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#### **Statement of Additional Information**

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This Statement of Additional Information (“SAI”) provides general information about the M.D. Sass Equity Income Plus Fund (the “Equity Income Plus Fund”) and the M.D. Sass Short Term U.S. Government Agency Income Fund (the “Short Term U.S. Government Agency Income Fund”) (each, a “Fund,” and together, the “M.D. Sass Funds”), each a series of Trust for Professional Managers (the “Trust”). This SAI is not a prospectus and should be read in conjunction with the Funds’ current prospectus dated September 28, 2017 (the “Prospectus”), as supplemented and amended from time to time, which is incorporated herein by reference. The Funds’ audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended May 31, 2017 are incorporated herein by reference from the Funds’ 2017 Annual Report to Shareholders. To obtain a copy of the Prospectus and/or the Funds’ 2017 Annual Report to Shareholders free of charge, please write or call the Funds at the address or toll-free telephone number below, or visit the Funds’ website at [www.mdsassfunds.com](http://www.mdsassfunds.com).

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## **The Trust**

The Trust is a Delaware statutory trust organized on May 29, 2001, and is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) as an open-end management investment company. The Funds are two separate series, or mutual funds, formed by the Trust. Each Fund is a diversified series and has its own investment objective and policies. As of the date of this SAI, shares of twenty-nine other series of the Trust are offered in separate prospectuses and SAIs. The Trust may start additional series and offer shares of a new fund under the Trust at any time.

The Trust is authorized to issue an unlimited number of interests (or shares). Interests in the Funds are represented by shares of beneficial interest each with a par value of \$0.001. Each share of the Trust has equal voting rights and liquidation rights, and is voted in the aggregate and not by the series, except in matters where a separate vote is required by the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “1940 Act”), or when the matters affect only the interest of a particular series. When matters are submitted to shareholders for a vote, each shareholder is entitled to one vote for each full share owned and fractional votes for fractional shares owned. The Trust does not normally hold annual meetings of shareholders. The Trust’s Board of Trustees (the “Board” or the “Board of Trustees”) shall promptly call and give notice of a meeting of shareholders for the purpose of voting upon removal of any trustee when requested to do so in writing by shareholders holding 10% or more of the Trust’s outstanding shares.

With respect to the Funds, the Trust may offer more than one class of shares. The Trust, on behalf of each of the Funds, has adopted a multiple class plan under Rule 18f-3 under the 1940 Act, detailing the attributes of each Fund’s share classes. Each share of a series or class represents an equal proportionate interest in that series or class with each other share of that series or class. The Equity Income Plus Fund offers two classes of shares: Institutional Class shares and Investor Class shares. The Short Term U.S. Government Agency Income Fund currently offers two classes of shares: Institutional Class and Retail Class shares. Effective September 1, 2015, Retail Class shares of the Short Term U.S. Government Agency Income Fund were closed to all new purchases and converted into the Short Term U.S. Government Agency Income Fund’s Institutional Class shares. Retail Class shares of the Short Term U.S. Government Agency Income Fund are not currently offered for purchase. The decision and timing for any future opening or closing of the Retail Class shares will be at the discretion of the Adviser (defined below), subject to the approval of the Board.

Effective September 28, 2015, the Short Term U.S. Government Agency Income changed its name from the M.D. Sass 1-3 Year Duration U.S. Agency Bond Fund to the M.D. Sass Short Term U.S. Government Agency Income.

Effective February 29, 2016, the Equity Income Plus Fund’s Class C shares were converted into Retail Class shares, and Retail Class shares were renamed Investor Class shares.

Each share of a Fund represents an equal proportionate interest in the assets and liabilities belonging to the Fund and is entitled to such distributions out of the income belonging to the Fund as are declared by the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees has the authority from time to time to divide or combine the shares of any series into a greater or lesser number of shares of that series so long as the proportionate beneficial interests in the assets belonging to that series and the rights of shares of any other series are in no way affected. Additionally, in case of any liquidation of a series, the holders of shares of the series being liquidated are entitled to receive a distribution out of the assets, net of the liabilities, belonging to that series. Expenses attributable to any series are borne by that series. Any general expenses of the Trust not readily identifiable as belonging to a particular series are allocated by, or under the direction of, the Board of Trustees on the basis of relative net assets, the number of shareholders or another equitable method. No shareholder is liable to further calls or to assessment by the Trust without his or her express consent.

The assets of a Fund received for the issue or sale of its shares, and all income, earnings, profits and proceeds thereof, subject only to the rights of creditors, shall constitute the underlying assets of the Fund. In the event of the dissolution or liquidation of a Fund, the holders of shares of the Fund are entitled to share pro rata in the net assets of the Fund available for distribution to shareholders.

M.D. Sass, LLC (“M.D. Sass”) serves as the investment adviser for the Equity Income Plus Fund. M.D. Sass Investors Services, Inc. (“MDSIS”) serves as the investment adviser for the Short Term U.S. Government Agency Income Fund. (MDSIS and M.D. Sass, together with their affiliates, are collectively referred to herein as the “Advisers”).

## **Investment Policies, Strategies and Associated Risks**

### **Investment Objectives**

The Equity Income Plus Fund seeks to generate income as well as capital appreciation, while emphasizing downside protection. The Short Term U.S. Government Agency Income Fund seeks to achieve a high and stable rate of total return, when and as opportunities are available in the context of preserving capital in adverse markets. Each Fund’s investment objective may be changed without the approval of the Fund’s shareholders upon 60 days’ prior written notice to shareholders. A Fund may not make any change in its policy of investing in securities suggested by the Fund’s name without first changing the Fund’s name and providing shareholders with at least 60 days’ prior written notice.

### **Diversification**

Each Fund is diversified. Under applicable federal laws, to qualify as a diversified fund, a Fund, with respect to 75% of its total assets, may not invest more than 5% of its total assets in any one issuer and may not hold more than 10% of the securities of one issuer. The remaining 25% of the Fund’s total assets does not need to be “diversified” and may be invested in securities of a single issuer, subject to other applicable laws. The diversification of a Fund’s holdings is measured at the time that 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.

### **Investment Strategies and Related Risks**

There is no assurance that a Fund will achieve its investment objective. The following discussion supplements the description of the Funds’ investment objectives and principal investment strategies set forth in the Prospectus. Except for the fundamental investment restrictions listed below (see “Investment Restrictions”), the Funds’ investment strategies and policies are not fundamental and may be changed by sole action of the Board of Trustees, without shareholder approval. While the Funds are permitted to hold securities and engage in various strategies as described hereafter, they are not obligated to do so, except as otherwise provided in the Prospectus.

Whenever an investment policy or investment restriction 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 standard 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 or illiquid securities, any subsequent change in values, net assets or other circumstances will not be considered when determining whether an investment complies with a Fund’s investment policies and investment restrictions set forth herein or in the Funds’ Prospectus. 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, a Fund will sell such investments as soon as practicable while trying to maximize the return to its shareholders.

### ***General Market Risks***

U.S. and international markets have experienced significant volatility in recent years. The securities markets have experienced substantially lower valuations, reduced liquidity, credit downgrades, increased likelihood of default and valuation difficulties, all of which may increase the risk of investing in securities held by the Funds.

### ***U.S. Government Obligations***

The Short Term U.S. Government Agency Income Fund may invest in obligations issued by the U.S. Government. U.S. Government obligations include securities issued or guaranteed as to principal and interest by the U.S. Government. U.S. Treasury obligations differ mainly in the length of their maturity. Treasury bills, the most frequently issued marketable government securities, have a maturity of up to one year and are issued on a discount basis.

Payment of principal and interest on U.S. Government obligations may be backed by the full faith and credit of the United States. U.S. Government obligations are subject to fluctuations in market value due to fluctuations in market interest rates. As a general matter, the value of debt instruments, including U.S. Government obligations, declines when market interest rates increase and rises when market interest rates decrease. Certain types of U.S. Government obligations are subject to fluctuations in yield or value due to their structure or contract terms.

### ***Agency Obligations***

The Short Term U.S. Government Agency Income Fund may invest in agency obligations. The Fund may make investments in agency obligations, such as the Export-Import Bank of the United States, Tennessee Valley Authority, Resolution Funding Corporation, Farmers Home Administration, Federal Home Loan Banks, Federal Intermediate Credit Banks, Federal Farm Credit Banks, Federal Land Banks, Federal Housing Administration, Government National Mortgage Association (“GNMA”), commonly known as “Ginnie Mae,” Federal National Mortgage Association (“FNMA”), commonly known as “Fannie Mae,” and Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (“FHLMC”), commonly known as “Freddie Mac”. Some, such as those of the Export-Import Bank of United States, are supported only by the right of the issuer to borrow from the Treasury, while others, such as those of the FNMA and FHLMC, are typically supported by only the discretionary authority of the U.S. government to purchase the agency’s obligations; still others are supported only by the credit of the instrumentality. However, no assurance can be given that the U.S. government would provide financial support to U.S. government-sponsored instrumentalities because they are not obligated by law to do so. As a result, there is a risk that these entities will default on a financial obligation. See “Mortgage-Backed Securities,” below.

### ***Mortgage-Backed Securities***

The Short Term U.S. Government Agency Income Fund may invest in mortgage-backed securities. Mortgage-backed securities represent direct or indirect participations in, or are secured by and payable from, mortgage loans secured by real property, and include single- and multi-class pass-through securities and collateralized mortgage obligations (“CMOs”). Such securities may be issued or guaranteed by U.S. Government agencies or instrumentalities, such as the GNMA, FNMA, or FHLMC.

Mortgage-backed securities issued by private lenders may be supported by pools of mortgage loans or other mortgage-backed securities that are guaranteed, directly or indirectly, by the U.S. Government or one of its agencies or instrumentalities, or they may be issued without any governmental guarantee of the underlying mortgage assets but with some form of non-governmental credit enhancement. Until recently, FNMA and FHLMC were government-sponsored corporations owned entirely by private stockholders. However, in September 2008, at the direction of the U.S. Treasury, FNMA and FHLMC were placed into conservatorship under the Federal Housing Finance Agency (“FHFA”), an independent regulator. Per the February 2011 report “Reforming America’s Housing Finance Market” by the U.S. Treasury, “the

government is committed to ensuring that Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac have sufficient capital to perform under any guarantees issued now or in the future and the ability to meet any of their debt obligations.” No assurance can be given that the U.S. Treasury initiatives with respect to FNMA and FHLMC will be successful.

The rate of principal payment on mortgage-backed securities generally depends on the rate of principal payments received on the underlying assets, which in turn may be affected by a variety of economic and other factors. As a result, the yield on any mortgage-backed security is difficult to predict with precision and actual yield to maturity may be more or less than the anticipated yield to maturity. The yield characteristics of mortgage-backed debt obligations differ from those of traditional debt obligations. Among the principal differences are that interest and principal payments are made more frequently on mortgage-backed debt obligations, usually monthly, and that principal may be prepaid at any time because the underlying assets generally may be prepaid at any time. As a result, if these debt obligations or securities are purchased at a premium, a prepayment rate that is faster than expected will reduce yield to maturity, while a prepayment rate that is slower than expected will have the opposite effect of increasing the yield to maturity. Conversely, if these debt obligations or securities are purchased at a discount, a prepayment rate that is faster than expected will increase yield to maturity, while a prepayment rate that is slower than expected will reduce yield to maturity. Mortgage-backed securities available for reinvestment by the Short Term U.S. Government Agency Income Fund are likely to be greater during a period of declining interest rates and, as a result, are likely to be reinvested at lower interest rates than during a period of rising interest rates. Accelerated prepayments on debt obligations or securities purchased at a premium also impose a risk of loss of principal because the premium may not have been fully amortized at the time the principal is prepaid in full. The market for privately issued mortgage-backed securities is smaller and less liquid than the market for government-sponsored mortgage-backed securities.

Mortgage-backed securities may be issued with either a single class of security or multiple classes, which are commonly referred to as a CMO. Multiple class mortgage-backed securities are issued for two main reasons. First, multiple classes may be used as a method of providing selective credit support. This is accomplished typically through creation of one or more classes whose right to payments on the mortgage-backed security is made subordinate to the right to such payments of the remaining class or classes. Second, multiple classes may permit the issuance of securities with payment terms, interest rates or other characteristics differing both from those of each other and from those of the underlying assets. Examples include separate trading of registered interest and principal of securities (“STRIPS”) (mortgage-backed securities entitling the holder to disproportionate interests with respect to the allocation of interest and principal of the assets backing the security), and securities with class or classes having characteristics that mimic the characteristics of non-mortgage-backed securities, such as floating interest rates (i.e., interest rates that adjust as a specified benchmark changes) or scheduled amortization of principal.

Mortgage-backed securities, other than as described above, or in which the payment streams on the underlying assets are allocated in a manner different than those described above may be issued in the future. The Short Term U.S. Government Agency Income Fund may invest in such mortgage-backed securities if such investment is otherwise consistent with its investment objective and policies and with the investment restrictions of the Fund.

#### ***Variable and Floating Rate Obligations***

The Short Term U.S. Government Agency Income Fund may invest in variable and floating rate obligations. Certain of the obligations in which the Short Term U.S. Government Agency Income Fund may invest may be variable or floating rate obligations in which the interest rate is adjusted either at predesignated periodic intervals (variable rate) or when there is a change in the index rate of interest on which the interest rate payable on the obligation is based (floating rate). The Short Term U.S.

Government Agency Income Fund determines the maturity of variable or floating rate instruments in accordance with SEC rules that allow the Fund to consider certain of such instruments as having maturities that are less than the maturity date on the face of the instrument.

### ***Dollar Rolls***

The Short Term U.S. Government Agency Income Fund may also enter into dollar rolls, in which the Fund would sell securities for delivery in the current month and simultaneously contract to purchase substantially similar securities on a specified future date. While the Short Term U.S. Government Agency Income Fund would forego principal and interest paid on the securities during the roll period, the Fund would be compensated by the difference between the current sales price and the lower price for the future purchase as well as by any interest earned on the proceeds of the initial sale. The Fund also could be compensated through the receipt of fee income equivalent to a lower forward price. At the time of entering into a dollar roll, the Fund will establish and maintain a segregated account consisting of cash or other liquid assets, either of which may be quoted or denominated in any currency, having a value at least equal to the Fund's obligation to buy the securities.

To the extent the value of the security that the Short Term U.S. Government Agency Income Fund agrees to purchase pursuant to a reverse repurchase agreement or a dollar roll declines, the Fund may experience a loss. Reverse repurchase transactions and dollar rolls may increase fluctuations in the market value of the Fund's assets and may be viewed as a form of leverage. In determining whether to enter into a reverse repurchase agreement or dollar roll, the Fund will take into account the creditworthiness of the counterparty.

### ***Zero-Coupon Securities***

The Short Term U.S. Government Agency Income Fund may invest in zero-coupon bonds as a non-principal investment strategy. Zero-coupon securities make no periodic interest payments but are sold at a deep discount to their face value. The buyer recognizes a rate of return determined by the gradual appreciation of the security, which is redeemed at face value on a specified maturity date. The discount varies depending on the time remaining until maturity, as well as market interest rates, and the liquidity of the security. Because zero-coupon securities bear no interest and compound semiannually at the rate fixed at the time of issuance, their value generally is more volatile than the value of other debt securities. Since zero-coupon bondholders do not receive interest payments, when interest rates rise, zero-coupon securities fall more dramatically in value than bonds that pay interest on a current basis. When interest rates fall, zero-coupon securities rise more rapidly in value because they reflect a fixed rate of return. An investment in zero-coupon and delayed interest securities may cause the Short Term U.S. Government Agency Income Fund to recognize income, and therefore the Fund may be required to make distributions to shareholders, before the Fund receives any cash payments on its investment in order to maintain the Fund's status as a regulated investment company ("RIC") under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). Accordingly, the Short Term U.S. Government Agency Income Fund may have to dispose of its portfolio investments under disadvantageous circumstances in order to generate sufficient cash to satisfy the distribution requirements of the Code.

