and records. It also compensates all officers and other personnel of the Fund, all of whom are employed by the Adviser.

Other than the expenses the Adviser specifically assumes under the Advisory Agreement, the Fund bears all costs of its operation. These costs include the charges and expenses of any independent accountants, custodian and depository and legal counsel for the Fund, fees and charges of the Fund's transfer agent, including the including the costs of maintaining the Fund's shareholder account books and records, dividend disbursing agent and registrar, if any; costs of designing, printing, engraving and issuing certificates representing shares of the Fund; expenses, including fees and disbursements of counsel, in connection with litigation by or against the Fund; taxes, including franchise, income, issue, transfer, business license and other corporate fees payable by the Fund to Federal, state or other governmental agencies; premiums for the fidelity bond maintained by the Fund pursuant to Section 17 of the 1940 Act and for any errors and omissions insurance policy maintained by the Fund; dues for the Fund's membership in trade organizations; interest on indebtedness, if any, incurred by the Fund; costs of designing, printing and mailing periodic and other reports to shareholders, proxy statements, dividend notice and other communications to the Fund's shareholders; expenses of meeting of shareholders and directors; brokers' commissions, issued and transfer taxes and other costs chargeable to the Fund in connection with security

transactions to which the Fund is a party or with securities owned by the Fund; fees and expenses in connection with maintaining registration of the Fund under the Federal securities laws and under the laws of states which regulates the sale of the Fund's shares and complying with the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") under the 1940 Act, the Securities Act of 1933, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and applicable state securities laws.

For services rendered, the Adviser is paid a monthly fee computed at the annual rate of 1.00% of the Fund's average net assets. The average net assets are determined by taking the average of all the daily determinations of net assets made, in the manner provided in the Fund's Articles of Incorporation, during a calendar month. Commencing on February 1, 2017, the Adviser will reimburse expenses in excess of 1.29% of the average net assets of the Fund (excluding brokerage fees and commissions, interest, taxes, shareholder service fees and expenses of other funds in which the Fund invests, and extraordinary expenses) through January 31, 2018. This agreement may only be terminated earlier by the Fund's Board or upon termination of the Advisory Agreement.

The Advisory Agreement provides that the Adviser does not have any liability to the Fund or any of its shareholders for any error of judgment, any mistake of law or any loss the Fund suffers in connection with matters related to the Advisory Agreement, except for liability resulting from willful misfeasance, bad faith or negligence on the part of the Adviser or the reckless disregard of its duties under the Advisory Agreement.

The Advisory Agreement had an initial term of two years and thereafter is renewable annually if specifically approved each year (a) by the Fund's Board or by the vote of a majority (as defined in the 1940 Act) of the Fund's outstanding voting securities and (b) by the vote of a majority of the Fund's Directors who are not parties to the Advisory Agreement or interested persons (as defined in the 1940 Act) of any such party, by votes cast in person at a meeting called for the purpose of voting on such approval. The continuation of the Advisory Agreement to September 30, 2017, has been approved by the Board and a majority of the Fund's Directors who are not parties to the Advisory Agreement or interested persons of any such party (as defined in the 1940 Act). The Advisory Agreement may be terminated without penalty by the Fund's Board or the vote of a majority (as defined in the 1940 Act) of the Fund's outstanding voting securities on 60 days' written notice to the Adviser. The Advisory Agreement automatically terminates in the event of its assignment (as defined in the 1940 Act).

For the fiscal years ended September 30, 2014, 2015 and 2016, the Fund's Adviser received gross advisory fees of \$2,982,234, \$1,987,869 and \$1,503,019 respectively, plus \$311,411, \$99,405 and \$0, respectively, for costs incurred, in providing financial services to the Fund.

**Principal Underwriter.** UMB Distribution Services, LLC (the "Distributor"), located at 235 West Galena Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53212, acts as principal underwriter of Fund shares pursuant to a Distribution Agreement effective September 28, 2012 (the "Distribution Agreement"). The Distributor is a wholly-owned subsidiary of UMB Fund Services, Inc., the Fund's Transfer Agent.

The Distributor is registered as a broker-dealer under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority. The offering of the Fund's shares is continuous. The Distribution Agreement had an initial term of two years and thereafter is renewable annually if specifically approved each year (a) by the Board or by a vote of a majority (as defined in the 1940 Act) of the Fund's outstanding voting securities and (b) by a majority of the Fund's Directors who are not parties to the Distribution Agreement or interested persons (as defined in the 1940 Act) of any such party, by votes cast in person at a meeting called for such purpose. The Distribution Agreement has been approved by the Board and a majority of the Fund's Directors who are not parties to the Distribution Agreement or interested persons of any such party (as defined in the 1940 Act). The Distribution Agreement terminates

if assigned (as defined in the 1940 Act) and may be terminated, without penalty, by either party on 60 days' written notice. The Distributor's obligation under the Distribution Agreement is an agency or best efforts arrangement pursuant to which the Distributor is required to take and pay for only those Fund shares sold to the public. The Distributor is not obligated to sell any stated number of Fund shares.

**Administrator.** Until March 23, 2015, the Adviser performed certain administrative services for the Fund. Effective on that date, State Street Bank and Trust Company ("Administrator"), located at One Lincoln Street, Boston, MA 02111, became as the administrator to the Fund, FPA Funds Trust, FPA Capital Fund, Inc., FPA New Income, Inc., FPA U.S. Value Fund, Inc., and Source Capital Inc. (each, a "Fund", and collectively, the "Fund Complex"). Under the administration agreement, the Administrator is generally responsible for managing the administrative affairs of each Fund. The Administrator receives a fee equal to the greater of (i) the monthly installment of the annual per Fund minimum (minimum annual fee of \$110,000) or (ii) the Fund's pro rata share of the monthly fee based upon the average net assets of the Fund Complex on a monthly basis calculated at the following annualized rates: 0.0055% of the first \$20 billion in assets; 0.0035% of the next \$20 billion in assets; and 0.0020% thereafter.

**Transfer Agent.** Pursuant to a transfer agent agreement, UMB Fund Services, Inc., located at 235 West Galena Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53212, serves as transfer agent for the Fund.

**Custodian.** Pursuant to a custodian agreement, State Street Bank and Trust Company, located at One Lincoln Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02111, serves as the custodian of the Fund's assets.

**Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm.** The Fund's independent registered public accounting firm, Deloitte & Touche LLP, audits and reports on the annual financial statements of the Fund and Deloitte Tax LLP reviews the Fund's federal income tax returns. Deloitte & Touche LLP or its affiliates may also perform other professional accounting, auditing, tax, and advisory services when engaged to do so by the Fund. Shareholders will be sent audited annual and unaudited semi-annual financial statements. The address of Deloitte & Touche LLP is 555 West 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 2700, Los Angeles, California 90013.

