



## STATEMENT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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Fund shares are listed for trading on NYSE Arca, Inc.

This Statement of Additional Information ("SAI") is not a prospectus. It should be read in conjunction with the Prospectus of AGF Investments Trust (the "Trust") pertaining to the Fund listed above dated November 1, 2024 (the "Prospectus"), which incorporates this SAI by reference. This SAI is not an offer to sell Shares of the Fund. A written offer can be made only by a prospectus. Copies of the Prospectus and the Fund's shareholder reports are available, without charge, upon request to the address above, by telephone at the number above, or on the Fund's website at [www.agf.com/us](http://www.agf.com/us). You should read the Prospectus carefully before investing.

No person has been authorized to give any information or to make any representations not contained in the Prospectus or in this SAI in connection with the offering made by the Prospectus, and, if given or made, such information or representations must not be relied upon as having been authorized by the Trust. The Prospectus and this SAI do not constitute an offering by the Fund or its Distributor in any jurisdiction in which such offering may not lawfully be made.

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## GLOSSARY

The following terms are used throughout this SAI, and have the meanings used below:

**“1933 Act”** means Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

**“1934 Act”** means Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

**“Investment Company Act”** means Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.

**“Adviser”** or **“AGF Investments”** means AGF Investments LLC.

**“Balancing Amount”** means an amount equal to the difference between the NAV of a Creation Unit and the market value of the In-Kind Creation (or Redemption) Basket, used to ensure that the NAV of the Fund Deposit (or Redemption) (other than the Transaction Fee) is identical to the NAV of the Creation Unit being purchased.

**“Board of Trustees”** or **“Board”** means the Board of Trustees of the Trust.

**“Business Day”** means any day on which the Trust is open for business.

**“Cash Component”** means an amount of cash consisting of a Balancing Amount and a Transaction Fee calculated in connection with creations.

**“Cash Redemption Amount”** means an amount of cash consisting of a Balancing Amount and a Transaction Fee calculated in connection with redemptions.

**“CFTC”** means Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

**“Code”** means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

**“Creation Unit”** means an aggregation of a specified number of shares.

**“Distributor”** or **“Foreside”** means Foreside Fund Services, LLC.

**“ETF”** means an exchange-traded fund.

**“Exchange”** means NYSE Arca, Inc.

**“Fund”** means the series of the Trust identified on the front cover of this SAI.

**“Fund Deposit”** means the In-Kind Creation Basket and Cash Component necessary to purchase a Creation Unit from the Fund.

**“Fund Redemption”** means the In-Kind Redemption Basket and Cash Redemption Amount received in connection with the redemption of a Creation Unit.

**“Independent Trustee”** means a Trustee who is not an “interested person” as defined under Section 2(a)(19) of the Investment Company Act.

**“In-Kind Creation Basket”** means the basket of securities to be deposited to purchase Creation Units of the Fund. The In-Kind Creation Basket will identify the name and number of shares of each security to be contributed, in-kind, to the Fund for a Creation Unit.

**“In-Kind Redemption Basket”** means the basket of securities a shareholder will receive upon redemption of a Creation Unit.

**“Interested Trustee”** means a Trustee who is an “interested person” as defined in Section 2(a)(19) of the Investment Company Act.

**“IRS”** means the Internal Revenue Service.

**“NAV”** means the net asset value of the Fund.

**“RIC”** means a “regulated investment company” as defined in section 851(a) of the Code.

“**SAI**” means this statement of additional information.

“**SEC**” means U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

“**Transaction Fees**” means fees imposed to compensate the Trust in connection with creations and redemptions.

“**Trust**” means AGF Investments Trust.

“**Trustee**” means a trustee of the Trust.

## INFORMATION ABOUT THE TRUST

The Trust is a Delaware statutory trust and is registered with the SEC as an open-end management investment company under the Investment Company Act. The Fund is classified as a “diversified company” within the meaning of the Investment Company Act. The Trust was organized on November 19, 2009. The Trust’s name was changed from FQF Trust to AGF Investments Trust on October 19, 2019. Other series of the Trust may be added in the future and/or offered in a separate prospectus and SAI.

The Fund issues and redeems shares at NAV only in Creation Units, generally in exchange for a basket of securities, together with the deposit of a specified cash amount, or for an all cash amount. Shares of the Fund are listed and traded on the Exchange. Shares will trade on the Exchange at market prices that may be below, at, or above NAV. Investors may incur costs attributable to the difference between the highest price a buyer is willing to pay to purchase shares of the Fund (bid) and the lowest price a seller is willing to accept for shares of the Fund (ask) when buying or selling shares in the secondary market (the “bid-ask spread”).

Unlike mutual fund shares, shares are not individually redeemable securities. Rather, the Fund issues and redeems shares on a continuous basis at NAV, only in Creation Units of 50,000 shares. Including in the event of the liquidation of the Fund, the Trust may lower the number of shares in a Creation Unit. Further, the Trust reserves the right to adjust the price of shares to maintain convenient trading ranges for investors (namely, to maintain a price per share that is attractive to investors). Any such adjustments would be accomplished through stock splits or reverse stock splits which would have no effect on the aggregate NAV of the Fund.

In the instance of creations and redemptions, Transaction Fees may be imposed. Such fees are limited in accordance with SEC requirements applicable to management investment companies offering redeemable securities. Some of the information contained in this SAI and the Prospectus — such as information about purchasing and redeeming shares from the Fund and Transaction Fees — is not relevant to most retail investors.

Once created, shares generally trade in the secondary market, at market prices that change throughout the day, in amounts less than a Creation Unit. Investors purchasing shares in the secondary market through a brokerage account or with the assistance of a broker may be subject to brokerage commissions and charges.

### Exchange Listing and Trading

Shares of the Fund are or will be listed and traded on the Exchange. Shares trade on the Exchange and throughout the secondary market at prices that may differ from their NAV, including because such prices may be affected by market forces (such as supply and demand for shares). As is the case of other securities traded on an exchange, when you buy or sell shares on the Exchange or in the secondary markets, your broker will normally charge you a commission or similar transaction charges, and the secondary market price at which you transact may be affected by the bid/ask spread that prevails in the shares at the time of your transaction. The bid/ask spread is the difference between the highest price a buyer is willing to pay to purchase shares and the lowest price a seller is willing to accept for shares. The Fund does not control the bid/ask spread for shares of the Fund.

There can be no assurance that the requirements of the Exchange necessary to maintain the listing of shares of the Fund will continue to be met. The Exchange may, but is not required to, remove the shares of the Fund from listing if: (i) after the first 12 months the Fund is listed, there are fewer than 50 beneficial owners of the shares; (ii) the listing exchange becomes aware that the Fund is no longer eligible to operate in reliance on Rule 6c-1.1 under the Investment Company Act; (iii) the Fund no longer complies with certain listing exchange rules; or (iv) such other event shall occur or condition exist that, in the opinion of the Exchange, makes further dealings on the Exchange inadvisable. The Exchange will remove the shares of the Fund from listing and trading upon termination of the Fund.

The Fund is not sponsored, endorsed, sold or promoted by the Exchange. The Exchange makes no representation or warranty, express or implied, to the owners of shares of the Fund or any member of the public regarding the advisability of investing in securities generally or in the Fund particularly or the ability of the Fund to achieve their objectives. The Exchange has no obligation or liability in connection with the administration, marketing or trading of the Fund.

## INVESTMENT POLICIES, TECHNIQUES AND RELATED RISKS

Reference is made to the Prospectus for a discussion of the investment objective and principal investment strategies of the Fund. The discussion below supplements, and should be read in conjunction with, the Prospectus.

The investment restrictions of the Fund specifically identified as fundamental policies may not be changed without the affirmative vote of at least a majority of the outstanding voting securities of the Fund, as defined in the Investment Company Act. The investment objectives and all other investment policies of the Fund (including the benchmarks of the Fund) may be changed by the Board without the approval of shareholders.

The investment techniques and strategies discussed below may be used by the Fund if, in the opinion of the Adviser, the techniques or strategies may be advantageous to the Fund. The Fund is free to reduce or eliminate its use of any of these techniques or strategies without changing the Fund's fundamental policies. There is no assurance that any of the techniques or strategies listed below, or any of the other methods of investment available to the Fund, will result in the achievement of the Fund's investment objective. Also, there can be no assurance that the Fund will grow to, or maintain, an economically viable size, in which case management may determine to liquidate the Fund at a time that may not be opportune for shareholders.

The Fund is not an index fund. The Fund is actively managed and does not seek to replicate the performance of a specified index—the Fund seeks to achieve its investment objective. The Fund may not achieve its investment objective. The Fund's investment objective is non-fundamental and may be changed without shareholder approval with at least 60 days' notice to shareholders.

Additional information concerning the Fund, its investments policies and techniques, and the securities and financial instruments in which it may invest is set forth below.

### **Borrowing**

Except as a temporary measure for extraordinary or emergency purposes, the Fund does not currently intend to borrow money in amounts in excess of 5% of the value of the Fund's total assets. The Fund may, however, pledge portfolio securities as the Adviser deems appropriate in connection with any borrowings and in connection with hedging transactions, short sales and similar investment strategies.

### **Cyber Security and Operational Risk**

The Fund and its service providers may be prone to operational and information security risks resulting from 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 cybersecurity 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 NAV, cause the release of private shareholder information or confidential business information, impede trading, subject the Fund to regulatory fines or financial losses and/or cause reputational damage. The Fund may also incur additional costs for cybersecurity risk management purposes. Similar types of cybersecurity risks are also present for issuers or securities in which the Fund may invest, which could result in material adverse consequences for such issuers and may cause the Fund's investment in such companies to lose value. In addition, substantial costs may be incurred in order to prevent any cyber-attacks in the future. While the service providers have established business continuity plans in the event of, and risk management systems to prevent, such cyber-attacks, there are inherent limitations in such plans and systems including the possibility that certain risks have not been identified. Furthermore, the Fund cannot control the cybersecurity plans and systems put in place by service providers to the Fund and issuers in which the Fund invest. The Fund and their shareholders could be negatively impacted as a result.

### **Derivatives Regulatory Matters**

Pursuant to CFTC-imposed limitations on commodities trading by certain regulated entities, in order to qualify for an exclusion from registration and regulation as a commodity pool operator under the Commodity Exchange Act ("CEA"), the Fund may only use a *de minimis* amount of commodity interests (such as futures contracts, options on futures contracts and swaps) other than for *bona fide* hedging purposes (as defined by the CFTC). A *de minimis* amount is defined as an amount such that the aggregate initial margin and premiums required to establish these positions (after taking into account unrealized profits and unrealized losses on any such positions and excluding the amount by which options that are "in-the-money" at the time of purchase) may not exceed 5% of the Fund's NAV, or alternatively, the aggregate net notional value of those positions, determined at the time the most recent position was established, may not exceed 100% of the Fund's NAV (after taking into account unrealized profits and unrealized losses on any such positions). Because the Fund is expected to engage only in a *de minimis* amount of such transactions, the Adviser has claimed such an exclusion. Therefore, it is not subject to the registration requirements of the CEA.

The regulation of the derivatives markets has increased over the past several years, and additional future regulation of the derivatives markets may make derivatives more costly, may limit the availability or reduce the liquidity of derivatives, or may otherwise adversely affect the value or performance of derivatives. Any such adverse future developments could impair the effectiveness or raise the costs of the Fund's derivative transactions, impede the employment of the Fund's derivatives strategies, or adversely affect the Fund's performance. For instance, in October 2020, the SEC adopted a final rule related to the use of derivatives, short sales, reverse repurchase agreements and certain other transactions by registered investment companies (the "derivatives rule"). Subject to certain exceptions, the derivatives rule requires the Fund to trade derivatives and other transactions that create future payment or delivery obligations subject to a value-at-risk ("VaR") leverage limit and certain derivatives risk management program and reporting requirements. Generally, these requirements apply unless the Fund qualifies as a "limited derivatives users" exception that is included in the derivatives rule. Under the derivatives rule, when the Fund trades reverse repurchase agreements or similar financing transactions, including certain tender option bonds, it needs to aggregate the amount of indebtedness associated with the reverse repurchase agreements or similar financing transactions with the aggregate amount of any other senior securities representing indebtedness (e.g., bank borrowings, if applicable) when calculating the Fund's asset coverage ratio or treat all such transactions as derivatives transactions. In addition, under the derivatives rule, the Fund is permitted to invest in a security on a when-issued or forward-settling basis, or with a non-standard settlement cycle, and the transaction will be deemed not to involve a senior security under the Investment Company Act, provided that (i) the Fund intends to physically settle the transaction and (ii) the transaction will settle within 35 days of its trade date (the "Delayed-Settlement Securities Provision"). The Fund may otherwise engage in such transactions that do not meet the conditions of the Delayed-Settlement Securities Provision so long as the Fund treats any such transaction as a derivatives transaction for purposes of compliance with the derivatives rule. Furthermore, under the derivatives rule, the Fund will be permitted to enter into an unfunded commitment agreement, and such unfunded commitment agreement will not be subject to the asset coverage requirements under the Investment Company Act, if the Fund reasonably believes, at the time it enters into such agreement, that it will have sufficient cash and cash equivalents to meet its obligations with respect to all such agreements as they come due. These requirements may limit the ability of the Fund to use derivatives, short sales, reverse repurchase agreements and similar financing transactions, and unfunded commitments as part of its investment strategies. These requirements may increase the cost of the Fund's investments and cost of doing business, which could adversely affect investors. The Adviser intends to monitor developments and seek to manage the Fund in a manner consistent with achieving the Fund's investment objective.

## **Equity Securities**

The market price of equity securities may go up or down, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably. Equity securities may decline in value due to factors affecting securities markets generally or particular industries represented in the securities markets. The value of an equity security may decline due to general market conditions not specifically related to a particular company, such as real or perceived adverse economic conditions, changes in the general outlook for corporate earnings, changes in interest or currency rates, or adverse investor sentiment generally. They may also decline due to factors that affect a particular industry or industries, such as labor shortages or increased production costs and competitive conditions within an industry. The value of an equity security may also decline for a number of reasons that directly relate to the issuer, such as management performance, financial leverage and reduced demand for the issuer's goods or services. Equity securities generally have greater price volatility than fixed income securities, and the Fund is susceptible to these market risks.

## **Futures Contracts and Related Options**

The Fund may purchase or sell stock index futures contracts and options thereon for hedging, as a substitute for a comparable market position in the underlying securities, to profit from declines in financial markets or to enhance income to the Fund. A futures contract is a standardized, exchange-traded agreement to buy or sell a specific quantity of an underlying asset, reference rate or index at a specific price at a specific future time. Futures contracts may be based on, among other things, a specified equity security (securities futures), a specified debt security or reference rate (interest rate futures), the value of a specified securities index (index futures) or the value of a foreign currency (currency futures). A futures contract generally obligates the seller to deliver (and the purchaser to take delivery of) the specified commodity on the expiration date of the contract. A stock index futures contract obligates the seller to deliver (and the purchaser to take delivery of) an amount of cash equal to a specific dollar amount (the contract multiplier) multiplied by the difference between the final settlement price of a specific stock index futures contract and the price at which the agreement is made. No physical delivery of the underlying stocks in the index is made.

Whether the Fund realizes a gain or loss from futures activities depends generally upon movements in the underlying commodity. The extent of the Fund's loss from an unhedged short position in futures and options on futures contracts is potentially unlimited. The Fund will generally engage in transactions in futures and options on futures contracts that are traded on a U.S. exchange or board of trade or that have been approved for sale in the United States by the CFTC.

There are several risks associated with the use of futures contracts and options on futures as hedging techniques. A purchase or sale of a contract may result in losses in excess of the amount invested in the futures contract. There can be no guarantee that there will be a correlation between price movements in the contract and in the fund securities being hedged. In addition, there are significant differences between the securities and futures and options on futures markets that could result in an imperfect correlation between the markets, causing a given hedge not to achieve its objectives. The degree of imperfection of correlation depends on circumstances such as variations in speculative market demand for futures and futures options on securities, including technical influences in futures trading and options on futures, and differences between the financial instruments being hedged and the instruments underlying the standard contracts available for trading in such respects as interest rate levels, maturities, and creditworthiness of issuers. A decision as to whether, when and how to hedge involves the exercise of skill and judgment, and even a well-conceived hedge may be unsuccessful to some degree because of market behavior or unexpected interest rate or currency trends.

Futures exchanges may limit the amount of fluctuation permitted in certain contract prices during a single trading day. The daily limit establishes the maximum amount that the price of a contract may vary either up or down from the previous day's settlement price at the end of the current trading session. Once the daily limit has been reached in a contract subject to the limit, no more trades may be made on that day at a price beyond that limit. The daily limit governs only price movements during a particular trading day and therefore does not limit potential losses because the limit may work to prevent the liquidation of unfavorable positions. For example, futures prices have occasionally moved to the daily limit for several consecutive trading days with little or no trading, thereby preventing prompt liquidation of positions and subjecting some holders of futures contracts to substantial losses.

There can be no assurance that a liquid market will exist at a time when the Fund seeks to close out a futures or options on futures position, and the Fund would remain obligated to meet margin requirements until the position is closed. If trading is not possible, or if the Fund determines not to close a position in anticipation of adverse price movements, the Fund will be required to make daily cash payments of variation margin. The risk that the Fund will be unable to close out a futures position will be minimized by entering into such transactions on a national securities exchange, national futures exchange or foreign board of trade with an active and liquid secondary market, but there can be no assurance that an active secondary market will develop or continue to exist.

The Fund is required to comply with the derivatives rule when they engage in transactions involving futures and options thereon. See "Derivatives Regulatory Matters" above.



## **Illiquid Investments**

Pursuant to Rule 22e-4 under the Investment Company Act, the Fund may not acquire any illiquid investment if, immediately after the acquisition, the Fund would have invested more than 15% of its net assets in illiquid investments that are assets. The term “illiquid investments” means any investment that the Fund reasonably expects cannot be sold or disposed of in current market conditions in seven calendar days or less without the sale or disposition significantly changing the market value of the investment. The Fund has implemented a liquidity risk management program and related procedures to identify illiquid investments pursuant to Rule 22e-4. The Fund may not be able to sell illiquid investments when the Adviser considers it desirable to do so or may have to sell such investments at a price that is lower than the price that could be obtained if the investments were liquid. In addition, the sale of illiquid investments also may require more time and may result in higher dealer discounts and other selling expenses than does the sale of liquid investments. Illiquid investments also may be more difficult to value due to the unavailability of reliable market quotations for such securities and may have an adverse impact on the Fund’s NAV.

The Fund may purchase illiquid investments and securities that are not readily marketable and securities that are not registered (“restricted securities”) under the 1933 Act, but which can be sold to qualified institutional buyers under Rule 144A under the 1933 Act. Institutional markets for restricted securities have developed as a result of the promulgation of Rule 144A, which provides a safe harbor from 1933 Act registration requirements for qualifying sales to institutional investors. When Rule 144A restricted securities present an attractive investment opportunity and otherwise meet selection criteria, the Fund may make such investments. Whether or not such securities are illiquid depends on the market that exists for the particular security. It is not possible to predict with assurance exactly how the market for Rule 144A restricted securities or any other security will develop. A security which when purchased enjoyed a fair degree of marketability may subsequently become illiquid.