### ***Equity Securities***

The Equity Income Plus Fund invests in equity securities. An equity security (such as a stock, partnership interest or other beneficial interest in an issuer) represents a proportionate share of the ownership of a company. 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. Common stocks and preferred stocks are examples of equity securities. 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. 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. Some preferred stocks may be convertible into common stock. More information regarding common stock, preferred stock and convertible securities appears below.

*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 Equity Income Plus Fund invests is liquidated, the holders of preferred stock and creditors of that company will be paid in full before any payments are made to the Fund as a holder of common stock. It is possible that all assets of that company will be exhausted before any payments are made to the Fund.

*Preferred Stocks.* Preferred stocks pay fixed or floating dividends to investors and have "preference" over common stock in the payment of dividends and the liquidation of an issuer's assets. This means that an issuer must pay dividends on preferred stocks before paying any dividends on its common stock. Some preferred stocks offer a fixed rate of return with no maturity date. Because those preferred stocks never mature, they trade like long-term bonds, can be more volatile than other types of preferred stocks and may have heightened sensitivity to changes in interest rates. Other preferred stocks have variable dividends, generally determined on a quarterly or other periodic basis, either according to a formula based upon a specified premium or discount to the yield on particular U.S. Treasury securities or based on an auction process involving bids submitted by holders and prospective purchasers of such securities. Because preferred stocks represent an equity ownership interest in an issuer, their value usually will react more strongly than bonds and other debt instruments to actual or perceived changes in an issuer's financial condition or prospects or to fluctuations in the equity markets. Preferred stockholders usually have no voting rights or their voting rights are limited to certain extraordinary transactions or events.

*Convertible Securities.* Convertible securities include fixed income securities that may be exchanged or converted into a predetermined number of shares of the issuer's underlying common stock or other equity security at the option of the holder during a specified period. Convertible securities may take the form of convertible preferred stock, convertible bonds or debentures, units consisting of "usable" bonds and warrants or a combination of the features of several of these securities. The investment characteristics of each convertible security vary widely, which allows convertible securities to be employed for a variety of investment strategies. The Equity Income Plus Fund will exchange or convert convertible securities into shares of underlying common stock when, in the opinion of the Adviser, the investment characteristics of the underlying common stock or other equity security will assist the Fund in achieving its investment objectives. The Equity Income Plus Fund may also elect to hold or trade convertible securities. In selecting convertible securities, the Adviser evaluates the investment characteristics of the convertible security as a fixed income instrument, and the investment potential of the underlying equity security for capital appreciation. In evaluating these matters with respect to a particular convertible security, the Adviser considers numerous factors, including the economic and political outlook, the value of the security relative to other investment alternatives, trends in the determinants of the issuer's profits, and the issuer's management capability and practices. Convertible securities are senior to common stock in an issuer's capital structure, but are subordinated to any senior debt securities. Consequently, the issuer's convertible securities generally may be viewed as having more risk than its senior debt securities but less risk than its common stock.

*Equity Securities of Large-Capitalization Companies.* To the extent the Equity Income Plus Fund invests in the equity securities of large-capitalization companies, it will be exposed to the risks of larger-sized companies. Larger, more established companies may be unable to respond quickly to new competitive challenges such as changes in consumer tastes or innovative smaller competitors. Also, large-capitalization companies are sometimes unable to attain the high growth rates of successful, smaller companies, especially during extended periods of economic expansion.



*Equity Securities of Small- and Medium-Capitalization Companies.* To the extent the Equity Income Plus Fund invests in the equity securities of small- and medium- capitalization companies, it will be exposed to the risks of smaller-sized companies. Small- and medium- capitalization 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 securities held by the Equity Income Plus Fund. As a result, their performance can be more volatile and they face greater risk of business failure, which could increase the volatility of the Equity Income Plus Fund's portfolio.

### ***Writing Covered Call Options***

The Equity Income Plus Fund will generally write (sell) covered call options on equity securities to reduce the volatility of the portfolio and/or to earn premium income. A call option gives the holder (buyer) the right to purchase a security at a specified price (the exercise price) at any time until a certain date (the expiration date). As the writer of the call option, the Equity Income Plus Fund receives cash (the premium) from the buyer. A written call option is "covered" if the Fund owns the underlying security subject to the call option at all times during the option period. Alternatively, the Fund may cover its position by owning a call option on the underlying security, on a share for share basis, which is deliverable under the option contract at a price no higher than the exercise price of the call option written by the Fund or, if higher, by owning such call option and depositing and maintaining cash or liquid securities equal in value to the difference between the two exercise prices. In addition, the Equity Income Plus Fund may cover its position by depositing and maintaining cash or liquid securities equal in value to the exercise price of the call option written by the Fund. The principal reason for the Equity Income Plus Fund to write call options on securities held by the Fund is to attempt to realize additional cash flow through the receipt of premiums, as well as reducing the Fund's volatility. The writing of covered call options may tend to reduce the volatility of the Fund because the option premium received will reduce any losses on the underlying securities, but only by the amount of the premium.

The Equity Income Plus Fund may effectively terminate its obligation under a written covered call option by entering into a closing transaction. For example, the Fund may terminate its obligation by purchasing an identical call option. There is no assurance that a closing transaction can be effected at a favorable price. During the option period, the covered call writer has, in return for the premium received, given up the opportunity for capital appreciation above the exercise price should the market price of the underlying security increase, but has retained the risk of loss should the price of the underlying security decline.

### ***Purchasing Index Put Options***

The Equity Income Plus Fund may periodically buy index put options with the objective of obtaining downside protection from a significant equity market decline that may occur over a specified period. The value of an index put option generally increases as the underlying securities or indices decrease, and the value of the puts generally decrease as those stocks (and the index) increase in price. An index fluctuates with changes in the market values of the securities included in the index. Options on indices give the holder the right to receive an amount of cash upon exercise of the option. Receipt of this cash amount will depend upon the closing level of the index upon which the option is based being less than (in the case of a put) the exercise price of the option. Some stock index options are based on a broad market index such as the S&P 500 Index, and others may be based on a narrower index, such as the Philadelphia Stock Exchange Over-the-Counter Index.

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

Puts on indices are similar to puts on securities or futures contracts except that all settlements are in cash and gain or loss depends on changes in the index in question rather than on price movements in individual securities or futures contracts. When the Equity Income Plus Fund buys a put on an index, it pays a premium and has the right, prior to the expiration date, to require the seller of the put, upon the Fund's exercise of the put, to deliver to the Fund an amount of cash if the closing level of the index upon which the put is based is less than the exercise price of the put, which amount of cash is equal to the difference between the closing price of the index and the exercise price of the call times a specified multiple ("multiplier"), which determines the total value for each point of such difference. When the Equity Income Plus Fund writes a put on an index, it receives a premium and the purchaser of the put has the right, prior to the expiration date, to require the Fund to deliver to it an amount of cash equal to the difference between the closing level of the index and the exercise price times the multiplier if the closing level is less than the exercise price.

If the Equity Income Plus Fund has purchased an index option and exercises it before the closing index value for that day is available, it runs the risk that the level of the underlying index may subsequently change. If such a change causes the exercised option to fall out-of-the-money, the Equity Income Plus Fund will be required to pay the difference between the closing index value and the exercise price of the option (times the applicable multiplier) to the assigned writer.

### ***Option Transactions in General***

The Equity Income Plus Fund will generally write covered call options as well as purchase index put options. Option transactions in which the Equity Income Plus Fund may engage involve the specific risks described above as well as the following risks:

- the writer of an option may be assigned an exercise at any time during the option period;
- disruptions in the markets for underlying instruments could result in losses for options investors;
- there may be an imperfect or no correlation between the option and the securities being hedged;
- the insolvency of a broker could present risks for the broker's customers; and
- market imposed restrictions may prohibit the exercise of certain options.

In addition, the option activities of the Equity Income Plus Fund may affect its portfolio turnover rate and the amount of brokerage commissions paid by the Fund. The success of the Fund in using the option strategies described above depends, among other things, on the Adviser's ability to predict the direction and volatility of price movements in the options and securities markets and the Adviser's ability to select the proper time, type and duration of the options.

By writing call options, the Equity Income Plus Fund limits its opportunity to profit from an increase in the market price of the underlying securities above the exercise price, plus the premium from writing such call options.

The Equity Income Plus Fund may purchase index put options to attempt to provide protection against significant adverse price effects from declines in prevailing prices of securities. The purchase of an index put option generally protects the value of portfolio holdings in a sharply falling market during the life of the put option. If an index put option purchased by the Equity Income Plus Fund were permitted to expire without being sold or exercised, its premium would represent a loss realized by the Fund.

The imperfect correlation in price movement between an option and the underlying financial instrument and/or the costs of implementing such an option may limit the effectiveness of the strategy. The Fund's ability to establish and close out options positions will be subject to the existence of a liquid secondary market. Although the Equity Income Plus Fund generally will purchase or sell only those 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. If an option purchased by the Equity Income Plus Fund expires unexercised, the Fund will lose the premium it paid. In addition, the Fund could suffer a loss if the premium paid by the Equity Income Plus Fund in a closing transaction exceeds the premium income it received. When the Equity Income Plus Fund writes a call option, its ability to participate in the capital appreciation of the underlying obligation is limited.

#### ***Other Investment Companies***

The Equity Income Plus Fund may invest its assets in shares of other investment companies, including money market funds or exchange-traded funds ("ETFs"). The Equity Income Plus Fund's investments in money market funds may be used for cash management purposes and to maintain liquidity in order to satisfy redemption requests or pay unanticipated expenses. The Equity Income Plus Fund limits its investments in securities issued by other investment companies in accordance with the 1940 Act. Section 12(d)(1) of the 1940 Act precludes a Fund from acquiring: (i) more than 3% of the total outstanding shares of another investment company; (ii) shares of another investment company having an aggregate value in excess of 5% of the value of the total assets of the Fund; or (iii) shares of another registered investment company and all other investment companies having an aggregate value in excess of 10% of the value of the total assets of the Fund. However, Section 12(d)(1)(F) of the 1940 Act provides that the provisions of paragraph 12(d)(1) shall not apply to securities purchased or otherwise acquired by the Fund if: (i) immediately after such purchase or acquisition not more than 3% of the total outstanding shares of such investment company is owned by the Fund and all affiliated persons of the Fund; and (ii) the Fund has not offered or sold, and is not proposing to offer or sell its shares through a principal underwriter or otherwise at a public or offering price that includes a sales load of more than 1 1/2%. Rule 12d1-3 under the 1940 Act provides that a Fund relying on Section 12(d)(1)(F) may offer or sell any securities it issues through a principal underwriter or otherwise at a public offering price not including a sales load of more than 1 1/2% if any sales charge and service fees charged do not exceed the limits set forth in FINRA Rule 2830.

If the Equity Income Plus Fund invests in investment companies, including ETFs, pursuant to Section 12(d)(1)(F), it must comply with the following voting restrictions: when the Fund exercises voting rights, by proxy or otherwise, with respect to investment companies owned by the Fund, the Fund will either seek instruction from the Fund's shareholders with regard to the voting of all proxies and vote in accordance with such instructions, or vote the shares held by the Fund in the same proportion as the vote of all other holders of such security. In addition, an investment company purchased by the Fund pursuant to Section 12(d)(1)(F) shall not be required to redeem its shares in an amount exceeding 1% of such investment company's total outstanding shares in any period of less than thirty days. In addition to the advisory and operational fees the Equity Income Plus Fund bears directly in connection with its own operation, the Fund also bears its pro rata portion of the advisory and operational expenses of each other investment company.

### ***Exchange-Traded Funds***

Each share of an ETF represents an undivided ownership interest in the portfolio of securities held by that ETF. An ETF is an investment company that offers investors a proportionate share in a portfolio of stocks, bonds, commodities, currencies or other securities. Like individual equity securities, ETFs are traded on a stock exchange and can be bought and sold throughout the day.

Traditional ETFs attempt to achieve the same investment return as that of a particular market index. To mirror the performance of a market index, an ETF invests either in all of the securities in a particular index in the same proportion that is represented in the index itself or in a representative sample of securities in a particular index in a proportion meant to track the performance of the entire index. Such ETFs generally do not buy or sell securities, except to the extent necessary to conform their portfolios to the corresponding index. Because such ETFs have operating expenses and transaction costs, while a market index does not, they typically will be unable to match the performance of the index exactly. Alternatively, some ETFs use active investment strategies instead of tracking broad market indices and, as a result, may incur greater operating expenses and transactions costs than traditional ETFs. Investments in ETFs are investments in other investment companies. (See “Other Investment Companies,” above.)

ETFs generally do not sell or redeem their shares for cash, and most investors do not purchase or redeem shares directly from an ETF at all. Instead, the ETF issues and redeems its shares in large blocks (typically 50,000 of its shares) called “creation units.” Creation units are issued to anyone who deposits a specified portfolio of the ETF’s underlying securities, as well as a cash payment generally equal to accumulated dividends on the securities (net of expenses) up to the time of deposit, and creation units are redeemed in kind for a portfolio of the underlying securities (based on the ETF’s NAV) together with a cash payment generally equal to accumulated dividends as of the date of redemption. Most ETF investors, however, purchase and sell ETF shares in the secondary trading market on a securities exchange, in lots of any size, at any time during the trading day. ETF investors generally must pay a brokerage fee for each purchase or sale of ETF shares, including purchases made to reinvest dividends.

Because ETF shares are created from the securities of an underlying portfolio and can be redeemed into the securities of an underlying portfolio on any day, arbitrage traders may move to profit from any discrepancies between the market price of the ETF’s shares in the secondary market and the NAV per share of the ETF’s portfolio, which helps to close the price gap between the two. Of course, because of the forces of supply and demand and other market factors, there may be times when an ETF share trades at a premium or discount to its NAV.

The Equity Income Plus Fund intends to be a long-term investor in ETFs and does not intend to purchase and redeem creation units to take advantage of short-term arbitrage opportunities. However, the Equity Income Plus Fund may redeem creation units for the underlying securities (and any applicable cash), and may assemble a portfolio of the underlying securities and use it (and any required cash) to purchase creation units, if the Adviser believes it is in the Fund’s best interest to do so. The Fund’s ability to redeem creation units may be limited by the 1940 Act, which provides that ETFs will not be obligated to redeem shares held by the Fund in an amount exceeding one percent of their total outstanding securities during any period of less than 30 days.

The Equity Income Plus Fund will invest in ETF shares only if the ETF is registered as an investment company (see “Other Investment Companies” above) under the 1940 Act. If an ETF in which the Equity Income Plus Fund invests ceases to be a registered investment company, the Fund will dispose of the securities of the ETF. Furthermore, in connection with its investment in ETF shares, the Fund will incur various costs. The Fund may also realize capital gains or losses when ETF shares are sold, and the purchase and sale of the ETF shares may include a brokerage commission that may result in costs. In addition, the Fund is subject to other fees as an investor in ETFs. Generally, those fees include, but are

not limited to, trustees fees, operating expenses, licensing fees, registration fees and marketing expenses, each of which will be reflected in the net asset value (“NAV”) of ETFs and therefore the shares representing a beneficial interest therein.

