

## NEW COVENANT FUNDS

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This **Statement of Additional Information** (“SAI”) is not a prospectus. It is intended to provide additional information regarding the activities and operations of New Covenant Funds (the “Trust”) and should be read in conjunction with the Trust’s prospectus dated October 31, 2023, as it may be amended from time to time (the “Prospectus”). The Prospectus may be obtained upon request and without charge by writing the Funds at New Covenant Funds, U.S. Bank Global Fund Services, P.O. Box 701, Milwaukee, WI 53201-0701, by calling 877-835-4531 or by visiting the Funds’ website at <http://www.NewCovenantFunds.com>.

The Trust’s financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, including notes thereto and the report of the Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm thereon, are incorporated herein by reference from the Trust’s 2023 Annual Report. Shareholder reports are available online or by calling 1-800-DIAL-SEI. Unless you have elected to receive paper copies of the shareholder reports, you will be notified by mail each time a report is posted on the Funds’ website and provided with a link to access the report online.

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## THE TRUST

New Covenant Funds is a Delaware statutory trust organized pursuant to a Trust Instrument dated September 30, 1998. The Trust was organized to offer separate series of shares and currently offers four separate series: New Covenant Growth Fund (“Growth Fund”), New Covenant Income Fund (“Income Fund”), New Covenant Balanced Growth Fund (“Balanced Growth Fund”) and New Covenant Balanced Income Fund (“Balanced Income Fund”) (each, a “Fund” and collectively, the “Funds”). Currently, there is one class of shares issued by each Fund. The Trust’s Board of Trustees (“Board,” “Trustees,” or “Board of Trustees”) may issue additional classes of shares or series at any time without prior approval of the shareholders. The Balanced Growth Fund and Balanced Income Fund may also be referred to as the “Balanced Funds.”

The Trust is classified as an open-end, management investment company. The Income Fund and the Growth Fund are diversified, which means that, with respect to 75% of its total assets, a Fund will not invest more than 5% of its assets in the securities of any single issuer or hold more than 10% of the voting securities of any single issuer. The Balanced Funds are diversified by virtue of the fact that the underlying Funds in which they invest (the Growth Fund and Income Fund) are diversified.

Under applicable federal securities laws, the diversification of a mutual fund’s holdings is measured at the time the fund purchases a security. However, if a Fund purchases a security and holds it for a period of time, the security may become a larger percentage of the Fund’s total assets due to movements in the financial markets. If the market affects several securities held by a Fund, the Fund may have a greater percentage of its assets invested in securities of fewer issuers. Accordingly, the Funds are subject to the risk that their performance may be hurt disproportionately by the poor performance of relatively few securities despite a Fund qualifying as a diversified mutual fund under applicable federal securities laws.

Whenever an investment policy or limitation states a maximum percentage of a Fund’s assets that may be invested in any security or other asset, or sets forth a policy regarding quality standards, such standards or percentage limitation will be determined immediately after and as a result of the Fund’s acquisition or sale of such security or other asset. Accordingly, except with respect to borrowing and illiquid securities, any subsequent change in values, net assets or other circumstances will not be considered in determining whether an investment complies with the Fund’s investment policies and limitations. In addition, if a bankruptcy or other extraordinary event occurs concerning a particular investment by a Fund, the Fund may receive stock, real estate or other investments that the Fund would not, or could not, buy. If this happens, the Fund would sell such investments as soon as practicable while trying to maximize the return to its shareholders.

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

In addition to its objective and strategies, each of the Funds has the common objective of making investments consistent with social-witness principles adopted by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). These principles may evolve over time and currently include certain limitations on investments in some corporations due to their involvement in military-related production, tobacco, and human rights violations. The Funds may choose to sell otherwise profitable investments in companies which have been identified as being in conflict with the established social-witness principles of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Beyond these principles, each Fund pursues different investment objectives and strategies. For purposes of determining which securities are eligible for investment by the Funds and those which are not eligible for investment, SEI Investments Management Corporation (“SIMC,” or the “Adviser”) procures a list which identifies those specific companies which may not be purchased by the Funds. This list, which is updated annually, contains those companies involved in military-related production, tobacco, or human rights violations that are prohibited for investment in accordance with the policies that are set by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and brought forth by the Mission Responsibility Through Investment Committee Guidelines. In addition to these companies which are prohibited for investment by the Funds pursuant to the Mission Responsibility through Investment Committee Guidelines, the Funds also do not invest in certain other companies that have derived 25% or more of the company’s revenues from alcohol, gambling and tobacco, and do not invest in certain companies in the weapons industry. The Adviser consults closely with the sub-advisers that acquire portfolio securities for the Growth Fund and Income Fund regarding those sub-advisers’ reliance on the list.

The Growth and Income Funds' portfolios may be constructed to favor securities that are more highly ranked with respect to environmental, social and governance ("ESG") criteria based on ESG performance evaluations provided by a third-party research vendor. Typically, environmental assessment categories include climate change, natural resource use, waste management and environmental opportunities. Social evaluation categories include human capital, product safety and social opportunities. Governance assessment categories include corporate governance, business ethics and government and public policy. How well companies adhere to international norms and principles and involvement in major ESG controversies (examples of which may relate to the environment, customers, human rights and community, labor rights and supply chain, and governance) are other considerations.

The New Covenant Funds are not intended to be an investment option of a participant-directed plan or program of any government entity, nor are the Funds offered as an investment in a participant-directed plan or program of any government agency.

**GROWTH FUND**—The Growth Fund's investment objective is long-term capital appreciation. A modest amount of dividend income may be produced by the Fund's equity securities. Under normal market conditions, the Fund will invest primarily in a diversified portfolio of equity securities that are components of an index that represents broad exposure to the U.S. equity market (the "Index"), includes approximately 3,000 securities and is not concentrated in any particular industry. The Fund will seek generally to replicate the performance of the Index, subject to such variation as may arise as a result of implementation of the Presbyterian Principles discussed below.

The Fund seeks to invest consistent with social-witness principles established by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) (the "Presbyterian Principles"), as reflected in Guidelines put forth by the Committee on Mission Responsibility Through Investing (the "Committee"). In doing so, the Fund will not invest in certain companies, despite that company being a component in the Index. The Fund seeks to avoid investing in companies involved in tobacco, alcohol and gambling, along with for-profit prisons, and some companies related to weapons production, antipersonnel land mines, handguns and assault weapons. In addition, at times a company involved in serious human rights violations may also be screened. The Fund may also screen companies when deemed appropriate to implement the Presbyterian Principles. The Fund's investment performance will depend, among other things, on the Fund's tracking of the Index and the performance of the Index. The Fund's ability to track the performance of the Index will be affected by differences between the Index and the Fund's portfolio resulting from adherence to the Presbyterian Principles, as well as by factors such as the size and timing of cash flows into and out of the Fund, and the Fund's fees and expenses.

The Fund generally will attempt to invest in securities comprising the Index in approximately the same proportions as they are represented in the Index, subject to such changes resulting from implementation of the Presbyterian Principles. It may not be possible or practicable to purchase all of the securities composing the Index or to hold them in the same weightings as they are represented in the Index. In those cases, the Fund's sub-adviser (the "Sub-Adviser") may employ a sampling or optimization technique to replicate the Index. In seeking to track the performance of the Index, the Fund may invest in the following securities, not all of which may be constituents of the Index: common stocks, preferred stocks, depositary receipts, rights, warrants, exchange-traded funds (ETFs), publicly traded equity real estate investment trusts (REITs), and futures contracts based on indexes of particular groups or varieties of securities.

The Sub-Adviser selects the Fund's securities under the general supervision of SIMC. The Sub-Adviser's investment strategy seeks to closely track the Index return, subject to such variations as arise from implementation of the Presbyterian Principles. The market capitalization and composition of the Index is subject to change. SIMC and the Sub-Adviser may sell securities that are represented in the Index or purchase securities that are not represented in the Index, prior to or after their removal or addition to the Index.

The Sub-Adviser also has the authority to vary from the Index: (i) to conform the Fund's portfolio to the Presbyterian Principles; (ii) to favor, consistent with the Presbyterian Principles, securities of companies that are more highly ranked with respect to ESG criteria (*e.g.*, company business models, corporate governance

policies, relationships with stakeholders, and history of controversies) than other companies in the Fund's portfolio; and (iii) to a lesser extent, manage risk and seek efficient trading costs.

**INCOME FUND**—The Income Fund's investment objective is a high level of current income with preservation of capital. Under normal market conditions, at least 80% of the Fund's net assets will be invested in a diversified portfolio of bonds and other debt obligations of varying maturities. Due to its investment strategy, the Fund may buy and sell securities and other instruments frequently.

The Fund seeks to invest consistent with social-witness principles established by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) (the "Presbyterian Principles"), as reflected in Guidelines put forth by the Committee on Mission Responsibility Through Investing (the "Committee"). The Fund seeks to avoid investing in companies involved in tobacco, alcohol and gambling, along with for-profit prisons, and some companies related to weapons production, antipersonnel land mines, handguns and assault weapons. In addition, at times a company involved in serious human rights violations may also be screened out of the fund. The Fund may also screen out companies when deemed appropriate to implement the Presbyterian Principles.

The Fund invests in corporate bonds. The Fund also invests in securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government or one of its agencies or instrumentalities, such as the Government National Mortgage Association ("GNMA"), which are supported by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government, and the Federal National Mortgage Association ("FNMA") and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation ("FHLMC"), which are supported by the right of the issuer to borrow from the U.S. Treasury. The Fund may also invest in bonds of international corporations or foreign governments. In addition, the Fund invests in mortgage-backed securities (including To Be Announced and Dollar Rolls Securities) and asset-backed securities and may enter into fully-collateralized repurchase agreements.

At least 65% of the Fund's net assets will be invested in bonds that are rated within the four highest credit rating categories assigned by independent rating agencies, and the Fund will attempt to maintain an overall credit quality rating of AA or higher based on ratings assigned by nationally recognized statistical rating organizations, calculated on a weighted basis. The Fund may invest in unrated equivalents that may be considered to be investment grade, as determined by the Fund's Sub-Advisers. The Fund may invest up to 20% of its net assets in bonds that are rated below investment grade (junk bonds).

Up to 20% of the Fund's net assets may be invested in commercial paper within the two highest rating categories of independent rating agencies. The Fund may also invest up to 40% of its net assets in the fixed income securities of foreign issuers in any country, including developed or emerging markets. Foreign securities, which include investment grade sovereign debt, obligations of foreign agencies and Yankee obligations, are selected on an individual basis without regard to any defined allocation among countries or geographic regions and are generally, but not exclusively, selected from the universe of foreign issuers within the Fund's benchmark index.

The Adviser seeks to enhance performance and reduce market risk by strategically allocating the Fund's assets among multiple Sub-Advisers. Sub-Advisers are selected for their experience in managing various kinds of fixed income securities, and each Sub-Adviser makes investment decisions based on an analysis of yield trends, credit ratings and other factors in its area of emphasis.

The Fund may invest in securities of any maturity, but expects its average maturity to range from four years to twelve years and its average duration to be between three and six years. Duration reflects the change in the value of a fixed income security that will result from a 1% change in interest rates. For example, a five year duration means a bond will decrease in value by 5% if interest rates rise 1% and increase in value by 5% if interest rates fall 1%.

The Fund may also invest in futures contracts (including futures on U.S. Treasury obligations and Eurodollar instruments), put and call options (including options on futures contracts), and swaps (including credit default swaps) for speculative or hedging purposes. Future, options and swaps are used to synthetically obtain exposure to securities or baskets of securities and to manage the Fund's interest rate duration and yield curve exposure.

These derivatives are also used to mitigate the Fund's overall level of risk and/or the Fund's risk to particular types of securities, currencies or market segments.

Investments for the Fund, both foreign and domestic, are selected based on the following criteria:

- the use of interest-rate and yield-curve analyses;
- the use of credit analyses, which indicate a security's rating and potential for appreciation; and
- use of the above disciplines to invest in high-yield bonds and fixed income securities issued by foreign and domestic governments and companies.

The remainder of the Fund's assets may be held in cash or cash equivalents.

A Sub-Adviser may sell a security when it becomes substantially overvalued, is experiencing deteriorating fundamentals, or as a result of changes in portfolio strategy. A security may also be sold and replaced with one that presents a better value.

Subject to the Presbyterian Principles and the investment criteria detailed above, the Fund's Sub-Advisers will also consider ESG criteria in the selection of securities for the Fund's portfolio, which may include consideration of issuers' business models, corporate governance policies, stakeholder relationships and history of controversies. Each Sub-Adviser has the ability to consider its own ESG criteria based on its own ESG methodologies and assessments or those of third-party providers. The consideration of such ESG criteria as part of the decision-making process may result in the selection of individual securities that are not in the Fund's benchmark, or the overweighting or underweight of individual securities relative to the benchmark.

**BALANCED GROWTH FUND**—The Balanced Growth Fund's investment objective is to produce capital appreciation with less risk than would be present in a portfolio of only common stocks. To pursue its objective, the Fund invests primarily in shares of the Growth Fund and the Income Fund, with a majority of its assets generally invested in shares of the Growth Fund.

Between 45% and 75% of the Fund's net assets (with a "neutral" position of approximately 60% of the Fund's net assets) are invested in shares of the Growth Fund, with the balance of its net assets invested in shares of the Income Fund or cash or cash equivalents.

The Fund will periodically rebalance its investments in the Growth Fund and the Income Fund, within the limits described above. In implementing this rebalancing strategy, past and anticipated future performance of both the Growth Fund and the Income Fund are taken into account. The allocation of investments made in the Growth Fund and the Income Fund varies in response to market conditions, investment outlooks, and risk/reward characteristics of equity and fixed income securities. Because the Fund is a fund-of-funds, you will indirectly bear your proportionate share of any fees and expenses charged by the Growth Fund and the Income Fund.

The Growth Fund invests in common stocks and other equity securities. The Growth Fund invests primarily in securities of domestic companies, but may also, to a lesser extent, invest in securities of foreign companies. The Growth Fund generally invests in larger companies, although it may purchase securities of companies of any size, including small companies.

The Income Fund invests in corporate bonds. The Income Fund also invests in securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government or one of its agencies or instrumentalities, such as the GNMA, which are supported by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government, and the FNMA and the FHLMC, which are supported by the right of the issuer to borrow from the U.S. Treasury. The Income Fund may also invest, to a lesser extent, in bonds of international corporations or foreign governments. In addition, the Income Fund invests in mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities and may enter into fully-collateralized repurchase agreements. The Income Fund may also invest up to 20% of its net assets in commercial paper and up to 40% of its net assets in fixed income securities of foreign issuers in any country, including developed or emerging markets. The remainder of the Income Fund's assets may be held in cash or cash equivalents.

At least 65% of the Income Fund's net assets will be invested in bonds that are rated within the four highest credit rating categories assigned by independent rating agencies, and the Income Fund will attempt to maintain

an overall credit quality rating of AA or higher based on ratings assigned by nationally recognized statistical rating organizations, calculated on a weighted basis. The Income Fund may invest in unrated equivalents that may be considered to be investment grade, as determined by the Fund's Sub-Advisers. The Income Fund may invest up to 20% of its net assets in bonds that are rated below investment grade (junk bonds).

The Growth Fund and the Income Fund, in which the Fund invests, seeks to invest consistent with social-witness principles established by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) (the "Presbyterian Principles"), as reflected in Guidelines put forth by the Committee on Mission Responsibility Through Investing (the "Committee"). The Fund seeks to avoid investing in companies involved in tobacco, alcohol and gambling, along with for-profit prisons, and some companies related to weapons production, antipersonnel land mines, handguns and assault weapons. In addition, at times a company involved in serious human rights violations may also be screened. The Fund may also screen companies when deemed appropriate to implement the Presbyterian Principles.

**BALANCED INCOME FUND**—The Balanced Income Fund's investment objective is to produce current income and long-term growth of capital. To pursue its objective, the Fund invests primarily in shares of the Growth Fund and the Income Fund, with a majority of its assets generally invested in shares of the Income Fund.

Between 50% and 75% of the Fund's net assets (with a "neutral" position of approximately 65% of the Fund's net assets) are invested in shares of the Income Fund, with the balance of its net assets invested in shares of the Growth Fund or cash or cash equivalents.

The Fund will periodically rebalance its investments in the Growth Fund and the Income Fund, within the limits described above. In implementing this rebalancing strategy, past and anticipated future performance of both the Growth Fund and the Income Fund are taken into account. The allocation of investments made in the Growth Fund and the Income Fund varies in response to market conditions, investment outlooks, and risk/reward characteristics of equity and fixed income securities. Because the Fund is a fund-of-funds, you will indirectly bear your proportionate share of any fees and expenses charged by the Growth Fund and the Income Fund.

The Income Fund invests in corporate bonds. The Income Fund also invests in securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government or one of its agencies or instrumentalities, such as the GNMA, which are supported by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government, and the FNMA and the FHLMC, which are supported by the right of the issuer to borrow from the U.S. Treasury. The Income Fund may also invest, to a lesser extent, in bonds of international corporations or foreign governments. In addition, the Income Fund invests in mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities and may enter into fully-collateralized repurchase agreements. The Income Fund may also invest up to 20% of its net assets in commercial paper and up to 40% of its net assets in fixed income securities of foreign issuers in any country, including developed or emerging markets. The remainder of the Income Fund's assets may be held in cash or cash equivalents.

At least 65% of the Income Fund's net assets will be invested in bonds that are rated within the four highest credit rating categories assigned by independent rating agencies, and the Income Fund will attempt to maintain an overall credit quality rating of AA or higher based on ratings assigned by nationally recognized statistical rating organizations, calculated on a weighted basis. The Income Fund may invest in unrated equivalents that may be considered to be investment grade, as determined by the Fund's Sub-Advisers. The Income Fund may invest up to 20% of its net assets in bonds that are rated below investment grade (junk bonds).

The Growth Fund invests in common stocks and other equity securities. The Growth Fund invests primarily in securities of domestic companies, but may also, to a lesser extent, invest in securities of foreign companies. The Growth Fund generally invests in larger companies, although it may purchase securities of companies of any size, including small companies.

The Growth Fund and the Income Fund, in which the Fund invests, seeks to invest consistent with social-witness principles established by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) (the "Presbyterian Principles"), as reflected in Guidelines put forth by the Committee on Mission Responsibility Through Investing (the "Committee"). The Fund seeks to avoid investing in companies involved in tobacco, alcohol and gambling,



along with for-profit prisons, and some companies related to weapons production, antipersonnel land mines, handguns and assault weapons. In addition, at times a company involved in serious human rights violations may also be screened. The Fund may also screen companies when deemed appropriate to implement the Presbyterian Principles.

There can be no assurance that the Funds will achieve their respective investment objectives.

#### DESCRIPTION OF PERMITTED INVESTMENTS AND RISK FACTORS

You should understand that all investments involve risk and there can be no guarantee against loss resulting from an investment in the Funds.

The following information should be read in conjunction with the Prospectus. The investment practices described below, which apply to the Growth Fund and the Income Fund, are not fundamental, unless otherwise indicated, and may be changed by the Board of Trustees without approval of the shareholders.

The Adviser acts as a manager of managers for the Funds and selects and retains various Sub-Advisers. The Sub-Advisers employ portfolio managers to make the day-to-day investment decisions regarding portfolio holdings of the Growth Fund and Income Fund.

**EQUITY SECURITIES**—The Growth Fund may invest in the following types of investments, each of which is subject to certain risks, as discussed below: common stocks, preferred stocks, convertible securities and warrants.

All investments in equity securities are subject to market risks that may cause their prices to fluctuate over time. Historically, the equity markets have moved in cycles and the value of the securities in the Growth Fund's portfolio may fluctuate substantially from day to day. Owning an equity security can also subject the Growth Fund to the risk that the issuer may discontinue paying dividends.

*Common Stock.* A common stock represents a proportionate share of the ownership of a company and its value is based on the success of the company's business, any income paid to stockholders, the value of its assets, and general market conditions. In addition to the general risks set forth above, investments in common stocks are subject to the risk that in the event a company in which the Growth Fund invests is liquidated, the holders of preferred stock and creditors of that company will be paid before any payments are made to the Growth Fund as a holder of common stock. It is possible that all assets of that company will be exhausted before any payments are made to the Growth Fund.

*Preferred Stock.* Preferred stocks are equity securities that often pay dividends at a specific rate and have a preference over common stocks in dividend payments and liquidation of assets. A preferred stock is a blend of the characteristics of a bond and common stock. It can offer the higher yield of a bond and has priority over common stock in equity ownership, but does not have the seniority of a bond. Unlike common stock, a preferred stock's participation in the issuer's growth may be limited. Preferred stock has preference over common stock in the receipt of dividends and in any residual assets after payment to creditors should the issuer be dissolved. Although the dividend is set at a fixed annual rate, it is subject to the risk that the dividend can be changed or omitted by the issuer.

*Convertible Securities and Warrants.* Convertible securities are securities, such as debt securities or preferred stock, that may be converted into or exchanged for a specified amount of common stock of the same or different issuer within a particular period of time at a specified price or formula. Convertible securities include corporate bonds, notes and preferred stock that can be converted into, or exchanged for, a prescribed amount of common stock of the same or different issue within a particular period of time at a specified price or formula. A convertible security entitles the holder to receive interest paid or accrued on debt or dividends paid on preferred stock until the convertible stock matures or is redeemed, converted or exchanged. While no securities investment is without some risk, investments in convertible securities generally entail less risk than the issuer's common stock. However, the extent to which such risk is reduced depends in large measure upon the degree to which the convertible security sells above its value as a fixed income security. In addition to the general risk associated with equity securities discussed above, the market value of convertible securities is also affected by prevailing interest rates, the credit quality of the issuer and any call provisions. While convertible securities

generally offer lower interest or dividend yields than nonconvertible debt securities of similar quality, they do enable the investor to benefit from increases in the market price of the underlying common stock.

A warrant gives the holder a right to purchase at any time during a specified period a predetermined number of shares of common stock at a fixed price. Unlike convertible debt securities or preferred stock, warrants do not pay a fixed dividend. In addition to the general risks associated with equity securities discussed above, investments in warrants involve certain risks, including the possible lack of a liquid market for resale of the warrants, potential price fluctuations as a result of speculation or other factors, and failure of the price of the underlying security to reach or have reasonable prospects of reaching a level at which the warrant can be prudently exercised (in which event the warrant may expire without being exercised, resulting in a loss of the Fund's entire investment therein).

*Initial Public Offerings.* Certain Funds may purchase securities of companies that are offered pursuant to an IPO. An IPO is a company's first offering of stock to the public in the primary market, typically to raise additional capital. Like all equity securities, IPO securities are subject to market risk and liquidity risk, but those risks may be heightened for IPO securities. The market value of IPO securities may fluctuate considerably due to factors such as the absence of a prior public market for the security, unseasoned trading of the security, the small number of shares available for trading, limited information about the issuer, and aberrational trading activity and market interest surrounding the IPO. There is also the possibility of losses resulting from the difference between the issue price and potential diminished value of the security once it is traded in the secondary market. In addition, the purchase of IPO securities may involve high transaction costs. Investments in foreign IPOs may be subject to additional risks due to, among other things, political, social and economic developments abroad, currency movements and different legal, regulatory, tax, accounting and audit environment. The Funds' investment in IPO securities may have a significant positive or negative impact on the Funds' performance and may result in significant capital gains.

**TRACKING ERROR**—The risk that the Growth Fund's performance may vary substantially from the performance of the Index it tracks as a result of cash flows, Fund expenses, imperfect correlation between the Growth Fund's investments and the Index's components, implementation of the Presbyterian Principles, and favoring ESG and other factors.

**SOCIAL-WITNESS PRINCIPLES/SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTING**—The Growth Fund and the Income Fund consider various social-witness principles and other socially responsible investing principles in their investment process and may choose not to purchase, or may sell, otherwise profitable investments in companies which have been identified as being in conflict with their established social-witness principles and other socially responsible investing principles. This means that a Fund may underperform other similar mutual funds that do not consider social-witness principles and other socially responsible investing principles in their investing. Further, the consideration of ESG criteria in the selection of securities for a Fund's portfolio involves the risk that information provided by issuers and third parties, on which the Sub-Advisers may rely, continues to develop and may be incomplete, inaccurate, use different methodologies, or be applied differently across companies and industries. In addition, the regulatory landscape for ESG investing in the United States is still developing, and future rules and regulations may require a Fund to modify or alter its investment process.

**AMERICAN DEPOSITARY RECEIPTS**—American Depositary Receipts ("ADRs"), as well as other "hybrid" forms of ADRs, including European Depositary Receipts ("EDRs"), Continental Depositary Receipts ("CDRs") and Global Depositary Receipts ("GDRs"), are certificates evidencing ownership of shares of a foreign issuer. Depositary receipts may be sponsored or unsponsored. These certificates are issued by depositary banks and generally trade on an established market in the U.S. or elsewhere. The underlying shares are held in trust by a custodian bank or similar financial institution in the issuer's home country. The depositary bank may not have physical custody of the underlying securities at all times and may charge fees for various services, including forwarding dividends and interest and corporate actions. ADRs are alternatives to directly purchasing the underlying foreign securities in their national markets and currencies. However, ADRs continue to be subject to many of the risks associated with investing directly in foreign securities.

Investments in the securities of foreign issuers may subject the Growth Fund to investment risks that differ in some respects from those related to investments in securities of U.S. issuers. Such risks include future adverse political and economic developments, possible imposition of withholding taxes on income, possible seizure, nationalization or expropriation of foreign deposits, possible establishment of exchange controls or taxation at the source or greater fluctuation in value due to changes in exchange rates. Foreign issuers of securities often engage in business practices different from those of domestic issuers of similar securities, and there may be less information publicly available about foreign issuers. In addition, foreign issuers are, generally, subject to less government supervision and regulation and different accounting treatment than are those in the U.S.

Although the two types of depositary receipt facilities (unsponsored and sponsored) are similar, there are differences regarding a holder's rights and obligations and the practices of market participants. A depositary may establish an unsponsored facility without participation by (or acquiescence of) the underlying issuer; typically, however, the depositary requests a letter of non-objection from the underlying issuer prior to establishing the facility. Holders of unsponsored depositary receipts generally bear all the costs of the facility. The depositary usually charges fees upon the deposit and withdrawal of the underlying securities, the conversion of dividends into U.S. dollars or other currency, the disposition of non-cash distributions, and the performance of other services. The depositary of an unsponsored facility frequently is under no obligation to distribute shareholder communications received from the underlying issuer or to pass through voting rights to depositary receipt holders with respect to the underlying securities.

Sponsored depositary receipt facilities are created in generally the same manner as unsponsored facilities, except that sponsored depositary receipts are established jointly by a depositary and the underlying issuer through a deposit agreement. The deposit agreement sets out the rights and responsibilities of the underlying issuer, the depositary, and the depositary receipt holders. With sponsored facilities, the underlying issuer typically bears some of the costs of the depositary receipts (such as dividend payment fees of the depositary), although most sponsored depositary receipt holders may bear costs such as deposit and withdrawal fees. Depositaries of most sponsored depositary receipts agree to distribute notices of shareholder meetings, voting instructions, and other shareholder communications and information to the depositary receipt holders at the underlying issuer's request.

**SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED COMPANIES**—To the extent the Growth Fund invests in the equity securities of small and medium-sized companies, it will be exposed to the risks of smaller sized companies. Small and medium-sized companies may have narrower markets for their goods and/or services and may have more limited managerial and financial resources than larger, more established companies. Furthermore, such companies may have limited product lines, services, markets, or financial resources or may be dependent on a small management group. In addition, because these stocks may not be well-known to the investing public, do not have significant institutional ownership or are typically followed by fewer security analysts, there will normally be less publicly available information concerning these securities compared to what is available for the securities of larger companies. Adverse publicity and investor perceptions, whether or not based on fundamental analysis, can decrease the value and liquidity of smaller sized company securities held by the Growth Fund. As a result, their performance may be more volatile and they may face greater risk of business failure, which could increase the volatility of the Growth Fund's portfolio.

**FORWARD COMMITMENTS, WHEN-ISSUED SECURITIES AND DELAYED DELIVERY TRANSACTIONS**—The Growth Fund and the Income Fund may purchase or sell securities on a when-issued or delayed-delivery basis and make contracts to purchase or sell securities for a fixed price at a future date beyond customary settlement time. Debt securities are often issued on this basis. No income will accrue on securities purchased on a when-issued or delayed-delivery basis until the securities are delivered. Securities purchased or sold on a when-issued, delayed-delivery or forward-commitment basis involve a risk of loss if the value of the security to be purchased declines prior to settlement date. Although the Funds would generally purchase securities on a when-issued, delayed-delivery or a forward-commitment basis with the intention of acquiring the securities, a Fund may dispose of such securities prior to settlement if the portfolio managers deem it appropriate to do so.

The Funds may dispose of or renegotiate a when-issued or forward commitment. The Funds will normally realize a capital gain or loss in connection with these transactions. For purposes of determining the Income Fund's average dollar-weighted maturity, the maturity of when-issued or forward-commitment securities will be calculated from the commitment date.

When a Fund purchases securities on a when-issued, delayed-delivery or forward-commitment basis, the Fund will maintain cash, U.S. Government securities or other liquid portfolio securities having a value (determined daily) at least equal to the amount of the Fund's purchase commitments. In the case of a forward commitment to sell portfolio securities, the custodian will hold the portfolio securities in a segregated account while the commitment is outstanding. These procedures are designed to ensure that the Funds will maintain sufficient assets at all times to cover their obligations under when-issued purchases, forward-commitments and delayed-delivery transactions.

**DEBT SECURITIES**—The Income Fund invests in debt securities such as corporate bonds, securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government or one of its agencies and instrumentalities, bonds of international corporations or foreign governments, mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities, municipal bonds, and U.S. Treasury obligations. Debt securities are generally subject to interest rate risk, credit risk, market risk and call risk.

*Interest Rate Risk.* The risk that when interest rates increase, fixed income securities held by the Fund decline in value. Long-term fixed income securities will normally have more price volatility because of this risk than short-term fixed income securities.

*Credit Risk.* This risk relates to the ability of the issuer to meet interest and principal payments, as they become due. The ratings given a security by rating services such as Moody's and S&P provide information regarding such credit risk. The lower the rating given a security by such rating service, the greater the credit risk such rating service perceives to exist with respect to such security.

*Market Risk.* All mutual funds are affected by changes in the economy and swings in investment markets. These can occur within or outside the United States or worldwide, and may affect only particular companies or industries.

*Call Risk.* The risk that an issuer will exercise its right to pay principal on an obligation held by the Fund (such as an asset-backed security) earlier than expected. This may happen when there is a decline in interest rates. Under these circumstances, the Fund may be unable to recoup all of its initial investment and will also suffer from having to reinvest in lower yielding securities.

**U.S. GOVERNMENT SECURITIES**—The Income Fund invests in securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government or one of its agencies and instrumentalities. Examples of types of U.S. Government obligations in which a Fund may invest include U.S. Treasury obligations and obligations of U.S. Government agencies or U.S. Government sponsored entities such as Federal Home Loan Banks, Federal Farm Credit Banks, Federal Land Banks, the Federal Housing Administration, the Farmers Home Administration, the Export-Import Bank of the United States, the Small Business Administration, Fannie Mae, Ginnie Mae, the General Services Administration, the Student Loan Marketing Association, the Central Bank for Cooperatives, Freddie Mac, Federal Intermediate Credit Banks, the Maritime Administration and other similar agencies. Whether backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Treasury or not, U.S. Government securities are not guaranteed against price movements due to fluctuating interest rates.

If the total public debt of the U.S. Government as a percentage of gross domestic product reaches high levels as a result of combating financial downturn or otherwise, such high levels of debt may create certain systemic risks if sound debt management practices are not implemented. A high national debt level may increase market pressures to meet government funding needs, which may increase borrowing costs and cause a government to issue additional debt, thereby increasing the risk of refinancing. A high national debt also raises concerns that a government may be unable or unwilling to repay the principal or interest on its debt when due. Unsustainable debt levels can decline the valuation of currencies, can prevent a government from implementing effective counter-cyclical fiscal policy during economic downturns, and can contribute to market volatility.