**Legal Counsel.** Dechert LLP serves as counsel to the Fund and the Independent Directors. The address of Dechert LLP is One Bush Street, Suite 1600, San Francisco, California 94104.

## PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

The portfolio managers, Gregory A. Herr and Pierre O. Py, are also responsible for the day-to-day management of other accounts.

**Other Accounts Managed by the Portfolio Managers.** Set forth below is the following information with respect to the other accounts managed by the portfolio managers as of December 31, 2016. Messrs. Herr and Py manage the following accounts (including the Fund):



| Name of Portfolio Managers | Type of Accounts                  | Total # of Accounts Managed | Total Assets (millions) | # of Accounts Managed with Performance-Based Advisory Fee | Total Assets with Performance-Based Advisory Fee (millions) |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|---|---|
| Gregory A. Herr            | Registered Investment Companies:  | 1                           | \$149                   | 0   | 0   |
|                            | Other Pooled Investment Vehicles: | 0                           | 0                       | 0   | 0   |
|                            | Other Accounts:                   | 0                           | 0                       | 0   | 0   |
| Pierre O. Py               | Registered Investment Companies:  | 2                           | \$411                   | 0   | 0   |
|                            | Other Pooled Investment Vehicles: | 1                           | \$39                    | 0   | 0   |
|                            | Other Accounts:                   | 1                           | \$42                    | 1   | \$42  |

**Conflicts of Interest.** A portfolio manager may also be responsible for managing other accounts in addition to the Fund. Such accounts may include, without limitation, separately managed accounts for foundations, endowments, pension plans, and high net-worth families; registered investment companies; unregistered investment companies relying on either Section 3(c)(1) or Section 3(c)(7) of the 1940 Act (such companies are commonly referred to as “hedge funds”); foreign investment companies; and may also include accounts or investments managed or made by the portfolio managers in a personal or other capacity. Management of other accounts in addition to the Fund can present certain conflicts of interest, as described below.

**Investment and Trade Opportunities.** A potential conflict of interest may arise as a result of a portfolio manager’s management of a number of accounts with varying investment guidelines. Often, an investment opportunity may be suitable for both the Fund and other accounts managed by the portfolio manager, but may not be available in sufficient quantities for both the Fund and the other accounts to participate fully. Because of their positions with the Fund, each portfolio manager knows the size, timing and possible market impact of the Fund’s trades. It is theoretically possible that a portfolio manager could use this information to the advantage of other accounts he manages and to the possible detriment of the Fund. In addition, regulatory issues applicable to FPA or one or more of the investment companies or other accounts it manages may result in the Fund not receiving securities that may otherwise be appropriate for it. Similarly, there may be limited opportunity to sell an investment held by the Fund and another account. FPA has adopted policies and procedures reasonably designed to allocate investment opportunities on a fair and equitable basis over time. FPA has implemented additional procedures to complement the general trade allocation policy that are designed to address potential conflicts of interest due to the side-by-side management of the Fund and certain other pooled investment vehicles, including investment opportunity allocation issues.

Whenever decisions are made to buy or sell securities by the Fund and one or more of the other accounts simultaneously, FPA may aggregate the purchases and sales of the securities and will allocate the securities transactions in a manner that it believes to be equitable under the circumstances. While these aggregation and allocation policies could have a detrimental effect on the price or amount of the securities available to the Fund from time to time, it is the opinion of the portfolio managers that the overall benefits outweigh any disadvantages that may arise from this practice. In general, and except as provided below, this means that such opportunities will be allocated *pro rata* among the Fund and the other accounts based

on available capacity for such investment. Nevertheless, investment and/or sale opportunities may be allocated other than on a pro rata basis, if FPA deems in good faith that a different allocation among the Fund and the other accounts is appropriate, taking into account, among other considerations: (a) the risk-return profile of the proposed investment; (b) the Fund's or the other accounts' objectives, whether such objectives are considered solely in light of the specific investment under consideration or in the context of the portfolio's overall holdings; (c) the potential for the proposed investment to create an imbalance in the Fund's and the other accounts' portfolios; (d) liquidity requirements of the Fund and the other accounts; (e) tax consequences; (f) regulatory restrictions; (g) the need to re-size risk in the Fund's or the other accounts' portfolios; (h) redemption/withdrawal requests from the other accounts and anticipated future contributions into the Fund and the other accounts; (i) when a *pro rata* allocation could result in *de minimis* or "odd lot" allocation; (j) availability of leverage and any requirements or other terms of any existing leverage facilities; (k) the nature and extent of involvement in the transaction on the part of the respective teams of investment professionals dedicated to the Fund or such other accounts; and (l) other considerations deemed relevant by FPA. Subject to applicable laws and/or account restrictions, FPA may buy, sell or hold securities for other accounts while entering into a different or opposite investment decision for the Fund.

Conflicts potentially limiting the Fund's investment opportunities may also arise when the Fund and other FPA clients invest in different parts of an issuer's capital structure, such as when the Fund owns senior debt obligations of an issuer and other clients own junior tranches of the same issuer. In such circumstances, decisions over whether to trigger an event of default, over the terms of any workout, or how to exit an investment may result in conflicts of interest. Depending upon the particular facts and circumstances, FPA may enact internal procedures designed to minimize such conflicts, which could have the effect of limiting a Fund's investment opportunities. Moreover, the Fund or other account managed by FPA may invest in a transaction in which one or more investment companies or accounts managed by FPA are expected to participate, or already have made or will seek to make, an investment. Such investment companies or accounts may have conflicting interests and objectives in connection with such investments, including, for example and without limitation, with respect to views on the operations or activities of the issuer involved, the targeted returns from the investment, and the timeframe for, and method of, exiting the investment. When making investment decisions where a conflict of interest may arise, FPA will endeavor to act in a fair and equitable manner as between the Fund and other clients; however, in certain instances the resolution of the conflict may result in FPA acting on behalf of another client in a manner that may not be in the best interest, or may be opposed to the best interest, of the Fund.

***Cross-Trades.*** FPA, to the extent permitted by applicable law, including the 1940 Act, may cause the Fund to purchase investments from, to sell investments to or to exchange investments with any of its affiliates. Any such purchases, sales, or exchanges generally will be effected only in compliance with applicable SEC rules and guidance and will be subject to approval by FPA's legal and compliance department and Board oversight.