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

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

The Funds may purchase securities on a when-issued or delayed delivery basis. The settlement dates for these types of transactions are determined by mutual agreement of the parties and may occur a month or more after the parties have agreed to the transaction. Securities purchased on a when-issued or delayed delivery basis are subject to market fluctuation and no interest accrues to a Fund during the period prior to settlement. At the time the Fund commits to purchase securities on a when-issued or delayed delivery basis, it will record the transaction and thereafter reflect the value, each day, of such security in determining its NAV. At the time of delivery of the securities, the value may be more or less than the purchase price. The Fund will not receive income from these securities until such securities are delivered. A Fund will also establish a segregated account with its custodian, in which it will maintain cash or cash equivalents or other portfolio securities equal in value to commitments for such when-issued or delayed delivery securities.

#### ***Initial Public Offerings***

The Equity Income Plus Fund may invest up to 10% of its net assets in shares in initial public offerings (“IPOs”). Because IPO shares frequently are volatile in price, the Equity Income Plus Fund may hold IPO shares for a very short period of time. This may increase the turnover of the Equity Income Plus Fund’s portfolio and may lead to increased expenses to the Fund, such as commissions and transaction costs. By selling shares, the Fund may realize taxable capital gains that it will subsequently distribute to shareholders. Investing in IPOs has added risks because their shares are frequently volatile in price. As a result, their performance can be more volatile and they face greater risk of business failure, which could increase the volatility of the Equity Income Plus Fund’s portfolio.

#### ***Commodity Pool Operator Exclusion***

The Advisers currently intend to operate the Funds in compliance with the requirements of Rule 4.5 of the CFTC regulations under the Commodity Exchange Act (the “CEA”). As a result, the Funds are not deemed to be “commodity pools” under the CEA and will be limited in their ability to use futures and options on futures or commodities or engage in swap transactions for other than bona fide hedging purposes, to the extent such transactions are permitted under the investment policies. Provided the Funds operate within the limits of Rule 4.5, each Adviser will be excluded from registration with the CFTC and regulation under the CEA and each Adviser will not be deemed to be a “commodity pool operator” with respect to the operations of the Funds. If a Fund were no longer able to claim the exclusion, the Fund and its Adviser, to the extent trading in commodity interests, would be subject to regulation under the CEA.

To the extent the Adviser can no longer rely on the Rule 4.5 exclusion, the impact to a Fund of CFTC requirements is uncertain. CFTC-mandated disclosure, reporting and recordkeeping obligations would apply with respect to the applicable Fund. Being required to register as a “commodity pool operator” could reduce investment returns or limit a Fund’s ability to implement its investment strategy. Investors in the Funds and their financial advisers should consider whether a Fund’s potential status as a “commodity pool” under the CEA before investing in the Fund.

### ***Real Estate Investment Trusts (“REITs”)***

Equity REITs invest primarily in real property and earn rental income from leasing those properties. They also may realize gains or losses from the sale of properties. Equity REITs generally exercise some degree of control over the operational aspects of their real estate investments, lease terms and property maintenance and repair. Mortgage REITs invest primarily in mortgages and similar real estate interests and receive interest payments from the owners of the mortgaged properties and are paid interest by the owners of the financed properties. Hybrid REITs invest both in real property and in mortgages.

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

A Fund’s investments in REITs may be adversely affected by deteriorations of the real estate rental market, in the case of REITs that primarily own real estate, or by deteriorations in the creditworthiness of property owners and changes in interest rates in the case of REITs that primarily hold mortgages. Equity and mortgage REITs also are dependent upon specialized management skills, may not be diversified in their holdings and are subject to the risks of financing projects. REITs also may be subject to heavy cash flow dependency, defaults by borrowers and self-liquidation. Under certain circumstances, a REIT may fail to qualify for pass-through tax treatment, which would subject the REIT to federal income taxes and adversely affect a Fund’s return on its investment in the REIT.

### ***Master Limited Partnerships***

The Funds may invest in publicly traded master limited partnerships (“MLPs”) that are registered under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and listed on a major United States stock exchange, if the issuer meets the Fund’s investment criteria. MLPs are businesses organized as limited partnerships which trade their proportionate shares of the partnership (units) on a public exchange. MLPs are required to pay out most or all of their cash flow in distributions. An investment in an MLP may generate passive income or losses, along with dividend and investment income. The MLPs the Fund may purchase are comprised of a general partner (the “GP”) and multiple limited partners (the “LP Holders”). The GP is responsible for the operations and the maintenance of the partnership’s businesses, while the LP Holders assume economic risk up to their level of investment. Typically, the GP has a 1% to 2% investment in the MLP, but can extract a higher percentage of the partnership’s profits as the MLP’s distributions increase. This serves as an incentive to the GP to grow the partnership’s distributions.

Generally speaking, MLP investment returns are enhanced during periods of declining or low interest rates and tend to be negatively influenced when interest rates are rising. As an income vehicle, the unit price can be influenced by general interest rate trends independent of specific underlying fundamentals. In addition, most MLPs are fairly leveraged and typically carry a portion of a “floating” rate debt. As such, a significant upward swing in interest rates would also drive interest expense higher. Furthermore, most MLPs grow by acquisitions partly financed by debt, and higher interest rates could make it more difficult to make acquisitions.

### ***Temporary Strategies; Cash or Similar Investments***

For temporary defensive purposes, an Adviser may invest up to 100% of a Fund's total assets in high-quality, short-term debt securities and money market instruments. These short-term debt securities and money market instruments include shares of government money market mutual funds, U.S. Government securities and U.S. Government Agency securities. Taking a temporary defensive position may result in a Fund not achieving its investment objective. Furthermore, to the extent that a Fund invests in money market mutual funds for its cash position, there will be some duplication of expenses because the Fund would bear its pro rata portion of such money market funds' management fees and operational expenses.

For longer periods of time, a Fund may hold a substantial cash position. If the market advances during periods when a Fund is holding a large cash position, the Fund may not participate to the extent it would have if the Fund had been more fully invested, and this may result in the Fund not achieving its investment objective during that period. To the extent that a Fund uses a money market fund for its cash position, there will be some duplication of expenses because the Fund would bear its pro rata portion of such money market fund's advisory fees and operational expenses.

The Funds may invest in any of the following securities and instruments:

*Money Market Mutual Funds.* A Fund may invest in money market mutual funds in connection with its management of daily cash positions or as a temporary defensive measure. Generally, money market mutual funds seek to earn income consistent with the preservation of capital and maintenance of liquidity. They primarily invest in high quality money market obligations, including securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government or its agencies and instrumentalities. These investments generally mature within 397 days from the date of purchase. An investment in a money market mutual fund is not a bank deposit and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any government agency. A Fund's investments in money market mutual funds may be used for cash management purposes and to maintain liquidity in order to satisfy redemption requests or pay unanticipated expenses.

Your cost of investing in a Fund will generally be higher than the cost of investing directly in the underlying money market mutual fund shares. You will indirectly bear fees and expenses charged by the underlying money market mutual funds in addition to a Fund's direct fees and expenses. Furthermore, the use of this strategy could affect the timing, amount and character of distributions to you and therefore may increase the amount of taxes payable by you.

*Bank Certificates of Deposit, Bankers' Acceptances and Time Deposits.* The Funds may acquire certificates of deposit, bankers' acceptances and time deposits. Certificates of deposit are negotiable certificates issued against monies deposited in a commercial bank for a definite period of time and earning a specified return. Bankers' acceptances are negotiable drafts or bills of exchange, normally drawn by an importer or exporter to pay for specific merchandise, which are "accepted" by a bank, meaning in effect that the bank unconditionally agrees to pay the face value of the instrument on maturity. Certificates of deposit and bankers' acceptances acquired by the Funds will be dollar-denominated obligations of domestic or foreign banks or financial institutions that at the time of purchase have capital, surplus and undivided profits in excess of \$100 million (including assets of both domestic and foreign branches), based on latest published reports, or less than \$100 million if the principal amount of such bank obligations are fully insured by the U.S. Government.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Corporate obligations include bonds and notes issued by corporations to finance longer-term credit needs than supported by commercial paper. While such obligations generally have maturities of ten years or more, the Funds may purchase corporate obligations which have remaining maturities of one year or less from the date of purchase and which are rated "A" or higher by S&P or "A" or higher by Moody's.

### ***Borrowing***

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

The use of borrowing by the Funds involves special risk considerations that may not be associated with other funds having similar policies. Since substantially all of the Funds' assets fluctuate in value, whereas the interest obligation resulting from a borrowing will be fixed by the terms of a Fund's agreement with its lender, the asset value per share of a Fund will tend to increase more when its portfolio securities increase in value and decrease more when its portfolio securities decrease in value than would otherwise be the case if the Fund did not borrow funds. In addition, interest costs on borrowings may fluctuate with changing market rates of interest and may partially offset or exceed the return earned on borrowed funds.



Under adverse market conditions, a Fund might have to sell portfolio securities to meet interest or principal payments at a time when fundamental investment considerations would not favor such sales. The interest that a Fund must pay on borrowed money, together with any additional fees to maintain a line of credit or any minimum average balances required to be maintained, are additional costs which will reduce or eliminate any net investment income and may also offset any potential capital gains. Unless the appreciation and income, if any, on assets acquired with borrowed funds exceed the costs of borrowing, the use of leverage will diminish the investment performance of a Fund compared with what it would have been without leverage.

### ***Illiquid Securities***

Under federal securities laws, each Fund is limited to investing only up to 15% of its net assets in securities that are illiquid at the time of purchase, which means that there may be legal or contractual restrictions on their disposition, or that there are no readily available market quotations for such a security. Currently each Fund intends to limit its investments in illiquid securities to 10% of its net assets. Illiquid securities present the risks that the Fund may have difficulty valuing these holdings and/or may be unable to sell these holdings at the time or price desired. There are generally no restrictions on a Fund's ability to invest in restricted securities (that is, securities that are not registered pursuant to the Securities Act), except to the extent such securities may be considered illiquid. Securities issued pursuant to Rule 144A of the Securities Act will be considered liquid if determined to be so under procedures adopted by the Board of Trustees. The Adviser is responsible for making the determination as to the liquidity of restricted securities (pursuant to the procedures adopted by the Board of Trustees).

A Fund will determine a security to be illiquid if it cannot be sold or disposed of in the ordinary course of business within seven days at the value at which the Fund has valued the security. Factors considered in determining whether a security is illiquid may include, but are not limited to: the frequency of trades and quotes for the security; the number of dealers willing to purchase and sell the security and the number of potential purchasers; the number of dealers who undertake to make a market in the security; the nature of the security, including whether it is registered or unregistered, and the market place; whether the security has been rated by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization ("NRSRO"); the period of time remaining until the maturity of a debt instrument or until the principal amount of a demand instrument can be recovered through demand; the nature of any restrictions on resale; and with respect to municipal lease obligations and certificates of participation, there is reasonable assurance that the obligation will remain liquid throughout the time the obligation is held and, if unrated, an analysis similar to that which would be performed by an NRSRO is performed. If a restricted security is determined to be liquid, it will not be included within the category of illiquid securities, which may not exceed 15% of the Fund's net assets under federal securities laws. Investing in Rule 144A securities could have the effect of increasing the level of a Fund's illiquidity to the extent that the Fund, at a particular point in time may be unable to find qualified institutional buyers interested in purchasing the securities. The Funds are permitted to sell restricted securities to qualified institutional buyers.

## **Investment Restrictions**

### **Fundamental Investment Restrictions**

The Trust (on behalf of the Funds) has adopted the following restrictions as fundamental policies, each of which may not be changed without the favorable vote of the holders of a "majority of the outstanding voting securities" of a Fund, as defined under the 1940 Act. Under the 1940 Act, the vote of the holders of a "majority of the outstanding voting securities" means the vote of the holders of the lesser of (i) 67% of the shares of a Fund represented at a meeting at which the holders of more than 50% of its outstanding shares are represented; or (ii) more than 50% of the outstanding shares of a Fund.

Each Fund may not:

1. issue senior securities, borrow money or pledge its assets, except that (i) a Fund may borrow from banks in amounts not exceeding one-third of its total assets (including the amount borrowed); and (ii) this restriction shall not prohibit the Fund from engaging in options transactions or short sales in accordance with its objectives and strategies;
2. underwrite the securities of other issuers (except that a Fund may engage in transactions involving the acquisition, disposition or resale of its portfolio securities under circumstances where it may be considered to be an underwriter under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended);
3. purchase or sell real estate or interests in real estate, unless acquired as a result of ownership of securities (although a Fund may purchase and sell securities which are secured by real estate and securities of companies that invest or deal in real estate);
4. purchase or sell commodities or commodities contracts, unless acquired as a result of ownership of securities or other instruments and provided that this restriction does not prevent a Fund from engaging in transactions involving currencies and futures contracts and options thereon or investing in securities or other instruments that are secured by commodities;
5. make loans of money (except for the lending of a Fund's portfolio securities and purchases of debt securities consistent with the investment policies of the Fund);
6. with respect to 75% of its total assets, purchase the securities of any one issuer if, immediately after and as a result of such purchase, (a) the value of a Fund's holdings in the securities of such issuer exceeds 5% of the value of a Fund's total assets, or (b) a Fund owns more than 10% of the outstanding voting securities of the issuer; (with the exception that these restrictions do not apply to a Fund's investments in the securities of the U.S. Government, or its agencies or instrumentalities, or other investment companies); or
7. invest in the securities of any one industry if, as a result, 25% or more of a Fund's total assets would be invested in the securities of such industry, except that the foregoing does not apply to securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government, its agencies or instrumentalities.

#### **Non-Fundamental Investment Restrictions**

The following lists the non-fundamental investment restrictions applicable to the Funds. These restrictions can be changed by the Board of Trustees, but the change will only be effective after prior written notice is given to shareholders of the Fund.

Each Fund may not:

1. invest more than 15% of the value of its net assets, computed at the time of investment, in illiquid securities. Illiquid securities are those securities without readily available market quotations, including repurchase agreements having a maturity of more than seven days. Illiquid securities may include restricted securities not determined by the Board of Trustees to be liquid, non-negotiable time deposits, over-the-counter options, and repurchase agreements providing for settlement in more than seven days after notice; and
2. make any change in its investment policy of investing in securities suggested by the Fund's name without first changing the Fund's name and providing shareholders with at least 60 days' prior written notice.

## Management of the Fund

### Board of Trustees

The management and affairs of the Funds are supervised by the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees consists of four individuals. The Trustees are fiduciaries for the Funds' shareholders and are governed by the laws of the State of Delaware in this regard. The Board of Trustees establishes policies for the operation of the Funds and appoints the officers who conduct the daily business of the Funds.

### Trustees and Officers

The Trustees and officers of the Trust are listed below with their addresses, present positions with the Trust and principal occupations over at least the last five years.