An increase in national debt levels may also necessitate the need for the U.S. Congress to negotiate adjustments to the statutory debt ceiling to increase the cap on the amount the U.S. Government is permitted to borrow to meet its existing obligations and finance current budget deficits. Future downgrades could increase volatility in domestic and foreign financial markets, result in higher interest rates, lower prices of U.S. Treasury securities and increase the costs of different kinds of debt. Any controversy or ongoing uncertainty regarding statutory debt ceiling negotiations may impact the U.S. long-term sovereign credit rating and may cause market uncertainty. As a result, market prices and yields of securities supported by the full faith and credit of the U.S. government may be adversely affected. Although remote, it is at least theoretically possible that under certain scenarios the U.S. Government could default on its debt, including U.S. Treasury securities.

**BELOW-INVESTMENT GRADE/HIGH YIELD/HIGH RISK SECURITIES**—The Income Fund may invest a limited amount of assets in debt securities that are rated below-investment grade (hereinafter referred to as “lower-rated securities”) or that are unrated but deemed equivalent to lower-rated securities by the portfolio managers. The lower the ratings of such debt securities, the greater their risks. These debt instruments generally offer a higher current yield than that available from higher-grade issues, and typically involve greater risk. The yields on lower-rated securities will fluctuate over time. In general, prices of all bonds rise when interest rates fall and fall when interest rates rise. While less sensitive to changing interest rates than investment-grade debt, lower-rated securities are especially subject to adverse changes in general economic conditions and to changes in the financial condition of their issuers. During periods of economic downturn or rising interest rates, issuers of these instruments may experience financial stress that could adversely affect their ability to make payments of principal and interest, and increase the possibility of default.

Adverse publicity and investor perceptions, whether or not based on fundamental analysis, may also decrease the values and liquidity of these securities, especially in a market characterized by only a small amount of trading and with relatively few participants. These factors can also limit the Income Fund’s ability to obtain accurate market quotations for these securities, making it more difficult to determine the Fund’s net asset value (“NAV”).

In cases where market quotations are not available, lower-rated securities are valued using guidelines established by the Board of Trustees. Perceived credit quality in this market can change suddenly and unexpectedly, and may not fully reflect the actual risk posed by a particular lower-rated or unrated security.

**VARIABLE AND FLOATING RATE INSTRUMENTS**—With respect to variable and floating-rate instruments that may be acquired by the Income Fund, the portfolio managers will consider the earning power, cash flows and other liquidity ratios of the issuers and guarantors of such instruments and, if the instruments are subject to demand features, will monitor their financial status to meet payment on demand. Where necessary to ensure that a variable or floating-rate instrument meets the Fund’s quality requirements, the issuer’s obligation to pay the principal of the instrument will be backed by an unconditional bank letter or line of credit, guarantee or commitment to lend.

**DERIVATIVES**—In an attempt to reduce systemic and counterparty risks associated with OTC derivatives transactions, the Dodd-Frank Act requires that a substantial portion of OTC derivatives be executed in regulated markets and submitted for clearing to regulated clearinghouses. The CFTC also requires a substantial portion of derivative transactions that have historically been executed on a bilateral basis in the OTC markets to be executed through a regulated swap execution facility or designated contract market. The SEC is expected to eventually impose a similar requirement with respect to security-based swaps. Such requirements could limit the ability of the Funds to invest or remain invested in derivatives and may make it more difficult and costly for investment funds, including the Funds, to enter into highly tailored or customized transactions. They may also render certain strategies in which a Fund might otherwise engage impossible or so costly that they will no longer be economical to implement.

OTC trades submitted for clearing will be subject to minimum initial and variation margin requirements set by the relevant clearinghouse, as may be adjusted to a higher amount by the Fund’s Futures Commission Merchant, as well as possible SEC- or CFTC-mandated margin requirements. With respect to uncleared swaps, swap dealers are required to collect variation margin from a Fund and may be required to collect initial margin

from a Fund pursuant to the CFTC's or the Prudential Regulators' uncleared swap margin rules. Both initial and variation margin must be in the form of eligible collateral, and may be composed of cash and/or securities, subject to applicable regulatory haircuts. These rules also mandate that collateral in the form of initial margin be posted to cover potential future exposure attributable to uncleared swap transactions for certain entities, which may include the Funds. In the event a Fund is required to post collateral in the form of initial margin in respect of its uncleared swap transactions, all such collateral will be posted with a third-party custodian pursuant to a triparty custody agreement between the Fund, its dealer counterparty and an unaffiliated custodian.

Although the Dodd-Frank Act requires many OTC derivative transactions previously entered into on a principal-to-principal basis to be submitted for clearing by a regulated clearinghouse, certain of the derivatives that may be traded by a Fund may remain principal-to-principal or OTC contracts between the Fund and third parties. The risk of counterparty non-performance can be significant in the case of these OTC instruments, and "bid-ask" spreads may be unusually wide in these markets. To the extent not mitigated by implementation of the Dodd-Frank Act, if at all, the risks posed by such instruments and techniques, which can be complex, may include: (1) credit risks (the exposure to the possibility of loss resulting from a counterparty's failure to meet its financial obligations), as further discussed below; (2) market risk (adverse movements in the price of a financial asset or commodity); (3) legal risks (the characterization of a transaction or a party's legal capacity to enter into it could render the transaction unenforceable, and the insolvency or bankruptcy of a counterparty could pre-empt otherwise enforceable contract rights); (4) operational risk (inadequate controls, deficient procedures, human error, system failure or fraud); (5) documentation risk (exposure to losses resulting from inadequate documentation); (6) liquidity risk (exposure to losses created by inability to prematurely terminate derivative transactions); (7) systemic risk (the risk that financial difficulties in one institution or a major market disruption will cause uncontrollable financial harm to the financial system); (8) concentration risk (exposure to losses from the concentration of closely related risks such as exposure to a particular industry or exposure linked to a particular entity); and (9) settlement risk (the risk faced when one party to a transaction has performed its obligations under a contract but has not yet received value from its counterparty).

Swap dealers and major swap participants that are registered with the CFTC and with whom a Fund may trade are subject to minimum capital and margin requirements. These requirements may apply irrespective of whether the OTC derivatives in question are traded bilaterally or cleared. OTC derivatives dealers are subject to business conduct standards, disclosure requirements, reporting and recordkeeping requirements, transparency requirements, position limits, limitations on conflicts of interest, and other regulatory burdens. These requirements may increase the overall costs for OTC derivative dealers, which are likely to be passed along, at least partially, to market participants in the form of higher fees or less advantageous dealer marks. The full impact of the Dodd-Frank Act on the Funds remains uncertain, and it is unclear how the OTC derivatives markets will ultimately adapt to this new regulatory regime.

Rule 18f-4 under the 1940 Act governs a Fund's use of derivative instruments and certain other transactions that create future payment and/or delivery obligations by the Fund. Rule 18f-4 permits a Fund to enter into Derivative Transactions (as defined below) and certain other transactions notwithstanding the restrictions on the issuance of "senior securities" under Section 18 of the 1940 Act. Section 18 of the 1940 Act, among other things, prohibits open-end funds, including a Fund, from issuing or selling any "senior security," other than borrowing from a bank (subject to a requirement to maintain 300% "asset coverage"). In connection with the adoption of Rule 18f-4, the SEC eliminated the asset segregation framework arising from prior SEC guidance for covering Derivative Transactions and certain financial instruments.

Under Rule 18f-4, "Derivative Transactions" include the following: (1) any swap, security-based swap (including a contract for differences), futures contract, forward contract, option (excluding purchased options), any combination of the foregoing, or any similar instrument, under which a Fund is or may be required to make any payment or delivery of cash or other assets during the life of the instrument or at maturity or early termination, whether as margin or settlement payment or otherwise; (2) any short sale borrowing; (3) reverse repurchase agreements and similar financing transactions, if a Fund elects to treat these transactions as Derivative Transactions under Rule 18f-4; and (4) when-issued or forward-settling securities (*e.g.*, firm and standby commitments, including to-be-announced ("TBA") commitments, and dollar rolls) and non-standard

settlement cycle securities, unless the Fund intends to physically settle the transactions and the transaction will settle within 35 days of its trade date.

Rule 18f-4 requires that a Fund that invests in Derivative Transactions above a specified amount adopt and implement a derivatives risk management program administered by a derivatives risk manager that is appointed by and overseen by the Funds' Board, and comply with an outer limit on Fund leverage risk based on value at risk. A Fund that uses Derivative Transactions in a limited amount are considered "limited derivatives users," as defined in Rule 18f-4, will not be subject to the full requirements of Rule 18f-4, but will have to adopt and implement policies and procedures reasonably designed to manage the Funds' derivatives risk. A Fund will be subject to reporting and recordkeeping requirements regarding its use of Derivative Transactions.

The requirements of Rule 18f-4 may limit a Fund's ability to engage in Derivative Transactions as part of its investment strategies. These requirements may also increase the cost of a Fund's investments and cost of doing business, which could adversely affect the value of the Fund's investments and/or the performance of the Fund. The rule also may not be effective to limit a Fund's risk of loss. In particular, measurements of VaR rely on historical data and may not accurately measure the degree of risk reflected in a Fund's derivatives or other investments. There may be additional regulation of the use of Derivative Transactions by registered investment companies, which could significantly affect their use. The ultimate impact of the regulations remains unclear. Additional regulation of Derivative Transactions may make them more costly, limit their availability or utility, otherwise adversely affect their performance or disrupt markets.

More information about particular types of derivatives instruments is included below in the sections titled "Futures Contracts," "Options on Futures Contracts," "Covered Call Options," "Risks of Futures and Options Investments," "Purchasing Call Options," "Purchasing Put Options," "Writing Put Options," "Limitations on Futures Contracts and Options on Futures Contracts," "Foreign Securities," "Forward Foreign Currency Exchange Contracts," "Repurchase Agreements," "Reverse Repurchase Agreements," "Caps and Floors, and "Swaps."

**FUTURES CONTRACTS**—The Growth Fund and the Income Fund may each enter into financial futures contracts. Such contracts may either be based on indexes of particular groups or varieties of securities ("Index Futures Contracts"), or be for the purchase or sale of debt obligations ("Debt Futures Contracts"). Such futures contracts are traded on exchanges licensed and regulated by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission. The Funds enter into futures contracts to gain a degree of protection against anticipated changes in interest rates that would otherwise have an adverse effect upon the economic interests of the Funds. However, the costs of and possible losses from futures transactions will reduce a Fund's yield from interest on its holdings of debt securities. Income from futures transactions constitutes taxable gain.

For the Growth Fund and the Income Fund, the custodian marks cash, U.S. Government securities or other liquid portfolio securities as segregated within the custody account in an amount equal to the value of the total assets committed to the consummation of futures positions. If the value of the segregated securities declines, additional cash or securities are required to be marked on a daily basis so that the value of the segregated assets equals the amount of the Funds' commitments with respect to such contracts. Alternatively, the Funds may cover such positions by purchasing offsetting positions, or covering such positions partly with cash, U.S. Government securities or other liquid portfolio securities, and partly with offsetting positions.

A Debt Futures Contract is a binding contractual commitment that, if held to maturity, requires each of the Growth Fund and the Income Fund to make or accept delivery, during a particular month, of obligations having a standardized face value and rate of return. By purchasing a Debt Futures Contract, the Fund legally obligates itself to accept delivery of the underlying security and to pay the agreed price; by selling a Debt Futures Contract it legally obligates itself to make delivery of the security against payment of the agreed price. However, positions taken in the futures markets are normally not held to maturity. Instead they are liquidated through offsetting transactions which may result in a profit or loss. While Debt Futures Contract positions taken by the Fund are usually liquidated in this manner, the Fund may instead make or take delivery of the underlying securities whenever it appears economically advantageous.

A clearing corporation, associated with the exchange on which futures contracts are traded, assumes responsibility for close-outs of such contracts and guarantees that the sale or purchase, if still open, is performed on the settlement date.

By entering into futures contracts, each of the Growth Fund and the Income Fund seek to establish with more certainty than would otherwise be possible the effective rate of return on its portfolio securities. A Fund may, for example, take a “short” position in the futures market by selling a Debt Futures Contract for future delivery of securities held by the Fund in order to hedge against an anticipated rise in interest rates that would adversely affect the value of such securities. Or it might sell an Index Futures Contract based on a group of securities whose price trends show a significant correlation with those of securities held by a Fund. When hedging of this character is successful, any depreciation in the value of portfolio securities is substantially offset by appreciation in the value of the futures position. On other occasions the Fund may take a “long” position by purchasing futures contracts. This is done when a Fund is not fully invested or expects to receive substantial proceeds from the sale of portfolio securities or of Fund shares, and anticipates the future purchase of particular securities but expects the rate of return then available in the securities markets to be less favorable than rates that are currently available in the futures markets. The Funds expect that, in the normal course, securities will be purchased upon termination of a long futures position, but under unusual market conditions, a long futures position may be terminated without a corresponding purchase of securities.

Debt Futures Contracts currently involve only taxable obligations and do not encompass municipal securities. The value of Debt Futures Contracts on taxable securities, as well as Index Futures Contracts, may not vary in direct proportion with the value of a Fund’s securities, limiting the ability of the Fund to hedge effectively against interest-rate risk.

The investment restriction concerning futures contracts does not specify the types of Index Futures Contracts into which the Growth Fund or the Income Fund may enter because it is impossible to foresee what particular indexes may be developed and traded or may prove useful to a Fund in implementing its overall risk-management strategies. For example, price trends for a particular Index Futures Contract may show a significant correlation with price trends in the securities held by the Fund, even though the securities comprising the index are not necessarily identical to those held by the Fund. In any event, the Fund would not enter into a particular Index Futures Contract unless the portfolio managers determined that such a correlation existed.

To the extent the Funds use Index Futures Contracts and Debt Futures Contracts, they are traded actively through the CME Group.

**OPTIONS ON FUTURES CONTRACTS**—To attempt to gain additional protection against the effects of interest-rate fluctuations, the Growth Fund and the Income Fund may purchase and write (sell) put and call options on futures contracts that are traded on a U.S. exchange or board of trade and enter into related closing transactions. There can be no assurance that such closing transactions will be available at all times. In return for the premium paid, such an option gives the purchaser the right to assume a position in a futures contract at any time during the option period for a specified exercise price.

The Funds may purchase put options on futures contracts in lieu of, and for the same purpose as, sale of a futures contract. They also may purchase such put options in order to hedge a long position in the underlying futures contract.

The purchase of call options on futures contracts is intended to serve the same purpose as actual purchase of the futures contracts. A Fund may purchase call options on futures contracts in anticipation of a market advance when it is not fully invested.

The Funds may write (sell) a call option and a futures contract in order to hedge against a decline in the price of the index or debt securities underlying the futures contract. If the price of the futures contract at expiration is below the exercise price, the Funds would retain the option premium, which would offset, in part, any decline in the value of its portfolio securities.

The writing (selling) of put options on futures contracts is similar to purchase of the futures contracts, except that, if market price declines, a Fund would pay more than the current market price for the underlying



securities or index units. The net cost to the Fund would be reduced, however, by the premium received on sale of the puts, less any transaction costs.

**COVERED CALL OPTIONS**—The Growth Fund and the Income Fund may write (sell) covered call options on their portfolio securities in an attempt to enhance investment performance. No more than 20% of a Fund's net assets may be subject to covered options.

When the Growth Fund and the Income Fund write (sell) a covered call option, it gives the purchaser of the option the right to buy the underlying security at the price specified in the option (the "exercise price") at any time during the option period, generally ranging up to nine months. If the option expires unexercised, a Fund will realize gain to the extent of the amount received for the option (the "premium") less any commission paid. If the option is exercised, a decision over which the Fund has no control, the Fund must sell the underlying security to the option holder at the exercise price. By writing a covered option, the Fund forgoes, in exchange for the premium less the commission ("net premium"), the opportunity to profit during the option period from an increase in the market value of the underlying security above the exercise price.

When the Growth Fund and the Income Fund sell an option, an amount equal to the net premium received by a Fund is included in the liability section of the Fund's Statement of Assets and Liabilities as a deferred credit. The amount of the deferred credit will be subsequently marked-to-market to reflect the current market value of the option written. The current market value of a traded option is the last sale price or, in the absence of a sale, the mean between the closing bid and asked price. If an option expires on its stipulated expiration date or if the Fund enters into a closing purchase transaction (*i.e.*, the Fund terminates its obligation as the writer of the option by purchasing a call option on the same security with the same exercise price and expiration date as the option previously written), the Fund will realize a gain (or loss if the cost of a closing purchase transaction exceeds the net premium received when the option was sold) and the deferred credit related to such option will be eliminated. If an option is exercised, the Fund will realize a long-term or short-term gain or loss from the sale of the underlying security, and proceeds of the sale will be increased by the net premium originally received. The writing of covered options may be deemed to involve a pledge of the securities against which the option is being written. Securities against which options are written will be segregated on the books of the Fund's custodian.

**RISKS OF FUTURES AND OPTIONS INVESTMENTS**—Each of the Growth Fund and the Income Fund will incur brokerage fees in connection with its futures and options transactions, and it will be required to segregate funds for the benefit of brokers as margin to guarantee performance of its futures and options contracts. In addition, while such contracts will be entered into to reduce certain risks, trading in these contracts entails certain other risks. Thus, while a Fund may benefit from the use of futures contracts and related options, unanticipated changes in interest rates may result in a poorer overall performance for the Fund than if it had not entered into any such contracts. Additionally, the skills required to invest successfully in futures and options may differ from skills required for managing other assets in a Fund's portfolio.

Each of the Growth Fund and the Income Fund may engage in over-the-counter options transactions with broker-dealers who make markets in these options. The portfolio managers will consider risk factors such as their creditworthiness when determining a broker-dealer with which to engage in options transactions. The ability to terminate over-the-counter option positions is more limited than with exchange-traded option positions because the predominant market is the issuing broker rather than an exchange, and may involve the risk that broker-dealers participating in such transactions will not fulfill their obligations. Certain over-the-counter options may be deemed to be illiquid securities and may not be readily marketable. The portfolio managers will monitor the creditworthiness of dealers with which the Funds enter into such options transactions under the general supervision of the Board of Trustees.

**PURCHASING CALL OPTIONS**—Each of the Growth Fund and the Income Fund may purchase call options to the extent that call option coverage by a Fund does not constitute more than 20% of the Fund's total assets. When a Fund purchases a call option, in return for a premium paid by the Fund to the writer of the option, the Fund obtains the right to buy the security underlying the option at a specified exercise price at any time during the term of the option. The writer of the call option, who receives the premium upon writing the option, has

the obligation, upon exercise of the option, to deliver the underlying security against payment of the exercise price. The advantage of purchasing call options is that the Funds may alter portfolio characteristics and modify portfolio maturities without incurring the cost associated with those transactions. The Funds may, following purchase of a call option, liquidate its position by effecting a closing sale transaction. This is accomplished by selling an option of the same series as the option previously purchased. The Funds will realize a profit from a closing sale transaction if the price received on the transaction is more than the premium paid (less any commissions) to purchase the original call option; the Funds will realize a loss from a closing sale transaction if the price received on the transaction is less than the premium paid (less any commissions) to purchase the original call option.

Although the Growth Fund and the Income Fund will generally purchase only those call options for which there appears to be an active secondary market, there is no assurance that a liquid secondary market on an exchange will exist for any particular option, or at any particular time, and for some options no secondary market on an exchange may exist. In such event, it may not be possible to effect closing transactions in particular options, with the result that a Fund would have to exercise its options in order to realize any profit and would incur brokerage commissions upon the exercise of such options and upon the subsequent disposition of the underlying securities acquired through exercise of such options. Further, unless the price of the underlying security changes sufficiently, a call option purchased by the Funds may expire without any value to the Funds, in which event the Funds would realize a capital loss that would be characterized as short-term unless the option was held for more than one year.

**PURCHASING PUT OPTIONS**—No more than 20% of either the Growth Fund's or the Income Fund's total assets may be subject to put options. Each Fund will, at all times during which it holds a put option, own the security covered by such option. The purchase of the put on substantially identical securities held will constitute a short sale for tax purposes, the effect of which is to create short-term capital gain on the sale of the security and to suspend running of its holding period (and treat it as commencing on the date of the closing of the short sale) or that of a security acquired to cover the same if, at the time the put was acquired, the security had not been held for more than one year.

A put option purchased by either the Growth Fund or the Income Fund gives it the right to sell one of its securities for an agreed-upon price up to an agreed-upon date. The Funds may purchase put options in order to protect against a decline in the market value of the underlying security below the exercise price less the premium paid for the option ("protective puts"). The ability to purchase put options will allow the Funds to protect unrealized gains in an appreciated security in their portfolios without actually selling the security. If the security does not drop in value, the Funds will lose the value of the premium paid. A Fund may sell a put option which it has previously purchased prior to sale of the securities underlying such option. Such sale will result in a net gain or loss depending upon whether the amount received on the sale is more or less than the premium and other transaction costs paid on the put option which is sold.

The Growth Fund or the Income Fund may sell a put option purchased on individual portfolio securities. Additionally, the Funds may enter into closing sale transactions. A closing sale transaction is one in which a Fund, when it is the holder of an outstanding option, liquidates its position by selling an option of the same series as the option previously purchased.

**WRITING PUT OPTIONS**—The Growth Fund and the Income Fund may also write put options on a secured basis, which means that a Fund will maintain, in a segregated account with its custodian, cash or U.S. Government securities in an amount not less than the exercise price of the option at all times during the option period. The amount of cash or U.S. Government securities held in the segregated account will be adjusted on a daily basis to reflect changes in the market value of the securities covered by the put options written by the Fund. Secured put options will generally be written in circumstances where the portfolio managers wish to purchase the underlying security for a Fund's portfolio at a price lower than the current market price of the security. In such event, the Fund would write a secured put option at an exercise price which, reduced by the premium received on the option, reflects the lower price it is willing to pay. With regard to the writing of put options, a Fund will limit the aggregate value of the obligations underlying such put options to 20% of its net assets.

Following the writing of a put option, the Growth Fund or the Income Fund may wish to terminate the obligation to buy the security underlying the option by effecting a closing purchase transaction. This is accomplished by buying an option of the same series as the option previously written. A Fund may not, however, effect such a closing transaction after it has been notified of the exercise of the option.

**LIMITATIONS ON FUTURES CONTRACTS AND OPTIONS ON FUTURES CONTRACTS**—The Growth Fund and the Income Fund will not engage in transactions in futures contracts or related options for speculation but only as a hedge against changes resulting from market conditions in the values of debt securities held in its portfolio or which it intends to purchase and where the transactions are appropriate to the reduction of the Fund's risks. The Trustees have adopted policies (which are not fundamental and may be modified by the Trustees without a shareholder vote) that, immediately after the purchase for a Fund of a futures contract or a related option, the value of the aggregate initial margin deposits with respect to all futures contracts (both for receipt and delivery), and premiums paid on related options entered into on behalf of the Fund, will not exceed 5% of the fair market value of the Fund's total assets. Additionally, the value of the aggregate premiums paid for all put and call options held by a Fund will not exceed 20% of its net assets. Futures contracts and put options written (sold) by a Fund will be offset by assets of the Fund held in a segregated account in an amount sufficient to satisfy obligations under such contracts and options.

**FOREIGN SECURITIES**—The Income Fund may invest up to 40% of its assets in foreign bonds denominated in foreign currencies. No more than 20% of a Fund's total assets will be represented by a given foreign currency. The Funds may invest without limit in U.S. dollar denominated foreign securities.

Investors should recognize that investing in foreign securities involves certain special considerations, including those set forth below, which are not typically associated with investing in U.S. securities and that may favorably or unfavorably affect the Funds' performance. As foreign companies are not generally subject to uniform accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards, practices and requirements comparable to those applicable to domestic companies, there may be less publicly available information about a foreign company than about a domestic company. Many foreign securities markets, while growing in volume of trading activity, have substantially less volume than the U.S. market, and securities of some foreign issuers are less liquid and more volatile than securities of domestic issuers. Similarly, volume and liquidity in most foreign bond markets is less than in the U.S. and, at times, price volatility can be greater than in the U.S. Fixed commissions on some foreign securities exchanges and bid-to-asked spreads in foreign bond markets are generally higher than commissions and bid-to-asked spreads in U.S. markets, although the Funds will endeavor to achieve the most favorable net results on their portfolio transactions. There is generally less government supervision and regulation of securities exchanges, brokers and listed companies than in the U.S. It may be more difficult for the Funds' agents to keep currently informed about corporate actions that may affect the prices of portfolio securities. Communications between the U.S. and foreign countries may be less reliable than within the U.S., thus increasing the risk of delayed settlements of portfolio transactions or loss of certificates for portfolio securities. Payment for securities without delivery may be required in certain foreign markets. In addition, with respect to certain foreign countries, there is the possibility of expropriation or confiscatory taxation, political or social instability, or diplomatic developments that could affect U.S. investments in those countries. Investments in foreign securities may also entail certain risks such as possible currency blockages or transfer restrictions, and the difficulty of enforcing rights in other countries. Moreover, individual foreign economies may differ favorably or unfavorably from the U.S. economy in such respects as growth of gross national product, rate of inflation, capital reinvestment, resource self-sufficiency and balance of payments position. Further, to the extent investments in foreign securities involve currencies of foreign countries, the Funds may be affected favorably or unfavorably by changes in currency rates and in exchange-control regulations, and may incur costs in connection with conversion between currencies.

Investments in companies domiciled in emerging countries may be subject to potentially greater risks than investments in developed countries. The possibility of revolution and the dependence on foreign economic assistance may be greater in these countries than in developed countries. Each Fund seeks to mitigate the risks associated with these considerations through diversification and active professional management.

Growing tensions, including trade disputes, between the United States and other nations, or among foreign powers, and possible diplomatic, trade or other sanctions could adversely impact the global economy, financial markets and the Funds. The strengthening or weakening of the U.S. dollar relative to other currencies may, among other things, adversely affect the Funds' investments denominated in non-U.S. dollar currencies. It is difficult to predict when similar events affecting the U.S. or global financial markets may occur, the effects that such events may have, and the duration of those effects.

*Investments in the United Kingdom*—On January 31, 2020, the UK officially withdrew from the EU (commonly known as “Brexit”). Following a transition period, the United Kingdom’s post-Brexit trade agreement with the European union passed into law in December 2020, became effective on a provisional basis on January 1, 2021, and formally entered into force on May 1, 2021.

The effects of Brexit on the UK and EU economies and the broader global economy could be significant, resulting in negative impacts, such as business and trade disruptions, increased volatility and illiquidity, and potentially lower economic growth of markets in the UK, EU and globally, which could negatively impact the value of the Fund’s investments. Brexit could also lead to legal uncertainty and politically divergent national laws and regulations while the new relationship between the UK and EU is further defined and the UK determines which EU laws to replace or replicate. Additionally, depreciation of the British pound sterling and/or the euro in relation to the U.S. dollar following Brexit could adversely affect Fund investments denominated in the British pound sterling and/or the euro, regardless of the performance of the investment.

In particular, the UK leaving the EU has led to a decline in the value of sterling against other currencies, including the euro and the U.S. dollar, which decline could continue for an indeterminate length of time. Accordingly, the sterling cost of potential investments denominated in euros, the U.S. dollar and other non-sterling currencies has increased and may continue to increase, making such investments more expensive. In addition, underlying investment funds in which a Fund holds an interest could be similarly and adversely impacted.

**FORWARD FOREIGN CURRENCY EXCHANGE CONTRACTS**—The Growth Fund and the Income Fund may enter into forward foreign currency exchange contracts in connection with its investments in foreign securities. A forward foreign currency exchange contract (“forward contract”) involves a negotiated obligation to purchase or sell a specific currency at a future date or range of future dates (with or without delivery required), which may be any fixed number of days from the date of the contract agreed upon by the parties, at a price set at the time of the contract. These contracts are generally traded in the interbank market conducted directly between currency traders (usually large commercial banks) and their customers. A forward contract generally has no deposit requirement, and no commissions are charged at any stage for trades.

The maturity date of a forward contract may be any fixed number of days from the date of the contract agreed upon by the parties, rather than a predetermined date in a given month, and forward contracts may be in any amount agreed upon by the parties rather than predetermined amounts. Also, forward contracts are traded directly between banks or currency dealers so that no intermediary is required. A forward contract generally requires no margin or other deposit.

Closing transactions with respect to forward contracts are effected with the currency trader who is a party to the original forward contract.

The Growth Fund and the Income Fund may enter into foreign contracts in several circumstances. When a Fund enters into a contract for the purchase or sale of a security denominated in a foreign currency, or when a Fund anticipates the receipt in a foreign currency of interest and dividend payments on a security it holds, the Fund may desire to “lock in” the U.S. dollar price of the security or the U.S. dollar equivalent of such interest and dividend payments, as the case may be. By entering into a forward contract for the purchase or sale, for a fixed amount of U.S. dollars, of the amount of foreign currency involved in the underlying transaction, the Fund will attempt to protect itself against a possible loss resulting from an adverse change in the relationship between the U.S. dollar and the applicable foreign currency during the period between the date on which the security is purchased or sold, or on which the dividend payment is declared, and the date on which such payments are made or received.

The Funds' activities involving forward contracts may be limited by the requirements of Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") for qualification as a regulated investment company ("RIC").

**MiFID II**—Directive 2014/61/EU on markets in financial instruments and Regulation 600/2014/EU on markets in financial instruments (collectively, "MiFID II") took effect in Member States of the EU on January 3, 2018. MiFID II forms the legal framework governing the requirements applicable to EU investment firms and trading venues and third-country firms providing investment services or activities in the EU. The extent to which MiFID II will have an indirect impact on markets and market participants outside the EU is unclear and yet to fully play out in practice. It will likely impact pricing, liquidity and transparency in most asset classes and certainly impact the research market.

MiFID II prohibits an EU authorized investment firm from receiving investment research unless it is paid for directly by the firm out of its own resources or from a separate research payment account regulated under MiFID II and funded either by a specific periodic research charge to the client or by a research charge that is not collected from the client separately but instead alongside a transaction commission. Specifically, MiFID II will have practical ramifications outside the EU in certain areas such as payment for equity research and fixed income, currency and commodities research. For example, US asset managers acting under the delegated authority of an EU-based asset manager and US asset managers that are part of a global asset management group with one or more EU affiliates may, in practice, have to restructure the way they procure, value and pay for research under US laws and regulations to more closely align with the requirements under MiFID II. Absent appropriate relief or guidance from US regulators, certain aspects of the research payment regime under MiFID II may be incompatible with US law and regulation. Accordingly, it is difficult to predict the full impact of MiFID II on the Funds and the Adviser and Sub-Advisers, but it could include an increase in the overall costs of entering into investments. Shareholders should be aware that the regulatory changes arising from MiFID II may affect each Fund's ability to adhere to its investment approach and achieve its investment objective.

EU research providers that are MiFID II firms will be obliged to price their research services separately from their execution services. It is uncertain whether these changes will lead to an overall increase in the price of research and/or lead to reduced access to research for the Adviser and Sub-Advisers. While the exact impact of MiFID II and the related Markets in Financial Instruments Regulation on certain Funds and the Adviser and Sub-Advisers remain unclear and will take time to quantify, the impact on them and on the EU financial markets may be material.

**REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS**—The Growth Fund and the Income Fund may enter into repurchase agreements with any member bank of the Federal Reserve System and any broker-dealer that is recognized as a reporting government securities dealer, whose creditworthiness has been determined by the Adviser or Sub-Adviser. A repurchase agreement, which provides a means for the Funds to earn income on monies for periods as short as overnight, is an arrangement under which the purchaser (*i.e.*, the Fund) acquires a security ("Obligation") and the seller agrees, at the time of sale, to repurchase the Obligation at a specified time and price. The repurchase price may be higher than the purchase price, the difference being income to the Fund, or the purchase and repurchase prices may be the same, with interest at a stated rate due to the Fund at the time of repurchase. In either case, the income to the Fund is unrelated to the interest rate on the Obligation itself. For purposes of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"), a repurchase agreement is deemed to be a loan to the seller of the Obligation and is therefore covered by the Funds' investment restrictions applicable to loans. Each repurchase agreement entered into by a Fund requires that if the market value of the Obligation becomes less than the repurchase price (including interest), the Fund will direct the seller of the Obligation, on a daily basis, to deliver additional securities so that the market value of all securities subject to the repurchase agreement will equal or exceed the repurchase price. In the event a Fund is unsuccessful in seeking to enforce the contractual obligation to deliver additional securities, and the seller defaults on its obligation to repurchase, the Fund bears the risk of any drop in market value of the Obligation(s). In the event that bankruptcy or insolvency proceedings were commenced with respect to a bank or broker-dealer before its repurchase of the Obligation, the Fund might encounter delay and incur costs before being able to sell the security. Delays may involve loss of interest or decline in price of the Obligation. In the case of repurchase

agreements, it is not clear whether a court would consider a repurchase agreement as being owned by the particular Fund or as being collateral for a loan by the Fund. If a court were to characterize the transaction as a loan and the Fund had not perfected a security interest in the Obligation, the Funds could be required to return the Obligation to the bank's estate and be treated as an unsecured creditor. As an unsecured creditor, a Fund would be at risk of losing some or all of the principal and income involved in that transaction. The portfolio managers seek to minimize the risk of loss through repurchase agreements by analyzing the creditworthiness of the obligor, in this case the seller of the Obligations. A Fund may enter into "tri-party" repurchase agreements. In "tri-party" repurchase agreements, an unaffiliated third party custodian maintains accounts to hold collateral for the Fund and its counterparties and, therefore, the Fund may be subject to the credit risk of those custodians.