***Material Non-Public Information.*** FPA may come into possession of material non-public information with respect to an issuer, as a result of another fund's or account's investment, or otherwise. Should this occur, FPA would be restricted from buying or selling securities, derivatives or loans of the issuer on behalf of the Fund until such time as the information became public or was no longer deemed material. FPA may establish information barriers that have the effect that disclosure of such information to FPA personnel responsible for the affairs of the Fund will be on a need-to-know basis only, and the Fund may not be free to act upon any such information. Therefore, the Fund may not have access to material non-public information in the possession of FPA which might be relevant to an investment decision to be made by the Fund, and the Fund may initiate a transaction or sell an investment which, if such information had been known to it, may not have been undertaken. Due to these restrictions, the Fund may

not be able to initiate a transaction that it otherwise might have initiated and may not be able to sell an investment that it otherwise might have sold.

**Performance Fees; Investments in FPA Private Funds.** A portfolio manager may advise certain accounts with respect to which the advisory fee is based entirely or partially on performance. In addition, a portfolio manager may have investments in one or more FPA-managed private funds. Any performance fee arrangements or private fund investments may create a conflict of interest for the portfolio manager and for FPA in that the portfolio manager and FPA may have an incentive to allocate the investment and trade opportunities that s/he or they believe might be the most profitable to such other accounts instead of allocating them to the Fund. FPA has adopted policies and procedures reasonably designed to allocate investment and trade opportunities between the FPA funds and such other accounts on a fair and equitable basis over time or otherwise. (*See Investment and Trade Opportunities* above.)

Any such performance fee arrangements or private fund investments may also create a potential conflict of interest for the portfolio managers and for FPA with respect to an FPA Fund's investments in privately placed securities: the portfolio manager and FPA may have an incentive to structure the Fund's investment in these securities in such a way that it might favor the private fund's investment over the Fund's. FPA and the FPA funds have adopted policies and procedures reasonably designed to address this potential conflict and to prevent such investments from favoring an FPA private fund. Among other requirements, these policies and procedures require that such investments comply with Section 17(d) of the Investment Company Act and SEC rules and guidance thereunder, which have the effect of requiring that any such investments be on equal terms and that FPA cannot negotiate to structure an investment to favor the private funds. In addition, these policies and procedures require legal and compliance approval and oversight by the Fund's Board, and they provide for management of conflicts that might arise from the exercise of ownership rights after purchase. Such investments also are subject to FPA's allocation procedures, described above.

**Compensation.** Compensation of the Adviser's portfolio managers consists of: (i) a base salary; (ii) an annual bonus; and (iii) if the portfolio manager is an equity owner of the Adviser, participation in residual profits of the Adviser.

The bonus calculation has both variable and fixed components. The most significant portion of the variable component is based upon the Adviser's assessment of the portfolio managers' performance in three key areas: long-term performance, team building, and succession planning. The Adviser assesses long-term performance over a full market cycle, which generally lasts between five- and ten years. Other considerations include manager and strategy recognition, client engagement and retention and business development.

The majority of the fixed portion is based on the revenues received on the assets managed by the portfolio managers, including the Fund's assets.

The value of each portfolio manager's ownership interest in the Adviser is dependent upon a variety of factors, including his ability to effectively manage the business over the long term.

**Ownership of Securities.** As of December 31, 2016, the portfolio managers owned shares of the Fund as set forth in the table below. The following are the ranges: none, \$1-\$10,000, \$10,001-\$50,000, \$50,001-\$100,000, \$100,001-\$500,000, \$500,001-\$1,000,000, or over \$1,000,000.

| Name of Portfolio Manager | Dollar Range of Equity Securities in the Fund |
|---------------------------|---|
| Gregory A. Herr           | \$100,001-\$500,000                           |
| Pierre O. Py              | \$10,001-\$50,000                             |

### **PORTFOLIO TRANSACTIONS AND BROKERAGE**

The Adviser makes decisions to buy and sell securities for the Fund, selects broker-dealers and negotiates commission rates or net prices. Equity securities are generally traded on an agency basis. For fixed-income securities traded in the over-the-counter market, orders are placed directly with a principal market maker, unless it is believed better prices and executions are available elsewhere, generally on an agency basis. Portfolio transactions are effected with broker-dealers selected for their abilities to give prompt execution at prices favorable to the Fund. In selecting broker-dealers and in negotiating commissions, the Adviser considers: the best net price available; each firm's reliability, integrity and financial condition; the size of and difficulty in executing the order; and the value of the firm's expected contribution to the Fund's investment performance on a continuing basis. Accordingly, the net price to the Fund in any transaction may be less favorable than that available from another broker-dealer if the difference is reasonably justified by other aspects of its services. Subject to policies determined by the Board, the Adviser shall not be deemed to have acted unlawfully or to have breached any duty created by the Advisory Agreement or otherwise solely because the Fund paid a broker-dealer providing brokerage and research services commissions for effecting a transaction in excess of the commission another broker-dealer would have charged for the same transaction. The Adviser must determine in good faith that such commission was reasonable relative to the value of the brokerage and research services provided, considering either that particular transaction or the Adviser's overall responsibilities to the Fund. The Adviser is further authorized to allocate orders it places for the Fund to broker-dealers providing products or services that assist in making investment decisions. The Adviser allocates the amounts and proportions of such costs and regularly reports on such allocations to the Fund's Board.

The Advisory Agreement authorizes the Adviser to pay commissions on security transactions to broker-dealers furnishing research services in an amount higher than the lowest available rate. The Adviser must determine in good faith that such amount is reasonable in relation to the brokerage and research services provided (as required by Section 28(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) viewed in terms of the particular transaction or the Adviser's overall responsibilities with respect to accounts for which it exercises investment discretion. The term brokerage and research services is defined to include (a) providing advice as to the value of securities, the advisability of investing in, purchasing or selling securities, and the availability of securities or purchasers or sellers of securities; (b) furnishing analyses and reports concerning issuers, industries, securities, economic factors and trends, portfolio strategy and performance of accounts; and (c) effecting securities transactions and performing related incidental functions, such as clearance, settlement and custody. The advisory fee is not reduced as a result of the Adviser's receipt of such research.

To the extent research services may be a factor in selecting broker-dealers, such services may be in written form or through direct contact with individuals and may include information about securities, companies, industries, markets, economics, the valuation of investments and portfolio strategy. Research may be in the form of research reports, electronic market data, computer and technical market analyses, and access to research analysts, corporate management personnel and industry experts. Research services furnished by broker-dealers effecting securities transactions for the Fund can be used by the Adviser for all advisory accounts. However, the Adviser might not use all such research services in managing the Fund's portfolio. In the Adviser's opinion, it is not possible to measure separately the benefits from research services to each advisory account. Because the volume and nature of the trading activities of advisory accounts are not uniform, the amount of commissions in excess of the lowest available rate paid

by each advisory account for brokerage and research services will vary. However, the Adviser believes the total commissions the Fund pays are not disproportionate to the benefits it receives on a continuing basis.