## **Index Options**

The Fund may purchase and write options on stock indexes to create investment exposure consistent with their investment objectives, to hedge or limit the exposure of their positions, or to create synthetic positions.

A stock index fluctuates with changes in the market values of the stocks included in the index. Options on stock indexes give the holder the right to receive an amount of cash upon exercise of the option. Receipt of this cash amount will depend upon the closing level of the stock index upon which the purchased option is based being greater than (in the case of a call) or less than (in the case of a put) the exercise price of the option. The amount of cash received, if any, will be the difference between the closing price of the index and the exercise price of the option, multiplied by a specified dollar multiple. The writer (seller) of the option is obligated, in return for the premiums received from the purchaser of the option, to make delivery of this amount to the purchaser. All settlements of index options transactions are in cash.

Index options are subject to substantial risks, including the risk of imperfect correlation between the option price and the value of the underlying securities composing the stock index selected and the risk that there might not be a liquid secondary market for the option. Because the value of an index option depends upon movements in the level of the index rather than the price of a particular stock, whether the Fund will realize a gain or loss from the purchase or writing (sale) of options on an index depends upon movements in the level of stock prices in the stock market generally or, in the case of certain indexes, in an industry or market segment, rather than upon movements in the price of a particular stock. This requires different skills and techniques than are required for predicting changes in the price of individual stocks.

The Fund may engage in transactions in stock index options listed on national securities exchanges or traded in the over-the-counter (“OTC”) market as an investment vehicle for the purpose of realizing the Fund’s investment objective. Options on indexes are settled in cash, not by delivery of securities. The exercising holder of an index option receives, instead of a security, cash equal to the difference between the closing price of the securities index and the exercise price of the option. Purchased OTC options and the cover for written OTC options may be illiquid.

Some stock index options may be based on a broad market index or on a narrower market index. Options currently are traded on the Chicago Board Options Exchange (the “CBOE”) and other options exchanges (“Options Exchanges”).

Each of the Options Exchanges has established limitations governing the maximum number of call or put options on the same index which may be bought or written (sold) by a single investor, whether acting alone or in concert with others (regardless of whether such options are written on the same or different Options Exchanges or are held or written on one or more accounts or through one or more brokers). Under these limitations, option positions of all investment companies advised by the same investment adviser are combined for purposes of these limits. Pursuant to these limitations, an Options Exchange may order the liquidation of positions and may impose other sanctions or restrictions. These position limits may restrict the number of listed options which the Fund may buy or sell; however, the Adviser intends to comply with all limitations.

The Fund is required to comply with the derivatives rule when they engage in transactions involving options that create future Fund payment or delivery obligations. See “Derivatives Regulatory Matters” above.

### **Investments in Other Investment Companies**

The Fund may invest in the securities of other investment companies to the extent that such an investment would be consistent with the requirements of the Investment Company Act and any rules and regulations thereunder. If the Fund invests in, and, thus, is a shareholder of, another investment company, the Fund’s shareholders will indirectly bear the Fund’s proportionate share of the fees and expenses paid by such other investment company, including advisory fees, in addition to both the management fees payable directly by the Fund to the Fund’s own investment adviser and the other expenses that the Fund bears directly in connection with the Fund’s own operations. The investment companies in which the Fund invests may have adopted certain investment restrictions that are more or less restrictive than the Fund’s investment restrictions, which may permit the fund to engage in investment strategies indirectly that are prohibited under the Fund’s investment restrictions.

### **Inflation/Deflation Risk**

The Fund may be subject to inflation and deflation risk. Inflation risk is the risk that the present value of assets or income from the Fund’s investments will be less in the future as inflation decreases the value of money. As inflation increases, the present value of the Fund’s assets can decline. Deflation risk is the risk that prices throughout the economy decline over time. Deflation may have an adverse effect on the creditworthiness of issuers and may make issuer default more likely, which may result in a decline in the value of the Fund’s assets.

### **Market Disruptions Risk**

The Fund is subject to investment and operational risks associated with financial, economic and other global market developments and disruptions, including war and occupation, terrorism and related geopolitical risks, natural disasters, and public health emergencies, including an epidemic or pandemic, which may lead to increased short-term market volatility and may have adverse long-term effects on world economies and markets generally. These events can also impair the technology and other operational systems upon which the Fund’s service providers rely, and could otherwise disrupt the Fund’s service providers’ ability to fulfill their obligations to the Fund. The Fund is also subject to the risk that deficiencies in the internal systems or controls of the Adviser or another service provider will cause losses for the Fund or hinder Fund operations. For example, trading delays or errors (both human and systemic) could prevent the Fund from purchasing a security expected to appreciate in value.

A widespread health crisis, such as a global pandemic, could cause substantial market volatility, exchange trading suspensions or restrictions and closures of securities exchanges and businesses. Such a health care crisis could impact the ability to complete redemptions, and adversely impact investments held by the Fund. For example, the outbreak of COVID-19, a respiratory disease caused by a novel coronavirus, caused volatility, severe market dislocations and liquidity constraints in many markets, including markets for the securities the Fund holds. The impact of COVID-19, and other infectious illness outbreaks, epidemics or pandemics that may arise in the future, could adversely affect the economies of many nations or the entire global economy, the financial wellbeing and performance of individual issuers, borrowers and sectors and the health of the markets generally in potentially significant and unforeseen ways. In addition, the impact of infectious illnesses, such as COVID-19, in emerging market countries may be greater due to generally less established healthcare systems. Public health crises may exacerbate other pre-existing political, social and economic risks in certain countries or globally.

The foregoing could lead to a significant economic downturn or recession, increased market volatility, a greater number of market closures, higher default rates and adverse effects on the values and liquidity of securities or other assets. Such impacts, which may vary across asset classes, may adversely affect the performance of the Fund. In certain cases, an exchange or market may close or issue trading halts on specific securities or even the entire market, which may result in the Fund being, among other things, unable to buy or sell certain securities or financial instruments or to accurately price their investments. These and other developments may adversely affect the liquidity of the Fund's holdings.

U.S. and global markets recently have experienced increased volatility, including as a result of the failures of certain U.S. and non-U.S. banks in 2023, which could be harmful to the Fund and issuers in which they invest. For example, if a bank in which the Fund or an issuer has an account fails, any cash or other assets in bank accounts may be temporarily inaccessible or permanently lost by the Fund or issuer. If a bank that provides a subscription line credit facility, asset-based facility, other credit facility and/or other services to an issuer fails, the issuer could be unable to draw funds under its credit facilities or obtain replacement credit facilities or other services from other lending institutions with similar terms. Even if banks used by issuers in which the Fund invests remain solvent, continued volatility in the banking sector could cause or intensify an economic recession, increase the costs of banking services or result in the issuers being unable to obtain or refinance indebtedness at all or on as favorable terms as could otherwise have been obtained. Conditions in the banking sector are evolving, and the scope of any potential impacts to the Fund and issuers, both from market conditions and also potential legislative or regulatory responses, are uncertain. Continued market volatility and uncertainty and/or a downturn in market and economic and financial conditions, as a result of developments in the banking industry or otherwise (including as a result of delayed access to cash or credit facilities), could have an adverse impact on the Fund and issuers in which it invests.

In addition, inflation rates may change frequently and significantly because of various factors, including unexpected shifts in the domestic or global economy and changes in monetary or economic policies (or expectations that these policies may change). Changes in inflation rates may adversely affect market and economic conditions, the Fund's investments and an investment in the Fund.

### **Master Limited Partnerships**

The Fund may invest in master limited partnerships ("MLPs"), which are publicly traded partnerships (or similar entities such as limited liability companies) primarily engaged in the transportation, storage, processing, refining, marketing, exploration, production, and mining of minerals and natural resources. Their interests, or units, trade on public securities exchanges exactly like the shares of a corporation, without entity level taxation. MLPs generally have two classes of owners, one or more general partners and the limited partners (*i.e.*, investors). The general partner typically controls the operations and management of the MLP through an equity interest in the MLP plus, in many cases, ownership of common units and subordinated units. Limited partners typically own the remainder of the partnership, through ownership of common units, and have a limited role in the partnership's operations and management. In certain instances, creditors of an MLP would have the right to seek a return of capital that had been distributed to a limited partner. The right of an MLP's creditors would continue even after the Fund had sold its investment in the partnership. MLPs typically invest in real estate and oil and gas equipment leasing assets, but they also finance entertainment, research and development, and other projects.

MLP common units, like other equity securities, can be affected by macroeconomic and other factors affecting the stock market in general, expectations of interest rates, investor sentiment towards an issuer or certain market sector, changes in a particular issuer's financial condition, or unfavorable or unanticipated poor performance of a particular issuer (in the case of MLPs, generally measured in terms of distributable cash flow). Prices of common units of individual MLPs, like the prices of other equity securities, also can be affected by fundamentals unique to the partnership or company, including earnings power and coverage ratios.

### **Options on Securities**

The Fund may buy and write (sell) options on securities for the purpose of realizing their investment objective. By buying a call option, the Fund has the right, in return for a premium paid during the term of the option, to buy the securities underlying the option at the exercise price. By writing a call option on securities, the Fund becomes obligated during the term of the option to sell the securities underlying the option at the exercise price if the option is exercised. By buying a put option, the Fund has the right, in return for a premium paid during the term of the option, to sell the securities underlying the option at the exercise price. By writing a put option, the Fund becomes obligated during the term of the option to purchase the securities underlying the option at the exercise price if the option is exercised. During the term of the option, the writer may be assigned an exercise notice by the broker-dealer through whom the option was sold. The exercise notice would require the writer to deliver, in the case of a call, or take delivery of, in the case of a put, the underlying security against payment of the exercise price. This obligation terminates upon expiration of the option, or at such earlier time that the writer effects a closing purchase transaction by purchasing an option covering the same underlying security and having the same exercise price and expiration date as the one previously sold. Once an option has been exercised, the writer may not execute a closing purchase transaction. To secure the obligation to deliver the underlying security in the case of a call option, the writer of a call option is required to deposit in escrow the underlying security or other assets in accordance with the rules of the Options Clearing Corporation (the "OCC"), an institution created to interpose itself between buyers and sellers of options. The OCC assumes the other side of every purchase and sale transaction on an exchange and, by doing so, gives its guarantee to the transaction.

The holder of an option will benefit from favorable movements in the price of the underlying asset but is not exposed to corresponding losses due to adverse movements in the value of the underlying asset. The writer of an option will receive fees or premiums but is exposed to losses due to changes in the value of the underlying asset. If the Adviser judges market conditions incorrectly or employs a strategy that does not correlate well with the Fund's investments, these techniques could result in a loss, regardless of whether the intent was to reduce risk or increase return. These techniques may increase the volatility of the Fund's net asset value per share and may involve a small investment of cash relative to the magnitude of the risk assumed. In addition, these techniques could result in a loss if the counterparty to the transaction does not perform as promised. The Fund may purchase put or call options that are traded on an exchange or in the OTC market. The Fund may sell ("write") covered call options on its portfolio securities in an attempt to enhance investment performance. The Fund may also write covered put options. A put option is a short-term contract that gives the purchaser of the put option, in return for a premium, the right to sell the underlying security to the seller of the option at a specified price during the term of the option. Although certain securities exchanges attempt to provide continuously liquid markets in which holders and writers of options can close out their positions at any time prior to the expiration of the option, no assurance can be given that a market will exist at all times for all outstanding options purchased or sold by the Fund. If an options market were to become unavailable, the Fund would be unable to realize its profits or limit its losses until the fund could exercise options it holds, and the fund would remain obligated until options it wrote were exercised or expired. Reasons for the absence of liquid secondary market on an exchange include the following: (i) there may be insufficient trading interest in certain options; (ii) restrictions may be imposed by an exchange on opening or closing transactions or both; (iii) trading halts, suspensions or other restrictions may be imposed with respect to particular classes or series of options; (iv) unusual or unforeseen circumstances may interrupt normal operations on an exchange; (v) the facilities of an exchange or the OCC may not at all times be adequate to handle current trading volume; or (vi) one or more exchanges could, for economic or other reasons, decide or be compelled at some future date to discontinue the trading of options (or a particular class or series of options) and those options would cease to exist, although outstanding options on that exchange that had been issued by the OCC as a result of trades on that exchange would continue to be exercisable in accordance with their terms.

The Fund is required to comply with the derivatives rule when they engage in transactions involving options that create future Fund payment or delivery obligations. See "Derivatives Regulatory Matters" above.

### **Real Estate Investment Trusts**

The Fund may invest in real estate investment trusts ("REITs"). A REIT is a company that pools investor funds to invest primarily in income producing real estate or real estate related loans or interests. A REIT is not taxed on its "real estate investment trust taxable income" (including net capital gains) for a taxable year that it distributes to its shareholders if, among other things, it distributes substantially all of that income (other than "net capital gain" (as defined below under "TAXATION"))).

Because REITs have ongoing fees and expenses, which may include management, operating and administration expenses, REIT shareholders, including the Fund, will indirectly bear a proportionate share of those expenses in addition to the expenses of the Fund. However, such expenses are not considered to be Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses and, therefore, are not reflected as such in the Fund's fee table.

The Fund also may be subject to certain risks associated with the direct investments of the REITs. REITs may be affected by changes in their underlying properties and by defaults by borrowers or tenants. Mortgage REITs may be affected by the quality of the credit extended. Furthermore, REITs are dependent on specialized management skills. Some REITs may have limited diversification and may be subject to risks inherent in financing a limited number of properties. REITs depend generally on their ability to generate cash flow to make distributions to shareholders or unitholders, and may be subject to defaults by borrowers and to self-liquidations. In addition, the performance of a REIT may be affected by its failure to qualify for modified tax-free “pass-through” of net investment income and net realized capital gains under the Code, including regulations thereunder and IRS interpretations or similar authority upon which the Fund may rely or its failure to maintain exemption from registration under the Investment Company Act.

### **Repurchase Agreements**

Under a repurchase agreement, the Fund purchases a debt security and simultaneously agrees to sell the security back to the seller at a mutually agreed-upon future price and date, normally one day or a few days later. The resale price is greater than the purchase price, reflecting an agreed-upon market interest rate during the purchaser’s holding period. The Fund follows certain procedures designed to minimize the risks inherent in such agreements. These procedures include effecting any repurchase transactions only with large, well-capitalized and well-established financial institutions whose condition will be continually monitored by the Adviser. In addition, the value of the collateral underlying the repurchase agreement will always be at least equal to the repurchase price, including any accrued interest earned on the repurchase agreement.

In the event of a default or bankruptcy by a selling financial institution, the Fund will seek to liquidate such collateral which could involve certain costs or delays and, to the extent that proceeds from any sale upon a default of the obligation to repurchase are less than the repurchase price, the Fund could suffer a loss. The Fund also may experience difficulties and incur certain costs in exercising its rights to the collateral and may lose the interest the fund expected to receive under the repurchase agreement. Repurchase agreements usually are for short periods, such as one week or less, but may be longer.

### **Reverse Repurchase Agreements**

The Fund may use reverse repurchase agreements as part of its investment strategy. Reverse repurchase agreements involve sales by the Fund of portfolio assets concurrently with an agreement by the Fund to repurchase the same assets at a later date at a fixed price. Generally, the effect of such a transaction is that the Fund can recover all or most of the cash invested in the portfolio securities involved during the term of the reverse repurchase agreement, while the fund will be able to keep the interest income associated with those portfolio securities. Such transactions are advantageous only if the interest cost to the Fund of the reverse repurchase transaction is less than the cost of obtaining the cash otherwise. Opportunities to achieve this advantage may not always be available, and the Fund intends to use the reverse repurchase technique only when the Adviser believes it will be to the Fund’s advantage to do so. When the Fund trades reverse repurchase agreements or similar financing transactions, it needs to aggregate the amount of indebtedness associated with the reverse repurchase agreements or similar financing transactions with the aggregate amount of any other senior securities representing indebtedness (e.g., bank borrowings, if applicable) when calculating the Fund’s asset coverage ratio or treat all such transactions as derivatives transactions. See “Derivatives Regulatory Matters” above.

### **Short Sales**

A short sale is a transaction in which the Fund sells a security it does not own. To complete such a transaction, the Fund must borrow the security to make delivery to the buyer. The Fund is then obligated to replace the security borrowed by borrowing the same security from another lender, purchasing it at the market price at the time of replacement or paying the lender an amount equal to the cost of purchasing the security. The price at such time may be more or less than the price at which the security was sold by the fund. Until the security is replaced, the fund is required to repay the lender any dividends it receives, or interest which accrues, during the period of the loan. To borrow the security, the Fund also may be required to pay a premium, which would increase the cost of the security sold. The net proceeds of the short sale will be retained by the broker, to the extent necessary to meet margin requirements, until the short position is closed out. The Fund also will incur transaction costs in effecting short sales.

The Fund will incur a loss as a result of a short sale if the price of the security increases between the date of the short sale and the date on which the fund replaces the borrowed security. The Fund will realize a gain if the price of the security declines in price between those dates. The amount of any gain will be decreased, and the amount of any loss increased, by the amount of the premium, dividends or interest the Fund may be required to pay, if any, in connection with a short sale. Short sales may be subject to unlimited losses as the price of a security can rise infinitely.

The Fund is required to comply with the derivatives rule when they engage in short sales. See “Derivatives Regulatory Matters” above.

### **Swap Agreements**

The Fund may enter into swap agreements. The Fund may enter into equity or equity index swap agreements for purposes of attempting to gain exposure to an index or group of securities without actually purchasing those securities. Although some swap agreements may be centrally-cleared and exchange-traded, others are two-party contracts entered into primarily by institutional investors for periods ranging from a day to more than one year. Most, if not all, swap agreements entered into by the Fund will be two-party contracts.

In such a standard “swap” transaction, two parties agree to exchange the returns (or differentials in rates of return) earned or realized on particular predetermined investments or instruments. The gross returns to be exchanged or “swapped” between the parties are calculated with respect to a “notional amount,” *i.e.*, the return on or increase in value of a particular dollar amount invested in a “basket” of securities representing a particular index or group of securities. The use of swaps is a highly specialized activity which involves investment techniques and risks different from those associated with ordinary portfolio securities transactions. Most swap agreements entered into by the Fund calculate the obligations of the parties to the agreement on a “net basis.” Consequently, the Fund’s current obligations (or rights) under a swap agreement will generally be equal only to the net amount to be paid or received under the agreement based on the relative values of the positions held by each party to the agreement (the “net amount”).

The use of swaps is a highly specialized activity that involves investment techniques and risks different from those associated with ordinary portfolio securities transactions. The use of a swap requires an understanding not only of the referenced asset, reference rate, or index but also of the swap itself, without the benefit of observing the performance of the swap under all possible market conditions. If the Adviser is incorrect in its forecasts of market values, credit quality, interest rates or currency exchange rates, the investment performance of the Fund would be less favorable than it would have been if this investment technique were not used.