Securities subject to a repurchase agreement are held in a segregated account and the amount of such securities is adjusted on a daily basis so as to provide a market value at least equal to the repurchase price. The Funds may not invest more than 15% of their net assets in repurchase agreements maturing in more than seven days.

**REVERSE REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS**—The Growth Fund and the Income Fund may obtain funds for temporary defensive purposes by entering into reverse repurchase agreements with banks and broker-dealers. Reverse repurchase agreements involve sales by a Fund of portfolio assets concurrently with an agreement by that Fund to repurchase the same assets at a later date at a fixed price. During the reverse repurchase agreement period, the Fund continues to receive principal and interest payments on these securities. Rule 18f-4 under the 1940 Act permits a Fund to enter into reverse repurchase agreements and similar financing transactions, notwithstanding the limitation on the issuance of senior securities in Section 18 of the 1940 Act. The Rule permits a Fund to elect whether to treat a reverse repurchase agreement as a borrowing, subject to the asset coverage requirements of Section 18 of the Act, or as a Derivative Transactions under Rule 18f-4. The Funds have elected to treat all reverse repurchase agreements as Derivative Transactions. See "Derivatives" above.

In a sale-buyback transaction, a Fund sells an underlying security for settlement at a later date. A sale-buyback is similar to a reverse repurchase agreement, except that in a sale-buyback the counterparty who purchases the security is entitled to receive any principal or interest payments made on the underlying security pending settlement of the Fund's repurchase of the underlying security.

**RISKS OF CYBER-ATTACKS**—As with any entity that conducts business through electronic means in the modern marketplace, the Funds, and their service providers, may be susceptible 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 monitoring, release, misuse, loss, destruction or corruption of confidential information, unauthorized access to relevant systems, compromises to networks or devices that the Funds and their service providers use to service the Funds' operations, ransomware, operational disruption or failures in the physical infrastructure or operating systems that support the Funds and their service providers, or various other forms of cyber security breaches. Cyber-attacks affecting a Fund, SIMC or any of the Sub-Advisers, a Fund's distributor, custodian, transfer agent, or any other of a Fund's intermediaries or service providers may adversely impact the Fund and its shareholders, potentially resulting in, among other things, financial losses or the inability of Fund shareholders to transact business. 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 Funds may also incur additional costs for cyber security risk management purposes designed to mitigate or prevent the risk of cyber-attacks. Such costs may be ongoing because threats of cyber-attacks are constantly evolving as cyber attackers become more sophisticated and their techniques become more complex. Similar types of cyber security risks are also present for issuers of securities in which a 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. There can be no assurance that the Funds, the Funds' service providers, or the issuers of the securities in which the Funds invest will not suffer losses relating to cyber-attacks or other information security breaches in the future. A Fund may also experience losses due to systems failures or inadequate system back-up or procedures at the brokerage firm(s) carrying the Fund's positions.

**SECURITIES OF OTHER INVESTMENT COMPANIES**—Securities of other investment companies, including shares of closed-end investment companies, unit investment trusts, open-end investment companies and real estate investment trusts, represent interests in professionally managed portfolios that may invest in various types of instruments. Investing in other investment companies involves substantially the same risks as investing directly in the underlying instruments, but may involve additional expenses at the investment company-level, such as portfolio management fees and operating expenses. Certain types of investment companies, such as closed-end investment companies, issue a fixed number of shares that trade on a stock exchange or over-the-counter at a premium or a discount to their net asset value. Others are continuously offered at NAV, but may also be traded in the secondary market at a premium or a discount to their NAV.

Section 12(d)(1)(A) prohibits a registered open-end investment company (*e.g.*, a “fund”) from acquiring more than 3% of another registered open-end investment company’s outstanding shares, investing more than 5% of its own assets in any single registered open-end investment company, or investing more than 10% of its own assets in acquired registered open-end investment companies in the aggregate.

In addition, Rule 12d1-4 under the 1940 Act will permit a Fund to invest in other investment companies beyond the statutory limits of Section 12(d)(1)(A), subject to certain conditions.

The Income Fund and the Growth Fund may invest in unaffiliated underlying funds in reliance on Section 12(d)(1)(F) of the 1940 Act. Section 12(d)(1)(F) provides in pertinent part that issuers of any security purchased by a Fund are not obligated to redeem such security in an amount exceeding 1% of such issuer’s total outstanding securities during any period of less than thirty days. As a result, shares of an unaffiliated underlying fund held by a Fund in excess of 1% of the unaffiliated underlying fund’s outstanding shares could in certain circumstances be considered illiquid if it is determined that the shares may not be sold in the ordinary course of business within seven days. The liquidity of such excess shares will be considered on a case-by-case basis by SIMC based on the following factors: (i) the Adviser’s knowledge of an unaffiliated underlying fund’s section 12(d)(1)(F) redemption practice upon discussion with the unaffiliated underlying fund’s investment adviser; (ii) the Fund’s past specific redemption experiences with the unaffiliated underlying fund; (iii) the Adviser’s evaluation of general market conditions that may affect securities held by the unaffiliated underlying fund; (iv) the Fund’s ability to accept a redemption in-kind of portfolio securities from the unaffiliated underlying fund; (v) significant developments involving the unaffiliated underlying fund; and (vi) any other information the Adviser deems relevant.

Section 12(d)(1)(G) is a statutory exemption from those limitations that permits a fund to acquire an unlimited amount of shares of other funds that are part of the same group of investment companies (*e.g.*, “affiliated funds”).

The Balanced Funds rely on Section 12(d)(1)(G) of the 1940 Act and are therefore able to acquire up to 100% of the shares of the Growth Fund or the Income Fund.

The same federal securities laws also limit the extent to which the Growth Fund and the Income Fund can invest in securities of other investment companies, subject to certain exceptions. Generally, under Section 12(d)(1)(A), the Growth Fund or the Income Fund, as applicable, is prohibited from acquiring the securities of another investment company if, as a result of such acquisition: (i) the Growth Fund or the Income Fund, as applicable, owns more than 3% of the total voting stock of the other company; (ii) securities issued by any one investment company represent more than 5% of the Growth Fund’s or the Income Fund’s, as applicable, total assets; or (iii) securities (other than treasury stock) issued by all investment companies represent more than 10% of the total assets of the Growth Fund or the Income Fund, as applicable. Pursuant to Rule 12d1-1 under the 1940 Act, the Growth Fund and the Income Fund may invest in one or more affiliated or unaffiliated investment companies, which comply with Rule 2a-7 under the 1940 Act, in excess of the limits of Section 12 of the 1940 Act, so long as the conditions of that Rule are met. The Growth Fund and the Income Fund may invest in investment companies managed by SIMC or a Sub-Adviser to the extent permitted by any rule or regulation of the SEC or any order or interpretation thereunder.

The Growth Fund and the Income Fund are prohibited from acquiring any securities of registered open-end investment companies or registered unit investment trusts in reliance on Section 12(d)(1)(G) or Section 12(d)(1)(F) of the 1940 Act, other than in the narrow circumstances permitted in Rule 12d1-4.

Because of restrictions on direct investment by U.S. entities in certain countries, investment in other investment companies may be the most practical or the only manner in which an international and global fund can invest in the securities markets of those countries. The Growth Fund and the Income Fund also may be subject to adverse tax consequences to the extent it invests in the stock of a foreign issuer that constitutes a “passive foreign investment company.”

**INTERFUND LENDING AND BORROWING ARRANGEMENTS**—The SEC has granted an exemption that permits the Funds to participate in an interfund lending program (the “Program”) with existing or future investment companies registered under the 1940 Act that are advised by SIMC (the “SEI Funds”). The Program allows the SEI Funds to lend money to and borrow money from each other for temporary or emergency purposes. Participation in the Program is voluntary for both borrowing and lending funds. Interfund loans may be made only when the rate of interest to be charged is more favorable to the lending fund than an investment in overnight repurchase agreements (the “Repo Rate”) and more favorable to the borrowing fund than the rate of interest that would be charged by a bank for short-term borrowings (the “Bank Loan Rate”). The Bank Loan Rate will be determined using a formula approved by the SEI Funds’ Board of Trustees. The interest rate imposed on interfund loans is the average of the Repo Rate and the Bank Loan Rate.

All interfund loans and borrowings must comply with the conditions set forth in the exemption, which are designed to ensure fair and equitable treatment of all participating funds. Each Fund’s participation in the Program must be consistent with its investment policies and limitations and is subject to certain percentage limitations. SIMC administers the Program according to procedures approved by the SEI Funds’ Board. In addition, the Program is subject to oversight and periodic review by the SEI Funds’ Board.

**MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES AND MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH SECURITIES**—The Income Fund may invest in mortgage-backed securities, which are interests in pools of mortgage loans, including mortgage loans made by savings and loan institutions, mortgage banks, commercial banks and others. The Fund also invests in mortgage-backed securities guaranteed primarily by the GNMA. Pools of mortgage loans are assembled as securities for sale to investors by various governmental, government-related and private organizations as further described below. The Fund may also invest in debt securities that are secured with collateral consisting of mortgage-backed securities (see “Collateralized Mortgage Obligations”), and in other types of mortgage-related securities.

A decline in interest rates may lead to a faster rate of repayment of the underlying mortgages, and expose the Fund to a lower rate of return upon reinvestment. To the extent that such mortgage-backed securities are held by the Fund, the prepayment right will tend to limit to some degree the increase in NAV of the Fund because the value of the mortgage-backed securities held by the Fund may not appreciate as rapidly as the price of non-callable debt securities.

When interest rates rise, mortgage prepayment rates decline, thus lengthening the life of a mortgage-related security and increasing the price volatility of that security, affecting the price volatility of the Fund’s shares.

Interests in pools of mortgage-backed securities differ from other forms of debt securities, which normally provide for periodic payment of interest in fixed amounts, with principal payments at maturity or specified call dates. Instead, these securities provide a monthly payment that consists of both interest and principal payments. In effect, these payments are a “pass-through” of the monthly payments made by the individual borrowers on their mortgage loans, net of any fees paid to the issuer or guarantor of such securities. Additional payments are caused by repayments of principal resulting from sale of the underlying property, refinancing or foreclosure, net of fees or costs which may be incurred. Some mortgage-related securities (such as securities issued by the GNMA) are described as “modified pass-through.” These securities entitle the holder to receive all interest and principal payments owed on the mortgage pool, net of certain fees, at scheduled payment dates regardless of whether or not the mortgagor actually makes the payment.



The principal governmental guarantor of mortgage-related securities is the GNMA. GNMA is a wholly-owned U.S. Government corporation within the Department of Housing and Urban Development. GNMA is authorized to guarantee, with the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government, timely payment of principal and interest on securities issued by institutions approved by GNMA (such as savings and loan institutions, commercial banks and mortgage bankers) and backed by pools of FHA-insured or VA-guaranteed mortgages. These guarantees, however, do not apply to the market value or yield of mortgage-backed securities or to the value of the Fund's shares. Also, GNMA securities often are purchased at a premium over the maturity value of the underlying mortgages. This premium is not guaranteed and will be lost if prepayment occurs.

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

FHLMC is a corporate instrumentality of the U.S. Government and was created by Congress in 1970 for the purpose of increasing the availability of mortgage credit for residential housing. FHLMC stock is owned by twelve Federal Home Loan Banks. FHLMC issues Participation Certificates ("PCs"), which represent interests in conventional mortgages from FHLMC's national portfolio. FHLMC guarantees the timely payment of interest and ultimate collection of principal, but PCs are not backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government.

FNMA and FHLMC are the subject of several continuing class action lawsuits and investigations by federal regulators over certain accounting, disclosure or corporate governance matters, which (along with any resulting financial restatements) may adversely affect the guaranteeing entities. Importantly, the future of the entities is in serious question as the U.S. Government could consider nationalization, privatization, consolidation, or abolishment of the entities. The future status and role of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac could be impacted by (among other things) the actions taken and restrictions placed on FNMA and FHLMC by the FHFA in its role as conservator, the restrictions placed on FNMA's and FHLMC's operations and activities as a result of the senior preferred stock investment made by the Treasury, market responses to developments at FNMA and FHLMC, and future legislative and regulatory action that alters the operations, ownership, structure and/or mission of these institutions, each of which may, in turn, impact the value of, and cash flows on, any mortgage-backed securities guaranteed by FNMA and FHLMC, including any such mortgage-backed securities held by a Fund.

Since March 13, 2020, there have been a number of government initiatives applicable to federally backed mortgage loans in response to the economic impacts of the COVID-19 outbreak, including foreclosure and eviction moratoria, mortgage forbearance and loan modifications for borrowers and renters experiencing financial hardship due to COVID-19.

Although the effects of COVID-19 have decreased on a relative basis, it is difficult to predict how the government initiatives relating to COVID-19 may affect the federally backed mortgage market, the U.S. mortgage market as a whole and the price of securities relating to the mortgage markets, and in turn, the Funds' investments. However, high forbearance rates create a real possibility of billions of dollars of loan servicers' obligations to advance payment to investors in securities backed by mortgages in the absence of borrower payments on the underlying loans. Accordingly, the Funds cannot predict with certainty the extent to which these or similar initiatives in the future may adversely impact the value of the Funds' investments in securities issued by Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac and in investments in securities in the U.S. mortgage industry as a whole.

Commercial banks, savings and loan institutions, private mortgage insurance companies, mortgage bankers and other secondary market issuers also create pass-through pools of conventional mortgage loans. Such issuers may, in addition, be the originators and/or servicers of the underlying mortgage loans as well as the guarantors of the mortgage-related securities. Pools created by such non-governmental issuers generally offer a higher rate of interest than government and government-related pools because there are no direct or indirect

government or agency guarantees of payments. However, timely payment of interest and principal of these pools may be supported by various forms of insurance or guarantees, including individual loan, title, pool and hazard insurance and letters of credit. The insurance and guarantees are issued by governmental entities, private insurers and the mortgage poolers. Such insurance and guarantees and the creditworthiness of the issuers thereof will be considered in determining whether a mortgage-related security meets the Fund's investment quality standards. There can be no assurance that the private insurers or guarantors can meet their obligations under the insurance policies or guarantee arrangements. The Fund may buy mortgage-related securities without insurance or guarantees if, through an examination of the loan experience and practices of the originators/servicers and poolers, the portfolio managers determine that they meet the Fund's quality standards. Although the market for such securities is becoming increasingly liquid, securities issued by certain private organizations may not be readily marketable.

**TO BE ANNOUNCED SECURITIES ("TBAs")**—The Income Fund may also utilize the TBA market for mortgage-backed securities. The TBA market allows investors to gain exposure to mortgage-backed securities with certain broad characteristics (maturity, coupon, age) without taking delivery of the actual securities until the settlement day which is once every month. In addition, the Income Fund may utilize the dollar roll market, in which one sells, in the TBA market, the security for current month settlement, while simultaneously committing to buy the same TBA security for next month settlement. The Income Fund may also enter into TBA transactions. A TBA transaction is a contract for the purchase or sale of mortgage-backed security for future settlement at an agreed upon date but does not include a specified pool number and number of pools or precise amount to be delivered. TBA transactions include most mortgage-backed securities represented in the MBS Index and may also include mortgages that do not yet exist. The Income Fund may also use the dollar roll market to postpone delivery when TBA investments are made.

**COLLATERALIZED MORTGAGE OBLIGATIONS**—The Income Fund may invest in CMOs, which are hybrids between mortgage-backed bonds and mortgage pass-through securities. Similar to a bond, interest and prepaid principal are paid, in most cases, semiannually. CMOs may be collateralized by whole mortgage loans, but are more typically collateralized by portfolios of mortgage pass-through securities guaranteed by GNMA, FHLMC, or FNMA, and their income streams.

CMOs are structured into multiple classes, each bearing a different stated maturity. Actual maturity and average life will depend upon the prepayment experience of the collateral. CMOs provide for a modified form of call protection through a de facto breakdown of the underlying pool of mortgages according to how quickly the loans are repaid. Monthly payment of principal received from the pool of underlying mortgages, including prepayments, is first returned to investors holding the shortest maturity class. Investors holding the longer maturity classes receive principal only after the first class has been retired. An investor is partially guarded against a sooner-than-desired return of principal because of the sequential payments.

In a typical CMO transaction, a corporation issues multiple series (*e.g.*, A, B, C, Z) of CMO bonds ("Bonds"). Proceeds of the Bond offering are used to purchase mortgages or mortgage pass-through certificates ("Collateral"). The Collateral is pledged to a third party trustee as security for the Bonds. Principal and interest payments from the Collateral are used to pay principal on the Bonds in the order A, B, C, Z. The Series A, B, and C Bonds all bear current interest. Interest on the Series Z Bond is accrued and added to principal and a like amount is paid as principal on the Series A, B, or C Bonds currently being paid off. When the Series A, B, and C Bonds are paid in full, interest and principal on the Series Z Bond begins to be paid. With some CMOs, the issuer serves as a conduit to allow loan originators (primarily builders or savings and loan associations) to borrow against their loan portfolios.

**STRIPPED MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES**—The Income Fund may also invest in stripped mortgage-backed securities, which are derivative multi-class mortgage securities. The stripped mortgage-backed securities in which the Fund may invest will only be issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government, its agencies or instrumentalities. Stripped mortgage-backed securities have greater market volatility than other types of mortgage securities in which the Fund may invest.

Stripped mortgage-backed securities are usually structured with two classes that receive different proportions of the interest and principal distributions on a pool of mortgage assets. A common type of stripped mortgage-backed security will have one class receiving some of the interest and most of the principal from the mortgage assets, while the other class will receive most of the interest and the remainder of the principal. In the most extreme case, one class will receive all of the interest (the interest-only or “IO” class), while the other class will receive all of the principal (the principal-only or “PO” class). The yield to maturity on an IO class is extremely sensitive not only to changes in prevailing interest rates but also to the rate of principal payments (including prepayments) on the related underlying mortgage assets. A rapid rate of principal payments may have a material adverse effect on the yield to maturity of any such IOs held by the Fund. If the underlying mortgage assets experience greater than anticipated prepayments of principal, the Fund may fail to recoup fully its initial investment in these IO securities even if the securities are rated in the highest rating categories, AAA or Aaa, by S&P or Moody’s, respectively.

Stripped mortgage-backed securities are purchased and sold by institutional investors through several investment banking firms acting as brokers or dealers. The staff of the SEC has indicated that it views such securities as illiquid. The Fund’s investment in stripped mortgage securities will be treated as illiquid and will, together with any other illiquid investments, not exceed 15% of the Fund’s net assets.

**RISKS OF MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES**—Mortgage-backed securities differ from conventional bonds in that principal is paid back over the life of the mortgage security rather than at maturity. As a result, the holder of mortgage-backed securities (*i.e.*, the Income Fund) receives monthly scheduled payments of principal and interest, and may receive unscheduled principal payments representing prepayments on the underlying mortgages. When the holder reinvests the payments and any unscheduled prepayments of principal it receives, it may receive a rate of interest that is lower than the rate on the existing mortgage securities. For this reason, mortgage-backed securities may be less effective than other types of U.S. Government securities as a means of “locking in” long-term interest rates.

A decline in interest rates may lead to a faster rate of repayment of the underlying mortgages and expose the Fund to a lower rate of return upon reinvestment. To the extent that such mortgage-backed securities are held by the Fund, the prepayment right of mortgagors may decrease or limit the increase in NAV of the Fund because the value of the mortgage-backed securities held by the Fund may decline more than, or may not appreciate as much as, the price of noncallable debt securities. To the extent market interest rates increase beyond the applicable cap or maximum rate on a mortgage security, the market value of the mortgage-backed security would likely decline to the same extent as a conventional fixed-rate security.

In addition, to the extent mortgage-backed securities are purchased at a premium, mortgage foreclosures and unscheduled principal prepayments may result in some loss of the holder’s principal investment to the extent of the premium paid. On the other hand, if mortgage-backed securities are purchased at a discount, both a scheduled payment of principal and an unscheduled prepayment of principal will increase current and total returns and will accelerate the recognition of income that, when distributed to taxable shareholders, will be taxable as ordinary income.

The Fund may also invest in pass-through certificates issued by non-governmental issuers. Pools of conventional residential mortgage loans created by such issuers generally offer a higher rate of interest than government and government-related pools because there are no direct or indirect government guarantees of payment. Timely payment of interest and principal of these pools is, however, generally supported by various forms of insurance or guarantees, including individual loan, title, pool and hazard insurance. The insurance and guarantees are issued by government entities, private insurance and the mortgage poolers. Such insurance and guarantees and the creditworthiness of the issuers thereof will be considered in determining whether a mortgage-related security meets the Fund’s quality standards. The Fund may buy mortgage-related securities without insurance or guarantees if, through an examination of the loan experience and practices of the poolers, the portfolio managers determine that the securities meet the Fund’s quality standards.

With respect to pass-through mortgage pools issued by non-governmental issuers, there can be no assurance that the private insurers associated with such securities can meet their obligations under the policies.

Although the market for such non-governmental issued or guaranteed mortgage securities is becoming increasingly liquid, securities issued by certain private organizations may not be readily marketable. The purchase of such securities is subject to the Fund's limit with respect to investment in illiquid securities.

**OTHER MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES**—The portfolio managers expect that governmental, government-related or private entities may create mortgage loan pools and other mortgage-related securities offering mortgage pass-through and mortgage-collateralized investments in addition to those described above. The mortgages underlying these securities may include alternative mortgage instruments, that is, mortgage instruments the principal or interest payments of which may vary or the terms to maturity of which may differ from customary long-term fixed-rate mortgages. As new types of mortgage-related securities are developed and offered to investors, the portfolio managers will, consistent with the Income Fund's investment objective, policies and quality standards, consider making investments in such new types of mortgage-related securities. The Fund will not invest in any new types of mortgage-related securities without prior disclosure to shareholders of the Fund.

**OTHER ASSET-BACKED SECURITIES**—The Income Fund may also invest in other asset-backed securities. The securitization techniques used to develop mortgage-backed securities are now being applied to a broad range of assets. Through the use of trusts and special-purpose corporations, various types of assets, including automobile loans, computer leases and credit-card receivables, are being securitized in pass-through structures similar to the mortgage pass-through structures described above or in a structure similar to the CMO structure. The Income Fund may invest in these and other types of asset-backed securities that may be developed in the future. In general, the collateral supporting these securities is of shorter maturity than mortgage loans and is less likely to experience substantial prepayments with interest-rate fluctuations.

Several types of asset-backed securities have already been offered to investors, including Certificates of Automobile Receivables ("CARSSM"). CARSSM represent undivided fractional interests in a trust whose assets consist of a pool of motor vehicle retail installment-sales contracts and security interests in the vehicles securing the contracts. Payments of principal and interest on CARSSM are passed through monthly to certificate holders, and are guaranteed up to certain amounts and for a certain time period by a letter of credit issued by a financial institution unaffiliated with the trustee or originator of the trust. An investor's return on CARSSM may be affected by early prepayment of principal on the underlying vehicle sales contracts. If the letter of credit is exhausted, the trust may be prevented from realizing the full amount due on a sales contract because of state law requirements and restrictions relating to foreclosure sales of vehicles and the obtaining of deficiency judgments following such sales or because of depreciation, damage or loss of a vehicle, the application of federal and state bankruptcy and insolvency laws, or other factors. As a result, certificate holders may experience delays in payments or losses if the letter of credit is exhausted.

Asset-backed securities present certain risks that are not presented by mortgage-backed securities. Primarily, these securities may not have the benefit of any security interest in the related assets. Credit-card receivables are generally unsecured and the debtors are entitled to the protection of a number of state and federal consumer credit laws, many of which give such debtors the right to set off certain amounts owed on the credit cards, thereby reducing the balance due. There is the possibility that recoveries on repossessed collateral may not, in some cases, be available to support payments on these securities.

Asset-backed securities are often backed by a pool of assets representing the obligations of a number of different parties. To lessen the effect of failures by obligors on underlying assets to make payments, the securities may contain elements of credit support which fall into two categories: (i) liquidity protection, and (ii) protection against losses resulting from ultimate default by an obligor on the underlying assets. Liquidity protection refers to the provision of advances, generally by the entity administering the pool of assets, to ensure that the receipt of payments on the underlying pool occurs in a timely fashion. Protection against losses results from payment of the insurance obligations on at least a portion of the assets in the pool. This protection may be provided through guarantees, policies or letters of credit obtained by the issuer or sponsor from third parties, through various means of structuring the transaction or through a combination of such approaches. The Fund will not pay any additional or separate fees for credit support. The degree of credit support provided for each issue is generally based on historical information reflecting the level of credit risk associated with the underlying assets.

Delinquency or loss in excess of that anticipated or failure of the credit support could adversely affect the return on an investment in such a security.

The Fund may also invest in residual interests in asset-backed securities. In the case of asset-backed securities issued in a pass-through structure, the cash flow generated by the underlying assets is applied to make required payments on the securities and to pay related administrative expenses. The residual in an asset-backed security pass-through structure represents the interest in any excess cash flow remaining after making the foregoing payments. The amount of residual cash flow resulting from a particular issue of asset-backed securities will depend on, among other things, characteristics of the underlying assets, coupon rates on the securities, prevailing interest rates, administrative expenses and actual prepayment experience on the underlying assets. Asset-backed security residuals not registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), may be subject to certain restrictions on transferability. In addition, there may be no liquid market for such securities.

The availability of asset-backed securities may be affected by legislative or regulatory developments. It is possible that such developments may require the Fund to dispose of any existing holdings of such securities.

**ZERO COUPON SECURITIES**—The Income Fund may invest in zero coupon securities, which pay no cash income and are sold at substantial discounts from their value at maturity. When held to maturity, their entire income, which consists of accretion of discount, comes from the difference between the issue price and their value at maturity. Zero coupon securities are subject to greater market-value fluctuations from changing interest rates than debt obligations of comparable maturities which make current distributions of interest (cash). Zero coupon securities which are convertible into common stock offer the opportunity for capital appreciation as increases (or decreases) in market value of such securities closely follow movements in the market value of the underlying common stock. Zero coupon convertible securities generally are expected to be less volatile than the underlying common stocks, as they usually are issued with maturities of 15 years or less and are issued with options and/or redemption features, exercisable by the holder of the obligation, entitling the holder to redeem the obligation and receive a defined cash payment.

Zero coupon securities include securities issued directly by the U.S. Treasury, and U.S. Treasury bonds or notes and their unmatured interest coupons and receipts for their underlying principal ("coupons") that have been separated by their holder, typically a custodian bank or investment brokerage firm. A holder will separate the interest coupons from the underlying principal (the "corpus") of the U.S. Treasury security. A number of securities firms and banks have stripped the interest coupons and receipts and then resold them in custodial receipt programs with a number of different names, including "Treasury Income Growth Receipts" ("TIGRSTM") and Certificate of Accrual on Treasuries ("CATSTM"). The underlying U.S. Treasury bonds and notes themselves are held in book-entry form at the Federal Reserve Bank or, in the case of bearer securities (*i.e.*, unregistered securities which are owned ostensibly by the bearer or holder thereof), in trust on behalf of the owners thereof. Counsel to the underwriters of these certificates or other evidences of ownership of the U.S. Treasury securities have stated that, for federal tax and securities purposes, in their opinion purchasers of such certificates, such as the Fund, most likely will be deemed the beneficial holder of the underlying U.S. Government securities. The Fund understands that the staff of the SEC no longer considers such privately stripped obligations to be U.S. Government securities, as defined in the 1940 Act; therefore, the Fund intends to adhere to this staff position and will not treat such privately stripped obligations to be U.S. Government securities for the purpose of determining if the Fund is "diversified" under the 1940 Act.

The U.S. Treasury has facilitated transfers of ownership of zero coupon securities by accounting separately for the beneficial ownership of particular interest coupon and corpus payments on Treasury securities through the Federal Reserve book-entry record-keeping system. The Federal Reserve program as established by the Treasury Department is known as "STRIPS" or "Separate Trading of Registered Interest and Principal of Securities." Under the STRIPS program, the Fund will be able to have its beneficial ownership of zero coupon securities recorded directly in the book-entry record-keeping system in lieu of having to hold certificates or other evidences of ownership of the underlying U.S. Treasury securities.

When U.S. Treasury obligations have been stripped of their unmatured interest coupons by the holder, the principal is sold at a deep discount because the buyer receives only the right to receive a future fixed payment on the security and does not receive any rights to periodic interest (cash) payments. Once stripped or separated, the principal and coupons may be sold separately. Typically, the coupons are sold separately or grouped with other coupons with like maturity dates and sold bundled in such form. Purchasers of stripped obligations acquire, in effect, discount obligations that are economically identical to the zero coupon securities that the Treasury sells itself.

**RESETS**—The interest rates paid on the Adjustable Rate Mortgages (“ARMs”) and CMOs in which the Income Fund may invest generally are readjusted at intervals of one year or less to an increment over some predetermined interest-rate index. There are three main categories of indexes: those based on U.S. Treasury securities; those derived from a calculated measure such as a cost-of-funds index; or a moving average of mortgage rates.

**CAPS AND FLOORS**—The underlying mortgages which collateralize the ARMs and CMOs in which the Income Fund invests will frequently have caps and floors that limit the maximum amount by which the loan rate to the residential borrower may change up or down (1) per reset or adjustment interval and (2) over the life of the loan. Some residential mortgage loans restrict periodic adjustments by limiting changes in the borrower’s monthly principal and interest payments rather than by limiting interest-rate changes. These payment caps may result in negative amortization. In addition, a Fund will earmark on the books of the Fund or segregate cash or liquid securities in an amount equal to any liability amount owed under a cap or floor agreement, or will otherwise “cover” its position as required by applicable SEC and SEC staff positions.

**RULE 144A SECURITIES**—The Growth Fund and the Income Fund may purchase securities which are not registered under the Securities Act, but which can be sold to “qualified institutional buyers” in accordance with Rule 144A under the Securities Act (“Rule 144A”). In some cases, such securities are classified as “illiquid securities,” however, any such security will not be considered illiquid so long as it is determined by the Adviser or Sub-Adviser, under guidelines approved by the Board of Trustees, that an adequate trading market exists for that security. This investment practice could have the effect of increasing the level of illiquidity in a Fund during any period that qualified institutional buyers become uninterested in purchasing these restricted securities.

**ILLIQUID SECURITIES**—The Funds will not invest more than 15% of the value of their net assets in securities that are illiquid because of restrictions on transferability or other reasons. Repurchase agreements with deemed maturities in excess of seven days and securities that are not registered under the Securities Act, but that may be purchased by institutional buyers pursuant to Rule 144A are subject to this 15% limit (unless such securities are variable-amount master-demand notes with maturities of nine months or less or unless the Adviser determines that a liquid trading market exists).

**CONVERTIBLE SECURITIES**—The Growth Fund may invest in convertible securities. Common stock occupies the most junior position in a company’s capital structure. Convertible securities entitle the holder to exchange those securities for a specified number of shares of common stock, usually of the same company, at specified prices within a certain period of time and to receive interest or dividends until the holder elects to convert. The provisions of any convertible security determine its ranking in a company’s capital structure. In the case of subordinated convertible debentures, the holder’s claims on assets and earnings are subordinated to the claims of other creditors, but are senior to the claims of preferred and common shareholders. In the case of preferred stock and convertible preferred stock, the holder’s claims on assets and earnings are subordinated to the claims of all creditors but are senior to the claims of common shareholders.