Because of different objectives or other factors, a particular security may be bought for one or more clients of the Adviser when one or more clients of the Adviser are selling the same security. Transactions in such securities will be made, insofar as feasible, for the respective Fund and clients in a manner deemed equitable to all. To the extent that transactions on behalf of more than one client of the Adviser during the same period may increase the demand for securities being purchased or the supply of securities being sold, there may be an adverse effect on price.

The Adviser attempts to allocate portfolio transactions equitably whenever concurrent decisions are made to purchase or sell securities for the Fund and other advisory accounts. In some cases, this procedure could have an adverse effect on the price or amount of securities available to the Fund. The main factors considered in such allocations are the respective investment objectives, the relative size of portfolio holdings of the same or comparable securities, the availability of cash for investment, the size of investment commitments generally held, and the opinion of the persons responsible for recommending the investments.

Generally, equity securities are bought and sold through brokerage transactions for which commissions are payable. Purchases from underwriters will include the underwriting commission or concession, and purchases from dealers serving as market makers will include a dealer's mark-up or reflect a dealer's mark-down.

Debt securities are usually bought and sold directly from the issuer or an underwriter or market maker for the securities. Generally, the Fund will not pay brokerage commissions for such purchases. When a debt security is bought from an underwriter, the purchase price will usually include an underwriting commission or concession. The purchase price for securities bought from dealers serving as market makers will similarly include the dealer's mark up or reflect a dealer's mark down. When the Fund executes transactions in the over-the-counter market, it will deal with primary market makers unless prices that are more favorable are otherwise obtainable.

The Adviser anticipates that brokerage commissions and other transaction costs on non-U.S. stock exchange transactions will generally be higher than in the U.S., although the Adviser will endeavor to achieve the best net results in effecting its portfolio transactions. There generally is less governmental supervision and regulation of non-U.S. stock exchanges and brokers than in the U.S.

Brokerage commissions paid by the Fund on portfolio transactions for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2014, 2015 and 2016, totaled \$757,277, \$327,963, and \$200,609 respectively. During the last fiscal year, all of the commissions were paid on transactions having a total value of \$152,374,030 to brokers selected because of research services provided to the Adviser. Commissions paid were significantly lower than in 2014 were higher primarily due to the change in the Fund's portfolio management team and the ensuing restructuring of the portfolio in that year.

## CAPITAL STOCK

**Common Stock.** Each share of the Fund participates equally in dividends and liquidation rights. Fund shares are transferable, fully paid and non-assessable, and do not have any preemptive, preferential, subscription or conversion rights. The Fund has authorized 25 million shares of \$0.01 par value Common Stock.

**Voting Rights.** The By-Laws of the Fund require shareholder meetings to elect Directors only when required by the 1940 Act, which is likely to occur infrequently. In addition, a special meeting of the shareholders will be called, if requested by the holders of 10% of the Fund's outstanding shares, for the purposes, and to act upon the matters, specified in the request (which may include election or removal of Directors). When matters are submitted for a shareholder vote, each shareholder is entitled to one vote for each share owned. Shares of the Fund do not have cumulative voting rights, which means holders of more than 50% of Fund shares voting for the election of Directors can elect 100% of the Directors if they so choose. In such event, holders of the remaining Fund shares are not able to elect any person or persons to the Board.

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

**Net Asset Value.** Net asset value is computed as of the close of the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") on each business day during which the NYSE is open. Net asset value, rounded to the nearest cent per share, is the total market value of all the Fund's portfolio securities plus other assets (including any accrued reimbursement of expenses), less all liabilities, divided by the total number of Fund shares outstanding. The NYSE is closed not only on weekends but also on customary holidays, which currently are New Year's Day, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, President's Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. The net asset value per share, rounded to the nearest cent per share, is the total market value of all of the Fund's portfolio securities plus other assets (including any accrued reimbursement of expenses), less all liabilities, divided by the total number of Fund shares outstanding. Such computation is made by (a) valuing securities listed or traded on a national securities exchange at the last sale price or, if there has been no sale that day, at the last bid price (for securities traded on the NASDAQ National Market System, the NASDAQ Official Closing Price is used), (b) valuing unlisted securities for which quotations are readily available at the last representative bid price as supplied by NASDAQ or by dealers and (c) appraising all other portfolio securities and assets at fair value as determined in good faith in accordance with procedures adopted by the Board. Non-U.S. securities owned by the Fund may trade on weekends or other days when the Fund does not price its shares. As a result, the Fund's net asset value may change on days when investors will not be able to purchase or redeem the Fund's shares.

The Fund uses various methods and inputs to establish the value of its investments, other assets and liabilities. Use of particular methods and inputs may vary over time based on availability and relevance as market and economic conditions evolve. Equity securities are generally valued each day at the official closing price of, or the last reported sale price on, the exchange or market on which such securities are principally traded, as of the close of business on that day. If there have been no sales that day, equity securities are generally valued at the last available bid price.

Securities that are unlisted and fixed-income and convertible securities listed on a national securities exchange for which the over-the-counter market more accurately reflects the securities' value, in the judgment of the Fund's officers, are valued at the most recent bid price. However, most fixed income securities are generally valued at prices obtained from pricing vendors and brokers. Vendors value such securities based on one or more of the following inputs: transactions, bids, offers quotations from dealers and trading systems, spreads and other relationships observed in the markets among comparable securities, benchmarks, underlying equity of the issuer, and proprietary pricing models such as cash flows, financial or collateral performance and other reference data (includes prepayments, defaults, collateral, credit enhancements, and interest rate volatility). Short-term corporate notes with maturities of 60 days or less are valued at amortized cost.

Securities for which representative market quotations are not readily available or are considered unreliable by the Adviser are valued as determined in good faith under fair valuation procedures adopted

by authority of the Board. For example, if trading in a security has been halted, suspended or otherwise materially restricted; a security has been de-listed from a national exchange; a security has not been traded for an extended period of time; there is other data that may call into question the reliability of market quotations; or if events occur between the close of markets outside the United States and the close of regular trading on the NYSE that, in the opinion of the Adviser, materially affect the value of any of the Fund's securities that trade principally in those international markets, those securities will be valued in accordance with such fair value procedures. Various inputs may be reviewed in order to make a good faith determination of a security's value. These inputs include, but are not limited to, the type and cost of the security; contractual or legal restrictions on resale of the security; relevant financial or business developments of the issuer; actively traded similar or related securities; conversion or exchange rights on the security; related corporate actions; significant events occurring after the close of trading in the security; and changes in overall market conditions. Special valuation considerations may apply with respect to "odd-lot" fixed-income transactions, which due to their small size, may receive evaluated prices by pricing services that reflect a large block trade and not what actually could be obtained for the odd-lot position. Fair valuations and valuations of investments that are not actively trading involve judgment and may differ materially from valuations of investments that would have been used had greater market activity occurred. Use of fair valuation procedures is intended to result in more appropriate net asset values. In addition, such use is intended to reduce potential arbitrage opportunities otherwise available to short-term investors.