In addition, these transactions can involve greater risks than if the Fund had invested in the reference obligation directly, because, in addition to general market risks, swaps are subject to illiquidity risk, counterparty risk, credit risk and pricing risk. Regulators also may impose limits on an entity’s or group of entities’ positions in certain swaps. The Fund bears the risk of loss of the amount expected to be received under a swap agreement in the event of the default or bankruptcy of a swap agreement counterparty. If such a default occurs, the Fund will have contractual remedies pursuant to the swap agreements, but such remedies may be subject to bankruptcy and insolvency laws which could affect the Fund’s right as a creditor. The Fund will not enter into any swap agreement unless the Adviser believes that the other party to the transaction is creditworthy. Because bilateral swap agreements are two-party contracts and because they may have terms of greater than seven days, swap transactions may be considered to be illiquid. To the extent that a swap is considered to be illiquid, it may not be possible to initiate a transaction or liquidate a position at an advantageous time or price, which could lead to significant losses. Many swaps are complex and often valued subjectively. Swaps and other derivatives may also be subject to pricing or “basis” risk, which exists when the price of a particular derivative diverges from the price of corresponding cash market instruments. If a swap transaction is particularly large or under certain market conditions (e.g., the relevant market is illiquid) it may not be possible to initiate a transaction or liquidate a position at an advantageous time or price, which may result in significant losses.

Certain standardized swaps are currently subject to mandatory central clearing and exchange-trading. Central clearing is expected to decrease counterparty risk and exchange-trading is expected to increase liquidity compared to bilateral swaps because central clearing interposes the central clearinghouse as the counterparty to each participant’s swap and exchange-trading provides market transparency for participants. However, central clearing does not eliminate counterparty risk and exchange-trading does not eliminate illiquidity risk. In addition, depending on the size of the Fund and other factors, the margin required under the rules of a clearinghouse and by a clearing member may be in excess of the collateral required to be posted by the Fund to support its obligations under a similar bilateral swap. However, existing or anticipated regulatory margin requirements, including minimums, on uncleared swaps may change this comparison.

Regulators are in the process of developing rules that would require further exchange-trading and execution of most liquid swaps on trading facilities. Moving trading to an exchange-type system may increase market transparency and liquidity but may require the Fund to incur increased expenses to access the same types of swaps.

Centralized reporting of detailed information about many types of cleared and uncleared swaps is also required. This information is available to regulators and, to a more limited extent and on an anonymous basis, to the public. Reporting of swap data may result in greater market transparency, which may be beneficial to funds that use swaps to implement trading strategies. However, these rules place potential additional administrative obligations on the Fund, and the safeguards established to protect anonymity may not function as expected.

The Fund is required to comply with the derivatives rule when they engage in transactions involving swaps that create future Fund payment or delivery obligations. See “Derivatives Regulatory Matters” above.

The swap market has grown substantially in recent years with a large number of banks and investment banking firms acting both as principals and as agents utilizing standardized swap documentation. As a result, the swap market has become relatively liquid in comparison with the markets for other similar instruments that are traded in the OTC market. The Adviser, under the oversight of the Board of Trustees, is responsible for determining and monitoring the liquidity of the Fund’s transactions in swap agreements.

## **U.S. Government Securities**

The Fund also may invest in U.S. government securities in pursuit of their investment objectives, as “cover” for the investment techniques it employs, or for liquidity purposes. U.S. government securities include U.S. Treasury securities, which are backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Treasury and which differ only in their interest rates, maturities, and times of issuance. U.S. Treasury bills have initial maturities of one year or less; U.S. Treasury notes have initial maturities of one to ten years; and U.S. Treasury bonds generally have initial maturities of greater than ten years. Certain U.S. government securities are issued or guaranteed by agencies or instrumentalities of the U.S. government including, but not limited to, obligations of U.S. government agencies or instrumentalities, such as the Federal National Mortgage Association, the Government National Mortgage Association, the Small Business Administration, the Federal Farm Credit Administration, the Federal Home Loan Banks, Banks for Cooperatives (including the Central Bank for Cooperatives), the Federal Land Banks, the Federal Intermediate Credit Banks, the Tennessee Valley Authority, the Export-Import Bank of the United States, the Commodity Credit Corporation, the Federal Financing Bank, and the National Credit Union Administration. Some obligations issued or guaranteed by U.S. government agencies and instrumentalities, including, for example, Government National Mortgage Association pass-through certificates, are backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Treasury. Other obligations issued by or guaranteed by Federal agencies, such as those securities issued by the Federal National Mortgage Association, are supported by the discretionary authority of the U.S. government to purchase certain obligations of the federal agency but are not backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. government, while other obligations issued by or guaranteed by federal agencies, such as those of the Federal Home Loan Banks, are supported by the right of the issuer to borrow from the U.S. Treasury.

While the U.S. government provides financial support to such U.S. government-sponsored Federal agencies, no assurance can be given that the U.S. government will always do so, since the U.S. government is not so obligated by law. U.S. Treasury notes and bonds typically pay coupon interest semi-annually and repay the principal at maturity.

Yields on U.S. government securities are dependent on a variety of factors, including the general conditions of the money and bond markets, the size of a particular offering, and the maturity of the obligation. Debt securities with longer maturities tend to produce higher yields and are generally subject to potentially greater capital appreciation and depreciation than obligations with shorter maturities and lower yields. The market value of U.S. government securities generally varies inversely with changes in market interest rates. An increase in interest rates, therefore, would generally reduce the market value of the Fund’s portfolio investments in U.S. government securities, while a decline in interest rates would generally increase the market value of the Fund’s portfolio investments in these securities. Accordingly, risks associated with rising interest rates are heightened.

## **When-Issued and Delayed-Delivery Securities**

The Fund may purchase securities on a when-issued or delayed-delivery basis (*i.e.*, delivery and payment can take place between a month and 120 days after the date of the transaction). These securities are subject to market fluctuations and no interest accrues to the purchaser during this period. At the time the Fund makes the commitment to purchase securities on a when-issued or delayed-delivery basis, the Fund will record the transaction and thereafter reflect the value of the securities, each day, in determining the Fund's NAV. At the time of delivery of the securities, the value of the securities may be more or less than the purchase price. Under the derivatives rule, the Fund is permitted to invest in a security on a when-issued or forward-settling basis, or with a non-standard settlement cycle, and the transaction will be deemed not to involve a senior security under the Investment Company Act, provided that the transaction complies with the Delayed-Settlement Securities Provision meaning (i) the Fund intends to physically settle the transaction and (ii) the transaction will settle within 35 days of its trade date. The fund may otherwise engage in such transactions that do not meet the conditions of the Delayed-Settlement Securities Provision so long as the Fund treats any such transaction as a derivatives transaction for purposes of compliance with the derivatives rule.

## **INVESTMENT RESTRICTIONS**

### **Fundamental Investment Policies**

The Fund has adopted certain investment restrictions as fundamental policies that cannot be changed without the approval of the holders of a "majority" of the outstanding voting securities of the Fund, as that term is defined in the Investment Company Act. As defined in the Investment Company Act, the vote of a majority of the outstanding voting securities means the lesser of: (i) 67% or more of the voting securities of the series present at a duly called meeting of shareholders, if the holders of more than 50% of the outstanding voting securities of the Fund are present or represented by proxy; or (ii) more than 50% of the outstanding voting securities of the series. (All policies of the Fund not specifically identified in this SAI or the Prospectus as fundamental may be changed without a vote of the shareholders of the Fund, upon approval of a majority of the Trustees). For purposes of the following limitations, all percentage limitations apply immediately after a purchase or initial investment.

1. The Fund may not borrow money, except to the extent permitted by the Investment Company Act, the rules and regulations thereunder and any applicable exemptive relief.
2. The Fund may not issue senior securities, except to the extent permitted by the Investment Company Act, the rules and regulations thereunder and any applicable exemptive relief.
3. The Fund may not engage in the business of underwriting securities except to its extent that the Fund may be considered an underwriter within the meaning of the 1933 Act in the acquisition, disposition or resale of their portfolio securities or in connection with investments in other investment companies, or to the extent otherwise permitted under the Investment Company Act, the rules and regulations thereunder and any applicable exemptive relief.
4. The Fund may not purchase or sell real estate, except to the extent permitted under the Investment Company Act, the rules and regulations thereunder and any applicable exemptive relief.
5. The Fund may not purchase or sell commodities, contracts relating to commodities or options on contracts relating to commodities except to the extent permitted under the Investment Company Act, the rules and regulations thereunder and any applicable exemptive relief. This policy shall not prevent the Fund from purchasing or selling foreign currency or purchasing, selling or entering into futures contracts, options, forward contracts, swaps, caps, floors, collars and other financial instruments as currently exist or may in the future be developed.



6. The Fund may not make loans, except to the extent permitted under the Investment Company Act, the rules and regulations thereunder and any applicable exemptive relief.
7. The Fund will not concentrate (*i.e.*, hold more than 25% of its assets in the stocks of a single industry or group of industries) its investments in issuers of one or more particular industries.

Except with respect to borrowing, if a percentage limitation is satisfied at the time of investment, a later increase or decrease in such percentage resulting from a change in the value of the Fund's investments will not constitute a violation of such limitation. Thus, the Fund may continue to hold a security even though it causes the Fund to exceed a percentage limitation because of fluctuation in the value of the Fund's assets, except that any borrowing by the Fund that exceeds the fundamental investment limitations stated above must be reduced to meet such limitations within the period required by the Investment Company Act or the relevant rules, regulations or interpretations thereunder.

The Fund is "diversified" as defined in the Investment Company Act. This means that at least 75% of the value of the Fund's total assets is represented by cash and cash items (including receivables), government securities, securities of other investment companies, and securities of other issuers, which for purposes of this calculation, are limited in respect of any one issuer to an amount not greater in value than 5% of the Fund's total assets and to not more than 10% of the outstanding voting securities of such issuer. The Fund may not change from "diversified" to "non-diversified" without shareholder approval (as defined above).

For purposes of the limitation on industry concentration, securities of the U.S. government (including its agencies and instrumentalities) and tax-free securities of state or municipal governments and their political subdivisions (and repurchase agreements collateralized by government securities) are not considered to be issued by members of any industry.

#### **Non-Fundamental Investment Policies**

The Fund has adopted non-fundamental investment policies. The Fund, under normal circumstances, invests at least 80% of its net assets (plus the amount of any borrowings for investment purposes) in long and short equity securities of U.S. issuers, which may include long and short exposure to such issuers through derivatives. The Fund will provide investors with at least 60 days' notice prior to changes in its 80% policy.

#### **Portfolio Turnover**

The Fund's portfolio turnover may vary from year to year, as well as within a year. The Fund's portfolio turns over for a variety of reasons. A high portfolio turnover rate (for example, over 100%) may result in transaction costs to the Fund, including brokerage commissions and other transaction costs. The performance of the Fund could be negatively impacted by the increased costs. In addition, rapid portfolio turnover exposes shareholders to the possibility of a higher current realization of short-term capital gains in excess of short-term capital losses, distributions of which would be taxed to a shareholder as ordinary income and thus cause the shareholder to pay higher taxes. However, to the extent the Fund uses the redemption in-kind mechanism, such utilization will generally have the effect of minimizing Fund shareholders' realization of capital gains.

"Portfolio Turnover Rate" is defined under the rules of the SEC as the lesser of the value of the securities purchased or securities sold, excluding all securities whose maturities at time of acquisition were one year or less, divided by the average monthly value of such securities owned during the year. Based on this definition, instruments with remaining maturities of less than one year are excluded from the calculation of Portfolio Turnover Rate. Instruments excluded from the calculation of portfolio turnover generally would include futures contracts, swap agreements and option contracts in which the Fund invests since such contracts generally have a remaining maturity of less than one year. In addition, the calculation of portfolio turnover does not include portfolio securities involved in in-kind transactions for Creation Units.

#### **PORTFOLIO TRANSACTIONS AND BROKERAGE**

Portfolio transactions will generally be implemented through in-kind transactions for Creation Units; however, the Adviser will execute brokerage transactions for the Fund and the Fund will incur brokerage commissions, particularly until the Fund achieves scale, in the case of transactions involving realized losses and in connection with short positions. Also, the Fund may accept cash, in which case the Adviser may need to execute brokerage transactions for the Fund.

Subject to the general supervision of the Board of Trustees, the Adviser is responsible for decisions to buy and sell securities for the Fund, the selection of brokers and dealers to effect the transactions, and the negotiation of brokerage commissions, if any. The Adviser expects that the Fund may execute brokerage or other agency transactions through registered broker-dealers, who receive compensation for their services, in conformity with the Investment Company Act, the 1934 Act and the rules and regulations thereunder. Compensation may also be paid in connection with riskless principal transactions (in NASDAQ or OTC securities and securities listed on an exchange) and agency NASDAQ or OTC transactions executed with an electronic communications network or an alternative trading system. The overall reasonableness of brokerage commissions is evaluated by the Adviser based upon its knowledge of available information as to the general level of commissions paid by other institutional investors for comparable services.

The Adviser serves as an investment manager to and places portfolio transactions on behalf of other clients, including other investment companies. It is the practice of the Adviser to cause purchase and sale transactions to be allocated among the Fund and others whose assets the Adviser manages in such manner as the Adviser deems equitable. Orders are placed at the end of the trading day in separate baskets for each fund (orders for the same securities on the same side of the market are not aggregated). If an order is partially filled and the security is being traded for more than one fund, the main factors considered by the Adviser in making allocations to the Fund are their respective investment objectives and the order size of each fund with respect to the relevant security. The policy of the Fund regarding purchases and sales of securities for the Fund's portfolio is that primary consideration will be given to obtaining the most favorable prices and efficient executions of transactions. Consistent with this policy, when securities transactions are effected on a stock exchange, the Fund's policy is to pay commissions that are considered fair and reasonable without necessarily determining that the lowest possible commissions are paid in all circumstances. The Fund believes that a requirement always to seek the lowest possible commission cost could impede effective portfolio management and preclude the Fund and the Adviser from obtaining a high quality of brokerage (and potentially research) services. In seeking to determine the reasonableness of brokerage commissions paid in any transaction, the Adviser relies upon its experience and knowledge regarding commissions generally charged by various brokers and on its judgment in evaluating the brokerage and research services received from the broker effecting the transaction. Such determinations are necessarily subjective and imprecise, as, in most cases, an exact dollar value for those services is not ascertainable.

Purchases and sales of U.S. government securities are normally transacted through issuers, underwriters or major dealers in U.S. government securities acting as principals. Such transactions are made on a net basis and do not involve payment of brokerage commissions. The cost of securities purchased from an underwriter usually includes a commission paid by the issuer to the underwriters; transactions with dealers normally reflect the spread between bid and asked prices.

In seeking to implement the Fund's policies, the Adviser effects transactions with those brokers and dealers who the Adviser believes provide the most favorable prices and are capable of providing efficient executions. If the Adviser believes such prices and executions are obtainable from more than one broker or dealer, the Adviser may give consideration to placing portfolio transactions with those brokers and dealers who also furnish research and other services to the Fund or the Adviser that are deemed to qualify as eligible research and brokerage products and services under the safe harbor of section 28(e) of the 1934 Act ("Section 28(e)"). Such services may include, but are not limited to, any one or more of the following: information as to the availability of securities for purchase or sale; statistical or factual information or opinions pertaining to investment; wire services; and appraisals or evaluations of portfolio securities. The provision of research and brokerage products and services is often referred to as "soft dollar" arrangements. If the broker-dealer providing these additional services is acting as a principal for its own account, no commissions would be payable. If the broker-dealer is not a principal, a higher commission may be justified for the additional services so long as the Adviser makes a good faith determination that the amount of commission is reasonable in relation to the value of the brokerage and research services provided by the broker-dealer pursuant to Section 28(e). The information and services received by the Adviser from brokers and dealers may be of benefit to the Adviser in the management of accounts of some of the Adviser's other clients and may not in all cases benefit the Fund directly. While the receipt of such information and services is useful in varying degrees and would generally reduce the amount of research or services otherwise performed by the Adviser and thereby reduce the Adviser's expenses, this information and these services are of indeterminable value and the management fee paid to the Adviser is not reduced by any amount that may be attributable to the value of such information and services.

The Adviser does not consider sales of shares as a factor in the selection of broker-dealers to execute portfolio transactions.

The aggregate brokerage commissions paid by the Fund during the three most recent fiscal years are set forth in the table below.

	<b>Brokerage Commissions Paid</b>	<b>Amount of Transactions Involved</b>
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024.....	\$ 314,533.11	\$1,230,918,796.04
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023.....	\$ 712,230.07	\$2,037,055,275.85
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022.....	\$ 218,745.67	\$ 745,756,059.79

#### *Directed Brokerage*

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, the Fund did not participate in any directed brokerage.

#### *Securities of “Regular Brokers and Dealers”*

The Fund is required to identify any securities of its “regular brokers and dealers” (as such term is defined in the Investment Company Act) that they may hold at the end of their most recent fiscal year. “Regular brokers or dealers” of the Trust are the ten brokers or dealers that, during the most recent fiscal year: (i) received the greatest dollar amounts of brokerage commissions from the Trust’s portfolio transactions; (ii) engaged as principal in the largest dollar amounts of portfolio transactions of the Trust; or (iii) sold the largest dollar amounts of the Trust’s shares. As of June 30, 2024, there were no holdings in shares of regular brokers and dealers.

### **MANAGEMENT OF THE TRUST**

#### **Trustees and Officers**

The business and affairs of the Trust are managed by its officers under the oversight of its Board. The Board sets broad policies for the Trust and may appoint Trust officers. The Board oversees the performance of the Adviser and the Trust’s other service providers. Each Trustee serves until his or her successor is duly elected or appointed and qualified.

One Trustee and all of the officers of the Trust are directors, officers or employees of the Adviser and/or its affiliates, except for Mr. Hunter and Mr. Kalina, who are employees of affiliates of the Distributor. The other Trustees are Independent Trustees.

The Trustees, their year of birth, term of office and length of time served, their principal business occupations during the past five years, the number of portfolios overseen and other directorships, if any, held by each Trustee, are shown in a table below. The officers, their year of birth, term of office and length of time served and their principal business occupations during the past five years, are shown in a table below. Unless noted otherwise, the address of each Trustee and each Officer is: c/o AGF Investments Trust, 99 High Street, Suite 2802, Boston, MA 02110.

<b>Name, Address*, Year of Birth</b>	<b>Position(s) Held with Trust</b>	<b>Term of Office and Length of Time Served (or Year Service Began)</b>	<b>Principal Occupation(s) During Past 5 Years</b>	<b>Number of Funds Overseen by Trustee</b>	<b>Other Directorships Held by Trustee</b>
<b>Independent Trustees</b>					
Peter A. Ambrosini** Year of Birth: 1943	Trustee	Indefinite/ Since 2011	Independent Consultant, (2013 to present); Independent Director of GMO Trust (2013 to 2021); Independent Consultant, GMO Funds (2011 to 2021).	1	None
Joseph A. Franco Year of Birth: 1957	Trustee	Indefinite/ Since 2011	Professor of Law, Suffolk University Law School (1996 to present).	1	None
Richard S. Robie III*** Year of Birth: 1960	Trustee	Indefinite/ Since 2011	Chief Operating Officer, Eagle Capital Management (July 2017 to present); Consultant, Advent International (August 2010 to present).	1	None
<b>Interested Trustee****</b>					
William H. DeRoche Year of Birth: 1962	Trustee; President	Indefinite/ Since 2020  Indefinite/ Since 2012	Senior Vice President, Head of Quantitative Investing, Portfolio Manager (September 2022 to present); Chief Investment Officer, Adviser, Portfolio Manager (April 2010 to present) (all above positions are with AGF Investments LLC, formerly FFCM LLC).	1	None

\* Each Independent Trustee may be contacted by writing to the counsel for the Independent Trustees of AGF Investments Trust, c/o Stacy L. Fuller, Esq., K&L Gates LLP, 1601 K Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20006-1600.