**SWAPS**—To help enhance the value of its portfolio or manage its exposure to different types of investments, the Income Fund may enter into interest-rate, currency and mortgage-swap agreements and may purchase and sell interest-rate “caps,” “floors” and “collars.” The potential loss from investing in swap agreements is much greater than the amount initially invested. This would protect the Fund from a decline in the value of the underlying security due to rising rates, but would also limit its ability to benefit from falling interest rates. The Fund will enter into interest-rate swaps only on a net basis (*i.e.*, the two payment streams will be netted out, with the Fund receiving or paying as the case may be, only the net amount of the two payments). The net

amount of the excess, if any, of the Fund's obligations over its entitlements with respect to each interest-rate swap will be accrued on a daily basis and an amount of cash or liquid portfolio securities having an aggregate value at least equal to the accrued excess will be maintained in a segregated account by the Fund's custodian bank. Interest-rate swaps do not involve the delivery of securities or other underlying assets or principal. Thus, if the other party to an interest-rate swap defaults, the Fund's risk of loss consists of the net amount of interest payments that the Fund is contractually entitled to receive.

In a cap or floor, one party agrees, usually in return for a fee, to make payments under particular circumstances. For example, the purchaser of an interest-rate cap has the right to receive payments to the extent a specified interest-rate exceeds an agreed-upon level; the purchaser of an interest-rate floor has the right to receive payments to the extent a specified interest-rate falls below an agreed-upon level. A collar entitles the purchaser to receive payments to the extent a specified interest rate falls outside an agreed-upon range.

Swap agreements may involve leverage and may be highly volatile; depending on how they are used, they may have a considerable impact on the Fund's performance. Swap agreements involve risks depending upon the other party's creditworthiness and ability to perform, as judged by the portfolio managers, as well as the Fund's ability to terminate its swap agreements or reduce its exposure through offsetting transactions.

Pursuant to Rule 18f-4 under the 1940 Act (commonly known as the "SEC Derivatives Rule"), the Fund has adopted a derivatives risk management program to comply with the rule's limitations on leveraged-related risk, which are based on the Fund's relative "value-at-risk."

**REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUSTS ("REITs")**—The Growth Fund and the Income Fund each may invest up to 10% of its net assets in REITs. Equity REITs invest directly in real property while mortgage REITs invest in mortgages on real property. REITs may be subject to certain risks associated with the direct ownership of real estate, including declines in the value of real estate, risks related to general and local economic conditions, overbuilding and increased competition, increases in property taxes and operating expenses, and variations in rental income. Generally, increases in interest rates will decrease the value of high-yielding securities and increase the costs of obtaining financing, which could decrease the value of a REIT's investments. In addition, equity REITs may be affected by changes in the value of the underlying property owned by the REITs, while mortgage REITs may be affected by the quality of credit extended. Equity and mortgage REITs are dependent upon management skill, and are subject to the risks of financing projects. REITs are also subject to heavy cash flow dependency, defaults by borrowers and self-liquidation.

**BORROWING**—Each Fund has a fundamental policy that it may not borrow money, except that it may (1) borrow money from banks for temporary or emergency purposes and not for leveraging or investments and (2) enter into reverse repurchase agreements for any purpose, so long as the aggregate amount of borrowings and reverse repurchase agreements does not exceed one-third of the Fund's total assets less liabilities (other than borrowings). No Fund will purchase securities while borrowings in excess of 5% of its total assets are outstanding.

**QUANTITATIVE INVESTING**—A quantitative investment style generally involves the use of computers to implement a systematic or rules-based approach to selecting investments based on specific measurable factors. Due to the significant role technology plays in such strategies, they carry the risk of unintended or unrecognized issues or flaws in the design, coding, implementation or maintenance of the computer programs or technology used in the development and implementation of the quantitative strategy. These issues or flaws, which can be difficult to identify, may result in the implementation of a portfolio that is different from that which was intended, and could negatively impact investment returns. Such risks should be viewed as an inherent element of investing in an investment strategy that relies heavily upon quantitative models and computerization.

**OTHER INVESTMENTS**—Subject to prior disclosure to shareholders, the Board of Trustees may, in the future, authorize the Funds to invest in securities other than those listed here and in the Prospectus, provided that such investment would be consistent with the Fund's investment objective and that it would not violate any fundamental investment policies or restrictions applicable to the Fund.

**TEMPORARY DEFENSIVE PURPOSES**—For temporary defensive purposes, the Funds may invest without limit in high-quality money-market securities. The Funds may also, for temporary defensive purposes, invest in shares of no-load, money-market mutual funds.

**ECONOMIC RISK OF GLOBAL HEALTH EVENTS**—The market value of a Fund’s investments may decline in tandem with a drop in the overall value of the markets in which the Fund invests and/or other markets based on negative developments in the U.S. and global economies. Economic, political, and financial conditions or industry or economic trends or developments may, from time to time, and for varying periods of time, cause volatility, illiquidity or other potentially adverse effects in the financial markets, including the fixed-income market. The commencement, continuation or ending of government policies and economic stimulus programs, changes in money policy, increases or decreases in interest rates, war, acts of terrorism, recessions, or other actual or perceived factors or events that affect the financial markets, including the fixed-income markets, may contribute to the development of or increase in volatility, illiquidity, shareholder redemptions, and other adverse effects that could negatively impact the Fund’s performance. Similarly, the impact of any epidemic, pandemic or natural disaster, or widespread fear that such events may occur, could negatively affect the global economy, as well as the economies of individual countries, the financial performance of individual companies and sectors, and the markets in general in significant and unforeseen ways. Any such impact could adversely affect the prices and liquidity of the securities and other instruments in which the Fund invests, which in turn could negatively impact the Fund’s performance and cause losses on your investment in the Fund. Recent examples include pandemic risks related to a coronavirus (COVID-19). The ongoing effects of COVID-19 are unpredictable and may result in significant and prolonged effects on a Fund’s performance.

**LIBOR REPLACEMENT**—The London InterBank Offered Rate (“LIBOR”) was intended to represent the rate at which contributing banks may obtain short-term borrowings from each other in the London interbank market. Effective June 30, 2023, the regulatory authority that oversees financial services firms and financial markets in the U.K. stopped compelling or inducing banks to submit LIBOR rates. The U.S. Federal Reserve, based on the recommendations of the New York Federal Reserve’s Alternative Reference Rate Committee (composed of major derivative market participants and their regulators), has begun publishing a Secured Overnight Financing Rate (“SOFR”), a broad measure of secured overnight U.S. Treasury repo rates, to replace U.S. dollar LIBOR. Actions by regulators have resulted in the establishment of alternative reference rates to LIBOR in most major currencies. In response to the discontinuation of LIBOR, investors have added fallback provisions to existing contracts for investments whose value is tied to LIBOR, with most fallback provisions requiring the adoption of SOFR as a replacement rate. On March 15, 2022, the Adjustable Interest Rate Act was signed into law (the “LIBOR Act”), which, in conjunction with regulations adopted by the Federal Reserve Board, establishes SOFR as the default fallback rate for any U.S. contract without a fallback provision. As of July 1, 2023 and continuing through September 30, 2024, the U.K. Financial Conduct Authority will publish 1-, 3- and 6-month synthetic U.S. dollar LIBOR settings based on SOFR to serve as a fallback for non-U.S. contracts. The Funds have added provisions for the majority of their contracts to fall back to SOFR following the discontinuation of U.S. dollar LIBOR rates and the remaining contracts will fall back to either SOFR pursuant to the LIBOR Act for U.S. contracts or a synthetic LIBOR rate for non-U.S. contracts. However, there is no assurance that the composition or characteristics of SOFR or any such alternative reference rate will be similar to or produce the same value or economic equivalence as LIBOR or that it will have the same volume or liquidity as did LIBOR prior to its discontinuance or unavailability. This, in turn, may affect the value or liquidity or return on certain Fund investments, result in costs incurred in connection with closing out positions and entering into new trades and reduce the effectiveness of related fund transactions such as hedges. These risks may also apply with respect to potential changes in connection with other interbank offering rates (*e.g.*, Euribor) and other indexes, rates and values that may be used as “benchmarks” and are the subject of recent regulatory reform. Questions around liquidity impacted by these rates, and how to appropriately adjust these rates at the time of transition, remain a concern for the Funds.



## INVESTMENT LIMITATIONS

The following are fundamental and non-fundamental policies of the Funds.

### Fundamental Policies

The following investment restrictions are considered fundamental, which means that they may only be changed by the vote of a majority of a Fund's outstanding shares, which as used herein and in the Prospectus, means the lesser of: (1) 67% of a Fund's outstanding shares present at a meeting, if the holders of more than 50% of the outstanding shares are present in person or by proxy, or (2) more than 50% of a Fund's outstanding shares. The percentage restrictions described below are applicable only at the time of investment and require no action by the Funds as a result of subsequent changes in value of the investments or the size of a Fund.

Each Fund may not:

1. Purchase securities which would cause more than 25% of the value of the Fund's total assets at the time of such purchase to be invested in the securities of one or more issuers conducting their principal activities in the same industry. For purposes of this limitation, U.S. Government securities are not considered members of any industry.
2. Borrow money or issue senior securities as defined in the 1940 Act except that (a) the Fund may borrow money in an amount not exceeding one-third of the Fund's total assets at the time of such borrowings, and (b) the Fund may issue multiple classes of shares. The purchase or sale of futures contracts and related options shall not be considered to involve the borrowing of money or the issuance of shares of senior securities.
3. With respect to 75% of the Fund's total assets, purchase securities of any one issuer (other than securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government and its instrumentalities) if, as a result, (a) more than 5% of the Fund's total assets would be invested in the securities of that issuer, or (b) the Fund would hold more than 10% of the outstanding voting securities of that issuer. This restriction shall not apply to shares of the Balanced Funds.
4. Make loans or lend securities, if as a result thereof, more than 50% of the Fund's total assets would be subject to all such loans. For purposes of this limitation debt instruments and repurchase agreements shall not be treated as loans.
5. Purchase or sell real estate unless acquired as a result of ownership of securities or other instruments (but this shall not prevent the Fund from investing in REITs, securities or other instruments backed by real estate, including mortgage loans, or securities of companies that engage in real estate business or invest or deal in real estate or interests therein).
6. Underwrite securities issued by any other person, except to the extent that the purchase of securities and later disposition of such securities in accordance with the Fund's investment program may be deemed an underwriting.
7. Purchase or sell commodities except that the Fund may enter into futures contracts and related options, forward investing contracts and other similar instruments.

### Non-Fundamental Policies

The Funds have adopted the following non-fundamental restrictions. These non-fundamental restrictions may be changed by the Board of Trustees, without shareholder approval, in compliance with applicable law and regulatory policy.

1. A Fund shall not invest in companies for purposes of exercising control or management.
2. A Fund shall not purchase securities on margin, except that the Fund may obtain such short-term credits as are necessary for the clearance of transactions and provided that margin payments in connection with futures contracts and options shall not constitute purchasing securities on margin.

3. A Fund shall not sell securities short, unless it owns or has the right to obtain securities equivalent in kind and amount to the securities sold short, and provided that transactions in futures contracts and options are not deemed to constitute selling short.
4. Notwithstanding the language in the second fundamental investment policy stated above, with respect to whether the purchase or sale of futures contracts and related options are considered to involve borrowing or the issuance of senior securities, a Fund shall comply with the 1940 Act, the rules and regulations thereunder or any exemption therefrom, as such statute, rules or regulations may be amended or interpreted from time to time.
5. A Fund shall not purchase any security while borrowings representing more than 5% of the Fund's total assets are outstanding.
6. A Fund will invest no more than 15% of the value of its net assets in illiquid securities, including repurchase agreements with remaining maturities in excess of seven days, time deposits with maturities in excess of seven days and other securities which are not readily marketable.

The following descriptions of the 1940 Act may assist shareholders in understanding the above policies and restrictions.

**Diversification.** Under the 1940 Act, a diversified investment management company, as to 75% of its total assets, may not purchase securities of any issuer (other than securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government, its agents or instrumentalities or securities of other investment companies) if, as a result, more than 5% of its total assets would be invested in the securities of such issuer, or more than 10% of the issuer's outstanding voting securities would be held by the fund.

**Concentration.** The SEC has presently defined concentration as investing 25% or more of an investment company's net assets in an industry or group of industries, with certain exceptions.

**Borrowing.** The 1940 Act presently allows a fund to borrow from any bank (including pledging, mortgaging or hypothecating assets) in an amount up to 33 1/3% of its total assets, including the amount borrowed (not including temporary borrowings not in excess of 5% of its total assets).

**Senior Securities.** Senior securities may include any obligation or instrument issued by a fund evidencing indebtedness. The 1940 Act generally prohibits funds from issuing senior securities, although certain transactions are not treated as senior securities, such as certain borrowings, short sales, reverse repurchase agreements, firm commitment agreements and standby commitments.

**Lending.** Under the 1940 Act, a fund may only make loans if expressly permitted by its investment policies.

**Underwriting.** Under the 1940 Act, underwriting securities involves a fund purchasing securities directly from an issuer for the purpose of selling (distributing) them or participating in any such activity either directly or indirectly. Under the 1940 Act, a diversified fund may not make any commitment as underwriter, if immediately thereafter the amount of its outstanding underwriting commitments, plus the value of its investments in securities of issuers (other than investment companies) of which it owns more than 10% of the outstanding voting securities, exceeds 25% of the value of its total assets.

**Real Estate and Commodities.** The 1940 Act does not directly restrict an investment company's ability to invest in real estate or commodities, but does require that every investment company have a fundamental investment policy governing such investments.

## THE ADMINISTRATOR

**General.** SEI Investments Global Funds Services (the "Administrator"), a Delaware statutory trust, serves as administrator to the Funds and has its principal business offices at One Freedom Valley Drive, Oaks, Pennsylvania 19456. SIMC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of SEI Investments Company ("SEI"), is the owner of all beneficial interest in the Administrator. SEI and its subsidiaries and affiliates, including the Administrator, are

leading providers of fund evaluation services, trust accounting systems, and brokerage and information services to financial institutions, institutional investors, and money managers. The Administrator and its affiliates also serve as administrator or sub-administrator to other mutual funds.

**Administration Agreement with the Trust.** The Trust and the Administrator have entered into an administration agreement (“the Administration Agreement”). Under the Administration Agreement, the Administrator provides the Trust with administrative services or employs certain other parties, including its affiliates, who provide such services. Such services include, but are not limited to:

- maintaining books and records related to a Fund’s cash and position reconciliations, and portfolio transactions;
- preparation of financial statements and other reports for the Funds;
- calculating the NAV of each Fund in accordance with the Funds’ valuation policies and procedures;
- tracking income and expense accruals and processing disbursements to vendors and service providers;
- providing performance, financial and expense information for registration statements and board materials;
- providing certain tax monitoring and reporting;
- providing space, equipment, personnel and facilities;
- calculating required ordinary income and capital gains distributions; and
- providing anti-money laundering program services.

The Administration Agreement provides that the Administrator shall 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 Administration Agreement relate, except a loss resulting from willful misfeasance, bad faith or gross negligence on the part of the Administrator in the performance of its duties or from reckless disregard of its duties and obligations thereunder.

The Administration Agreement shall remain effective for the initial term of the Agreement and each renewal term thereof unless earlier terminated: (a) by a vote of a majority of the Trustees of the Trust on not less than 60 days’ written notice to the Administrator; or (b) by the Administrator on not less than 90 days’ written notice to the Trust.

**Administration Fees.** For its administrative services, the Administrator receives a fee, which is calculated based upon the average daily net assets of each Fund and paid monthly by the Trust. The annual rates are as set forth in the charts below:

For the Growth Fund:

Administration Fee	
On the first \$2.5 billion of Assets; .....	0.20%
on the next \$500 million of Assets; .....	0.1650%
on Assets over \$3 billion. ....	0.120%

For the Income Fund:

Administration Fee	
On the first \$1.5 billion of Assets; .....	0.20%
on the next \$500 million of Assets; .....	0.1775%
on the next \$500 million of Assets; .....	0.1550%
on the next \$500 million of Assets; .....	0.1325%
on Assets over \$3 billion. ....	0.110%

For the Balanced Growth Fund and the Balanced Income Fund:

Administration Fee	
On the first \$1.5 billion of Assets; .....	0.150%
on the next \$500 million of Assets; .....	0.1375%
on the next \$500 million of Assets; .....	0.1250%
on the next \$500 million of Assets; .....	0.1125%
on Assets over \$3 billion. ....	0.10%

For the fiscal years ended June 30, 2021, 2022 and 2023 the following table shows: (i) the dollar amount of fees paid to the Administrator by the Fund; and (ii) the dollar amount of the Administrator’s voluntary fee waivers and/or reimbursements:

Fund	Administration Fees Paid (000)			Administration Fees Waived (000)		
	2021	2022	2023	2021	2022	2023
Growth Fund .....	\$1,041	\$1,147	\$1,021	\$ 64	\$ 36	\$ 53
Income Fund .....	\$ 755	\$ 831	\$ 727	\$ 72	\$ 46	\$ 83
Balanced Growth Fund .....	\$ 502	\$ 556	\$ 493	\$252	\$240	\$220
Balanced Income Fund .....	\$ 127	\$ 146	\$ 129	\$ 47	\$ 43	\$ 40

U.S. Bank Global Fund Services (“UBGFS”) provides transfer agency services for the Funds. As part of these services, UBGFS processes shareholder transactions and provides shareholder information services, compliance reporting, and identity theft prevention and anti-money laundering services. UBGFS maintains the Trust’s records in connection with the services it provides. UBGFS’ business address is 615 East Michigan Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202.

#### THE ADVISER AND SUB-ADVISERS

**General.** SIMC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of SEI (NASDAQ: SEIC), a leading global provider of outsourced asset management, investment processing and investment operations solutions. The principal business address of SIMC and SEI is One Freedom Valley Drive, Oaks, Pennsylvania 19456. SEI was founded in 1968, and is a leading provider of investment solutions to banks, institutional investors, investment advisers and insurance companies. As of June 30, 2023, SIMC had approximately \$188.29 billion in assets under management.

**Manager of Managers Structure.** SIMC is the investment adviser for each of the Funds and operates as a “manager of managers.” SIMC and the Trust have obtained an exemptive order from the SEC that permits SIMC, with the approval of the Board, to hire, retain or terminate sub-advisers unaffiliated with SIMC for the Funds without submitting the sub-advisory agreements to a vote of the respective Fund’s shareholders. Among other things, the exemptive relief permits the disclosure of only the aggregate amount payable by SIMC under a particular sub-advisory agreement, but instead requires SIMC to disclose the aggregate amount of sub-advisory fees paid by SIMC with respect to each Fund. The Trust will notify shareholders in the event of any addition or change in identity of the Sub-Advisers.

SIMC oversees the investment advisory services provided to the Funds and may manage the cash portion of the Funds’ assets. Pursuant to separate sub-advisory agreements with SIMC, and under the supervision of SIMC and the Board, the sub-advisers to the Funds are generally responsible for the day-to-day investment management of all or a discrete portion of the assets of the Funds. Sub-advisers also are responsible for managing their employees who provide services to the Funds.

Subject to Board review, SIMC allocates and, when appropriate, reallocates the Funds’ assets among the Sub-Advisers, monitors and evaluates Sub-Adviser performance, and oversees Sub-Adviser compliance with the Funds’ investment objectives, policies and restrictions. **SIMC has ultimate responsibility for the investment performance of the Funds due to its responsibility to oversee the Sub-Advisers and recommend their hiring, termination and replacement.**

**Advisory and Sub-Advisory Agreements.** The Trust and SIMC have entered into an investment advisory agreement (the “Advisory Agreement”). Pursuant to the Advisory Agreement, SIMC oversees the investment advisory services provided to the Funds and may manage the cash portion of the Funds’ assets. Pursuant to separate sub-advisory agreements (the “Sub-Advisory Agreements” and, together with the Advisory Agreement, the “Investment Advisory Agreements”) with SIMC, and under the supervision of SIMC and the Board, one or more Sub-Advisers are responsible for the day-to-day investment management of all or a distinct portion of the assets of the Funds. The Sub-Advisers are also responsible for managing their employees who provide services to the Funds.

Each Investment Advisory Agreement sets forth a standard of care, pursuant to which the Adviser or Sub-Adviser, as applicable, is responsible for performing services to the Funds, and also includes liability and indemnification provisions.

The continuance of each Investment Advisory Agreement after the first two (2) years must be specifically approved at least annually: (i) by the vote of a majority of the outstanding shares of that Fund or by the Trustees; and (ii) by the vote of a majority of the Trustees who are not parties to such Investment Advisory Agreement or “interested persons” of any party thereto, cast in person at a meeting called for the purpose of voting on such approval. Each Investment Advisory Agreement will terminate automatically in the event of its assignment, and is terminable at any time without penalty by the Trustees of the Trust or, with respect to a Fund, by a majority of the outstanding shares of that Fund, on not less than 30 days’ nor more than 60 days’ written notice to SIMC or a Sub-Adviser, as applicable, or by SIMC or a Sub-Adviser, as applicable, on 90 days’ written notice to the Trust.

In accordance with a separate exemptive order that the Trust and SIMC have obtained from the SEC, the Board may approve a new sub-advisory agreement or a material amendment to an existing sub-advisory agreement at a meeting that is not in person, subject to certain conditions, including that the Trustees are able to participate in the meeting using a means of communication that allows them to hear each other simultaneously during the meeting.

**Advisory and Sub-Advisory Fees.** For these advisory services, SIMC receives a fee, which is calculated daily and paid monthly, at the annual rates set forth in the table below (shown as a percentage of the average daily net assets of each Fund). SIMC then pays the Sub-Advisers out of its contractual advisory fee for sub-advisory services provided to the Funds. The rates paid to each Sub-Adviser vary. The aggregate sub-advisory fees paid by SIMC for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023 are set forth below as a percentage of the average daily net assets of each Fund.

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Contractual Advisory Fee</u>	<u>Aggregate Sub-Advisory Fees Paid</u>
Growth Fund .....	0.47%	0.04%
Income Fund .....	0.42%	0.11%
Balanced Growth Fund .....	0.00%	0.00%
Balanced Income Fund .....	0.00%	0.00%

SIMC pays each Sub-Adviser a fee out of its advisory fee. Sub-Advisory fees are based on a percentage of the average daily net assets managed by the applicable Sub-Adviser.

For the fiscal years ended June 30, 2021, 2022 and 2023, the following tables show: (i) the contractual advisory fees that SIMC is entitled to receive from each Fund; (ii) the dollar amount of SIMC’s voluntary fee waivers; (iii) the dollar amount of fees paid to the Sub-Advisers by SIMC; and (iv) the dollar amount of the fees retained by SIMC.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023:

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Contractual Advisory Fees (000)</u>	<u>Advisory Fees Waived (000)</u>	<u>Sub-Advisory Fees Paid (000)</u>	<u>Advisory Fees Retained by SIMC (000)</u>
Growth Fund .....	\$2,398	\$1,217	\$204	\$977
Income Fund .....	\$1,527	\$ 522	\$401	\$604
Balanced Growth Fund .....	\$ 0	\$ 0	N/A	N/A
Balanced Income Fund .....	\$ 0	\$ 0	N/A	N/A

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022:

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Contractual Advisory Fees (000)</u>	<u>Advisory Fees Waived (000)</u>	<u>Sub-Advisory Fees Paid (000)</u>	<u>Advisory Fees Retained by SIMC (000)</u>
Growth Fund .....	\$2,694	\$1,368	\$214	\$1,112
Income Fund .....	\$1,746	\$ 597	\$457	\$ 692
Balanced Growth Fund .....	\$ 0	\$ 0	N/A	N/A
Balanced Income Fund .....	\$ 0	\$ 0	N/A	N/A

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021:

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Contractual Advisory Fees (000)</u>	<u>Advisory Fees Waived (000)</u>	<u>Sub-Advisory Fees Paid (000)</u>	<u>Advisory Fees Retained by SIMC (000)</u>
Growth Fund .....	\$2,446	\$1,242	\$202	\$1,002
Income Fund .....	\$1,585	\$ 542	\$415	\$ 628
Balanced Growth Fund .....	\$ 0	\$ 0	N/A	N/A
Balanced Income Fund .....	\$ 0	\$ 0	N/A	N/A

#### The Sub-Advisers

**INCOME RESEARCH & MANAGEMENT**—Income Research & Management (“IR+M”) serves as a Sub-Adviser to a portion of the assets of the Income Fund. IR+M is a Massachusetts business trust founded in 1987. IR+M was incorporated as Income Research & Management, Inc. from inception through December 2003. In December 2003, Income Research & Management, Inc. merged into IR&M Holdings LLC, and IR&M Holdings LLC merged into IR&M Holdings Business Trust. In January 2004, IR&M Holdings Business Trust changed its name to Income Research & Management. IR+M has been 100% privately owned since its inception in 1987 and remains so today.

**PARAMETRIC PORTFOLIO ASSOCIATES LLC**—Parametric is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Morgan Stanley, a publicly held company that is traded on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) under the ticker symbol MS. Parametric is a part of Morgan Stanley Investment Management, the asset management division of Morgan Stanley.

Parametric is owned directly by Eaton Vance Acquisitions LLC, a privately held subsidiary of Morgan Stanley.

**WESTERN ASSET MANAGEMENT COMPANY, LLC**—Western Asset Management Company, LLC (“Western Asset”) serves as a Sub-Adviser to a portion of the assets of the Income Fund. Western Asset operates as a group of coordinated sister companies located in various jurisdictions, and the Firm is headquartered in Pasadena, California. Each Western Asset entity ultimately is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Franklin Resources, Inc. [NYSE: BEN], a global investment management organization with subsidiaries operating as Franklin Templeton in over 165 countries. Western Asset was founded in 1971 and specializes in the management of fixed income funds.

**WESTERN ASSET MANAGEMENT COMPANY LIMITED**—Western Asset Management Company Limited (“Western Asset Limited”) serves as a Sub-Adviser to a portion of the assets of the Income Fund. Western Asset operates as a group of coordinated sister companies located in various jurisdictions, and the Firm is headquartered in Pasadena, California. Each Western Asset entity ultimately is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Franklin Resources, Inc. [NYSE: BEN], a global investment management organization with subsidiaries operating as Franklin Templeton in over 165 countries.

## Portfolio Management

### SIMC

*Compensation.* SIMC compensates each portfolio manager for his or her management of the Funds. Each portfolio manager's compensation consists of a fixed annual salary, plus a discretionary annual bonus determined generally as follows.

Portfolio manager compensation is a combination of both Fund performance and SEI Investments Company ("SEI") performance. A majority of each portfolio manager's compensation is determined by the performance of the Funds for which the portfolio manager is responsible for over both a short-term and long-term time horizon. A final factor is a discretionary component, which is based upon a qualitative review of the portfolio managers and their team.

With respect to the bonus, twenty percent of the portfolio manager's compensation is tied to the corporate performance of SEI (SIMC's ultimate parent company), as measured by the earnings per share earned for a particular year. This percentage is set at the discretion of SEI and not SIMC.

The remaining percentage is based upon each Fund's performance (pre-tax) versus its respective benchmark over a one and three year period.

*Ownership of Fund Shares.* As of June 30, 2023, the portfolio managers did not beneficially own shares of the Funds.

*Other Accounts.* As of June 30, 2023, in addition to the Funds, the portfolio managers were responsible for the day-to-day management of certain other accounts, as follows:

<u>Portfolio Manager</u>	<u>Registered Investment Companies</u>		<u>Other Pooled Investment Vehicles</u>		<u>Other Accounts</u>	
	<u>Number of Accounts</u>	<u>Total Assets (in billions)</u>	<u>Number of Accounts</u>	<u>Total Assets (in billions)</u>	<u>Number of Accounts</u>	<u>Total Assets (in billions)</u>
Richard A. Bamford .....	25	\$38.87	2	\$0.38	0	\$0
David L. Hintz, CFA .....	19	\$22.79	3	\$1.18	0	\$0
Anthony Karaminas, CFA ....	23	\$42.10	0	\$ 0	0	\$0
Jason Collins .....	29	\$42.02	8	\$2.71	0	\$0
Nilay Shah .....	3	\$11.03	0	\$ 0	0	\$0

No account listed above is subject to a performance-based advisory fee.

*Conflicts of Interest.* The portfolio managers' management of other accounts may give rise to actual or potential conflicts of interest in connection with their day-to-day management of the Funds' investments. The other accounts might have similar investment objectives as the Funds or hold, purchase or sell securities that are eligible to be held, purchased or sold by the Funds.

While the portfolio managers' management of the other accounts may give rise to the following potential conflicts of interest, SIMC does not believe that the conflicts, if any, are material or, to the extent any such conflicts are material, SIMC believes that it has designed policies and procedures that are reasonably designed to manage such conflicts in an appropriate way.

*Knowledge of the Timing and Size of Fund Trades.* A potential conflict of interest may arise as a result of the portfolio managers' day-to-day management of the Funds. Because of their positions with the Funds, the portfolio managers know the size, timing and possible market impact of Fund trades. It is theoretically possible that the portfolio managers could use this information to the advantage of the other accounts and to the possible detriment of the Funds. However, SIMC has adopted policies and procedures reasonably designed to allocate investment opportunities on a fair and equitable basis over time.

*Investment Opportunities.* A potential conflict of interest may arise as a result of the portfolio managers' management of the Funds and other accounts, which, in theory, may allow them to allocate investment opportunities in a way that favors the other accounts over the Funds. This conflict of interest may be exacerbated to the extent that SIMC or the portfolio managers receive, or expect to receive, greater compensation from

their management of the other accounts than the Funds. Notwithstanding this theoretical conflict of interest, it is SIMC's policy to manage each account based on its investment objectives and related restrictions and, as discussed above, SIMC has adopted policies and procedures reasonably designed to allocate investment opportunities on a fair and equitable basis over time and in a manner consistent with each account's investment objectives and related restrictions.

## IR+M

*Compensation.* SIMC pays IR+M a fee based on the assets under management of the Income Fund as set forth in an investment sub-advisory agreement between IR+M and SIMC. IR+M pays its portfolio managers out of its total revenues and other resources, including the sub-advisory fees earned with respect to the Income Fund. The following information relates to the period ended June 30, 2023.

Compensation is one component of IR+M's total rewards package. IR+M invests in its employees by offering them tangible rewards—like competitive compensation and medical benefits as well as attractive retirement benefits, vacation time, unlimited sick time, floating holidays, and tuition and certification reimbursement. Equally important are IR+M's intangible benefits. IR+M's status as an employee-owned firm allows IR+M to maintain its unique culture of collaboration and collegiality. This environment provides individuals access to senior leaders, and IR+M is committed to helping individuals grow their careers at IR+M through IR+M's learning and development opportunities.

Specific to compensation, all employees, including all members of IR+M's Investment Team, are compensated with a competitive salary plus bonus. IR+M's bonus pool is dictated by IR+M's ability to achieve its annual goals, which includes the profitability of IR+M. An individual's bonus is based on the employee's overall contribution to IR+M's and their team's success. IR+M's goal is to have collaborative high-performing teams that deliver for IR+M's clients, not to incentivize individual contributions over results. The qualitative drivers of bonus decisions are the beliefs represented in IR+M's Core Values: Invested, Respectful, Positive, and Motivated.

Portfolio Managers are evaluated based upon factors such as team contribution, input to risk management and the overall investment management process, contributions to client service, and contributions to firm culture. For Analysts and Traders, evaluations are based upon factors including team contribution, quality of research within assigned sectors and the broader market, input to risk management and the overall investment management process, and contributions to firm culture.

*Ownership of Fund Shares.* As of June 30, 2023, IR+M's portfolio managers did not beneficially own any shares of the Income Fund.

*Other Accounts.* As of June 30, 2023, in addition to the Income Fund, IR+M's portfolio managers were responsible for the day-to-day management of certain other accounts, as follows:

Portfolio Manager†	Registered Investment Companies		Other Pooled Investment Vehicles		Other Accounts	
	Number of Accounts	Total Assets (in millions)	Number of Accounts	Total Assets (in millions)	Number of Accounts	Total Assets (in millions)
Bill O'Malley, CFA . . . . .	6	\$4.053	25	\$14.449	746	\$75.339
Jake Remley, CFA . . . . .	6	\$4.053	25	\$14.449	746	\$75.339
Jim Gubitosi, CFA . . . . .	6	\$4.053	25	\$14.449	746	\$75.339

† IR+M utilizes a team-based approach to portfolio management, and each of the portfolio managers listed above are jointly responsible for the management of a portion of the accounts listed in each category.

No account listed above is subject to a performance-based advisory fee.