Additional fair value procedures are followed to address issues related to Fund holdings outside the United States. Non-U.S. securities held by the Fund trade in markets that open and close at different times, reflecting time zone differences. If significant events occur after the close of a market (and before the Fund's net asset value is next determined) which affect the value of these portfolio securities, appropriate adjustments from closing market prices may be made to reflect these events. Events of this type could include, for example, significant price changes in other markets (e.g., U.S. stock markets).

**Authorized Financial Intermediaries.** The Fund has authorized certain financial intermediaries including one or more brokers to accept on its behalf purchase and redemption orders. These brokers are authorized to designate other intermediaries to accept purchase and redemption orders on the Fund's behalf. The Fund is deemed to have received a purchase or redemption order when an authorized financial intermediary, including an authorized broker or if applicable a broker's authorized designee, accepts the order. No other action is required by the shareholder who places an order with a financial intermediary. Customer orders are priced at the Fund's net asset value per share next computed after they are accepted by an authorized financial intermediary, including an authorized broker or the broker's authorized designee. Certain financial intermediaries perform recordkeeping and administrative services for their clients that would otherwise be performed by the Fund's transfer agent. In some circumstances, the Fund will pay the service provider a fee for performing these services.

**FPA Exchange Privilege.** The procedures for exchanging shares between FPA Funds are described under "Exchanging Your Fund Shares" in the Prospectus. If the account registration information for the two FPA Fund accounts involved in the exchange are different in any respect, the exchange instructions must be in writing and must contain a signature guarantee as described under "Purchase, Pricing and Sale of Shares" in the Prospectus.

By use of the exchange privilege, the investor authorizes UMB Fund Services, Inc. ("Shareholder Service Agent") to act on telephonic, telegraphic or written exchange instructions from any person representing himself to be the investor or the agent of the investor and believed by the Shareholder Service Agent to be genuine. The Shareholder Service Agent uses procedures it considers reasonable to confirm exchange instructions via telephone, including requiring account registration verification from the caller and recording telephone instructions. Neither the Shareholder Service Agent nor the Fund is liable for losses

due to unauthorized or fraudulent instructions if there is a reasonable belief in the authenticity of received instructions and reasonable procedures are employed. The Shareholder Service Agent's records of such instructions are binding.

Exchange requests received on a business day before shares of the Funds involved in the request are priced, are processed on the date of receipt by the Shareholder Service Agent. "Processing" a request means that shares in the Fund from which the shareholder is withdrawing an investment will be redeemed at the net asset value per share next determined after receipt. Shares of the new Fund into which the shareholder is investing will also normally be purchased at the net asset value per share next determined after receipt by the Shareholder Service Agent. Exchange requests received on a business day after the time shares of the Funds involved in the request are priced, are processed on the next business day as described above.

**Redemption of Shares.** Redemptions are not made on days when the NYSE is closed, including those holidays listed under "Purchase, Redemption and Pricing of Shares-Net Asset Value." The right of redemption can be suspended and the payment therefore may be postponed for more than seven days during any period when (a) the NYSE is closed for other than customary weekends or holidays; (b) trading on the NYSE is restricted; (c) an emergency exists as a result of which disposal by the Fund of securities it owns is not reasonably practicable or it is not reasonably practicable for the Fund to fairly determine the value of its net assets; or (d) the SEC, by order, so permits.

**Telephone Redemption.** Redemptions can be made by telephone once the shareholder has properly completed and returned to the Shareholder Service Agent the Account Application indicating that the shareholder has elected the telephone redemption option. The shareholder may direct that a check for the proceeds payable to the shareholder of record be mailed to the address of record or they may designate a bank account ("Designated Bank") to which the proceeds of such redemptions are sent. New investors who wish to establish the telephone redemption privilege must complete the appropriate section on the Account Privileges Change Form. Existing shareholders who wish to establish the telephone redemption privilege or change the Designated Bank should either enter the new information on an Account Privileges Change Form, marking it for "change of information" purposes, or send a letter identifying the Fund account and specifying the exact information to be changed. The letter must be signed exactly as the shareholder's name(s) appear on the account. All signatures require a guarantee as described under "Purchase, Pricing and Sale of Shares" in the Prospectus. The Account Application and Account Privileges Change Form are available from authorized security dealers or the Distributor.

Shareholders who want to use a savings and loan ("S&L") as their Designated Bank are advised that if the S&L is not a participant in the Federal Reserve System, redemption proceeds must be wired through a commercial bank that is a correspondent of the S&L. As this may delay receipt by the shareholder's account, it is suggested that shareholders who wish to use an S&L discuss wire procedures with their S&L and submit any special wire transfer information with the telephone redemption authorization. If appropriate wire information is not supplied, redemption proceeds will be mailed to such Designated Bank.

A shareholder can cancel the telephone redemption authorization upon written notice. If the shareholder has authorized telephone redemptions, neither the Fund nor the Shareholder Service Agent is responsible for any unauthorized telephone redemptions. If the Fund shares to be redeemed by telephone (technically a repurchase by agreement between the Fund and the shareholder) were recently purchased by check, the Shareholder Service Agent can delay transmitting the proceeds until the purchasing check has cleared but no more than 15 days from purchase.



The Shareholder Service Agent uses procedures it considers reasonable to confirm redemption instructions via telephone, including requiring account registration verification from the caller and recording telephone instructions. Neither the Shareholder Service Agent nor the Fund is liable for losses due to unauthorized or fraudulent instructions if there is a reasonable belief in the authenticity of received instructions and reasonable procedures are employed.

**Redemption Fee.** The Fund is intended as a long-term investment and not as a short-term trading vehicle. At the same time, the Fund recognizes the need of investors to periodically make purchases and redemptions of Fund shares when rebalancing their portfolios and as their financial needs or circumstances change. The Fund has adopted the following Frequent Trading Policy that seeks to balance these needs against the potential for higher operating costs, portfolio management disruption and other inefficiencies that can be caused by excessive trading of Fund shares.

As set forth in the Prospectus, investors in shares of the Fund are subject to a redemption fee, equal to 2.00% of the net asset value of the shares redeemed or exchanged, on redemptions and exchanges made by the investor within ninety (90) calendar days after the shares' acquisition (whether by purchase or exchange) (the "Redemption Fee"). A new holding period begins on the day following each acquisition of shares through a purchase or exchange.

Redemption Fees are not paid separately, but are deducted from the amount to be received in connection with a redemption or exchange. Redemption Fees are paid to and retained by the Fund to defray certain costs described below and are not paid to or retained by FPA. In cases where redemptions are processed through financial intermediaries, there may be a delay between the time the shareholder redeems his or her shares and the payment of the Redemption Fee to the Fund, depending upon such financial intermediaries' trade processing procedures and systems.