\*\* Mr. Ambrosini is the Chairman of the Audit Committee.

\*\*\* Mr. Robie is the Chairman of the Nominating Committee.

\*\*\*\* Mr. DeRoche is an “interested person,” as defined by the Investment Company Act, because of his employment with AGF Investments LLC, adviser to the Fund.

## Officers

Name, Address, Year of Birth	Position(s) Held with Trust	Term of Office and Length of Time Served	Principal Occupation(s) During the Past 5 Years
Joshua Hunter 3 Canal Plaza, Suite 100 Portland, ME 04101 Year of Birth: 1981	Principal Financial Officer and Treasurer	Indefinite/ Since 2015	Senior Principal Consultant and Fund Principal Financial Officer, Foreside Management Services, LLC (July 2015 to present).*
Kenneth Kalina 3 Canal Plaza, Suite 100 Portland, ME 04101 Year of Birth: 1959	Chief Compliance Officer	Indefinite/ Since 2017	Senior Principal Consultant and Fund Chief Compliance Officer, Foreside Fund Officer Services, LLC (June 2017 to present);.*
Kevin McCreddie 81 Bay Street, Suite 3900 CIBC Square – Tower One Toronto, Ontario Canada M5J 0G1 Year of Birth: 1960	Vice President	Indefinite/Since 2017	Director of AGF Investments LLC (June 2014 to present); Chief Executive Officer and Chief Investment Officer of AGF Management Limited (December 2018 to present); Executive Vice President and Chief Investment Officer of AGF Management Limited (June 2014 to November 2018); Senior Officer and/or Director of certain subsidiaries of AGF Management Limited (June 2014 to present).
Damion Hendrickson 99 High Street, Suite 2802 Boston, MA 02110 Year of Birth: 1972	Vice President	Indefinite/Since 2020	Managing Director/Head of U.S. Business of AGF Investments (March 2020 to present); Managing Director/Head of Sales U.S. and Latin America of HSBC Global Asset Management (December 2011 to February 2020).

\*Mr. Hunter and Mr. Kalina serve as officers to other unaffiliated mutual funds or closed-end funds for which the Distributor (or its affiliates) acts as distributor (or provider of other services).

## Trustee Ownership of Fund Shares

As of December 31, 2023, the Trustees and officers of the Trust, as a group, owned beneficially less than 1% of the outstanding shares of the Trust. As of December 31, 2023, as to each Independent Trustee and his immediate family members, no person owned beneficially or of record securities in the Adviser or Distributor, or a person (other than a registered investment company) directly or indirectly controlling, controlled by, or under common control with the Adviser or Distributor.

The following table shows the dollar range of shares of the Fund owned by each Trustee in the Fund:

Information as of December 31, 2023*		
Name of Trustee	Dollar Range of Equity Securities in the Fund	Aggregate Dollar Range of Equity Securities in All Registered Investment Companies Overseen by Trustee in Family of Investment Companies*
<b>Independent Trustees</b>		
Peter A. Ambrosini .....	None	None
Joseph A. Franco.....	BTAL: \$10,001 - \$50,000	\$10,001 - \$50,000
Richard S. Robie III.....	None	None
<b>Interested Trustee</b>		
William H. DeRoche.....	BTAL: Over \$100,000	Over \$100,000

\* Family of Investment Companies consists only of the Funds of AGF Investments Trust.

## Additional Information About the Trustees

The following provides information additional to that set forth in the table above regarding other relevant qualifications, experience, attributes or skills applicable to each Trustee.

Peter A. Ambrosini: Mr. Ambrosini has extensive experience in the investment management business, including as a chief compliance officer of an investment adviser.

Joseph A. Franco: Mr. Franco is a law professor and has extensive experience in legal and regulatory issues affecting the securities industry, including prior positions with the SEC. He recently co-authored a legal casebook on Investment Management Regulation.

Richard S. Robie III: Mr. Robie has extensive experience in the investment management business, including as a chief administration officer of an investment adviser.

William H. DeRoche: Mr. DeRoche has extensive experience in the investment management industry, including as head of quantitative investment strategies, senior portfolio manager and investment analyst.

The Board has determined that each Trustee on an individual basis and in combination with the other Trustees is qualified to serve, and should serve, on the Board. To make this determination the Board considered a variety of criteria, none of which in isolation was controlling. Among other things, the Board considered each Trustee's experience, qualifications, attributes and skills.

## **Board Structure**

Mr. DeRoche is considered to be an Interested Trustee and serves as Chairman of the Board. The Chairman's responsibilities include: setting an agenda for each meeting of the Board; presiding at all meetings of the Board; and serving as a liaison among the other Trustees, Trust officers, management personnel and counsel.

The Board believes that having an interested Chairman, who is familiar with the Adviser and its operations, while also having three-fourths of the Board composed of Independent Trustees, strikes an appropriate balance that allows the Board to benefit from the insights and perspective of a representative of management while empowering the Independent Trustees with the ultimate decision-making authority. The Board has not appointed a lead Independent Trustee at this time. The Board does not believe that an independent Chairman or a lead Independent Trustee would enhance the Board's effectiveness, as the relatively small size of the Board allows for diverse viewpoints to be shared and for effective communications between and among Independent Trustees and management so that meetings proceed efficiently. Independent Trustees have effective input with respect to the Board's agenda because they form a majority of the Board and can request presentations and agenda topics at Board meetings.

The Board normally holds four regularly scheduled meetings each year at least two of which are in person. The Board may hold special meetings, as needed, either in person or by video or telephone, to address matters arising between regular meetings. The Independent Trustees typically meet separately at each regularly scheduled in-person meeting of the Board, during a portion of each separate meeting management is not present. The Independent Trustees may also hold special meetings, as needed, either in person or by telephone.

The Board conducts a self-assessment on an annual basis, as part of which it considers whether the structure of the Board and its Committees are appropriate under the circumstances. Based on such self-assessment, among other matters, the Board considers whether its current structure and whether its oversight of the number of series in the Trust are appropriate and effective.

The Board sets broad policies for the Trust and may appoint Trust officers. The Board oversees the performance of the Adviser and the Trust's other service providers. As part of its oversight function, the Board monitors the Adviser's risk management, including, as applicable, its management of investment, compliance and operational risks, through the receipt of periodic reports and presentations. The Board has not established a standing risk committee. Rather, the Board relies on Trust officers, advisory personnel and service providers to manage applicable risks and report exceptions to the Board in order to enable it to exercise its oversight responsibility. To this end, the Board receives reports from such parties at least quarterly, including, but not limited to, investment and/or performance reports, distribution reports, Rule 12b-1 reports, valuation reports and internal controls reports. Similarly, the Board receives quarterly reports from the Trust's chief compliance officer ("CCO"), including, but not limited to, a report on the Trust's compliance program, and the Independent Trustees have an opportunity to meet separately each quarter with the CCO. The CCO typically provides the Board with updates regarding the Trust's compliance policies and procedures, including any enhancements to them. The Board expects all parties, including, but not limited to, the Adviser, service providers and the CCO, to inform the Board on an intra-quarter basis if a material issue arises that requires the Board's oversight.

The Board generally exercises its oversight as a whole but has delegated certain oversight functions to an Audit Committee. The function of the Audit Committee is discussed in detail below.

## Committees

The Board currently has two standing committees: an Audit Committee and a Nominating Committee. Currently, each Independent Trustee serves on each of these committees.

The purposes of the Audit Committee are to: (1) oversee generally the Fund’s accounting and financial reporting policies and practices, their internal controls and, as appropriate, the internal controls of certain service providers; (2) oversee the quality, integrity, and objectivity of the Fund’s financial statements and the independent audit thereof; (3) assist the full Board with its oversight of the Trust’s compliance with legal and regulatory requirements that relate to the Fund’s accounting and financial reporting, internal controls and independent audits; (4) approve, prior to appointment, the engagement of the Trust’s independent auditors and, in connection therewith, to review and evaluate the qualifications, independence and performance of the Trust’s independent auditors; and (5) act as a liaison between the Trust’s independent auditors and the full Board. The Audit Committee met three times during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

The purposes of the Nominating Committee are, among other things, to: (1) identify and recommend for nomination candidates to serve as Trustees and/or on Board committees who are not “interested persons” as defined in Section 2(a)(19) of the Investment Company Act (“Interested Person”) of the Trust and Adviser and who meet any independence requirements of Exchange Rule 5.3(k)(1) or the applicable rule of any other exchange on which shares of the Trust are listed; (2) evaluate and make recommendations to the full Board regarding potential trustee candidates who are and, separately, are not Interested Persons of the Trust and Adviser; and (3) review periodically the workload and capabilities of the Trustees and, as the Nominating Committee deems appropriate, to make recommendations to the Board if such a review suggests that changes to the size or composition of the Board and/or its committees are warranted. The Nominating Committee may, in its sole discretion, consider potential candidates for nomination identified by certain shareholders. Shareholder nominations should be forwarded to the attention of the President of the Trust at the address provided on the cover of this SAI. Any shareholder nomination must be submitted in compliance with all of the pertinent provisions of Rule 14a-8 under the 1934 Act in order to be considered by the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee met one time during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

## Compensation of Trustees and Officers

The Interested Trustee is not compensated by the Trust. Effective January 1, 2023, the Trust pays each Independent Trustee an annual retainer of \$36,000, paid in equal quarterly installments. All Trustees are reimbursed for their travel expenses and other reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with attending Board meetings. The Trust does not accrue pension or retirement benefits as part of the Fund’s expenses, and Trustees are not entitled to benefits upon retirement from the Board.

The table below shows the compensation that was paid to the Trustees for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024:

Name	Aggregate Compensation from the Fund	Pension or Retirement Benefits Accrued as part of Trust Expenses	Estimated Annual Benefits upon Retirement	Total Compensation from the Trust Paid to Trustees*
<b>Independent Trustees</b>				
Peter A. Ambrosini	\$34,890	None	None	\$36,000
Joseph A. Franco	\$34,890	None	None	\$36,000
Richard S. Robie III	\$34,890	None	None	\$36,000
<b>Interested Trustee</b>				
William H. DeRoche	None	None	None	None

\*A portion of the total reflects payments made on behalf of funds that have been liquidated.

## Control Persons and Principal Holders of Securities

Although the Trust does not have information concerning the beneficial ownership of shares nominally held by the Depository Trust Company (“DTC”), as of October 3, 2024, the name, address and percentage ownership of each DTC participant that owned of record 5% or more of the outstanding shares of the Fund were as follows:

### AGF U.S. Market Neutral Anti-Beta Fund

Nominee Name/Address	Percentage of Ownership
Pershing LLC 1 Pershing Plaza Jersey City, NJ 07399	5.00%
Desjardins Securities Inc. 1170, rue Peel Bureau 300 Montreal, Quebec H3B 0A9	16.00%
National Financial Services LLC P.O. Box 673004 Dallas, TX 75267	18.00%
Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. ATTN: Proxy P.O. Box 64930 Phoenix, AZ 85082	38.00%*

\* A person who beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, 25% or more of the voting securities of the Fund may be deemed to “control” (as defined in the Investment Company Act) the Fund, and may be able to exercise a controlling influence over any matter submitted to shareholders of the Fund.

## INFORMATION ABOUT THE ADVISER

William H. DeRoche, CFA has been the Fund’s portfolio manager since the Fund’s inception. Philip Lee, PhD has been a portfolio manager for the Fund since July 2013. Josh Belko, CFA has been a portfolio manager for the Fund since April 2017. The Adviser is a wholly-owned subsidiary of AGF Management Limited (“AGF”). AGF is a Canadian-based investment management firm serving institutions and individuals around the globe since 1957.

### Other Accounts Managed by the Portfolio Managers

The following table provides information about the portfolio managers as of June 30, 2024:

	Registered Investment Companies*		Other Pooled Investment Vehicles**		Other Accounts		Performance Fee Accounts	
	Number of Accounts	Total Assets (in millions)	Number of Accounts	Total Assets (in millions)	Number of Accounts	Total Assets (in millions)	Number of Accounts	Total Assets (in millions)
Portfolio Manager								
William DeRoche	1	\$ 249.6	9	\$ 1,904.8	N/A	\$ N/A	N/A	N/A
Philip Lee	1	\$ 249.6	N/A	\$ N/A	N/A	\$ N/A	N/A	N/A
Josh Belko	1	\$ 249.6	N/A	\$ N/A	N/A	\$ N/A	N/A	N/A

\* Registered Investment Companies include all funds managed by the portfolio manager, including the Fund.

\*\* Other Pooled Investment Vehicles include Canadian-registered mutual funds, including ETFs, managed by the portfolio manager.

### Conflicts of Interest

In the course of providing advisory services for the Fund, the Adviser may simultaneously recommend the sale of a particular security for one Fund or account, if any, while recommending the purchase of the same security for another fund in the Trust or account, if any, if such recommendations are consistent with each client’s investment strategies.

The Adviser, its principals, officers and employees (and members of their families) and affiliates may participate directly or indirectly as investors in the Adviser’s clients, such as the Fund. Thus, the Adviser may recommend to clients the purchase or sale of securities in which it, or its officers, employees or related persons have a financial interest. The Adviser may give advice and take actions in the performance of its duties to its clients that differ from the advice given or the timing and nature of actions taken with respect to other clients’ accounts and/or employees’ accounts that may invest in some of the same securities recommended to clients.



In addition, the Adviser, its affiliates and principals will trade for their own accounts. Consequently, non-customer and proprietary trades may be executed and cleared through any prime broker or other broker used by clients. It is possible that officers or employees of the Adviser will buy or sell securities or other instruments that the Adviser has recommended to, or purchased for, its clients and may engage in transactions for their own accounts in a manner that is inconsistent with the Adviser’s recommendations to a client. Personal securities transactions by employees may raise potential conflicts of interest when such persons trade in a security that is owned by, or considered for purchase or sale for, a client. The Adviser has adopted policies and procedures designed to detect and prevent such conflicts of interest and, when they do arise, to ensure that it effects transactions for clients in a manner that is consistent with its fiduciary duty to its clients and in accordance with applicable law.

Any Access Person of the Adviser may make security purchases, subject to the terms of the Adviser’s Code of Ethics, which is consistent with the requirements of Rule 17j-1 under the Investment Company Act.

The Adviser and its affiliated persons are likely to come into possession from time to time of material nonpublic and other confidential information about companies which, if disclosed, might affect an investor’s decision to buy, sell, or hold a security. Under applicable law, the Adviser and its affiliated persons would be prohibited from improperly disclosing or using this information for their personal benefit or for the benefit of any person, regardless of whether the person is a client of the Adviser. Accordingly, should the Adviser or any affiliated person come into possession of material nonpublic or other confidential information with respect to any company, the Adviser and its affiliated persons will have no responsibility or liability for failing to disclose the information to clients as a result of following its policies and procedures designed to comply with applicable law.

*Portfolio Manager Compensation*

AGF Investments has created a competitive compensation program that is designed to attract and retain high-caliber investment professionals. Portfolio managers are eligible to receive a fixed base salary, an annual incentive bonus, potential equity ownership, as well as benefits. A portfolio manager’s total compensation, inclusive of bonus and equity ownership in the Adviser reflects a portfolio manager’s relative experience and contribution to the firm.

The annual incentive bonus opportunity provides cash bonuses and equity ownership based upon the Adviser’s overall performance and individual contributions. At this stage in the growth of the Adviser, equity ownership is the key incentive compensation for rewarding portfolio managers. Principal consideration is given to appropriate risk management, teamwork and investment support activities in determining the annual bonus amount. Overall compensation will depend on the profitability of the Adviser, which is tied to the success of the Fund.

The portfolio managers are eligible to participate in the Adviser’s standard employee benefit programs, which include health and welfare programs.

*Disclosure of Securities Ownership*

The table below shows the dollar range of equity securities in the Fund beneficially owned by each portfolio manager as of June 30, 2024.

<b>Name of Portfolio Manager</b>	<b>Dollar Range of Securities Beneficially Owned</b>
William H. DeRoche.....	\$100,001-\$500,000
Philip Lee, PhD.....	None
Josh Belko.....	None

## Investment Advisory Agreement

Under an investment advisory agreement between AGF Investments and the Trust, on behalf of the Fund (“Advisory Agreement”), the Fund pays AGF Investments a fee at an annualized rate, based on its average daily net assets, of 0.45%. AGF Investments manages the investment and the reinvestment of the assets of the Fund, in accordance with the investment objectives, policies, and limitations of the Fund, subject to the general supervision and control of the Board. AGF Investments’ address is 99 High Street, Suite 2802, Boston, MA 02110. Under the Advisory Agreement, the Adviser bears all costs associated with providing these advisory services and pays all salaries, expenses, and fees of the Trustees and officers of the Trust who are officers, directors/trustees, partners, or employees of the Adviser or its affiliates. Subject to the Expense Cap (defined below), the Trust pays all expenses of its organization, operations, and business not specifically assumed or agreed to be paid by the Adviser. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, subject to the Expense Cap, the Trust pays or arranges for the payment of the following: the costs of preparing, setting in type, printing and mailing of the Prospectus, Prospectus supplements, SAIs, annual, semi-annual and periodic reports, and notices and proxy solicitation materials required to be furnished to shareholders of the Trust or regulatory authorities, and all tax returns; compensation of the officers and Trustees of the Trust who are not officers, directors/trustees, partners or employees of Adviser or its affiliates; principal financial officer fees, CCO fees and Anti-Money Laundering (“AML”) officer fees; all legal and other fees and expenses incurred in connection with the affairs of the Trust, including those incurred with respect to registering its shares with regulatory authorities and all fees and expenses incurred in connection with the preparation, setting in type, printing, and filing with necessary regulatory authorities of any registration statement and Prospectus, and any amendments or supplements that may be made from time to time, including registration, filing and other fees in connection with requirements of regulatory authorities; all expenses of the transfer, receipt, safekeeping, servicing and accounting for the Trust’s cash, securities, and other property, including all charges of depositories, custodians, and other agents, if any; the charges for the services and expenses of the independent accountants and legal counsel retained by the Trust, for itself or its Independent Trustees; the charges and expenses of maintaining shareholder accounts, including all charges of transfer, bookkeeping, and dividend disbursing agents appointed by the Trust; index licensing fees; all brokers’ commissions and issue and transfer taxes chargeable to the Trust in connection with securities transactions to which the Trust is a party; all taxes and corporate fees payable by or with respect to the Trust to federal, state, or other governmental agencies, including preparation of such documents as required by any governmental agency in connection with such taxes; any membership fees, dues or expenses incurred in connection with the Trust’s membership in any trade association or similar organizations; all insurance premiums for fidelity and other coverage; all expenses incidental to holding shareholders and Trustees meetings, including the printing of notices and proxy materials and proxy solicitation fees and expenses; all expenses of pricing of the NAV per share of the Fund, including the cost of any equipment or services to obtain price quotations; and extraordinary expenses, such as indemnification payments or damages awarded in litigation or settlements made.