<b>Name, Address and Year of Birth</b>	<b>Position(s) Held with the Trust</b>	<b>Term of Office and Length of Time Served</b>	<b>Number of Portfolios in Trust Overseen by Trustee</b>	<b>Principal Occupation(s) During the Past Five Years</b>	<b>Other Directorships Held by Trustee During the Past Five Years</b>
<i>Independent Trustees</i>					
Michael D. Akers, Ph.D. 615 E. Michigan St. Milwaukee, WI 3202 Year of Birth: 1955	Trustee	Indefinite Term; Since August 22, 2001	31	Professor, Department of Accounting, Marquette University (2004-present); Chair, Department of Accounting, Marquette University (2004-2017).	Independent Trustee, USA MUTUALS (an open-end investment company with one portfolio).
Gary A. Drska 615 E. Michigan St. Milwaukee, WI 53202 Year of Birth: 1956	Trustee	Indefinite Term; Since August 22, 2001	31	Pilot, Frontier/Midwest Airlines, Inc. (airline company) (1986-present).	Independent Trustee, USA MUTUALS (an open-end investment company with one portfolio).

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Jonas B. Siegel 615 E. Michigan St. Milwaukee, WI 53202 Year of Birth: 1943	Trustee	Indefinite Term; Since October 23, 2009	31	Retired (2011-present); Managing Director, Chief Administrative Officer (“CAO”) and Chief Compliance Officer (“CCO”), Granite Capital International Group, L.P. (an investment management firm) (1994-2011).	Independent Trustee, Gottex Trust (an open-end investment company with one portfolio) (2010-2016); Independent Manager, Ramius IDF fund complex (two closed-end investment companies); (2010-2015); Independent Trustee, Gottex Multi-Asset Endowment fund complex (three closed-end investment companies) (2010-2015); Independent Trustee, Gottex Multi-Alternatives fund complex (three closed-end investment companies) (2010-2015).

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***Interested Trustee and Officers***

Joseph C. Neuberger* 615 E. Michigan St. Milwaukee, WI 53202 Year of Birth: 1962	Chairperson and Trustee	Indefinite Term; Since August 22, 2001	31	President (2017-present); Chief Operating Officer (2016-present); Executive Vice President, U.S. Bancorp Fund Services, LLC (1994-2017).	Trustee, Buffalo Funds (an open-end investment company with ten portfolios); Trustee, USA MUTUALS (an open-end investment company with one portfolio).
John P. Buckel 615 E. Michigan St. Milwaukee, WI 53202 Year of Birth: 1957	President and Principal Executive Officer	Indefinite Term, Since January 24, 2013	N/A	Vice President, U.S. Bancorp Fund Services, LLC (2004-Present).	N/A

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Jennifer A. Lima 615 E. Michigan St. Milwaukee, WI 53202 Year of Birth: 1974	Vice President, Treasurer and Principal Financial and Accounting Officer	Indefinite Term; Since January 24, 2013	N/A	Vice President, U.S. Bancorp Fund Services, LLC (2002-Present).	N/A
Elizabeth B. Scalf 615 E. Michigan St. Milwaukee, WI 53202 Year of Birth: 1985	Chief Compliance Officer, Vice President and Anti-Money Laundering Officer	Indefinite Term; Since July 1, 2017	N/A	Vice President, U.S. Bancorp Fund Services, LLC (February 2017-present); Vice President and Assistant CCO, Heartland Advisors, Inc. (December 2016-January 2017); Vice President and CCO, Heartland Group, Inc. (May 2016-November 2016); Vice President, CCO and Senior Legal Counsel (May 2016-November 2016), Assistant CCO and Senior Legal Counsel (January 2016-April 2016), Senior Legal and Compliance Counsel (2013-2015), Legal and Compliance Counsel (2011-2013), Heartland Advisors, Inc.	N/A
Adam W. Smith 615 E. Michigan St. Milwaukee, WI 53202 Year of Birth: 1981	Secretary	Indefinite Term; Since May 29, 2015	N/A	Assistant Vice President, U.S. Bancorp Fund Services, LLC (2012-present).	N/A
Cullen O. Small 615 E. Michigan St. Milwaukee, WI 53202 Year of Birth: 1987	Assistant Treasurer	Indefinite Term; Since January 22, 2015	N/A	Assistant Vice President, U.S. Bancorp Fund Services, LLC (2010-present).	N/A

<b>Name, Address and Year of Birth</b>	<b>Position(s) Held with the Trust</b>	<b>Term of Office and Length of Time Served</b>	<b>Number of Portfolios in Trust Overseen by Trustee</b>	<b>Principal Occupation(s) During the Past Five Years</b>	<b>Other Directorships Held by Trustee During the Past Five Years</b>
Kelly A. Burns 615 E. Michigan St. Milwaukee, WI 53202 Year of Birth: 1987	Assistant Treasurer	Indefinite Term; Since April 23, 2015	N/A	Assistant Vice President, U.S. Bancorp Fund Services, LLC (2011- present).	N/A
Melissa Aguinaga 615 E. Michigan St. Milwaukee, WI 53202 Year of Birth: 1987	Assistant Treasurer	Indefinite Term; Since July 1, 2015	N/A	Assistant Vice President, U.S. Bancorp Fund Services, LLC (2010- present).	N/A

\* Mr. Neuberger is an “interested person” of the Trust as defined by the 1940 Act by virtue of the fact that he is a board member and an interested person of Quasar Distributors, LLC (the “Distributor”), the Funds’ principal underwriter.

### **Role of the Board**

The Board of Trustees provides oversight of the management and operations of the Trust. Like all mutual funds, the day-to-day responsibility for the management and operation of the Trust is the responsibility of various service providers to the Trust and its individual series, such as the Adviser, Distributor, and the Fund’s administrator, custodian, and transfer agent, each of whom are discussed in greater detail in this SAI. The Board approves all significant agreements with the Adviser, Distributor, and the Trust’s administrator, custodian and transfer agent. The Board has appointed various individuals of certain of these service providers as officers of the Trust, with responsibility to monitor and report to the Board on the Trust’s day-to-day operations. In conducting this oversight, the Board receives regular reports from these officers and service providers regarding the Trust’s operations. The Board has appointed a CCO who reports directly to the Board and who administers the Trust’s compliance program and regularly reports to the Board as to compliance matters, including an annual compliance review. Some of these reports are provided as part of formal “Board Meetings,” which are held five times per year, in person, and such other times as the Board determines is necessary, and involve the Board’s review of recent Trust operations. From time to time one or more members of the Board may also meet with Trust officers in less formal settings, between formal Board Meetings to discuss various topics. In all cases, however, the role of the Board and of any individual Trustee is one of oversight and not of management of the day-to-day affairs of the Trust and its oversight role does not make the Board a guarantor of the Trust’s investments, operations or activities.

### **Board Leadership Structure**

The Board has structured itself in a manner that it believes allows it to effectively perform its oversight function. The Board of Trustees is composed of three Independent Trustees – Dr. Michael D. Akers, Mr. Gary A. Drska and Mr. Jonas B. Siegel – and one Trustee who is an “interested person” of the Trust (the “Interested Trustee”) – Mr. Joseph C. Neuberger. Accordingly, 75% of the members of the Board are Independent Trustees, Trustees that are not affiliated with the Adviser or its affiliates or any other investment adviser or other service provider to the Trust or any underlying fund. The Board of Trustees has established three standing committees, an Audit Committee, a Nominating Committee and a Valuation Committee, which are discussed in greater detail under “Board Committees” below. Each of the Audit Committee and the Nominating Committee are composed entirely of Independent Trustees. The Independent Trustees have engaged their own independent counsel to advise them on matters relating to their responsibilities in connection with the Trust.

The Trust's Chairperson, Mr. Neuberger, is an "interested person" of the Trust, as defined by the 1940 Act, by virtue of the fact that he is a board member and an interested person of the Distributor, which acts as principal underwriter to many of the Trust's underlying funds. Mr. Neuberger also serves as President and Chief Operating Officer of U.S. Bancorp Fund Services, LLC (the "Administrator" or "USBFS"). The Trust has not appointed a lead Independent Trustee.

In accordance with the fund governance standards prescribed under the 1940 Act, the Independent Trustees on the Nominating Committee select and nominate all candidates for Independent Trustee positions. Each Trustee was appointed to serve on the Board of Trustees because of his experience, qualifications, attributes and skills as set forth in the subsection "Trustee Qualifications" below.

The Board reviews its structure regularly in light of the characteristics and circumstances of the Trust, including: the unaffiliated nature of each investment adviser and the fund(s) managed by such adviser, the number of funds that comprise the Trust, the variety of asset classes that those funds reflect, the net assets of the Trust, the committee structure of the Trust, and the independent distribution arrangements of each of the Trust's underlying funds.

The Board has determined that the function and composition of the Audit Committee and the Nominating Committee are appropriate to address any potential conflicts of interest that may arise from the Chairperson's status as an Interested Trustee. In addition, the inclusion of all Independent Trustees as members of the Audit Committee and the Nominating Committee allows all such Trustees to participate in the full range of the Board's oversight duties, including oversight of risk management processes discussed below. Given the specific characteristics and circumstances of the Trust as described above, the Trust has determined that the Board's leadership structure is appropriate.

### **Board Oversight of Risk Management**

As part of its oversight function, the Board receives and reviews various risk management reports and assessments and discusses these matters with appropriate management and other personnel, including personnel of the Trust's service providers. Because risk management is a broad concept composed of many elements (such as, for example, investment risk, issuer and counterparty risk, compliance risk, operational risks, business continuity risks, etc.) the oversight of different types of risks is handled in different ways. For example, the CCO regularly reports to the Board during Board Meetings and meets in executive session with the Independent Trustees and their legal counsel to discuss compliance and operational risks. In addition, the Independent Trustee designated as the Audit Committee's "audit committee financial expert" meets with the Treasurer and the Trust's independent public accounting firm to discuss, among other things, the internal control structure of the Trust's financial reporting function. The full Board receives reports from the investment advisers to the underlying funds and the portfolio managers as to investment risks as well as other risks that may be discussed during Audit Committee meetings.

### **Trustee Qualifications**

The Board believes that each of the Trustees has the qualifications, experience, attributes and skills appropriate to their continued service as Trustees of the Trust in light of the Trust's business and structure. The Trustees have substantial business and professional backgrounds that indicate they have the ability to critically review, evaluate and assess information provided to them. Certain of these business and professional experiences are set forth in detail in the table above. In addition, the Trustees have substantial board experience and, in their service to the Trust, have gained substantial insight as to the operation of the Trust. The Board annually conducts a "self-assessment" wherein the effectiveness of the Board and the individual Trustees is reviewed.

In addition to the information provided in the table above, below is certain additional information concerning each individual Trustee. The information provided below, and in the table above, is not all-inclusive. Many of the Trustees' qualifications to serve on the Board involve intangible elements, such as intelligence, integrity, work ethic, the ability to work together, the ability to communicate effectively, the ability to exercise judgment, the ability to ask incisive questions, and commitment to shareholder interests. In conducting its annual self-assessment, the Board has determined that the Trustees have the appropriate attributes and experience to continue to serve effectively as Trustees of the Trust.

*Michael D. Akers, Ph.D., CPA.* Dr. Akers has served as an Independent Trustee of the Trust since 2001. Dr. Akers has also served as an independent trustee of USA Mutuals, an open-end investment company, since 2001. Dr. Akers has been a Professor of the Department of Accounting of Marquette University since 2004, was Chair of the Department of Accounting at Marquette University from 2004 to 2017, and was Associate Professor of Accounting at Marquette University from 1996 to 2004. Dr. Akers is a certified public accountant, a certified fraud examiner, a certified internal auditor and a certified management accountant. Through his experience as a trustee of mutual funds and his employment experience, Dr. Akers is experienced with financial, accounting, regulatory and investment matters.

*Gary A. Drska.* Mr. Drska has served as an Independent Trustee of the Trust since 2001. Mr. Drska has also served as an independent trustee of USA Mutuals since 2001. Mr. Drska has served as a Pilot of Frontier/Midwest Airlines, Inc., an airline company, since 1986. Through his experience as a trustee of mutual funds, Mr. Drska is experienced with financial, accounting, regulatory and investment matters.

*Joseph C. Neuberger.* Mr. Neuberger has served as a Trustee of the Trust since 2001. Mr. Neuberger has also served as a trustee of USA Mutuals since 2001 and Buffalo Funds, an open-end investment company, since 2003. Mr. Neuberger has served as President of the Administrator, a multi-line service provider to mutual funds, since 2017, and as Chief Operating Officer of the Administrator since 2016. Mr. Neuberger previously served as Executive Vice President of the Administrator from 1994 to 2017. Through his experience as a trustee of mutual funds and his employment experience, Mr. Neuberger is experienced with financial, accounting, regulatory and investment matters.

*Jonas B. Siegel, CPA.* Mr. Siegel has served as a Trustee of the Trust since 2009. Mr. Siegel previously served as an Independent Manager of the Ramius IDF fund complex from 2010-2015, which is composed of two closed-end investment companies. Mr. Siegel previously served as an independent trustee of Gottex Trust, an open-end investment company from 2010-2016. Mr. Siegel previously served as a trustee of the Gottex Multi-Asset Endowment fund complex, from 2010 to 2015 and as a trustee of the Gottex Multi-Alternatives fund complex from 2010 to 2015, each of which is composed of three closed-end investment companies. He also served as the Managing Director, CAO and CCO of Granite Capital International Group, LP, an investment management firm, from 1994 to 2011, as Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and CCO of Granum Series Trust, an open-end investment company, from 1997 to 2007, and as President, CAO and CCO of Granum Securities, LLC, a broker-dealer, from 1997 to 2007. Mr. Siegel is a certified public accountant. Through his experience as a trustee of mutual funds and his employment experience, Mr. Siegel is experienced with financial, accounting, regulatory and investment matters.

### **Trustee Ownership of Fund Shares**

As of December 31, 2016, no Trustee or officer of the Trust beneficially owned shares of the Fund or any other series of the Trust.

Furthermore, as of December 31, 2016, neither the Trustees who are not "interested" persons of the Funds, nor members of their immediate families, owned securities beneficially, or of record, in the Adviser, the Funds' Distributor or any of their affiliates. Accordingly, neither the Trustees who are not "interested" persons of the Funds nor members of their immediate families, have a direct or indirect



interest, the value of which exceeds \$120,000, in the Adviser, the Funds' Distributor or any of their affiliates. In addition, during the two most recently completed calendar years, neither the Independent Trustees nor members of their immediate families have conducted any transactions (or series of transactions) in which the amount involved exceeds \$120,000 and to which the Adviser, the Distributor or any affiliate thereof was a party.

## **Board Committees**

**Audit Committee.** The Trust has an Audit Committee, which is composed of the Independent Trustees, Dr. Michael D. Akers, Mr. Gary A. Drska and Mr. Jonas B. Siegel. The Audit Committee reviews financial statements and other audit-related matters for the Funds. The Audit Committee also holds discussions with management and with the Funds' independent auditors concerning the scope of the audit and the auditor's independence. Dr. Akers is designated as the Audit Committee chairman and serves as the Audit Committee's "audit committee financial expert," as stated in the annual reports relating to the series of the Trust. During the past fiscal year, the Audit Committee met twice with respect to the Funds.

**Nominating Committee.** The Trust has a Nominating Committee, which is composed of the Independent Trustees, Dr. Michael D. Akers, Mr. Gary A. Drska and Mr. Jonas B. Siegel. The Nominating Committee is responsible for seeking and reviewing candidates for consideration as nominees for the position of trustee and meets only as necessary. As part of this process, the Nominating Committee considers criteria for selecting candidates sufficient to identify a diverse group of qualified individuals to serve as trustees.