The purpose of the Redemption Fee is to deter excessive, short-term trading and other abusive trading practices and to help offset the costs associated with the sale of portfolio securities to satisfy redemption and exchange requests made by "market timers" and other short-term shareholders. The purpose of the Redemption Fee is also to eliminate or reduce so far as practicable any dilution of the value of the outstanding securities issued by the Fund. There is no assurance that the use of Redemption Fees will be successful in this regard.

The Fund's ability to implement the Frequent Trading Policy for omnibus accounts at certain financial intermediaries may be dependent on receiving from those intermediaries sufficient shareholder information to permit monitoring of trade activity and enforcement of the Funds' Frequent Trading Policy. The Fund cannot ensure that these financial intermediaries will in all cases apply the Fund's policy to accounts under their control.

*Waivers of Redemption Fees.* The Fund has elected not to impose the Redemption Fee in the following situations:

- redemptions and exchanges of Fund shares acquired through the reinvestment of dividends and distributions;
- redemptions or exchanges in connection with a systematic rebalancing or automatic withdrawal plan (including an automatic exchange plan);
- redemptions requested following the death or disability of a shareholder (or, if a trust, its beneficiary);
- certain types of redemptions and exchanges of Fund shares owned through participant-directed retirement plans (see below for details);

- redemptions or exchanges in connection with required minimum distributions from a wrap program, an IRA, a participant-directed retirement plan or any other employee benefit plan or account qualified under Section 401 of the Code;
- redemptions or exchanges in connection with distributions from a 529 plan;
- redemptions or exchanges by omnibus accounts maintained by brokers that do not have the systematic capability to track and process the redemption fee;
- redemptions or exchanges by approved fee-based programs that do not have the systematic capability to track and process the redemption fee or require waiver of redemption fees as a condition for inclusion in the program;
- involuntary redemptions, such as those resulting from a shareholder's failure to maintain a minimum investment in the Fund, or to pay shareholder fees; and
- otherwise as FPA and the Board may determine in their sole discretion.

*Applicability of Redemption Fees in Certain Participant-Directed Retirement Plans.* Redemption Fees will not apply to the following transactions in participant-directed retirement plans (such as 401(k), 403(b), 457 and Keogh plans): (1) where the shares being redeemed or exchanged are purchased with new contributions to the plan (e.g., payroll contributions, employer contributions, loan repayments); (2) redemptions made in connection with taking out a loan from the plan; (3) redemptions in connection with death, disability, forfeiture, hardship withdrawals, or qualified domestic relations orders; (4) redemptions made by a defined contribution plan in connection with a termination or restructuring of the plan or in connection with paying plan administrative fees; (5) redemptions made in connection with a participant's termination of employment; and (6) redemptions or exchanges where the application of a Redemption Fee would cause the Fund, or an asset allocation program of which the Fund is a part, to fail to be considered a "qualified default investment alternative" under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended, and the rules and regulations thereunder.

Except as described in the foregoing paragraph, Redemption Fees generally will apply to other participant-directed redemptions and exchanges. For example, if a participant takes shares of Fund A that were purchased with new contributions and exchanges them into Fund B, a Redemption Fee would not apply to that exchange. However, any subsequent participant-directed exchange of those shares from Fund B into Fund A or another fund may be subject to Redemption Fees, depending upon the holding period and subject to the exceptions described in this paragraph (and other limitations on imposing Redemption Fees, as discussed above).

Retirement plan sponsors, participant recordkeeping organizations and other financial intermediaries may also impose their own restrictions, limitations or fees in connection with transactions in the Fund's shares in lieu of or in addition to the restrictions discussed above. These other restrictions may be stricter than those described in this section. You should contact your plan sponsor, recordkeeper or financial intermediary for more information on any differences in how the Redemption Fee is applied to your investments in the Fund, and whether any additional restrictions, limitations or fees are imposed in connection with transactions in Fund shares.

The Fund may eliminate or modify the waivers enumerated above at any time, in its sole discretion.

**Excessive Trading and Market Timing.** The Fund is not intended as a vehicle for frequent trading and/or market timing in an attempt to profit from short-term fluctuations in the securities markets and does not accommodate frequent trading. The Board has adopted policies and procedures designed to deter or prevent frequent purchases and redemptions. Such trading could interfere with the efficient management of the Fund's portfolio, increase brokerage and administrative costs and dilute the value of Fund shares held by long-term investors. The Fund's imposition of a 2% redemption fee is intended to serve as a

deterrent to frequent trading on shares held less than 90 days. The section titled “2% Redemption Fee” in the Prospectus provides a description of how this redemption fee is applied. In addition, exchanges between this Fund and the other FPA Funds are limited to no more than four exchanges during any calendar year (see the section titled “How to Exchange Your Shares” in the Prospectus). Irrespective of these redemption fee charges and exchange limits, the Fund reserves the right to reject any purchase request (including in connection with on exchange) if management determines in its discretion that the request may be part of a pattern of excessive trading that could adversely affect the Fund. Notifications will be made in writing by the Fund within five days. Further, the Fund fair values its holdings, when applicable, as described under “Purchase, Pricing and Sales of Shares” in the Prospectus. There can be no assurance that the Fund will successfully detect or prevent market timing.

### **TAX SHELTERED RETIREMENT PLANS**

UMB Fund Services, Inc. presently acts as custodian for these retirement plans and imposes fees for administering them. When contributions for any tax-qualified plan are invested in Fund shares, all dividends and capital gains distributions paid on those Fund shares are retained in such plan and automatically reinvested in additional Fund shares at net asset value. All earnings accumulate tax-free until distribution.

An investor should consult his or her own tax adviser concerning the tax ramifications of establishing, and receiving distributions from, a retirement plan.

### **FEDERAL TAX ASPECTS**

**General.** The Fund intends to continue to qualify for treatment as a “regulated investment company” (as defined in section 851(a) of the Code) (“RIC”). By doing so, the Fund (but not its shareholders) will be relieved of federal income tax on the part of its investment company taxable income (consisting generally of net investment income, the excess, if any, of net short-term capital gain over net long-term capital loss (“net short-term capital gain”), and net gains and losses from certain foreign currency transactions, if any, all determined without regard to any deduction for dividends paid) and net capital gain (i.e., the excess of net long-term capital gain over net short-term capital loss) that it distributes to its shareholders.