*Conflicts of Interest.* IR+M's management of other accounts may give rise to potential conflicts of interest in connection with its management of the Income Fund's investments, on the one hand, and the investments of the other accounts, on the other. The other accounts might have similar investment objectives as the Income Fund or hold, purchase or sell securities that are eligible to be held, purchased or sold by the Income Fund.



IR+M does not believe that these conflicts, if any, are material or, to the extent any such conflicts are material, IR+M believes that it has designed policies and procedures to manage those conflicts in an appropriate way.

A potential conflict of interest may arise as a result of IR+M's portfolio managers' day-to-day management of the Income Fund. Because of their positions with the Income Fund, the portfolio managers know the size, timing and possible market impact of Income Fund trades. It is theoretically possible that IR+M's portfolio managers could use this information to the advantage of other accounts they manage and to the possible detriment of the Income Fund. However, IR+M has adopted policies and procedures believed to be reasonably designed to allocate investment opportunities on a fair and equitable basis over time.

A potential conflict of interest may arise as a result of IR+M's portfolio managers' management of the Income Fund and other accounts, which, in theory, may allow them to allocate investment opportunities in a way that favors other accounts over the Income Fund. This conflict of interest may be exacerbated to the extent that IR+M or its portfolio managers receive, or expect to receive, greater compensation from their management of certain other accounts, that have higher base fee rates or incentives fees, than from the Income Fund. Notwithstanding this theoretical conflict of interest, it is IR+M's policy to manage each account based on its investment objectives and related restrictions and, as discussed above, IR+M has adopted policies and procedures reasonably designed to allocate investment opportunities on a fair and equitable basis over time and in a manner consistent with each account's investment objectives and related restrictions. For example, while IR+M's portfolio managers may buy for other accounts securities that differ in identity or quantity from securities bought for the Income Fund, such securities might not be suitable for the Income Fund given its investment objectives and related restrictions.

IR+M maintains a matrix of all actual or potential conflicts of interest and fully discloses in the ADV those that may appear to be a conflict of interest to a third-party. IR+M believes it has reasonable policies and procedures in place to mitigate risk and prevent harm because of any conflict.

### Parametric

*Compensation.* SIMC pays Parametric a fee based on the assets under management of the Growth Fund as set forth in an investment sub-advisory agreement between Parametric and SIMC. Parametric pays its investment professionals out of its total revenues and other resources, including the sub-advisory fees earned with respect to the Growth Fund. The following information relates to the period ended June 30, 2023.

*Compensation Structure.* Parametric believes that its compensation packages, which are described below, are adequate to attract and retain high-caliber professional employees. Please note that compensation for investment professionals is not based directly on investment performance or assets managed, but rather on the overall performance of responsibilities. In this way, the interests of portfolio managers are aligned with the interests of investors without providing incentive to take undue or insufficient investment risk. It also removes a potential motivation for fraud. Parametric is a subsidiary of Morgan Stanley. Violations of Parametric's or Morgan Stanley's policies would be a contributing factor when evaluating an employee's discretionary bonus.

Compensation of Parametric employees has three primary components:

- Base salary
- Discretionary bonus
  - This bonus may be paid in cash, or for those who meet the eligibility for deferred compensation, may be paid in a combination of cash and deferred awards that may include Morgan Stanley restricted stock.
  - Deferred awards vest after three years.

Parametric employees also receive certain retirement, insurance and other benefits that are broadly available to Morgan Stanley employees. Compensation of employees is reviewed on an annual basis. Considerations for adjustments in base salary and bonuses are typically paid and/or put into effect at, or shortly after, the firm's fiscal year-end.

The firm also maintains the following arrangements:

- Employment contracts for key investment professionals and senior leadership.
- Notice and Non-Solicit agreements for Managing Directors and Executive Directors of the company.

*Method to Determine Compensation.* Parametric seeks to compensate investment professionals commensurate with responsibilities and performance while remaining competitive with other firms within the investment management industry.

Compensation is also influenced by the operating performance of Parametric and Morgan Stanley. While the salaries of investment professionals are comparatively fixed, variable compensation in the form of bonuses may fluctuate from year-to-year, based on changes in financial performance and other factors. Parametric also offers opportunities to move within the organization, as well as incentives to grow within the organization by promotion.

Additionally, Parametric participates in compensation surveys that benchmark salaries against other firms in the industry. This data is reviewed, along with a number of other factors, so that compensation remains competitive with other firms in the industry.

*Ownership of Fund Shares.* As of June 30, 2023, Parametric’s portfolio managers did not beneficially own any shares of the Growth Fund.

*Other Accounts.* As of June 30, 2023, in addition to the Growth Fund, Parametric’s portfolio managers were responsible for the day-to-day management of certain other accounts, as follows:

Portfolio Manager	Registered Investment Companies		Other Pooled Investment Vehicles		Other Accounts	
	Number of Accounts	Total Assets (in millions)	Number of Accounts	Total Assets (in millions)	Number of Accounts	Total Assets (in millions)
Thomas Seto . . . . .	67	\$31,628.32	7	\$987.22	81,491	\$207,228.73
Paul Bouchey . . . . .	22	\$17,607.36	6	\$887.37	81,479	\$207,297.26
James Reber . . . . .	40	\$17,226.15	0	\$ 0	78,608	\$185,966.10

No account listed above is subject to a performance-based advisory fee.

Please note that at Parametric, accounts are managed on a team basis. Paul Bouchey, Thomas Seto and James Reber are responsible for the management of the Growth Fund in accordance with the guidelines and restrictions as defined in the Prospectus. Under their supervision and direction are portfolio management teams consisting of Senior Portfolio Managers and Portfolio Managers, who are tasked with the day-to-day management of accounts.

*Conflicts of Interest.* Parametric has a fiduciary obligation to act, at all times, in the best interests of its clients and to make full and fair disclosure of all material facts, particularly where the firm’s interests may conflict with those of a client. Parametric and its employees must provide investment advice and services that are reasonable, independent and free of competing interests. Parametric actively monitors its business activities to identify potential and confirmed conflicts of interest; Parametric will implement policies and procedures to properly mitigate such conflicts and will disclose material conflicts to existing and prospective clients. Please see Parametric’s Form ADV Brochure for additional information on the firm’s conflicts of interest.

Conflicts of interest may arise for individual employees as well. To identify and assess potential conflicts of interest, all employees are required to disclose all external and internal potential conflicts of interest including, but not limited to:

- Outside business activities
- Related persons employed in the securities industry
- Board membership
- Any relationships with public companies

Parametric anticipates that, in appropriate circumstances and consistent with the client's investment objectives, it will cause accounts over which Parametric has management authority to recommend the purchase or sale of securities in which Parametric and/or its other clients, directly or indirectly, have a position or interest. From time to time, Parametric or its affiliates may also recommend to investment advisory clients or prospective clients the purchase or sale of mutual funds in which Parametric receives a sub-advisory fee. Subject to satisfying Parametric's Code of Ethics policy and applicable laws, officers, directors and employees of Parametric may trade for their own accounts in securities that are recommended to and/or purchased for their clients.

Parametric's Code of Ethics is designed to reasonably address conflicts of interest between Parametric and its clients and to ensure that the activities, interests and relationships of employees will not interfere with making decisions in the best interest of advisory clients. Employees must disclose all securities holdings to Compliance within 10 days of becoming an employee of Parametric and annually thereafter, or as requested by Compliance. Compliance monitors employee trading to reasonably ensure that employees have complied with the restrictions outlined in the Code of Ethics, and to verify that employees are not taking advantage of their inside position.

### Western Asset

*Compensation.* SIMC pays Western Asset a fee based on the assets under management of the Income Fund as set forth in an investment sub-advisory agreement between Western Asset and SIMC. Western Asset pays its investment professionals out of its total revenues and other resources, including the sub-advisory fees earned with respect to the Income Fund. The following information relates to the period ended June 30, 2023.

At Western Asset, one compensation methodology covers all products and functional areas, including portfolio managers. The firm's philosophy is to reward its employees through total compensation. Total compensation is reflective of the external market value for skills, experience, ability to produce results and the performance of one's group and the firm as a whole.

Discretionary bonuses make up the variable component of total compensation. These are structured to reward sector specialists for contributions to the firm as well as relative performance of their specific portfolios/product and are determined by the professional's job function and performance as measured by a formal review process.

For portfolio managers, the formal review process includes a thorough review of portfolios they were assigned to lead or with which they were otherwise involved and includes not only investment performance, but maintaining a detailed knowledge of client portfolio objectives and guidelines, monitoring of risks and performance for adherence to these parameters, execution of asset allocation consistent with current firm and portfolio strategy, and communication with clients. In reviewing investment performance, one-, three- and five-year annualized returns are measured against appropriate market peer groups and to each fund's benchmark index.

*Ownership of Fund Shares.* As of June 30, 2023, Western Asset's portfolio managers did not beneficially own any shares of the Income Fund.

*Other Accounts.* As of June 30, 2023, in addition to the Income Fund, Western Asset's portfolio managers were responsible for the day-to-day management of certain other accounts, as follows:

Portfolio Manager	Registered Investment Companies		Other Pooled Investment Vehicles		Other Accounts	
	Number of Accounts	Total Assets (in millions)	Number of Accounts	Total Assets (in millions)	Number of Accounts	Total Assets (in millions)
S. Kenneth Leech	96	\$133,610	317	\$67,919	625	\$186,108
	0	\$ 0	27*	\$ 2,756	24*	\$ 14,124
Julien Scholnick, CFA	24	\$ 55,963	22	\$12,112	172	\$ 53,024
	0	\$ 0	0	\$ 0	5*	\$ 2,742
John L. Bellows, Ph.D., CFA	21	\$ 51,138	23	\$12,168	176	\$ 54,081
	0	\$ 0	0	\$ 0	5*	\$ 2,742

Portfolio Manager	Registered Investment Companies		Other Pooled Investment Vehicles		Other Accounts	
	Number of Accounts	Total Assets (in millions)	Number of Accounts	Total Assets (in millions)	Number of Accounts	Total Assets (in millions)
Mark S. Lindbloom . . . . .	26	\$ 57,077	30	\$14,040	195	\$ 59,314
	0	\$ 0	0	\$ 0	7*	\$ 5,203
Frederick R. Marki, CFA . . . . .	25	\$ 53,841	25	\$13,197	184	\$ 57,374
	0	\$ 0	0	\$ 0	7*	\$ 5,203
Bonnie M. Wongtrakool, CFA . . . . .	0	\$ 0	3	\$ 1,339	0	\$ 0
	0	\$ 0	0	\$ 0	0	\$ 0
Nicholas Mastroianni, CFA . . . . .	5	\$ 2,420	2	\$ 449	36	\$ 12,247
	0	\$ 0	0	\$ 0	0	\$ 0

\* These accounts, which are a subset of the accounts in the preceding row, are subject to a performance-based advisory fee.

*Conflicts of Interest.* Potential conflicts of interest may arise in connection with the management of multiple accounts (including accounts managed in a personal capacity). Western Asset has adopted compliance policies and procedures to address a wide range of potential conflicts of interest that could directly impact the Income Fund. These could include potential conflicts of interest related to the knowledge and timing of the Income Fund's trades, investment opportunities and broker selection. Portfolio managers may be privy to the size, timing and possible market impact of the Income Fund's trades.

It is possible that an investment opportunity may be suitable for both a portfolio and other accounts managed by a portfolio manager, but may not be available in sufficient quantities for both the portfolio and the other accounts to participate fully. Similarly, there may be limited opportunity to sell an investment held by a portfolio and another account. A conflict may arise where a portfolio manager may have an incentive to treat an account preferentially as compared to a portfolio because the account pays a performance-based fee or the portfolio manager, Western Asset or an affiliate has an interest in the account. Western Asset has adopted procedures for allocation of portfolio transactions and investment opportunities across multiple client accounts on a fair and equitable basis over time. All eligible accounts that can participate in a trade share the same price on a pro-rata allocation basis to ensure that no conflict of interest occurs. Trades are allocated among similarly managed accounts to maintain consistency of portfolio strategy, taking into account cash availability, investment restrictions and guidelines and portfolio composition versus strategy.

With respect to securities transactions, Western Asset determines which broker or dealer to use to execute each order, consistent with its duty to seek best execution of the transaction. However, with respect to certain other accounts (such as pooled investment vehicles that are not registered investment companies and other accounts managed for organizations and individuals), Western Asset may be limited by the client with respect to the selection of brokers or dealers or may be instructed to direct trades through a particular broker or dealer. In these cases, trades for a portfolio in a particular security may be placed separately from, rather than aggregated with, such other accounts. Having separate transactions with respect to a security may temporarily affect the market price of the security or the execution of the transaction, or both, to the possible detriment of a portfolio or the other account(s) involved. Additionally, the management of multiple portfolios and/or other accounts may result in a portfolio manager devoting unequal time and attention to the management of each portfolio and/or other account. Western Asset's team approach to portfolio management and block trading approach works to limit this potential risk.

Western Asset also maintains a gift and entertainment policy to address the potential for a business contact to give gifts or host entertainment events that may influence the business judgment of an employee. Employees are permitted to retain gifts of only a nominal value and are required to make reimbursement for entertainment events above a certain value. All gifts (except those of a de minimus value) and entertainment events that are given or sponsored by a business contact are required to be reported in a gift and entertainment log, which is reviewed on a regular basis for possible issues.

Employees of Western Asset have access to transactions and holdings information regarding client accounts and Western Asset's overall trading activities. This information represents a potential conflict of interest because employees may take advantage of this information as they trade in their personal accounts. Accordingly, Western Asset maintains a Code of Ethics that is compliant with Rule 17j-1 of the 1940 Act and Rule 204A-1 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 (the "Advisers Act") to address personal trading. In addition, the Code of Ethics seeks to establish broader principles of good conduct and fiduciary responsibility in all aspects of Western Asset's business. The Code of Ethics is administered by the Legal & Compliance Department and monitored through Western Asset's compliance monitoring program.

Western Asset may also face other potential conflicts of interest with respect to managing client assets, and the description above is not a complete description of every conflict of interest that could be deemed to exist. The firm also maintains a compliance monitoring program and engages independent auditors to conduct a SSAE 16/ISAE 3402 audit on an annual basis. These steps help to ensure that potential conflicts of interest have been addressed.

### Western Asset Limited

*Compensation.* SIMC pays Western Asset Limited a fee based on the assets under management of the Income Fund as set forth in an investment sub-advisory agreement between Western Asset Limited and SIMC. Western Asset Limited pays its investment professionals out of its total revenues and other resources, including the sub-advisory fees earned with respect to the Income Fund. The following information relates to the period ended June 30, 2023.

At Western Asset Limited, one compensation methodology covers all products and functional areas, including portfolio managers. The firm's philosophy is to reward its employees through total compensation. Total compensation is reflective of the external market value for skills, experience, ability to produce results and the performance of one's group and the firm as a whole.

Discretionary bonuses make up the variable component of total compensation. These are structured to reward sector specialists for contributions to the firm as well as relative performance of their specific portfolios/product and are determined by the professional's job function and performance as measured by a formal review process.

For portfolio managers, the formal review process includes a thorough review of portfolios they were assigned to lead or with which they were otherwise involved and includes not only investment performance, but maintaining a detailed knowledge of client portfolio objectives and guidelines, monitoring of risks and performance for adherence to these parameters, execution of asset allocation consistent with current firm and portfolio strategy and communication with clients. In reviewing investment performance, one-, three- and five-year annualized returns are measured against appropriate market peer groups and to each fund's benchmark index.

*Ownership of Fund Shares.* As of June 30, 2023, Western Asset Limited's portfolio manager did not beneficially own any shares of the Income Fund.

*Other Accounts.* As of June 30, 2023, in addition to the Income Fund, Western Asset Limited's portfolio manager was responsible for the day-to-day management of certain other accounts, as follows:

<u>Portfolio Manager</u>	<u>Registered Investment Companies</u>		<u>Other Pooled Investment Vehicles</u>		<u>Other Accounts</u>	
	<u>Number of Accounts</u>	<u>Total Assets (in millions)</u>	<u>Number of Accounts</u>	<u>Total Assets (in millions)</u>	<u>Number of Accounts</u>	<u>Total Assets (in millions)</u>
S. Kenneth Leech .....	96	\$133,610	317	\$67,919	625	\$186,108
	0	\$ 0	27*	\$ 2,756	24*	\$ 14,124

\* These accounts, which are a subset of the accounts in the preceding row, are subject to a performance-based advisory fee.

*Conflicts of Interest.* Potential conflicts of interest may arise in connection with the management of multiple accounts (including accounts managed in a personal capacity). Western Asset Limited has adopted compliance policies and procedures to address a wide range of potential conflicts of interest that could directly impact the Income Fund. These could include potential conflicts of interest related to the knowledge and timing of the Income Fund's trades, investment opportunities and broker selection. Portfolio managers may be privy to the size, timing and possible market impact of the Income Fund's trades.

It is possible that an investment opportunity may be suitable for both a portfolio and other accounts managed by a portfolio manager, but may not be available in sufficient quantities for both the portfolio and the other accounts to participate fully. Similarly, there may be limited opportunity to sell an investment held by a portfolio and another account. A conflict may arise where the portfolio manager may have an incentive to treat an account preferentially as compared to a portfolio because the account pays a performance-based fee or the portfolio manager, Western Asset Limited or an affiliate has an interest in the account. Western Asset Limited has adopted procedures for allocation of portfolio transactions and investment opportunities across multiple client accounts on a fair and equitable basis over time. All eligible accounts that can participate in a trade share the same price on a pro-rata allocation basis to ensure that no conflict of interest occurs. Trades are allocated among similarly managed accounts to maintain consistency of portfolio strategy, taking into account cash availability, investment restrictions and guidelines and portfolio composition versus strategy.

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## DISTRIBUTION AND SHAREHOLDER SERVICING

**General.** SEI Investments Distribution Co. (the “Distributor”) serves as each Fund’s distributor. The Distributor, a wholly owned subsidiary of SEI, has its principal business address at One Freedom Valley Drive, Oaks, Pennsylvania 19456.

**Distribution Agreement.** The Distributor serves as each Fund’s Distributor pursuant to a distribution agreement (the “Distribution Agreement”) with the Trust. The Distribution Agreement shall be reviewed and ratified at least annually by: (i) either the vote of a majority of the Trustees of the Trust, or the vote of a majority of the outstanding voting securities of the Trust; and (ii) the vote of a majority of those Trustees of the Trust who are not parties to the Distribution Agreement or interested persons of any such party, cast in person at a meeting called for the purpose of voting on the approval. The terms “vote of a majority of the outstanding voting securities” and “interested persons” shall have the respective meanings specified in the 1940 Act. The Distribution Agreement will terminate in the event of any assignment, as defined in the 1940 Act, and is terminable with respect to a particular Fund on not less than 60 days’ notice by the Trust’s Trustees, by vote of a majority of the outstanding shares of such Fund or by the Distributor.

### Shareholder Service Plan.

Pursuant to a Shareholder Service Plan (the “Shareholder Service Plan”), the Growth and Income Funds are authorized to pay service providers a fee in connection with the ongoing servicing of shareholder accounts at the annual rate of up to 0.10% of the value of the average daily net assets of the Funds, calculated daily and payable monthly.

Under the Shareholder Service Plan, the Distributor may perform, or may compensate other service providers for performing, the following shareholder services: maintaining client accounts; responding to client inquiries concerning their investment in shares and services performed by the Distributor or any service provider; assisting clients in changing dividend options, account designations and addresses; providing sub-accounting with respect to shares beneficially owned by clients; providing information periodically to clients showing their positions in shares; forwarding shareholder communications from a Fund (such as proxies, shareholder reports, annual and semi-annual financial statements and dividend, distribution and tax notices) to clients; processing purchase, exchange and redemption requests from clients and placing such orders with a Fund or its service providers; processing dividend payments from a Fund on behalf of its clients; and providing such other similar services as a Fund may, through the Distributor, reasonably request to the extent that the service provider is permitted to do so under applicable laws or regulations.

Pursuant to its authority under the Shareholder Service Plan, the Distributor has further entered into a shareholder service agreement with New Covenant Trust Company, N.A. (“NCTC”) to provide certain shareholder services to the Funds and clients who may beneficially own Fund shares, including: responding to inquiries from clients concerning their investments in Fund shares; responding to client inquiries relating to the services performed by the Distributor or any other service provider; assisting clients in changing account options, account designations and addresses; maintaining, or assisting the Trust in maintaining, accounts relating to clients that invest in Fund shares; providing information periodically to clients showing their positions in Fund shares; forwarding shareholder communications from the Trust (such as proxies, shareholder reports, annual and semi-annual financial statements and dividend, distribution and tax notices) to clients; and providing such other similar services as the Trust, through the Distributor, may reasonably request to the extent that NCTC is permitted to do so under applicable laws or regulations.

**Distribution Expenses Incurred by Adviser.** The Funds may be sold through independent registered investment advisers, financial planners, bank trust departments and other financial advisors (“Financial Advisors”) who provide their clients with advice and services in connection with their investments in the SEI Funds. SEI Funds are typically combined into complete investment portfolios and strategies using asset allocation techniques to serve investor needs. In connection with its distribution activities, SIMC and its affiliates may provide Financial Advisors, without charge, asset allocation models and strategies, custody services, risk

assessment tools and other investment information and services to assist the Financial Advisors in providing advice to investors.

SIMC may hold conferences, seminars and other educational and informational activities for Financial Advisors for the purpose of educating Financial Advisors about the Funds and other investment products offered by SIMC or its affiliates. SIMC may pay for lodging, meals and other similar expenses incurred by Financial Advisors in connection with such activities. SIMC also may pay expenses associated with joint marketing activities with Financial Advisors, including, without limitation, seminars, conferences, client appreciation dinners, direct market mailings and other marketing activities designed to further the promotion of the Funds. In certain cases, SIMC may make payments to Financial Advisors or their employers in connection with their solicitation or referral of investment business, subject to any regulatory requirements for disclosure to and consent from the investor. All such marketing expenses and solicitation payments are paid by SIMC or its affiliates out of their past profits or other available resources and are not charged to the Funds.

Many Financial Advisors may be affiliated with broker-dealers. SIMC and its affiliates may pay compensation to broker-dealers or other financial institutions for services such as, without limitation, providing the Funds with “shelf space” or a higher profile for the firm’s associated Financial Advisors and their customers, placing the Funds on the firm’s preferred or recommended fund list, granting the Distributor access to the firm’s associated Financial Advisors, providing assistance in training and educating the firm’s personnel, allowing sponsorship of seminars or informational meetings, and furnishing marketing support and other specified services. These payments may be based on the average net assets of SEI Funds attributable to that broker-dealer, gross or net sales of SEI Funds attributable to that broker-dealer, a negotiated lump sum payment or other appropriate compensation for services rendered.

Payments may also be made by SIMC or its affiliates to financial institutions to compensate or reimburse them for administrative or other client services provided, such as sub-transfer agency services for shareholders or retirement plan participants, omnibus accounting or sub-accounting, participation in networking arrangements, account set-up, recordkeeping and other shareholder services. These fees may be used by the financial institutions to offset or reduce fees that would otherwise be paid directly to them by certain account holders, such as retirement plans.

The payments discussed above may be significant to the financial institutions receiving them and may create an incentive for the financial institutions or their representatives to recommend or offer shares of the SEI Funds to their customers rather than other funds or investment products. These payments are made by SIMC and its affiliates out of their past profits or other available resources.

Although the Funds may use broker-dealers that sell Fund shares to effect transactions for a Fund’s portfolio, the Funds, SIMC and the Funds’ Sub-Advisers will not consider the sale of Fund shares as a factor when choosing broker-dealers to effect those transactions and will not direct brokerage transactions to broker-dealers as compensation for the sales of Fund shares.

#### **SECURITIES LENDING ACTIVITY**

During the most recent fiscal year, the Funds did not engage in securities lending.

#### **TRUSTEES AND OFFICERS OF THE TRUST**

**Board Responsibilities.** The management and affairs of the Trust and its series, including the Funds described in this SAI, are overseen by the Trustees. The Board has approved contracts, as described above, under which certain companies provide essential management services to the Trust.

Like most mutual funds, the day-to-day business of the Trust, including the management of risk, is performed by third party service providers, such as SIMC, the Distributor and the Administrator. The Trustees are responsible for overseeing the Trust’s service providers and, thus, have oversight responsibility with respect



to risk management performed by those service providers. Risk management seeks to identify and address risks, *i.e.*, events or circumstances that could have material adverse effects on the business, operations, shareholder services, investment performance or reputation of the Funds. The Funds and their service providers employ a variety of processes, procedures and controls to identify risks, to lessen the probability of their occurrence and/or to mitigate the effects of such risks if they do occur. Each service provider is responsible for one or more discrete aspects of the Trust's business (*e.g.*, SIMC is responsible for the investment performance of the Funds and, along with the Board, is responsible for the oversight of the Funds' Sub-Advisers, which, in turn, are responsible for the day-to-day management of the Funds' portfolio investments) and, consequently, for managing the risks associated with that business. The Board has emphasized to the Funds' service providers the importance of maintaining vigorous risk management.

The Trustees' role in risk oversight begins before the inception of a Fund, at which time SIMC presents the Board with information concerning the investment objectives, strategies and risks of the Fund as well as proposed investment limitations for the Fund. Additionally, each Sub-Adviser and SIMC provides the Board with an overview of, among other things, its investment philosophy, brokerage practices and compliance infrastructure. Thereafter, the Board continues its oversight function as various personnel, including the Trust's Chief Compliance Officer ("CCO"), as well as personnel of SIMC and other service providers such as the Funds' independent accountants, make periodic reports to the Audit Committee or to the Board with respect to various aspects of risk management. The Board and the Audit Committee oversee efforts by management and service providers to manage risks to which the Funds may be exposed.

The Board is responsible for overseeing the nature, extent and quality of the services provided to the Funds by the Adviser and Sub-Advisers and receives information about those services at its regular meetings. In addition, in connection with its consideration of whether to annually renew the Advisory Agreement between the Trust, on behalf of the Funds, and SIMC and the various Sub-Advisory Agreements between SIMC and the Sub-Advisers with respect to the Funds, the Board annually meets with SIMC and, at least every three years, meets with the Sub-Advisers to review such services. Among other things, the Board regularly considers the Sub-Advisers' adherence to the Funds' investment restrictions and compliance with various Fund policies and procedures and with applicable securities regulations.

The Trust's CCO regularly reports to the Board to review and discuss compliance issues and Fund, Adviser and Sub-Adviser risk assessments. At least annually, the Trust's CCO provides the Board with a report reviewing the adequacy and effectiveness of the Trust's policies and procedures and those of its service providers, including the Adviser and Sub-Advisers. The report addresses the operation of the policies and procedures of the Trust and each service provider since the date of the last report; any material changes to the policies and procedures since the date of the last report; any recommendations for material changes to the policies and procedures; and any material compliance matters since the date of the last report.

The Board receives reports from the Valuation Designee and the Funds' service providers regarding operational risks and risks related to the valuation and liquidity of portfolio securities. The Trust's Valuation Designee provides quarterly reports to the Board concerning investments for which market prices are not readily available or may be unreliable. Annually, the independent registered public accounting firm reviews with the Audit Committee its audit of the Funds' financial statements, focusing on major areas of financial statement risk encountered by the Funds and noting any significant deficiencies or material weaknesses that were identified in the Funds' internal controls. Additionally, in connection with its oversight function, the Board oversees Fund management's implementation of disclosure controls and procedures, which are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Trust in its periodic reports with the SEC are recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the required time periods. The Board also oversees the Trust's internal controls over financial reporting, which comprise policies and procedures designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of the Trust's financial reporting and the preparation of the Trust's financial statements.

From their review of these reports and discussions with SIMC, the Sub-Advisers, the CCO, the independent registered public accounting firm and other service providers, the Board and the Audit Committee learn about the material risks of the Funds, thereby facilitating a dialogue about how management and service providers identify and mitigate those risks.

The Board recognizes that not all risks that may affect the Funds can be identified and/or quantified, that it may not be practical or cost-effective to eliminate or mitigate certain risks, that it may be necessary to bear certain risks (such as investment-related risks) to achieve the Funds' goals, and that the processes, procedures and controls employed to address certain risks may be limited in their effectiveness. Reports received by the Trustees as to risk management matters are typically summaries of the relevant information. Most of the Funds' investment management and business affairs are carried out by or through SIMC, the Sub-Advisers and the Funds' other service providers, each of which has an independent interest in risk management and each of which has policies and methods by which one or more risk management functions are carried out. These risk management policies and methods may differ in the setting of priorities, the resources available or the effectiveness of relevant controls. As a result of the foregoing and other factors, the Board's ability to monitor and manage risk, as a practical matter, is subject to limitations.

**Members of the Board.** There are eight members of the Board, six of whom are not interested persons of the Trust, as that term is defined in the 1940 Act ("independent Trustees"). Robert A. Neshier, an interested person of the Trust, serves as Chairman of the Board. James M. Williams, an independent Trustee, serves as the lead independent Trustee. The Trust has determined its leadership structure is appropriate given the specific characteristics and circumstances of the Trust. The Trust made this determination in consideration of, among other things, the fact that the independent Trustees constitute a super-majority of the Board, the amount of assets under management in the Trust and the number of Funds (and classes of shares) overseen by the Board. The Board also believes that its leadership structure facilitates the orderly and efficient flow of information to the independent Trustees from Fund management.

The Board of Trustees has two standing committees: the Audit Committee and the Governance Committee. The Audit Committee and Governance Committee are chaired by an independent Trustee and composed of all of the independent Trustees. In addition, the Board of Trustees has a lead independent Trustee.

In his role as lead independent Trustee, Mr. Williams, among other things: (i) presides over Board meetings in the absence of the Chairman of the Board; (ii) presides over executive sessions of the independent Trustees; (iii) along with the Chairman of the Board, oversees the development of agendas for Board meetings; (iv) facilitates dealings and communications between the independent Trustees and management, and among the independent Trustees; and (v) has such other responsibilities as the Board or independent Trustees determine from time to time.

Set forth below are the names, years of birth, position with the Trust, the year in which the Trustee was elected, and the principal occupations and other directorships held during at least the last five years of each of the persons currently serving as a Trustee of the Trust. There is no stated term of office for the Trustees of the Trust. However, each Trustee who is not an interested person of the Trust must retire from the Board by the end of the calendar year in which the Trustee attains the age of 75 years. Current members of the Board may, upon the unanimous vote of the Governance Committee and a majority vote of the full Board, continue to serve on the Board for a maximum of five successive one calendar year terms after attaining the age of 75 years. Unless otherwise noted, the business address of each Trustee is SEI Investments Company, One Freedom Valley Drive, Oaks, Pennsylvania 19456.

#### **Interested Trustees.**

**ROBERT A. NESHER** (Born: 1946)—Chairman of Board of Trustees\* (since 2012)—President and Chief Executive Officer of the Trust since 2012. SEI employee since 1974; currently performs various services on behalf of SEI Investments for which Mr. Neshier is compensated. President and Director of SEI Structured Credit Fund, LP. Director of SEI Global Master Fund plc, SEI Global Assets Fund plc, SEI Global Investments Fund plc, SEI Investments—Global Funds Services, Limited, SEI Investments Global, Limited, SEI Investments (Europe) Ltd., SEI Investments—Unit Trust Management (UK) Limited, SEI Multi-Strategy Funds PLC and SEI Global Nominee Ltd. Trustee of The Advisors' Inner Circle Fund, The Advisors' Inner Circle Fund II, Bishop Street Funds, Frost Family of Funds and Catholic Responsible Investments Funds. President, Chief Executive Officer and Trustee of SEI Daily Income Trust, SEI Tax Exempt Trust, SEI Institutional Managed Trust, SEI Institutional International Trust, SEI Institutional Investments Trust, SEI Asset Allocation Trust, Adviser Managed Trust, SEI Catholic Values

Trust and SEI Exchange Traded Funds. President, Chief Executive Officer and Trustee of SEI Insurance Products Trust from 2013 to 2020. Trustee of The KP Funds from 2013 to 2020. Vice Chairman of Schroder Series Trust and Schroder Global Series Trust from 2017 to 2018. Vice Chairman of Gallery Trust from 2015 to 2018. Vice Chairman of Winton Diversified Opportunities Fund from 2014 to 2018. Vice Chairman of The Advisors' Inner Circle Fund III from 2014 to 2018. Vice Chairman of Winton Series Trust from 2014 to 2017. Vice Chairman of O'Connor EQUUS (closed-end investment company) from 2014 to 2016. President, Chief Executive Officer and Trustee of SEI Liquid Asset Trust from 1989 to 2016. President, Chief Executive Officer and Director of SEI Alpha Strategy Portfolios, LP, from 2007 to 2013.