The Nominating Committee will consider nominees recommended by shareholders for vacancies on the Board of Trustees. Recommendations for consideration by the Nominating Committee should be sent to the President of the Trust in writing together with the appropriate biographical information concerning each such proposed nominee, and such recommendation must comply with the notice provisions set forth in the Trust's By-Laws. In general, to comply with such procedures, such nominations, together with all required information, must be delivered to and received by the Secretary of the Trust at the principal executive office of the Trust not later than 60 days prior to the shareholder meeting at which any such nominee would be voted on. Shareholder recommendations for nominations to the Board of Trustees will be accepted on an ongoing basis and such recommendations will be kept on file for consideration when there is a vacancy on the Board of Trustees. The Nominating Committee's procedures with respect to reviewing shareholder nominations will be disclosed as required by applicable securities laws. During the past fiscal year, the Nominating Committee met once.

**Valuation Committee.** The Trust has a Valuation Committee. The Valuation Committee is responsible for the following: (1) monitoring the valuation of Fund securities and other investments; and (2) as required, when the Board of Trustees is not in session, for determining the fair value of illiquid securities and other holdings after consideration of all relevant factors, which determinations are reported to the Board. The Valuation Committee is currently composed of Mr. John Buckel, Ms. Jennifer Lima and Mr. Cullen Small, who each serve as an officer of the Trust. The Valuation Committee meets as necessary when a price for a portfolio security is not readily available. During the past fiscal year, the Valuation Committee met once with respect to the Equity Income Plus Fund.

## **Trustee Compensation**

For their service as Trustees, the Independent Trustees receive from the Trust a retainer fee of \$50,000 per year, \$3,750 for each in-person Board meeting attended<sup>(1)</sup> and \$1,000 for each telephonic Board meeting of the Trust, as well as reimbursement for expenses incurred in connection with attendance at Board meetings. Members of the Audit Committee receive \$1,500 for each meeting of the Audit Committee attended. The chairman of the Audit Committee receives an annual retainer of \$2,500. Interested Trustees do not receive any compensation for their service as Trustee. For the fiscal year ended May 31, 2017, the Trustees received the following compensation from the Funds:

<b>Name of Person/Position</b>	<b>Aggregate Compensation from the Equity Income Plus Fund<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>Aggregate Compensation from the Short Term U.S. Government Agency Income Fund<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>Pension or Retirement Benefits Accrued as Part of Fund Expenses</b>	<b>Estimated Annual Benefits Upon Retirement</b>	<b>Total Compensation from the Funds and the Trust<sup>(3)</sup> Paid to Trustees</b>
Dr. Michael D. Akers, Independent Trustee <sup>(4)(5)</sup>	\$2,133	\$2,133	None	None	\$78,500
Gary A. Drska Independent Trustee <sup>(4)</sup>	\$2,062	\$2,062	None	None	\$76,000
Jonas B. Siegel, Independent Trustee <sup>(4)</sup>	\$2,062	\$2,062	None	None	\$73,500
Joseph C. Neuberger, Interested Trustee	None	None	None	None	None

<sup>(1)</sup> Prior to January 1, 2017, the Independent Trustees received \$2,500 per in-person Board meeting attended.

<sup>(2)</sup> Trustees' fees and expenses are allocated among the Fund and any other series comprising the Trust.

<sup>(3)</sup> There are currently twenty-nine other portfolios comprising the Trust.

<sup>(4)</sup> Audit Committee member.

<sup>(5)</sup> Audit Committee chairman.

### Control Persons and Principal Shareholders

A principal shareholder is any person who owns of record or beneficially 5% or more of the outstanding shares of a Fund. A control person is one who owns beneficially or through controlled companies more than 25% of the voting securities of a Fund or acknowledges the existence of control. A controlling person possesses the ability to control the outcome of matters submitted for shareholder vote by a Fund. Shareholders with a controlling interest could affect the outcome of proxy voting or the direction of the management of a Fund. As of August 31, 2017, no person was a control person of the Funds, and all Trustees and officers as a group owned beneficially (as defined in Section 13(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) less than 1% of the shares of each Fund. As of August 31, 2017, the following shareholders were considered to be principal shareholders of the Funds:

### Principal Shareholders – Equity Income Plus Fund Institutional Share Class

<b>Name and Address</b>	<b>Parent Company</b>	<b>Jurisdiction</b>	<b>% Ownership</b>	<b>Type of Ownership</b>
National Financial Services, LLC For the Exclusive Benefit of Customers Attn: Mutual Funds Dept. 499 West Washington Boulevard Jersey City, NJ 07310-2010	Fidelity Global Brokerage Group, Inc.	DE	27.41%	Record
MARIL & Co., FBO NG c/o BMO Harris Bank NA, Attn: MF 480 Pilgrim Way, Suite 1000 Green Bay, WI 54304-5280	N/A	N/A	15.63%	Record
NTC & Co., Cust. P.O. Box 173859 Denver, CO 80217-3859	N/A	N/A	15.56%	Record

<b>Name and Address</b>	<b>Parent Company</b>	<b>Jurisdiction</b>	<b>% Ownership</b>	<b>Type of Ownership</b>
ILA PRSSA Pension Fund U/A 11/7/1973 ILA PRSSA Pension Plan P.O. Box 361979 San Juan, PR 00936-1979	N/A	N/A	10.51%	Beneficial
Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. Special Custody Account FBO Customers Attn: Mutual Funds 211 Main Street San Francisco, CA 94105-1905	N/A	N/A	8.82%	Record

**Principal Shareholders – Equity Income Plus Fund Investor Share Class**

<b>Name and Address</b>	<b>Parent Company</b>	<b>Jurisdiction</b>	<b>% Ownership</b>	<b>Type of Ownership</b>
Raymond James & Associates, Inc. FBO Erik R Leiberman Per Rep E/O Jean Golla 227 Nokomis Avenue South Venice, FL 34285-2319	Raymond James & Associates, Inc.	FL	26.15%	Record
NFS LLC FEBO Various Accounts 1048 Seacove Circle, Apt. B London, OH 43140-9158	N/A	N/A	24.27%	Record
Pershing LLC P.O. Box 2052 Jersey City, NJ 07303-2052	N/A	N/A	21.58%	Record
Raymond James & Associates, Inc. FBO James W Brereton 2987 State Route 207 Campbell Hall, NY 10916-2205	N/A	N/A	13.57%	Record
TD Ameritrade Inc For the Exclusive Benefit of Our Clients Po Box 2226 Omaha, NE 68103-2226	N/A	N/A	6.59%	Record

**Principal Shareholders – Short Term U.S. Government Agency Income Fund Institutional Share Class**

<b>Name and Address</b>	<b>Parent Company</b>	<b>Jurisdiction</b>	<b>% Ownership</b>	<b>Type of Ownership</b>
National Financial Services, LLC For the Exclusive Benefit of Customers Attn: Mutual Funds Dept. 499 West Washington Boulevard Jersey City, NJ 07310-2010	Fidelity Global Brokerage Group, Inc.	DE	34.07%	Record

<b>Name and Address</b>	<b>Parent Company</b>	<b>Jurisdiction</b>	<b>% Ownership</b>	<b>Type of Ownership</b>
Merrill Lynch Pierce Fenner & Smith For the Sole Benefit of Its Customers 4800 Deer Lake Drive East Jacksonville, FL 32246-6484	N/A	N/A	17.86%	Record
Pershing P.O. Box 2052 Jersey City, NJ 07303-2052	N/A	N/A	12.55%	Record
Marc Brownstein c/o MD Sass Investors Services, Inc. 1185 Avenue of the Americas, 18th Floor New York, NY 10036	N/A	N/A	9.44%	Beneficial
FB Ventures II LLC 299 Park Avenue, Floor 42 New York, NY 10171-3808	N/A	N/A	7.52%	Beneficial

### **Investment Adviser**

As stated in the Prospectus, investment advisory services are provided to the Short Term U.S. Government Agency Income Fund and the Equity Income Plus Fund by MDSIS and M.D. Sass, respectively, the Advisers, pursuant to investment advisory agreements (each, an “Advisory Agreement”). Mr. Martin D. Sass, Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and Director of the Adviser, and Mr. Hugh R. Lamle, President and Director of the MDSIS, each beneficially own more than 25% of the outstanding stock of the Advisers. Accordingly, Mr. Sass and Mr. Lamle are each presumed to be control persons of the Advisers.

After an initial two-year period, each Advisory Agreement continues in effect from year to year, only if such continuance is specifically approved at least annually by: (i) the Board of Trustees or the vote of a majority of the outstanding voting securities of the applicable Fund; and (ii) the vote of a majority of the Trustees of the Trust who are not parties to the Advisory Agreement nor interested persons thereof, cast in person at a meeting called for the purpose of voting on such approval. Each Advisory Agreement is terminable without penalty by the Trust, on behalf of the applicable Fund, upon 60 days’ written notice to the Adviser, when authorized by either: (i) a majority vote of the outstanding voting securities of the Fund; or (ii) by a vote of a majority of the Board of Trustees, or by the Adviser upon 60 days’ written notice to the Trust. Each Advisory Agreement will automatically terminate in the event of its “assignment” (as defined in the 1940 Act). Each Advisory Agreement provides that the Adviser under such agreement shall not be liable for any error of judgment or mistake of law or for any loss arising out of any investment or for any act or omission in the execution of portfolio transactions for the Fund, except for willful misfeasance, bad faith or negligence in the performance of its duties, or by reason of reckless disregard of its obligations and duties thereunder.

In consideration of the services provided by MDSIS pursuant to the Advisory Agreement, MDSIS is entitled to receive from the Short Term U.S. Government Agency Income Fund a management fee computed daily and paid monthly, based on a rate equal to 0.30% of the Fund’s average daily net assets, as specified in the Prospectus. In consideration of the services provided by M.D. Sass pursuant to the Advisory Agreement, M.D. Sass is entitled to receive from the Equity Income Plus Fund a management fee computed daily and paid monthly, based on a rate equal to 0.75% of the Fund’s average daily net assets, as specified in the Prospectus. However, an Adviser may voluntarily agree to waive a portion of

the management fees payable to it on a month-to-month basis, including additional fees above and beyond any contractual agreement the Adviser may have to waive management fees and/or reimburse Fund expenses.

The table below sets forth, for the fiscal years ended May 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015, the advisory fees accrued by each Fund under the Advisory Agreement, the amount of the advisory fees waived by the Adviser, and the total advisory fees paid by each Fund to its respective Adviser under the Advisory Agreement:

***Equity Income Plus Fund***

<b>Fiscal Year Ended</b>	<b>Advisory Fee</b>	<b>(Waiver)</b>	<b>Advisory Fee after Waiver</b>
May 31, 2017	\$617,150	(\$274,305)	\$342,845
May 31, 2016	\$1,150,719	(\$426,384)	\$724,335
May 31, 2015	\$834,131	(\$336,475)	\$497,656

***Short Term U.S. Government Agency Income Fund***

<b>Fiscal Year Ended</b>	<b>Advisory Fee</b>	<b>(Waiver)/Recoupment</b>	<b>Advisory Fee after Waiver/Recoupment</b>
May 31, 2017	\$196,830	(\$61,936)	\$134,894
May 31, 2016	\$297,762	(\$8,541)	\$289,221
May 31, 2015	\$299,045	\$9,589	\$308,634

*Fund Expenses.* Each Fund is responsible for its own operating expenses. Each Adviser has agreed to reduce management fees payable to it by the Funds and/or to reimburse the Funds' operating expenses to the extent necessary to limit the Funds aggregate annual operating expenses (exclusive of front-end or contingent deferred loads, Rule 12b-1 fees, shareholder servicing plan fees, interest, acquired fund fees and expenses, leverage (*i.e.*, any expenses incurred in connection with borrowings made by the Funds), tax expenses, dividends and interest expenses on short positions, expenses incurred in connection with any merger or reorganization, brokerage commissions, and extraordinary expenses such as litigation) to the limit set forth in the Funds' Prospectus. The Adviser may request recoupment of previously waived fees and paid expenses from the Funds for three years from the date such fees and expenses were waived or paid, subject to the operating expense limitation agreement, if such reimbursements will not cause a Fund to exceed the lesser of: (1) the expense limitation in place at the time of the waiver and/or expense payment; or (2) the expense limitation in place at the time of the recoupment. Any such recoupment is also contingent upon the Board of Trustees' subsequent review and ratification of the recouped amounts. Such recoupment may not be paid prior to a Fund's payment of current ordinary operating expenses.

**Portfolio Managers**

As stated in the Prospectus, the Advisers use a team approach for portfolio security selection and decision-making. Mr. Hugh R. Lamle, Mr. Dominic Bruno, Ms. Nancy Persoons, Mr. Lipkee Lu and Mr. Steve Clancy are the portfolio managers for the Short Term U.S. Government Agency Income Fund, and Mr. Ari Sass serves as Senior portfolio manager and Mr. Martin D. Sass serves as portfolio manager of the Equity Income Plus Fund (each a "Portfolio Manager," and together, the "Portfolio Managers").

Mr. Martin D. Sass is involved in managing the Equity Income Plus Fund in his capacity as Chairman and CEO and head of the M.D. Sass equity team, which manages all equity-oriented strategies of the firm, and provides oversight of the Equity Income Plus Fund.

Mr. Hugh R. Lamle is President of MDSIS and the founder of the taxable fixed income strategy and group. In addition to overall supervisory responsibilities for the management team, Mr. Lamle is involved in risk management, technology infrastructure and systems, product design, security selection criteria and staffing. Mr. Lamle does not manage individual portfolios or trade securities. Mr. Dominic Bruno is the sole senior Portfolio Manager on the management team for the Short Term U.S. Government Agency Income Fund; however, the Portfolio Managers manage all accounts and investment vehicles on a team basis. Specifically, all Portfolio Managers are involved equally in all functional roles in the process of portfolio management, including strategy, trading, research, portfolio rebalancing, compliance and other portfolio related functions. The collective decision making and implementation process is made effective due to the government/agency nature of the underlying investment securities.

*Other Accounts Managed by the Portfolio Managers*

The following table provides information regarding other accounts managed by the Portfolio Managers as of May 31, 2017.

<b>Category of Account</b>	<b>Total Number of Accounts Managed</b>	<b>Total Assets in Accounts Managed</b>	<b>Number of Accounts for which Advisory Fee is Based on Performance</b>	<b>Assets in Accounts for which Advisory Fee is Based on Performance</b>
<b><u>Hugh R. Lamle</u></b>				
Other Registered Investment Companies	1	\$36,824,372	0	\$0
Other Pooled Investment Vehicles	0	\$0	0	\$0
Other Accounts	114	\$2,624,372,193	0	\$0
<b><u>Dominic Bruno</u></b>				
Other Registered Investment Companies	1	\$36,824,372	0	\$0
Other Pooled Investment Vehicles	0	\$0	0	\$0
Other Accounts	114	\$2,624,372,193	0	\$0
<b><u>Nancy Persoons</u></b>				
Other Registered Investment Companies	1	\$36,824,372	0	\$0
Other Pooled Investment Vehicles	0	\$0	0	\$0
Other Accounts	114	\$2,624,372,193	0	\$0

<b>Category of Account</b>	<b>Total Number of Accounts Managed</b>	<b>Total Assets in Accounts Managed</b>	<b>Number of Accounts for which Advisory Fee is Based on Performance</b>	<b>Assets in Accounts for which Advisory Fee is Based on Performance</b>
<b><u>Lipkee Lu</u></b>				
Other Registered Investment Companies	1	\$36,824,372	0	\$0
Other Pooled Investment Vehicles	0	\$0	0	\$0
Other Accounts	114	\$2,624,372,193	0	\$0
<b><u>Steve Clancy</u></b>				
Other Registered Investment Companies	1	\$36,824,372	0	\$0
Other Pooled Investment Vehicles	0	\$0	0	\$0
Other Accounts	114	\$2,624,372,193	0	\$0
<b><u>Ari Sass</u></b>				
Other Registered Investment Companies	1	\$66,032,656	0	\$0
Other Pooled Investment Vehicles	1	\$127,525,170	1	\$127,525,170
Other Accounts	103	\$1,443,037,553	0	\$0
<b><u>Martin D. Sass</u></b>				
Other Registered Investment Companies	1	\$66,032,656	0	\$0
Other Pooled Investment Vehicles	1	\$127,525,170	1	\$127,525,170
Other Accounts	103	\$1,443,037,553	0	\$0

*Material Conflicts of Interest*

The Portfolio Managers' management of "other accounts" may give rise to potential conflicts of interest in connection with the management of the Funds' investments, on the one hand, and the investments of the other accounts, on the other. The other accounts may have similar investment objectives as the Funds. Therefore, a potential conflict of interest may arise as a result of the identical investment objectives, whereby the Portfolio Managers could favor one account over another. Another potential conflict could include the Portfolio Managers' knowledge about the size, timing and possible market impact of Fund trades, whereby the Portfolio Managers could use this information to the advantage of other accounts and to the disadvantage of the Funds. However, the Adviser has established policies and procedures to ensure that the purchase and sale of securities among all accounts it manages are fairly and equitably allocated.