To continue to qualify for treatment as a RIC, the Fund must distribute annually to its shareholders an amount at least equal to 90% of its investment company taxable income and net-tax exempt income (“Distribution Requirement”) and must meet several additional requirements. These requirements include the following: (1) the Fund must derive at least 90% of its gross income each taxable year from dividends, interest, payments with respect to securities loans, and gains from the sale or other disposition of securities or foreign currencies, net income from certain publicly traded partnerships (“QPTPs”) or other income derived with respect to its business of investing in securities or those currencies (“Income Requirement”); and (2) at the close of each quarter of the Fund’s taxable year, (a) at least 50% of the value of its total assets must be represented by cash and cash items, government securities, securities of other RICs, and other securities limited, in respect of any one issuer, to an amount that does not exceed 5% of the value of the Fund’s total assets and that does not represent more than 10% of the issuer’s outstanding voting securities, and (b) not more than 25% of the value of its total assets may be invested in (i) the securities (other than government securities or securities of other RICs) of any one issuer, (ii) the securities (other than securities of other RICs) of two or more issuers the Fund controls that are determined to be engaged in the same, similar, or related trades or businesses and (iii) the securities of one or more QPTPs (“Diversification Requirements”).

If the Fund failed to qualify for treatment as a RIC for any taxable year - either (1) by failing to satisfy the Distribution Requirement, even if it satisfied the Income and Diversification Requirements, or (2) by

failing to satisfy the Income Requirement and/or either Diversification Requirement and was unable, or determined not to, avail itself of certain cure provisions enacted as part of the Regulated Investment Company Modernization Act of 2010 then for federal tax purposes it would be taxed as an ordinary corporation on the full amount of its taxable income for that year without being able to deduct the distributions it makes to its shareholders. In addition, for those purposes the shareholders would treat all those distributions, including distributions of net capital gain, as dividends to the extent of the Fund's earnings and profits, taxable as ordinary income — except that, for individual and certain other non-corporate shareholders, the part thereof that is “qualified dividend income” (as described in the Prospectus) (“QDI”) would be subject to federal income tax at the rates for net capital gain, a maximum of 15% or 20% depending on whether the shareholder's income exceeds certain threshold amounts — and all or part of those dividends would be eligible for the dividends-received deduction available to corporations under certain circumstances. Furthermore, the Fund could be required to recognize unrealized gains, pay substantial taxes and interest, and make substantial distributions before requalifying for RIC treatment.

The Fund will be subject to a nondeductible 4% federal excise tax (“Excise Tax”) to the extent it fails to distribute by the end of any calendar year substantially all of its ordinary income for that year (taking into account certain deferrals and elections) and capital gain net income for the one-year period ending on October 31 of that year, plus certain other amounts. The Fund will be treated as having distributed any amount on which it is subject to income tax for any taxable year. The Fund generally intends to continue to meet this distribution requirement to avoid Excise Tax liability.

**Special Tax Treatment.** Certain of the Fund's investments may be subject to special U.S. federal income tax provisions that may, among other things, (i) disallow, suspend or otherwise limit the allowance of certain losses or deductions, (ii) convert lower-taxed long-term capital gain into higher-taxed short-term capital gain or ordinary income, (iii) convert an ordinary loss or a deduction into a capital loss, the deductibility of which is more limited, (iv) adversely affect when a purchase or sale of stock or securities is deemed to occur, (v) adversely alter the intended characterization of certain complex financial transactions, (vi) cause the Fund to recognize income or gain without a corresponding receipt of cash and (vii) produce income that will not constitute qualifying income for purposes of the Income Requirement. The application of these rules could cause the Fund to be subject to U.S. federal income tax or the Excise Tax and, under certain circumstances, could affect the Fund's status as a RIC. The Fund will monitor its investments and may make certain tax elections in order to mitigate the effect of these provisions.

**Non-U.S. Investments.** Dividends and interest the Fund receives, and gains it realizes, on non-U.S. securities may be subject to income, withholding, or other taxes non-U.S. countries and U.S. possessions impose that would reduce the total return on its investments. Tax conventions between certain countries and the United States may reduce or eliminate those taxes, however, and many non-U.S. countries do not impose taxes on capital gains on investments by non-U.S. investors.

The Fund may invest in the stock of “passive foreign investment companies” (each, a “PFIC”). A PFIC is any non-U.S. corporation (with certain exceptions) that, in general, meets either of the following tests for a taxable year: (1) at least 75% of its gross income is passive or (2) an average of at least 50% of its assets produce, or are held for the production of, passive income. Under certain circumstances, the Fund will be subject to federal income tax on a portion of any “excess distribution” it receives on stock of a PFIC or of any gain on its disposition of that stock (collectively “PFIC income”), plus interest thereon, even if the Fund distributes the PFIC income as a dividend to its shareholders. The balance of the PFIC income will be included in the Fund's investment company taxable income and, accordingly, will not be taxable to it to the extent it distributes that income to its shareholders. Fund distributions thereof will not be eligible for the reduced maximum federal income tax rates on QDI mentioned above.

If the Fund invests in a PFIC and elects to treat the PFIC as a “qualified electing fund” (“QEF”), then in lieu of the foregoing tax and interest obligation, the Fund would be required to include in income each taxable year its pro rata share of the QEF’s annual ordinary earnings and net capital gain — which the Fund likely would have to distribute to satisfy the Distribution Requirement and avoid imposition of the Excise Tax — even if the Fund did not receive those earnings and gain from the QEF. In most instances it will be very difficult, if not impossible, to make this election because some of the information required to make this election may not be easily obtainable.

The Fund may elect to “mark to market” any stock in a PFIC it owns at the end of its taxable year. “Marking-to-market,” in this context, means including in gross income each taxable year (and treating as ordinary income) the excess, if any, of the fair market value of the stock over the Fund’s adjusted basis therein (including mark-to-market gain for each prior year for which an election was in effect) as of the end of that year. Pursuant to the election, the Fund also would be allowed to deduct (as an ordinary, not a capital, loss) the excess, if any, of its adjusted basis in PFIC stock over the fair market value thereof as of the taxable year-end, but only to the extent of any net mark-to-market gains with respect to that stock the Fund included in income for prior taxable years under the election. The Fund’s adjusted basis in each PFIC’s stock subject to the election would be adjusted to reflect the amounts of income included and deductions taken thereunder.

Investors should be aware that the Fund may not be able, at the time it acquires a non-U.S. corporation’s shares, to ascertain whether the corporation is a PFIC and that a non-U.S. corporation may become a PFIC after the Fund acquires shares therein. The Fund reserves the right to make investments in PFICs as a matter of its investment policy.

**Foreign Currencies.** Gains from the disposition of foreign currencies (except certain gains that may be excluded by future regulations), if any, will be treated as qualifying income under the Income Requirement. The Fund monitors its transactions, and seeks to make appropriate tax elections, if any, and entries in its books and records when it acquires any foreign currency, (1) to mitigate the effect of complex rules that determine for income tax purposes the amount, character, and timing of recognition of the gains and losses it realizes in connection therewith, (2) to prevent its disqualification as a RIC, and (3) to minimize the imposition of federal income taxes and the Excise Tax.