**WILLIAM M. DORAN** (Born: 1940)—Trustee\* (since 2012)—1701 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103. Self-employed consultant since 2003. Counsel to the Trust, SEI Investments, SIMC, the Administrator and the Distributor. Director of the Distributor since 2003. Director of SEI Investments since 1985. Secretary of SEI since 1978. Director of SEI Investments—Global Funds Services, Limited, SEI Investments Global, Limited, SEI Investments (Europe), Limited, SEI Investments (Asia) Limited, SEI Global Nominee Ltd. and SEI Investments—Unit Trust Management (UK) Limited. Trustee of The Advisors' Inner Circle Fund III, Gallery Trust, Delaware Wilshire Private Markets Fund, Delaware Wilshire Private Markets Master Fund, Delaware Wilshire Private Markets Tender Fund, SEI Daily Income Trust, SEI Institutional International Trust, SEI Institutional Investments Trust, SEI Institutional Managed Trust, SEI Asset Allocation Trust, SEI Tax Exempt Trust, Adviser Managed Trust, SEI Catholic Values Trust and SEI Exchange Traded Funds. Trustee of Schroder Global Series Trust and Schroder Series Trust from 2017 to 2021. Trustee of SEI Insurance Products Trust from 2013 to 2020. Trustee of Winton Diversified Opportunities Fund (closed-end investment company) from 2014 to 2018. Trustee of The KP Funds from 2013 to 2018. Trustee of Bishop Street Funds from 2006 to 2018. Trustee of The Advisors' Inner Circle Fund and The Advisors' Inner Circle Fund II from 1991 to 2018. Trustee of Winton Series Trust from 2014 to 2017. Trustee of O'Connor EQUUS (closed-end investment company) from 2014 to 2016. Trustee of SEI Liquid Asset Trust from 1982 to 2016. Director of SEI Alpha Strategy Portfolios, LP from 2007 to 2013. Partner of Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP (law firm) from 1976 to 2003.

#### Independent Trustees.

**NINA LESAVOY** (Born: 1957)—Trustee (since 2012)—Founder and Managing Director, Avec Capital (strategic fundraising firm), since April 2008. Trustee/Director of SEI Structured Credit Fund, LP, SEI Asset Allocation Trust, SEI Daily Income Trust, SEI Institutional International Trust, SEI Institutional Investments Trust, SEI Institutional Managed Trust, SEI Tax Exempt Trust, Adviser Managed Trust, SEI Catholic Values Trust and SEI Exchange Traded Funds. Trustee of SEI Insurance Products Trust from 2013 to 2020. Trustee of SEI Liquid Asset Trust from 2003 to 2016. Director of SEI Alpha Strategy Portfolios, LP from 2007 to 2013. Managing Director, Cue Capital (strategic fundraising firm) from March 2002 to March 2008.

**JAMES M. WILLIAMS** (Born: 1947)—Trustee (since 2012)—Vice President and Chief Investment Officer, J. Paul Getty Trust, Non Profit Foundation for Visual Arts, since December 2002. Trustee/Director of Ariel Mutual Funds, SEI Structured Credit Fund, LP, SEI Asset Allocation Trust, SEI Daily Income Trust, SEI Institutional International Trust, SEI Institutional Investments Trust, SEI Institutional Managed Trust, SEI Tax Exempt Trust, Adviser Managed Trust, SEI Catholic Values Trust and SEI Exchange Traded Funds. Trustee/Director of SEI Insurance Products Trust from 2013 to 2020. Trustee of SEI Liquid Asset Trust from 2004 to 2016. Director of SEI Alpha Strategy Portfolios, LP from 2007 to 2013. President of Harbor Capital Advisors and Harbor Mutual Funds from 2000 to 2002. Manager of Pension Asset Management for Ford Motor Company from 1997 to 1999.

**HUBERT L. HARRIS, JR.** (Born: 1943)—Trustee (since 2012)—Retired since December 2005. Owner of Harris Plantation, Inc. since 1995. Chief Executive Officer of Harris CAPM, a consulting asset and property management entity. Director of Aaron's Inc. since August 2012. Member of the Board of Councilors of the Carter Center (nonprofit corporation) and served on the boards of other non-profit organizations. Trustee of SEI Asset

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\* Messrs. Neshner and Doran are Trustees deemed to be "interested" persons (as that term is defined in the 1940 Act) of the Fund by virtue of their relationships with SEI.

Allocation Trust, SEI Daily Income Trust, SEI Institutional International Trust, SEI Institutional Investments Trust, SEI Institutional Managed Trust, SEI Tax Exempt Trust, Adviser Managed Trust, SEI Catholic Values Trust and SEI Exchange Traded Funds. Trustee of SEI Insurance Products Trust from 2013 to 2020. Trustee of SEI Liquid Asset Trust from 2008 to 2016. Director of SEI Alpha Strategy Portfolios, LP from 2008 to 2013. Served as a director of a bank holding company from 2003 to 2009. Chief Executive Officer, INVESCO North America, from August 2003 to December 2005. Chief Executive Officer and Chair of the Board of Directors of AMVESCAP Retirement, Inc., from January 1998 to August 2005. Director of AMVESCAP PLC from 1993 to 2004.

**SUSAN C. COTE** (Born: 1954)—Trustee (since 2015)—Retired since July 2015. Trustee/Director of SEI Structured Credit Fund, LP, SEI Tax Exempt Trust, SEI Daily Income Trust, SEI Institutional International Trust, SEI Institutional Managed Trust, SEI Asset Allocation Trust, SEI Institutional Investments Trust, Adviser Managed Trust, SEI Catholic Values Trust and SEI Exchange Traded Funds. Trustee of SEI Insurance Products Trust from 2015 to 2020. Treasurer and Chair of Finance of the Investment and Audit Committee of the New York Women's Foundation from 2012 to 2017. Member of the Ernst & Young LLP Retirement Investment Committee from 2009 to 2015. Global Asset Management Assurance Leader, Ernst & Young LLP from 2006 to 2015. Partner of Ernst & Young LLP from 1997 to 2015. Americas Director of Asset Management of Ernst & Young LLP from 2006 to 2013. Employee of Prudential from 1983 to 1997.

**JAMES B. TAYLOR** (Born: 1950)—Trustee (since 2018)—Retired since December 2017. Trustee of SEI Daily Income Trust, SEI Tax Exempt Trust, SEI Institutional Managed Trust, SEI Institutional International Trust, SEI Institutional Investments Trust, SEI Asset Allocation Trust, Adviser Managed Trust, SEI Catholic Values Trust and SEI Exchange Traded Funds. Trustee of SEI Insurance Products Trust from 2018 to 2020. Chief Investment Officer, Georgia Tech Foundation from 2008 to 2017. Chief Investment Officer, Delta Air Lines from 1983 to 2007. Member of the Investment Committee of Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers from 1999 to 2004. President, Vice President and Treasurer for Southern Benefits Conference from 1998 to 2000.

**CHRISTINE REYNOLDS** (Born: 1958)—Trustee (since 2019)—Retired since December 2016. Trustee of SEI Tax Exempt Trust, SEI Daily Income Trust, SEI Institutional Managed Trust, SEI Institutional International Trust, SEI Asset Allocation Trust, SEI Institutional Investments Trust, Adviser Managed Trust, New Covenant Funds, SEI Catholic Values Trust and SEI Exchange Traded Funds. Trustee of SEI Insurance Products Trust from 2019 to 2020. Executive Vice President at Fidelity Investments from 2014 to 2016. President at Fidelity Pricing and Cash Management Services ("FPCMS") and Chief Financial Officer of Fidelity Funds from 2008 to 2014. Chief Operating Officer of FPCMS from 2007 to 2008. President, Treasurer at Fidelity Funds from 2004 to 2007. Anti-Money Laundering Officer at Fidelity Funds in 2004. Executive Vice President at Fidelity Funds from 2002 to 2004. Audit Partner at PricewaterhouseCoopers from 1992 to 2002.

**Individual Trustee Qualifications.** The Trust has concluded that each of the Trustees should serve on the Board because of their ability to review and understand information about the Funds provided to them by management, to identify and request other information they may deem relevant to the performance of their duties, to question management and other service providers regarding material factors bearing on the management and administration of the Funds, and to exercise their business judgment in a manner that serves the best interests of the Funds' shareholders. The Trust has concluded that each of the Trustees should serve as a Trustee based on their own experience, qualifications, attributes and skills as described below.

The Trust has concluded that Mr. Neshar should serve as Trustee because of the experience he has gained in his various roles with SEI Investments Company, which he joined in 1974, his knowledge of and experience in the financial services industry, and the experience he has gained serving as Trustee of the SEI Funds Complex since 1989.

The Trust has concluded that Mr. Doran should serve as Trustee because of the experience he gained serving as a Partner in the Investment Management and Securities Industry Practice of a large law firm, his experience in and knowledge of the financial services industry, and the experience he has gained serving as Trustee of the SEI Funds Complex since 1982.

The Trust has concluded that Ms. Lesavoy should serve as Trustee because of the experience she gained as a Director of several private equity fundraising firms and marketing and selling a wide range of investment

products to institutional investors, her experience in and knowledge of the financial services industry, and the experience she has gained serving as Trustee of the SEI Funds Complex since 2003 and the various SEI Trusts' Governance Chair since 2014.

The Trust has concluded that Mr. Williams should serve as Trustee because of the experience he gained as Chief Investment Officer of a non-profit foundation, the President of an investment management firm, the President of a registered investment company and the Manager of a public company's pension assets, his experience in and knowledge of the financial services industry, and the experience he has gained serving as Trustee of the SEI Funds Complex since 2004.

The Trust has concluded that Mr. Harris should serve as Trustee because of the experience he gained as Chief Executive Officer and Director of an investment management firm, the experience he gained serving on the Board of a public company, his experience in and knowledge of the financial services and banking industries, and the experience he has gained serving as Trustee of the SEI Funds Complex since 2008.

The Trust has concluded that Ms. Cote should serve as Trustee because of her education, knowledge of financial services and investment management, and the experience she has gained as a partner at a major accounting firm, where she served as both the Global Asset Management Assurance Leader and the Americas Director of Asset Management, and other professional experience gained through her prior employment and directorships.

The Trust has concluded that Mr. Taylor should serve as Trustee because of his education, knowledge of financial services and investment management, and the experience he has gained as a Chief Investment Officer at an endowment of a large university, and other professional experience gained through his prior employment and leadership positions.

The Trust has concluded that Ms. Reynolds should serve as Trustee because of the experience she has gained in her various roles with Fidelity, which she joined in 2002, including Chief Financial Officer of Fidelity Funds, her experience as a partner of a major accounting firm, and her experience in and knowledge of the financial services industry.

In its periodic assessment of the effectiveness of the Board, the Board considers the complementary individual skills and experience of the individual Trustees primarily in the broader context of the Board's overall composition so that the Board, as a body, possesses the appropriate (and appropriately diverse) skills and experience to oversee the business of the Funds. Moreover, references to the qualifications, attributes and skills of Trustees are pursuant to requirements of the SEC, do not constitute holding out of, or reflect any conclusion that, the Board or any Trustee has any special expertise or experience, and shall not be deemed to impose any greater responsibility or liability on any such person or on the Board by reason thereof.

**Board Standing Committees.** The Board has established the following standing committees:

- **Audit Committee.** The Board has a standing Audit Committee that is composed of each of the independent Trustees of the Trust. The Audit Committee operates under a written charter approved by the Board. The principal responsibilities of the Audit Committee include: (i) recommending which firm to engage as the Trust's independent auditor and whether to terminate this relationship; (ii) reviewing the independent auditor's compensation, the proposed scope and terms of its engagement and the firm's independence; (iii) pre-approving audit and non-audit services provided by the Trust's independent auditor to the Trust and certain other affiliated entities; (iv) serving as a channel of communication between the independent auditor and the Trustees; (v) reviewing the results of each external audit, including any qualifications in the independent auditor's opinion, any related management letter, management's responses to recommendations made by the independent auditor in connection with the audit, reports submitted to the Audit Committee by the internal auditing department of the Trust's Administrator that are material to the Trust as a whole, if any, and management's responses to any such reports; (vi) reviewing the Trust's audited financial statements and considering any significant disputes between the Trust's management and the independent auditor

that arose in connection with the preparation of those financial statements; (vii) considering, in consultation with the independent auditor and the Trust’s senior internal accounting executive, if any, the independent auditor’s report on the adequacy of the Trust’s internal financial controls; (viii) reviewing, in consultation with the Trust’s independent auditor, major changes regarding auditing and accounting principles and practices to be followed when preparing the Trust’s financial statements; and (ix) other audit related matters. In addition, the Audit Committee is responsible for the oversight of the Trust’s compliance program. Messrs. Williams, Harris and Taylor and Mmes. Lesavoy, Cote and Reynolds currently serve as members of the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee meets periodically, as necessary, and met four (4) times during the Trust’s most recently completed fiscal year.

- **Governance Committee.** The Board has a standing Governance Committee that is composed of each of the Independent Trustees of the Trust. The Governance Committee operates under a written charter approved by the Board. The principal responsibilities of the Governance Committee include: (i) considering and reviewing Board governance and compensation issues; (ii) conducting a self assessment of the Board’s operations; (iii) selecting and nominating all persons to serve as independent Trustees and evaluating the qualifications of “interested” (as that term is defined under the 1940 Act) Trustee candidates; and (iv) reviewing shareholder recommendations for nominations to fill vacancies on the Board if such recommendations are submitted in writing and addressed to the Governance Committee at the applicable Trust’s offices. Messrs. Williams, Harris and Taylor and Mmes. Lesavoy, Cote and Reynolds currently serve as members of the Governance Committee. The Governance Committee shall meet at the direction of its Chair as often as appropriate to accomplish its purpose. In any event, the Governance Committee shall meet at least once each year and shall conduct at least one meeting in person. The Governance Committee met four (4) times during the Trust’s most recently completed fiscal year.

**Fund Shares Owned by Board Members.** The following table shows the dollar amount range of each Trustee’s “beneficial ownership” of shares of each of the Funds as of the end of the most recently completed calendar year. Dollar amount ranges disclosed are established by the SEC. “Beneficial ownership” is determined in accordance with Rule 16a-1(a)(2) under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 (the “1934 Act”). The Trustees and officers of the Trust own less than 1% of the outstanding shares of the Trust.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Dollar Range of Fund Shares (Fund)*</u>	<u>Aggregate Dollar Range of Shares (Fund Complex)*†</u>
<b>Interested</b>		
Mr. Neshor .....	None	Over \$100,000
Mr. Doran .....	None	Over \$100,000
<b>Independent</b>		
Ms. Lesavoy .....	None	Over \$100,000
Mr. Williams .....	None	\$50,001-\$100,000
Mr. Harris .....	None	None
Ms. Cote .....	None	None
Mr. Taylor .....	None	None
Ms. Reynolds .....	None	Over \$100,000

\* Valuation date is December 31, 2022.

† The Fund Complex currently consists of 97 portfolios of the following trusts: SEI Daily Income Trust, SEI Tax Exempt Trust, SEI Institutional International Trust, SEI Institutional Managed Trust, SEI Asset Allocation Trust, SEI Institutional Investments Trust, Adviser Managed Trust, New Covenant Funds, SEI Catholic Values Trust and SEI Exchange Traded Funds.

**Board Compensation.** The Trust and the Fund Complex paid the following fees to the Trustees during its most recently completed fiscal year.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Aggregate Compensation</u>	<u>Pension or Retirement Benefits Accrued as Part of Fund Expenses</u>	<u>Estimated Annual Benefits Upon Retirement</u>	<u>Total Compensation from the Trust and Fund Complex</u>
<b>Interested</b>				
Mr. Neshor .....	\$ 0	\$0	\$0	\$ 0
Mr. Doran .....	\$ 0	\$0	\$0	\$ 0
<b>Independent</b>				
Ms. Lesavoy .....	\$4,286	\$0	\$0	\$340,000
Mr. Williams .....	\$4,412	\$0	\$0	\$350,000
Mr. Johnson <sup>^</sup> .....	\$1,955	\$0	\$0	\$155,000
Mr. Harris .....	\$3,971	\$0	\$0	\$315,000
Ms. Cote .....	\$4,286	\$0	\$0	\$340,000
Mr. Taylor .....	\$3,971	\$0	\$0	\$315,000
Ms. Reynolds .....	\$3,971	\$0	\$0	\$315,000

<sup>^</sup> Mr. Mitchell A. Johnson retired from the Board of Trustees effective December 31, 2022, after having dutifully served on the SEI Funds' Board since 2007.

**Independent Consultant.** Effective September 15, 2021, the Board hired Thomas Melendez as an independent consultant to the Board with respect to its oversight of the Trust and one other trust within the SEI Fund Complex. In this role, Mr. Melendez attends all meetings of the Board and provides advice with respect to investment company operations and the investment management business as well as any other guidance that the Board may request from time to time. In exchange for his services, Mr. Melendez receives a quarterly retainer and the percentage of this fee to be paid by the Trust (and allocated among the Funds therein) is calculated by reference to the relative amount of net assets in such Trust (and the Funds therein) compared to all of the trusts for which Mr. Melendez provides services. The Board concluded that Mr. Melendez should serve as an independent consultant because of the experience he has gained as an executive and portfolio manager of an investment management firm, his experience in and knowledge of the financial services industry, and other professional experience gained through his prior employment and leadership positions.

**Trust Officers.** Set forth below are the names, years of birth, position with the Trust and the principal occupations for the last five years of each of the persons currently serving as officers of the Trust. There is no stated term of office for officers of the Trust. Unless otherwise noted, the business address of each officer is SEI Investments Company, One Freedom Valley Drive, Oaks, Pennsylvania 19456. None of the officers, except for Stephen Panner, the CCO of the Trust, receives compensation from the Trust for his or her services. The Trust's CCO serves in the same capacity for the other SEI trusts included in the Fund Complex, and the Trust pays its pro rata share of the aggregate compensation payable to the CCO for his services.

Certain officers of the Trust also serve as officers to one or more mutual funds for which SEI or its affiliates act as investment adviser, administrator or distributor.

The officers of the Trust have been elected by the Board. Each officer shall hold office until the election and qualification of his or her successor, or until earlier resignation or removal.

**ROBERT A. NESHER** (Born: 1946)—President and Chief Executive Officer (since 2012)—See biographical information above under the heading “Interested Trustees.”

**TIMOTHY D. BARTO** (Born: 1968)—Vice President, Secretary and Chief Legal Officer (since 2012)—Vice President and Secretary of SEI Institutional Transfer Agent, Inc. since 2009. General Counsel and Secretary of SIMC since 2004. Vice President and Assistant Secretary of SEI since 2001. Vice President of SIMC and the Administrator since 1999.

**STEPHEN G. MACRAE** (Born: 1967)—Vice President (since 2012)—Director of Global Investment Product Management, January 2004 to present. Vice President of SEI Insurance Products Trust from 2013 to 2020.

**STEPHEN F. PANNER** (Born: 1970)—Chief Compliance Officer (since 2022)—Fund Compliance Officer of SEI Investments Company from February 2011 to September 2022. Fund Accounting Director and CFO and Controller for the SEI Funds from July 2005 to February 2011.

**KATHERINE MASON** (Born: 1979)—Vice President and Assistant Secretary (since 2022)—Consulting Attorney at Hirtle, Callaghan & Co. (investment company) from October 2021 to June 2022. Attorney at Stradley Ronon Stevens & Young, LLP (law firm) from September 2007 to July 2012.

**DAVID F. MCCANN** (Born: 1976)—Vice President and Assistant Secretary (since 2012)—General Counsel and Secretary of SEI Institutional Transfer Agent, Inc. since 2020. Vice President and Assistant Secretary of SIMC since 2008. Vice President and Assistant Secretary of SEI Insurance Products Trust from 2013 to 2020. Attorney at Drinker Biddle & Reath, LLP (law firm) from May 2005 to October 2008.

**DONALD DUNCAN** (Born: 1964)—Anti-Money Laundering Compliance Officer and Privacy Officer (since 2023)—Anti-Money Laundering Compliance Officer and Privacy Officer of SEI Asset Allocation Trust, SEI Daily Income Trust, SEI Institutional International Trust, SEI Institutional Investments Trust, SEI Institutional Managed Trust, SEI Tax Exempt Trust, Adviser Managed Trust, SEI Catholic Values Trust, SEI Exchange Traded Funds since 2023. Chief Compliance Officer and Global Head of Anti-Money Laundering Strategy of SEI Investments Company since January 2023. Head of Global Anti-Money Laundering Program for Hamilton Lane Advisors, LLC from August 2021 until December 2022. Senior VP and Supervising Principal of Hamilton Lane Securities, LLC from June 2016 to August 2021. Senior Director at AXA-Equitable from June 2011 until May 2016. Senior Director at PRUCO Securities, a subsidiary of Prudential Financial, Inc. from October 2005 until December 2009.

**GLENN R. KURDZIEL** (Born: 1974)—Controller and Chief Financial Officer (since 2023)—Controller and Chief Financial Officer of SEI Daily Income Trust, SEI Tax Exempt Trust, SEI Institutional Managed Trust, SEI Institutional International Trust, SEI Asset Allocation Trust, SEI Institutional Investments Trust, Adviser Managed Trust, SEI Catholic Values Trust and SEI Exchange Traded Funds since August 2023. Assistant Controller of SEI Daily Income Trust, SEI Tax Exempt Trust, SEI Institutional Managed Trust, SEI Institutional International Trust, SEI Asset Allocation Trust, SEI Institutional Investments Trust, Adviser Managed Trust, New Covenant Funds and SEI Catholic Values Trust from 2017 to 2023. Assistant Controller of SEI Exchange Traded Funds from 2022 to 2023. Senior Manager of Funds Accounting of SEI Investments Global Funds Services from 2005 to 2023.

## PROXY VOTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

The Funds have engaged New Covenant Trust Company, NA (“NCTC”) to vote proxies in its absolute discretion after taking into consideration the best interests of the shareholders of the Funds and the Funds themselves consistent with the socially responsible policies of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A).

NCTC has elected to retain an independent proxy voting service (the “Service”) to vote proxies with respect to the Funds in accordance with Proxy Voting Guidelines (the “Guidelines”) approved by NCTC’s Proxy Voting Committee (the “Committee”). The Guidelines set forth the manner in which NCTC will vote on matters that may come up for shareholder vote. The Service will review each matter on a case-by-case basis and vote the proxies in accordance with the Guidelines.

Proxy votes generally will be cast in favor of proposals that:

- 1) maintain or strengthen the shared interests of shareholders and management;
- 2) increase shareholder value;
- 3) maintain or increase shareholder influence over the issuer’s board of directors and management;
- 4) maintain or increase the rights of shareholders;
- 5) are consistent with the socially responsible policies of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.); and
- 6) maintain or enhance the integrity and oversight of the corporation and its public reporting.



Proxy votes generally will be cast against proposals having the opposite effect.

Prior to voting a proxy, the Service makes available to NCTC its recommendation on how to vote in light of the Guidelines. NCTC retains the authority to overrule the Service's recommendation on any specific proxy proposal and to instruct the Service to vote in a manner determined by the Committee. Before doing so, the Committee will determine whether NCTC may have a material conflict of interest regarding the proposal. If the Committee determines that NCTC has such a material conflict, NCTC shall instruct the Service to vote in accordance with the Service's recommendation unless NCTC, after full disclosure to the Fund of the nature of the conflict, obtains the Fund's consent to vote on the proposal.

With respect to proxies of an affiliated investment company or series thereof, such as the SEI Funds, the Committee will vote such proxies in the same proportion as the vote of all other shareholders of the investment company or series thereof (*i.e.*, "echo vote" or "mirror vote").

Information regarding how each Fund voted proxies relating to portfolio securities during the most recent 12-month period ended June 30 is available (i) without charge, upon request, by calling 877-835-4531; (ii) on the Funds' website at <http://www.NewCovenantFunds.com>; and (iii) on the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov>.

### PURCHASE AND REDEMPTION OF SHARES

**NAV.** Shares of each Fund may be purchased at NAV. The NAV per share of each Fund is calculated by adding the value of securities and other assets of that Fund, subtracting liabilities and dividing by the number of its outstanding shares. Each Fund's share price will be determined at the close of regular trading hours of the New York Stock Exchange, normally 4:00 p.m., Eastern Time. Fund securities may be traded on foreign markets on days other than a Business Day or the NAV of a Fund may be computed on days when such foreign markets are closed. In addition, foreign markets may close at times other than 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time. As a consequence, the NAV of a share of a Fund may not reflect all events that may affect the value of the Fund's foreign securities unless the Adviser determines that such events materially affect NAV, in which case NAV will be determined by consideration of other factors. Orders received by the transfer agent after 4:00 p.m., will be confirmed at the next business day's price.

**Valuation.** The Funds' Pricing and Valuation Procedures provide that any change in a primary pricing agent or a pricing methodology requires prior approval by the Board. However, when the change would not materially affect the valuation of a Fund's net assets or involve a material departure in pricing methodology from that of a Fund's existing pricing agent or pricing methodology, Board approval may be obtained at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.

**Redemptions in Kind.** The Trust reserves the right to pay redemptions in-kind with portfolio securities in lieu of cash. In accordance with its election pursuant to Rule 18f-1 under the 1940 Act, the Trust may limit the amount of redemption proceeds paid in cash with respect to each shareholder during any 90-day period to the lesser of (i) \$250,000 or (ii) 1% of the NAV of a Fund at the beginning of such period. In the case of requests for redemptions in excess of such amount, the Board of Trustees reserves the right to make payments in whole or in part in securities or other assets in case of an emergency, or any time a cash distribution would impair the liquidity of the Funds to the detriment of the existing shareholders. If the recipient later sold such securities, a brokerage charge might be incurred. A gain or loss for federal income tax purposes would be realized by a shareholder subject to taxation upon an in-kind redemption depending upon the shareholder's basis in the shares of the Fund redeemed.

**Suspension of Redemptions.** The right of redemption may be suspended or the date of payment postponed during (a) any period when the New York Stock Exchange is closed (other than customary weekend and holiday closings) or trading on the New York Stock Exchange is restricted, (b) any period in which an emergency exists as determined by the SEC so that disposal of a Fund's investments or determination of its NAV is not reasonably practicable, or (c) such other periods as the SEC by order may permit to protect the Funds' shareholders.

**Exchange of Shares.** An exchange is effected by redemption of shares of one Fund and the issuance of shares of another Fund. With respect to an exchange among the Funds, a capital gain or loss for Federal income tax purposes will be realized upon the exchange, depending upon the cost, other basis of the shares redeemed, and your tax status. The exchange privilege is not designed for use in connection with short-term trading or market-timing strategies. The exchange privilege may be terminated or suspended or its terms changed at any time, subject to 60 days' prior notice.

**Telephone Instructions.** Neither the Trust nor any of its service providers will be liable for any loss or expense in acting upon telephone instructions that are reasonably believed to be genuine. In attempting to confirm that telephone instructions are genuine, the Funds will use procedures that are considered reasonable. You assume the risk to the full extent of your accounts that telephone requests may be unauthorized. To the extent that the Trust fails to use reasonable procedures to verify the genuineness of telephone instructions, it and/or its service contractors may be liable for any such instructions that prove to be fraudulent or unauthorized. All telephone conversations with UBGFS as transfer agent will be recorded.

**Automatic Investing.** You may authorize automatic investing through automatic withdrawals from your bank account on a regular basis. Minimum investments must be for at least \$50.

**Systematic Withdrawal Plan.** If you purchase or already own \$5,000 or more of any Fund's shares, valued at the NAV, and you wish to receive periodic payments from your account(s), you may establish a Systematic Withdrawal Plan (the "Plan") by completing an application provided for this purpose. If you participate in this plan, you will receive monthly, quarterly or annual checks in the amount designated. The minimum withdrawal is \$50. The amount of withdrawal may be changed at any time. Dividends and capital gain distributions on a Fund's shares in the Plan should be reinvested in additional shares at NAV. Payments are made from proceeds derived from the redemption of Fund shares you own. With respect to the Funds, the redemption of shares may result in a gain or loss that is reportable, if you are a taxable entity.

Redemptions required for payments may reduce or use up your investment, depending upon the size and frequency of withdrawal payments and market fluctuations. Accordingly, Plan payments cannot be considered as yield or income on the investment.

UBGFS, as agent for the shareholder, may charge for services rendered beyond those normally assumed by the Funds. No such charge is currently assessed, but such a charge may be instituted by UBGFS upon notice in writing to shareholders. This Plan may be terminated at any time without penalty upon written notice by the shareholder, by the Funds, or by UBGFS.

**Integrated Voice Response ("IVR") System.** You can obtain toll-free access to account information, as well as perform certain transactions, by calling 877-835-4531. IVR provides share price, price change, account balances and history (*i.e.*, last transaction, latest dividend distribution, redemptions by check during the last three months), and allows sales or exchanges of Fund shares. You may also obtain addresses (for mailing, wire and the internet), year-end information, and request Fund literature. By pressing "0", you are able to speak to a customer service representative.

## TAXES

The following is only a summary of certain additional U.S. federal income tax considerations generally affecting the Funds and their shareholders that is intended to supplement the discussion contained in the Prospectus. No attempt is made to present a detailed explanation of the U.S. federal, state, local or non-U.S. tax treatment of the Funds or their shareholders and the discussion here and in the Prospectus is not intended as a substitute for careful tax planning. Shareholders are urged to consult their tax advisors with specific reference to their own tax situations, including their state, local and non-U.S. tax liabilities.

This discussion of U.S. federal income tax consequences is based on the Code and the regulations issued thereunder as in effect on the date of this SAI. New legislation, as well as administrative changes or court decisions, may significantly change the conclusions expressed herein and may have a retroactive effect with respect to the transactions contemplated herein.

You are urged to consult with your own tax advisor regarding your investment in the Funds.

*Qualification as a Regulated Investment Company and Taxation of the Funds.* Each Fund has elected and intends to continue to qualify to be treated as a RIC under Subchapter M of the Code so that it will eliminate or reduce to a nominal amount the U.S. federal income tax on that part of its net investment income and net realized capital gains that is timely distributed to its shareholders. In order to qualify for treatment as a RIC, a Fund must distribute annually to its shareholders at least 90% of its net investment company taxable income (which, generally includes dividends, taxable interest, and the excess, if any, of net short-term capital gain over net long-term capital losses, less operating expenses) and at least 90% of its net tax exempt interest income (“Distribution Requirement”) and also must meet several additional requirements. Among these requirements are the following: (i) at least 90% of each Fund’s gross income each taxable year must be derived from 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, but not limited to, gains from options, futures or forward contracts) derived with respect to its business of investing in such stock, securities or currencies and net income derived from an interest in a qualified publicly traded partnership (the “Qualifying Income Test”); and (ii) at the close of each quarter of each Fund’s taxable year: (A) at least 50% of the value of each Fund’s total assets must be represented by cash and cash items, U.S. Government securities, securities of other RICs and other securities, with such other securities limited, in respect to any one issuer, to an amount not greater than 5% of the value of each Fund’s total assets and that does not represent more than 10% of the outstanding voting securities of such issuer, including the equity securities of a qualified publicly traded partnership, and (B) not more than 25% of the value of each Fund’s total assets is invested, including through corporations in which the Fund owns a 20% or more voting stock interest, in the securities (other than U.S. Government securities or the securities of other RICs) of any one issuer or the securities (other than the securities of another RIC) of two or more issuers that a Fund controls and which are engaged in the same or similar trades or businesses or related trades or businesses, or the securities of one or more qualified publicly traded partnerships (the “Asset Test”).

Although the Funds intend to distribute substantially all of their net investment income and may distribute their capital gains for any taxable year, the Funds will be subject to U.S. federal income taxation to the extent any such income or gains are not distributed. Each Fund is treated as a separate corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes. A Fund therefore is considered to be a separate entity in determining its treatment under the rules for RICs described herein. Losses in one Fund do not offset gains in another and the requirements (other than certain organizational requirements) for qualifying RIC status are determined at the Fund level rather than at the Trust level.