AGF Investments has contractually agreed to waive the fees and reimburse expenses of the Fund until at least November 1, 2027 so that the total annual operating expenses (excluding interest, taxes, brokerage commissions and other expenses that are capitalized in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, dividend, interest and brokerage expenses for short positions, acquired fund fees and expenses, and extraordinary expenses) (“Operating Expenses”) of the Fund are limited to 0.45% (collectively, the “Expense Cap”). This undertaking can only be changed with the approval of the Board of Trustees. In addition, the Adviser has contractually agreed to reduce its management fees in an amount equal to any acquired fund fees and expenses incurred by the Fund that are attributable to the management fee paid to the Adviser (or an affiliated person of the Adviser) by an underlying fund in which the Fund invests. The Fund has agreed that it will repay the Adviser for fees and expenses waived or reimbursed for a period of 36 months following such waiver or reimbursement, provided that repayment does not cause Operating Expenses to exceed the lower of the Fund’s Expense Cap and the Fund’s expense cap in place at the time of the Adviser’s waiver or reimbursement.

AGF Investments, from its own resources, including profits from advisory fees received from the Fund, also may make payments to broker-dealers and other financial institutions for their expenses in connection with the distribution of the Fund’s shares. A discussion regarding the basis for the Board’s most recent approval of the Advisory Agreements is in the report to shareholders for the period ended June 30, 2024.

The Advisory Agreement provides that the Adviser will not be liable for any error of judgment or mistake of law or for any loss suffered by the Trust in connection with the matters to which the Advisory Agreement relates, but will be liable only for willful misconduct, bad faith, gross negligence or reckless disregard of its duties or obligations in rendering its services to the Trust as specified in the Advisory Agreement. The Advisory Agreement also provides that the Adviser may engage in other businesses, devote time and attention to any other business whether of a similar or dissimilar nature, and render investment advisory services to others.

The Advisory Agreement, with respect to the Fund, will remain in effect for two (2) years from its effective date and thereafter continue in effect for as long as its continuance is specifically approved at least annually, by: (1) the Board or by the vote of a majority (as defined in the Investment Company Act) of the outstanding shares of the Fund; and (2) by the vote of a majority of the Trustees who are not parties to the Advisory Agreement or Interested Persons of the Adviser, cast in person at a meeting called for the purpose of voting on such approval. The Advisory Agreement provides that it may be terminated at any time, without the payment of any penalty, by the Board or by vote of a majority of the Fund's shareholders on 60 calendar days written notice to the Adviser, and by the Adviser on 60 calendar days' written notice to the Trust and that it shall be automatically terminated if it is assigned.

The table below shows the aggregate advisory fees paid by the Fund, as well as expenses waived or reimbursed by the Adviser, during the three most recent fiscal years:

	<b>Advisory Fees Paid</b>	<b>Reimbursements and Waivers by the Adviser</b>
Fiscal year ended June 30, 2024	\$1,160,058	\$(757,399)
Fiscal year ended June 30, 2023	\$1,531,206	\$(885,030)
Fiscal year ended June 30, 2022	\$533,061	\$(612,540)

### **Codes of Ethics**

The Trust, the Adviser and Foreside Financial Group, LLC (on behalf of each of the Distributor, Foreside Fund Officer Services LLC, and Foreside Management Services LLC), have each adopted a code of ethics ("Codes of Ethics") under Rule 17j-1 of the Investment Company Act which is designed to prevent their affiliated persons from engaging in deceptive, manipulative, or fraudulent activities in connection with securities held or to be acquired by the Fund (which may also be held by persons subject to a Code of Ethics). There can be no assurance that the Codes of Ethics are effective in preventing such activities. The Codes of Ethics permit, subject to certain conditions, personnel of each of those entities to invest in securities that may be purchased or held by the Fund. The Trust's and the Adviser's Codes of Ethics are on file with the SEC and are available to the public.

### **PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS DISCLOSURE POLICY**

The Board has adopted a policy regarding the disclosure of information about the Fund's portfolio securities. Under the policy, portfolio holdings of the Fund, which will form the basis for the calculation of NAV on a Business Day, are publicly disseminated before the opening of trading on that Business Day on our website [www.agf.com/us](http://www.agf.com/us).

In addition, under normal circumstances, a portfolio composition file ("PCF") and other information regarding the long positions, short positions and cash in the Fund's portfolio will be made available daily to support transactions in Creation Units. Each Business Day, the PCF will be provided to the Distributor and Administrator for dissemination through the facilities of the National Securities Clearing Corporation ("NSCC") to NSCC members, typically including institutional investors that have been authorized by the Distributor to transact in creation units ("Authorized Participants"), and entities that publish and/or analyze such information in connection with the purchasing or redeeming Creation Units or trading shares of the Fund in the secondary market. Daily access to the PCF is permitted: (i) to certain personnel of those service providers that are involved in portfolio management and providing administrative, operational, or other support to portfolio management, including Authorized Participants and the Exchange; and (ii) to other personnel of the Adviser and the Distributor, administrator, custodian and fund accountant who are involved in functions which may require such information to conduct business in the ordinary course.

Portfolio holdings information may not be provided prior to its public availability ("Non-Standard Disclosure") except where appropriate confidentiality arrangements limiting the use of such information are in effect. Non-Standard Disclosure may be authorized by the Trust's Chief Compliance Officer or, in his/her absence, any other authorized officer of the Trust if he/she determines that such disclosure is in the best interests of the Fund's shareholders, no conflict exists between the interests of the Fund's shareholders and those of the Adviser or Distributor and such disclosure serves a legitimate business purpose. The length of lag, if any, between the date of the information and the date on which the information is disclosed shall be determined by the officer authorizing the disclosure.

## INFORMATION ABOUT OTHER SERVICE PROVIDERS

### Administrator, Fund Accounting Agent, Transfer Agent and Custodian

J.P. Morgan Chase Bank, N.A., (“Administrator”), 70 Fargo Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02210, acts as administrator, fund accounting agent and transfer agent to the Fund pursuant to an administration agreement and a transfer agency agreement (collectively, the “service agreements”).

Pursuant to the service agreements, the Administrator provides the Fund with all required general administrative services, including, without limitation, office space, equipment, and personnel; clerical and general back office services; bookkeeping, internal accounting, and secretarial services; the determination of NAVs; and the preparation and filing of all reports, registration statements, proxy statements, and all other materials required to be filed or furnished by the Fund under federal and state securities laws. The Administrator pays all fees and expenses that are directly related to the services provided by the Administrator to the Fund; the Fund reimburses the Administrator for all fees and expenses incurred by the Administrator which are not directly related to the services the Administrator provides to the Fund under the service agreements. The Fund may also reimburse the Administrator for such out-of-pocket expenses as incurred by the Administrator in the performance of its duties pursuant to the service agreements.

JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., (“Custodian”), 4 Chase MetroTech Center, Brooklyn, New York 11245, acts as custodian to the Fund pursuant to a global custody agreement.

The following table sets forth the administration, fund accounting, transfer agent and custodian expenses of the Fund paid to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. for the fiscal years noted:

<b>Administration, Fund Accounting, Transfer Agent and Custodian Fees Paid During Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024</b>	<b>Administration, Fund Accounting, Transfer Agent and Custodian Fees Paid During Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023</b>	<b>Administration, Fund Accounting, Transfer Agent and Custodian Fees Paid During Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022</b>
\$149,898	\$181,307	\$119,909

### Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

Cohen & Company, Ltd. (“Cohen”), 342 North Water Street, Suite 830, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202, serves as independent registered public accounting firm to the Fund. Cohen provides audit services, tax return preparation and assistance, and consultation in connection with certain SEC filings.

### Legal Counsel

K&L Gates LLP, 1601 K Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20006-1600, serves as the Trust’s legal counsel.

### Distributor

Foreside Fund Services, LLC, (the “Distributor”), a Delaware limited liability company, serves as the distributor of Creation Units for the Fund on an agency basis. The Trust has entered into a Distribution Agreement (“Distribution Agreement”), under which the Distributor, as agent, receives orders from Authorized Participants to create and redeem shares in Creation Unit Aggregations and transmits such orders to the Trust’s Custodian and Transfer Agent. The Distributor’s principal address is 3 Canal Plaza, Portland, Maine 04101. The Distributor is a broker-dealer registered under the 1934 Act, and a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (“FINRA”). Shares are continuously offered for sale by the Trust through the Distributor only in whole Creation Units, as described in the section of this SAI entitled “Transactions in Creation Units.” The Distributor also acts as an agent for the Trust for those activities described within the Distribution Agreement. The Distributor will deliver a prospectus to Authorized Participants purchasing shares in Creation Units and will maintain records of both orders placed with it and confirmations of acceptance furnished by it to Authorized Participants. The Distributor has no role in determining the investment policies of the Fund or which securities are to be purchased or sold by the Fund. No compensation is payable by the Trust to the Distributor for such distribution services. However, the Adviser has entered into an agreement with the Distributor under which it makes payments to the Distributor in consideration for its services under the Distribution Agreement. The payments made by the Adviser to the Distributor do not represent an additional expense to the Trust or its shareholders.

## **Principal Financial Officer, Chief Compliance Officer and AML Officer Services Agreements**

The Trust has entered into agreements with Foreside Management Services, LLC (“Foreside Management”) and Foreside Fund Officer Services, LLC (“Foreside Compliance”), Three Canal Plaza, Suite 100, Portland, ME 04101, pursuant to which Foreside Management and Foreside Compliance provide the Trust with the services of individuals to serve as the Trust’s Principal Financial Officer, CCO and AML officer. Neither Foreside Management, Foreside Compliance nor the Principal Financial Officer, CCO or AML officer have a role in determining the investment policies of the Trust or Fund, or which securities are to be purchased or sold by the Trust or the Fund.

## **Distribution and Service Plan**

The Board has adopted a Distribution and Service Plan for the Fund pursuant to Rule 12b-1 under the Investment Company Act (“Plan”). In accordance with its Plan, the Fund is authorized to pay an amount up to 0.25% of its average daily net assets each year for certain distribution-related activities. In addition, if the payment of management fees by the Fund is deemed to be indirect financing by the Fund of the distribution of its shares, such payment is authorized by the Plan. The Plan specifically recognizes that the Adviser may use management fee revenue, as well as past profits or other resources, to pay for expenses incurred in connection with providing services intended to result in the sale of shares. The Adviser may pay amounts to third parties for distribution or marketing services on behalf of the Fund.

The Plan was adopted in order to permit the implementation of the Fund’s method of distribution; however, no fees are currently paid by the Fund under the Plan, and there are no current plans to impose such fees. In the event such fees were to be charged, they would increase the cost of an investment in the Fund over time.

If fees were charged under the Plan, the Trustees would receive and review at the end of each quarter a written report provided by the Distributor of the amounts expended under the Plan and the purpose for which such expenditures were made.

The Plan will remain in effect for a period of one year and is renewable from year to year with respect to the Fund, so long as its continuance is approved at least annually: (1) by the vote of a majority of the Trustees; and (2) by a vote of the majority of those Independent Trustees who have no direct or indirect financial interest in the Plan (“Rule 12b-1 Trustees”), cast in person at a meeting called for the purpose of voting on such approval. The Plan may not be amended to increase materially the amount of fees paid by the Fund unless such amendment is approved by an Investment Company Act majority vote of the outstanding shares and by the Trustees in the manner described above. The Plan is terminable with respect to the Fund at any time by a vote of a majority of the Rule 12b-1 Trustees or by an Investment Company Act majority vote of the outstanding shares.

## **Intermediary Compensation**

The Adviser and/or its affiliates, out of their own resources and not out of the Fund's assets may pay certain broker dealers, banks and other financial intermediaries (“Intermediaries”), to the extent permitted by applicable law, for certain activities related to a Fund, including participating in activities that are designed to make registered representatives, other professionals, and individual investors more knowledgeable about the fund, marketing activities and presentations, educational training programs, the support of technology platforms and/or reporting systems, and the sale of a Fund's shares. Such compensation may also be paid to Intermediaries for inclusion of a Fund on a sales list, including a preferred or select sales list, or at a waived or reduced commission rate or ticket charge. Similarly, the Adviser or its affiliates may make payments to Intermediaries that make the Fund available to their clients, for otherwise promoting the Fund and/or for the receipt of analytical data in relation to sales of Fund shares. These arrangements are sometimes referred to as “revenue sharing” arrangements.

Revenue sharing arrangements are not financed by a Fund. Although a portion of the Adviser's revenue comes directly or indirectly from fees paid by the Fund, revenue sharing payments do not increase the price paid by investors for the purchase of Fund shares or the cost of owning the Fund. They are not reflected in the fees and expenses listed in the fees and expenses sections of the Fund's Prospectus or the amount received by a shareholder as proceeds from the redemption of shares of a Fund.

**Payments to an Intermediary may create a conflict of interest.** Such payments may be significant to the Intermediary, and amounts that Intermediaries pay to your adviser, broker or other investment professional, if any, may also be significant to such adviser, broker or investment professional. Because an Intermediary may make decisions about what investment options it will make available or recommend, and what services to provide in connection with various products, based on payments it receives or is eligible to receive, such payments create conflicts of interest between the Intermediary and its clients. For example, financial incentives may cause the Intermediary to recommend a Fund over other investments. The same conflict of interest exists with respect to your financial adviser, broker or investment professionals if he or she receives similar payments from his or her Intermediary firm.

As of the date of this SAI, the Adviser expects to establish a service arrangement with Fidelity Brokerage Services LLC and National Financial Services LLC pursuant to which they agree not to charge their customers trading commissions when those customers purchase or sell shares of the Fund online, subject to certain conditions. In this arrangement, these two Intermediaries are expected to receive remuneration from the Adviser for record keeping, shareholder services and other services, including the development, maintenance and promotion of their platforms for exchange-traded funds, such as the Fund. This Intermediary information is current only as of the date of this SAI. Please contact your adviser, broker or other investment professional for more information regarding any payments his or her Intermediary firm may receive.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING SHARES**

### **Organization and Description of Shares of Beneficial Interest**

The Trust is a Delaware statutory trust and registered open-end investment company. The Trust was organized on November 19, 2009, and has authorized capital of unlimited shares of beneficial interest of no par value which may be issued in more than one class or series. Currently, the Trust consists of 1 series. The Board may designate additional series and classify shares of a particular series into one or more classes of that series.

Under Delaware law, the Trust is not required to hold an annual shareholder meeting if the Investment Company Act does not require such a meeting. Generally, there will not be annual meetings of Trust shareholders. If requested by shareholders of at least 10% of the outstanding shares of the Trust, the Trust will call a meeting of shareholders for the purpose of voting upon the question of removal of a Trustee and will assist in communications with other Trust shareholders. Shareholders holding two-thirds of shares outstanding of all Funds may remove Trustees from office by votes cast at a meeting of Trust shareholders or by written consent.

All shares are freely transferable. Shares will not have preemptive rights, cumulative voting rights, or any preference to conversion, exchange, dividends, retirements, liquidation, redemption, or any other feature. Shares have equal voting rights, except that in a matter affecting only a particular Fund, only shares of that Fund may be entitled to vote on the matter. The Trust Instrument confers upon the Board the power, by resolution, to alter the number of shares constituting a Creation Unit or to specify that shares of the Fund may be individually redeemable. The Trust reserves the right to adjust the prices of shares to maintain convenient trading ranges for investors (namely, to maintain a price per share that is attractive to investors). Any such adjustments would be accomplished through stock splits or reverse stock splits which would have no effect on the NAV of the Fund.

The Trust Instrument disclaims liability of the shareholders or the officers of the Trust for acts or obligations of the Trust which are binding only on the assets and property of the Trust. The Trust Instrument provides for indemnification out of the Fund's property for all loss and expense of the Fund's shareholders being held personally liable solely by reason of his or her being or having been a shareholder and not because of his or her acts or omissions or for some other reason. The risk of a shareholder incurring financial loss on account of shareholder liability is limited to circumstances in which the Fund itself would not be able to meet the Trust's obligations and this risk should be considered remote.

## **Book Entry Only System**

The DTC acts as a securities depository for the shares. The shares of the Fund are represented by a global certificate registered in the name of DTC or its nominee and deposited with, or on behalf of, DTC.

DTC has advised the Trust as follows: it is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the laws of the State of New York, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a “clearing corporation” within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code and a “clearing agency” registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the 1934 Act. DTC was created to hold securities of its participants (“DTC Participants”) and to facilitate the clearance and settlement of securities transactions among the DTC Participants in such securities through electronic book-entry changes in accounts of the DTC Participants, thereby eliminating the need for physical movement of securities certificates. DTC Participants include securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations and certain other organizations, some of whom (and/or their representatives) own DTC. More specifically, DTC is owned by a number of its DTC Participants and by the NYSE and the FINRA. Access to the DTC system is also available to others such as banks, brokers, dealers and trust companies that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a DTC Participant, either directly or indirectly (“Indirect Participants”). DTC agrees with and represents to DTC Participants that it will administer its book-entry system in accordance with its rules and by-laws and requirements of law.

Beneficial ownership of shares is limited to DTC Participants, Indirect Participants and persons holding interests through DTC Participants and Indirect Participants. Ownership of beneficial interests in shares (owners of such beneficial interests are referred to herein as “Beneficial Owners”) is shown on, and the transfer of ownership is effected only through, records maintained by DTC (with respect to DTC Participants) and on the records of DTC Participants (with respect to Indirect Participants and Beneficial Owners that are not DTC Participants). Beneficial Owners will receive from or through the DTC Participant a written confirmation relating to their purchase of shares. The laws of some jurisdictions may require that certain purchasers of securities take physical delivery of such securities in definitive form. Such laws may impair the ability of certain investors to acquire beneficial interests in shares.

Beneficial Owners of shares are not entitled to have shares registered in their names, will not receive or be entitled to receive physical delivery of certificates in definitive form and are not considered the registered holder thereof. Accordingly, each Beneficial Owner must rely on the procedures of DTC, the DTC Participant and any Indirect Participant through which such Beneficial Owner holds its interests, to exercise any rights of a holder of shares. The Trust understands that under existing industry practice, in the event the Trust requests any action of holders of shares, or a Beneficial Owner desires to take any action that DTC, as the record owner of all outstanding shares, is entitled to take, DTC would authorize the DTC Participants to take such action and that the DTC Participants would authorize the Indirect Participants and Beneficial Owners acting through such DTC Participants to take such action and would otherwise act upon the instructions of Beneficial Owners owning through them. As described above, the Trust recognizes DTC or its nominee as the owner of all shares for all purposes. Conveyance of all notices, statements and other communications to Beneficial Owners is effected as follows. Pursuant to the Depositary Agreement between the Trust and DTC, DTC is required to make available to the Trust, upon request and for a fee to be charged to the Trust, a listing of share holdings of each DTC Participant. The Trust shall inquire of each such DTC Participant as to the number of Beneficial Owners holding shares, directly or indirectly, through such DTC Participant. The Trust shall provide each such DTC Participant with copies of such notice, statement or other communication, in such form, number and at such place as such DTC Participant may reasonably request, in order that such notice, statement or communication may be transmitted by such DTC Participant, directly or indirectly, to such Beneficial Owners. In addition, the Trust shall pay to each such DTC Participant a fair and reasonable amount as reimbursement for the expenses attendant to such transmittal, all subject to applicable statutory and regulatory requirements.