### *Portfolio Manager Compensation*

Each Portfolio Manager is compensated for his or her services by the Adviser. Such compensation for the Portfolio Managers of each Fund consists of a fixed salary and participation in incentive compensation plans designed to reward them for the short and long term performance of client portfolios and growth in these portfolios due to both investment results and a high level of client services. Mr. Martin Sass is the controlling member of M.D. Sass, LLC. As such, his compensation consists of a fixed salary and participation in distributions made by M.D. Sass to its members.

### *Ownership of Securities in the Fund by the Portfolio Managers*

As of May 31, 2017, the Portfolio Managers beneficially owned shares of the Funds as follows:

<b>Dollar Range of Equity Securities in the Funds</b>		
<b>Name of Portfolio Manager</b>	<b>Equity Income Plus Fund</b>	<b>Short Term U.S. Government Agency Income Fund</b>
Hugh Lamle	\$100,001 - \$500,000	\$100,001 - \$500,000
Dominic Bruno	None	\$100,001 - \$500,000
Nancy Persoons	None	\$10,001 - \$50,000
Lipkee Lu	None	None
Steve Clancy	None	None
Ari Sass	\$100,001 - \$500,000	None
Martin D. Sass	Over \$1,000,000	None

## **Service Providers**

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

Pursuant to an administration agreement between the Trust and U.S. Bancorp Fund Services, LLC, 615 East Michigan Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53202, the Administrator acts as the Funds' administrator. The Administrator provides certain administrative services to the Funds, including, among other responsibilities, coordinating the negotiation of contracts and fees with, and the monitoring of performance and billing of, the Funds' independent contractors and agents; preparing for signature by an officer of the Trust all of the documents required to be filed for compliance by the Trust and the Funds with applicable laws and regulations excluding those of the securities laws of various states; arranging for the computation of performance data, including NAV and yield; responding to shareholder inquiries; and arranging for the maintenance of books and records of the Funds, and providing, at its own expense, office facilities, equipment and personnel necessary to carry out its duties. In this capacity, the Administrator does not have any responsibility or authority for the management of the Funds, the determination of investment policy, or for any matter pertaining to the distribution of Fund shares. USBFS also acts as fund accountant ("Fund Accountant"), transfer agent ("Transfer Agent") and distribution disbursing agent under separate agreements with the Trust.

For the fiscal years indicated below, the Funds paid the following fees to the Administrator:

<b>Administration Fees</b>			
<b>Paid During Fiscal Years Ended May 31,</b>			
<b>Fund</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
Equity Income Plus Fund	\$100,893	\$176,185	\$136,503
Short Term U.S. Government Agency Income Fund	\$53,896	\$84,787	\$113,570



### **Custodian**

U.S. Bank, N.A. (the “Custodian”), an affiliate of USBFS, is the custodian of the assets of the Funds pursuant to a custody agreement between the Custodian and the Trust, whereby the Custodian receives fees on a transactional basis plus out-of-pocket expenses. The Custodian’s address is 1555 North RiverCenter Drive, Suite 302, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53212. The Custodian does not participate in decisions relating to the purchase and sale of securities by the Funds. The Custodian and its affiliates may participate in revenue sharing arrangements with service providers of mutual funds in which the Funds may invest.

### **Legal Counsel**

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

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

Cohen & Company, Ltd., 1350 Euclid Avenue, Suite 800, Cleveland, Ohio 44115, serves as the independent registered public accounting firm for the Funds.

### **Distribution and Servicing of Fund Shares**

The Trust has entered into a Distribution Agreement (the “Distribution Agreement”) with the Distributor, Quasar Distributors, LLC, 777 East Wisconsin Avenue, 6th Floor, Milwaukee, WI 53202, pursuant to which the Distributor acts as the Funds’ principal underwriter, provides certain administration services and promotes and arranges for the sale of the Funds’ shares. The offering of the Funds’ shares is continuous, and the Distributor distributes the Funds’ shares on a best efforts basis. The Distributor is not obligated to sell any certain number of shares of the Funds. The Distributor, Administrator and Custodian are affiliated companies. The Distributor is a registered broker-dealer and member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. (“FINRA”).

The Distribution Agreement has an initial term of up to two years and will continue in effect only if its continuance is specifically approved at least annually by the Board of Trustees or by vote of a majority of a Fund’s outstanding voting securities and, in either case, by a majority of the Trustees who are not parties to the Distribution Agreement or “interested persons” (as defined in the 1940 Act) of any such party. The Distribution Agreement is terminable without penalty by the Trust on behalf of a Fund on 60 days’ written notice when authorized either by a majority vote of the outstanding voting securities of a Fund or by vote of a majority of the Trustees who are not “interested persons” (as defined in the 1940 Act) of the Trust. The Distribution Agreement is terminable without penalty by the Distributor upon 60 days’ written notice to the Trust. The Distribution Agreement will automatically terminate in the event of its “assignment” (as defined in the 1940 Act).

The Distributor did not receive any underwriting commissions on the sale of the Funds’ shares during the last three fiscal years.

### **Distribution (Rule 12b-1) Plans**

The Equity Income Plus Fund has adopted a distribution plan pursuant to Rule 12b-1 under the 1940 Act on behalf of the Investor Class shares of the Fund and the Short Term U.S. Government Agency Income Fund has adopted a distribution plan pursuant to Rule 12b-1 under the 1940 Act on behalf of the Retail Class shares of the Fund (each, a “Distribution Plan”). The Equity Income Plus Fund has also adopted a Shareholder Servicing Plan (the “Shareholder Servicing Plan”) on behalf of the Fund’s Investor Class shares.

### Rule 12b-1 Distribution Plan

Under its Distribution Plan, each Fund pays a fee to the Distributor (the “Distribution Fee”) for distribution and shareholder services on behalf of the Investor Class shares of the Equity Income Plus Fund and Retail Class shares of the Short Term U.S. Government Agency Income Fund. The Distribution Fee for the Equity Income Plus Fund is at the annual rate of 0.25% of the Fund’s average daily net assets attributable to Investor Class shares. The Distribution Fee for the Short Term U.S. Government Agency Income Fund is at the annual rate of 0.25% of the Fund’s average daily net assets attributable to Retail Class shares. Each Distribution Plan provides that the Distributor may use all or any portion of such Distribution Fee to finance any activity that is principally intended to result in the sale of Fund shares, subject to the terms of the Distribution Plan, or to provide certain shareholder services. Institutional Class shares of the Funds are not subject to the Distribution Plans and do not pay Rule 12b-1 distribution or shareholder servicing fees.

The Distribution Fee is payable to the Distributor regardless of the distribution-related expenses actually incurred on behalf of Investor Class shares of the Equity Income Plus Fund and Retail Class shares of the Short Term U.S. Government Agency Income Fund. Because the Distribution Fee is not directly tied to expenses, the amount of distribution fees paid by the Investor Class shares of the Equity Income Plus Fund and Retail Class shares of the Short Term U.S. Government Agency Income Fund during any year may be more or less than actual expenses incurred pursuant to the Distribution Plan. For this reason, this type of distribution fee arrangement is characterized by the staff of the SEC as a “compensation” plan.

The Distributor may use the Distribution Fee to pay for services covered by the Distribution Plan including, but not limited to, advertising, compensating underwriters, dealers and selling personnel engaged in the distribution of Investor Class shares of the Equity Income Plus Fund and Retail Class shares of the Short Term U.S. Government Agency Income Fund, the printing and mailing of prospectuses, statements of additional information and reports to other than current Fund shareholders, the printing and mailing of sales literature pertaining to a Fund, and obtaining whatever information, analyses and reports with respect to marketing and promotional activities that a Fund may, from time to time, deem advisable.

The table below shows the amount of Rule 12b-1 fees incurred by the Investor Class of the Equity Income Plus Fund and the allocation of such fees for the fiscal year ended May 31, 2017.

<b>Actual Rule 12b-1 Expenditures Incurred by the Equity Income Plus Fund Investor Class During the Fiscal Year Ended May 31, 2017</b>	
	<b><u>Total Dollars Allocated</u></b>
Advertising/Marketing	\$0
Printing/Postage	\$0
Payment to Distributor	\$0
Payment to dealers	\$4,326
Compensation to sales personnel	\$0
Other	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$4,326</u></b>

During the fiscal year ended May 31, 2017, the Retail Class of the Short Term U.S. Government Agency Income Fund did not incur any Rule 12b-1 fees.

Each Distribution Plan provides that it will continue from year to year upon approval by the majority vote of the Board of Trustees, including a majority of the trustees who are not “interested persons” of the Fund, as defined in the 1940 Act, and who have no direct or indirect financial interest in the operations of the Distribution Plan or in any agreement related to such plan (the “Qualified Trustees”), as required by

the 1940 Act, cast in person at a meeting called for that purpose. Each Distribution Plan also required that the trustees who are not “interested persons” of the Funds select and nominate all other trustees who are not “interested persons” of the Funds. Each Distribution Plan and any related agreements may not be amended to materially increase the amounts to be spent for distribution expenses without approval of shareholders holding a majority of the applicable Fund’s shares outstanding. All material amendments to a Distribution Plan or any related agreements must be approved by a vote of a majority of the Board of Trustees and the Qualified Trustees, cast in person at a meeting called for the purpose of voting on any such amendment.

Each Distribution Plan requires that the Distributor provide to the Board of Trustees, at least quarterly, a written report on the amounts and purpose of any payment made under the Distribution Plan. The Distributor is also required to furnish the Board of Trustees with such other information as may reasonably be requested in order to enable the Board of Trustees to make an informed determination of whether each Distribution Plan should be continued. With the exception of the Adviser, no “interested person” of the applicable Fund, as defined in the 1940 Act, and no Qualified Trustee of the Funds has or had a direct or indirect financial interest in the Distribution Plans or any related agreement.

Each Distribution Plan provides for the ability to use Investor Class assets of the Equity Income Plus Fund and Retail Class assets of the Short Term U.S. Government Agency Income Fund to pay financial intermediaries (including those that sponsor mutual fund supermarkets), plan administrators and other service providers to finance any activity that is principally intended to result in the sale of Investor Class shares of the Equity Income Plus Fund and Retail Class shares of the Short Term U.S. Government Agency Income Fund (distribution services). The payments made by a Fund to these financial intermediaries are based primarily on the dollar amount of assets invested in the Investor Class shares of the Equity Income Plus Fund and Retail Class shares of the Short Term U.S. Government Agency Income Fund through the financial intermediaries. These financial intermediaries may pay a portion of the payments that they receive from a Fund to their investment professionals. In addition to the ongoing asset-based fees paid to these financial intermediaries under the Distribution Plan, a Fund may, from time to time, make payments under the Distribution Plan that help defray the expenses incurred by these intermediaries for conducting training and educational meetings about various aspects of the Fund for their employees. In addition, a Fund may make payments under the Distribution Plan for exhibition space and otherwise help defray the expenses these financial intermediaries incur in hosting client seminars where a Fund is discussed.

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

Retail Class shares of the Short Term U.S. Government Agency Income Fund are not currently offered for purchase.

### **Equity Income Plus Fund Shareholder Servicing Plan**

The Equity Income Plus Fund has adopted a Shareholder Servicing Plan on behalf of its Investor Class shares to pay for Investor Class shareholder support services from the Equity Income Plus Fund's assets. Payments are made pursuant to a Shareholder Servicing Agreement in an amount not to exceed 0.10% of the Equity Income Plus Fund's average daily net assets attributable to Investor Class shares. The Equity Income Plus Fund is responsible for paying a portion of shareholder servicing fees to each of the shareholder servicing agents who have written shareholder servicing agreements with the Equity Income Plus Fund, and perform shareholder servicing functions and maintenance of shareholder accounts on behalf of Investor Class shareholders.

For the fiscal years indicated below, the Investor Class shares of the Equity Income Plus Fund paid the following in shareholder servicing fees:

#### ***Equity Income Plus Fund – Investor Class Shares***

<b>Fiscal Years Ended</b>	<b>Shareholder Servicing Fee</b>
May 31, 2017	\$1,730
May 31, 2016	\$3,060
May 31, 2015	\$1,906

### **Portfolio Transactions and Brokerage**

Pursuant to the Advisory Agreement, the Adviser determines which securities are to be purchased and sold by the Funds and which broker-dealers are eligible to execute the Funds' portfolio transactions. Purchases and sales of securities in the over-the-counter market will generally be executed directly with a "market-maker" unless, in the opinion of the Adviser, a better price and execution can otherwise be obtained by using a broker for the transaction.

Purchases of portfolio securities for the Funds will be effected through broker-dealers (including banks) that specialize in the types of securities that the Funds will be holding, unless the Adviser believes that better executions are available elsewhere. Dealers usually act as principal for their own accounts. Purchases from dealers will include a spread between the bid and the asked price. If the execution and price offered by more than one dealer are comparable, the order may be allocated to a dealer that has provided research or other services as discussed below.

In placing portfolio transactions, the Adviser will use reasonable efforts to choose broker-dealers capable of providing the services necessary to obtain the most favorable price and execution available. The full range and quality of services, such as the size of the order, the difficulty of execution, the operational facilities of the firm involved, the firm's risk in positioning a block of securities and other factors available, will be considered in making these determinations. In those instances where it is reasonably determined that more than one broker-dealer can offer the services needed to obtain the most favorable price and execution available, consideration may be given to those broker-dealers that furnish or supply research and statistical information to the Adviser that it may lawfully and appropriately use in its investment advisory capacities, as well as provide other brokerage services in addition to execution services. The Adviser considers such information, which is in addition to and not in lieu of the services required to be performed by it under its Advisory Agreement with the Funds, to be useful in varying degrees, but of indeterminable value. Portfolio transactions may be placed with broker-dealers who sell shares of the Funds subject to rules adopted by FINRA and the SEC. Portfolio transactions may also be placed with broker-dealers in which the Adviser has invested on behalf of the Funds and/or client accounts.