If a Fund fails to satisfy the Qualifying Income or Asset Tests in any taxable year, such Fund may be eligible for relief provisions if the failures are due to reasonable cause and not willful neglect, and if a penalty tax is paid with respect to each failure to satisfy the applicable requirements. Additionally, relief is provided for certain *de minimis* failures of the diversification requirements where a Fund corrects the failure within a specified period. If a Fund fails to maintain qualification as a RIC for a tax year, and the relief provisions are not available, such Fund will be subject to U.S. federal income tax at the regular corporate rate (currently 21%) without any deduction for distributions to its shareholders. In such case, its shareholders would be taxed as if they received ordinary dividends to the extent of a Fund’s current and accumulated earnings and profits, although corporate shareholders could be eligible for the dividends received deduction (subject to certain limitations) and individuals may be able to benefit from the lower tax rates available to qualified dividend income. In addition, a Fund could be required to recognize unrealized gains, pay substantial taxes and interest and make substantial distributions before requalifying as a RIC. The Board reserves the right not to maintain the qualification of each Fund as a RIC if it determines such course of action to be beneficial to shareholders.

A Fund may elect to treat part or all of any “qualified late year loss” as if it had been incurred in the succeeding taxable year in determining the Fund’s taxable income, net capital gain, net short-term capital gain, and earnings and profits. The effect of this election is to treat any such “qualified late year loss” as if it had been incurred in the succeeding taxable year in characterizing Fund distributions for any calendar. A “qualified late year loss” generally includes net capital loss, net long-term capital loss, or net short-term capital loss incurred

after October 31 of the current taxable year (commonly referred to as “post-October losses”) and certain other late-year losses.

The treatment of capital loss carryovers for the Funds is similar to the rules that apply to capital loss carryovers of individuals, which provide that such losses are carried over indefinitely. Thus, if a Fund has a “net capital loss” (that is, capital losses in excess of capital gains) the excess of the Fund’s net short-term capital losses over its net long-term capital gains is treated as a short-term capital loss arising on the first day of the Fund’s next taxable year, and the excess (if any) of the Fund’s net long-term capital losses over its net short-term capital gains is treated as a long-term capital loss arising on the first day of the Fund’s next taxable year. In addition, the carryover of capital losses may be limited under the general loss limitation rules if the Fund experiences an ownership change as defined in the Code. For more information about the amount of capital loss carry-forwards for the most recent fiscal year, please refer to the Annual Report of the Funds.

*Excise Taxes.* Notwithstanding the Distribution Requirement described above, which generally requires a Fund to distribute at least 90% of its annual investment company taxable income and the excess of its exempt interest income (but does not require any minimum distribution of net capital gain), a Fund will be subject to a nondeductible 4% federal excise tax to the extent it fails to distribute by the end of the calendar year at least 98% of its ordinary income and 98.2% of its capital gain net income (the excess of short- and long-term capital gains over short- and long-term capital losses) for the one-year period ending on October 31 of such year (including any retained amount from the prior calendar year on which a Fund paid no U.S. federal income tax). Each Fund intends to make sufficient distributions to avoid liability for the federal excise tax, but can make no assurances that such tax will be completely eliminated. For example, a Fund may receive delayed or corrected tax reporting statements from its investments that cause such Fund to accrue additional income and gains after such Fund has already made its excise tax distributions for the year. In such a situation, a Fund may incur an excess tax liability resulting from such delayed receipt of such tax information statements. In addition, a Fund may in certain circumstances be required to liquidate Fund investments in order to make sufficient distributions to avoid federal excise tax liability at a time when the investment advisor might not otherwise have chosen to do so, and liquidation of investments in such circumstances may affect the ability of a Fund to satisfy the requirements for qualification as a RIC.

*Fund Distributions.* The Funds receive income generally in the form of dividends and interest on investments. This income, plus net short-term capital gains, if any, less expenses incurred in the operation of a Fund, constitutes the Fund’s net investment income from which dividends may be paid to you. Any distributions by a Fund from such income will be taxable to you as ordinary income or at the lower capital gains rates that apply to individuals receiving qualified dividend income, whether you take them in cash or in additional shares.

Distributions by the Funds will be eligible for the reduced maximum tax rate to individuals currently set at 20% (lower rates apply to individuals in lower tax brackets) to the extent that the Funds receive qualified dividend income on the securities they hold and the Funds report the distributions as qualified dividend income. Qualified dividend income is, in general, dividend income from taxable domestic corporations and certain foreign corporations (*e.g.*, foreign corporations incorporated in a possession of the United States or in certain countries with a comprehensive tax treaty with the United States, or the stock of which is readily tradable on an established securities market in the United States). A dividend will not be treated as qualified dividend income to the extent that: (i) the shareholder has not held the shares on which the dividend was paid for more than 60 days during the 121-day period that begins on the date that is 60 days before the date on which the shares become “ex-dividend” (which is the day on which declared distributions (dividends or capital gains) are deducted from each Fund’s assets before it calculates the NAV) with respect to such dividend, (ii) each Fund has not satisfied similar holding period requirements with respect to the securities it holds that paid the dividends distributed to the shareholder), (iii) the shareholder is under an obligation (whether pursuant to a short sale or otherwise) to make related payments with respect to substantially similar or related property, or (iv) the shareholder elects to treat such dividend as investment income under Section 163(d)(4)(B) of the Code. Therefore, if you lend your shares in a Fund, such as pursuant to securities lending arrangement, you may lose the ability to treat dividends (paid while the shares are held by the borrower) as qualified dividend income. Distributions that the Funds receive from an underlying fund taxable as a RIC or from a REIT will be treated as

qualified dividend income only to the extent so reported by such underlying fund or REIT. Certain Funds' investment strategies may limit their ability to make distributions eligible for the reduced rates applicable to qualified dividend income.

Distributions by the Funds of their net short-term capital gains will be taxable as ordinary income. Distributions of net long-term capital gains will be taxable as long-term capital gains for individual shareholders currently set at a maximum rate of 20% regardless of how long you have held your shares in such Fund. Distributions from capital gains are generally made after applying any available capital loss carryforwards.

A Fund will inform you of the amount of your ordinary income dividends, qualified dividend income and capital gain distributions shortly after the close of each calendar year. If you have not held Fund shares for a full year, the Fund may designate and distribute to you, as ordinary income or capital gain, a percentage of income that is not equal to the actual percentage of such income earned during the period of your investment in the Fund.

In the case of corporate shareholders, Fund distributions (other than capital gain distributions) generally qualify for the dividends received deduction to the extent such distributions are so reported and do not exceed the gross amount of qualifying dividends received by such Fund for the year. Generally, and subject to certain limitations (including certain holding period limitations), a dividend will be treated as a qualifying dividend if it has been received from a domestic corporation. Certain Funds' investment strategies may limit their ability to make distributions eligible for the dividends received deduction for corporate shareholders.

If a Fund's distributions exceed its taxable income and capital gains realized during a taxable year, all or a portion of the distributions made in the same taxable year may be recharacterized as a return of capital to shareholders. A return of capital distribution will generally not be taxable, but will reduce each shareholder's cost basis in a Fund and result in a higher reported capital gain or lower reported capital loss when those shares on which the distribution was received are sold.

To the extent that a Fund makes a distribution of income received by such Fund in lieu of dividends (a "substitute payment") with respect to securities on loan pursuant to a securities lending transaction, such income will not constitute qualified dividend income to individual shareholders and will not be eligible for the dividends received deduction for corporate shareholders.

A dividend or distribution received shortly after the purchase of shares reduces the NAV of the shares by the amount of the dividend or distribution and, although in effect a return of capital, will be taxable to the shareholder. If the NAV of shares were reduced below the shareholder's cost by dividends or distributions representing gains realized on sales of securities, such dividends or distributions would be a return of investment, though taxable to the shareholder in the same manner as other dividends or distributions.

Dividends declared to shareholders of record in October, November or December and actually paid in January of the following year will be treated as having been received by shareholders on December 31 of the calendar year in which declared. Under this rule, therefore, a shareholder may be taxed in one year on dividends or distributions actually received in January of the following year.

A RIC that receives business interest income may pass through its net business interest income for purposes of the tax rules applicable to the interest expense limitations under Section 163(j) of the Code. A RIC's total "Section 163(j) Interest Dividend" for a tax year is limited to the excess of the RIC's business interest income over the sum of its business interest expense and its other deductions properly allocable to its business interest income. A RIC may, in its discretion, designate all or a portion of ordinary dividends as Section 163(j) Interest Dividends, which would allow the recipient shareholder to treat the designated portion of such dividends as interest income for purposes of determining such shareholder's interest expense deduction limitation under Section 163(j). This can potentially increase the amount of a shareholder's interest expense deductible under Section 163(j). In general, to be eligible to treat a Section 163(j) Interest Dividend as interest income, you must have held your shares in a Fund for more than 180 days during the 361-day period beginning on the date that is 180 days before the date on which the share becomes ex-dividend with respect to such dividend. Section 163(j) Interest Dividends, if so designated by a Fund, will be reported to your financial intermediary or otherwise in accordance with the requirements specified by the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS").

*Net Investment Income Tax.* U.S. individuals (other than individuals that are married but filing a separate return) with income exceeding \$200,000 (\$250,000 if married and filing jointly) are subject to a 3.8% tax on their “net investment income,” including interest, dividends and capital gains (including capital gains realized on the sale or exchange of shares of a Fund).

*Sale, Exchange or Redemption of Shares.* If you are subject to tax and assuming you hold your shares of a Fund as a capital asset, any gain or loss recognized on a sale, exchange or redemption of shares of a Fund by a shareholder will generally be treated as a long-term capital gain or loss if the shares have been held for more than twelve months and otherwise will be treated as a short-term capital gain or loss. However, if shares on which a shareholder has received a net capital gain distribution are subsequently sold, exchanged or redeemed and such shares have been held for six months or less, any loss recognized will be treated as a long-term capital loss to the extent of the net capital gain distribution. In addition, the loss realized on a sale or other disposition of shares will be disallowed to the extent a shareholder repurchases (or enters into a contract or option to repurchase) shares within a period of 61 days (beginning 30 days before and ending 30 days after the disposition of the shares). This loss disallowance rule will apply to shares received through the reinvestment of dividends during the 61-day period. Any loss disallowed under these rules will be added to your tax basis in the new shares you buy. For tax purposes, an exchange of your Fund shares for shares of a different fund is the same as a sale.

Each Fund (or its administrative agent) must report to the IRS and furnish to shareholders the cost basis information for shares. In addition to the requirement to report the gross proceeds from the sale of its shares, each Fund (or its administrative agent) is also required to report the cost basis information for such shares and indicate whether these shares had a short-term or long-term holding period. For each sale of its shares, each Fund will permit its shareholders to elect from among several IRS-accepted cost basis methods, including the average cost basis method. In the absence of an election, each Fund will use a default cost basis method that has been communicated to you. The cost basis method elected by shareholders (or the cost basis method applied by default) for each sale of a Fund’s shares may not be changed after the settlement date of each such sale of a Fund’s shares. Shareholders should consult their tax advisors to determine the best IRS-accepted cost basis method for their tax situation and to obtain more information about how cost basis reporting applies to them. Shareholders also should carefully review the cost basis information provided to them and make any additional basis, holding period or other adjustments that are required when reporting these amounts on their U.S. federal income tax returns.

*Foreign Taxes.* Dividends and interest received by a Fund from foreign sources may be subject to income, withholding or other taxes imposed by foreign countries and United States possessions that would reduce the yield on a Fund’s securities. Tax conventions between certain countries and the United States may reduce or eliminate these taxes. Foreign countries generally do not impose taxes on capital gains with respect to investments by foreign investors.

If more than 50% of the value of a Fund’s total assets at the close of their taxable year consists of stocks or securities of foreign corporations, the Fund will be eligible to and intends to file an election with the IRS that may enable shareholders, in effect, to receive either the benefit of a foreign tax credit, or a deduction from such taxes, with respect to any foreign and U.S. possessions income taxes paid by the Fund, subject to certain limitations. Pursuant to the election, such Fund will treat those taxes as dividends paid to its shareholders. Each such shareholder will be required to include a proportionate share of those taxes in gross income as income received from a foreign source and must treat the amount so included as if the shareholder had paid the foreign tax directly. The shareholder may then either deduct the taxes deemed paid by such shareholder in computing such shareholder’s income or, alternatively, use the foregoing information in calculating any foreign tax credit they may be entitled to use against the shareholders’ U.S. federal income tax. If a Fund makes an election described in this paragraph, such Fund (or its administrative agent) will report annually to their shareholders the respective amounts per share of the Fund’s income from sources within, and taxes paid to, foreign countries and U.S. possessions. If a Fund does not hold sufficient foreign securities to meet the above threshold, then shareholders will not be entitled to claim a credit or further deduction with respect to foreign taxes paid by the Fund.

A shareholder's ability to claim a foreign tax credit or deduction in respect of foreign taxes paid by a Fund may be subject to certain limitations imposed by the Code, which may result in a shareholder not receiving a full credit or deduction (if any) for the amount of such taxes. In particular, shareholders must hold their Fund shares (without protection from risk of loss) on the ex-dividend date and for at least 15 additional days during the 30-day period surrounding the ex-dividend date to be eligible to claim a foreign tax credit with respect to a given dividend. Shareholders who do not itemize deductions on their U.S. federal income tax returns may claim a credit (but no deduction) for such foreign taxes. Even if a Fund were eligible to make such an election for a given year, it may determine not to do so. Shareholders that are not subject to U.S. federal income tax, and those who invest in a Fund through tax-advantaged accounts (including those who invest through individual retirement accounts or other tax-advantaged retirement plans), generally will receive no benefit from any tax credit or deduction passed through by a Fund.

Foreign tax credits, if any, received by the Fund as a result of an investment in another RIC (including an underlying fund which is taxable as a RIC) will not be passed through to you unless the Fund qualifies as a "qualified fund of funds" under the Code. If the Fund is a "qualified fund of funds" it will be eligible to file an election with the IRS that will enable the Fund to pass along these foreign tax credits to its shareholders. The Fund will be treated as a "qualified fund of funds" under the Code if at least 50% of the value of such Fund's total assets (at the close of each quarter of the Fund's taxable year) is represented by interests in other RICs.

To the extent the Fund invests in an underlying fund that indicates that such underlying fund intends to satisfy the tax requirements to be treated as a RIC under the Code, the Fund may be able to receive the benefits of a "qualified fund of funds" as described above. If, however, an underlying fund loses its status as a RIC under the Code, the Fund would no longer be permitted to count its investment in such underlying fund for purposes of satisfying the requirements to be a "qualified fund of funds." In addition, an underlying fund that loses its status as a RIC would be treated as a regular corporation subject to entity level taxation prior to making any distributions to the Fund which would affect the amount, timing and character of such income distributed by an underlying fund to the Fund.

*Federal Tax Treatment of Certain Fund Investments.* A Fund may invest in complex securities. These investments may be subject to numerous special and complex tax rules. These rules could affect a Fund's ability to qualify as a RIC, affect whether gains and losses recognized by a Fund are treated as ordinary income or loss or capital gain or loss, accelerate the recognition of income to a Fund and/or defer such Fund's ability to recognize losses. In turn, those rules may affect the amount, timing or character of the income distributed to you by such Fund, and may require a Fund to sell securities to mitigate the effect of these rules and prevent disqualification of a Fund as a RIC at a time when the investment advisor might not otherwise have chosen to do so.

Each Fund is required for U.S. federal income tax purposes to mark-to-market and recognize as income for each taxable year its net unrealized gains and losses on certain futures and options contracts subject to section 1256 of the Code ("Section 1256 Contracts") as of the end of the year, as well as those actually realized during the year. Gain or loss from Section 1256 Contracts on broad-based indexes required to be marked-to-market will be 60% long-term and 40% short-term capital gain or loss. Application of this rule may alter the timing and character of distributions to shareholders. A Fund may be required to defer the recognition of losses on Section 1256 Contracts to the extent of any unrecognized gains on offsetting positions held by such Fund. These provisions may also require the Funds to mark-to-market certain types of positions in their portfolios (*i.e.*, treat them as if they were closed out), which may cause a Fund to recognize income without receiving cash with which to make distributions in amounts necessary to satisfy the Distribution Requirement and for avoiding the excise tax discussed above. Accordingly, in order to avoid certain income and excise taxes, a Fund may be required to liquidate its investments at a time when the investment adviser might not otherwise have chosen to do so.

A Fund may invest in REITs. Investments in REIT equity securities may require a Fund to accrue and distribute income not yet received. To generate sufficient cash to make the requisite distributions, a 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. A Fund's investments in REIT equity securities may at other times result in a Fund's receipt of cash in excess of the REIT's earnings; if a Fund distributes these amounts, these distributions

could constitute a return of capital to such Fund's shareholders for U.S. federal income tax purposes. Dividends received by a Fund from a REIT generally will not constitute qualified dividend income or qualify for the dividends received deduction. If a REIT is operated in a manner such that it fails to qualify as a REIT, an investment in the REIT would become subject to double taxation, meaning the taxable income of the REIT would be subject to U.S. federal income tax at the regular corporate rate without any deduction for dividends paid to shareholders and the dividends would be taxable to shareholders as ordinary income (or possibly as qualified dividend income) to the extent of the REIT's current and accumulated earnings and profits.

"Qualified REIT dividends" (*i.e.*, ordinary REIT dividends other than capital gain dividends and portions of REIT dividends designated as qualified dividend income eligible for capital gain tax rates) are eligible for a 20% deduction by non-corporate taxpayers. This deduction, if allowed in full, equates to a maximum effective tax rate of 29.6% (37% top rate applied to income after 20% deduction). Distributions by a Fund to its shareholders that are attributable to qualified REIT dividends received by the Fund and which the Fund properly reports as "section 199A dividends," are treated as "qualified REIT dividends" in the hands of non-corporate shareholders. A section 199A dividend is treated as a qualified REIT dividend only if the shareholder receiving such dividend holds the dividend-paying RIC shares for at least 46 days of the 91-day period beginning 45 days before the shares become ex-dividend, and is not under an obligation to make related payments with respect to a position in substantially similar or related property. A Fund is permitted to report such part of its dividends as section 199A dividends as are eligible, but is not required to do so. Unless later extended or made permanent, this 20% deduction will no longer be available for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2025.

REITs in which a Fund invests often do not provide complete and final tax information to the Funds until after the time that the Funds issue a tax reporting statement. As a result, a Fund may at times find it necessary to reclassify the amount and character of its distributions to you after it issues your tax reporting statement. When such reclassification is necessary, a Fund (or its administrative agent) will send you a corrected, final Form 1099-DIV to reflect the reclassified information. If you receive a corrected Form 1099-DIV, use the information on this corrected form, and not the information on the previously issued tax reporting statement, in completing your tax returns.

A Fund's transactions in foreign currencies and forward currency contracts will be subject to special provisions of the Code that, among other things, may affect the character of gains and losses realized by such Fund (*i.e.*, may affect whether gains or losses are ordinary or capital), accelerate recognition of income to the Fund and defer losses. These rules could therefore affect the character, amount and timing of distributions to shareholders. Most foreign exchange gains realized on the sale of foreign stocks and securities are treated as ordinary income by the Fund. Each Fund must make certain distributions in order to qualify as a RIC and the timing of and character of transactions such as foreign currency-related gains and losses may result in a Fund paying a distribution treated as a return of capital. Such a distribution is nontaxable to the extent of the recipient's basis in its shares. Accordingly, in order to avoid certain income and excise taxes, each Fund may be required to liquidate its investments at a time when the investment advisor might not otherwise have chosen to do so. These provisions also may require a Fund to mark-to-market certain types of positions in its portfolio (*i.e.*, treat them as if they were closed out) which may cause the Fund to recognize income without receiving cash with which to make distributions in amounts necessary to satisfy the Distribution Requirements and for avoiding the excise tax described above. The Funds intend to monitor their transactions, intend to make the appropriate tax elections, and intend to make the appropriate entries in their books and records when they acquire any foreign currency or forward foreign currency contract in order to mitigate the effect of these rules so as to prevent disqualification of a Fund as a RIC and minimize the imposition of income and excise taxes.

If a Fund owns shares in certain foreign investment entities, referred to as "passive foreign investment companies" or "PFICs," the Fund will be subject to one of the following special tax regimes: (i) the Fund may be liable for U.S. federal income tax, and an additional interest charge, on a portion of any "excess distribution" from such foreign entity or any gain from the disposition of such shares, even if the entire distribution or gain is paid out by the Fund as a dividend to its shareholders; (ii) if the Fund were able and elected to treat a PFIC as a "qualified electing fund" or "QEF," the Fund would be required each year to include in income, and distribute to shareholders in accordance with the distribution requirements set forth above, the Fund's pro rata share of



the ordinary earnings and net capital gains of the PFIC, whether or not such earnings or gains are distributed to the Fund; or (iii) the Fund may be entitled to mark-to-market annually shares of the PFIC, and in such event would be required to distribute to shareholders any such mark-to-market gains in accordance with the Distribution Requirement set forth above. Such Fund intends to make the appropriate tax elections, if possible, and take any additional steps that are necessary to mitigate the effect of these rules. Amounts included in income each year by a Fund arising from a QEF election, will be “qualifying income” under the Qualifying Income Test (as described above) even if not distributed to the Fund, if the Fund derives such income from its business of investing in stock, securities or currencies.

If a Fund invests in certain positions, such as zero coupon securities, deferred interest securities or, in general, any other securities with original issue discount or “OID” (or with market discount if a Fund elects to include market discount in income currently), the Fund must accrue income on such investments for each taxable year, which will generally be prior to the receipt of the corresponding cash payments. In other circumstances, whether pursuant to the terms of a security or as a result of other factors outside the control of a Fund, such Fund may recognize income without receiving a commensurate amount of cash. Such income is included in determining the amount of income that the Fund must distribute to maintain its status as a RIC and to avoid the payment of federal income tax, including the nondeductible excise tax. However, each Fund must distribute, at least annually, all or substantially all of its net investment income, including such accrued income, to avoid U.S. federal income and excise taxes. Therefore, a Fund may have to dispose of its portfolio securities under disadvantageous circumstances to generate cash or may engage in short-term borrowing to satisfy distribution requirements.

A Fund may acquire market discount bonds. A market discount bond is a security acquired in the secondary market at a price below its redemption value (or its adjusted issue price if it is also an OID bond). If a Fund invests in a market discount bond, it will be required to treat any gain recognized on the disposition of such market discount bond as ordinary income (instead of capital gain) to the extent of the accrued market discount, unless such Fund elects to include the market discount in income as it accrues as discussed above.

Certain derivative investment by the Funds may not produce qualifying income for purposes of the Qualifying Income Test described above, which must be met in order for a Fund to maintain its status as a RIC under the Code. In addition, the determination of the value and the identity of the issuer of such derivative investments are often unclear for purposes of the Asset Test described above. The Funds intend to carefully monitor such investments to ensure that any non-qualifying income does not exceed permissible limits and to ensure that they are adequately diversified under the Asset Test. The Funds, however, may not be able to accurately predict the non-qualifying income from these investments and there are no assurances that the IRS will agree with the Funds’ determination of the Asset Test with respect to such derivatives.

*Tax-Exempt Shareholders.* Certain tax-exempt shareholders, including qualified pension plans, individual retirement accounts, salary deferral arrangements, 401(k)s and other tax-exempt entities, generally are exempt from U.S. federal income taxation except with respect to their unrelated business taxable income (“UBTI”). Tax-exempt entities are not permitted to offset losses from one trade or business against the income or gain of another trade or business. Certain net losses incurred prior to January 1, 2018 are permitted to offset gain and income created by an unrelated trade or business, if otherwise available. Under current law, the Funds generally serve to block UBTI from being realized by their tax-exempt shareholders. However, notwithstanding the foregoing, a tax-exempt shareholder could realize UBTI by virtue of an investment in a Fund where, for example: (i) the Fund invests in residual interests of Real Estate Mortgage Investment Conduits (“REMICs”); (ii) the Fund invests in a REIT that is a taxable mortgage pool (“TMP”) or that has a subsidiary that is a TMP or that invests in the residual interest of a REMIC; or (iii) shares in the Fund constitute debt-financed property in the hands of the tax-exempt shareholder within the meaning of section 514(b) of the Code. The IRS has issued guidance with respect to these issues and prospective shareholders, especially charitable remainder trusts which are subject to special rules, are strongly encouraged to consult their tax advisors regarding these issues.

The Funds’ shares held in a tax-qualified retirement account will generally not be subject to U.S. federal income taxation on income and capital gains distributions from a Fund until a shareholder begins receiving payments from their retirement account. Because each shareholder’s tax situation is different, shareholders

should consult their own tax advisors regarding the effect of federal, state and local taxes affecting an investment in Fund shares.

*Backup Withholding.* A Fund will be required in certain cases to withhold at a rate of 24% and remit to the U.S. Treasury the amount withheld on amounts payable to any shareholder who: (i) has provided the Fund either an incorrect tax identification number or no number at all; (ii) is subject to backup withholding by the IRS for failure to properly report payments of interest or dividends; (iii) has failed to certify to the Fund that such shareholder is not subject to backup withholding; or (iv) has failed to certify to the Fund that the shareholder is a U.S. person (including a resident alien). Backup withholding is not an additional tax. Any amounts withheld may be credited against the shareholder's U.S. federal income tax liability, provided the appropriate information is furnished to the IRS.

*Non-U.S. Shareholders.* Any non-U.S. investors in the Funds may be subject to U.S. withholding and estate tax and are encouraged to consult their tax advisors prior to investing in the Funds. Foreign shareholders (*i.e.*, nonresident alien individuals and foreign corporations, partnerships, trusts and estates) are generally subject to U.S. withholding tax at the rate of 30% (or a lower tax treaty rate) on distributions derived from taxable ordinary income. A Fund may, under certain circumstances, report all or a portion of a dividend as an "interest-related dividend" or a "short-term capital gain dividend," which would generally be exempt from this 30% U.S. withholding tax, provided certain other requirements are met. Short-term capital gain dividends received by a nonresident alien individual who is present in the United States for a period or periods aggregating 183 days or more during the taxable year are not exempt from this 30% withholding tax. Gains realized by foreign shareholders from the sale or other disposition of shares of a Fund generally are not subject to U.S. taxation, unless the recipient is an individual who is physically present in the United States for 183 days or more per year. Foreign shareholders who fail to provide an applicable IRS form may be subject to backup withholding on certain payments from a Fund. Backup withholding will not be applied to payments that are subject to the 30% (or lower applicable treaty rate) withholding tax described in this paragraph. Different tax consequences may result if the foreign shareholder is engaged in a trade or business within the United States. In addition, the tax consequences to a foreign shareholder entitled to claim the benefits of a tax treaty may be different than those described above.

Under legislation generally known as "FATCA" (the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act), the Funds are required to withhold 30% of certain ordinary dividends they pay to shareholders that fail to meet prescribed information reporting or certification requirements. In general, no such withholding will be required with respect to a U.S. person or non-U.S. person that timely provides the certifications required by a Fund or their agent on a valid IRS Form W-9 or applicable series of IRS Form W-8, respectively. Shareholders potentially subject to withholding include foreign financial institutions ("FFIs"), such as non-U.S. investment funds, and non-financial foreign entities ("NFFEs"). To avoid withholding under FATCA, an FFI generally must enter into an information sharing agreement with the IRS in which it agrees to report certain identifying information (including name, address, and taxpayer identification number) with respect to its U.S. account holders (which, in the case of an entity shareholder, may include its direct and indirect U.S. owners), and an NFFE generally must identify and provide other required information to the Funds or other withholding agent regarding its U.S. owners, if any. Such non-U.S. shareholders also may fall into certain exempt, excepted or deemed compliant categories as established by regulations and other guidance. A non-U.S. shareholder resident or doing business in a country that has entered into an intergovernmental agreement with the U.S. to implement FATCA will be exempt from FATCA withholding provided that the shareholder and the applicable foreign government comply with the terms of the agreement.

A non-U.S. entity that invests in a Fund will need to provide such Fund with documentation properly certifying the entity's status under FATCA in order to avoid FATCA withholding. Non-U.S. investors in the Funds should consult their tax advisors in this regard.

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 U.S. federal income tax consequences referred to above. If a shareholder is eligible for the benefits of a tax treaty, any effectively connected income or gain will generally be subject to

U.S. 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.

Non-U.S. investors are encouraged to consult their tax advisor prior to investing in a Fund.

*Tax Shelter Reporting Regulations.* Under U.S. Treasury regulations, generally, if an individual shareholder recognizes a loss of \$2 million or more or a corporate shareholder recognizes a loss of \$10 million, such shareholder must file with the IRS a disclosure statement on IRS Form 8886. Direct shareholders of portfolio securities are in many cases excepted from this reporting requirement, but under current guidance, shareholders of a RIC, such as a Fund, are not excepted. Future guidance may extend the current exception from this reporting requirement to shareholders of most or all RICs. The fact that a loss is reportable under these regulations does not affect the legal determination of whether the taxpayer's treatment of the loss is proper. Shareholders should consult their tax advisors to determine the applicability of these regulations in light of their individual circumstances.

*State Taxes.* It is expected that each Fund will not be liable for any corporate excise, income or franchise tax in Delaware if it qualifies as a RIC for U.S. federal income tax purposes. Distributions by a Fund to shareholders and the ownership of shares may be subject to state and local taxes. Rules of state and local taxation of dividend and capital gains distributions from RICs often differ from the rules for U.S. federal income taxation described above. Shareholders are urged to consult their tax advisors as to the consequences of these and other state and local tax rules affecting an investment in a Fund's shares.

Many states grant tax-free status to dividends paid to you from interest earned on direct obligations of the U.S. Government, subject in some states to minimum investment requirements that must be met by a Fund. Investment in GNMA or FNMA securities, bankers' acceptances, commercial paper and repurchase agreements collateralized by U.S. Government securities do not generally qualify for such tax-free treatment. The rules on exclusion of this income are generally different for corporate shareholders.

The foregoing discussion is a summary only and is not intended as a substitute for careful tax planning. Purchasers of Fund shares should consult their own tax advisors as to the tax consequences of investing in such shares, including under state, local and other tax laws.

## PORTFOLIO TRANSACTIONS

The Trust has no obligation to deal with any broker-dealer or group of brokers or dealers in the execution of transactions in portfolio securities. Subject to policies established by the Trustees, SIMC and the Funds' Sub-Advisers are responsible for placing orders to execute Fund transactions. In placing brokerage orders, it is the Trust's policy to seek to obtain the best net results taking into account such factors as price (including the applicable dealer spread), size, type and difficulty of the transaction involved, the firm's general execution and operational facilities, and the firm's risk in positioning the securities involved. While SIMC and the Sub-Advisers generally seek reasonably competitive spreads or brokerage commissions, the Trust will not necessarily be paying the lowest spread or commission available. The Trust will not purchase portfolio securities from any affiliated person acting as principal except in conformity with the regulations of the SEC.

The Trust does not expect to use one particular broker or dealer, and when one or more brokers is believed capable of providing the best combination of price and execution, SIMC or a Sub-Adviser, as applicable, may cause the Trust to select a broker based upon brokerage or research services provided to SIMC or a Sub-Adviser. SIMC or a Sub-Adviser may pay a higher commission than otherwise obtainable from other brokers in return for such services only if a good faith determination is made that the commission is reasonable in relation to the services provided.

Section 28(e) of the 1934 Act ("Section 28(e)") permits SIMC or a Sub-Adviser, under certain circumstances, to cause the Funds to pay a broker or dealer a commission for effecting a transaction in excess of the amount of commission another broker or dealer would have charged for effecting the transaction in recognition of the value of brokerage and research services provided by the broker or dealer. Brokerage and research services include: (1) furnishing advice as to the value of securities, the advisability of investing in, purchasing or selling

securities, and the availability of securities or purchasers or sellers of securities; (2) furnishing analyses and reports concerning issuers, industries, securities, economic factors and trends, portfolio strategy, and the performance of accounts; and (3) effecting securities transactions and performing functions incidental thereto (such as clearance, settlement and custody). In the case of research services, SIMC and the Sub-Advisers believe that access to independent investment research is beneficial to their investment decision-making processes and, therefore, to the Funds. In addition to agency transactions, SIMC and the Funds' Sub-Advisers may receive brokerage and research services in connection with certain riskless principal transactions, as defined by Financial Industry Regulatory Authority Rules ("FINRA") and in accordance with applicable SEC guidance.