Distributions of shares shall be made to DTC or its nominee, Cede & Co., as the registered holder of all shares. DTC or its nominee, upon receipt of any such distributions, shall credit immediately DTC Participants' accounts with payments in amounts proportionate to their respective beneficial interests in shares as shown on the records of DTC or its nominee. Payments by DTC Participants to Indirect Participants and Beneficial Owners of shares held through such DTC Participants are governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is now the case with securities held for the accounts of customers in bearer form or registered in a "street name," and are the responsibility of such DTC Participants. The Trust has no responsibility or liability for any aspects of the records relating to or notices to Beneficial Owners, or payments made on account of beneficial ownership interests in such shares, or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records relating to such beneficial ownership interests or for any other aspect of the relationship between DTC and the DTC Participants or the relationship between such DTC Participants and the Indirect Participants and Beneficial Owners owning through such DTC Participants.

The Trust will not make the DTC book-entry dividend reinvestment service available for use by Beneficial Owners for reinvestment of their cash proceeds but certain brokers may make a dividend reinvestment service available to their clients. Brokers offering such services may require investors to adhere to specific procedures and timetables in order to participate. Investors interested in such a service should contact their broker for availability and other necessary details. DTC may determine to discontinue providing its service with respect to shares at any time by giving reasonable notice to the Trust and discharging its responsibilities with respect thereto under applicable law. Under such circumstances, the Trust shall take action either to find a replacement for DTC to perform the functions described or make other arrangements to represent Share ownership satisfactory to the Exchange.

### **PROXY VOTING POLICY AND PROCEDURES**

The Board has delegated to the Adviser the responsibility to vote proxies related to the securities held in the Fund's portfolios. Under this authority, the Adviser is required by the Board to vote proxies related to portfolio securities in the best interests of the Fund and its shareholders. The Board permits the Adviser to contract with a third party to obtain proxy voting and related services.

While proxy voting is not integral to the Adviser's investment strategy, the Adviser has implemented written Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures ("Proxy Voting Policy") that are reasonably designed to ensure that the Adviser votes proxies prudently and in the best interest of its advisory clients for whom the Adviser has voting authority, including the Fund. The Adviser retains an independent fiduciary, Institutional Shareholder Services ("ISS"), to vote proxies on behalf of its clients, and periodically conducts due diligence on ISS as part of its oversight responsibilities related to the use of ISS.

The Adviser has agreed to and the Board has approved the use of the ISS U.S. Sustainability Proxy Voting Policy ("ISS Policy"), which reflects voting guidelines that are consistent with the objectives of sustainability-minded investors and fiduciaries. The Policy recognizes the growing view among investment professionals that sustainability or environmental, social, and corporate governance ("ESG") factors could present material risks to portfolio investments. The ISS Policy incorporates ESG performance into investment making decisions in order to reflect a more comprehensive understanding of the overall risk profile of portfolio companies and ensure sustainable long-term profitability for their beneficiaries. The ISS Policy seeks to promote support for sustainable business practices, stewardship of environment, fair labor practices, non-discrimination, and the protection of human rights. Generally, the ISS Policy will take as its frame of reference internationally recognized sustainability-related initiatives and bodies.



The Proxy Voting Policy also describes how the Adviser addresses any conflicts that may arise between its interests and those of its clients with respect to proxy voting. The Proxy Voting Policy seeks to avoid material conflicts of interest by having ISS vote proxies according to detailed, pre-determined guidelines, which the Adviser has determined are in the best interests of its clients. Thus, absent unusual circumstances or specific client instructions, the Adviser votes proxies on a particular matter in the same way for all clients, regardless of their investment style or strategies.

Further, as the process for voting is automated, the instances in which votes are not cast, or not cast according to the guidelines, is minimized. The Adviser's portfolio management team is permitted, under certain circumstances, to vote contrary to the ISS guidelines, provided they believe they are acting in the best interests of clients and complete documentation to substantiate that belief. The Adviser's CCO performs a quarterly review to ensure that, in any instances where the Adviser voted contrary to the ISS guidelines, the proper documentation was completed.

No later than August 31 of each year, information regarding how the Fund voted proxies relating to portfolio securities during the most recent 12-month period ended June 30 will be available, without charge, by calling 1-617-292-9801, through a link on the Fund's website at [www.agf.com/us](http://www.agf.com/us), or through the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).

### **TRANSACTIONS IN CREATION UNITS**

The Fund sells and redeems shares in Creation Units on a continuous basis through the Distributor, without a sales load, at the NAV next determined after receipt of an order in proper form on any Business Day. No Fund will issue fractional Creation Units, although individual Fund shares may be issued or redeemed on the day of consummation of a reorganization, merger, conversion or liquidation, and such transactions would not be limited to Authorized Participants under these circumstances.

To purchase or redeem any Creation Units from the Fund, you must be, or transact through, an Authorized Participant. In order to be an Authorized Participant, you must be a member or participant of a clearing agency registered with the SEC, which has a written agreement with the Fund or one of its service providers that allows the authorized participant to place orders for the purchase and redemption of Creation Units (a "Participant Agreement," and such participants, an "Authorized Participant"). All shares of the Fund, however created, will be entered on the records of DTC in the name of its nominee for the account of a participant of DTC ("DTC Participant").

Transactions by an Authorized Participant using the Continuous Net Settlement System of the NSCC ("Clearing Process") are referred to as transactions "through the Clearing Process." Transactions by an Authorized Participant that is a DTC Participant using the DTC system are referred to as transactions "outside the Clearing Process."

Investors who are not Authorized Participants but want to transact in Creation Units may contact the Distributor for the names of Authorized Participants. Investors should be aware that their broker may not be an Authorized Participant and, therefore, may need to place any order to purchase or redeem Creation Units through another broker or person that is an Authorized Participant, which may result in additional charges to the investor.

Creations and redemptions of Fund shares are subject to compliance with applicable federal and state securities laws, including that securities accepted for deposit and securities used to satisfy redemption requests are sold in transactions that would be exempt from registration under the Securities Act. The Fund (whether or not it otherwise permits cash redemptions) reserves the right to redeem Creation Units for cash to the extent that an investor could not lawfully purchase or the Fund could not lawfully deliver specific securities under such laws or the local laws of a jurisdiction in which the Fund invests. An Authorized Participant or an investor for which it is acting subject to a legal restriction with respect to a particular stock included in an in-kind basket of securities may, at the Fund's discretion, be paid an equivalent amount of cash and/or other securities. An Authorized Participant that is not a qualified institutional buyer ("QIB") as defined in Rule 144A under the Securities Act will not be able to receive, as part of a redemption, restricted securities eligible for resale under Rule 144A.

Orders must be transmitted by an Authorized Participant by telephone or other transmission method acceptable to the Distributor pursuant to procedures set forth in the Participant Agreement. Market disruptions and telephone or other communication failures may impede the transmission of orders.

Regular orders must be received by the Distributor by the “Closing Time” of the regular trading session on the Exchange (currently 4:00 p.m. Eastern time) on the Business Day such order is placed to be effectuated based on the Fund’s NAV that day. Orders effectuated outside the Clearing Process are likely to require transmittal earlier in the day. Thus, persons placing or effectuating orders outside the Clearing Process should be mindful of time deadlines imposed by intermediaries, such as DTC and/or the Federal Reserve Bank wire system, which may impact the successful processing of such orders.

The securities contained in the In-Kind Creation Basket and In-Kind Redemption Basket will either (1) correspond pro rata to the Fund’s portfolio (except for rounding of fractional shares or non-tradeable lots, or cash-in-lieu of non-deliverable instruments), as disclosed in the PCF, or (2) constitute a representative sampling of the Fund’s portfolio. Alternatively, the Fund may permit or require “custom baskets,” which are baskets composed of a non-representative selection of the Fund’s portfolio or a representative basket that is different from the initial basket used in transactions on the same Business Day.

Custom orders may clear outside the Clearing Process and, therefore, like other orders outside the Clearing Process, may need to be transmitted earlier on the relevant Business Day to be effectuated at that day’s NAV.

Persons placing or effectuating custom orders should be mindful of time deadlines imposed by intermediaries, which may impact the successful processing of such orders.

Shares of the Fund will only be issued against full payment, as further described in the Prospectus and this SAI.

### **Transaction Fees**

To compensate the Trust for costs incurred in connection with creation and redemption transactions, investors may be required to pay a Transaction Fee. The “Standard Creation Transaction Fee” and “Standard Redemption Transaction Fee” are fixed for, respectively, all creation and redemption transactions through the Clearing Process on a Business Day, regardless of the number of transactions effectuated that day. A “Variable Fee” may be imposed as part of the Transaction Fee for, among other things: (i) transactions outside the Clearing Process; and (ii) transactions effectuated wholly or partly in cash, including custom orders, to offset brokerage and other transaction costs thereby imposed on the Trust. The Adviser may adjust or waive the Transaction Fee from time to time. Investors will also be responsible for the costs associated with transferring the securities in the In-Kind Creation and In-Kind Redemption Baskets, respectively, to and from the account of the Trust.

The Standard Creation/Redemption Transaction Fees for the Fund is \$1,500.00. For the Fund, a Variable Fee of up to a maximum of 2.00% of the value of the Creation Unit may be charged (inclusive of any Standard Transaction Fees charged).

### **Purchasing Creation Units**

*Fund Deposit.* The consideration for a Creation Unit of the Fund is the Fund Deposit. The Fund Deposit will consist of the In-Kind Creation Basket and the Cash Component, or an all-cash payment. The Cash Component consists of a Balancing Amount and a Transaction Fee.

The Balancing Amount reflects the difference, if any, between the aggregate NAV of a Creation Unit and the market value of the securities in the In-Kind Creation Basket. If the aggregate NAV per Creation Unit exceeds the market value of the securities in the In-Kind Creation Basket, the purchaser pays the Balancing Amount to the Fund. By contrast, if the aggregate NAV per Creation Unit is less than the market value of the securities in the In-Kind Creation Basket, the Fund pays the Balancing Amount to the purchaser.

The Administrator, in a PCF sent via the NSCC, generally makes available on each Business Day, prior to the opening of business on the Exchange (currently 9:30 a.m., Eastern time), a list of the names and the required number of shares of each security in the In-Kind Creation Basket to be included in the current Fund Deposit for the Fund (based on information about the Fund’s portfolio at the end of the previous Business Day). The Administrator, through the NSCC, also generally makes available on each Business Day, the estimated Balancing Amount, effective through and including the previous Business Day.

The Fund Deposit is applicable for purchases of Creation Units of the Fund until such time as the next-announced Fund Deposit is made available. The Fund reserves the right to accept a nonconforming (*i.e.*, custom) Fund Deposit. All questions as to the composition of the In-Kind Creation Basket and the validity, form, eligibility, and acceptance for deposit of any securities shall be determined by the Fund, and the Fund's determination shall be final and binding.

*Placement of Creation Orders Using Clearing Process.* In connection with creation orders made through the Clearing Process, the Distributor transmits on behalf of the Authorized Participant, such trade instructions as are necessary to effect the creation order. Pursuant to such trade instructions, the Authorized Participant agrees to deliver the requisite Fund Deposit to the Trust, together with such additional information as may be required by the Distributor or Transfer Agent. An order to create Creation Units through the Clearing Process is deemed received by the Distributor on a given Business Day ("Transmittal Date") if: (i) such order is received by the Distributor by the Closing Time on such Transmittal Date; and (ii) all other procedures set forth in the Participant Agreement are properly followed.

*Acceptance of Orders for Creation Units.* The Trust reserves the absolute right to reject a creation order if: (i) the order is not in proper form; (ii) the investor(s), upon obtaining the shares, would own 80% or more of the currently outstanding shares of an ETF; (iii) the securities delivered do not conform to the In-Kind Creation Basket for the relevant date; (iv) acceptance of the In-Kind Creation Basket would have adverse income tax consequences to the Fund; (v) acceptance of the Fund Deposit would, in the opinion of counsel, be unlawful; (vi) acceptance of the Fund Deposit would otherwise in the discretion of the Trust or the Adviser have an adverse effect on the Trust or the rights of beneficial owners; or (vii) in the event that circumstances that are outside the control of the Trust, Custodian, Distributor and Adviser make it practically impossible to process creation orders. Examples of such circumstances include acts of God, public service or utility problems such as fires, floods, extreme weather conditions and power outages resulting in telephone, telecopy and computer failures; market conditions or activities causing trading halts; systems failures involving computer or other information systems affecting the Trust, the Adviser, the Distributor, DTC, NSCC, the Custodian or sub-custodian or any other participant in the creation process, and similar extraordinary events.

*Placement of Creation Orders Outside Clearing Process.* Fund Deposits made outside the Clearing Process must state that the DTC Participant is not using the Clearing Process and is instead effecting a transfer of securities and cash through DTC. With respect to such orders, the Fund Deposit transfer must be ordered by the DTC Participant on the Transmittal Date in time to deliver the In-Kind Creation Basket to the relevant Trust account by 11:00 a.m., Eastern time, and to transfer the Cash Component to the Custodian through the Federal Reserve Bank wire transfer system by no later than 12:00 p.m., Eastern time, in each case on the Business Day immediately following the Transmittal Date.

An order to create Creation Units outside the Clearing Process is deemed received by the Distributor on the Transmittal Date if: (i) such order is received by the Distributor by the Closing Time on such Transmittal Date; and (ii) all other procedures set forth in the Participant Agreement are properly followed. However, if the Custodian does not receive both the required In-Kind Creation Basket by the DTC Cut-Off Time and the Cash Component by 12:00 p.m., Eastern Time on the Business Day immediately following the Transmittal Date, such order will be canceled. Upon written notice to the Distributor, such canceled order may be resubmitted the following Business Day using the new Fund Deposit. The delivery of Creation Units so created will occur no later than the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) Business Day following the day on which the order is deemed received by the Distributor.

Creation Units may be created in advance of receipt by the Trust of all or a portion of the applicable In-Kind Creation Basket, provided the purchaser tenders an initial deposit consisting of any available securities in the In-Kind Creation Basket and cash equal to the sum of the Cash Component and at least 105% of the market value of the In-Kind Creation Basket securities not delivered ("Additional Cash Deposit"). Such initial deposit will have a value greater than the NAV of the Creation Unit on the date the order is placed. The order shall be deemed to be received on the Transmittal Date provided that it is placed in proper form prior to 4:00 p.m., Eastern Time, on such date, and federal funds in the appropriate amount are deposited with the Custodian by 12:00 p.m., Eastern Time, the following Business Day.

To the extent securities in the In-Kind Creation Basket remain undelivered, pending delivery of such securities additional cash is required to be deposited with the Trust as necessary to maintain an Additional Cash Deposit equal to at least 105% of the daily marked to market value of the missing securities. To the extent that either such securities are still not received by 1:00 p.m., Eastern time, on the second Business Day following the day on which the purchase order is deemed received by the Distributor or a marked-to-market payment is not made as required, the Trust may use the cash on deposit to purchase the missing securities, and the Authorized Participant effectuating such transaction is liable to the Fund for any costs incurred therein or losses resulting therefrom, including any Transaction Fee, any amount by which the actual purchase price of the missing securities exceeds the Additional Cash Deposit or the market value of such securities on the day the purchase order was deemed received by the Distributor, as well as brokerage and related transaction costs. The Trust will return any unused portion of the Additional Cash Deposit once all of the missing securities have been received by the Trust. The delivery of Creation Units so created will occur no later than the second Business Day following the day on which the purchase order is deemed received by the Distributor.

## **Redeeming Creation Units**

*Fund Redemptions.* Shares may be redeemed only in Creation Units at their NAV next determined after receipt of a redemption request in proper form by the Fund through the Distributor and only on a Business Day. The redemption proceeds for a Creation Unit will consist of the In-Kind Redemption Basket and a Cash Redemption Amount, or a Cash Redemption Amount that includes an all cash payment. The Cash Redemption Amount consists of a Balancing Amount and a Transaction Fee.

The Balancing Amount reflects the difference, if any, between the aggregate NAV of a Creation Unit and the market value of the securities in the In-Kind Redemption Basket. If the aggregate NAV per Creation Unit exceeds the market value of the securities in the In-Kind Redemption Basket, the Fund pays the Balancing Amount to the redeeming investor. By contrast, if the aggregate NAV per Creation Unit is less than the market value of the securities in the In-Kind Redemption Basket, the redeeming investor pays the Balancing Amount to the Fund.

The Administrator may make available prior to the opening of business on the Exchange (currently 9:30 a.m., Eastern time) on each Business Day, the identity and number or amount of the portfolio securities in the current In-Kind Redemption Basket (subject to possible amendment or correction). The In-Kind Redemption Basket on a particular Business Day may not be identical to the In-Kind Creation Basket for that day.

The right of redemption may be suspended or the date of payment postponed: (i) for any period during which the NYSE is closed (other than customary weekend and holiday closings); (ii) for any period during which trading on the NYSE is suspended or restricted; (iii) for any period during which an emergency exists as a result of which disposal of the shares or determination of the Fund's NAV is not reasonably practicable; or (iv) in such other circumstances as permitted by the SEC, including as described below.

*Placement of Redemption Orders Using Clearing Process.* Orders to redeem Creation Units through the Clearing Process are deemed received by the Trust on the Transmittal Date if: (i) such order is received by the Distributor not later than 4:00 p.m., Eastern time, on such Transmittal Date; and (ii) all other procedures set forth in the Participant Agreement are properly followed. Orders deemed received are effectuated based on the NAV of the Fund as next determined. An order to redeem Creation Units using the Clearing Process made in proper form but received by the Trust after 4:00 p.m. Eastern time, are deemed received on the next Business Day and are effected at the NAV next determined on such next Business Day. The applicable In-Kind Redemption Basket and the Cash Redemption Amount are transferred to the investor by the second NSCC business day following the date on which such request for redemption is deemed received.

*Placement of Redemption Orders Outside Clearing Process.* Orders to redeem Creation Units outside the Clearing Process must state that the DTC Participant is not using the Clearing Process and is instead effecting a transfer of shares through DTC. Such orders are deemed received by the Trust on the Transmittal Date if: (i) such order is received by the Distributor not later than 4:00 p.m., Eastern time on the Transmittal Date; (ii) such order is accompanied or followed by the delivery of both: (a) the Creation Unit(s), which delivery must be made through DTC to the Custodian no later than the DTC Cut-Off Time on the Business Day immediately following the Transmittal Date; and (b) the Cash Redemption Amount by 12:00 p.m., Eastern time on the Business Day immediately following the Transmittal Date; and (iii) all other procedures set forth in the Participant Agreement are properly followed. After the Trust has deemed such an order received, the Trust will initiate procedures to transfer, and expect to deliver, the requisite In-Kind Redemption Basket and any Cash Redemption Amount owed to the redeeming party by the second Business Day following the Transmittal Date on which such redemption order is deemed received by the Trust.