While it is the Funds' general policy to first seek to obtain the most favorable price and execution available in selecting a broker-dealer to execute portfolio transactions for the Funds, weight is also given to the ability of a broker-dealer to furnish brokerage and research services to the Funds or to the Adviser, even if the specific services are not directly useful to the Funds and may be useful to the Adviser in advising other clients. In negotiating commissions with a broker or evaluating the spread to be paid to a dealer, the Funds may therefore pay a higher commission or spread than would be the case if no weight were given to the furnishing of these supplemental services, provided that the amount of such commission or spread has been determined in good faith by the Adviser to be reasonable in relation to the value of the brokerage and/or research services provided by such broker-dealer. The standard of reasonableness is to be measured in light of the Adviser's overall responsibilities to the Funds.

Investment decisions for the Funds are made independently from those of other client accounts. Nevertheless, it is possible that at times identical securities will be acceptable for both a Fund and one or more of such client accounts. In such event, the position of a Fund and such client account(s) in the same issuer may vary and the length of time that each may choose to hold its investment in the same issuer may likewise vary. However, to the extent any of these client accounts seek to acquire the same security as a Fund at the same time, a Fund may not be able to acquire as large a portion of such security as it desires, or it may have to pay a higher price or obtain a lower yield for such security. Similarly, a Fund may not be able to obtain as high a price for, or as large an execution of, an order to sell any particular security at the same time. If one or more of such client accounts simultaneously purchases or sells the same security that a Fund is purchasing or selling, each day's transactions in such security will be allocated between a Fund and all such client accounts in a manner deemed equitable by the Adviser, taking into account the respective sizes of the accounts and the amount being purchased or sold. It is recognized that in some cases this system could have a detrimental effect on the price or value of the security insofar as a Fund is concerned. In other cases, however, it is believed that the ability of a Fund to participate in volume transactions may produce better executions for a Fund. Notwithstanding the above, the Adviser may execute buy and sell orders for accounts and take action in performance of its duties with respect to any of its accounts that may differ from actions taken with respect to another account, so long as the Adviser shall, to the extent practical, allocate investment opportunities to accounts, including a Fund, over a period of time on a fair and equitable basis and in accordance with applicable law.

The Funds are required to identify any securities of their "regular brokers or dealers" that the Funds have acquired during the most recent fiscal period. During the fiscal year ended May 31, 2017, the Funds did not acquire any securities of their "regular brokers or dealers".

The Funds are also required to identify any brokerage transactions during the most recent fiscal period that were directed to a broker because of research services provided, along with the amount of any such transactions and any related commissions paid by the Funds. The following table shows the amount of any such transactions and related commissions paid for research services for the fiscal year ended May 31, 2017:

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Commissions</b>	<b>Transactions</b>
Equity Income Plus Fund	\$405,002	\$157,173,257

No such transactions were made by the Short Term U.S. Government Agency Income Fund during the fiscal year ended May 31, 2017.

The following table shows the amounts paid by each Fund in brokerage commissions for the fiscal years ended May 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015:

**Brokerage Commissions  
Paid During Fiscal Years Ended May 31,**

<b>Fund</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
Equity Income Plus Fund	\$536,032	\$852,749 <sup>(1)</sup>	\$651,964 <sup>(1)</sup>
Short Term U.S. Government Agency Income Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0

<sup>(1)</sup> The increase in brokerage commissions from 2015 to 2016 is attributable to increased transaction activity on the part of investors in the Equity Income Plus Fund.

## Portfolio Turnover

Although the Funds generally will not invest for short-term trading purposes, portfolio securities may be sold without regard to the length of time they have been held when, in the opinion of the Adviser, investment considerations warrant such action. Portfolio turnover rate is calculated by dividing (1) the lesser of purchases or sales of portfolio securities for the fiscal year by (2) the monthly average of the value of portfolio securities owned during the fiscal year. A 100% turnover rate would occur if all the securities in a Fund's portfolio, with the exception of securities whose maturities at the time of acquisition were one year or less, were sold and either repurchased or replaced within one year. A high rate of portfolio turnover (100% or more) generally leads to above-average transaction costs and could generate capital gains, including short-term capital gains taxable to shareholders as ordinary income (for non-corporate shareholders, currently taxable at a maximum federal income tax rate of 39.6%). To the extent that a Fund experiences an increase in brokerage commissions due to a higher portfolio turnover rate, the performance of the Fund could be negatively impacted by the increased expenses incurred by the Fund.

For the fiscal years ended May 31, 2017 and 2016, the portfolio turnover rate for each Fund was as follows:

<b>Portfolio Turnover During Fiscal Years Ended May 31,</b>		
<b>Fund</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
Equity Income Plus Fund	77.33%	63.55%
Short Term U.S. Government Agency Income Fund	164.31%	182.08%

## Code of Ethics

The Funds, the Advisers and the Distributor have each adopted Codes of Ethics under Rule 17j-1 of the 1940 Act. These Codes of Ethics permit, subject to certain conditions, personnel of the Advisers and Distributor to invest in securities that may be purchased or held by the Funds.

## Proxy Voting Procedures

The Board of Trustees has adopted proxy voting policies and procedures ("Proxy Policies") that delegate to the Adviser the authority to vote proxies relating to portfolio securities held by the Funds as part of their investment advisory services, subject to the supervision and oversight of the Board. The fundamental purpose of the Proxy Policies is to ensure that each vote will be in a manner that reflects the best interest of the Funds and their shareholders, taking into account the value of the Funds' investments.

### *Policies of the Adviser*

It is the policy of the Advisers to vote proxies in the interest of maximizing value for the Advisers' clients, including the Funds. The Advisers treat proxies as an asset of their clients, with the same care, diligence, and loyalty as any asset belonging to the client. To that end, the Advisers will vote in a way that it believes, consistent with its fiduciary duty, will cause the value of the security to increase the most or decline the least. Consideration will be given to both the short and long term implications of the proposal to be voted on when considering the optimal vote. The Advisers generally opposes placing

restrictions on the business judgment of management. The Advisers consider, on a case-by-case basis, executive compensation plans and support those that promote the adoption of fair, competitive compensation packages for executives and it reviews matters relating to changes in a company's charter documents and generally vote in favor of those measures that provide management with the most operational flexibility.

The Advisers realize that due to the difficulty of predicting and identifying all material conflicts, they must rely on their employees to notify the Adviser's Chief Compliance Officer or general counsel of any material conflict that may impair their ability to vote proxies in an objective manner. In addition, the Advisers' general counsel, Chief Compliance Officer, or their designees will reasonably try to assess any material conflicts between the Advisers' interests and those of the Funds with respect to proxy voting.

In the event of a conflict between the interests of the Adviser and the Funds, the Trust's policies provide that the conflict may be disclosed to the Board of Trustees or its delegate, who shall provide direction on how to vote the proxy. The Board of Trustees has delegated this authority to the Independent Trustees, and the proxy voting direction in such a case shall be determined by a majority of the Independent Trustees.

The actual voting records relating to portfolio securities during the most recent 12-month period ended June 30 is available without charge, upon request, by calling toll-free, 1-855-MDS-FUND (1-855-637-3863) or by accessing the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).

### **Anti-Money Laundering Compliance Program**

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

Procedures to implement the Program include, but are not limited to: determining that the Distributor and the Transfer Agent have established proper anti-money laundering procedures; reporting suspicious and/or fraudulent activity; and a complete and thorough review of all new account applications. The Funds will not transact business with any person or entity whose identity cannot be adequately verified under the provisions of the USA PATRIOT Act.

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

### **Portfolio Holdings Information**

The Trust, on behalf of the Funds, has adopted portfolio holdings disclosure policies (the "Disclosure Policies") that govern the timing and circumstances of disclosure of portfolio holdings of the Funds. Information about the Funds' portfolio holdings will not be distributed to any third party except in accordance with these Disclosure Policies. The Board of Trustees considered the circumstances under which the Funds' portfolio holdings may be disclosed under the Disclosure Policies, considering actual and potential material conflicts that could arise in such circumstances between the interests of the Funds' shareholders and the interests of the Adviser, Distributor or any other affiliated person of the Funds. After due consideration, the Board determined that the Funds have a legitimate business purpose for disclosing portfolio holdings to persons described in these Disclosure Policies.

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

- the disclosure is required to respond to a regulatory request, court order or other legal proceedings;
- the disclosure is to a mutual fund rating or evaluation services organization (such as Factset, Morningstar and Lipper), or statistical agency or person performing similar functions, or due diligence department of a broker-dealer or wirehouse, who has, if necessary, signed a confidentiality agreement, or is bound by applicable duties of confidentiality imposed by law, with the Fund;
- the disclosure is made to the Funds' service providers who generally need access to such information in the performance of their contractual duties and responsibilities, and who are subject to duties of confidentiality imposed by law and/or contract, such as the Adviser, the Board of Trustees, the Funds' independent registered public accountants, regulatory authorities, counsel to the Funds or the Board of Trustees, proxy voting service providers, financial printers involved in the reporting process, the fund administrator, fund accountant, transfer agent, or custodian of the Funds;
- the disclosure is made by the Adviser's trading desk to broker-dealers in connection with the purchase or sale of securities or requests for price quotations or bids on one or more securities; in addition, the Adviser's trading desk may periodically distribute a holdings list (consisting of names only) to broker-dealers so that such brokers can provide the Adviser with order flow information;
- the disclosure is made to institutional consultants evaluating a particular Fund on behalf of potential investors subject to a duty of confidentiality per contract;
- the disclosure is (a) in connection with a quarterly, semi-annual or annual report that is available to the public or (b) relates to information that is otherwise available to the public (e.g. portfolio information that is available on the Funds' website at least one day prior to the disclosure); or
- the disclosure is made pursuant to prior written approval of the CCO, or other person so authorized, is for a legitimate business purpose and is in the best interests of the Funds' shareholders.

For purposes of the Disclosure Policies, portfolio holdings information does not include descriptive information if that information does not present material risks of dilution, arbitrage, market timing, insider trading or other inappropriate trading for the Funds. Information excluded from the definition of portfolio holdings information generally includes, without limitation: (i) descriptions of allocations among asset classes, regions, countries or industries/sectors; (ii) aggregated data such as average or median ratios, or market capitalization, performance attributions by industry, sector or country; or (iii) aggregated risk statistics. It is the policy of the Trust to prohibit any person or entity from receiving any direct or indirect compensation or consideration of any kind in connection with the disclosure of information about the Funds' portfolio holdings.

The CCO must document any decisions regarding non-public disclosure of portfolio holdings and the rationale therefore. In connection with the oversight responsibilities by the Board of Trustees, any documentation regarding decisions involving the non-public disclosure of portfolio holdings of the Funds to third parties must be provided to the full Board of Trustees or its authorized committee. In addition, on a quarterly basis, the Board will review any disclosures of portfolio holdings outside of the permitted disclosures described above to address and conflicts between the interests of Fund shareholders and those of the Adviser or any other Fund affiliate.



Currently, approximately 15 calendar days following a calendar quarter, the Funds provide their quarterly portfolio holdings to rating and ranking organizations, including Lipper, a Thomson Reuters company, Morningstar, Inc., Standard & Poor's Financial Services, LLC, Bloomberg L.P., Thomson Reuters Corporation, Vickers Stock Research Corporation and Capital-Bridge, Inc. In addition, the Short Term U.S. Government Agency Income Fund will disclose its month-end portfolio holdings on the Funds' website within five business days after each month. The Equity Income Plus Fund also posts the quarterly top ten holdings and sector breakdown on the Funds' website on or about the 20<sup>th</sup> business day of the month following a calendar quarter. Portfolio holdings information may be separately provided to any person at the same time that it is filed with the SEC or one day after it is first published on the Funds' website. Disclosure of the Funds' complete holdings is required to be made quarterly within 60 days of the end of each fiscal quarter, in the annual and semi-annual reports to Fund shareholders, and in the quarterly holdings report on Form N-Q. These reports will be made available, free of charge, on the EDGAR database on the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).

Any suspected breach of this policy must be reported immediately to the CCO, or to the chief compliance officer of the Adviser who must report it to the CCO. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to amend the Disclosure Policies at any time without prior notice in its sole discretion.

### **Determination of Net Asset Value**

The NAV of each Fund's shares will fluctuate and is determined as of the close of trading on the New York Stock Exchange (the "NYSE") (generally 4:00 p.m., Eastern time) each business day. The NYSE annually announces the days on which it will not be open for trading. The most recent announcement indicates that it will not be open on the following days: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Presidents' Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. However, the NYSE may close on days not included in that announcement. If the NYSE closes early, the Fund will calculate the NAV at the closing time on that day. If an emergency exists as permitted by the SEC, the NAV may be calculated at a different time.

The NAV per share is computed by dividing the value of the securities held by a Fund plus any cash or other assets (including interest and dividends accrued but not yet received) minus all liabilities (including accrued expenses) by the total number of shares in the Fund outstanding at such time.

$$\frac{\text{Net Assets}}{\text{Shares Outstanding}} = \text{Net Asset Value Per Share}$$

Generally, a Fund's investments are valued at market value or, in the absence of a market value, at fair value as determined in good faith by the Adviser and the Valuation Committee pursuant to procedures approved by or under the direction of the Board of Trustees.

The Funds' securities, including depositary receipts, which are traded on securities exchanges are valued at the last sale price on the exchange on the date as of which assets are valued. All equity securities that are not traded on a listed exchange are priced on the basis of valuations provided by an approved pricing service or at the mean value between the bid and ask quotes where readily available.

If the security is listed on more than one exchange, the Fund will use the price of the exchange that the Fund generally considers to be the principal exchange on which the security is traded. Portfolio securities listed on the NASDAQ Stock Market LLC ("NASDAQ") will be valued at the NASDAQ Official Closing Price, which may not necessarily represent the last sale price. If there has been no sale on such exchange or on NASDAQ on such day, the security is valued at the mean between the most recent bid and asked prices on such day or the security shall be valued at the latest sales price on the "composite market"

for the day such security is being valued. The composite market is defined as a consolidation of the trade information provided by national securities and foreign exchanges and over-the-counter markets as published by a pricing service.

Debt securities, including short-term debt instruments having a maturity of 60 days or less, are valued at the mean in accordance with prices supplied by an approved pricing service. Pricing services may use various valuation methodologies such as the mean between the bid and the asked prices, matrix pricing and other analytical pricing models as well as market transactions and dealer quotations. If a price is not available from a pricing service, the most recent quotation obtained from one or more broker-dealers known to follow the issue will be obtained. Quotations will be valued at the mean between the bid and the offer. Fixed income securities purchased on a delayed-delivery basis are typically marked to market daily until settlement at the forward settlement date. Any discount or premium is accreted or amortized using the “constant yield 2” method until maturity.

Money market funds, demand notes and repurchase agreements are valued at cost. If cost does not represent current market value the securities will be priced at fair value.

Redeemable securities issued by open-end, registered investment companies are valued at the NAVs of such companies for purchase and/or redemption orders placed on that day. All exchange-traded funds are valued at the last reported sale price on the exchange on which the security is principally traded.

Exchange traded options are valued at the composite price, using the National Best Bid and Offer quotes (“NBBO”). NBBO consists of the highest bid price and lowest ask price across any of the exchanges on which an option is quoted, thus providing a view across the entire U.S. options marketplace. Specifically, composite pricing looks at the last trades on the exchanges where the options are traded. If there are no trades for the option on a given business day composite option pricing calculates the mean of the highest bid price and lowest ask price across the exchanges where the option is traded.

All other assets of the Funds are valued in such manner as the Board of Trustees in good faith deems appropriate to reflect their fair value.

## **Additional Purchase and Redemption Information**

The information provided below supplements the information contained in the Prospectus regarding the purchase and redemption of Fund shares.