To the extent research services may be a factor in selecting brokers, such services may be in written form or through direct contact with individuals and may include information as to particular companies and securities as well as market, economic, or institutional areas and information that assist in the valuation and pricing of investments. Examples of research-oriented services for which SIMC or a Sub-Adviser might utilize Fund commissions include research reports and other information on the economy, industries, sectors, groups of securities, individual companies, statistical information, political developments, technical market action, pricing and appraisal services, credit analysis, risk measurement analysis, performance and other analysis. SIMC or a Sub-Adviser may use research services furnished by brokers in servicing all client accounts and not all services may necessarily be used in connection with the account that paid commissions to the broker providing such services. Information so received by SIMC or a Sub-Adviser will be in addition to and not in lieu of the services required to be performed by SIMC or a Sub-Adviser under the Investment Advisory Agreements. Any advisory or other fees paid to SIMC or a Sub-Adviser are not reduced as a result of the receipt of research services.

In some cases SIMC or a Sub-Adviser may receive a service from a broker that has both a "research" and a "non-research" use. When this occurs, SIMC or a Sub-Adviser, as applicable, makes a good faith allocation, under all the circumstances, between the research and non-research uses of the service. The percentage of the service that is used for research purposes may be paid for with client commissions, while SIMC or a Sub-Adviser will use their own funds to pay for the percentage of the service that is used for non-research purposes. In making this good faith allocation, SIMC and the Sub-Advisers face a potential conflict of interest, but SIMC and the Sub-Advisers believe that their respective allocation procedures are reasonably designed to ensure that they appropriately allocate the anticipated use of such services to their research and non-research uses.

From time to time, the Funds may purchase new issues of securities for clients in a fixed price offering. In these situations, the seller may be a member of the selling group that will, in addition to selling securities, provide SIMC or a Sub-Adviser with research services. FINRA has adopted rules expressly permitting these types of arrangements under certain circumstances. Generally, the seller will provide research "credits" in these situations at a rate that is higher than that which is available for typical secondary market transactions. These arrangements may not fall within the safe harbor of Section 28(e).

The research services received from a broker-dealer may be complicated by MiFID II, which places restrictions on the receipt of research services by EU authorized investment firms and certain affiliated US asset managers.

SIMC also from time to time executes trades with the Distributor, acting as introducing broker, in connection with the transition of the securities and other assets included in a Fund's portfolio when there is a change in Sub-Advisers in the Fund or a reallocation of assets among the Sub-Advisers. An unaffiliated third-party broker selected by SIMC or the relevant Sub-Adviser provides execution and clearing services with respect to such trades, and is compensated for such services out of the commission paid to the Distributor on the trades. All such transactions effected using the Distributor as introducing broker must be accomplished in a manner that is consistent with the Trust's policy to achieve best net results, and must comply with the Trust's procedures regarding the execution of Fund transactions through affiliated brokers. The Funds do not direct brokerage to brokers in recognition of, or as compensation for, the promotion or sale of Fund shares.

For the fiscal years ended June 30, 2021, 2022 and 2023, the Funds paid the following brokerage fees:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Total \$ Amount of Brokerage Commissions Paid (000)</u>		
	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Growth Fund .....	\$15	\$15	\$17
Income Fund .....	\$19	\$32	\$21
Balanced Growth Fund .....	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Balanced Income Fund .....	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0

For the fiscal years ended June 30, 2021, 2022 and 2023, the Funds did not pay any brokerage commissions on portfolio transactions effected by affiliated brokers.

The portfolio turnover rates for the Funds for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2022 and 2023 were as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Turnover Rate</u>	
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Growth Fund .....	5%	7%
Income Fund .....	97%	106%
Balanced Growth Fund .....	14%	8%
Balanced Income Fund .....	11%	5%

The Trust is required to identify any securities of its “regular brokers or dealers” (as such term is defined in the 1940 Act) that the Trust has acquired during its most recent fiscal year. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, the Trust held the following securities:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Name of Issuer</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Amount (000)</u>
Growth Fund	J.P. Morgan	Equity	\$5,212
	RBC	Equity	\$ 13
Income Fund	Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith	Debt	\$5,283
	J.P. Morgan	Debt	\$4,017
	Citigroup Global Markets	Debt	\$2,861
	Wells Fargo Brokerage Services, LLC	Debt	\$2,285
	Goldman, Sachs & Co	Debt	\$2,255
	UBC Securities	Debt	\$1,507
	BNP Securities	Debt	\$1,333
Morgan Stanley & Co, Inc	Debt	\$1,114	

#### DISCLOSURE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS INFORMATION

A complete list of each Fund’s portfolio holdings is made publicly available on a quarterly basis through filings made with the SEC on Forms N-CSR and N-Q. The Board has approved a policy that provides that portfolio holdings may not be made available to any third party until after such information has been filed with the SEC, with limited exceptions noted below. This policy seeks to ensure that the disclosure of information regarding the Funds’ portfolio securities is in the best interest of Fund shareholders, and includes procedures to address conflicts of interest. Beginning on the day after any portfolio holdings information is filed with the SEC, such information will be delivered directly to any person that requests it, through electronic or other means.

Portfolio holdings information may be provided to independent third-party fund reporting services (e.g., Broadridge Lipper or Morningstar) for a legitimate business purpose, but will be delivered no earlier than the date such information is filed with the SEC, unless the reporting service executes a confidentiality agreement with the Trust that is satisfactory to the Trust’s officers and that provides that the reporting service will keep the information confidential and will not trade on the information.

Portfolio holdings information may also be provided at any time and as frequently as daily to the Funds' Trustees, SIMC, the Sub-Advisers, the Distributor, the Administrator and certain other service providers, as well as additional contractors and vendors that may include, but are not limited to: the custodian and sub-custodian, the transfer agent, attorneys, independent auditors, securities lending agents, tax filing and reclamation vendors, class-action monitoring and filing vendors, printing and filing vendors, proxy vendors and providers of portfolio monitoring and analytical tools. Service providers will be subject to a duty of confidentiality with respect to any portfolio holdings information, whether imposed by a confidentiality agreement, the provisions of the service provider's contract with the Trust or by the nature of its relationship with the Trust, and such service providers will be prohibited from trading on the information.

Portfolio holdings of a Fund may also be provided to a prospective service provider for that Fund, so long as the prospective service provider executes a confidentiality agreement with the Fund in such form as deemed acceptable by an officer of the Fund. Additionally, a Sub-Adviser may provide portfolio holdings information to third-party service providers in connection with its duties as a Sub-Adviser, provided that the Sub-Adviser is responsible for such third-party's confidential treatment of such data. The Sub-Adviser is also obligated, pursuant to its fiduciary duty to the relevant Fund, to ensure that any third-party service provider will keep the information confidential and has a duty not to trade on any portfolio holdings information it receives other than subject to the Sub-Adviser's instruction. Additionally, a Sub-Adviser may provide portfolio holdings information to third-party service providers in connection with its duties as a Sub-Adviser, provided that the Sub-Adviser is responsible for such third-party's confidential treatment of such data. The Sub-Adviser is also obligated, pursuant to its fiduciary duty to the relevant Fund, to ensure that any third-party service provider will keep the information confidential and has a duty not to trade on any portfolio holdings information it receives other than subject to the Sub-Adviser's instruction.

The Board exercises on-going oversight of the disclosure of Fund portfolio holdings by overseeing the implementation of the Funds' policies and procedures by the CCO.

Neither the Funds, SIMC, nor any other service provider to the Funds may receive compensation or other consideration for providing portfolio holdings information.

The Trust files a complete schedule of the Funds' investments within 60 days after the end of the Fund's first and third fiscal quarter as pursuant to Form N-PORT and/or as part of the Funds' annual or semi-annual shareholder report.

#### **DESCRIPTION OF SHARES**

The Trust Instrument authorizes the issuance of an unlimited number of shares for each of the Funds, and each share has a par value of \$0.001 per share. There are no conversion or preemptive rights in connection with any shares of the Funds, nor are there cumulative voting rights with respect to the shares of any of the Funds. Each of a Fund's shares has equal voting rights. Each issued and outstanding share of a Fund is entitled to participate equally in dividends and distributions declared by such Fund and in the net assets of such Fund upon liquidation or dissolution remaining after satisfaction of outstanding liabilities.

All issued and outstanding shares of each Fund will be fully paid and non-assessable and will be redeemable at NAV per share. The interests of shareholders in the Funds will not be evidenced by a certificate or certificates representing shares of a Fund.

The Board of Trustees has authority, without necessity of a shareholder vote, to create any number of new series or classes. The Trustees have authorized one class of shares to be issued currently.

#### **LIMITATION OF TRUSTEES' LIABILITY**

The Declaration of Trust provides that the Trustees shall not be responsible or liable for any act or omission or for neglect or wrongdoing of them or any officer, agent, employee, manager, investment adviser, delegate or independent contractor of the Trust, provided the Trustees have exercised reasonable care and have acted under the reasonable belief that their actions are in the best interest of the Trust. The Declaration of Trust also provides that the Trust will indemnify its Trustees and officers against liabilities and expenses incurred in

connection with actual or threatened litigation in which they may be involved because of their offices with the Trust unless it is determined in the manner provided in the Declaration of Trust that they have not acted in good faith in the reasonable belief that their actions were in or not opposed to the best interests of the Trust. However, nothing in the Declaration of Trust shall protect or indemnify a Trustee against any liability for his or her willful misfeasance, bad faith, gross negligence or reckless disregard of his or her duties.

### CODES OF ETHICS

The Board has adopted a Code of Ethics pursuant to Rule 17j-1 under the 1940 Act. In addition, SIMC, the Sub-Advisers and the Distributor have adopted Codes of Ethics pursuant to Rule 17j-1. These Codes of Ethics apply to the personal investing activities of trustees, officers and certain employees (“access persons”). Rule 17j-1 and the Codes are reasonably designed to prevent unlawful practices in connection with the purchase or sale of securities by access persons. Under each Code of Ethics, access persons at most Sub-Advisers are permitted to engage in personal securities transactions, including securities that may be purchased or held by the Funds, but are required to report their personal securities transactions for monitoring purposes. In addition, certain access persons are required to obtain approval before investing in initial public offerings or private placements, or are prohibited from making such investments. Access persons at certain Sub-Advisers may be prohibited from engaging in personal securities transactions entirely. Copies of these Codes of Ethics are on file with the SEC and are available to the public.

### VOTING

Each share held entitles the shareholder of record to one vote. Shareholders of each Fund or class will vote separately on matters pertaining solely to that Fund or class, such as any distribution plan. As a Delaware statutory trust, the Trust is not required to hold annual meetings of shareholders, but approval will be sought for certain changes in the operation of the Trust and for the election of Trustees under certain circumstances. In addition, a Trustee may be removed by the remaining Trustees or by shareholders at a special meeting called upon written request of shareholders owning at least 10% of the outstanding shares of the Trust. In the event that such a meeting is requested, the Trust will provide appropriate assistance and information to the shareholders requesting the meeting.

Where the Prospectus for the Funds or SAI states that an investment limitation or a fundamental policy may not be changed without shareholder approval, such approval means the vote of: (i) 67% or more of the affected Fund’s shares present at a meeting if the holders of more than 50% of the outstanding shares of the Fund are present or represented by proxy; or (ii) more than 50% of the affected Fund’s outstanding shares, whichever is less.

### CONTROL PERSONS AND PRINCIPAL HOLDERS OF SECURITIES

As of October 3, 2023, the following persons were the only persons who were record owners (or, to the knowledge of the Trust, beneficial owners) of 5% and 25% or more of the shares of the Funds. Persons who owned of record or beneficially more than 25% of a Fund’s outstanding shares may be deemed to control the Fund within the meaning of the 1940 Act. Shareholders controlling the Fund may have a significant impact on any shareholder vote of the Fund.

<u>Name and Address of Record Owner</u>	<u>Percent of Fund</u>	<u>Record or Beneficial</u>
<b>Growth Fund</b>		
New Covenant Balanced Growth .....	40.17%	Record
200 E 12th Street		
Jeffersonville, IN 47130-3854		
National Financial Services LLC .....	30.36%	Record
499 Washington Boulevard FL 4th		
Jersey City, NJ 07310-2010		

<u>Name and Address of Record Owner</u>	<u>Percent of Fund</u>	<u>Record or Beneficial</u>
New Covenant Balanced Income ..... 200 E 12th Street Jeffersonville, IN 47130-3854	5.03%	Record

**Income Fund**

New Covenant Balanced Growth ..... 200 E 12th Street	36.64%	Record
National Financial Services LLC ..... 499 Washington Boulevard FL 4th Jersey City, NJ 07310-2010	35.69%	Record
New Covenant Balanced Income ..... 200 E 12th Street Jeffersonville, IN 47130-3854	13.94%	Record

**Balanced Growth Fund**

None

**Balanced Income Fund**

None

**SOCIAL-WITNESS SERVICES**

In order to better ensure that the Funds continue to conform to their stated investment policy of making investment decisions consistent with the social-witness principles approved by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), the Trust has entered into an agreement with NCTC pursuant to which NCTC will provide the Trust with certain services, including: compiling and providing a list of issuers in which the Funds will be prohibited from investing under the social-witness principles; providing services to the Funds to ensure that proxies are voted consistent with social-witness principles; seeking to place specific shareholder proposals onto the ballots of issuers' shareholder meetings from time to time and otherwise engaging issuers with respect to relevant matters. In addition, the agreement provides the Trust a license with respect to the use of the phrase "New Covenant Funds" and related symbols or logos.

**CUSTODIANS**

U.S. Bank National Association ("U.S. Bank"), located at 425 Walnut Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202, acts as wire agent and custodian for the assets of the Income Fund, Balanced Growth Fund and Balanced Income Fund. Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. ("BBH"), located at 40 Water Street, Boston, Massachusetts, 02109-3661, acts as wire agent and custodian for the assets of the Growth Fund. U.S. Bank and BBH hold cash, securities and other assets of the respective Funds for which they act as custodian as required by the 1940 Act.

**INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

KPMG LLP, located at 1601 Market Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103, serves as the independent registered public accounting firm for the Trust.

**LEGAL COUNSEL**

Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP, located at 1701 Market Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103, serves as legal counsel to the Trust.



## APPENDIX A DESCRIPTION OF RATINGS

### Description of Ratings

The following descriptions of securities ratings have been published by Moody's Investors Services, Inc. ("Moody's"), S&P Global Ratings ("S&P"), and Fitch Ratings ("Fitch"), respectively.

### Description of Moody's Global Ratings

Ratings assigned on Moody's global long-term and short-term rating scales are forward-looking opinions of the relative credit risks of financial obligations issued by non-financial corporates, financial institutions, structured finance vehicles, project finance vehicles, and public sector entities. Long-term ratings are assigned to issuers or obligations with an original maturity of eleven months or more and reflect both on the likelihood of a default or impairment on contractual financial obligations and the expected financial loss suffered in the event of default or impairment. Short-term ratings are assigned to obligations with an original maturity of thirteen months or less and reflect both on the likelihood of a default or impairment on contractual financial obligations and the expected financial loss suffered in the event of default or impairment.

### Description of Moody's Global Long-Term Ratings

- Aaa** Obligations rated Aaa are judged to be of the highest quality, subject to the lowest level of credit risk.
- Aa** Obligations rated Aa are judged to be of high quality and are subject to very low credit risk.
- A** Obligations rated A are judged to be upper-medium grade and are subject to low credit risk.
- Baa** Obligations rated Baa are judged to be medium-grade and subject to moderate credit risk and as such may possess certain speculative characteristics.
- Ba** Obligations rated Ba are judged to be speculative and are subject to substantial credit risk.
- B** Obligations rated B are considered speculative and are subject to high credit risk.
- Caa** Obligations rated Caa are judged to be speculative of poor standing and are subject to very high credit risk.
- Ca** Obligations rated Ca are highly speculative and are likely in, or very near, default, with some prospect of recovery of principal and interest.
- C** Obligations rated C are the lowest rated and are typically in default, with little prospect for recovery of principal or interest.

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*Note:* Moody's appends numerical modifiers 1, 2, and 3 to each generic rating classification from Aa through Caa. The modifier 1 indicates that the obligation ranks in the higher end of its generic rating category; the modifier 2 indicates a mid-range ranking; and the modifier 3 indicates a ranking in the lower end of that generic rating category.

### Hybrid Indicator (hyb)

The hybrid indicator (hyb) is appended to all ratings of hybrid securities issued by banks, insurers, finance companies, and securities firms. By their terms, hybrid securities allow for the omission of scheduled dividends, interest, or principal payments, which can potentially result in impairment if such an omission occurs. Hybrid securities may also be subject to contractually allowable write-downs of principal that could result in impairment. Together with the hybrid indicator, the long-term obligation rating assigned to a hybrid security is an expression of the relative credit risk associated with that security.

### Description of Moody's Global Short-Term Ratings

- P-1** Issuers (or supporting institutions) rated Prime-1 have a superior ability to repay short-term debt obligations.
- P-2** Issuers (or supporting institutions) rated Prime-2 have a strong ability to repay short-term debt obligations.
- P-3** Issuers (or supporting institutions) rated Prime-3 have an acceptable ability to repay short-term obligations.
- NP** Issuers (or supporting institutions) rated Not Prime do not fall within any of the Prime rating categories.

### Description of Moody's U.S. Municipal Short-Term Obligation Ratings

The Municipal Investment Grade ("MIG") scale is used to rate U.S. municipal cash flow notes, bond anticipation notes and certain other short-term obligations, which typically mature in three years or less. Under certain circumstances, the MIG scale is used to rate bond anticipation notes with maturities of up to five years.

Moody's U.S. municipal short-term obligation ratings are as follows:

- MIG 1** This designation denotes superior credit quality. Excellent protection is afforded by established cash flows, highly reliable liquidity support, or demonstrated broad-based access to the market for refinancing.
- MIG 2** This designation denotes strong credit quality. Margins of protection are ample, although not as large as in the preceding group.
- MIG 3** This designation denotes acceptable credit quality. Liquidity and cash-flow protection may be narrow, and market access for refinancing is likely to be less well-established.
- SG** This designation denotes speculative-grade credit quality. Debt instruments in this category may lack sufficient margins of protection.

### Description of Moody's Demand Obligation Ratings

In the case of variable rate demand obligations ("VRDOs"), Moody's assigns both a long-term rating and a short-term payment obligation rating. The long-term rating addresses the issuer's ability to meet scheduled principal and interest payments. The short-term payment obligation rating addresses the ability of the issuer or the liquidity provider to meet any purchase price payment obligation resulting from optional tenders ("on demand") and/or mandatory tenders of the VRDO. The short-term payment obligation rating uses the Variable Municipal Investment Grade ("VMIG") scale. VMIG ratings with liquidity support use as an input the short-term counterparty risk assessment of the support provider, or the long-term rating of the underlying obligor in the absence of third party liquidity support. Transitions of VMIG ratings with conditional liquidity support differ from transitions of Prime ratings reflecting the risk that external liquidity support will terminate if the issuer's long-term rating drops below investment grade. For VRDO's, Moody's typically assigns a VMIG rating if the frequency of the payment obligation is less than every three years. If the frequency of the payment obligation is less than three years, but the obligation is payable only with remarketing proceeds, the VMIG short-term rating is not assigned and it is denoted as "NR".

Moody's demand obligation ratings are as follows:

- VMIG 1** This designation denotes superior credit quality. Excellent protection is afforded by the superior short-term credit strength of the liquidity provider and structural and legal protections.
- VMIG 2** This designation denotes strong credit quality. Good protection is afforded by the strong short-term credit strength of the liquidity provider and structural and legal protections.

**VMIG 3** This designation denotes acceptable credit quality. Adequate protection is afforded by the satisfactory short-term credit strength of the liquidity provider and structural and legal protections.

**SG** This designation denotes speculative-grade credit quality. Demand features rated in this category may be supported by a liquidity provider that does not have a sufficiently strong short-term rating or may lack the structural or legal protections.

### Description of S&P's Issue Credit Ratings

An S&P issue credit rating is a forward-looking opinion about the creditworthiness of an obligor with respect to a specific financial obligation, a specific class of financial obligations, or a specific financial program (including ratings on medium-term note programs and commercial paper programs). It takes into consideration the creditworthiness of guarantors, insurers, or other forms of credit enhancement on the obligation and takes into account the currency in which the obligation is denominated. The opinion reflects S&P's view of the obligor's capacity and willingness to meet its financial commitments as they come due, and this opinion may assess terms, such as collateral security and subordination, which could affect ultimate payment in the event of default.

Issue credit ratings can be either long-term or short-term. Short-term issue credit ratings are generally assigned to those obligations considered short-term in the relevant market, typically with an original maturity of no more than 365 days. Short-term issue credit ratings are also used to indicate the creditworthiness of an obligor with respect to put features on long-term obligations. S&P would typically assign a long-term issue credit rating to an obligation with an original maturity of greater than 365 days. However, the ratings S&P assigns to certain instruments may diverge from these guidelines based on market practices. Medium-term notes are assigned long-term ratings.

Issue credit ratings are based, in varying degrees, on S&P's analysis of the following considerations:

- The likelihood of payment—the capacity and willingness of the obligor to meet its financial commitments on an obligation in accordance with the terms of the obligation;
- The nature and provisions of the financial obligation, and the promise S&P imputes; and
- The protection afforded by, and relative position of, the financial obligation in the event of a bankruptcy, reorganization, or other arrangement under the laws of bankruptcy and other laws affecting creditors' rights.

An issue rating is an assessment of default risk but may incorporate an assessment of relative seniority or ultimate recovery in the event of default. Junior obligations are typically rated lower than senior obligations, to reflect lower priority in bankruptcy, as noted above. (Such differentiation may apply when an entity has both senior and subordinated obligations, secured and unsecured obligations, or operating company and holding company obligations.)

NR indicates that a rating has not been assigned or is no longer assigned.

### Description of S&P's Long-Term Issue Credit Ratings\*

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| <b>AAA</b> | An obligation rated 'AAA' has the highest rating assigned by S&P. The obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitments on the obligation is extremely strong.   |
| <b>AA</b>  | An obligation rated 'AA' differs from the highest-rated obligations only to a small degree. The obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitments on the obligation is very strong.  |
| <b>A</b>   | An obligation rated 'A' is somewhat more susceptible to the adverse effects of changes in circumstances and economic conditions than obligations in higher-rated categories. However, the obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitments on the obligation is still strong. |

<b>BBB</b>	An obligation rated 'BBB' exhibits adequate protection parameters. However, adverse economic conditions or changing circumstances are more likely to weaken the obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitments on the obligation.
<b>BB; B; CCC; CC; and C</b>	Obligations rated 'BB', 'B', 'CCC', 'CC', and 'C' are regarded as having significant speculative characteristics. 'BB' indicates the least degree of speculation and 'C' the highest. While such obligations will likely have some quality and protective characteristics, these may be outweighed by large uncertainties or major exposure to adverse conditions.
<b>BB</b>	An obligation rated 'BB' is less vulnerable to nonpayment than other speculative issues. However, it faces major ongoing uncertainties or exposure to adverse business, financial, or economic conditions that could lead to the obligor's inadequate capacity to meet its financial commitments on the obligation.
<b>B</b>	An obligation rated 'B' is more vulnerable to nonpayment than obligations rated 'BB', but the obligor currently has the capacity to meet its financial commitments on the obligation. Adverse business, financial, or economic conditions will likely impair the obligor's capacity or willingness to meet its financial commitments on the obligation.
<b>CCC</b>	An obligation rated 'CCC' is currently vulnerable to nonpayment and is dependent upon favorable business, financial, and economic conditions for the obligor to meet its financial commitments on the obligation. In the event of adverse business, financial, or economic conditions, the obligor is not likely to have the capacity to meet its financial commitments on the obligation.
<b>CC</b>	An obligation rated 'CC' is currently highly vulnerable to nonpayment. The 'CC' rating is used when a default has not yet occurred but S&P expects default to be a virtual certainty, regardless of the anticipated time to default.
<b>C</b>	An obligation rated 'C' is currently highly vulnerable to nonpayment, and the obligation is expected to have lower relative seniority or lower ultimate recovery compared with obligations that are rated higher.
<b>D</b>	An obligation rated 'D' is in default or in breach of an imputed promise. For non-hybrid capital instruments, the 'D' rating category is used when payments on an obligation are not made on the date due, unless S&P believes that such payments will be made within the next five business days in the absence of a stated grace period or within the earlier of the stated grace period or the next 30 calendar days. The 'D' rating also will be used upon the filing of a bankruptcy petition or the taking of similar action and where default on an obligation is a virtual certainty, for example due to automatic stay provisions. A rating on an obligation is lowered to 'D' if it is subject to a distressed debt restructuring.

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\*Ratings from 'AA' to 'CCC' may be modified by the addition of a plus (+) or minus (-) sign to show relative standing within the rating categories.

#### **Description of S&P's Short-Term Issue Credit Ratings**

<b>A-1</b>	A short-term obligation rated 'A-1' is rated in the highest category by S&P. The obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitments on the obligation is strong. Within this category, certain obligations are designated with a plus sign (+). This indicates that the obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitments on these obligations is extremely strong.
<b>A-2</b>	A short-term obligation rated 'A-2' is somewhat more susceptible to the adverse effects of changes in circumstances and economic conditions than obligations in higher rating categories. However, the obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitments on the obligation is satisfactory.

- A-3** A short-term obligation rated 'A-3' exhibits adequate protection parameters. However, adverse economic conditions or changing circumstances are more likely to weaken an obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitments on the obligation.
- B** A short-term obligation rated 'B' is regarded as vulnerable and has significant speculative characteristics. The obligor currently has the capacity to meet its financial commitments; however, it faces major ongoing uncertainties that could lead to the obligor's inadequate capacity to meet its financial commitments.
- C** A short-term obligation rated 'C' is currently vulnerable to nonpayment and is dependent upon favorable business, financial, and economic conditions for the obligor to meet its financial commitments on the obligation.
- D** A short-term obligation rated 'D' is in default or in breach of an imputed promise. For non-hybrid capital instruments, the 'D' rating category is used when payments on an obligation are not made on the date due, unless S&P believes that such payments will be made within any stated grace period. However, any stated grace period longer than five business days will be treated as five business days. The 'D' rating also will be used upon the filing of a bankruptcy petition or the taking of a similar action and where default on an obligation is a virtual certainty, for example due to automatic stay provisions. A rating on an obligation is lowered to 'D' if it is subject to a distressed debt restructuring.

#### **Description of S&P's Municipal Short-Term Note Ratings**

An S&P U.S. municipal note rating reflects S&P's opinion about the liquidity factors and market access risks unique to the notes. Notes due in three years or less will likely receive a note rating. Notes with an original maturity of more than three years will most likely receive a long-term debt rating. In determining which type of rating, if any, to assign, S&P's analysis will review the following considerations:

- Amortization schedule—the larger the final maturity relative to other maturities, the more likely it will be treated as a note; and
- Source of payment—the more dependent the issue is on the market for its refinancing, the more likely it will be treated as a note.

S&P's municipal short-term note ratings are as follows:

- SP-1** Strong capacity to pay principal and interest. An issue determined to possess a very strong capacity to pay debt service is given a plus (+) designation.
- SP-2** Satisfactory capacity to pay principal and interest, with some vulnerability to adverse financial and economic changes over the term of the notes.
- SP-3** Speculative capacity to pay principal and interest.
- D** 'D' is assigned upon failure to pay the note when due, completion of a distressed debt restructuring, or the filing of a bankruptcy petition or the taking of similar action and where default on an obligation is a virtual certainty, for example due to automatic stay provisions.

#### **Description of Fitch's Credit Ratings**

Fitch's credit ratings relating to issuers are an opinion on the relative ability of an entity to meet financial commitments, such as interest, preferred dividends, repayment of principal, insurance claims or counterparty obligations. Credit ratings relating to securities and obligations of an issuer can include a recovery expectation. Credit ratings are used by investors as indications of the likelihood of receiving the money owed to them in accordance with the terms on which they invested.

Fitch's credit rating scale for issuers and issues is expressed using the categories 'AAA' to 'BBB' (investment grade) and 'BB' to 'D' (speculative grade) with an additional +/- for AA through CCC levels indicating relative differences of probability of default or recovery for issues. The terms "investment grade" and "speculative grade" are market conventions and do not imply any recommendation or endorsement of a specific security for investment purposes. Investment grade categories indicate relatively low to moderate credit risk, while ratings in the speculative grade categories signal either a higher level of credit risk or that a default has already occurred.

Fitch may also disclose issues relating to a rated issuer that are not and have not been rated. Such issues are also denoted as 'NR' on its web page.

Fitch's credit ratings do not directly address any risk other than credit risk. Credit ratings do not deal with the risk of market value loss due to changes in interest rates, liquidity an/or other market considerations. However, market risk may be considered to the extent that it influences the ability of an issuer to pay or refinance a financial commitment.

Ratings nonetheless do not reflect market risk to the extent that they influence the size or other conditionality of the obligation to pay upon a commitment (for example, in the case of payments linked to performance of an index).

In the default components of ratings assigned to individual obligations or instruments, the agency typically rates to the likelihood of non-payment or default in accordance with the terms of that instrument's documentation. In limited cases, Fitch may include additional considerations (*i.e.* rate to a higher or lower standard than that implied in the obligation's documentation).

#### Description of Fitch's Long-Term Corporate Finance Obligations Ratings

- AAA** Highest credit quality. 'AAA' ratings denote the lowest expectation of credit risk. They are assigned only in cases of exceptionally strong capacity for payment of financial commitments. This capacity is highly unlikely to be adversely affected by foreseeable events.
- AA** Very high credit quality. 'AA' ratings denote expectations of very low credit risk. They indicate very strong capacity for payment of financial commitments. This capacity is not significantly vulnerable to foreseeable events.
- A** High credit quality. 'A' ratings denote expectations of low credit risk. The capacity for payment of financial commitments is considered strong. This capacity may, nevertheless, be more vulnerable to adverse business or economic conditions than is the case for higher ratings.
- BBB** Good credit quality. 'BBB' ratings indicate that expectations of credit risk are currently low. The capacity for payment of financial commitments is considered adequate, but adverse business or economic conditions are more likely to impair this capacity.
- BB** Speculative. 'BB' ratings indicate an elevated vulnerability to credit risk, particularly in the event of adverse changes in business or economic conditions over time; however, business or financial alternatives may be available to allow financial commitments to be met.
- B** Highly speculative. 'B' ratings indicate that material credit risk is present.
- CCC** Substantial credit risk. 'CCC' ratings indicate that substantial credit risk is present.
- CC** Very high levels of credit risk. 'CC' ratings indicate very high levels of credit risk.
- C** Exceptionally high levels of credit risk. 'C' ratings indicate exceptionally high levels of credit risk.

Ratings in the categories of 'CCC', 'CC' and 'C' can also relate to obligations or issuers that are in default. In this case, the rating does not opine on default risk but reflects the recovery expectation only.

Defaulted obligations typically are not assigned 'RD' or 'D' ratings, but are instead rated in the 'CCC' to 'C' rating categories, depending on their recovery prospects and other relevant characteristics. This approach better aligns obligations that have comparable overall expected loss but varying vulnerability to default and loss.

### Description of Fitch's Short-Term Ratings

A short-term issuer or obligation rating is based in all cases on the short-term vulnerability to default of the rated entity and relates to the capacity to meet financial obligations in accordance with the documentation governing the relevant obligation. Short-term deposit ratings may be adjusted for loss severity. Short-Term Ratings are assigned to obligations whose initial maturity is viewed as "short term" based on market convention (a long-term rating can also be used to rate an issue with short maturity). Typically, this means up to 13 months for corporate, sovereign, and structured obligations and up to 36 months for obligations in U.S. public finance markets.

Fitch's short-term ratings are as follows:

- F1** Highest short-term credit quality. Indicates the strongest intrinsic capacity for timely payment of financial commitments; may have an added "+" to denote any exceptionally strong credit feature.
- F2** Good short-term credit quality. Good intrinsic capacity for timely payment of financial commitments.
- F3** Fair short-term credit quality. The intrinsic capacity for timely payment of financial commitments is adequate.
- B** Speculative short-term credit quality. Minimal capacity for timely payment of financial commitments, plus heightened vulnerability to near term adverse changes in financial and economic conditions.
- C** High short-term default risk. Default is a real possibility.
- RD** Restricted default. Indicates an entity that has defaulted on one or more of its financial commitments, although it continues to meet other financial obligations. Typically applicable to entity ratings only.
- D** Default. Indicates a broad-based default event for an entity, or the default of a short-term obligation.