## DETERMINATION OF NET ASSET VALUE

The NAV of shares is calculated each Business Day as of the close of regular trading on the NYSE, generally 4:00 p.m. Eastern time. The Fund's NAV per share is computed by dividing the net assets by the number of shares outstanding.

## TAXATION

### Overview

Set forth below is a discussion of certain federal income tax considerations concerning the Fund and the purchase, ownership, and disposition of the Fund's shares. This discussion does not purport to be complete or to deal with all aspects of federal income taxation that may be relevant to shareholders in light of their particular circumstances or to certain types of shareholders subject to special treatment under the federal income tax law (for example, life insurance companies, banks and other financial institutions, and individual retirement accounts ("IRAs") and other retirement plans). This discussion is based upon present provisions of the Code, and the regulations promulgated thereunder, in effect as of the date hereof and judicial decisions and administrative rulings publicly available as of that date, all of which are subject to change, which may be retroactive. Prospective investors should consult their own tax advisors with regard to the federal tax consequences of the purchase, ownership, or disposition of the Fund's shares, as well as the tax consequences arising under the laws of any state, foreign country, or other taxing jurisdiction.

The Fund intends to continue to qualify each taxable year, to be treated as a RIC. A RIC is not subject to federal income tax on net income and net realized capital and foreign currency gains distributed in a timely manner to its shareholders. To qualify for treatment as a RIC, the Fund generally must, among other things:

(a) derive in each taxable year at least 90% of its gross income from (i) dividends, interest, payments with respect to certain securities loans and gains from the sale or other disposition of stock, securities or foreign currencies, or other income (including gains from options, futures, or forward contracts) derived with respect to its business of investing in stock, securities or such currencies and (ii) net income from interests in "qualified publicly traded partnerships" (as defined below) ("QPTPs") (the income described in this paragraph (a), "Qualifying Income") ("Income Requirement");

(b) diversify its holdings so that, at the end of each quarter of the Fund's taxable year, (i) at least 50% of the value of its total assets is represented by cash and cash items, Government securities, the securities of other RICs and other securities, with such other securities limited, in respect of any one issuer, to an amount not greater in value than 5% of the value of the Fund's total assets and to not more than 10% of the outstanding voting securities of such issuer, and (ii) not more than 25% of the value of the Fund's total assets is invested in (x) the securities (other than Government securities and the securities of other RICs) of any one issuer or of two or more issuers that the Fund controls (by owning 20% or more of their voting power) and that are engaged in the same, similar or related trades or businesses or (y) the securities of one or more QPTPs ("Diversification Requirements"); and

(c) distribute with respect to each taxable year at least the sum of 90% of its "investment company taxable income" (as that term is defined in the Code, without regard to the deduction for dividends paid—generally, ordinary income, the excess, if any, of net short-term capital gain over net long-term capital loss, and net gains and losses from certain foreign currency transactions, if any) ("ICTP") and 90% of its net exempt interest income for such year ("Distribution Requirement").

A QPTP is a "publicly traded partnership" that is treated as a partnership for federal tax purposes and satisfies certain qualifying income requirements and derives less than 90% of its gross income from the items described in clause (a)(i).

In general, for purposes of the Income Requirement, income derived from a partnership (other than a QPTP) will be treated as Qualifying Income only to the extent it is attributable to items of income of the partnership that would be Qualifying Income if realized directly by the RIC. However, 100% of the net income of a RIC derived from an interest in a QPTP will be treated as Qualifying Income. In addition, although in general the passive loss rules of the Code do not apply to RICs, such rules do apply to a RIC with respect to items attributable to an interest in a QPTP.

For purposes of meeting the Diversification Requirement, the term “outstanding voting securities of such issuer” includes the equity securities of a QPTP.

If, in any taxable year, the Fund were to fail to qualify for taxation as a RIC -- 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 to, or determined not to, avail itself of Code provisions that enable a RIC to cure a failure to satisfy any of those requirements as long as the failure “is due to reasonable cause and not due to willful neglect” and the RIC pays a deductible tax calculated in accordance with those provisions and meets certain other requirements -- then, the Fund would be subject to tax on its taxable income at the corporate rate (21%), and all distributions from earnings and profits, including distributions of net capital gain (that is, the excess of net long-term capital gain (*i.e.*, gain from the sale or other disposition of investments that the Fund has owned (or is treated as having owned) for more than one year) over net short-term capital loss) (if any)), would be taxable to shareholders as dividend income. For individual and certain other non-corporate shareholders (each, an “individual shareholder”) that meet certain holding period and other requirements regarding their Fund shares, those dividends would be taxable as “qualified dividend income” (as defined below) and thus subject to federal income tax at the rates for net capital gain. In the case of corporate shareholders that meet certain holding period and other requirements regarding their Fund shares, all or part of those dividends would be eligible for the “dividends-received deduction.” Distributions from the Fund would not be deductible by it in computing its taxable income. In addition, in order to requalify for taxation as a RIC, the Fund may be required to recognize unrealized gains, pay substantial taxes and interest, and make certain distributions.

Amounts not distributed on a timely basis as described in the next sentence are subject to a nondeductible 4% federal excise tax at the Fund level. To avoid the tax, the Fund must distribute during each calendar year an amount equal to the sum of (1) at least 98% of its ordinary income (taking into account certain deferrals and elections) for the calendar year, (2) at least 98.2% of its capital gains in excess of its capital losses (adjusted for certain ordinary losses) for a one-year period generally ending on October 31 of the calendar year, plus (3) all such income and gains that were not distributed in previous years. For this purpose, the Fund will be treated as having distributed any amount on which it has been subject to federal corporate income tax in the taxable year ending within the calendar year. The Fund intends to make distributions each taxable year, sufficient to avoid imposition of the 4% excise tax, although there can be no assurance that the Fund will be able to do so.

## Distributions

For federal income tax purposes, distributions of ICTI are taxable to a U.S. shareholder (other than a tax-exempt entity) as ordinary income, whether paid in cash or shares. Distributions of net capital gain that are properly reported by the Fund as capital gain dividends (“Capital Gain Dividends”), whether paid in cash or reinvested in shares, are taxable at long-term capital gain rates (see below), regardless of how long the shareholder has held the shares on which the Capital Gain Dividends were paid. Capital Gain Dividends are not eligible for the corporate dividends-received deduction and are not “qualified dividend income.”

Distributions attributable to the excess of net gains from the sale or other disposition of investments that the Fund owned for one year or less over net long-term capital losses are taxable as ordinary income. Distributions of capital gains are generally made after applying any available capital loss carryover(s). From time to time the Fund may have capital loss carryforwards (“CLCFs”) available to offset future realized gains, if any, to the extent provided for by regulations and to thereby reduce the amount of future capital gain distributions. Under current tax law, CLCFs retain their character as either short-term or long-term capital losses, and are not subject to expiration. For the tax year ended June 30, 2024, the Fund had available CLCFs to offset future net capital gains as follows:

Capital Loss Carryforwards	Utilized Capital Loss Carryforwards
\$ (130,319,185)	\$ —

Under current tax rules, RICs can elect to treat certain late-year ordinary losses incurred and post-October capital losses (capital losses realized after October 31) as arising on the first day of the following taxable year. As of June 30, 2024, the Fund will elect to treat the following late-year ordinary losses and post-October capital losses as arising on July 1, 2024:

Ordinary Late Year Loss Deferrals	Post-October Capital Losses	Total
\$ —	\$ (24,855,426)	\$ (24,855,426)

The maximum long-term capital gain rates applicable to individual shareholders is either 15% or 20% (depending on whether depending on whether the individual's income exceeds certain threshold amounts).

If the Fund makes a distribution to its shareholders in excess of its current and accumulated "earnings and profits" in any taxable year, the excess distribution will be treated as a return of capital to the extent of each shareholder's basis (for tax purposes) in its shares, and any distribution in excess of basis will be treated as capital gain. A return of capital is not taxable, but it reduces the shareholder's basis in its shares, which reduces the loss (or increases the gain) on a subsequent taxable disposition by such shareholder of the shares.

A distribution is treated as paid on December 31 of a calendar year if it is declared by the Fund in October, November or December of that year with a record date in such a month and paid by the Fund during January of the following year. Such a distribution thus is taxable to shareholders in their taxable year in which that December 31 falls, rather than the calendar year in which the distribution is received.

Investors should be careful to consider the tax implications of buying shares just prior to a distribution. The price of shares purchased at that time will reflect the amount of the forthcoming distribution, but the distribution nevertheless will generally be taxable.

Shareholders are notified annually as to the federal tax status of Fund distributions, and shareholders receiving distributions in the form of newly issued shares will receive a report as to the value of the shares received.

Individuals and certain other noncorporate entities are generally eligible for a 20% deduction with respect to ordinary dividends received from REITs ("qualified REIT dividends") and certain taxable income from publicly traded partnerships through 2025. The IRS has issued regulations permitting a RIC to pass through to its shareholders qualified REIT dividends eligible for the 20% deduction. However, the regulations do not provide a mechanism for a RIC to pass through to its shareholders income from publicly traded partnerships that would be eligible for such deduction.

Distributions by the Fund to a tax-deferred or qualified plan, such as an IRA, retirement plan or corporate pension or profit-sharing plan, generally are not taxable. However, distributions from such a plan will be taxable to individual participants without regard to the character of the income earned by the plan.

Certain distributions reported by the Fund as section 163(j) interest dividends may be treated as interest income by shareholders for purposes of the tax rules applicable to interest expense limitations under Code section 163(j). Such treatment by the shareholder is generally subject to holding period requirements and other potential limitations, although the holding period requirements are generally not applicable to dividends declared by money market funds and certain other funds that declare dividends daily and pay such dividends on a monthly or more frequent basis. The amount that the fund is eligible to report as a Section 163(j) dividend for a tax year is generally limited to the excess of the Fund's business interest income over the sum of the Fund's (i) business interest expense and (ii) other deductions properly allocable to the Fund's business interest income.

Please consult a tax advisor for a more complete explanation of the federal, state, local and (if applicable) foreign tax consequences of making investments through such plans.

## Qualified Dividend Income

The Fund's distributions attributable to "qualified dividend income" (*i.e.*, dividends the Fund receives on stock of most domestic and certain foreign corporations with respect to which the Fund satisfies certain holding period and other restrictions, unless the total dividends the Fund receives therefrom is at least 95% of its gross income, as specially computed, in which case all its dividends qualify) received by an individual shareholder who or that satisfies similar restrictions are taxed at the maximum long-term capital gain rates mentioned above. A dividend will not be treated as qualified dividend income (at either the Fund or shareholder level) (1) if the dividend is received with respect to any share of stock held for fewer than 61 days during the 121-day period beginning on the date that is 60 days before the date on which such share becomes ex-dividend with respect to such dividend (or, in the case of certain preferred stock, 91 days during the 181-day period beginning 90 days before such date), (2) to the extent that the recipient is under an obligation (whether pursuant to a short sale or otherwise) to make related payments with respect to positions in substantially similar or related property, (3) if the recipient elects to have the dividend income treated as investment income for purposes of deducting investment interest, or (4) if the dividend is received from a foreign corporation that is (a) not eligible for the benefits of a comprehensive income tax treaty with the United States (with the exception of dividends paid on stock of such a foreign corporation that is readily tradable on an established securities market in the United States) or (b) treated as a "passive foreign investment company."

## Dividends-Received Deduction

Dividends of net investment income received by corporate shareholders (other than shareholders that are S corporations) of the Fund will qualify for the 50% dividends-received deduction generally available to corporations to the extent of the amount of qualifying dividends received by the Fund from domestic corporations for the taxable year. A dividend received by the Fund will not be treated as a qualifying dividend (1) if the stock on which the dividend is paid is considered to be "debt-financed" (generally, acquired with borrowed funds), (2) if it has been received with respect to any share of stock that the Fund has held less than 46 days (91 days in the case of certain preferred stock) during the 91-day period beginning on the date which is 45 days before the date on which such share becomes ex-dividend with respect to such dividend (during the 181-day period beginning 90 days before such date in the case of certain preferred stock) or (3) to the extent that the Fund is under an obligation (pursuant to a short sale or otherwise) to make related payments with respect to positions in substantially similar or related property. Moreover, the dividends-received deduction may be disallowed or reduced (1) if the corporate shareholder fails to satisfy the foregoing requirements with respect to its shares of the Fund or (2) by application of the Code. However, any distributions received by the Fund from REITs and PFICs will not qualify for the corporate dividends-received deduction. The amount eligible for the dividends-received deduction may also be reduced as a result of the Fund's securities lending activities or high portfolio turnover rate.

## Disposition of Shares

Upon a redemption, sale or exchange of shares, a shareholder will realize a taxable gain or loss depending upon his, her, or its basis in the shares. A gain or loss will be treated as capital gain or loss if the shares are held as capital assets in the shareholder's hands and generally will be long-term or short-term, depending upon the shareholder's holding period for the shares. Any loss realized on a redemption, sale or exchange of shares will be disallowed to the extent the shares are replaced (including through reinvestment of dividends, if available) within a period of 61 days beginning 30 days before and ending 30 days after the shares are disposed of. In such a case, the basis of the shares acquired will be adjusted to reflect the disallowed loss. Any loss realized by a shareholder on the disposition of shares held by the shareholder for six months or less will be treated for tax purposes as a long-term capital loss to the extent of any distributions of Capital Gain Dividends received (or treated as having been received) by the shareholder with respect to such shares.

Reporting to shareholders and the IRS is required annually with respect to the gross proceeds of shares sold or redeemed and also their cost basis. Shareholders should contact their intermediaries with respect to reporting of cost basis and available elections with respect to their accounts. Shareholders should carefully review the cost basis information provided by the applicable intermediary and make any additional basis, holding period or other adjustments that are required when reporting these amounts on their federal income tax returns.



## Medicare Tax

An additional 3.8% Medicare tax is imposed on certain net investment income (including ordinary dividends and capital gain distributions received from the Fund and net gains from redemptions or other taxable dispositions of Fund shares) of U.S. individuals, estates and trusts to the extent that such person's "modified adjusted gross income" (in the case of an individual) or "adjusted gross income" (in the case of an estate or trust) exceeds certain threshold amounts.

## Backup Withholding

Intermediaries may be required to withhold federal income tax from dividends (including Capital Gain Dividends), and redemption proceeds paid to shareholders ("backup withholding"). Backup withholding will apply if (1) a shareholder fails to furnish the intermediary with the shareholder's correct social security number or other taxpayer identification number, (2) the IRS notifies a shareholder or the intermediary that the shareholder has failed to properly report to the IRS certain interest and dividend income and to respond to notices to that effect, or (3) when required to do so, a shareholder fails to certify that he or she is not subject to backup withholding. The backup withholding rate is 24%. Any amounts backup withheld may be credited against a shareholder's federal income tax liability.

In order for a foreign investor to qualify for exemption from backup withholding and for reduced withholding tax rates under income tax treaties (see the next subsection), the investor must comply with special certification and filing requirements. Foreign investors in the Fund should consult their tax advisors in this regard.

## Non-U.S. Shareholders

Dividends, other than Capital Gain Dividends, paid by the Fund to a shareholder that is not a "U.S. person" within the meaning of the Code (a "foreign person") generally are subject to withholding of federal income tax at a rate of 30% (or lower applicable treaty rate) even if they are attributable to net income or net realized gains (such as portfolio interest, short-term capital gains or foreign-source dividend and interest income) that, if paid to a foreign person directly, would not be subject to withholding. Dividends the Fund pays to a nonresident alien individual, foreign corporation or partnership, or foreign trust or estate (each, a "foreign shareholder"), other than (1) dividends paid to a foreign shareholder whose ownership of the Fund's shares is "effectively connected" (as defined in the Code) with a trade or business within the United States the shareholder conducts and (2) Capital Gain dividends 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 that withholding tax. Two categories of dividends, however, "interest-related dividends" and "short-term capital gain dividends," the Fund pays to foreign shareholders (with certain exceptions) and reports in writing to its shareholders are exempt from that withholding tax. "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. "Short-term capital gain dividends" are dividends that are attributable to "qualified short-term gain" (*i.e.*, net short-term capital gain, computed with certain adjustments) that are not subject to the special rules regarding disposition of U.S. real property interests described below.

The Fund may opt not to report dividends as interest-related dividends or short-term capital gain dividends. In the case of shares held through an intermediary, the intermediary may withhold tax even if the Fund reports its dividends as interest-related or short-term capital gain dividends.

If a beneficial holder of shares who or that is a foreign person has a trade or business in the United States, and dividends from the Fund are effectively connected with the holder's conduct of that trade or business, the dividends will be subject to federal income taxation at regular income tax rates.

A beneficial holder of shares who is a foreign person is not, in general, subject to federal income tax on gains (and is not allowed a deduction for losses) realized on the sale of shares or on Capital Gain Dividends unless (1) such gain or dividend is effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business carried on by such holder within the United States or (2) in the case of an individual holder, the holder is present in the United States for a period or periods aggregating 183 days or more during the year of the sale or the receipt of the Capital Gain Dividend and certain other conditions are met or (3) the shares constitute "U.S. real property interests" ("USRPIs") or the Capital Gain Dividends are attributable to gains from the sale or exchange of USRPIs in accordance with the rules set forth below.

Special rules apply to distributions to foreign shareholders from the Fund that is either a “U.S. real property holding corporation” (“USRPHC”) or would be a USRPHC but for the operation of the exceptions to the definition thereof described below. Additionally, special rules apply to the sale of shares in a fund that is a USRPHC. Very generally, a USRPHC is a domestic corporation that holds USRPIs — USRPIs are defined as any interest in U.S. real property or any equity interest in a USRPHC — the fair market value of which equals or exceeds 50% of the sum of the fair market values of the corporation’s USRPIs, interests in real property located outside the United States and certain other assets. A fund that holds (directly or indirectly) significant interests in REITs may be a USRPHC. The special rules discussed in the next paragraph will also generally apply to distributions from a fund that would be a USRPHC absent exclusions from USRPI treatment for interests in domestically controlled REITs or RICs and not-greater-than- 10% or not-greater-than-5% interests in publicly traded classes of stock in REITs or RICs, respectively.

In the case of a fund that is a USRPHC or would be a USRPHC but for the exceptions from the definition of USRPI (described immediately above), distributions by the fund that are attributable to (a) gains realized on the disposition of USRPIs by the fund and (b) distributions received by the fund from a lower-tier RIC or REIT that the fund is required to treat as USRPI gain in its hands will retain their character as gains realized from USRPIs in the hands of the fund’s foreign shareholders. If the foreign shareholder holds (or has held in the prior year) more than 5% interest in the Fund, such distributions will be treated as gains “effectively connected” with the conduct of a “U.S.” trade or business,” and subject to tax at graduated rates. Moreover, such shareholders will be required to file a U.S. income tax return for the year in which the gain was recognized and the fund or intermediary will be required to withhold 21% of the amount of such distribution. In the case of all other foreign shareholders (i.e., those whose interest in the fund did not exceed 5% at any time during the prior year), the USRPI distribution will be treated as ordinary income (regardless of any reporting by the fund that such distribution is a short-term capital gain dividend or a Capital Gain Dividend), and the fund or intermediary must withhold 30% (or a lower applicable treaty rate) of the amount of the distributions paid to such foreign shareholder. Foreign shareholders of a fund are also subject to “wash sale” rules to prevent the avoidance of the tax-filing and -payment obligations discussed above through the sale and repurchase of Fund shares.