### **How to Purchase Shares**

You may purchase shares of the Funds directly from the Funds, or from securities brokers, dealers or other financial intermediaries (collectively, “Financial Intermediaries”). Investors should contact their Financial Intermediary directly for appropriate instructions, as well as information pertaining to accounts and any service or transaction fees that may be charged. The Funds may enter into arrangements with certain Financial Intermediaries whereby such Financial Intermediaries (and other authorized designees) are authorized to accept your order on behalf of the Funds (each an “Authorized Intermediary”). If you transmit your purchase request to an Authorized Intermediary before the close of regular trading (generally 4:00 p.m., Eastern time) on a day that the NYSE is open for business, shares will be purchased at the next calculated NAV, after the Financial Intermediary receives the request. Investors should check with their Financial Intermediary to determine if it is an Authorized Intermediary.

Shares are purchased at the next calculated NAV after the Transfer Agent or Authorized Intermediary receives your purchase request in good order. In most cases, in order to receive that day's NAV, the Transfer Agent must receive your order in good order before the close of regular trading on the NYSE (generally 4:00 p.m., Eastern time).

The Trust reserves the right in its sole discretion (i) to suspend the continued offering of the Funds' shares, (ii) to reject purchase orders in whole or in part when in the judgment of the Adviser or the Distributor such rejection is in the best interest of the Funds, and (iii) to reduce or waive the minimum for initial and subsequent investments for certain fiduciary accounts or under circumstances where certain economies can be achieved in sales of the Funds' shares.

You should always discuss the suitability of your investment with your broker-dealer or financial adviser.

### **How to Redeem Shares and Delivery of Redemption Proceeds**

You may redeem your Fund shares any day the NYSE is open for regular trading, either directly with the Fund or through your Financial Intermediary.

Payments to shareholders for shares of the Funds redeemed directly from the Funds will be made as promptly as possible, but no later than seven days after receipt by the Transfer Agent of the written request in proper form, with the appropriate documentation as stated in the Prospectus, except that the Funds may suspend the right of redemption or postpone the date of payment during any period when (a) trading on the NYSE is restricted as determined by the SEC or the NYSE is closed for other than weekends and holidays; (b) an emergency exists as determined by the SEC making disposal of portfolio securities or valuation of net assets of the Funds not reasonably practicable; or (c) for such other period as the SEC may permit for the protection of the Funds' shareholders. Under unusual circumstances, the Funds may suspend redemptions, or postpone payment for more than seven days, but only as authorized by SEC rules.

The value of shares on redemption or repurchase may be more or less than the investor's cost, depending upon the market value of a Fund's portfolio securities at the time of redemption or repurchase.

### **Telephone Redemptions**

Shareholders with telephone transaction privileges established on their account may redeem Fund shares by telephone. Upon receipt of any instructions or inquiries by telephone from the shareholder, the Funds or their authorized agents may carry out the instructions and/or respond to the inquiry consistent with the shareholder's previously established account service options. For joint accounts, instructions or inquiries from either party will be carried out without prior notice to the other account owners. In acting upon telephone instructions, the Funds and their agents use procedures that are reasonably designed to ensure that such instructions are genuine. These include recording all telephone calls, requiring pertinent information about the account and sending written confirmation of each transaction to the registered owner.

The Transfer Agent will employ reasonable procedures to confirm that instructions communicated by telephone are genuine. If the Transfer Agent fails to employ reasonable procedures, the Funds and the Transfer Agent may be liable for any losses due to unauthorized or fraudulent instructions. If these procedures are followed, however, to the extent permitted by applicable law, neither the Fund nor its agents will be liable for any loss, liability, cost or expense arising out of any redemption request, including any fraudulent or unauthorized request. For additional information, contact the Transfer Agent.

### **Redemption in-Kind**

The Funds do not intend to redeem shares in any form except cash. The Trust, however, has filed a notice of election under Rule 18f-1 of the 1940 Act that allows the Funds to redeem in-kind redemption requests of a certain amount. Specifically, if the amount you are redeeming during any 90-day period is in excess of the lesser of \$250,000 or 1% of the net assets of a Fund, valued at the beginning of such period, the Fund has the right to redeem your shares by giving you the amount that exceeds \$250,000 or 1% of the net assets of the Fund in securities instead of cash. If a Fund pays your redemption proceeds by a distribution of securities, you could incur brokerage or other charges in converting the securities to cash, and will bear any market risks associated with such securities until they are converted into cash. For federal income tax purposes, redemptions made in kind are taxed in the same manner as redemptions made in cash. In addition, sales of in-kind securities may generate taxable gains.

### **Federal Income Tax Matters**

Changes in income tax laws, potentially with retroactive effect, could impact the Funds' investments or the tax consequences to you of investing in the Funds.

Each series of the Trust is treated as a separate entity for federal income tax purposes. Each Fund, as a series of the Trust, intends to qualify and elect to be treated as a regulated investment company ("RIC") under Subchapter M of the Code, provided that the Fund complies with all applicable requirements regarding the source of its income, diversification of its assets and timing and amount of its distributions. Each Fund's policy is to distribute to its shareholders all of its investment company taxable income and any net capital gain for each fiscal year in a manner that complies with the distribution requirements of the Code, so that the Fund will not be subject to any federal income or excise taxes on amounts distributed. However, neither Fund can give assurances that its anticipated distributions will be sufficient to eliminate all taxes at the Fund level. If a Fund does not qualify as a RIC and is unable to obtain relief from such failure, it would be taxed as a corporation and, in such case, it would be more beneficial for a shareholder to directly own the Fund's underlying investments rather than indirectly owning them through the Fund.

To qualify as a RIC, a Fund must derive at least 90% of its gross income from "good income," which includes: (1) dividends, interest, certain payments with respect to securities loans and gains from the sale or other disposition of stock, securities or foreign currencies; (2) other income (including but not limited to gains from options, futures or forward contracts) derived with respect to the Fund's business of investing in such stock, securities or foreign currencies; and (3) net income derived from an interest in a qualified publicly traded partnership. Some Fund investments may produce income that will not qualify as good income for purposes of this annual gross income requirement. There can be no assurance that a Fund will satisfy all requirements to be taxed as a RIC.

A Fund will be subject to a 4% federal excise tax if it fails to make actual or deemed distributions by December 31 of each calendar year of: (i) at least 98% of its ordinary income for such year; (ii) at least 98.2% of its capital gain net income for the 12-month period ending on October 31 during such year (reduced by any net ordinary losses, but not below the Fund's net capital gain for that period); and (iii) any amounts from the prior calendar year that were not distributed and on which the Fund paid no federal income tax.

Investment company taxable income generally consists of interest, dividends, and net short-term capital gain, less expenses. Net capital gain is the excess of the net long-term gain from a Fund's sales or exchanges of capital assets over the net short-term loss from such sales or exchanges, taking into account any capital loss carryforward of the Fund. As of May 31, 2017, the Short Term U.S. Government Agency Income Fund had short-term capital loss carryovers of \$3,886,429 and had long-term capital loss

carryovers of \$762,819. As of May 31, 2017, the Equity Income Plus Fund had short-term capital loss carryovers of \$8,118,983 and had long-term capital loss carryovers of \$166,995. These losses will be carried forward indefinitely to offset future realized capital gains. To the extent the Funds realize future net capital gains, taxable distributions to their shareholders will be offset by any unused capital loss carryovers. Any future capital gains realized by a Fund may be offset by that Fund's unused capital loss carryovers. Any future capital losses realized by a Fund in any taxable year may be carried forward indefinitely and will generally retain its character as short-term or long-term.

Distributions of investment company taxable income are taxable to shareholders as ordinary income (for non-corporate shareholders, currently taxable at a maximum federal income tax rate of 39.6%). For non-corporate shareholders, a portion of a Fund's distributions of investment company taxable income may consist of "qualified dividend income" eligible for taxation at the reduced federal income tax rates applicable to long-term capital gains to the extent that the amount distributed is attributable to and reported as "qualified dividend income" and the shareholder meets certain holding period requirements with respect to its Fund shares. For corporate shareholders, a portion of a Fund's distributions of investment company taxable income may qualify for the intercorporate dividends-received deduction to the extent such Fund receives dividends directly or indirectly from U.S. corporations, reports the amount distributed as eligible for deduction and the shareholder meets certain holding period requirements with respect to its shares. The aggregate amount so reported to either non-corporate or corporate shareholders cannot, however, exceed the aggregate amount of such dividends received by a Fund for its taxable year.

Distributions of net capital gain are taxable as long-term capital gain regardless of the length of time Fund shares have been held. For non-corporate shareholders, long-term capital gain is currently taxed at a maximum federal income tax rate of 20%. Distributions of net capital gain are not eligible for "qualified dividend income" treatment or the dividends-received deduction referred to in the previous paragraph.

Distributions of investment company taxable income and net capital gain will be taxable as described above whether received in additional Fund shares or in cash. Shareholders who choose to receive distributions in the form of additional shares will have a cost basis for federal income tax purposes in each share so received equal to the NAV of a share on the reinvestment date. Distributions are generally taxable when received. However, distributions declared in October, November or December to shareholders of record and paid the following January are taxable as if received on December 31. Distributions are generally includable in alternative minimum taxable income in computing a shareholder's liability for the alternative minimum tax.

Certain individuals, trusts and estates may be subject to a net investment income ("NII") tax of 3.8% (in addition to the regular income tax). The NII tax is imposed on the lesser of: (i) a taxpayer's investment income, net of deductions properly allocable to such income; or (ii) the amount by which the taxpayer's modified adjusted gross income exceeds certain thresholds (\$250,000 for married individuals filing jointly, \$200,000 for unmarried individuals and \$125,000 for married individuals filing separately). The Funds' distributions are includable in a shareholder's investment income for purposes of this NII tax. In addition, any capital gain realized by a shareholder upon the sale, exchange or redemption of Fund shares is includable in such shareholder's investment income for purposes of this NII tax.

A sale, redemption or exchange of Fund shares, whether for cash or in-kind proceeds, may result in recognition of a taxable capital gain or loss. Gain or loss realized upon a sale, redemption or exchange of Fund shares will generally be treated as long-term capital gain or loss if the shares have been held for more than one year, and, if held for one year or less, as short-term capital gain or loss. However, any loss realized upon a sale, redemption or exchange of shares held for six months or less will be treated as a long-term capital loss to the extent of any distributions of net capital gain received or deemed to be received with respect to such shares. In determining the holding period of such shares for this purpose,

any period during which the shareholder's risk of loss is offset by means of options, short sales, or similar transactions is not counted. Any loss realized upon a sale, redemption or exchange may be disallowed under certain wash sale rules to the extent shares of the same Fund are purchased (through reinvestment of distributions or otherwise) within 30 days before or after the sale, redemption or exchange. If a shareholder's loss is disallowed under the wash sale rules, the basis of the new shares will be increased to preserve the loss until a future sale, redemption or exchange of the shares.

Under the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act ("FATCA"), the Funds may be required to withhold a generally nonrefundable 30% tax on (i) distributions of investment company taxable income, and (ii) distributions of net capital gain and the gross proceeds of a sale, exchange, or redemption of Fund shares paid after December 31, 2018 to (A) certain "foreign financial institutions" unless such foreign financial institution agrees to verify, monitor, and report to the IRS the identity of certain of its accountholders, among other items (unless such entity is otherwise deemed compliant under the terms of an intergovernmental agreement with the United States), and (B) certain "non-financial foreign entities" unless such entity certifies to the Fund that it does not have any substantial U.S. owners or provides the name, address, and taxpayer identification number of each substantial U.S. owner, among other items. This FATCA withholding tax could also affect a Fund's return on its investments in foreign securities or affect a shareholder's return if the shareholder holds its Fund shares through a foreign intermediary. You are urged to consult your tax adviser regarding the application of this FATCA withholding tax to your investment in a Fund and the potential certification, compliance, due diligence, reporting, and withholding obligations to which you may become subject in order to avoid this withholding tax.

Except in the case of certain exempt shareholders, if a shareholder does not furnish a Fund with its correct Social Security Number or taxpayer identification number and certain certifications or the Fund receives notification from the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") requiring backup withholding, the Fund is required by federal law to withhold federal income tax from the shareholder's distributions and redemption proceeds at a rate of 28% for U.S. residents.

Foreign taxpayers (including nonresident aliens) are generally subject to a withholding tax at a flat rate of 30% on U.S. source income. This withholding rate may be lower under the terms of a tax convention.

The portion of Fund distributions, if any, derived from interest on certain U.S. government securities may be exempt from state and local taxes, subject in certain states to minimum investment or reporting requirements that the Fund must meet.

This section is not intended to be a full discussion of federal income tax laws and the effect of such laws on you. There may be other federal, state, foreign or local tax considerations applicable to a particular investor.

## **Distributions**

Each Fund will receive income primarily in the form of interest and dividends earned on its investments in securities. This income, less the expenses incurred in its operations, is a Fund's net investment income, substantially all of which will be distributed to the Fund's shareholders.

The amount of a Fund's distributions is dependent upon the amount of net investment income received by the Fund from its portfolio holdings, is not guaranteed and is subject to the discretion of the Board of Trustees. The Funds do not pay "interest" or guarantee any fixed rate of return on an investment in their shares.

A Fund may also realize capital gains or losses in connection with sales or other dispositions of its portfolio securities. Any net gain that a Fund may realize from transactions involving investments held less than the period required for long-term capital gain or loss recognition or otherwise producing short-term capital gains and losses (taking into account any capital loss carryforwards) will be distributed with net investment income. If during any year a Fund realizes a net gain on transactions involving investments held for the period required for long-term capital gain or loss recognition or otherwise producing long-term capital gains and losses, such Fund will have a net long-term capital gain. After deduction of the amount of any net short-term capital loss, the balance (to the extent not offset by any capital loss carryforwards) will be distributed and treated as long-term capital gains in the hands of the shareholders regardless of the length of time that the shares may have been held by the shareholder. Net capital losses realized by a Fund may be carried forward indefinitely, and will generally retain their character as short-term or long-term capital losses. For more information concerning applicable capital gains tax rates, please consult your tax adviser.

Any distribution paid by a Fund reduces the Fund's NAV per share on the date paid by the amount of the distribution per share. Accordingly, a distribution paid shortly after a purchase of shares by a shareholder would represent, in substance, a partial return of capital (to the extent it is paid on the shares so purchased), even though it would be subject to federal income taxes.

Distributions will be made in the form of additional shares of the Funds unless the shareholder has otherwise indicated. Investors have the right to change their elections with respect to the reinvestment of distributions by notifying the Transfer Agent in writing. However, any such change will be effective only as to distributions for which the record date is five or more calendar days after the Transfer Agent has received the written request.

## **Cost Basis Reporting**

The Funds are required to report to certain shareholders and the IRS the cost basis of Fund shares when the shareholder subsequently sells, redeems or exchanges such shares. This reporting requirement does not apply to shares acquired prior to January 1, 2012 or to shares held through a tax-deferred arrangement, such as a 401(k) plan or an IRA, or to shares held by tax-exempt organizations, financial institutions, corporations (other than S corporations), banks, credit unions and certain other entities and governmental bodies ("non-covered shares"). The Funds are not required to determine or report a shareholder's cost basis in non-covered shares and are not responsible for the accuracy or reliability of any information provided for non-covered shares.

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

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

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

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

### **Financial Statements**

The audited financial statements, accompanying notes and report of the independent registered public accounting firm appearing in the Funds' 2017 Annual Report to Shareholders, are incorporated by reference in this SAI.