Under Code section 988, any gains or losses (1) from the disposition of foreign currencies and (2) that are attributable to exchange rate fluctuations between the time the Fund accrues dividends, interest, or other receivables or expenses or other liabilities denominated in a foreign currency and the time it actually collects the receivables or pays the liabilities, generally are treated as ordinary income or loss. These gains or losses will increase or decrease the amount of the Fund’s investment company taxable income to be distributed to its shareholders as ordinary income, rather than affecting the amount of its net capital gain. If the Fund’s section 988 losses exceed other investment company taxable income for a taxable year, the Fund would not be able to distribute any dividends, and any distributions made during that year before the losses were realized would be recharacterized as a return of capital to shareholders, rather than as a dividend, thereby reducing each shareholder’s basis in his or her Fund shares. Although the Fund values its assets daily in terms of U.S. dollars, it is not likely to physically convert all of its holdings of foreign currencies into U.S. dollars on a daily basis. When the Fund does so, it will incur the costs of currency conversion.

**Taxation of the Fund’s Shareholders.** A capital loss a shareholder realizes on a redemption of Fund shares held for six months or less must be treated as a long-term (not a short-term) capital loss to the extent of any capital gain distributions received with respect to those shares. In addition, any loss a shareholder realizes on a redemption of Fund shares will be disallowed to the extent the shares are

replaced within a 61-day period beginning 30 days before and ending 30 days after the disposition of the shares. In that case, the basis in the acquired shares will be adjusted to reflect the disallowed loss.

If the NAV of a shareholder's Fund shares is reduced, by reason of a distribution of net investment income or realized net capital gains, below the shareholder's cost, the distribution nevertheless will be taxable to the shareholder, and a sale of those shares at that time would result in a capital loss for federal income tax purposes.

Dividends the Fund pays to a nonresident alien individual, non-U.S. corporation or partnership, or foreign trust or estate (each, a "foreign shareholder"), other than (1) dividends paid to a non-U.S. shareholder whose ownership of shares is effectively connected with a trade or business within the United States the shareholder conducts and (2) capital gain distributions paid to a nonresident alien individual who is physically present in the United States for no more than 182 days during the taxable year, generally will be subject to a federal withholding tax of 30% (or lower treaty rate). Two categories of dividends, however, "short-term capital gain dividends" and "interest-related dividends," if reported by the Fund in writing to its shareholders, will be exempt from that tax. "Short-term capital gain dividends" are dividends that are attributable to net short-term capital gain, computed with certain adjustments. "Interest-related dividends" are dividends that are attributable to "qualified net interest income" (i.e., "qualified interest income," which generally consists of certain original issue discount, interest on obligations "in registered form," and interest on deposits, less allocable deductions) from sources within the United States. Depending on the circumstances, the Fund may designate all, some or none of the Fund's potentially eligible dividends as eligible for exemption from withholding tax, and a portion of the Fund's distributions (e.g. interest and dividends from non-U.S. sources or any foreign currency gains) would be ineligible for such exemption.

**Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act ("FATCA").** Under FATCA, "foreign financial institutions" ("FFIs") or "non-financial foreign entities" ("NFFEs") that are Fund shareholders may be subject to a generally nonrefundable 30% withholding tax on (1) income dividends the Fund pays and (2) certain capital gain distributions and the proceeds of a redemption of Fund shares it pays after December 31, 2018. As discussed more fully below, the FATCA withholding tax generally can be avoided (a) by an FFI, if it reports certain information regarding direct and indirect ownership of financial accounts U.S. persons hold with the FFI and (b) by an NFFE that certifies its status as such and, in certain circumstances, either that (i) it has no substantial U.S. persons as owners or (ii) it does have such owners and reports information relating to them to the withholding agent (which may be the Fund).

The Treasury Department has negotiated intergovernmental agreements ("IGAs") with certain countries and is in various stages of negotiations with other non-U.S. countries with respect to one or more alternative approaches to implement FATCA. An entity in those countries may be required to comply with the terms of the IGA instead of Treasury regulations.

An FFI can avoid FATCA withholding by becoming a "participating FFI," which requires the FFI to enter into a tax compliance agreement with the Service under the Code. Under such an agreement, a participating FFI agrees to (1) verify and document whether it has U.S. accountholders, (2) report certain information regarding their accounts to the Service, and (3) meet certain other specified requirements.

An FFI resident in a country that has entered into a Model I IGA with the United States must report to that country's government (pursuant to the terms of the applicable IGA and applicable law), which will, in turn, report to the Service. An FFI resident in a Model II IGA country generally must comply with U.S. regulatory requirements, with certain exceptions, including the treatment of recalcitrant accountholders. An FFI resident in one of those countries that complies with whichever of the foregoing applies will be exempt from FATCA withholding.

An NFFE that is the beneficial owner of a payment from the Fund can avoid FATCA withholding generally by certifying its status as such and, in certain circumstances, either that (1) it does not have any substantial U.S. owners or (2) it does have one or more such owners and reports the name, address, and taxpayer identification number of each such owner. The NFFE will report to the Fund or other applicable withholding agent, which will, in turn, report information to the Service.

Those foreign shareholders also may fall into certain exempt, excepted, or deemed compliant categories established by Treasury regulations, IGAs, and other guidance regarding FATCA. An FFI or NFFE that invests in the Fund will need to provide the Fund with documentation properly certifying the entity's status under FATCA to avoid FATCA withholding. The requirements imposed by FATCA are different from, and in addition to, the tax certification rules to avoid backup withholding described in the prospectus. Non-U.S. investors are urged to consult their tax advisers regarding the application of these requirements to their own situation and the impact thereof on their investment in the Fund.

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The foregoing is an abbreviated summary of the federal income tax consequences of an investment in the Fund. It is based on the applicable provisions of the Code and Treasury regulations presently in effect and existing judicial decisions and administrative pronouncements, all of which are subject to change, or differing interpretations, any of which may be prospective or retroactive. Fund distributions also may be subject to state and local taxes. Investors are urged to consult their attorneys or other tax advisers regarding specific questions as to federal, non-U.S., state, or local taxes.

#### **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The financial statements incorporated by reference from the Fund's Annual Report for the year ended September 30, 2016, have been audited by Deloitte & Touche LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their report, which is incorporated herein by reference. Such financial statements have been so incorporated in reliance upon the report of such firm given their authority as experts in accounting and auditing. The annual report is available upon request without charge by contacting the Fund at the address or telephone number set forth on the cover page of this Statement of Additional Information or at [www.fpfunds.com](http://www.fpfunds.com).

**Other information** — The Fund reserves the right to modify the privileges described in this Statement of Additional Information at any time.