In addition, a fund that is a USRPHC or intermediary must typically withhold 15% of the amount realized in a redemption by a greater-than-5% foreign shareholder, and that shareholder must file a U.S. income tax return for the year of the disposition of the USRPI and pay any additional tax due to the gain. No withholding is generally required with respect to amounts paid in redemption of shares of a fund if the fund is a domestically controlled USRPHC or, in certain limited cases, if the fund (whether or not domestically controlled) holds substantial investments in RICs that are domestically controlled USRPHCs.

In order to qualify for any exemptions from withholding described above or for lower withholding tax rates under income tax treaties, or to establish an exemption from backup withholding, the foreign investor must comply with special certification and filing requirements relating to its non-US status (including, in general, furnishing an applicable IRS Form W-8 or substitute form). Foreign investors in the Fund should consult their tax advisers in this regard.

If a shareholder is eligible for the benefits of a tax treaty, any effectively connected income or gain generally is subject to federal income tax on a net basis only if it is also attributable to a permanent establishment maintained by the shareholder in the United States.

A beneficial holder of shares who is a foreign person may be subject to state and local tax and to the U.S. federal estate tax in addition to the federal tax on income referred to above. Foreign shareholders in the Fund should consult their tax advisors with respect to the potential application of the above rules.

Under the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (“FATCA”), “foreign financial institutions” (“FFIs”) and “non-financial foreign entities” (“NFFEs”) that are Fund shareholders may be subject to a generally nonrefundable 30% withholding tax on income dividends the Fund pays. 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, reports information regarding substantial U.S. owners.

An FFI can avoid FATCA withholding by becoming a “participating FFI,” which requires the FFI to enter into a tax compliance agreement with the IRS 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 IRS, and (3) meet certain other specified requirements.

The U.S. Treasury has negotiated intergovernmental agreements (“IGAs”) with certain countries and is in various stages of negotiations with other foreign countries with respect to one or more alternative approaches to implement FATCA. An entity in one of those countries may be required to comply with the terms of the IGA instead of U.S. Treasury regulations. 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 IRS. 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 may, in turn, report information to the IRS.

Those foreign shareholders also may fall into certain exempt, excepted, or deemed compliant categories established by U.S. Treasury regulations, IGAs, and other guidance regarding FATCA. An FFI or NFFE that invests in the Fund will need to provide the Fund or intermediary 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 above. Foreign investors are urged to consult their tax advisors regarding the application of these requirements to their own situation and the impact thereof on their investment in the Fund.

### **Unrelated Business Taxable Income**

Income of a RIC that would be treated as unrelated business taxable income (“UBTI”) if earned directly by a tax-exempt entity generally will not be attributed as UBTI to such an entity that is a shareholder in the RIC. Notwithstanding this “blocking” effect, a tax-exempt shareholder could realize UBTI by virtue of its investment in the Fund if the Fund’s shares constitute “debt-financed property” (as defined in Code section 514(b)) in the hands of the shareholder.

A tax-exempt shareholder may also recognize UBTI if the Fund recognizes “excess inclusion income,” as described below under “Mortgage Pooling Vehicles.” Furthermore, any investment by the Fund in residual interests of a collateralized mortgage obligation that has elected to be treated as a real estate mortgage conduit (“REMIC”) can create complex tax consequences, especially if the Fund has state or local government or other tax-exempt shareholders.

### **Options, Futures, and Swaps**

Regulated futures contracts, certain foreign currency contracts, and certain options (namely, “non-equity options” -- *i.e.*, certain listed options, such as those on a “broad-based” securities index -- and dealer equity options) in which the Fund may invest may be “section 1256 contracts.” Gains or losses on these contracts are considered to be 60% long-term and 40% short-term capital gains or losses. Also, section 1256 contracts held by the Fund at the end of each taxable year (and on certain other dates prescribed in the Code) are “marked-to-market,” with the result that unrealized gains or losses are treated as though they were realized.

The tax treatment of a payment made or received on a swap to which the Fund is a party, and in particular whether such payment is, in whole or in part, capital or ordinary in character, will vary depending upon the terms of the particular swap contract.

Transactions in options, futures, and swaps undertaken by the Fund may result in “straddles” for federal income tax purposes. The straddle rules may affect the character of gains or losses realized by the Fund, and losses realized by the Fund on positions that are part of a straddle may be deferred under the straddle rules, rather than being taken into account in calculating taxable income for the taxable year in which the losses are realized. In addition, certain carrying charges (including interest expense) associated with positions in a straddle may be required to be capitalized rather than deducted currently. Certain elections that the Fund may make with respect to its straddle positions may also affect the amount, character and timing of the recognition of gains or losses from the affected positions.

Because only a few regulations implementing the straddle rules have been promulgated, the consequences of such transactions to the Fund are not entirely clear. The straddle rules may increase the amount of short-term capital gain realized by the Fund, which is taxed as ordinary income when distributed to its shareholders. Because application of the straddle rules may affect the character of gains or losses, defer losses and/or accelerate the recognition of gains or losses from the affected straddle positions, the amount that must be distributed to shareholders as ordinary income or long-term capital gain may be increased or decreased substantially as compared to a fund that did not engage in such transactions.

More generally, investments by the Fund in options, futures, swaps and other derivative financial instruments are subject to numerous special and complex tax rules. These rules could affect whether gains and losses recognized by the Fund are treated as ordinary or capital, accelerate the recognition of income or gains to the Fund and defer or possibly prevent the recognition or use of certain losses by the Fund. The rules could, in turn, affect the amount, timing of recognition, or character of the income distributed to shareholders by the Fund. In addition, because the application of these rules may be uncertain under current law, an adverse determination or future IRS guidance with respect to these rules may affect whether the Fund has made sufficient distributions and otherwise satisfied the requirements described above to maintain its qualification as a RIC and avoid a fund-level tax.

## **Foreign Investments**

If the Fund acquires stock in certain foreign corporations that receive at least 75% of their annual gross income from passive sources (such as interest, dividends, rents, royalties or capital gain) or hold at least 50% of their total assets in investments producing such passive income (“passive foreign investment companies”), the Fund could be subject to federal income tax and additional interest charges on “excess distributions” received from such companies or gain from the sale of stock in such companies, even if all income or gain actually received by the Fund is timely distributed to its shareholders. The Fund would not be able to pass through to its shareholders any credit or deduction for such a tax. Certain elections may, if available, ameliorate these adverse tax consequences, but any such election may require the Fund to recognize taxable income or gain without the concurrent receipt of cash.

Foreign exchange gains and losses realized by the Fund in connection with certain transactions involving non-dollar debt securities, certain foreign currency futures contracts, foreign currency option contracts, foreign currency forward contracts, foreign currencies, or payables or receivables denominated in a foreign currency are subject to Code provisions which generally treat such gains and losses as ordinary income and losses and may affect the amount, timing and character of distributions to shareholders. Any such transactions that are not directly related to the Fund’s investment in securities (possibly including speculative currency positions or currency derivatives not used for hedging purposes) could, under future Treasury regulations, produce income not among the types of Qualifying Income.

Investment income received from sources within foreign countries, or capital gains earned by the Fund from investing in securities of foreign issuers, may be subject to foreign income taxes withheld at the source. In this regard, withholding tax rates in countries with which the United States does not have a tax treaty are often as high as 35% or more. The United States has entered into tax treaties with many foreign countries that may entitle the Fund to a reduced rate of tax or exemption from tax on this related income and gains. The effective rate of foreign tax cannot be determined at this time since the amount of the Fund’s assets to be invested within various countries is not now known. The Trust intends that the Fund will seek to operate so as to qualify for treaty-reduced rates of tax when applicable.

In addition, if the Fund qualifies as a RIC under the Code, and if more than 50% of the Fund’s total assets at the close of the taxable year consists of securities of foreign corporations, the Fund may elect, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, to treat foreign income taxes paid by the Fund (including certain withholding taxes) that can be treated as income taxes under U.S. income tax principles as paid by its shareholders. If the Fund makes such an election, an amount equal to the foreign income taxes paid by the Fund would be included in the income of its shareholders and the shareholders often are entitled to credit their portions of this amount against their U.S. tax liabilities, if any, or to deduct those portions from their U.S. taxable income, if any. Shortly after any year for which it makes such an election, the Fund will report to its shareholders, in writing, the amount per share of foreign tax that must be included in each shareholder’s gross income and the amount that will be available as a deduction or credit. Shareholders must itemize their deductions in order to deduct foreign taxes. Certain limitations may apply that could limit the extent to which the credit or the deduction for foreign taxes may be claimed by a shareholder. Because it is not anticipated that securities of foreign corporations will constitute more than 50% of the Fund’s total assets at the end of any taxable year, shareholders of the Fund should not expect to be eligible to claim a credit or deduction on their federal income tax returns with respect to foreign taxes imposed on the Fund.

## **Constructive Sales**

Under certain circumstances, the Fund may recognize gain from a constructive sale of an “appreciated financial position” it holds if it enters into a short sale or other transaction that substantially reduces the risk of loss with respect to the appreciated position. In that event, the Fund would be treated as if it had sold and immediately repurchased the property and would be taxed on any gain (but would not recognize any loss) from the constructive sale. The character of gain from a constructive sale would depend upon the Fund’s holding period for the property. Appropriate adjustments would be made in the amount of any gain or loss subsequently realized on the position to reflect the gain recognized on the constructive sale. Loss from a constructive sale would be recognized when the property was subsequently disposed of, and its character would depend on the Fund’s holding period and the application of various loss deferral provisions of the Code.

Constructive sale treatment does not generally apply to the Fund’s transaction if such transaction is closed before the end of the 30<sup>th</sup> day after the close of the Fund’s taxable year and the Fund holds the appreciated financial position throughout the 60-day period beginning with the day such transaction closed. The term “appreciated financial position” excludes any position that is “marked-to-market.”

## **Mortgage Pooling Vehicles**

The Fund may invest in REITs that hold residual interests in REMICs or engage in mortgage securitization transactions that cause the REITs to be taxable mortgage pools (“TMPs”) or have a “qualified REIT subsidiary” that is a TMP. The Code authorizes the issuance of regulations dealing with the taxation and reporting of the net income allocable to REMIC residual interest holders of REITs and RICs that hold such interests and of REITs, or qualified REIT subsidiaries, that are TMPs. Although those regulations have not yet been issued, a Notice issued by the IRS in 2006 provides that, pending the issuance of further guidance (which has not yet been issued), a portion of such net income (referred to in the Code as an “excess inclusion”), of a RIC, such as the Fund, must be allocated to shareholders of the RIC generally in proportion to the dividends received by such shareholders, and the RIC must (1) inform its shareholders that are “nominees” of the amount and character of the excess inclusion income allocated thereto, (2) pay tax (at the highest federal income tax rate imposed on corporations) on the excess inclusion income allocable to its record shareholders that are governmental units and tax-exempt entities that are not subject to tax on their UBTI, and (3) apply the withholding tax provisions with respect to the excess inclusion part of dividends paid to foreign persons without regard to any treaty exception or reduction in tax rate. As a result, a fund that invests in such REITs may not be a suitable investment for charitable remainder trusts (see Unrelated Business Taxable Income, below) or other tax-exempt entities.

In general, excess inclusion income allocated to shareholders (i) cannot be offset by net operating losses (subject to a limited exception for certain thrift institutions), (ii) will constitute UBTI to entities (including a qualified pension plan, an IRA, a 401(k) plan, a Keogh plan or other tax-exempt entity) otherwise exempt from federal income tax, thereby potentially requiring such an entity that is allocated excess inclusion income, and otherwise might not be required to file a federal income tax return, to file a return and pay tax on such income; and (iii) in the case of a non-U.S. shareholder, will not qualify for any reduction in federal withholding tax.

## **Master Limited Partnerships, REITs and Business Development Companies**

The Fund may invest in equity securities of MLPs that are expected to derive income and gains from the exploration, development, mining or production, processing, refining, transportation (including pipeline transporting gas, oil, or products thereof), or the marketing of any mineral or natural resources. The Fund expects that these MLPs will be treated as QPTPs (as described above). Accordingly, it is expected that the net income derived by the Fund from such investments will be Qualifying Income for purposes of the Income Requirement. If an MLP in which the Fund invests, however, does not qualify as a QPTP or otherwise is not treated as a corporation for federal income tax purposes, the income derived by the Fund from such investment may not be Qualifying Income and, therefore, could adversely affect the Fund’s status as a RIC.

As described above, the Fund must limit its investments in QPTPs to no more than 25% of its total assets as of the end of each quarter of its taxable year in order to maintain its status as a RIC.

The MLPs in which the Fund may invest are expected to be treated as partnerships for federal income tax purposes, and therefore, the cash distributions received by the Fund from an MLP may not correspond to the amount of income allocated to it by the MLP in any given taxable year. If the amount of income allocated by an MLP to the Fund exceeds the amount of cash received by the fund from such MLP, the Fund may have difficulty making distributions in the amounts necessary to satisfy the distribution requirements for maintaining RIC status and avoiding any income and excise taxes. Accordingly, the Fund may need to dispose of securities under disadvantageous circumstances in order to generate sufficient cash to satisfy those distribution requirements. Any distribution by an MLP in excess of the Fund's allocable share of such MLP's net taxable income will decrease the Fund's tax basis in its MLP investment and will therefore increase the amount of gain (or decrease the amount of loss) that will be recognized on the sale of an equity security in the MLP by the Fund.

Some accounts received by the Fund with respect to its investments in MLPs will likely be treated as a return of capital because of accelerated deductions available with respect to the activities of such MLPs. On the disposition of an investment in such an MLP, the Fund will likely realize taxable income in excess of economic gain with respect to that asset (or, if the Fund does not dispose of the MLP, the Fund likely will realize taxable income in excess of cash flow with respect to the MLP in a later period), and the Fund must take such income into account in determining whether the fund has satisfied its distribution requirements. The Fund may have to borrow or liquidate securities to satisfy its distribution requirements and to meet its redemption requests, even though investment considerations might otherwise make it undesirable for the Fund to sell securities or borrow money at such time.

A portion of any gain or loss recognized by the Fund on a disposition of an MLP equity security (or by an MLP on a disposition of an underlying asset) may be separately computed and treated as ordinary income or loss under the Code to the extent attributable to assets of the MLP that give rise to depreciation recapture, intangible drilling and development cost recapture, or other "unrealized receivables" or "inventory items" under the Code. Any such gain may exceed net taxable gain realized on the disposition and will be recognized even if there is a net taxable loss on the disposition. The Fund's net capital losses may only be used to offset capital gains and therefore cannot be used to offset gains that are treated as ordinary income. Thus, the Fund could recognize both gain that is treated as ordinary income and a capital loss on a disposition of an MLP equity security (or on an MLP's disposition of an underlying asset) and would not be able to use the capital loss to offset that gain.

Investments in REIT equity securities may require the Fund to accrue and distribute income not yet received. In order to generate sufficient cash to make the requisite distributions, the Fund may be required to sell securities in its portfolio (including when it is not advantageous to do so) that it otherwise would have continued to hold. The Fund's investments in REIT equity securities may at other times result in the fund's receipt of cash in excess of the REIT's earnings; if the Fund distributes such amounts, such distribution could constitute a return of capital to Fund shareholders for federal income tax purposes. Dividends received by a fund from a REIT generally will not constitute qualified dividend income.

The Fund may also invest in BDCs or ETFs. BDCs and ETFs are generally treated as RICs for federal income tax purposes. Accordingly, income derived by the Fund from such investments will be Qualifying Income.

If the Fund invests in BDCs or ETFs ("underlying funds"), its distributable income and gains will normally consist, in part, of distributions from the underlying funds and gains and losses on the disposition of shares of the underlying funds. To the extent that an underlying fund realizes net losses on its investments for a given taxable year, the Fund will not be able to recognize its share of those losses (so as to offset distributions of net income or capital gains from other underlying funds) until it disposes of shares of the underlying fund. Moreover, even when the Fund does make such a disposition, a portion of its loss may be recognized as a long-term capital loss, which will not be treated as favorably for federal income tax purposes as a short-term capital loss or an ordinary deduction. In particular, the Fund will not be able to offset any capital losses from its dispositions of underlying fund shares against its ordinary income (including distributions of any net short-term capital gain realized by an underlying fund).

In certain circumstances, the “wash sale” rules under Section 1091 of the Code may apply to the Fund’s sales of underlying fund shares that have generated losses. A wash sale occurs if shares of an underlying fund are sold by the Fund at a loss and the Fund acquires substantially identical shares of that same underlying fund 30 days before or after the date of the sale. The wash sale rules could defer losses in the Fund’s hands on sales of underlying fund shares (to the extent such sales are wash sales) for extended (and, in certain cases, potentially indefinite) periods of time.

If the Fund received dividends from an underlying fund that qualifies as a RIC, and the underlying fund designates such dividends as “qualified dividend income”, then the Fund is permitted in turn to designate a portion of its distributions as “qualified dividend income”, provided the Fund meets the holding period and other requirements with respect to shares of the underlying fund.

### **Equalization Accounting**

The Fund distributes its net investment income and net realized capital and foreign currency gains to shareholders as dividends annually to the extent required to qualify for treatment as a RIC and generally to avoid federal income and excise taxes. The Fund may, on its federal income tax return, treat as a distribution the portion of redemption proceeds paid to redeeming shareholders that represents the redeeming shareholders’ portion of the Fund’s undistributed ICTI and net capital gain (“NCG”), respectively. This practice, which involves the use of “equalization” accounting, will have the effect of reducing the amount of ICTI and NCG that the Fund is required to distribute as dividends to (non-redeeming) shareholders in order for the Fund to avoid federal income and excise taxes, and the amount of any undistributed ICTI or NCG will be reflected in the value of the Fund’s shares.

### **Tax Shelter Disclosure**

Under Treasury regulations, if a shareholder recognizes a loss on a disposition of shares of \$2 million or more for an individual shareholder or \$10 million or more for a corporate shareholder (including, for example, an insurance company separate account), the shareholder must file with the IRS a disclosure statement on Form 8886. Direct owners of portfolio securities are in many cases excepted from this reporting requirement, but, under current guidance, shareholders of a RIC are not excepted.

This filing requirement applies even though, as a practical matter, any such loss would not, for example, reduce the taxable income of an insurance company. Future guidance may extend the current exception from this reporting requirement to shareholders of most or all RICs.

### **Creation Units**

As a result of U.S. federal income tax requirements, the Trust on behalf of the Fund, has the right to reject an order for a creation of Fund shares if the creator (or group of creators) would, upon obtaining the shares so ordered, own 80% or more of the outstanding shares of the Fund and if, pursuant to Section 351 of the Code, the Fund would have a basis in the securities contained in the In-Kind Creation Basket different from the market value of such securities on the date of deposit. The trust also has the right to require information necessary to determine beneficial share ownership for purposes of the 80% determination. See the section of this SAI entitled “Transactions in Creation Units.”

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#### **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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